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Get Ready for a Howlin' Good Time

Prepare Your Costume and Join Empire Animal Rescue Society at Their First Halloween Party; We're Paw-sitive You'll Have a Ball!



By Carol Fisher-Linn

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Brooke Skiba, one of E.A.R.S.' many dedicated volunteers loves Halloween and has toyed with the idea of having a Halloween fundraiser event for years. Having been given the green light, she is heading up a Halloween event for the first time this year, with hopes that it will continue for years to come. The event is set for Saturday, October 28th at Holy Cross Athletic Club in Salamanca. You must be 21 to attend. Cost of admission is \$10. There will be a 50/50 drawing, door prizes, Chinese auction, music, snacks, desserts, cash bar, and a costume contest.

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Greater Olean Area Prepares for Tailgate Thursday

A new event organized by GOACC is lining up with restaurants, activities and fun! Tailgate Thursday will be held Thursday, October 26th at Lincoln Park in Downtown Olean from 4:30-8:30pm. The idea behind the event is to provide a get-together celebrating fall, football and fun outside like tailgating before a sporting event! The Chamber is selling tailgate passes for \$35 which includes 10 wings, 2 brews, tailgate cap and entry into one of the two tournaments being held that day ... page 12

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Cygaro Cigar Club & Lounge

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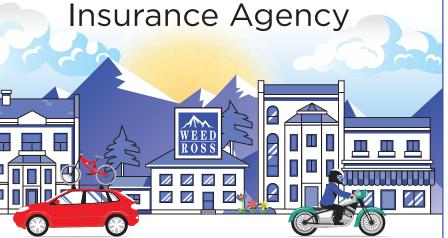


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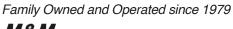
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EVGV TRAIL IN MOTION

Committee Continues to Fundraise for Rec Trail; Mark Your Calendar for Nov. 19th



Phase I of the EVGV Trail will connect Route 219 to the arboretum/town center, around the village park and into downtown Ellicottville, approximately one mile.

By Colleen Evans

Wingate by

Ellicottville, NY is a four-season destination of recreational fun, so now what could be missing? Well for years now, a trail system has been in the works to develop a multi-use system connecting the Great Valley and Ellicottville area - The EVGV Trail.

The EVGV Trail, which stands for Ellicottville/Great Valley, has planned for a 17-mile paved trail to better serve the public with access to safe and accessible pathways. The mission of the organization is simple: they hope to encourage activity while providing the means to a walkable trail. One that can be widely used by all ages for various activities.

The areas settled in the Enchanted Mountains of Cattaraugus County have so much to offer year-round. So, picture a trail that can cater to each season, winding through the hills and surrounded by nature's beauty. Biking through the fall foliage, snow shoeing on a winter day, or a long stroll with friends in the spring and summer are just a few to be mentioned. The opportunities remain endless and bring a free resource to be enjoyed.

The current plans of the EVGV Trail are promising, but it's important to note how much time is needed for the design and alignment, and of course funding, to go into such a significant project. The organization has been supported by the Village and Town of Ellicottville in all their planning efforts and will only have to seek out the State and County when plans start to expand out of the village. When evaluating the project as a whole, there's a mile pathed out through the village and the park that the committee saw the opportunity to prioritize, the first phase of the trail.

This first phase of the EVGV Trail is coming together with a lot of excitement. The organization knew that it would be in the best interests of all to start off with a community driven section of the trailway. The plan is for roughly a mile long section of the trail beginning on Elizabeth Street that will connect the village, the park, arboretum and Town Center.

EVGV Trail President, Scott Johnson, and fellow committee member, Kristen Sciara, commented on how this first phase is going to really stand out for the community. Kristen Sciara stated that this section of trail "directly affects the recreation of the people who live in our community and so while we're looking at this larger project, we wanted to segment now this part of the trail and start funding so that we can get that done essentially first." While Scott Johnson went on to discuss why this has become his most anticipated part of the trail, "I'd say the section from Elizabeth Street, through the park and arboretum, and out to Route 219 will be fantastic. It will hopefully show the public the potential and get people excited about continuing the trail outside the village and town." Both agree that this phase is going to have such a positive impact and hopefully get the larger conversation started among the community on what's to come.

This community marker of the trail will potentially begin in 2024 with the goal of completion sometime in 2025 using direct funding from the organization.

In terms of the bigger picture, President Scott Johnson went on to explain the challenges the EVGV Trail faces by funding and planning, "The Southern Tier Trail was funded to do the design and alignment of 52 miles to Springville, Ellicottville, Great Valley, Salamanca and over to Olean, so that 52 mile trail lays on top of the 17 miles of the Ellicottville/Great Valley Trail, that we were hoping to build. So eventually we anticipate the Southern Tier Trail being fully funded hopefully by the state."

The problem with this is the difference in trail structure, and of course, time. The EVGV Trail has committed to wanting to provide paved pathways for more accessibility, whereas the Southern Tier Trail is projected to use a stone dust trail. The EVGV Trail committee decided that while this is a great help in the initial clearing and formations of pathways, they still want to continue their individual efforts to keep control of time and current proposals in place.

