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## The Leaves are Falling & Autumn is Calling!

Ellicottville is Putting on Its Most Colorful Show of the Year, So Get Outside and Take in All the Beauty Our Region Has to Offer



With the dropping of temperatures and the changing of leaves, we welcome Ellicottville's annual Fall Festival! This weekend, the Village will transform into a walkable four-block arts and crafts show, accompanied by our one-of-a-kind shops, flavorful culinary culture, live music and so much more. It is without a doubt the largest, most anticipated event by locals and visitors alike.

After you've had your fill of fun in the village, you won't want to skip out on what both of our awesome resorts have to offer. One of the best ways to get in some prime leaf peeping is to take a chairlift ride up to Spruce Lake at Holiday Valley. Or hop on the brand-new Mardi Gras 6 lift and enjoy a mountain top cookout with food, drinks and music. But why not hit both resorts while you're at it? HoliMont is offering free chairlift rides up Expo, and the Bike Park will be open for all you downhill MTB enthusiasts!

Don't forget all the excitement just outside of town, either! Head to Pumpkinville for your fill of apple cider and donuts or book a Nightmare Hayride. So stay for a day, or plan for the whole weekend, and get excited! You can find all the fall fun Ellicottville has to offer this weekend (plus the whole season) inside this issue.

#### GRAB YOUR FRIENDS, PLAN YOUR COSTUME & GET READY TO RUN!

Here's a pair we love to see... running shoes and Halloween costumes! Coming up on Saturday, October 21, 2023 is the 10th annual EVL Halloween Half Marathon and 5K. This event is organized by Doug Bush and welcomes all to enjoy a day of fun, whether you're cheering from the sidelines or competing for the lead.

The EVL Half Marathon & 5K offers a few options for those interested in participating. There's the Half Marathon, the 5K, a Half Marathon Relay, and even a Kids Run for the littlest of racers.

Now let's talk costumes. While everyone gets a win for participating in the race, the winners of each category of the Costume Contest will receive a special prize from Watson's Chocolates - just in case you needed any more motivation!

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#### ELLICOTTVILLE DISTILLERY CELEBRATING 7TH ANNIVERSARY

In this day and age, seeing a business survive over a year is impressive, and making it past five years is an award-worthy feat. This week, two of Ellicottville's finest businesses are celebrating their anniversaries. While Villaggio celebrated their 8th Anniversary on October 4th, the Ellicottville Distillery celebrates their 7th Anniversary October 7th. If you've ever gone out to Robbins Road to visit the Distillery, you can see how much work owners Bryan and Renee Scharf have put into their business. They are always working on new projects, like expanding their distilling area, adding their outdoor patio, hosting a variety of festivals year round... the list of their activities goes on and on. And their efforts have paid off ... page 07

#### Mud, Sweat n' Gears Employee Wins Women2Women Scholarship

Now that fall is officially here, the folks at Mud, Sweat n' Gears are even more excited for ski season, and one employee in particular is more prepared than ever. Hanna Lee, who has worked at the ski shop for almost 10 years, was awarded Blizzard Tecnica's Women2Women Education Scholarship, which she recently used to attend ski boot fitting school in Waitsfield, Vermont. Now, she's looking forward to applying the knowledge and skills she gained to help customers find the perfect fit as they prepare for the coming season ... page 12

#### SHOP LOCAL

From spooky socks, to cozy flannels, to festive decor, Ellicottville retailers have everything you need this Fall. Find our picks on pages 16-17

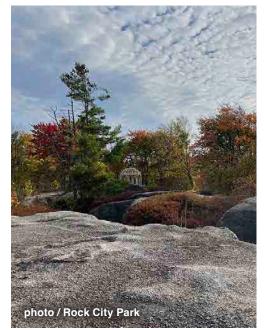






#### Find Your Autumn Adventures

All the Fun is Waiting in the Enchanted Mountains of Western New York



When you think of autumn, chances are you start to think of a visit to Pumpkin-ville, warm days with cool nights, and colorful festivals. Probably the most treasured aspect of fall is the bright, vibrant colors that paint our hillsides, along with the sound of crunching leaves beneath your feet and the warm afternoon sun. The Enchanted Mountains of Western New York are just a short drive from Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Erie, Pittsburgh, and Binghamton, and all roads lead to autumn elation.

One of the reasons our region is so special is the fall foliage. Take a scenic drive through the countryside on NY's Amish Trail in a rural setting with open landscapes. Experience Night Lights at Griffis Sculpture Park, take a train ride from the Gowanda Train Station or hike the trails and gigantic rock formations at Rock City Park and enjoy the scenery.

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#### CHASING COLORS IN THE ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST REGION

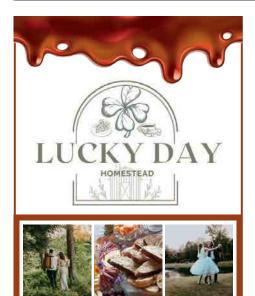
As Pennsylvania's only National Forest, the Allegheny National Forest is always a stunningly beautiful location to experience the brilliant fall colors of ruby red, brilliant orange, and golden yellow. Fall color usually begins in early October at the higher elevations of the Kinzua Sky Walk at the Kinzua Bridge State Park, then color will peak mid-to-late October along the Longhouse National Scenic Byway alongside the shorelines of the Allegheny Reservoir. ANF has plenty of scenic overlooks and a ton of fun fall events to keep you busy this season ... page 23





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#### **ELLICOTTVILLE FALL FESTIVAL 2023 VILLAGE EVENTS**

Friday, 10/6	<u>EVENTS</u>	<u>Location</u>	Sunday, 10	<u>EVENTS</u> /8	<u>Location</u>
12PM-7PM  Saturday, 1  10AM-10PM  10AM-5PM  10AM-5PM  10AM-5PM  10AM-5PM  10AM-5PM  10AM-4:30PM  11AM-4PM	Downhill Mountain Biking  0/7  Food Court Poster & T-Shirt Sales Art Show & Sale Craft Show & Sale Curb Market Downhill Mountain Biking Chairlift Rides on Exhibition	HoliMont Bike Park  Jefferson St. Washington St. & Monroe Washington St. Washington St. & Jefferson St. Visitors Center/Monroe St. HoliMont Bike Park HoliMont	10AM - 10PM 10AM - 5PM 10AM - 5PM 10AM - 5PM 10AM - 5PM 10AM - 4:30PM	Food Court Poster & T-Shirt Sales Art Show & Sale Craft Show & Sale Curb Market Downhill Mountain Biking	Jefferson St. Washington St. & Monroe Washington St. Washington St. & Jefferson St. Visitors Center/Monroe St. HoliMont Bike Park

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LOCATION

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Tannenbaum Lodge

12PM-6PM 4PM-8PM	Mountain Shop & Golf Tent Sale Ski Swap Sale / Check-in	Holiday Valley Lodge Holiday Valley Lodge	10A 10A
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7:30AM 9AM-6PM 9AM-5PM 9AM-12PM 9AM-5PM 10AM-5PM 11AM-4PM	Fall Scramble Race Sky High Aerial Park Mountain Shop & Golf Tent Sale Ski Swap Check-in Ski Swap Sale Customer Service Building Open Beer & Cider Tent	Yodeler Lodge Tannenbaum Lodge Holiday Valley Lodge Holiday Valley Lodge Holiday Valley Lodge Resort Services Building Base Area Plaza	12P 12P 12P 12P 4PN *Las
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**EVENTS** 

Sky High Aerial Park

Mountain Coaster

Friday, 10/6

9AM-6PM

11AM-6PM

**EVENTS** Sunday, 10/8

9AM-6PM Sky High Aerial Park 9AM-3PM Mountain Shop & Golf Tent Sale Ski Swap Sale AM-4PM Spruce Lake Scenic Lift Rides AM-6PM Mountain Coaster Mardi Gras Scenic Lift Ride Mountain Top Cookout Music by Jay McDonnell

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#### **WORKING TOGETHER**

... to Make Ellicottville Fall Festival Safe and Fun for Everyone!



Fall Festival is without a doubt the largest, most anticipated event here in Ellicottville, NY. This weekend, October 7-8th, our village will transform into a walkable 4-block arts and crafts show accompanied by our one-of-a-kind shops, flavorful culinary culture, chairlift rides, live music and so much more. As Ellicottville readies itself to host its largest festival of the year, we would like to let you know what we have been working on...

The Special Events committee, Ellicottville Police Department, Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Department, NY State Police, Ellicottville Fire Department, Village and Town Boards, Code Enforcement, DPW, Chamber of Commerce, NYS DOT, along with input from local residents, merchants and bar owners have been working diligently since November of 2012 on ways to improve Fall Festival as we know it.

**ZERO TOLERANCE** is the LAW and will be strictly enforced. This means absolutely no alcohol is allowed on village streets. You will not be allowed to leave an establishment or private property, walk to, from or within the village with open containers. Drink it or leave it. Public intoxication and disorderly conduct will not be tolerated.

**NOISE LEVELS** have been addressed with the local bars and beer tents. Outdoor live music will end at 11:00pm, quieter background music until midnight, in accordance with the local sound level ordinance. Private homes are also obligated to obey this law.

**PARKING:** We strongly encourage carpooling, use of shuttles or walk! Space is limited and illegally parked vehicles (including motorcycles) will be ticketed and towed. Fire lanes, hydrants and sidewalks are not to be blocked. Observe all temporary and regular "No Parking" signs. Remember that flagmen for private lots are not allowed in the streets. Note that illegally parked vehicles on private property are the landowner's responsibility.

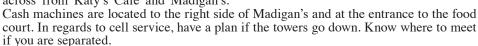
**BUSES:** Hired bus drop and pick-up site will be located at the DPW building on the corner of Mill and Martha Streets. Parking for buses is available on Route 219 beyond Holiday Valley Road on the left side of Route 219. Buses will NOT be allowed to load or unload elsewhere. Bus lines will be notified of the open container law and are expected to adhere.

**SHUTTLE SERVICE:** Daytime loading site is at Jefferson Street and Martha Street both Saturday and Sunday from 10:00am-7:00pm. Evening site is at the new M&T Bank parking lot 7:00pm-3:00am on Saturday and 7:00pm-midnight on Sunday. Shuttle destinations include most of the condos between the village and Holiday Valley; all other des-

tinations will require taxi service, Uber, etc. For Lyft and Uber service, it is recommended you call in advance as they can be very busy. POLICE WILL NOT GIVE YOU A RIDE!

