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SKI Magazine Ranks HV #2

Holiday Valley receives its highest ranking ever in reader survey, heightening the stoke for the 2021-22 season



By Dash Hegeman

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SALAMANCA SANITARIUM SHEDS LIGHT ON CITY'S HISTORY

Alternative medicine and natural healthcare may seem like relatively modern practices that are becoming more widely practiced. However, Laurie Wagatha, owner of the Wildwood Sanitarium, discovered that Salamanca's history with holistic healing goes back to the early 20th century, when Dr. Henderson and Dr. Perry opened the "only osteopathic infirmary and the first and only osteopathic institution in the state of New York" in 1906. The building has had multiple uses over the past century and even sat vacant for many years, until Wagatha, whose interest in paranormal activity led her to purchase the property ... page 16

Major gifts help skatepark reach fundraising goal

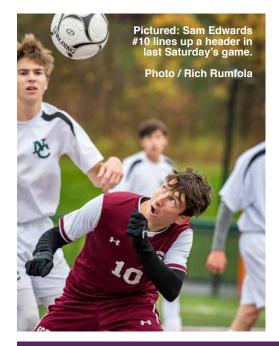
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ECS Varsity Teams Advance

Ellicottville Central Men's and Women's teams heading to Regionals



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Both ECS teams advance to Regionals, with the Lady Eagles heading to Caledonia-Mumford High School on Friday, Nov. 5th, and the men's team playing in Williamsville on Saturday.

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BOARD APPROVES PERMIT FOR MURAL DISPLAY

The Ellicottville Town Planning Board, meeting Monday, Oct. 25th, approved a permit for a mural display at The Boardroom Snowboard Shop on US Route 219 South. Board members consulted the little-used portion of the sign code in allowing a non-advertising "super graphic" on the shop's exterior wall. Shop owner Spencer Timkey said the mural would be used as a photo backdrop for clients seated in a chairlift ... page 11









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Publisher's PICK

Ski Magazine's #2 Resort on the East Coast lives up to its billing



By Dash Hegeman

Lately there is a chill in the air in Ellicottville. The first snow of the season fell on the village on November 2nd. With some help from Mother Nature, Holiday Valley plans to open for the ski and snowboard season on Friday, November 26th. Because of that, excitement is also in the air.

SKI MAGAZINE READER RESORT SURVEY

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BEER AND WINE FEST

Do you like beer? Wine? How about food? Holiday Valley has the ultimate trifecta for you in its annual Beer and Wine Festival, which will take place on Saturday, November 13th. Come check out some of the region's best craft brewers, wineries, cideries and eateries; you will be able to sample all of your favorites as well as check out some new recipes.

In order to create more space for guests, there will be two different sessions for this event. The first one runs from 1:00-4:00pm and the second one begins at 6:00pm and runs until 9:00pm. Both sessions take place at the Holiday Valley Lodge.

Check out the Events page at holidayvally.com for a list of vendors in attendance. Please note that all attendees, vendors, staff, and volunteers for Holiday Valley's 2021 Beer and Wine Festival will need to show proof of vaccination against COVID-19 OR have proof of a negative COVID test within the past 72 hours. Plan to present your proof of vaccination (Excelsior Pass or Vaccination Card) when you show your ID at the entrance.

Tickets are \$60 through November 11th and \$65 at the door. The Tim Britt band and the Stick Tights will play on the top floor and main floors of the Lodge, food will be available in the cafeteria, the T-Bar and at food trucks parked in the main lot.

CITY GARAGE MOVIE PREMIER

Tis the season for winter stoke videos and Holiday Valley is teaming up with The City Garage to bring you a great one on Friday, November 12th. Roots is a Faction Skis and Red Bull Media House production that showcases some of the most stunning and creative big-mountain and freestyle skiing that took place in the past year, performed by Faction's renowned athlete roster consisting of Olympic gold medalists, X Games champions, Freeride World Tour champions, backcountry skiing pioneers and up-and-comers, including former Ellicottville resident Bella Bacon.

Come up to the Champagne Sundeck at the Yodeler Lodge at 6:00pm to kick off the season in style with the City Garage crew. Dress for the weather because the movie is outside. Think of it as a great way to get prepared for being outside this winter.

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LOCAL NEWS

SKATEPARK DONATIONS

Final major gifts help Ellicottville Skatepark advocates reach fundraising goal



The Liquid Death Tony Hawk Blood Board sold to Donut Operator for \$10,000 which was made as a gift to the Ellicottville Skatepark Fund.

ELLIOTTVILLE - When skateboarding legend Tony Hawk donated his blood to be painted into 100 skateboards, he probably did not think it would play a major role in a group of Ellicottville skatepark advocates meeting a match offered by The Skatepark Project, a nonprofit that Hawk founded himself.

But that is exactly what happened when Ellicottville resident John Nelson, a self-professed lover of Liquid Death (Tony Hawk blood board builder) products, "sold" his oneof-100 blood boards to a YouTuber and social media influencer who also happens to be a skateboarding enthusiast, better known as Donut Operator, for \$10,000.

Nelson, CEO of LFM Management, works with a roster of social media influencers and content creators and had worked with Donut Operator, whose YouTube channel has 3.17 million subscribers, on a number of projects before he mentioned the blood board he had purchased. Donut Operator, who also owns and operates Five Oh Skate Shop in Fort Mill, South Carolina, found himself very interested in purchasing the board from

"We went to VidSummit, which is this big YouTube networking convention, and before that he asked what it was going to take to get my blood board," said Nelson.

At the time, Nelson had also been speaking with members of SK8EVL, a group of advocates leading the effort to build a permanent skatepark in the village of Ellicottville, and knew that they were edging closer to raising enough funding to secure a \$250,000 matching grant from The Skatepark Project and Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation.

"I told him that I needed \$10,000 for the board, but that I needed him to send it [to the Ellicottville Skatepark Fund at the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation]," said Nelson. "I said that they were so close and had raised \$240,000 of their \$250,000 goal, so here is your chance to help this project get over the finish line.'

And so, from the VidSummit conference in California, Donut Operator's skateshop, Five Oh, made a \$10,000 gift to the Ellicottville Skatepark Fund.