With present and future construction plans in the works, the committee has been working with local JD Northrup Construction and have really commended them on how great they've been to work with. They've donated in-kind serves and the EVGV Trail plans to work with them moving forward in the project.

Future plans have been discussed and will align to the original mapping of the trail. These, for now, are a more distant objective. Day by day the EVGV committee works for progress and hopes that this trail will lead to endless opportunities for the area. This be-



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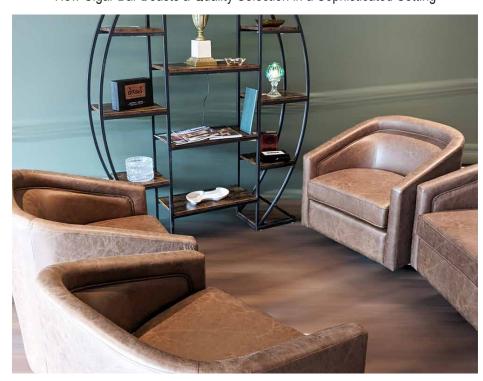




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CYGARO: AN ELEGANT HAVEN

New Cigar Bar Boasts a Quality Selection in a Sophisticated Setting



By CAROL FISHER-LINN

As of March 2023, 28 states have a smoking ban on all enclosed workplaces. Nevertheless, some of the states have exemptions specifically for cigar bars. New York State is one of them. With what seems like the whole world conspiring against smokers, a cigar bar is a sanctuary where cigar smokers can relax and enjoy their cigars without having people wrinkling their noses at them. Among friends and like-minded individuals, cigar smokers have a genuine haven (or is it their heaven?) at cigar bars.

Downtown Ellicottville has a new cigar bar in the beginning stages of becoming a full-service cigar bar. As of this writing, owner of the trendy retail shop, She Shed He Shed, Susan Baryza, has opened on a limited basis, Cygaro Cigar Club and Lounge, Ellicottville's cigar bar. The doors opened last month, providing a place where cigar aficionados, or occasional smokers can enjoy the pleasures of cigar smoking in welcoming, elegant surroundings with leather chairs, intimate settings, soft music, TVs and like-minded individuals.

A place to escape the outside world, one can imagine themselves back in 1931 as innovative and daring Charlie Chaplin, wielding a huge cigar to portray influence and wealth in his classic film, "City Lights" sits among them. Of course, who cannot imagine a roomful of Corleones in the '40s, seated around a table in the 1972 film, *The Godfather*, filling the room with a fragrant, smokey haze from their cabanas? And, not to be outdone, imagine Bette Midler, Goldie Hawn and Diane Keaton striking a sassy pose holding big fat cigars in the posters for the 1996 film, *First Wives Club*. Women do visit the club, often with their male counterparts, some to smoke and others just to take in the ambience, the fragrance, and the company.

A FULL-SERVICE CIGAR BAR



Baryza is presently negotiating with the NYS Health Department and other entities to bring you a full-service cigar bar. These wheels move slowly, however Baryza felt that a soft opening gave her clients an opportunity to come out of the weather, enjoy the second-floor views of Ellicottville's main street, the companionship of their friends and one of her more than 50 choices of fine cigars.

Baryza sells a smorgasbord of brands that range from Acid Krush Blondies to Cohiba brand with its balanced, creamy blend, to Monte Cristo and Macanudo handmades. Her selection should fill the desires of any cigar smoker who enjoys flavors varying from mild to flavored.

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

The idea for a classy cigar bar took root after selling cigars in her shop for the past three years and having many inquiries from customers about opening a cigar bar. What better person to ask? After all, she provided the cigars - why not provide a welcoming place to enjoy them? When the room above Hidalgo Grill at 32 Washington became available, she knew this was her opportunity to provide this long-awaited service to the community. Following her business instincts and her entrepreneur's heart, she did not hesitate to jump into this new endeavor.

To partake in the elegance of this tasteful cigar bar, one needs to become a member. You can gain access to the club as a one-day member for \$5. An annual membership (\$250) provides access to the lounge and private Cygaro events, 10% off the select cigars of the month, notification of all special events, first choice for private lockers (on their way) and private rental of the cigar bar. She reminds smokers, "You're going to smoke them anyway, why not smoke them with us!"

Cygaro's current hours of operation are Thursday through Friday from 5:00-9:00pm, Saturday from 3:00-9:00pm and Sunday from 1:00-5:00pm. For more information about the lounge and its offerings, call 716-699-1323 or email cygarolounge@gmail.com. You can also search Cygaro on Facebook to keep tabs on upcoming events and new products as they are released.

PROFILE: INDREK KONGATS

Ellicottville Resident Blends Outdoor Adventure with Art



By Jessica Schultz

You can meet a lot of interesting people in your life. Some of them will make an impact, which is exactly what happened when I spoke with Ellicottville resident, Indrek Kongats about what he does and how he came to do it all. Indrek is a very fascinating character with an extremely positive personality. He owns multiple businesses and has a niche for creating beautiful art. Let me share what I learned about this man of many backgrounds.

The guy can juggle a lot! Artist, traveler, outdoorsman, business owner... he runs an art gallery and a retail shop located in Houghton, NY.