**RESTROOMS:** There will be plenty of port-o-johns provided throughout the festival area. They are cleaned routinely; use them! Public urination is against the law and violators will be prosecuted.

EMERGECNY, FIRST AID, CELL SERVICE: Sheriff and First Aid trailers will be located on Washington Street across from Katy's Cafe and Madigan's.



**MERCHANTS:** Merchants and restaurants can only set up their own wares in front of their businesses using the crack rule. Sandwich boards, tables/chairs will not be allowed on sidewalks and tree lawns are to be kept open to line of site for emergency personnel.

Please help make Fall Festival safe and enjoyable. If you see something illegal, report it. If you see a mess, clean it up. Play by the rules... the future of Fall Fest depends on it. For additional information including parking map and schedule, go to ellicottvilleny.com.

Special Events Committee
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# Fall... Slopeside

#### The Ultimate Guide to Fall Fest on the Hills

Ah, the crispness of autumn in Ellicottville! The Ellicottville Fall Festival at Holiday Valley is where autumnal charm meets lively festivity. As the vibrant hues blanket the town, the festival provides visitors with a range of activities, each more delightful than the last. Taking place October 7-8, 2023, the festival promises a weekend full of activities for the whole family. From chairlift rides to mountain top cookouts, the event is a celebration of the fall season and the vibrant community of Ellicottville.

#### ----> SPRUCE LIFT AND NEW MARDI GRAS 6 PACK



The Spruce Lake Scenic Lift Rides offer breathtaking views from the Spruce Lake Chairlift. Up top you can immerse yourself in the beauty of Spruce Lake and the surrounding network of hiking and mountain biking trails. Or revel in the beauty of the Mardi Gras Scenic Lift Rides on the brand-new Mardi Gras 6 lift. Enjoy the Mountain Top Cookout and live music Saturday and Sunday. Lift Rules: Keep in mind that dogs, backpacks, and coolers are not allowed on the chairlift.

Be Smart with Lift Tickets: Purchase your chairlift ticket in advance online. You can collect it from the PUB machines situated in various locations. Take a screenshot of the code to scan at the machine to avoid cell reception issues.

Dress Smartly: The unpredictable October weather calls for layered clothing. It's always better to be prepared for any climate surprises.

Footwear Matters: Comfortable footwear is a must, especially if you're inclined to hike.

Top of Mardi Gras Special: This year welcomes back food, drinks, and music at the top of Mardi Gras. Remember, it's cash-only for food and drinks, but there's an ATM for your convenience. Mardi Gras lift runs from 12:00-4:00pm. Kids Special: Children ages 6 and under can enjoy the lift ride for free!

Find great deals at the Mountain Shop & Golf Tent Sale at Holiday Valley Lodge. Save on this season's golf gear and also on ski and snowboard apparel that you can enjoy all winter long.

The Holiday Valley Lodge will also be the location for the annual Ski Swap Sale. Find the best gear for the upcoming winter season!

#### **OUTDOOR ADVENTURE**



On Saturday, Holiday Valley will host the Fall Scramble Race. All racers should meet at 7:30am at Yodeler Lodge to embark on a 4- or 8-mile off-road race. Afterwards, stick around for some postrace beverages, courtesy of Ellicottville Brewing Co.

If you're looking for more adventure, swing through the treetops at Sky High Aerial Park or get your adrenaline pumping on the Mountain Coaster at the Tannenbaum Lodge. It's sure to be the most thrilling activity you take part in all weekend long! Find details at holidayvalley.com.

#### FREE RIDES UP EXPO AT HOLIMONT

Perhaps you are looking for an opportunity to visit TWO ski resorts in ONE day... you can do that in Ellicottville Fall Fest weekend! On the other side of the mountain, Holi-Mont invites the public to take in the fall colors with a chair-lift ride up their Exhibition lift. Follow the signs to the HoliMont chalet from their entrance on Route 242 (west of the village). Expo lift will run Saturday only from 11:00am-4:00pm. FREE!

Planning on hitting up the village and need a place to park? The Holi-Mont team will open up the Plum Creek parking lot for a fee, with all monies raised to benefit their snowsports programs.

#### LIFT ACCESS BIKE PARK <-----



For downhill MTB enthusiasts, Fall Festival will be the last regular weekend of the season for lift access mountain biking at HoliMont. (Not to worry, those diehards can still get their hearts pumping after Fall Fest; you'll just have to pedal your way to the top.) The HoliMont Bike Park at Sunset Lift will operate this Saturday and Sunday, October 7-8th from 10:00am-4:30pm both days.

Come back Oct. 28th for the 2nd Annual Newt's Nightmare Halloween Enduro Race, a spooky fun race in collaboration with Loud Performance and Liquid Death. Find all the details and registration link at holimont.com.

#### ----- **WEEKDAY EXPERIENCE PASS**

HoliMont is also looking ahead to ski season. They are currently wrapping up their summer projects and have already installed extensive lengths of new snowmaking pipe, which they are in the process of testing preparation for the upcoming snowmaking weather. Groommachines ing are getting their winter tracks put on and teams are meeting to plan for the upcoming winter season. As HoliMont snowsports di-

rector Travis Widger stated, "The best part of HoliMont in the fall is our family of families returning to enjoy the resort and Ellicottville."

Those interested in learning about membership at HoliMont, as well as those wanting to buy a Weekday Experience Pass for the upcoming season, can visit HoliMont's main office during Fall Festival (Saturday from 11:00am-3:00pm and Sunday from 11:00am-2:00pm). Weekday Experience Passes are available to the public and offer 10 weekday lift tickets, 2 ski/snowboard lessons and 2 half price lift tickets for yourself or your friends, all for a great price!

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#### **SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 7-8**

Be one of the first people to ride the brand new Mardi Gras 6 when you get your Fall Fest lift tickets. Come experience the hilltop cookouts, music and all the fun that the Village of Ellicottville has to offer.

#### **EXCITING THINGS TO DO**

#### **BEER & WINE FESTIVAL**

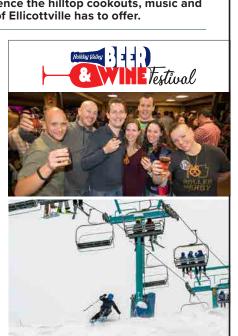
Join the fun on November 11 with the 19th annual Beer & Wine Festival, where many of the region's best craft brewers, wineries and cideries come to the Main Lodge so that you can sample their incredible creations. Session One goes from 1-4PM and Session Two goes from 5-8PM.

#### **ULTIMATE PASSES**

Amazing options to ski or ride this season at even better prices. Purchase your Ultimate Pass by November 1 and you'll save even more money. We can't wait to see you on the slopes.



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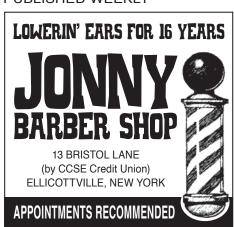


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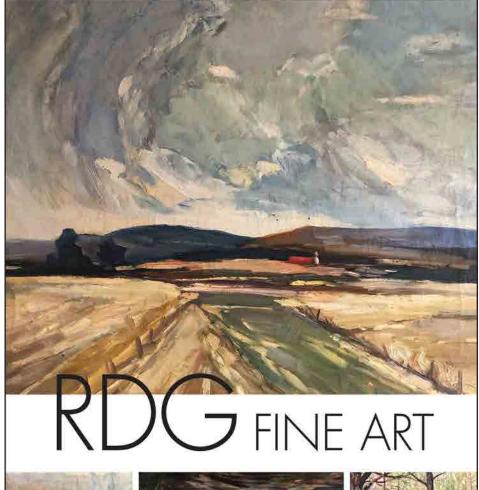
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# LOCAL EVENTS

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES!

Villaggio and Ellicottville Distillery Celebrate Milestones





By Jessica Schultz

In this day and age, seeing a business survive over a year is impressive, and making it past five years is an award-worthy feat. This week, two of Ellicottville's finest businesses are celebrating their anniversaries. That's something that deserves celebration, so let's take a deeper look into each one.

#### **VILLAGGIO CELEBRATES 8 YEARS**

Starting with Villaggio, Ellicottville's finest Italian restaurant, celebrated being open 8 years this past Wednesday. Owner Nick Pitillo had a lot to say about what it took for them to get this far. "It has been a tremendous ride these past 8 years. This all started when Cheryl and Randy Kane approached me about returning to Ellicottville 8 ½ years ago. We had opened Osteria 166 approximately 2 years earlier, and Cheryl approached me to say 'Would you ever think about coming home to Ellicottville?' and my immediate reaction was NO!!! I had my hands full with my first restaurant and was scared to death! As I thought about it more, I realized that I had a young daughter, (Olivia) and my wife Kendra was a "county girl", and I should put more thought into it. So on Father's Day in 2015, I brought my wife, daughter and puppy to Ellicottville to visit, as we always did, and I walked my family into The Barn. I asked Kendra, 'What do you think about this place?', she said...'For what?' and I said 'For an Osteria'. She burst into tears... I was concerned and honestly wasn't sure if they were good tears or bad tears until she said 'Why didn't we move to Ellicottville when we moved back to Western New York?' - so GOOD TEARS! I called Cheryl and Hummer the next day and started the process. This would have never been a reality without their help."

He went on to say, "Reflecting back on the past eight years, I felt like it was one of the best decisions I have ever made for, not only my business, but for my family! We were able to raise our daughter here, reset our roots, and have a thriving business in a thriving community... one which I have been blessed to call "home" for my entire life. We love Ellicottville and feel like this is where we will be forever. So much so that, during the pandemic, our business partners Ed and Tina Gurbacki sold their home down state and became permanent members of our local community too."

Villaggio celebrated their 8 year mark Wednesday, October 4th with their annual Anniversary party that has become the "unofficial" kick-off to Fall Fest weekend. There were complimentary snacks, liquor samplings, and live music from Chris Maloney. It's a tradition that goes back to their first year of being open.

Nick stated, "So the story of our annual anniversary party goes a little deeper than just throwing a party. We had taken possession of the building with only 29 days remaining until the start of the Fall Festival. As anyone who has ever opened a business knows money gets TIGHT! So we set our target with opening for Fall Festival! With the hard work of many, and the leadership of 2 hard working locals, Jason Grover and Russ Dunklemen, we worked tirelessly 7 days a week to get ready. As we got close to the "finish line" we realized that we had not allotted any training time, so we decided to invite the whole town in for dinner! We figured we could use the training, and no one could complain too much when we screwed up, because we were buying! As it turned out, it was the greatest training event we could have asked for. We learned SO MUCH, and made many new friends. So every year we host our "Anniversary" party, but it is really a THANK YOU to our amazing village for always supporting us! It TRULY TAKES A VILLAGE - and that's actually why we named it Villaggio."