"He went to make the gift that night, and his bank was flagging it because we were in Los Angeles – he lives in Texas. His bank was like, 'why are you sending \$10,000 to some charity in Cattaraugus County?" Nelson said with a laugh. "Finally in the morning he was able to send the money, and I told him that I was so inspired by what he did, that my company LFM Management donated another \$5,000. I am excited that he could be a part of this, and I'm excited that we [LFM Management] could be a part of this."

At the time, the \$10,000 donation was the most ever paid for a Tony Hawk blood board. The transaction even got the attention of Liquid Death on Twitter.

But that gift was not the only major gift that helped the skatepark project cross the finish line. Around the same time that the Ellicottville Skatepark Fund was working to close the final gap in their fundraising efforts, Chris Perks, a SK8EVL advocate, met John Hoskins, a HoliMont member, while the two were mountain biking on the new downhill trails at HoliMont.

"He [Chris Perks] discussed with me the new skatepark going up in Ellicottville and I loved the idea," said Hoskins. "I grew up skating in the 1980s and we never had anything like a skatepark. We would street skate or build our own wood ramps."

"Skatepark Donations" continued page 11

ECS SPORTS RECAP

Both Men's and Women's Varsity Soccer Teams advance to Regionals



Lady Eagles Audrey #4 and Mandy #5 Hurlburt wait for the ball to come out of the air in last Saturday's game against North Collins. Photo / Rich Rumfola

By RICH RUMFOLA

The top-seeded Ellicottville Lady Eagles girls soccer team got goals from Brooke Butler, and sisters Audrey and Amanda Hurlburt to defeat the No. 2 seed North Collins Lady Eagles, 3-1, last Saturday, Oct. 30th in the Section VI Class D Championship match at the Eden Senior High School.

North Collins stifled the Ellicottville offensive attack in the first half and led the contest, 1-0, at halftime.

Brooke Butler's booming goal early on in the second half knotted the score at 1-1, but more importantly, it was the wake-up call that coach Tammy Eddy's offense sorely

From that point through the end of regulation and into the first overtime period, Ellicottville dominated the attack with several prime scoring chances and finally scored the goal that their faithful fans believed would surely come.

Part-way through the first overtime period, Audrey Hurlburt used an absolutely masterful move to leave the North Collins defender standing by herself while Audrey scored the goal that ultimately made the Ellicottville Lady Eagles Section VI Champs for 2021. Audrey's sister, Mandy Hurlburt added an insurance goal later on to make the final score

With the win, the (12-3) Lady Eagles advance to the Far-West Region title game at Caledonia-Mumford High School on Friday, Nov. 5th at 6:00pm.

In the men's game, Ellicottville High School boys soccer goalie Evan Bauer can't say he broke his hand defending his family from a wild bear attack, although that would be a pretty impressive story.

What he will be able to tell folks when they ask about his injury is that he broke his hand defending his soccer family from the attack of a pretty ferocious 'Eagle' in the biggest match of their soccer lives.

With Bauer as their big-time backstop in goal, the Ellicottville Eagles downed the Eagles of North Collins by a 2-1 margin to win the Section VI Class D Championships last Saturday, Nov. 30th at the Eden Senior High School.

Bauer sustained his injury after getting kicked while he was lying on the ground and holding the ball in his arms after making a save from a shot on goal in the first half. After the incident, the Eagle goalie stayed in goal, broken wing and all, until the horn sounded at the end of the game and his team had won a championship. He was credited with 12 saves in the win. That's also a pretty impressive story, and it's the way it really

Aiden Privitera put the Ellicottville team on the board first and Sam Edwards' tally in the second half extended the team's lead to 2-0, but Derek Ebersole scored for the Eagles of North Collins and it was up to Bauer and the Ellicottville defense to hold the fort until the final horn

With the win, the Section VI Champion Ellicottville team will travel to Williamsville South High School on Saturday, Nov. 6th for a 2:30pm matchup in the Far-West Region title game versus the Section V Champion.







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'TIS THE SEASON

EAST OTTO HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Elliott Hutten of Hog-Shed Studio Pottery celebrating 40 years!





By MELANIE HULICK

Elliott Hutten, owner of Hog-Shed Studio Pottery, will be reaching quite a milestone next year as she will be celebrating her 40th year in business making pottery at her studio showroom in Otto, NY.

Starting out of her home as a holiday business to supplement her husband's income as they raised their family, Hutten turned what was a hobby into a very successful business. An outbuilding behind the barn on their property was turned into a working studio and eventually included a showroom for displaying and selling her handmade products.

As with most businesses, Covid-19 upended everything that was part of the normal routine, and a source of income, into a stressful time of uncertainty according to Hutten. "A very large part of our business and income came from all the local art shows we attended which were canceled," said the artist.

Spending her pandemic time creating in the studio, she has shelves of one-of-a-kind pieces ready for a new home. "I have such a wonderful following of customers that come back time after time to take a little piece of me into their homes and become part of their every day life," said Hutten, "and that makes me feel so grateful and blessed."

The process that is involved to get to the finished product starts with a lump of clay, which Hutten buys by the ton, then molds it on the potter's wheel. From there the pieces go through an air drying period to take the pieces from greenware to bisque, which allows the handling of the piece without breaking. The pieces are then dipped into large buckets of different glazes before they are decorated by painting with brushes to create the one-of-a-kind product. The next step is a glaze firing, where the temperature reaches almost 2400 degrees Fahrenheit to make it safe for use in microwaves and dishwashers.

Adding another level of uniqueness, Hutten has a gas kiln that uses propane gas, as opposed to the electric kilns, allowing for more choices of glazes and different colors not available with the electric kilns.

This weekend, November 5th, 6th and 7th from 10:00am-5:00pm, the Hog-Shed Studio Pottery will be celebrating their annual Holiday Open House. With a showroom full of handmade creative pottery items including bowls, mugs, casseroles, vases, whimsical cats, mice and snowmen, as well as 2021 holiday ornaments, trees and angels, shoppers will be able to start their Christmas gift giving list and meet the extremely talented artist herself.

Calling her business a "seasonable business" from May through Christmas the artist said, "Let's face it ... it can get pretty dicey coming to the shop in Otto in those WNY winters."

Hog-Shed Studio Pottery is located at 8420 Maples Road (County Road #13), Otto, NY. For more information call 716-244-2967 or visit www.eastotto.com.