"My business name is Breakaway Classic Adventures, which I started after graduating from college with a degree in Fine Art from McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario," said Indrek. "My BFA was in Art Studio and Art History. Breakaway Classic Adventures initially had nothing to do with my art degree; rather it was just my love of the outdoors and adventure travel. I have been to all regions of the Canadian Arctic, Greenland, Iceland, Sweden, Denmark, coast to coast USA, Mexico, Cuba and Australia. Breakaway specializes in Adventure Travel Destinations to all of these fantastic countries and more for sportsmen and sportswomen of all ages. Along the way I met an artist by the name of Morten Fadum from Colorado. He and his wife, Patty, booked one of my trips to Baffin Island back in 1986 and we've been best friends ever since! It was Mort who inspired me to open up a gallery to display not only his beautiful artwork, but introduced me to who's who in the Sporting Art World - Rod Crossman, C.D. Clarke, Gordon Allen and Thomas Aquinas Daly - all of whom have works in my gallery."

RIVER DOG GALLERY

Indrek's gallery, named River Dog Gallery, is located on the Genesee River in Houghton. His inspiration for the gallery's name came from none other than his Yellow Labrador Retriever, Frenchie. River Dog Gallery - or RDG for short - features dozens of works by all of the above mentioned artists as well as unique wood turnings by Felix Eljas, an Estonian immigrant that fled the brutality of Stalin's invasion of Estonia during WW2.

"Felix Eljas just happens to be my grandfather, but unfortunately he passed away at the peak of his artist career in '72," said Indrek. "My passion for the outdoors was instilled in me by him at a very early age. My grand-

me by him at a very early age. My grand-father was a great outdoorsman, built his own boats, taught me to fish and hunt and ran a wonderful resort in Rousseau, Ontario for like-minded souls - the place I called home until I went off to college. So as my two worlds collided, my love of art and adventure spawned RDG."

You may think that someone living in Ellicottville would find it difficult to work out of a studio in Houghton, but Indrek doesn't find this to be the case at all.



"I exhibit only my own photography in the RDG of my world adventures," he said. "Oils, watercolors, etchings, limited edition prints and sculptures in the gallery are by the aforementioned artists. Houghton was the perfect location for my business. It's a four-season college town, home to Houghton College. It's on the fabulous Genesee River. It's a fly fishing paradise and gateway to Letchworth State Park! My gallery is just a short 35-mile commute from my home in Ellicottville along scenic and beautiful country roads where one will regularly see elk, bison, deer and eagles, and of course countless Amish buggies. So the drive is actually pretty relaxing for me."

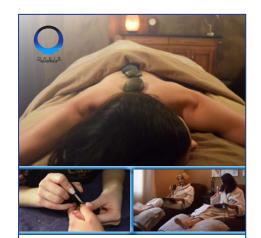
Like I said, Indrek has an extremely positive personality. So what inspires his art the most? What is his favorite type of work to create? "My adventures inspire my own work but my adventures are also reflected in all works in the RDG. Sporting Art is typically art portraying people, fly fishing, hunting, canoeing or just landscapes and still life associated with being outdoors and enjoying all that nature has to offer us. I combine both of my passions into one cohesive adventure."

Obviously Indrek is a very busy man who continues to grow, which is evident from hearing about his plans for the future. "Like all good galleries, we are planning to open a cafe within and we will soon offer custom mounting and framing. We even offer interior

"River Dog Gallery" continued page 14







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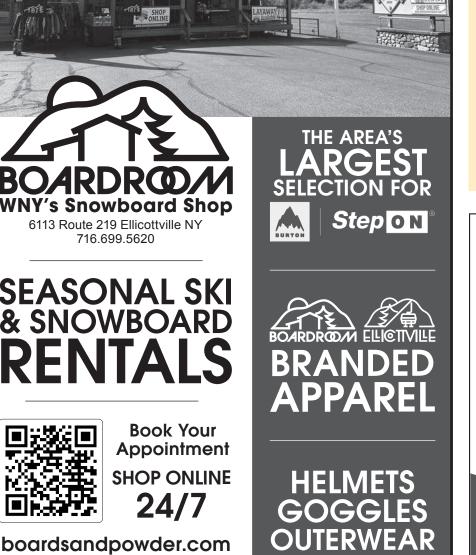
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EVENTS

FRIGHTS IN THE FREIGHT HOUSE

Salamanca Rail Museum Gets a Little Spooky this October



By Jessica Schultz

Our local communities are full of spooky fun this month. One venue that may seem unusual to you but fits the theme well is the Salamanca Rail Museum. Located at 170 N. Main Street in Salamanca, the old railroad freight house is steeped in history, making it a perfect (and creepy) location for a haunting good time.

The Rail Museum's 3rd annual Frights in the Freight House will welcome visitors on Saturday, October 28th from 5:00-8:00pm. Transformed into an eerie maze, haunters will be at the ready to scare you, giving all who enter a real fright! Rail Museum board member Kari Kennedy gave ellicottvilleNOW a sneak peek of the event and how it all began.