We know we are looking forward to continuing to enjoy their amazing risotto sticks and All You Can Eat Pasta Bar Sundays!

#### ELLICOTTVILLE DISTILLERY CELEBRATES 7 YEARS

If you've ever gone out to Robbins Road to visit Ellicottville Distillery, you can see how much work owners Bryan and Renee Scharf have put into their business. Always working on new projects, like expanding their distilling area, adding their outdoor patio, hosting a variety of festivals year round... the list of their activities goes on. And their efforts have paid off - they are celebrating 7 years in business this upcoming Fall Fest weekend, showing off their strong distilling stills and building unique flavorful cocktails to serve at their beautiful bar.

What did it take to get them here? Bryan explained, "It has taken a lot of dedication and patience. We strive to be as innovative as possible with events and working out any way

#### EVL HALLOWEEN HALF & 5K

Grab Your Friends, Pick Out a Costume and Get Ready to Run!



By Colleen Evans

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The EVL Half Marathon & 5K offers a few options for those interested in participating. There's the Half Marathon, the 5K, a Half Marathon Relay, and even a Kids Run for the littlest of racers.

The Half Marathon is the perfect length for those looking to accomplish a course without the extended time and training for a full marathon. The 13.1-mile race is a noteworthy achievement for any runner looking to add to their record. The Half Marathon has an extended trail up Maples Road with some added loops throughout the side streets. There's race support along the way with stations featuring water, sports drinks, gels, and bathrooms at various mile markers. This race begins at 11:00am.

The 5K is a great option for all types of runners looking to get some fun and added experience in, without overextending themselves. It's a distance that many beginners can complete and enjoy, even those who might not consider themselves that experienced. With some light training, hydration, and proper breathing, the 5K is a great start for many runners looking to gain some skills. The course itself weaves through Parkside Drive and Pinetree Village Road then continues to Poverty Hill Road and back. Water stations will also be available at the 1- and 2-mile markers. The 5K begins at 11:15am.

The Half Marathon Relay is a two-person team that's 6.55 miles per leg. This is ideal for a running pair that like to fuel the competition together. The Relay will start at 11:00am and has a point of exchange at the Mansfield Department of Public Works.

The Kids Run is a .75-mile race for all participants aged 13 and under. It's an awesome way to get kids excited to dress up in their Halloween best, while encouraging some extra movement. All courses are USATF certified to ensure accurately measured distances for participants. There is a course cut off at 3:15pm. Runners are still able to continue but won't have the event support available.

Now that you know the courses, let's talk costumes. There are plenty of categories to work with: Best Group (two or more people), Individual, Funniest, Scariest, Most Girly, Best Kid, and Best in Show. A panel of judges will be present at the Start/Finish line ready to rate the crowd. Let's encourage the fun, silly, and weird racing through the course! Who knows, maybe a Yeti will take the overall win. The Costume Contest is sponsored by Watson's Chocolates and category winners will be awarded a Watson's Chocolate Gift Basket in case you needed any more motivation.

But everyone gets a win for participating in The EVL Half Marathon & 5K. All runners entry include a race t-shirt (availability to upgrade to a long sleeve ¼ zip for \$12), finishing metal, snacks, food & beverage tickets, and all the fun that come along with it.

The organization for the EVL Halloween Half & 5K expects to see around 1,500 to almost 2,000 guests attending. Mayor John Burrell has welcomed its presence by saying it's "the best run event we have!". So to be sure that the course runs smoothly with this influx of visitors, the necessary street closures and detours have been put in place for safety and convenience. Google Maps has been notified to update traffic delays and alternative routes for the event. Street closures will include the North side of Monroe Street between Elizabeth and Washington Street, the South side of Monroe Street between Maybee Alley and Martha Street, and Elizabeth Street between Route 219 and Jefferson Street. The route is the same course as previous years and really seems to work well with the coordination of organizers, local police, and county sheriff departments.

Participants that may still be looking for lodging accommodations can reach out to Holiday Valley for discounted rooms. They offer various spaces such as hotel rooms at the Tamarack Club or The Inn, or Condominiums and Vacation Home rentals for larger groups. Be sure to check out availability and even extend your stay for the weekend.

The event means more to the community than just a run. They have partnered with The Ellicottville Sport Boosters and Nazareth Food Pantry at the United Church of Ellicottville as their charitable causes. There will be a food bank donation site at registration and organizers encourage donations to the pantry with whichever items may be avail-

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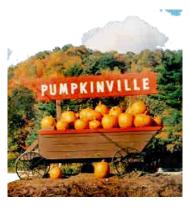


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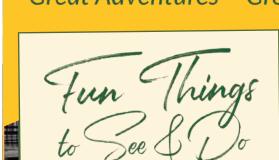


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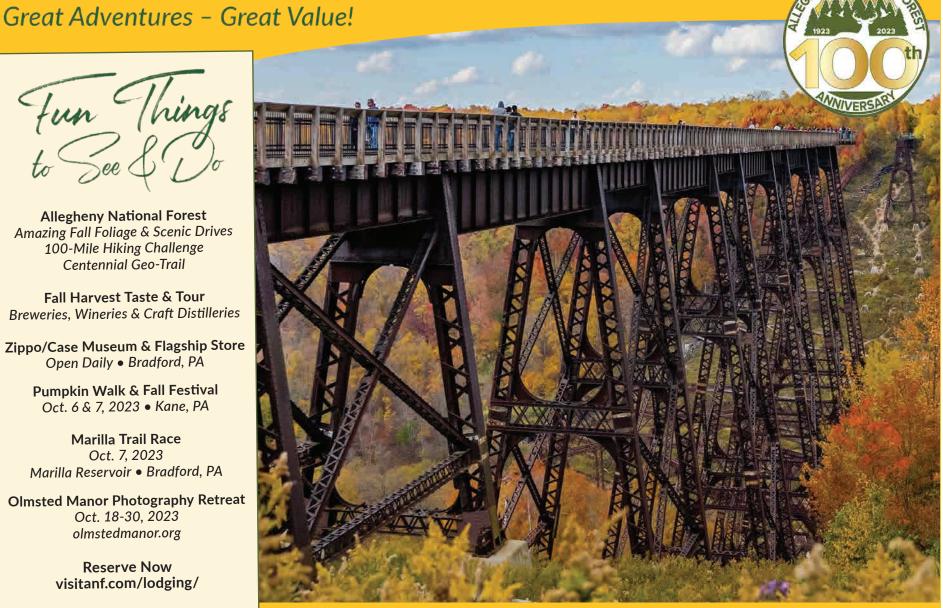
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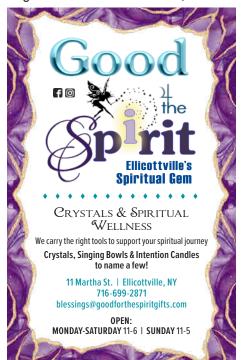
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## **COMMUNITY**

#### W.I.L.M.A. WOOLLY BEAR WEEKEND

11th Annual Arts & Crafts Market Returns to Cattaraugus County Fairgrounds



By Colleen Evans

The Fall season offers lots to be enjoyed, with craft shows, festivals, and calendars marked with annual autumn favorites. This month of October, be sure to add the 11th annual W.I.L.M.A. Woolly Bear Weekend to your schedules. This event is much more than just a craft show, it's a way to support the community. The organization, which is run by the Cattaraugus County Economic Development Department, welcomes guests to enjoy the makings of local Cattaraugus County vendors, while encouraging a boost to local economic growth.

Starting on the weekend of October 21 and 22, 2023 all are open to come by the Cattaraugus County Fairgrounds for this free event. You'll definitely want to plan accordingly, seeing as the first 50 people to attend on Saturday will receive \$5 in W.I.L.M.A. bucks to use for their shopping purchases. This also includes the first 25 people that arrive on Sunday. To add to the excitement, door prizes will continue with a Saturday evening drawing at 4:00pm that includes three drawings. Each drawing will have prizes of \$75, \$50, and \$25 respectively and again in the form of W.I.L.M.A. bucks. It's an opportunity the organization and businesses provide to offer a bit of luck to add to your shopping experience.

The organization of W.I.L.M.A. takes a lot of pride in what they have to offer to the community and guests alike. The name stands for "We Invite Local Manufacturers and Artisans", which provides a positive space for local businesses to come and showcase their items to people looking to support the area.

Shoppers can make their purchases knowing that they'll go directly back into the community and support the people there in the room. A large variety of vendors throughout the weekend offer local arts, crafts, and uniquely produced products. One-of-a-kind pieces are sure to be found, you'll just have to look for yourself!

The event usually draws over 40 vendors specific to the area, which is impressive to say the least. It's a way to encourage some of the small-scale businesses within the community to continue making and creating the items we love to see. Business owners, Crafters, Manufacturers, Artisans, and more prepare their booths in hopes of catching your eye with something the big box stores can't give you.

It's more than just a craft show, for many it's a Fall experience and tradition that families and visitors alike have enjoyed for years. Taking that morning drive down Route 353 as the leaves change into hues of gold, orange, and red, walking into the smell of apple cider and donuts, and then finding your favorite vendor back with some new pieces to explore. A time that some even mark as the start to buying gifts for the holiday season.

There's an endless amount of possibilities for finding that perfect gift for a loved one, or you may even choose to treat yourself. You can expect tons of vendors that offer hand poured candles, wooden carved sculptures, wreaths, artisan foods and cheeses, intricate jewelry, woven baskets, and more. Everyone is sure to find something they'll love.

You may also want to check out the various raffles that will be available. With lots of baskets to choose from, grab yourself a stack of tickets and you might be taking home a prize! These baskets are filled with a collection of items from vendors that are currently being featured at the event. Raffle drawings will be available on both Saturday and Sunday during the event.

While the weekend event has a large focus on the communities' local vendors, there's another big star that's a must to check out... Wilma the Woolly Bear Caterpillar! Tradition has it that a Woolly Bear Caterpillar is able to predict the winter weather to come. If the caterpillar has a long black band, the longer and more severe the winter will be heaven the longer than brown band, there is the brown band.



will be, however the longer the brown band, means for a milder winter. Be sure to come by the event to watch Wilma give us her prediction and let's hope for a good one! Some lucky attendees may even get the chance to hold the captivating caterpillar.