Joining Elliott in the East Otto Country Holiday Open House Showcase is Robin Zefers Clark of Brookside Studio Watercolors. A highly sought after artist of original watercolor and colored pencil paintings, Zefers Clark is pleased to be a part of this annual holiday event once again this year. With a focus on dogs, cats and horses that appear so lifelike, the artist can do portraits of your family's four legged friends along with home portraits and grandcestor portraits from your photos. Brookside Studio Watercolors is located just down the road from Hog-Shed Studio Pottery, at 8363 Maples Road, Otto, NY. Phone 716-713-5359 or visit brooksidestudio.com.

JINGLE BELL JUBILEE

Greater Olean Area Chamber unveils the first of three new events



Pictured is the Cherry Creek Holiday Market from a past year, photo / Jonathan Phillips Photography. GOACC envisions a similar vibe for the Jingle Bell Jubilee.

OLEAN – Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce's Event Committee asked the community during summer 2021 what events they feel are missing from the area's calendar. From the survey, the committee has scheduled two new events for 2022. In February: Frosty Fest; and in May: Magnificent May Mayhem. More information on these two events will be forthcoming next month. In the meantime, another new event is planned for December 3rd and 10th in Lincoln Park, Olean. It's called the Jingle Bell Jubilee.

The Jingle Bell Jubilee is a holiday event featuring many activities, including a holiday market, carolers, dance groups, wreath creation class, Shop Raffle Drawing, Sips of the Season, make-and-take craft, horse and wagon rides, petting zoo; an inflated snow globe for picture opps, cocoa and cookie crawl, decorate the tree contest, cookie decorating, and even a Rudolph run! Hours for the event are 4:30-9:00pm.

So where did this idea come from? Meme K. Yanetsko, GOACC COO stated, "Rob DeFazio, Associate Dean for Student Life St. Bonaventure University, sent me an email in December 2020 suggesting that we make Lincoln Park a purposeful destination on Fridays and Saturdays from the night of the parade until Christmas. The events committee - with the Board's blessing - said Go For it! We will take all those ideas above and will present an event that practically twinkles with fairy-tale festiveness."

The pavilion at Lincoln Park will be transformed into a holiday marketplace with vendors galore. Confirmed to date are: Christie's Boutique, Rusty Rooster, Kelly's One of A Kind, AnnMarie's Baklava, The Silver Bells, Burch Custom Woodworks; Studio4East, and Shelby's Glassware and Gifts. The goal is to feature 20 retailers for both nights.

"We have asked Nick Patrone and the Olean Theatre Workshop to line up carolers and school groups to come down and sing holiday music. We have confirmed Neighborhood School of Dance to perform one of the nights," added Yanetsko.

The Festival of Trees planned for December 10th invites ten non-profit organizations to come decorate a tree (donated by Miller's Farm Market and Pleasant Valley Greenhouse) - related back to their organization or just decorated in holiday flair. Each tree will be photographed and then placed online the Chamber's Facebook page to be auctioned off. Final bids will be tallied on Wednesday, December 15th. The highest bid on each tree will go back to the respective tree decorator, and the winning bidder gets to take home the tree!

GOACC will once again host a Shop Olean Raffle with the proceeds to benefit Santa Claus Lane. This year, GOACC was able to purchase another panel tree similar to the one that is at the Union/State roundabout but about 10 feet smaller. The tree will be placed at the roundabout at the Olean Center Mall. The goal for these funds is to purchase additional panel trees for the balance of the roundabouts (3). Tickets are \$25 or 3 for \$50 and are available from GOACC volunteers and at the Chamber office.

The cocoa and cookie crawl, scheduled for Dec. 10th, is a family-friendly community event where you pay a small ticket fee, receive an (empty) cookie box, and then go to local businesses along North Union Street and fill the box with cookies.

Rudolph Run is tentatively planned for Dec. 10th as well. It is a 5K with the course to begin from just off downtown, through side streets to come back down North Union Street and end at Lincoln Park.

This event also has many sponsorship opportunities, ranging from Sleigh sponsor to Holiday Melodies sponsor from \$200-\$500. For more information on these opportunities, please visit the Chamber's website at https://bit.ly/3b9NM2W.

DOWNTOWN

SIGNS: WHY ARE THEY IMPORTANT?

Village planner answers questions about the need for signage regulations



By Caitlin Croft

"Sign, sign everywhere a sign," as quoted by Canadian songsters Five Man Electrical Band. Experts say Americans are exposed to 4,000-10,000 advertisements a day, each one competing for your undivided attention hoping they stick in your mind. Every town, village and city you drive through is peppered with signage promoting shops, restaurants, services and more.

Signs have been an important function since the Paleolithic Era, but modern signs that we think of gained traction around 3000 BC in Greek, Roman and Egyptian cities. Considering many at the time were illiterate, the signs typically were carved into terracotta and consisted of images not text. It was during the Dark Ages that signs started to become more ornate. This drove competition between merchants to see who could create the most elaborate signage. True to human nature, this created problems from public safety standpoint.

The first sign regulations were put in place to protect the public from large signs hanging too far into the narrow streets in the early 1700's. From here, as signage evolved with gas-lit signs, then the electric bulb and finally the neon tube, rules and regulations needed to be addressed. There are also a host of rules that each municipality may set for signage. To get the inside scoop on Ellicottville's signs, I caught up with Town/Village Planner Gary Palumbo.

CROFT: Signs ... why are they such an important function in our village?

PALUMBO: Signs provide an important advertising benefit to local business, and signs contribute to aesthetics and character of the community, especially in the central business district.

CROFT: "Why the need for so many rules" ... is something I hear often. Can you explain the benefit?

PALUMBO: That's a good question and I'm sure the answer very subjective to someone's position. In general, land use regulations (including signs) come from the "police powers" granted by the State. These are there to protect the overall public interest. Signs are intended to be seen to draw attention to a place or activity. So for that reason they need to be visible from public sidewalks and streets. Which is why some rules are necessary, because once in the public realm, signs potentially can impact other people's safety or enjoyment of their property, or when taken together, signage can effect the broader community.

CROFT: How do we regulate signs?

PALUMBO: In Ellicottville, we regulate signs through each the Town and Village zoning local laws. There are signs that don't need a permit, and signs that either the Code Enforcement Officer or Zoning Officer can issue, and some signs need to be reviewed by the Planning Board. It is important to note that even though a sign may not need a permit, there are some standards that apply to all signs. Which is why it's always good to check first with the Code Enforcement Officer before putting up a sign. Given freedom of speech concerns, signs typically are only regulated for such things as their location, size, aesthetics and safety concerns, but not for their content.