"We first got started when members of the board were discussing fundraising ideas that would also get the local community involved, and this was the idea they liked best. It's been growing ever since, including all the new stuff for this year," Kari said. "We've expanded our frights to the larger space in the freight house which will be double - almost triple - the scaring fun! You can plan on more spooky scenes and ambience to walk through this year."



Kari and the board have put a call-out to the local community and surrounding communities, looking for volunteers to dress up and scare people walking through the freight house. Although the request has been well received, Kari encourages more to hop onboard. Anyone interested can contact Kari directly at 716-801-2733 or email goodygoody724@yahoo.com. As Kari expressed, "This is a great opportunity for high school seniors looking to fulfill their community service requirement for graduation."

Kari and her team look forward to presenting a scary puppet show as well - a spin on a traditional Seneca story and local legend of the well-known "High Hat".

"This production is an extension of the puppet show that I created while working at the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum" Kari said. "I designed and handmade the puppets and stage, developed the script, hired voice actors, and created the soundtrack for this particular show. There will be a mix of Seneca language, modern music, laughs and scares."



And it's not just the freight house maze that brings in a crowd. A variety of entertainment can be enjoyed. "There will be two face painting stations, a photo shoot setup for individuals and families to take pictures with a spooky background (props will be available), and a trunk or treat sponsored by local businesses, community members, and organizations. We also have a couple of craft vendors that will be set up inside the museum selling jewelry and cookies by Kris Tome and Kaitlyn Miller, and Halloward themsel dear by Maritus Langer. Physically in the second s

een themed décor by Marilyn Lenox. Plus, we'll be playing a couple kid-friendly Halloween themed movies, Coraline and the new Haunted Mansion."

The Wanderer Hut food truck will be on-site selling their delicious polish food offerings like homemade farmer's cheese pierogis and polish sausage platters, while the museum will be providing donuts and apple cider.

Admission to this year's Fright in the Freight House is only \$5 per person, with kids 5 and under admitted for free! Talk about an affordable way to get into the Halloween spirit, without having to sell your limbs to Dr. Frankenstein.

"Last year we had over 100 people participate in this event, which was a great turnout," Kari said. "We hope everyone comes back this year, and we look forward to seeing many new faces as well. Please come join us for some Halloween fun! See you there!"

To stay up-to-date on the Salamanca Rail Museum and other upcoming events in the works, visit their Facebook page or call 716-945-3133.

E.A.R.S. HALLOWEEN PARTY

Themed Fundraiser Supports the Mission of Local Animal Rescue Organization



By Carol Fisher-Linn

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If you attended Ellicottville's Fall Festival this past weekend, you would have seen their booth where they successfully adopted out at least 6 animals with a few more in the ready rack as soon as the animals receive veterinary clearance this week. E.A.R.S. rescues dogs, cats, and even rabbits and guinea pigs. They could easily have 20 to 50 dogs waiting for adoption, along with 30 to the 60 cats at any given moment. Go their website at www.empirerescue.org for all the information you need about them and about adopting, including the application to begin the process. When you are accepted you will receive an



animal that is fully vetted, spayed/neutered, inoculated, and healthy to the best of their ability. FYI, their vet bills run on average \$2,000 a week, so the cost to adopt an animal should be considered very reasonable.

Brooke Skiba, one of E.A.R.S.' many dedicated volunteers loves Halloween and has toyed with the idea of having a Halloween fundraiser event for years. Having been given the green light, she is heading up a Halloween event for the first time this year, with hopes that it will continue for years to come. The money to continue E.A.R.S.' fine work comes from events like this one, along with grants, and contributions from friends of E.A.R.S. and their website.

The volunteers are still looking for contributions of prizes for the basket raffle, door prizes, and a volunteer DJ for the evening. If you are interested in DJ'ing the event, please contact Brooke Skiba at 716-810-1298.

The event is Saturday, October 28th, 6:00-10:00pm, at Holy Cross Athletic Club, 35 Clinton in Salamanca. You must be 21 to attend. Cost of admission is \$10. You will receive a door prize ticket at that time. There will be a 50/50 drawing, door prizes, Chinese auction, music, snacks, desserts, cash bar, and a costume judging for scariest, most original, best overall, funniest, and also a prize for the best group.

Skiba points out that this organization is run strictly by volunteers. It is a 501c3 non-profit with over 120 volunteers stretching to Buffalo and northern Pennsylvania. Historically, they have been able to count on the entire community to help, but the flip side of that is that the community can depend on them. They are there to help people and their pets in distressful situations – financial, abusive, or changed family situations, temporary or permanent, even providing animal food in a pinch. E.A.R.S. is always looking for donations of blankets, towels, puppy pads, food, toys, or anything animal related that they can use as they shelter these foundlings. E.A.R.S. representatives can always be reached by calling 716-377-5861 or 716-378-3576.

Some interesting pet facts: In 2019, Businesswire.com took a SpotOn survey to find out where dogs fit in the family hierarchy. It turns out almost all dog owners (98%) consider dogs family members. Another survey by Realtor.com noted that "79% of pet-owning homebuyers who closed on property in 2018 said they would pass up an otherwise perfect home if it didn't meet the needs of their pets." Real Estate agents - take note.