Fortunately for all those who plan to attend, this event is hosted inside and will not be affected by any chance of rain. The weekend hours include Saturday, October 21st from 10:00am to 4:00pm, as well as Sunday, October 22nd from 11:00am to 3:00pm at the Cattaraugus County Fairgrounds in Little Valley, NY. For further information be sure to check out the W.I.L.M.A. Event Page on the Enchanted Mountains of Cattaraugus County website.

#### GLOW IN THE PARK

Little Valley Happenings Presents 1st Annual Glow Stick Party



Ellicottville Brewing Company's Little Valley location will play host to Oct. 13th's party, with money raised to help fund other community events throughout the year.

#### By Jessica Schultz

There is something so satisfying when you hear the "crack" from bending a glow stick and the color inside reveals itself. You can use them to light up a jack-o-lantern, guide your way down a dark trail, or just draw little pictures in the night air with them. They are amusing for kids and adults alike, and who wouldn't leap at the chance to spend an evening just chilling and playing with glow sticks for fun? Well, you can do just that on Friday, October 13th. (Ooooh extra spooky!) Come on over to Ellicottville Brewing Little Valley location (202 2nd Street) from 7:00-9:00pm for the Little Valley Happenings' 1st Annual "Glow in the Park" Party.

What does "Glow in the Park" mean exactly? One of the Friends of Little Valley, Cedric Mananiello was more than happy to shed some light (see what I did there?) on the event. First and foremost, how they came up with the idea for the whole thing.



"Well, the idea for the glow party event actually came from a mix of inspiration and creativity. I've always been fascinated by the vibrant energy of neon lights and the electrifying atmosphere they create. One day, I was brainstorming ideas for a unique and unforgettable event, and it hit me – why not combine the excitement of a party with the mesmerizing glow of neon? It was all about creating an immersive experience where people could let loose, dance, and have a blast while being surrounded by these incredible, luminous colors. I wanted to bring a whole new level of fun and energy to the party scene, and

that's how the glow party concept was born. I'm thrilled to see how much joy and excitement it has brought to our community. It is a FREE event for all."

How did EBC's Little Valley location become the venue for this endeavor? They graciously offered to host in their outdoor space. The Friends of Little Valley wanted to bring awareness to the restaurant's location, as well as provide people with food and drink options. Their regular menu will be available that day and possibly drink specials, so guests will be able to snag themselves some pizza queso dip, chicken wings and awesome pizzas like the Beef on Weck or the Bianco. And don't miss out on their newest dessert pizza creation made with Reese's Peanut Butter Cups. Yum!

Besides tasty food and beverages, it wouldn't be a party without music. There isn't going to be a live band, but DJ Dave Mohr will be onsite spinning tunes from a variety of genres guaranteed to get the crowd dancing with their neon glow sticks in hand.

This sounds like a lot of fun, so what does Cedric think is most important about the whole idea? He says, "Community activities bring people together, fostering a sense of belonging and camaraderie. They provide opportunities for individuals to meet new friends, and strengthen existing relationships. Participating in community activities can lead to increased civic awareness and involvement. It encourages people to take an active interest in their neighborhoods, and advocate for positive change."

That's a lofty goal but the Friends of Little Valley are up to the task. They've been working hard all year and they have plans for the rest of the year as well. This summer they introduced their "Music in the Park" series when they had live evening music one day a week from June through August. Now, for the remainder of 2023, they are hoping to do a breakfast event with Santa in December, but that is all still in the works, so no information is currently available. Their goal is to have some sort of community event every few months.

This type of thing has a lot of moving parts so Cedric wanted to end with, "We are always looking for more volunteers on our committee so anyone interested in signing up can get a hold of us. We meet monthly on the second Thursday of each month. And we are all looking forward to seeing everyone who comes out to join us for "Glow in the Park" on October 13th!"

For more information on the Friends of Little Valley and to keep tabs on upcoming events and their details, just visit their website: lvhappenings.com/home and sign up for their newsletter (It's free.) or just follow their Facebook page.

## **PROFILE**

#### HANNA LEE: WOMEN2WOMEN

Mud, Sweat n' Gears Employee Wins Women2Women Education Scholarship



By Mary Weiser

Now that fall is officially here, the folks at Mud, Sweat n' Gears are even more excited for ski season, and one employee in particular is more prepared than ever. Hanna Lee, who has worked at the ski shop for almost 10 years, was awarded Blizzard Tecnica's Women2Women Education Scholarship, which she recently used to attend ski boot fitting school in Waitsfield, Vermont. Now, she's looking forward to applying the knowledge and skills she gained to help customers find the perfect fit as they prepare for the coming season.



Since 2015, Blizard Tecnica has been committed to empowering women to take control of their skiing experience through the Women2Women program, which is led by Leslie Baker-Brown, former US Ski Team member and Blizzard Tecnica marketing director. An important component of W2W is its scholarship program, which supports women in pursuing their education in the snowsports industry. Lee went through the online application process, which involved answering several questions and listing references. "There were 300 applicants internationally," said Lee. "I was one of the 30 who were selected.

Lee decided to use her scholarship award to attend a two-day boot-fitting school in Waitsfield, Vermont last month. "The program was through a company called the Boot Doc," she explained. "The two-day session focused on foot anatomy and

showed us how to help customers who might have unique feet. We learned how to manipulate the ski boot to make it fit better, like through custom foot beds."

While some of the session involved seated classroom-style learning, Lee noted that most of it was hands on. "We used a lot of different tools for forming a foot bed," she explained. "I've done a couple of similar courses in the past through different organizations, but what I liked most about this class is that it focused on more of the anatomy side of things, like how the foot operates. We learned about certain conditions that people can have, like plantar fasciitis, and why it's causing discomfort. That can be very painful, so a custom foot bed can help." Lee also appreciated the small group size – she was one of just seven students – which meant more one-on-one time with the instructors.

Lee noted that everyone at Mud, Sweat n' Gears has been very supportive of her work in the store and her pursuit of more educational opportunities. "Kim [Reading, store owner] was the one who encouraged me to apply," said Lee. "She's always been very, very supportive in all my endeavors, encouraging me to get out and get more education and giving me more space in the store to develop my skills."

Lee is looking forward to sharing her knowledge with others, which is an important component of W2W. She continued, "A big part of the scholarship is how you can take the money and not just serve your community, but how can you support women in their outdoor adventures and aspirations? A lot of women feel more comfortable with a woman boot fitter, and I'm always available and willing to answer questions and help them find what they need."



To learn more about Blizzard Tecnica's W2W program, visit https://www.blizzard-tecnica.com/us/en/w2w-education-scholarship-program.

#### TRIVIA WITH JEFF MADIGAN

Trivia Night Comes to 12 Gates EVL and FTR; How Much Do You Know?



By Jessica Schultz

Hands up if you are one of those people who remembers random bits of information that you really never use. If that sounds familiar, we have the perfect event for you. You can pop into FTR on Wednesday or 12 Gates EVL on Thursdays, (both at 7:00pm) for DJ Trivia with Jeff Madigan. Perfect time to put your brain to use while enjoying tasty food and beverages.

But wait, who's Jeff Madigan? What's DJ Trivia? You want more details? Well, it just so happens that ellicottvilleNOW talked to Jeff about these new local events, how they came to be and how you can win prizes for competing. (Yes, prizes!)

Let's start with Jeff himself. "I am 37 years old, originally from Rochester. I moved to the area in February 2009, nine months after I graduated from St. Bonaventure with a bachelor's degree in journalism/mass communications. I currently work as a security dispatcher at St. Bonaventure, working the overnight shifts. I have been married to my wife Erin since June 4, 2022 and she is fully supportive of me hosting trivia three nights a week (Tuesday in Holland, Wednesday and Thursday in Ellicottville). I live in Franklinville with her and our cat."

How did he get started doing this trivia gig? "This story goes back years. I first got linked up with DJ Trivia back in the early-to-mid-2010s when friends of mine attended University at Buffalo law school and there was a show at a bar just up the street from campus (at a now defunct bar called Average Joe's). I struck up a friendship with the host of that show, Bill Shaflucas, and that long-lasting friendship got me to the position I am today. Bill is currently the general manager of the Buffalo area DJ Trivia. I have loved game shows and trivia games since I was a kid and jumped at the opportunity to join my friends and play."

"Bill got a hold of me in February 2021 as the Fattey Beer Ellicottville location was in the process of coming to fruition and they had high hopes, as the Fattey locations elsewhere generally have good attendance, and there isn't any trivia game like this in Cattaraugus County. When Fattey's opened in June 2021, I was tapped to host the show (originally on Tuesday night, but they quickly switched to Wednesdays). The first show at Fattey's Ellicottville was July 6, 2021. I don't recall for sure but I believe the last show there was December 28, 2022. They closed within the next few months after that. After Fattey's closed, I was getting messages from my very loyal regulars asking if another bar in town was gonna do it. Once one of them said FTR was interested, I contacted them immediately. It took less than two months from when Fattey's closed to when FTR started (February 15). Audrey at 12 Gates reached out to Bill in April and was interested in doing a show on Thursday nights. The first show at 12 Gates was on June 8."

"I can't thank my regulars enough for showing up every week, rain, snow or shine. They allow me to do this each week. FTR and 12 Gates shows haven't quite hit their stride but I think once more people find out about it, they'll come join in the fun."

So what is the game exactly? The name of the program/show is DJ Trivia of WNY. They do shows Sunday-Thursday night at many bars/restaurants throughout the Buffalo and Rochester areas mostly. It's a fun-filled, interactive experience where you and your team play "live" trivia against other on-site teams! It's always FREE to play and you can play with as big or small of a team as you like. The show usually runs about 120 minutes with questions in a variety of categories. If your team is really competitive, you can even join one of the leagues and vie for more than \$1K in gift cards and prizes twice a year. (Do you have what it takes?)

How does Jeff come up with the questions? "I don't write the questions, I just read them. The questions come from the program online, and I download them before each show (though players of the game can submit questions online if they wish)."

How the game is played? There are five questions per round. The final question of each round is a "double down" question in which you wager your point total. A right answer and you double your score. A wrong answer and you lose points. There are four rounds (20 questions total). In the first three rounds, the first four questions are multiple choice, then it goes to fill-in-the-blank questions. Topics range from movies to music to sports to geography, all sorts of pop culture and history. They aren't Jeopardy level questions and you don't need a PhD from Harvard to answer a lot of them. The first-place team wins a \$30 gift card, second place wins \$20, third wins \$10 to use on their tab.