CROFT: Sandwich board signs ... why are they such a hot topic?

PALUMBO: The type of sign that I think frequently needs some attention are sandwich boards, especially sandwich boards that are placed on public property (sidewalks, along

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THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

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To inquire about becoming a Chamber member, contact Jessica Wallace, Business Development Manager, at jessica@ellicottvilleny.com.

By Jessica Wallace, Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce

There are endless memberships out there for businesses to be a part of, all with different perks and benefits ... but what exactly do you get by joining the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce? How are we different? What is it that we do?

I could sit here and list all the benefits of joining our organization and give you a complete overview of our scope of work, but when you boil it all down, we're a community of people who want to succeed and help others do the same. With combined efforts and shared goals, we've worked together to make what some deem impossible, possible.

Brian McFadden, Executive Director of the Ellicottville Chamber has been in this line of work for decades, growing his wealth of knowledge on what businesses actually need to grow and survive in the trenches of running a business. There are so many intricacies that are involved, however one of the biggest hurdles is letting people know you exist.

That was the mentality behind getting Ellicottville on the map and transforming it into a year-round destination that hosts 100s of thousands of visitors. "One Brand, One Voice" has been our philosophy and without a doubt, it works. With decades of experience and countless hours working with our research partners, the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce has brought together a network of businesses and exclusive opportunities to help members grow in the direction of their goals.

Right now we're gearing up for our annual Guide to Ellicottville. What started out as a small printed directory has grown into a magazine style, print publication that is distributed locally and throughout NY, PA, OH, and Southern Ontario. 40,000 copies are produced with a paid distribution to over 400 outlets and 30 trade shows. (Pretty incredible coming from an office of our size!) You can request it to be sent to you or even download it directly from our website at www.ellicottvilleny.com.

Being a member of our organization is more than paying monthly dues; it's being a part of a community and getting the resources your business needs to be successful.

Ellicottville reports third quarter lodging sales

ELLICOTTVILLE - The third quarter ending August 31st saw Ellicottville just a few dollars shy of the all-time high in lodging sales set in 2019. Year-to-date, Ellicottville has surpassed in entire year of 2020, and it looks like the balance of the year will be off the charts. "We have had many weekends with 80% or better occupancy this fall, and the next two weekends look strong," stated Brian McFadden, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce. "Weddings, conferences and events have all seen solid bookings and the warm fall weather was the icing on the cake."

The Chamber ran a very successful "Fall in Ellicottville" campaign through its TV, social media and digital partners in October and drove thousands to the village throughout the month. Following the successful October campaign, the Chamber will launch a longer version of its Christmas in Ellicottville Weekend promotion beginning mid-November and continuing for the month of December, focusing on Shop Local in Ellicottville. "Congratulations to our all our members," said McFadden. "It takes a team to impress our visitors. We have an amazing mix of shops, lodging and restaurants, and who can talk about Ellicottville without raving about our legendary night spots."



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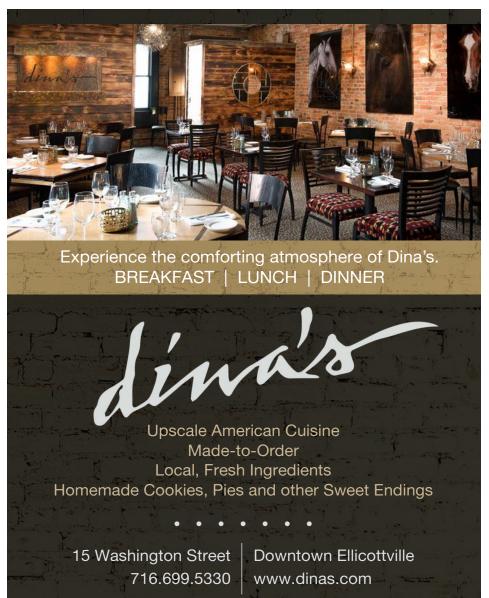


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MEETING NOTES

Town Planning Board sets Public Hearing for unusual accessory apartment project; approves permit for mural display on snowboard shop building

By Kathleen Kellogg

The Ellicottville Town Planning Board, meeting Monday (Oct. 25th), set a public hearing to look over an application in November for an unusual accessory apartment arrangement.

Conceptual plans call for a 1,199 square foot accessory apartment on the second story of a proposed 1,717 square foot garage having access off Sugartown Road. The Villani family is seeking a special use permit for the accessory apartment, which accompanies plans for their single-family two-story home to be built at 2 Rogers Road.

The project is unique because drawings show the structures are remote from one another with separate driveways on opposite ends of the same 5-acre lot in the Agricultural-Residential District. The six-bedroom, 4,641 square foot home also has an attached two-car garage. It will share utilities, water, and septic with the "in-law suite" accessory and is connected with a stone walkway.

Town Planner Gary Palumbo told the Board the property is part of a larger 1986 subdivision leaving two lots at the end of a turnaround. He said there is a 30-foot frontage at the end of Rogers Road and the house is set back to accommodate a minimum lot width. The house does not require formal reviews or permits from the Planning Board.

However, the accessory apartment does require a special use permit. He asked the applicants for more information regarding an attic room. If it will be used as living space, the apartment would exceed a maximum 1,200 square foot limit, he added.

Architect Jim Fittante, of Fittante Architecture in Niagara Falls, spoke on behalf of the family and assured the Board that the attic space should not be a factor because it does not meet

SKATEPARK DONATIONS

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Those conversations transpired into Hoskins making a \$10,000 gift through his business, Sheldon Precision, a Connecticut-based company.

"My son enjoys skating today and we spend time in Ellicottville during the summer months, Hoskins added. "My goal is to help bring more summer activities to Ellicottville, and the mountain bike trails at HoliMont and skatepark are huge additions!"

For Hoskins, the donation is about more than building a skatepark; it is about making Ellicottville a year-round destination.

"Ellicottville already has all the assets needed to create a world class summer destination," he said. Thousands of [part-time] families own condos which sit idle in the summer. If we can turn Ellicottville into a year-round destination for them, it will be phenomenal for the economy. Also, it's fun to help develop a better future for our kids in Ellicottville!"