Likewise, cats play an important role in our lives. Of the cat owners who participated in a 2011 survey by UK's Cat's Protection charity, it was revealed that people who spend time with cats or kittens report feeling calmer and less upset.

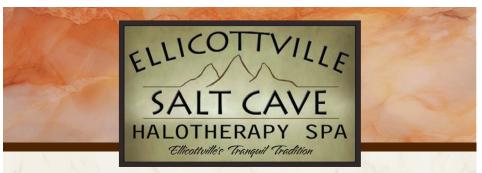
Do you have room in your heart for a new family member? Check out empirerescue. org to meet "the family" and be sure to attend their Halloween party for some fun. Aaawoooo!

PHOTO REWIND

Ellicottville's Fall Festival

From the downtown village to the leaf covered ski slopes, thousands of visitors made the trek to Ellicottville last weekend to take in the beautiful fall foliage, shop an extensive vendor marketplace, and devour all the flavorful food and drink served. Saturday provided picture-perfect chairlift rides to the top of Holiday Valley, with excitement shared amongst those riding the brand new high-speed 6 pack Mardi Gras lift, where live music, libations and good company were waiting at the top. Explore more of fall before the season turns; find a list of outdoor adventure options on page11.





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"CRAWL OUTTA FALL"

Join us at the Tamarack Club on November 10 for the perfect kickoff to the Beer & Wine Festival. Register between 5:30 and 8:30PM in the Tamarack lobby and prepare for an unforgettable night out in Ellicottville.





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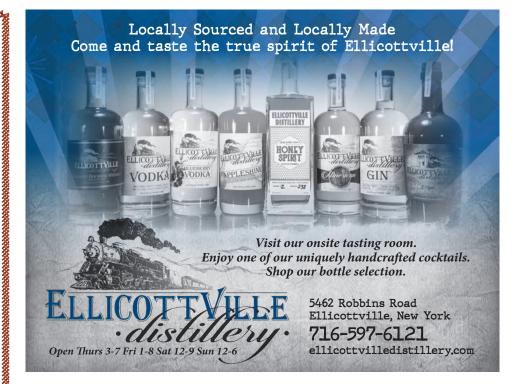
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A HAUNTING GOOD TIME

@ Nightmare Hayrides Sommerville Valley Rd. • Ellicottville, NY 716-699.4839 nightmarehayride.com

The Nightmare Hayrides on Sommerville Valley Road is known to be the scariest, most haunted attraction in Western New York. Begin with a 25-minute tractor-drawn hayride that will lead you down a creepy, haunted path with live scary creatures. You may end up sitting in the person's lap next to you!

Once you have successfully finished the ride, exit off into a haunted maze that twists and turns over one acre of land. Be prepared to walk through long dark hallways that may just give you nightmares! Open on weekends through October 29th from 7:30-9:30pm.

WINE, BEER & SPIRITS

- @ Ellicottville Distillery
- @ Winery of Ellicottville
- © Ellicottville Brewing Company
- @ Steelbound Brewery & Distillery

If it's one thing you can find in Ellicottville, NY, it's an impressive selection of adult beverages - from wine tastings to beer flights. Take a trip out to Ellicottville Distillery and sample Fall in a

glass with their distilled Apple Shine (made with locally sourced apples). Grab a Pumpkin Spice Cider at the Winery of Ellicottville or sip a Pumpkinville Harvest Ale at Ellicottville Brewing Company. (Both the Winery and EBC collaborated with Pumpkinville to locally source their ingredients!) Find more fun fall flavors (and good grub) at Steelbound Brewery!



@ Griffis Sculpture Park 6902 Mill Valley Rd. • East Otto, NY 716-667-2808 griffissculpturepark.org

Located between Ellicottville and Springville is a 425-acre outdoor art museum featuring over 250 large scale sculptures and is also home to some very unique events including Night Lights. An outdoor evening adventure unlike any other, a portion of the legendary park's Mill Valley Road

setting is transformed into a vibrant landscape that invites guests to venture on a self-guided tour where the trails and sculptures interact with creative lighting. This is the last weekend of the season, Oct. 12-14th!



STATE PARK EXPLORATION

@ Allegany State Park 2373 ASP Route 1 • Salamanca, NY 716-379-6450 parks.ny.gov

Allegany State Park is the largest state park in New York, divided into two sections - the Red House and the Quaker area. The Red House area is a staple location to take the family for a cookout, hike, or a combination of any outdoor activities. Autumn is a great time to take advantage of the 5 miles of paved bike paths, hiking trails, fishing, cabin rentals, camping areas and more. The park is one of the best places to view spectacular fall foliage! Visit parks.ny.gov to find more information and to make camping/pavilion reservations.

PUMPKIN PERFECTION

@ Pumpkinville 4844 Sugartown Rd. • Great Valley, NY 716-699-2205 pumpkinville.com

Get the full fall experience at Pumpkinville. Whether you want to pick a pumpkin, watch apple cider being squeezed, or just relax and enjoy a 360 degree panorama of gorgeous fall foliage, Pumpkinville is the place to visit. Activities for all ages are in abundance and include goat feeding,

a corn maze, hayrides, apple cannons, bounce pads and more. Open daily through October 31st. There is no cost to enter the retail shop, farm market or food areas, so make sure to grab a pumpkin ice cream cone! *Admission for the activities area start at \$17.50.