"While a lot of the weekly clientele are regulars, new players are always welcome. Elli-

"Jeff Madigan Trivia Nights" continued page 29



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Known for its distinctive stone exterior, copper roof, and traditional hand-plastered walls, the primary residence offers an exquisite living experience with uncompromising quality. Beginning in the atrium, enjoy four-season alfresco dining with blue stone hydronic heated floors that transcend throughout the first floor. Once inside, a sophisticated kitchen and dining area is highlighted by Italian Carrara Marble Countertops, Fisher & Paykel appliances, Dornbracht fixtures, solid maple woodwork, built-in cabinetry, and a chic half bath.

Natural lighting pours into the living room, creating a tranquil spot to relax and renew. A touch of romance is added by the towering Rumford log fireplace with solid masonry from ground-to-ceiling. Almost invisible to the naked eye, a glass trap door in the living room floor leads to the basement's stunning 415 sq ft custom wine cellar.

A cascading solid black walnut staircase leads to the second floor, transitioning into tongue and groove flooring. A primary bedroom features an ensuite bath with an Italian curbless shower, bathtub, and dual sinks. There are two additional bedrooms on this floor, as well as another full bath, and a laundry room. The recently finished third floor offers another fully custom bath, plush luxury carpeting, and the bonus option of creating two additional bedrooms.

In addition to the primary residence, a separate "red barn" features a two-stall garage with a separate workshop, a ground-level gym & fitness room, and a loft accessory dwelling unit that has an incredible track record on Airbnb as a short-term rental. An adjacent 1.95 mostly wooded vacant land parcel will also be included in this sale.

Showings can be scheduled now, and will begin on Friday, October 20, 2023.



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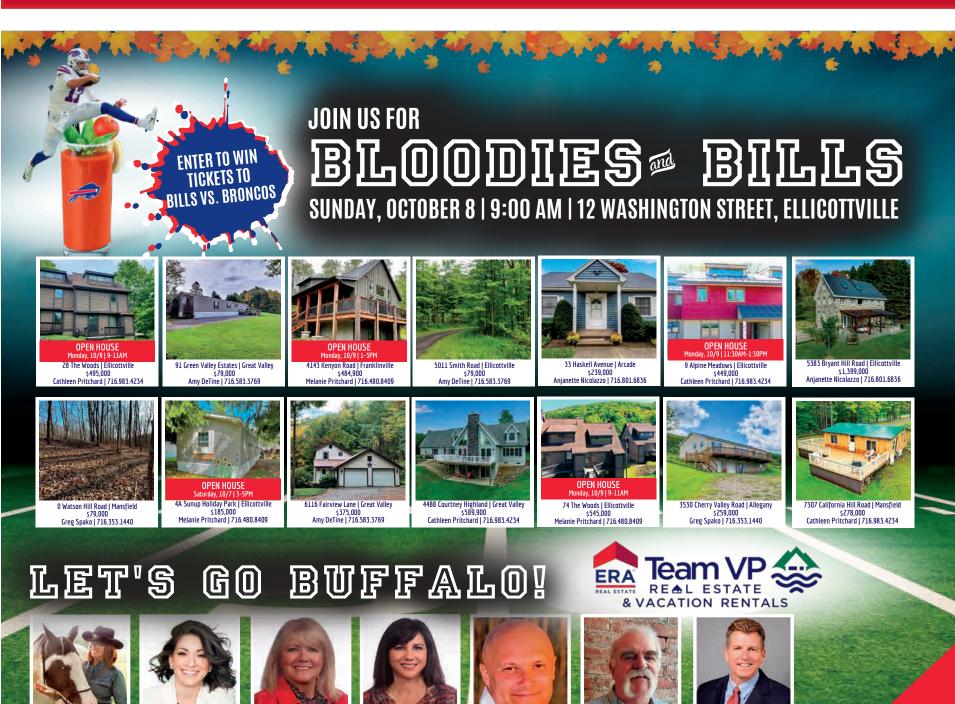
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Gado-Gado 26 Monroe St. • EVL 716.699.2128 gadogadoellicottville.com

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#### SMASHIN' PUMPKINS

Ellicottville Oasis Spa @ Holiday Valley 6447 Holiday Valley Rd. • EVL 716.699.8996 evilleoasis.com

Pumpkin is the ultimate Fall flavor but instead of drinking, what about adding it to your beauty routine? Ellicottville Oasis is offering you the ultimate seasonal experience with their Smashin' Pumpkins Pedicure. Start with a pumpkin spice bath fizzer, follow it up with an exfoliating butter rum scrub, top it off with their famous Vanilla Bourbon Body Oil and round it out with your choice of polish. This is the perfect Fall foot treat!



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Winery of Ellicottville 14 Monroe St. • EVL 716.699.1055 wineryofellicottville.com

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Ellicottville Distillery 5462 Robbins Rd. • EVL 716.597.6121 ellicottvilledistillery.com

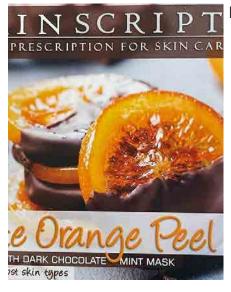
It's that time of year when Ellicottville Distillery really ramps up its Fall flavors. From the ever popular Fall in a glass that is their Appleshine (made with locally produced cider) or their Honey Spirit (a mysterious sweet delicacy) or their sinfully sweet Maple Bourbon Creme, they have a great selection of bottles in stock for you to take home today. Or you can sit at the bar and enjoy one of their delightfully twisted cocktails after a day of Fall Festival.



#### SPOOKY SOCKS

The Purple Doorknob 11 Washington St. • EVL 716.699.2084 purpledoorknob.com

Fall Fest is here and that means that Halloween is just around the corner. Get into the spooky spirit by putting your feet into a pair of The Purple Doorknob's Halloween socks. Skulls, bats, pumpkins, ghosts - you name it, they have it and your feet can wear it! From funny to downright creepy, there is a pair of socks for anyone and everyone who loves the spookiest time of year. So stop down to the store and get "heel" oween ready!



#### **FUN FALL FACIAL**

Anew Beginning Massage & Spa 9 Monroe St. • EVL 716.699.2508 anewbeginningny.com

If you have hiked, golfed, and kayaked your way through Ellicottville this past summer, your muscles and skin will thank you for giving them a break at Anew Beginning. Offering a limited time service, "Autumn Scents" includes their hour Seasonal Facial and a Reflexology treatment including those indulgent Autumn Scents with the added warming affects of cinnamon and clove. Don't hesitate to book your appointment asap!



#### **BIKE & BOARD BLOWOUT**

Loud Performance 2 Bristol Lane • EVL 716.699.9162 loudperformance.com

Visit us out our new location and take advantage of Fall Savings! All in-stock bikes are 15% off. All summer bike apparel is 20% off. All leftover snowboard gear is marked down 30-50%. Package deals: buy 3 items, save an extra 5-10% off already discounted items! Feeling lucky? We're raffling off a snowboard Fall Fest weekend! \$5 per ticket; purchase in-store or Venmo @LoudPerformance. Drawing will be held live on Instagram on Sunday!



#### **DEVILISH DECOR**

Alexandra 10 Washington St. • EVL 716.699.5621 alexandragiftsonline.com

It's time to think about decorating for All Hallows and Alexandra is the place to go if you are looking for some delightfully uncanny decorating options. They've got glitter hanging spiders and little jack-o-lanterns topped with black witches hats, perfect for making your porch look both eerie and adorable when the trick-or-treaters come to call on Halloween night. Fly your broom into the shop soon before they disappear.

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#### PRE-PARTY PREPARATIONS

Thrive IV Lounge 5 E. Washington St. • EVL 716.244.3286 thriveivloungeny.com

It's Fall Fest time and you don't want to get dehydrated or run out of energy during the big weekend. Thrive IV Lounge can help with that. Their custom vitamin infusions and intramuscular injections, they offer a variety of solutions to help keep you feeling your best. Schedule your appointment today by visiting thriveivloungewny.com or you can call/text them at 716-244-3286. Walk-ins welcome!



#### **FABULOUS FESTIVAL**

Holiday Valley Resort 6557 Holiday Valley Rd. • EVL 716.699.2345 holidayvalley.com

Make sure you are free on November 11th so you can come join Holiday Valley for their 19th annual Beer & Wine Festival, where you'll sample creations from some of the region's best craft brewers, wineries and cideries. There will be great live entertainment, delicious food and awesome people to make it a party you won't want to miss! Two sessions, one day, Session One: 1-4pm, Session Two: 5-8pm. Tickets available on holidayvalley.com.



#### **SKATE STYLE**

Daily City Train 2 Bristol Lane • EVL 716.699.1039 dctskate.com

EVL's new skate shop and indoor park is making room for fall and winter product. All DCT branded apparel is discounted 20%. All skateboard completes 10% off. Fall Fest weekend only! Complimentary Liquid Death (while supplies last) and every \$20 instore purchase gets you FREE entry into their skateboard giveaway, courtesy 4Life Skateboards. Drawing to be held on Fall Fest Sunday before close.



#### CREATIVE CARDS

Kazoo II 18 Washington St. • EVL 716.699.4484

Typically you send seasons greetings for Christmas but don't let that stop you from heading into Kazoo II and grabbing some of their adorable Halloween greeting cards. Maybe use them to invite some guests to a "spooktackular" event you are hosting or just share your love of the Fall season and everything eerie with your friends and family. While you are there you can grab some exquisite seasonal decor.



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## TRAVEL

#### **AUTUMN ADVENTURES**

Your Guide to All Things Fall in Chautauqua County, NY



By Victoria Burch, Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau

The Chautauqua-Lake Erie region of Western New York comes alive with color and fun activities each autumn. Explore the changing leaves along five miles of trails at the Audubon Community Nature Center or hike among the colorful trees in an ancient forest and climb gigantic rock formations at Panama Rocks. Stroll through the lakeside grounds of Chautauqua Institution to see expressions of American architecture dating back to the late 1800s highlighted by a picturesque backdrop of fall foliage. Get a spectacular panoramic view at Luensman Overview Park and Erlandson Overview Park where you can also catch a glimpse of Chautauqua Lake. Take in the great view of Lake Erie and the surrounding area atop the tower of the Dunkirk Lighthouse.

For adventure seekers, get a closer look of the vibrant fall foliage while climbing among the treetops on Peek'n Peak Resort's Mountain Adventures. Surround yourself with fall foliage on a peaceful horseback ride by Double D.A.B. Riding Stables through miles of trails along the Lake Erie escarpment. Take in colorful landscapes while playing a round or two of golf on over a dozen public golf courses. Relax with a glass or two of local wine from over 23 wineries collectively known as Lake Erie Wine Country while admiring the beautifully colored leaves all around.