Even though the Ellicottville Skatepark Fund has met its original fundraising goal of \$250,000, the group plans to continue its fundraising until the project breaks ground next spring, according to Perks. Now the skatepark has a goal that exceeds their original expectations of meeting the match offered by The Skatepark Project and Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation. That goal is to make the skatepark the best it can possibly be for the Ellicottville and surrounding communities. And with the increased cost of building materials and the need for ongoing maintenance of the park once completed, any additional funds raised will play just as important a role in the project.

The next chance to support the Ellicottville Skatepark is this Saturday, Nov. 6th at the SKATE-of-the-ART live and silent skate deck art auction, which will be held at Fattey Beer Co. in Ellicottville. Check the SK8EVL Facebook and Instagram pages (@sk8evl) for more information. The Ellicottville Skatepark Fund will also be participating in and raising funds during Cattaraugus Gives on Tuesday, Nov. 30th. Details at cattaraugusgives.org.

The Ellicottville Skatepark, to be located inside Ellicottville's Village Park, will be available to the public at no charge upon completion. Construction is expected to begin next spring. Learn more about the Ellicottville Skatepark project and how you can contribute at sk8evl.com.

Established in 1994, the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation is growing good by connecting donors to the causes they care about most in the region. Grants from the foundation support many areas including education, scholarships, health care, the arts, community development, human service, and youth development. To learn more, call 716-301-CRCF (2723) or visit www.cattfoundation.org.

the state building code for habitable space. He said it will hold some heat runs and storage, to be accessible by a small door measuring about two feet by four feet. Steeply-sloped roofs make the ceiling height five feet in the center and 1.5 feet high near the outside wall.

Fittante said the large family needs "in-law" accommodations, along with space to store their snowmobiles, a side-by-side ATV, a lawn tractor and other gear needed to maintain the grounds and residence.

The Board set a public hearing on the project for Nov. 22nd at 6:00pm in the Town Center at 28 Parkside Dr.

Palumbo requested Fittante provide more documentation on the floor plans by November 8th for the public hearing materials. He also suggested the Board look closely at the definition of an accessory apartment as subordinate to the home, and to consider several conditions that will prevent the attic room from being used as living space, prevent the footpath's use as a driveway and no further subdivision of the property.

In other matters, the Board approved a special use permit to serve beer and wine at a private indoor golf club on Route 219, and a permit for a mural display at a snowboard shop on US Route 219 South.

There were no comments during a public hearing and a special use permit was granted for a bar addition by John D. "Jake" Northrup II for his private indoor golf club at 6633 US Rte. 219 North.

Then, Board members consulted the little-used portion of the sign code in allowing a non-advertising "super graphic" mural on the wall of The Boardroom Snowboard Shop at 6113 US Rte. 219 South. Shop owner Spencer Timkey said the mural would be used as a photo backdrop for clients seated in a chairlift.

Finally, the Board discussed the status of the US Route 219 Expressway Extension project studies which are referred to in town and county planning documents, but were thought to have been suspended in 2010. Board member Gary Mathe referred to a letter from resident Donald Nowak asking the town to look into the matter with the goal of revising the comprehensive plan. The plan refers to an interchange alternative on State Route 242 near the tubing park

Palumbo said he will research the project status and contact the NYSDOT before making a recommendation. But he reported that the state Department of Transportation in 2016 announced plans for another environmental impact study for the route, due to environmental constraints

The Board will next meet at 6:00pm on Monday, Nov. 22nd in the Town Center at 28 Parkside Dr. To obtain more information about the Planning Board, meeting agendas, regulations, project application and other information, go to www.ellicottvillegov.com.

SIGNS

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the curb or roadside). Sandwich boards are an example of a sign that although doesn't require a permit, the Village Zoning provides the applicable rules: Only one sign for each building or lot. Sandwich boards are no larger than 6 square feet or 48" in any direction. Sandwich boards cannot obstruct the sidewalk, street or any public space. The zoning states sandwich boards are supposed to be placed no more than 1 foot from the face of the building. Sandwich boards need to be set so they do not blow over and should not be lit. Also, remember the sidewalks need to be plowed all winter long, which is one reason why sandwich boards must be removed from the sidewalk when the business is closed. Not to get too far off topic, but we have to remember we are talking about the use of sandwich boards on the public right-of-way, and that public space should not be occupied or blocked by anything (displays, goods for sale furniture, etc.). Anything that is not Village-owned should be removed overnight. I note the Village does have a Café Permit that business owners can obtain from the Code Enforcement Officer which allows use of the public sidewalk as long as it does not interfere with ingress or egress and maintains minimum of three feet of sidewalk clearance at all times.

Final thoughts: The rules around signage will always be a necessary function for planners and municipalities to evaluate, regulate and enforce. Signage has the ability to transcend cultural boundaries; it spurs communication within a community while setting the aesthetic presented to the world. As we humans continue to evolve, I am sure signage will be right behind us.

REGIONAL

Great Lakes Cheese secures IDA incentive package to relocate to Cattaraugus County

By KATHLEEN KELLOGG

A proposed "greenfields" project worth an estimated \$500 million investment promises 440 jobs in Cattaraugus County in five years, with a boost for agriculture.

The Ohio-based Great Lakes Cheese Co., Inc., long a staple of manufacturing and commerce in Cuba, Allegany County, is seeking an expansion and move across the county line. Its future home is a 130-acre cornfield on Rt. 16, mostly in Farmersville, and partly within the Town of Franklinville, just north of the Village of Franklinville. The company launched its Public Participation Plan with a virtual information session last Wednesday, Oct. 27th.

For more than 60 years GLC has been located in the Cuba facility near the intersection of Haskell Road and Route 305. Its products are sold in grocery stores and restaurants and at the Cuba Cheese Shoppe in the village.

About a year ago the company and the Allegany County IDA announced a bid for 210 acres of farmland in the Towns of Belvidere and Angelica off I-86. But when that deal fell through, Schwab Land Holdings, LLC and adjacent property owners offered property less than 25 miles west of Cuba. County records show much of the new site had been held for a few years by gravel mining concerns, but was purchased in 2020 by Schwab for \$250,000.

The move could bring the cheese plant's current 229-member workforce, along with an additional 200 new employees, into Farmersville and Franklinville. But before that happens, there will be about 240 construction jobs over a two-year period. Another plum in the deal goes to the region's milk cooperatives, who will be looking to their dairy members to double their current daily shipments of 2 million pounds of milk.