PLAN A SPA DAY

- @ Anew Beginning Massage & Spa
- @ Ellicottville Oasis
- @ Ellicottville Salt Cave @ Thrive IV Lounge

Fall is the perfect time to grab a friend and plan a day of pampering. Ellicottville has some amazing places to unwind and fall specials are all in full swing. Anew

Beginning is offering a fall facial with

polish. Don't forget about the Ellicottville Salt Cave! They've got a bunch of weekly fall specials that end Oct. 31st. If you've had a long week, pop over to Thrive IV Lounge and get a boost of energy! Book your appointments online.

AMISH ADVENTURE

@ New York Amish Trail Throughout Cattaraugus County 1-800-331-0543 amishtrail.com

When you arrive at any of the possible entrances onto the Amish Trail, please know that you are distanced from city life, busy streets and rush hour traffic. Commonly described as pastoral, original, or unblemished, this non-commercialized Old Order Amish settlement is filled with wonderful and interesting

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GREATER OLEAN

SANTA'S ELVES TO THE RESCUE

St. Bonaventure Students Assist Santa & Mrs. Claus with Holiday Decorations



OLEAN - GOACC needed Santa's Elves! In a general conversation with Thomas Buttafarro Jr., and Meme Yanetsko, that's (Santa Elves) what the Chamber needed from SBU! The St. Bonaventure University men's and women's swimming and diving teams assisted Santa and Mrs. Claus with checking the holiday decorations.

Head coach Mike Smiechowski brought about 7 team members to the city's storage facility in north Olean to check all the holiday bulbs on the decorations for the annual Santa Claus Lane celebration. St. Bonaventure's Director of Government and Community Relations Mr. Buttafarro organized the event.

The decorations all have hundreds of bulbs. Each decoration needs to be plugged in and bulbs checked, replaced or tightened. The decorations include more than 16 cone trees, more than 45 snowflakes, 16 arches and other items.

"Each year, we ask for volunteers to do this work; it's tedious and is done standing on your feet. We are appreciative of Coach Smiechowski and part of his team for spending two hours with our staff," stated Meme K. Yanetsko, GOACC COO. GOACC staff will need to string some bulbs on a few of the cone trees and check some additional items, but most of the work was completed.

The City of Olean crew will schedule the decoration placements after Halloween and leaf pick-ups. The annual Santa Claus Lane Parade is scheduled for Friday, November 24, starting at Delaware Avenue at North Union 6:30pm. For more information, please call 716-372-4433 or email info@oleanny.com.

L.O.U.I.E AWARDS

Outstanding Businesses and Individuals Receive Highest Recognition

OLEAN - One business and two individuals are receiving the highest recognition bestowed by Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce.





The Chamber is pleased to announce the winners of its L.O.U.I.E. and Enterprising Business Awards, as well as, the Presidential Award.

Colleen Taggerty, formerly of the Olean City School District is receiving this year's L.O.U.I.E. Award. The L.O.U.I.E. is given to an individual who symbolizes the enterprising spirit for the greater Olean community, qualities which

were embodied in the life of Louis Marra. Last year's recipient was Karen Fohl of the Olean General Hospital Foundation.

Total Senior Care is this year's winners of the Enterprising Business Award. The honor is presented to a business or a non-profit organization which exemplifies the unique "hometown" charm of the greater Olean area in manners of administration/operation, customer service, or display of inventory. The Southern Tier Agencies were last year's recipients.

Taking home the Presidential Award is David J. Koebelin. The award is given to a business, organization or individual that is iconic and integral to the fabric of the business community in the greater Olean area. Recipients are selected by the Chamber's Board of Directors. Last year's recipient was AnnMarie Wright.

"Colleen, David and Total Senior Care epitomize the best of the greater Olean area's business community," said Meme Krahe Yanetsko, the Chamber's COO. "While we received many strong nominations for our awards this year, these recipients truly stood out as deserving. They all set the bar high."

Full profiles of winners will be released in the coming weeks.

This year's winners will be honored at the Chamber's 117th Annual Dinner on November 2 at the Old Library Restaurant. For more information on the dinner or to purchase tickets, contact the Chamber at 716-372-4433.

TAILGATE THURSDAY

Wings + Fall + Football + Fun = A Great Time in October!



OLEAN - The new event proposed by the GOACC Events Committee last fall is lining up with restaurants, activities and fun! Tailgate Thursday will be held Thursday, October 26 at Lincoln Park in Downtown Olean, 4:30-8:30 p.m.

The idea behind the event is to provide a get together celebrating fall, football and fun outside like tailgating before a sporting event!

"We are connecting with 10 member restaurants for them to provide wings for our Tailgate," stated Lyndsey Churakos, Member Services Manager. Restaurants confirmed are: Third Base Bar & Grill, Woodside on the Range, Randy's Up the River, Hometown Bar & Grill, Napoli's Pizza, Tasta Pizza, House's Parkwood, Clark's Subs and On The Side Sub Shop – with tentative Mangia Pizza.