Another beloved fall tradition throughout the state of New York is apple and pumpkin picking. Browse Whitter Apple Farm for fresh apples perfect for pie, applesauce, and as a healthy snack. During your visit, don't miss the chance to try their fresh pressed cider. Pumpkintown is the epitome of fall fun where you and the whole family can partake in traditional fall activities including hayrides, a pumpkin jump pad, corn pit, and apple cannons, just to name a few. Did you work up an appetite after all that fun? Enjoy fall snacks including doughnuts, apple cider slushies, kettle corn and more. Before you head out, pick out some pumpkins grown right on the farm.





Fall and Harvest Festivals are offered in various destinations in the Chautauqua-Lake Erie Region throughout October. During the second and third weekends in October, Peek'n Peak Resort hosts their Fall Fest. Both weekends offer free family entertainment, craft vendors, live performances and much more. In addition, scenic chairlift rides, zip lines, miniature golf, and an aerial adventure course will be available to enjoy. Visit Panama Rocks on September 30th- October 1st to experience their Foliage Festival. Partake in fall themed activities for all ages, feast your eyes on craft demonstrators including chainsaw carving and blacksmithing, browse the arts and crafts show and more. Get into the spirit of Halloween with a number of spooky events, including the Harvest Moon Cemetery Tours in Fredonia or the Saints and Sinners Cemetery tours hosted by the Fenton History Center in Jamestown. Celebrate the end of fall and the end of grape harvest at Lake Erie Wine Country's Harvest Weekends in November.

No matter where you are or what you do in the Chautauqua-Lake Erie Region, you're sure to fall in love with autumn in Western New York. Check out the event calendar on the Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau's website, www.tourchautauqua.com, for a full list of upcoming events.

#### FALL FEST AT PEEK'N PEAK

35th Annual Event Promises Two Weekends of Pure Fall Fun



It's Fall Festival in Ellicottville this weekend and we love to stroll the streets, eat the treats and show up for the shops. But what if you can't get enough of the Fall Festivities? What if you want this party to keep on rolling?



Head out to Chautauqua County at 1405 Olde Road in Clymer, NY and visit Peek'n Peak Resort. They are hosting their 35th Annual Fall Fest celebration, not one, but two weekends on October 14th & 15th and October 21st & 22nd, both from 10:00am - 5:00pm.

It's a true Fall experience with their arts and craft vendors lined up outside and inside. Typically the amazing foliage sets the scene for the juried show with over 100 vendors. There will be artisans, beekeepers, wood

smiths, photographers, painters and many more... You can even enjoy piping hot pizzelle cookies and farm-fresh fruit at the Farmers Market located in the Main Lodge.

The whole family can enjoy this adventure - the kids are definitely not forgotten. There is a special zone, just for the smaller members of your family (just look for the ticket booth to purchase ride tickets), featuring Extreme Jump, inflatables, face painting, balloon animals, pony rides, train rides and kids crafting. Not to mention their newest edition, the Ballistic Swing Ride, holding 16 riders (2 per car) and making them feel like they are soaring through the air. (When it lights up at night, the LEDs are a sight!) And kids and adults alike can grab tickets for the Pumpkin Cannon or Carriage Rides!





Live entertainment is also going to be happening each weekend. There will be music from DJ Felix, adorable amusement at the Frisbee Dogs Show, excitement at the Jungle Terry Animal Show, and magic from Jamie Petrush (or maybe you'll just bump into The Strolling Magician, Cliff Hopkins while he goes around the Festival).

And it isn't a Festival without some live music! The Porcelain Bus Drivers, Tiny Music Band, Midnight Recovery and the Dark Water Duo will all be performing at some point during the Festival. Please check the website for the full schedule.

Don't forget that you can also start gearing up for the winter season at the Snowsports Equipment Sale. During either weekend, head over to the rental shop and browse their new equipment selections from local shops and find your perfect gear with the help of knowledgeable their knowledgeable sales staff.

This is also the last call to hit up the Dual Giant Zipline, Aerial Adventures Rope Course and the Soaring Eagle mountain Coaster. Visit the Peek'n Peak Sugar Shack, where tickets for each of these options can be purchased.



For more information and full scheduling details for each weekend of the 35th Annual Fall Festival at Peek'n Peak, visit pknpk.com or call 716-355-4141.

# The Enchanted Mountains

Prepare for a Fun Fall in the Enchanted Mountains of Western New York!

When you think of autumn, chances are you start to think of a visit to Pumpkinville, warm days with cool nights, and colorful Festivals! Probably the most treasured aspect of fall is the bright, vibrant colors that paint our hillsides, along with the sound of crunching leaves beneath your feet, and the warm afternoon sun. The Enchanted Mountains of Western New York are just a short drive from Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Erie, Pittsburgh, and Binghamton, and all roads lead to autumn elation.

#### **NEW YORK'S AMISH TRAIL**

One of the reasons our region is so special is the Fall Foliage. Many people in these parts call autumn their favorite season and you will see why as you drive through the countryside. For the ultimate viewing, travel through our Old Order Amish community on New York's Amish Trail, in a rural setting with open landscapes. You will come upon Amish buggies that go a comfortable speed of 10mph - don't be in a hurry, slow down and appreciate the golden days of the year. Relax in the lazy, hazy days of autumn as you make stops at the different Amish owned shops. Fill up on the delicious baked goods, buy a handmade quilt and stock up on wonderful gifts all before going home, gearing you up for the upcoming colder season. Not sure where to go? Visit AmishTrail.com to request the newly updat-

ed, free brochure and map be mailed directly to you.

## GRIFFIS NIGHT LIGHTS & OTHER FALL ACTIVITIES

Night Lights is an annual tradition
where bright lights decorate the
paths and sculptures at Griffis
Sculpture Park creating a fun
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Take a fall foliage train ride from
the Gowanda Train Station, or view the
colors from above on a weekend chairlift ride
at Holiday Valley or HoliMont. If you prefer
a scarier venture, visit Nightmare Hayrides
on Sommerville Valley Road on weekends in
October.

#### **ROCK CITY PARK**

Rock City Park will lead you on hiking trails through gigantic rock formations left over from the glacial period and over the falling leaves of the trees surrounding these rocks. Experience the view from above the tree tops as you make a a route on the top of large rock formation.

your way to the trail via a route on the top of large rock formation. Relax on the double swing, pose for photos under the arbor, or hold hands with Big Foot. Take your time enjoying the foliage from the top of the rocks and then follow the trail down to the lower level, where you can then walk through the leaves fallen on the ground beside huge rock formations, up to three stories high!

## ALLEGANY STATE PARK

Last but not least is Allegany State Park, located just off the I-86 (Salamanca exit). Fall is one of the most popular times at the park and the campsites are buzzing with families looking to hike, ride bikes, and enjoy a warm campfire. If you plan on camping, plan ahead as families have made this an annual tradition and sites book quickly. You are also welcome for the day to get some fall fishing in, take your horse out for a ride or explore Thunder Rocks and the Stone Tower. The sights at this Historic NYS Park can be breathtaking any time, but they are especially awesome in full color.

Fall whole-heartedly into autumn here in the Enchanted Mountains of Western New York. To view more information on any of these fall foliage destinations or to request a FREE ACTIVITIES GUIDE, contact the Cattaraugus County Department of Economic Development, Planning and Tourism at:

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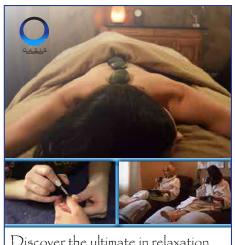
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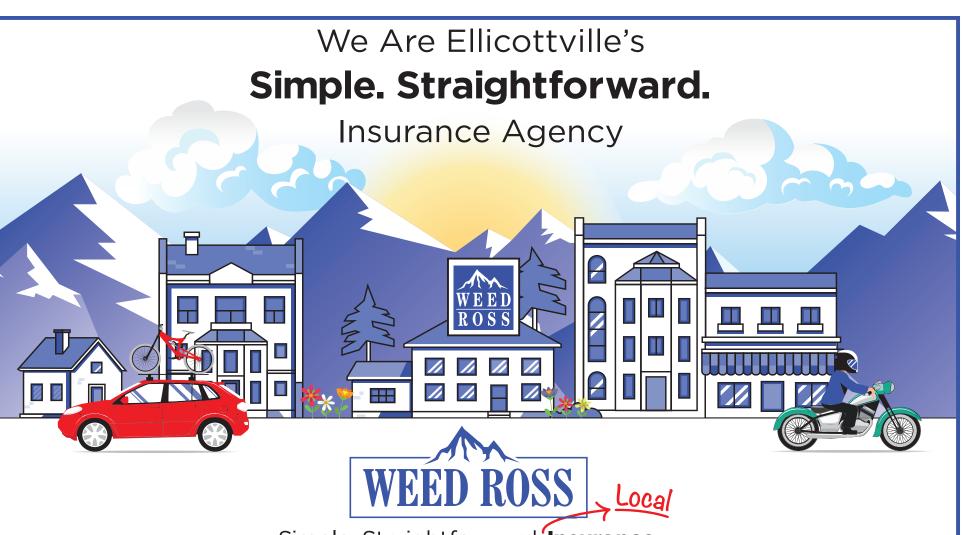
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## EXPLORE PA

#### FALL FUN IN THE ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST

Take in the View of Autumn's Spectacular Show - Hike, Bike, Explore!

By Linda Devlin, Allegheny National Forest Visitors Bureau

As Pennsylvania's only National Forest, the Allegheny National Forest is always a stunningly beautiful location to experience the brilliant fall colors of ruby red, brilliant orange, and golden yellow. Fall color usually begins in early October at the higher elevations of the Kinzua Sky Walk at the Kinzua Bridge State Park, then color will peak mid-to-late October along the Longhouse National Scenic Byway in the Allegheny National Forest alongside the shorelines of the Allegheny Reservoir.

#### **FABULOUS FALL FOLIAGE OVERLOOKS**

The number one location for viewing fall foliage is the Kinzua Sky Walk. The skywalk is "One of the Top 10 Most Scenic Skywalks in the World," by Culture Trip. U.K. The skywalk extends 624 feet into the Kinzua Gorge at a height of 225 feet, with a partial glass floor overlook at the end. The views are breathtaking!