The relocation is being facilitated by an attractive package of incentives from the Cattaraugus County Industrial Development Agency and the Cattaraugus County Legislature.

CCIDA has offered sales and use tax exemptions, mortgage recording tax exemptions and a deviation from its tax exemption benefit. That translates to a 25-year real property tax abatement, with a full exemption for the first 20 years, and a 10% annual reduction in the abatement for the following five years.

In addition, the county is backing a \$5.8 million upgrade in the Village of Franklinville's municipal water and wastewater systems to service the project. The county recently authorized a \$719,000 grant that will pay LDG Engineers and Architects of Corning for the preliminary design, bidding and construction administration for those utility upgrades in the form of a new municipal well and water tank, along with water and sewer lines to and from the site. The village is expected to supply the operation with 632,000 gallons of water per day and receive 6,000 gallons of human waste daily for processing at the treatment plant at the south end of the village.

The expense will be funded through a county-backed grant from the state Office of Com-

munity Renewal. Upgrades should be completed in two years, in time for an expected manufacturing startup in 2024.

"Our whole drive is to maintain those 229 (employee) families," said Matt Wilkinson, GLC Vice President, providing details during the virtual public session.

CCIDA Director Corey Wiktor said there are still permits to be approved before the deal is sealed, but he described it as the county's largest development. He pointed to GLC's commitment to the employees and farmers, and to "doing the granular things to capture economic development."

"Something like this will transform the county. The multiplier effects have been demonstrated," Wiktor said, referring to an independent economic study provided to the CCIDA.

Two nearby residents spoke in support of the project and its potential to help the area.

Lisa Kurowski said she lives across Route 16 from the proposed plant entrance and expressed a concern for increased traffic, noise and turbidity in her private well. Scott Howard said he wanted to point out the narrowing of Ischua Creek and potential for flooding south of the proposed outfall.

Franklinville Mayor Harvey Soulvie, in an interview after the meeting, said the project met with a great deal of enthusiasm when prospects for employment and development turned up this summer. He looks forward to the rush of activity that will boost local businesses to increase services.

Soulvie moved into Franklinville in 1976 and, for many years operated a successful printing business overlooking Park Square. In recent years, the village suffered a slow decline but now he sees nothing but possibilities.

"For as long as I've lived here, Great Lakes Cheese is the greatest investment I've ever seen," he said, adding the company is building a very modern facility and is easy to work with.

"We're going to keep busy with construction of a water tower and extending the water and sewer lines," he said.

Plant construction is expected to commence in the spring. Once completed, operations will run 24 hours a day and are expected to process eight percent of all New York State's dairy output. The site will hold three new buildings containing 486,000 square feet, a 130-foot evaporating tower, a new on-site 20.7 MKVA National Grid substation, parking for 300 autos and a separate tractor-trailer parking area, stormwater runoff detention areas and an on-site

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Citizen Task Force shares evidence of erosion damage at former nuclear fuel reprocessing facility

By Kathleen Kellogg

A citizen advisory group following nuclear waste cleanup activities at the West Valley Demonstration Project will request a presentation prior to accepting an invitation to join Erie County's Climate Resilience planning effort.

The group met in an Oct. 27th virtual session to discuss this and other topics related to the ongoing cleanup and a Phase 2 Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement on decommissioning of the former commercial nuclear fuel reprocessing center. The site covers 200 acres and was built in the 1960's to recycle spent nuclear fuel, but was shut down after only a few years.

CTF members received an update from Department of Energy officials and consultants on the ongoing cleanup efforts.

Plans call for a December demolition of the Load-in Facility of the main plant process building under the management of CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley, LLC (CHBWV), a DOE contractor. Most of the wastes at the site are under federal jurisdiction. The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority partners with the DOE because New York is responsible for a portion of the buried wastes.

The waste reduction efforts, demolition plans and preparations for the updated DSEIS are expected to be among the topics discussed at the WVDP Quarterly Public Meeting Nov. 17th. The public may observe and comment and should contact Joseph Pillittere by email at joseph. pillittere@chbwv.com or by phone at 716 942-4996 to receive an invitation and link to sign in to the meeting.

During the CTF session, Kelly Wooley, Deputy General Manager for the DOE, reported

on a spill incident that occurred the day before the meeting during transfer of a large waste container by trailer from the main plant to the north storage yard. Liquid was seen draining from a sampling port in the tank's storage cover and the operation was halted, the tank was stabilized, and sampling showed no detectible levels of radioactivity or spread. An investigation concluded the leaking liquid was likely snow and rainwater that had infiltrated a two-foot diameter plug on the top of the cover surrounding the tank sometime after it had been packaged in 1986.

Wooley also reported completion of deactivation and grouting of the General Purpose Cell, progress in the pressurized nitrogen-based cutting and cleaning of Strontium-90 and plutonium from walls in the Product Purification Cell, as well as removal of a floor in the Acid Recovery Cell to enable removal of wastes, and with a number of other preparations to ready the main plant building.

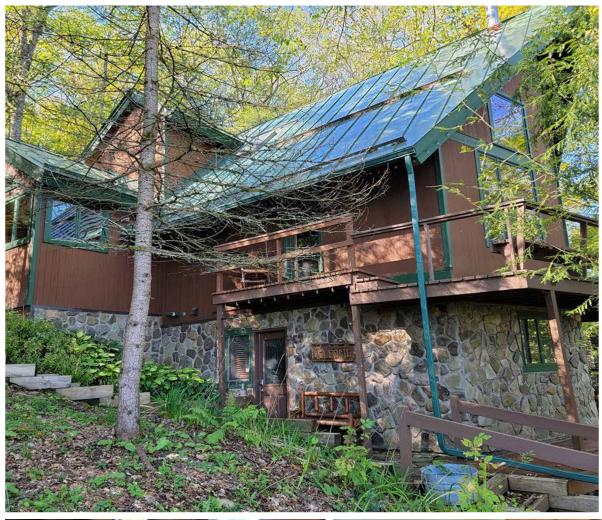
Work continues at other portions of the site, including modifications of the former Drum Cell holding facility to receive more waste in the demolition process. Also, cleanup continues related to the excavation of a permeable treatment wall that had been constructed to filter an ongoing Strontium-90 leak. This has resulted in 259 intermodal containers filled with soil and 87 containers filled with debris, shipping of 333 containers in 57 rail cars to a facility, and receiving and preparing 231 empty intermodal containers, as of Oct. 21st.