The Chamber is selling tailgate passes for \$35 which includes 10 wings, 2 brews, tailgate cap and entry into one of the two tourneys also being held that day.

"We are planning for 200 fans to attend our event, which means 2,000 wings. By splitting it up between our member restaurants, not one would be overwhelmed solely by the 2,000 wings, and our fans will then be able to taste the wings, and pick and choose from the samplings," added Ms. Churakos.

"The committee connected with Charles Givens from the Olean Cornhole Club and Rich Longer from the Twin Tiers Disc Golf Association for them each to host a tourney during the event," reported Meme K. Yanetsko, GOACC COO. "For those purchasing the tailgate pass, your admission into one of the two tourneys is included," she added.

The cornhole tourney is a blind draw where players are randomly paired up, double elimination, 15 minute games or 21 points and a cash payout based on number of teams.

The disc golf will feature a game called '21'. Test your aim and nerve as you compete in the thrilling 21 game, where precision meets excitement. Unleash your inner pro, sink those putts, and seize the chance to win fantastic prizes.

What else will be there? "We have connected with Nick and Jarrad with the Four Mile Brewing Company who will be providing brews, wines and ciders that they have at their restaurant. There will also be non-alcoholic beverages provided, water and soda," Ms. Churakos continued.

In addition to the wings, other food options include Sweet Ride Donut Truck, specializing in hot and fresh mini donuts, craft coffees and teas; and Pizza Napoli Bradford trailer, serving pizzas, calzones, sandwiches, and more.

The Olean Family YMCA staff will be down to have sports skills challenges for all to take part in. Some activities that may be there – score soccer goals, football toss and more. These are free for all ages and prizes will be available.

Jim Beverly of Oakfield, NY will be at Tailgate Thursday showcasing his dog training with demos and waterfowl hunting tips. Feel free to bring your dog down to the park and get some tips. (We encourage your dog to be under control – on a lead held by someone able to control the dog.) Mr. Beverly is a well-known retriever trainer from Western New York with 52 years of experience in the waterfowl hunting industry and specializes in training the companion hunting retriever and handler.

WPIG-FM/Seven Mountains Media is the media sponsor and will provide music from their station for the event. They will also air the pregame Bills show with Chris Brown.

"The idea of the event is pretty clear - although the 'real tailgating' is happening 60 miles north in Orchard Park - we are inviting those to tailgate with us, celebrate fall and football and get some good food," added Mrs. Yanetsko. She continued, "The event ends at 8:30pm, in which GOACC as host of the event encourages those in attendance to visit some of the member restaurants around the park to watch the game – Four Mile Brewing Co., Old Library Restaurant, Union Whiskey, Napoli Pizza, House's Parkwood, etc."

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.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE: The Village of Ellicottville will host a Public Information Meeting for its planned Elizabeth Street Roadway Reconstruction project on Tuesday, October 24 from 4:00-6:00 PM at the Town Center. Village Trustees and Engineering representatives will be on hand in this "open house" forum to discuss the design plans for full-depth roadway reconstruction, including replacement of storm sewers, driveway entrances, and sidewalks. Residents are encouraged to attend and ask questions of our professionals in advance of moving this project toward construction in early 2024.

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EVGV TRAIL

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comes a base line for distant, larger scaled connections to surrounding trails in New York State.

The importance of the EVGV Trail has been discussed locally and it's hoped to continue the conversation and spread the word. An active addition to the area, the trail also plans to solve some safety issues currently faced. As presented in a video on the EVGV Trail website, the walkability in some of the areas is alarming. School students on their way to Ellicottville Central School walk along Route 219 with 45 mile-perhour cars passing by. The route lacks a sidewalk, making it a dangerous situation for students or anyone walking the area. The video lays out where the EVGV Trail would come in and develop for a safe and accessible pathway, wide enough for walking, biking, wheelchair access, and strollers.

The committee hopes to educate the area, community members and tourists alike, on the extensive benefits the EVGV Trail will allow. They have and continue to host fundraising efforts, along with informational stands with maps and material to pass along. Just recently during Rock n' Roll weekend, they hosted a successful hot dog fundraiser. HoliMont member, John Weber of Smith's Provisions, very generously donated the hot dogs which allowed the committee to focus additional funds for printable, informative material. Kristen Sciara explained how extremely helpful this was and "even larger was our exposure to the community".

Coming up to help achieve some additional fundraising, the organization has some plans in motion. On November 19th, the EVGV Trail will be hosted by Villaggio in the village. Loud Underground has kindly donated a Kona road bike that will be raffled off at the event. The drawing is anticipated to happen during the Buffalo Bills game and flyers will soon be released for follow-up information. You can also follow along on their social media pages and website, evgvtrail.org for current updates.

The committee encourages any and all involvement from the community and visitors alike that may want to offer their support. Donations can be made online at cattfoundation .org (search Ellicottville Great Valley Recreational Trail Fund) and there's also an email portal for anyone looking to reach out for volunteer work.

Help support the EVGV Trail, one step at a time.