Plan to hike the Kinzua Valley Trail down the side of the gorge to see the massive steel towers up close. Then enjoy a picnic in the park, followed by a hiking or biking on the Knox & Kane Rail Trail which was selected as the "2023 Pennsylvania Trail of the Year." Explore the history of the skywalk in the large, modern interpretive building at the on-site Kinzua Bridge Center. The park and skywalk are open from 8:00am to dusk, the interpretive center opens at 8:00am and closes at 6:00pm. Dogs are welcome on a leash in the park, but they are not admitted into the Kinzua Bridge Center. The Kinzua Bridge State Park is located at 296 Viaduct Road, Mt. Jewett, PA. Admission is free to the park and the skywalk.

Nearby restaurants include the charming Swedish restaurant, Kaffe Sol for breakfast and lunch and Lick N' Sip for ice cream, wine and more in Mt. Jewett. Lodging in Mt. Jewett/ Lantz Corners includes The Post, an Airbnb in Mt. Jewett, High Pines RV Park offers camping and cabins. Lantz Corners Getaway amenities include bike rentals, lodging and the Barrel House Restaurant is within walking distance. Nearby in Kane, visit Texas Hot Lunch/4 Sons for their famous Texas Hots, Table 105 for farm to table, or Peppe's Pizzeria for a brew and pizza. Also located in Kane are multiple wineries - Log Yard Brewery, CJ Spirts and Wilds Sonshine Factory for libations.

#### ANF SCENIC OVERLOOKS

Located within the Allegheny National Forest, the Longhouse National Scenic Byway circles the Allegheny Reservoir. This 27-mile byway offers three developed scenic overlooks from which to view the vistas of fall color. Favorite overlooks include Rimrock Overlook, Kinzua Point, and Jakes Rocks. Along with scenic drives, the Forest offers a wide variety of hiking trails. Depending on the weather, viewing the fall foliage while kayaking is also a fun and different way to enjoy the colors of fall.

Rimrock Overlook offers a picnic area, and trails through the forest to gigantic rock formations with stunning vistas of the fall foliage. From the overlook you can access Rimrock Trail. This trail features stone steps carved into the rock formations which lead to a hiking trail that ends at the shoreline of the Allegheny Reservoir. The trail is 1.3-miles in length and is considered easy to moderate. Hiking back the trail to the top of Rimrock does require extra effort because of the steep incline in elevation. Be sure to bring water and wear hiking boots if you are planning on hiking the trail. Rimrock Overlook is located along PA Rt. 59, approximately 19 miles from Bradford. Along Rt. 59, there is a very large sign at the Rimrock turnoff, you will drive 2.7 miles into the Forest to access the parking/picnic area.

Kinzua Point is located along PA Rt. 59, west of Rimrock Overlook on the western side of the Allegheny Reservoir. Drive across Morrison Bridge which spans the Allegheny Reservoir, and Kinzua Point is located on the right. This is a developed overlook with plenty of parking. The vista is miles of colorful shoreline with the colors of the fall foliage beautifully mirrored by the waters of the Allegheny Reservoir.

Jakes Rocks offers scenic overlooks, a short hiking trail and the best mountain biking trails in the Forest. To access Jakes Rocks, turn south from Kinzua Point to continue traveling the Longhouse National Scenic Byway. Watch for the overlook signage, and then turn onto Forest Road 492. It is approximately 1-mile to the trailhead parking. The first trailhead is for mountain bikers, parking for the overlook is beyond the parking for the bike trails. At the overlook, stand on the massive rock outcrop to see the expansive view of Jackson Bay on the Allegheny Reservoir, Kinzua Dam, and the surrounding forest. There is an interesting array of trees growing through and on massive boulders in this area. From the parking lot it is about a ½ mile hike to the actual overlook.

To add some adventure to your "leaf peeping", bring your mountain bike. Jakes Rocks Mountain Biking Trail is a 30+ mile trail designed by Trails Solutions. It is a stacked loop mountain biking trail system which appeals to riders of all skill levels. A trail map may be found at visitanf.com/download maps-guides.

Plan to use Braford, PA. as your hub for hiking the 50+ miles of scenic woodland trails of the Tuna Valley Trail system. The Marilla Bridges Trail, a 1-mile loop trail around the Marilla Reservoir with a wooden covered bridge, is very picturesque. Lodging is available at the Best Western Plus Bradford Inn, the Quality Inn, the Hay-Den-Airbnb, and the Mountain Laurel Bed & Breakfast. Downtown offers the Braford Brew Station, along with multiple restaurants, shops, and museums including the Zippo/Case, Marilyn Horne and Penn Brad Oil Museums.

#### FESTIVALS IN THE FOREST

Fall's schedule of activities offers fun beginning Oct. 6 & 7 with a Pumpkin Walk in Kane, PA. Then on Oct. 7, participate in the Marilla Trail Race as you run or walk around the beautiful Marilla Reservoir with a backdrop of colorful fall foliage. Other activities on Oct. 7 include a Scavenger Hunt Beer & BBQ at Bear Creek Wines, the 3rd Annual Jarrett Costanzo Jeep Run starting at Flickerwood Wine Cellars in Kane, Rusty Rooster's Customer Appreciation Party in Portville, NY, and Majestic Trails Halloween in Rew, PA. For a wonderful adventure in the outdoors plan to sign up for the Photography Retreat at Olmsted Manor from Oct. 18-20, 2023, in Ludlow, PA. For the full list of upcoming fall events go to www.visitANF.com/events. Make your visit an overnight! Click on visitANF.com/lodging to review the availability and pricing of lodging within the region. To assist with planning download the new "Adventure Guide" at VisitANF.com or call 800-473-9370.

















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Snowbelt Cannabis is seeking investment to open a location for Cannabis Cultivation.

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It's been a long 2+ year roll-out of the NY adult-use cannabis market, but the state is finally moving forward into applications in early October. Ashley and Ryan are western NY natives and owners of Snowbelt Cannabis. They have been relentlessly preparing since 2021 to become cultivators in the great city of Jamestown, NY.

"We took a grassroots approach and have set up a crowd investing campaign on Mainvest, allowing anyone to invest as little as \$100 and get 1.6x return on your investment by 7/1/28. So if you invest \$100, you will get \$160 back by 7/1/28. If for some reason, you do not get your full ROI by 7/1/28, you will get a balloon payment."

Due to cannabis still being federally illegal, entrepreneurs of the industry face many challenges accessing capital including not being able to take out traditional business loans through banks. It becomes even more difficult when you don't come from money or have deep pocket financial backings like larger companies.

"We do have a few private investors that we are very grateful for, but this campaign will be a huge help in us being able to get up and going as quickly as possible. Through this investment crowdfunding platform, we are providing our friends and the local community an opportunity to invest in our business. You, our friends and customers make our growth possible, and you (rather than a bank) should be able to benefit financially and share in our expansion and suc-

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# HEALTH & FITNESS

Core Performance: Take a Class, Save a Life

By Kim Duke, Certified Personal Trainer

There are events that can stop us in our tracks and be indelibly burned into our memories. Events like 9/11 that occurred on September 11, 2001, January 6, 2021 and most recently witnessing Damar Hamlin go into cardiac arrest on the Cincinnati Bengals football field on January 2, 2023. These kinds of events leave us feeling a crippling fear, disillusioned and helpless. But, they can also help us to be better informed, educated and part of the solution. And, that's exactly what happened with me.

In February, I like so many others, took a CPR course at the Ellicottville Fire Company. The instructors were all a part of Emergency Medical Services at either a basic or paramedic level. They were so knowledgeable and confident with their abilities to not only assess a patient but also to keep them alive. At the end of the class, it was announced that there is a shortage of ambulance drivers and EMTs in the Ellicottville/Great Valley Ambulance Service. I grabbed an application and initially signed up to drive the ambulance. However, I changed my mind/position and instead decided to enroll in an EMT course.

These courses started on August 28th and end November 16th. It is every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 6:30pm-10:00pm. The goal is to turn out techs who can demonstrate a competency in assessment of a patient, handling emergencies using Basic Life Support equipment and techniques. They must be able to perform CPR, control bleeding, provide non-invasive treatment of hypo-perfusion, stabilize/immobilize injured bones and the spine, manage environmental emergencies and emergency childbirth. They must be able to administer a semi-automatic defibrillator, and assist patients with self-administered or administer emergency medications as described in state and local protocol. There are lab and clinical times where a student participates in simulated/actual patient assessment and care. There's equipment and tools a first responder needs to feel comfortable and be competent in using and there are the quizzes, exams and coursework that needs to be completed along the way. If it sounds like a lot, it's because it is a lot. Plus, keep in mind that most EMTs are completely volunteers. Some are hoping to work at a paid facility but will also support their local fire departments which are also volunteers.

This class/course and experience has been completely invigorating for me. In my personal life and even in my career I felt like I was on autopilot. I needed to challenge my brain and stimulate growth in areas that felt dormant. I have always loved learning and educating others either as a schoolteacher or a Certified Personal Trainer and this next chapter feels like a natural progression.

The EMTs who are teaching, demonstrating and encouraging us in this course are true heroes and humanitarians. They have dedicated so much of their lives for a somewhat thankless position, but it is their calling. Each one of our instructors has stories to tell and experiencing to learn from. They do this because maybe they can save a neighbor, friend



or family member; if not their own, then somebody else's. It is truly inspiring to watch them in action.

If you can see yourself as either a driver or EMT head over to your local fire department. Any one of the volunteers can guide you through the easy application process and get you headed on the right direction.

Be a part of a solution. You will be amazed at how in can fill your heart and soul.

Kim Duke is a certified personal trainer and owner of Core Performance Fitness and Training, located at 55 Bristol Lane, Ellicottville, NY. Kim resides in Ellicottville where she raised her two sons, Zach and Nik. For more information about her studio visit her Facebook page, go to www.coreperformancefitness.com or call her directly at 716-698-

#### **BUFFALO BILLS RAFFLE**

Greater Olean Area Chamber Raffling Flag as Part of Tailgate Thursday Event



OLEAN - The events committee at Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce proposed having a Buffalo Bills theme raffle as a part of its new event – Tailgate Thursday. The event will be held Thursday, October 26 at Lincoln Park in Downtown Olean, 4:30 to 8:30pm

The raffle is a one of kind item – a 15'x28" wooden flag that depicts the Bills logo in a patriotic color scheme. The flags are created by Olean resident, Bob Scanlon. They are made out of pine and are hand carved by Mr. Scanlon. Depending on the sports theme of the flag, he paints them, applies decals and then polyurethanes the entire flag.