Four shielded containers will be designed to remove a quantity of dangerous legacy waste; plans continue around characterizing the 1,100 gallons of sludge and 2,800 gallons of high level radioactive liquid waste remaining in the underground tank 8D-4, one of several in a

"West Valley Demonstration Project" continued page 20



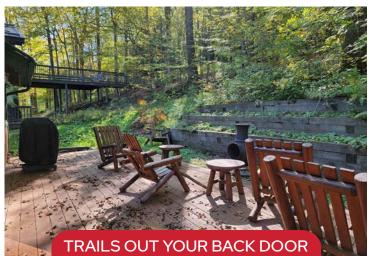
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TRAVEL

LEARN ABOUT WORLD HISTORY AT LOCAL MUSEUMS

Make your way through the Allegheny National Forest Region of northern Pennsylvania and discover history around every bend

By Linda Devlin, ANF Visitors Bureau

As the weather cools, it is a wonderful time to come indoors and spend time exploring world history at local museums. Open a portal to local history at the seven museums located in McKean County, Pennsylvania. Learn how rural America helped to shape world history.

Inventions from McKean County are the Holley Carburetor, the Zippo lighter, and the world's first oil can. At the Kinzua Bridge Visitors Center learn about the world-famous engineering marvel, the Kinzua Viaduct, the world's longest and highest viaduct, when first constructed in 1882.

Eldred is host to the Eldred World War II Museum. In Smethport, at the Old Jail Museum, research Underground Railroad houses, the American Civil War and General Kane's sharpshooter regiment. At the McCleery Discovery Center find out the history of Kane's Lobo Wolves and how Dr. McCleery began the world's first effort to save a species from extinction

In Bradford, the Zippo/Case Museum is the home of two American icons - the Zippo lighter and the Case knife. At the PennBrad Oil Museum learn about the independent oil producers and the world's first million-dollar oil field. Then venture into the world of opera at the Marilyn Horne Museum. Ms. Horne, born in Bradford, is a world-famous opera star.

A fun story, not sure if fact or fiction, declares the world's first monorail was invented in Bradford. Constructed of wood, the monorail did not last long. A farmer liking the looks of this invention agreed to use it to transport his cows to market. The livestock were loaded into the rail cars; all seemed well. But, when turning a curve on the rail line, the weight of the livestock caused the cars to overturn, and very unceremoniously the cows were dumped on the ground, a fire started, and the monorail burnt to the ground!

ELDRED WWII MUSEUM

Veteran's Day, observed on Thursday, Nov. 11th, is an annual federal holiday in the United States set aside to honor military veterans who have served in the United States Armed Forces. This year, Jerry Kirk, a Vietnam Veteran, will have his fully functioning 10-½ foot model of the USS Boston on display at the Eldred WWII Museum. He will be on-site to answer any questions. Bring the family to meet Jerry and the staff at the museum who have a passion for military history.

Displays at the museum include an M551 Sheridan tank, a working submarine periscope, award-winning video, and an impressive collection of artifacts. During World War II, Eldred was the site of a British and American munitions plant that produced mortar, fuses and over eight million bombs. Fifteen hundred people worked there, 24 hours a day from January 1942 to May 1945, supporting the war effort. The museum is located at 201 Main Street, Eldred, PA. Hours are 10:00am-4:00pm Tuesday-Saturday and 1:00-4:00pm Sunday. Phone 814-225-2220, eldredww2museum.com.

MARILYN HORNE MUSEUM & EXHIBIT CENTER

This museum is a visual and audio experience. All ages will enjoy a visit to this museum. Exhibits include a theater designed to be a replica of Horne's favorite opera house. In this theater you will hear Ms. Horne describe the distinct phases of her life and career. A series of exquisite gowns line the walkway as you enter the museum. These gowns are replicas of the famous costumes she wore while performing at a variety of opera houses around the world.

Horne performed an array of musical genres during her career, including performing popular music while guest starring on a variety of television shows. One such appearance was as a guest opera star on Sesame Street.

Admission to the museum is free. A gift shop offers books, fun and educational children's toys, Christmas ornaments, plus a fascinating collection of gift items. The Marilyn Horne Museum is located at 2 Marilyn Horne Way (Main Street) Bradford, PA. Hours are 9:00am-5:00pm Monday-Saturday, 11:00am-4:00pm Sunday. Phone-814-362-7990, marilynhorne.org.

WAIT ... THERE'S MORE!

Other museums to visit include the Zippo/Case Museum, the PennBrad Oil Museum, the Old Jail Museum, and the McCleery Discovery Center in Kane. For additional information on the museums listed and so much more, click on VisitANF.com or call 800-473-9370 for a free ANF Visitors Bureau Adventure Guide & Map.





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The Marilyn Horne Museum features replicas of the beautiful gowns worn by Ms. Horne during her performances at opera houses around the world.

CONNECTIONS

WILDWOOD SANITARIUM

The Salamanca Sanitarium sheds light on the city's progressive history



By Mary Heyl

Alternative medicine and natural healthcare may seem like relatively modern practices that are becoming more widely practiced. However, Laurie Wagatha, owner of the Wildwood Sanitarium, discovered that Salamanca's history with holistic healing goes back to the early 20th century, when Dr. Henderson and Dr. Perry opened the "only osteopathic infirmary and the first and only osteopathic institution in the state of New York" in 1906. The building has had multiple uses over the past century and even sat vacant for many years, until Wagatha, whose interest in paranormal activity led her to the fascinating property, bought it and began the restoration process.

Wagatha, a western New York native, has lived about 15 miles away from Salamanca in Napoli for over 30 years. Despite frequenting the city, she never knew the full history of the three-story house at 71 Prospect Avenue, right behind convenience store Cloud & Company. About four years ago, "a couple of people that worked in town who knew I was into paranormal investigating asked, 'Did you know the Wildwood Sanitarium is for sale?""

Wagatha was aware that the house had previous paranormal activity, but she did not realize what an unusual history the building had as a place of healing. After hearing that the house was for sale, Wagatha drove over to check it out. "I wasn't looking to buy a place like that," she admitted. "But I heard that a nearby business wanted to buy it to tear down for the property." Wagatha thought about the property for several months, before the owner contacted her and asked her if she would like to buy it before it was listed with a realtor. She said, "Basically, I wanted to buy it to try to save the building and save the history."