EMPLOYMENT

NOW HIRING: The Gado-Gado team is looking for an addition. We're looking for a hard-working and motivated individual to work alongside us. Must be available on weekends and festivals! Email resumes and a brief introduction to gadogado98@ hotmail.com. *This is a yearly position, not seasonal.

HELP WANTED: The Silver Fox Steakhouse is looking for experienced servers, a bartender and a dishwasher. Mail resume to P.O. Box 146, Ellicottville, NY 14731 or email silverfoxeville@aol.com.

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NOW HIRING: The Village of Ellicottville is accepting applications for a full-time Clerk/Treasurer/Manager. Send resume to: Village of Ellicottville, PO Box 475 or email maryklahn699@gmail.com.

LLC NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORMATION: ODY Brew Wagon LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/28/2023. Office location: Cattaraugus County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: P.O. Box 194, Franklinville, NY 14737. Purpose: all lawful activities.

NOTICE OF FORMATION: THE WEALTH OF ORAL HEALTH, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/6/23. Office in Cattaraugus Co. SSNY designated Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to The LLC, 550 W 54th St 1009 NY, NY 10019. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Section 206.

NOTICE OF FORMATION: Pine Valley Remodels, LLC. Filed 6/10/23. County: Cattaraugus. SSNY designated for process & shall mail POB 175, Cattaraugus, NY 14719. Purpose: any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION: Moffit Maintenance and Construction Services, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 11, 2023. Office of Cattaraugus County, SSNY is the designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 7732 Kellogg Hill Rd, South Dayton NY, 14138. Purpose: Any Lawful purpose.

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COMMUNITY

BLOOD DRIVE: The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive in the Community Room at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 6360 Route 242 E, Ellicottville, NY on Friday, October 20, 2023 from 1:00-3:00pm. Download the Blood Donor app, visit Red-CrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS to schedule your appointment.

CHRISTKINDLE MARKET: Saturday, November 4th from 9:00am-4:00pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 6360 Route 242 E, Ellicottville, NY featuring crafters and artisans and The Nutcracker Cafe. 6360 Route 242 E, Ellicottville, NY. Question? Email stpaulseville@gmail.com.

RIVER DOG GALLERY

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design services to help display all art sold. After all, fine art is still a fine investment!"

"Unfortunately my best friend, Morton Fadum, my inspiration and fly fishing partner passed away unexpectedly at the end of July this year," continued Indrek. "His final wish was for a percentage of the proceeds from the sale of his art to go to support the Atlantic Salmon Federation to help in their efforts to preserve the wild salmon populations and all the salmon rivers of North America."

Even in his sorrow, Indrek holds to the silver lining and that's the type of personality the world could use more of. If you found Indrek's story as interesting as I did and want to learn more, or just want to view his art, his gallery or outdoor adventure service, just visit his one-stop webpage, breakawayclassicadventures.com.

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willygoat_adventures: I did it! I'm officially a @therapydogsunited! I can't wait to visit my friends who need some support. Thank you @chqdogs for the training and classes! #evlnow #happytohelp #willytotherescue



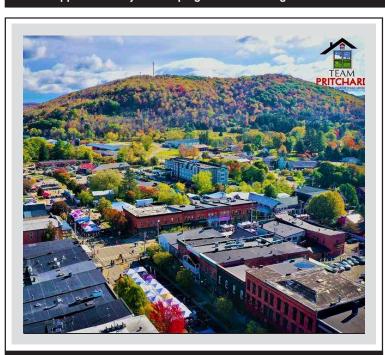
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⊋charlesbchamberlain: #fall is all around us #evlnow #happiness



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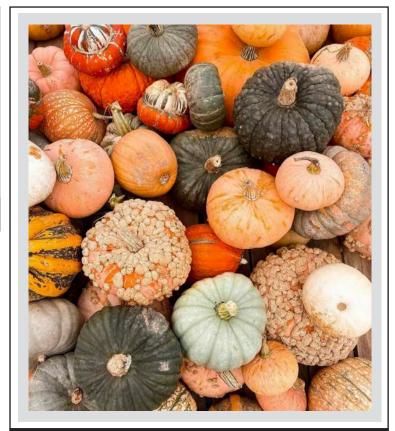
¬team_pritchard: Gorgeous day to enjoy Fall! A birds eye view
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⊂goodforthespiritgifts: #evlnow #crystalshop #psychicmedium



⊘thepurpledoorknob: Fall Fest 2023 you are gorgeous!! #evlnow





Snowbeltgardens: The market is still going on every Saturday until the end of October #farmersmarket #supportyourlocalfarmer #jtny



্dash_913: A beautiful sunset last night was followed by an even more vibrant sunrise this morning @ellicottvillenow



⊂craigster109: Gorgeous fall colors at Holiday Valley #evlnow



November, 1st, 2023

Ellicottville Brewing Company Little Valley 202 2nd St., Little Valley, NY 14755 Cocktail Hour Begins at 6:00 PM Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM

\$60.00 Per Person

Ticket Includes Dinner & Dessert Cash Bar Available

Tickets can be purchased from the Little Valley Lions Club or at Schubert Enterprises, LLC. For more information you can call 716) 938-9034.