Christine Boser, GOACC Administrative Associate, stated, "A committee member, Colleen Taggerty, suggested that we raffle off a Bills item – jersey, football, etc., but when we saw this flag – we knew we had a winner."

Tickets are \$10 with a limit of 300 to be sold. They can be purchased at the Chamber and with many committee members.

The winner will be drawn at the event, Tailgate Thursday, where you will eat, drink, and play games – basically a tailgate before the Bills game that night. The ticket is a tailgate pass (\$35) which includes 10 wings, 2 brews, tailgate cap and entry into one of the two tourneys also being held that day. The tourneys are cornhole by the Olean Cornhole Club and '21' by the Twin Tiers Disc Golf Group.

The Chamber thanks its 47 corporate sponsors as well as Directions in Independent Living as Bling Wing Sponsor; Interfaith Caregivers as Tailgate Sponsor, and Nick Shembeda Plumbing and Heating as Wristband Sponsor. Tickets can be purchased online at shop.oleanny.com (service fee online) or at the Chamber office, 301 North Union Street, Olean. For more information, please call 716-372-4433 or email info@oleanny.com.

#### **CHARITY RIDE A SUCCESS**

Over 400 Riders Pedal 42 Miles to Support the Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail



EAST AURORA - On Saturday, September 30th over 400 bicyclers gathered at the start line of the EA2EVL Fondo, a charity bike ride that kicked off at 42 North Brewing Company in East Aurora. Under clear blue skies, the riders followed a police escort through the Village of East Aurora, winding their way south along the rolling hills and fall foliage on Route 240 and into the Village of Ellicottville. The event ended with a lively finish-line celebration at Holiday Valley.

Launched in 2021, the EA2EVL Fondo - or non-competitive ride - raises awareness and funds to help open, build and maintain the 27-mile multi-use, recreational Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail (ECRT) that runs along a former rail line from Orchard Park to Ashford, NY. For three consecutive years, this event has reached maximum capacity, this year selling out at 400+ riders and netting close to \$50,000 for the rail trail.

"We keep raising the bar for this event," said Mary Brummer, ECRT Board President, "and we keep exceeding all expectations! I'd like to thank everyone who participated in this epic ride, including our loyal riders and sponsors, along with our dedicated volunteers. Your support of the Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail truly matters."

The 2021 and 2022 EA2EVL events raised over \$100,000 in donations, which were used to clear and open the first 1.3 miles of the rail trail in Orchard Park. The funds raised from this year's event will help to push the trail south, improving sections in the town of Aurora into West Falls.

The 2023 event was sponsored by National Fuel, 42 North Brewing Company, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Phillips Lytle and Craig Small Law with tech support provided by Tom's Pro Bikes. Learn more about ECRT at www.ecattrail.org. Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that serves as trail manager for a 27-mile recreational trail on the Buffalo Pittsburgh Railroad rail line.













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#### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES**

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to draw people to our off the beaten track location. We have pushed along and overcome a lot of adversity over the years and now we're celebrating 7 official years of being open."

The project actually started 10 years ago and after all the purchasing of equipment and licensing, it took three years to get their products on the shelf and ready for customers. Bryan wanted to make sure we knew, "We have had a lot of help along the way and we can't express how appreciative we are. A wild vision has gotten us this far and we plan to keep going and doing the best we can."

The Distillery is having a family-friendly celebration on October 7th, starting when the doors open at 12:00pm. The event is FREE to attend. Food platters will be offered, Ashford Junction Ice Cream Truck will be on-site and the live entertainment will be provided by the popular folk duo Ralph and Tamala, known as Porcelain Train from 3:00-6:00pm.

After the anniversary, the next event they will be hosting is their Annual Punkin' Chunkin on November 4th. It's exciting watching the trebuchet fling the weighty vegetables in the air and watching them explode on impact on their return to earth. Super fun time. (This writer highly recommends it.) December 16th is the release of their 6yr old Bourbon. December 31st is their Liquor Mile/5K with fireworks after dark and January 20th is the Christmas Tree Funeral Bonfire.

For more information on either of these fantastic places, their menus and upcoming events, you can visit villaggioevl.com or ellicottvilledistillery.com and ellicottvilleNOW would like to extend our congratulations and wish our local businesses many more anniversary milestones!

#### **EVL HALLOWEEN HALF & 5K**

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able. A list has been provided for suggestions such as: canned proteins, dried foods, canned goods, as well as paper products, toothpaste, and dish soap. They only ask that junk food be excluded from any donations.

Event parking should be noted as there will be many visitors in the area. A reserved lot at 55 Jefferson Street is available with a voluntary \$10 donation to be made. The lot is run by one of the event's charitable partners and will help raise funds for the organization and expenses. Additional parking is available throughout the Village of Ellicottville, but please note the local parking signage and avoid illegal spots.

There's still plenty to do once the race has wrapped up. Crossing the finish line puts you right back at the center of the Village offering restaurants, shops, and entertainment all around. An after party will be held at Ellicottville Brewing Company at 28 Monroe Street. A great time to meet new people, share running stories, and show off those metals. Each runner will be given food and beer tickets to enjoy some recovery food and cheers to a race well done. You'll want to stick around for the awards and even a DJ to keep the evening going.

Registration for the EVL Half Marathon & 5K is still open so grab yourself a spot and we'll see you at the starting line! Bib pick up will open at 8:00am at Ellicottville Brewing Company, and the races will start/finish at 5 Monroe Street.

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#### **JEFF MADIGAN TRIVIA NIGHTS**

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cottville is a town where visitors are frequently coming and going, so sometimes we get people who are in town for the night, hear about it and come and play. There is no age limit."

If you can't make one show, that's okay, Jeff is around. "I'm in three places, if you also count my Tuesday nights in Holland. I do the Valley in Holland on Tuesday nights (6:30pm) plus FTR on Wednesday nights (7:00pm) and 12 Gates on Thursday nights (also 7:00pm)."

Jeff's goal is to continue to grow the game in the area. Ideally, he's shooting for standing room only, any time of the year, be it an 80 degree June evening or a -10 degree January day. He wants to make it as fun and accessible to players as possible. "I play music during the game (and take requests), and my goal is to entertain everyone in attendance, whether they are there to play or not. Even if someone is there and does not want to play or has children and needs to leave before the show is over, I want them to enjoy themselves and discuss the questions internally at their table. In terms of the competition, sure people want to win but that isn't the point. We're all there to have fun, whether you finish first or last."

Does Jeff plan to expand his area? "I don't have plans to host at any other locations currently, but if there are any other places in Cattaraugus County that would like to do this, they can get a hold of me at jmadigan0408@yahoo.com or call 585-733-6726 and I will put them in touch with the general manager Bill to see what we can do."

This sounds like a fun adventure to test your random knowledge whiling enjoying good company. (And to crush the competition of course... Just kidding.)

If you want more details on either host venue, visit 12 Gates of EVL, 14 Washington Street in Ellicottville NY, Thursday through Sunday, call 716-699-1313 or visit their website at 12gatesbrewing.com. FTR (a great place for gluten-free options) is located at 5 E. Washington Street (behind Kwik Fill) and is open seven days a week. Reach them at 716-699-1226.

#### LITTLE VALLEY CHEER

Local Group Announces Upcoming Events; Raising Funds for Families in Need

Little Valley Holiday Cheer will again be providing Christmas gifts for children of families in need who live in the Cattaraugus-Little Valley Central School District. In 2022, the non-profit group purchased gifts for around 100 children of all ages. Holiday Cheer also provided gifts for 40 elderly residents of the Little Valley area!

To raise funds for the program, an Election Day Chicken and Biscuit Dinner will be held on November 7th at the Little Valley Fire Hall from 11:00am-6:00pm. Dinners will be \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 10 and under. Dining is available at the fire hall or to-go. Orders can be placed for take outs or local deliveries by calling Ann Poole at 716-244-170 or Karel Hamilton at 716-581-3066.

In addition to the dinner, a Basket Raffle will be held on October 2nd - November 6th at the Little Valley Municipal Hall from 10:00am-2:00pm weekdays. The drawing will be held at the end of the Chicken and Biscuit Dinner on November 7th. Items will include gift baskets, gift cards, handmade items and more! Anyone wishing to donate an item may deliver it to the Village Office in September or call Karel Hamilton at 716-581-3066 for pick up.

Families in need may pick up a form at the Village office or email requesting a form to lvholidaycheer@gmail.com beginning October 2nd. Anyone wishing to "adopt a family" may contact Karel at the number listed above. Monetary donations for Holiday Cheer may be mailed/dropped off to the Cattaraugus County Bank, 120 Main Street, Little Valley, NY, 14755 (payable to LV Holiday Cheer) or electronically via Venmo, @LVHoliday-Cheer.

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#### WREATH MATERIALS WANTED

Pfeiffer Nature Center Asking for Pine Cone Donations

PORTVILLE - Pfeiffer Nature Center staff are beginning to prepare for their 2023 Pfeiffer Nature Wreath Sale. If anyone collects pine cones, they are asking for any pine cone donations and/or dried materials - such as nuts, dried flowers, dried hydrangea, dried apple and orange slices - and lots and lots of different pine cones, as they plan to use all natural decorations on the 2023 wreaths.



Now that gardens will be put to rest for the winter, if you have any dried materials from pruning your gardens, the nature center asks that you please save your items for their wreaths. You may drop off your collections at the Pfeiffer Nature Center office located at 14 S. Main Street in Portville, NY. You can call the office at 716-933-0187 to double check that someone is in the office prior to traveling to Portville.

Also, if you love to decorate wreaths, Pfeiffer Nature Center staff are looking for volunteers to help them decorate the wreaths on 11/15, 11/16 and 11/17 at Pleasant Valley Greenhouse beginning at 9:00am for as long as you can stay!



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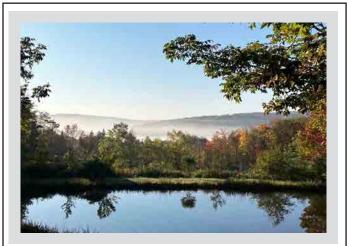


⇔ bloodunderrazor: An afternoon hanging on the playground.



◯ltvwthenavydude: Fall is creeping in. #evlnow #doglife #outdooradventure





⇔ beesgoldhoney1: Fall has arrived in WNY. The blue sky, the smell in the air... All beautiful! #evlnow #fall #ellicottvilleny #beefarm



⊃jcurtis1478: All the guys that made it happen. Awesome job guys!