That's exactly what she did, and ever since, Wagatha has been actively restoring the property, which was once a healthcare destination. Through her own research and information shared by local individuals, Wagatha learned that the house was purchased by Dr. John Henderson and Dr. Carroll Perry in 1903. Henderson and Perry met at an osteopathic college and endeavored to create a place of healing through progressive new practices. In 1906, the doctors opened the Wildwood Sanitarium and Bath House, which was once advertised as the only osteopathic infirmary in the state and was "not a fashionable resort, but a place to heal."

A sign located on the property and dated 1909 reads, "The sanitarium and bath house is now open and for the treatment of all conditions except infectious and contagious diseases. We have endeavored to make the conditions inside the house as pleasant as possible and will try to give each patient individual attention." Wagatha explained that some of the healing practices included UV light therapy, electric battery baths (located in the basement "bath house") and bone stretching. In addition to the sanitarium, both doctors had their own practices and Dr. Henderson even served as a pastor in one of the local churches. "They were very busy guys and definitely ahead of their time," Wagatha noted.

In 1923, the city forced the doctors to turn the sanitarium into a tuberculosis hospital. Throughout the 1920s, it became widely understood that tuberculosis was not a congenital condition but in fact, highly contagious. A quarantine experiment, tuberculosis sanitariums became common throughout the United States, and most patients were prescribed fresh cold air, which was believed to be an effective treatment. Patients' chairs and even their beds were moved outdoors or on sanitarium porches to aid in their treatment. By the turn of the 20th century, one in seven had passed away from the disease, and it wasn't until 1943 that an antibiotic drug was discovered. Dr. Henderson and Dr. Perry operated the

SUZY'S STAR READINGS

The Energy of Scorpio





By Suzy Woo, B.Msc

When someone asks, 'What's your sign?' that is referring to our sun sign. That means what sign the sun was in, when you were born.

You have all the planets in your chart ... what your birth chart shows us, is what sign each planet was in as you drew your first breath; so everyone does have an area of life that is ruled by Scorpio. Let's talk about the energy of Scorpio!

It's no wonder we have Halloween during Scorpio season. Scorpio rules over death, blood and gore, and endings, but also getting to the nitty gritty of finding out what you're made of, transformation and power.

Scorpio is the most intense and penetrating of all the zodiac signs. Scorpio energy is focused and driven. It has no problem going deep and shedding light on the darkest of the dark in the name of truth. It speaks to secrets, hidden information, powerful people and big money. Scorpio's types of interests and careers include mystery movies, the who-dunnits, investigations, crime scenes, death/morticians, occult, but also management of others' resources like investments, portfolios, real estate and market shares. Scorpios make great therapists too, since they have had trauma of their own. People tend to trust and open up to those with strong Scorpio placements. A person with strong Scorpio placements knows everyone else's dirt, and is tight-lipped about their own as they are very private, usually with a rather dry sense of humor. They have a good poker face and usually have striking, penetrating eyes that seem to look right through you. You cannot lie to a Scorpio.

Scorpio energy says, 'What doesn't kill me, makes me stronger.' It is represented by the Phoenix rising from the ashes – you can't kill it. But, the shadow side of Scorpio can be manipulative, controlling, vengeful and cunning. Scorpio has a stinger which can often sting itself - by burning bridges and being unforgiving.

We begin this month with a new moon in the sign of Scorpio, on November 4th. It is a pretty potent new moon that can make us feel pressured. That is to make us become aware of whatever we're still holding on to at a time we should be streamlining as we head into hibernation. During this new moon, try setting new intentions to release all that is not for your highest good, and really mean it.

You know the saying, 'One man's trash is another man's treasure.' Think of this for all of November.

A tree is not meant to hold on to dying leaves, or else new buds won't grow in spring. When the dead leaves do fall, they no longer actively serve the tree, but become valuable in many other ways to many others! Rake them into a pile and they become fun for children to jump into, or to stuff into scarecrows. The dead leaves serve as food, shelter and insulation to other creatures of nature, and too, can become rich compost for next year's new sprouts.

It's unfair to stay in a relationship, a job, a home or other situation you are not happy with. The right energetic match is waiting for exactly what you need to let go of. When we stay in a holding pattern, we can get bitter with resentment, even anger. Don't continue to force a situation that isn't right. Be grateful for what it was, give thanks, and release it. The sooner you can, the sooner new opportunities will be able to present themselves to you!

The full moon is Friday, Nov. 19th in Taurus. But this is not a regular full moon – it's a



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HEALTH & FITNESS

Core Performance: Fall Is a Super Season For Shaping Up

By Kim Duke, Certified Personal Trainer

How many New Year's Eves have you spent vowing to get more fit in the coming year? And how many times have you failed to follow through? Fall, on the other hand, is a great time to start a fitness program because you're going to create good habits that will get you ready for the upcoming holidays and winter months.

Here are some ways to start making the most of the season. And who knows? This year, you might be in great shape before that New Year's Eve party rolls around.

- 1. Take advantage of the weather. Fall can be a treat for the senses: the crisp air, apple picking, pumpkin carving, a gorgeous canopy of fall foliage, and the crunch of leaves underfoot. These months are a great time to exercise outdoors and enjoy cooler temperatures. Walking, hiking and cycling are all awesome in the fall. Discover park trails and take in some new scenery. No equipment is needed to throw the frisbee around, or play a vigorous game of fetch with your dog.
- 2. Integrate exercise into your life. You already know the obvious suggestions: park farther away from your destination; take stairs instead of elevators; go for a walk during your lunch break. Join a gym/take part in an exercise class. Instead of hitting the snooze button, get up and move. Most fitness facilities offer early morning classes. Once you start, it becomes 'almost' as necessary as coffee to get your body in motion.
- 3. Rejuvenate yourself. Fall is the time to rejuvenate body, mind and spirit. Get a massage. Learn to meditate. Take an art class. Treat yourself not just with exercise but other activities that promote wellness so you can feel good physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.
- 4. Remember the 30-day rule. It takes about four weeks for the body to adapt to lifestyle changes. That's why people who give up on their fitness programs tend to do so within the first 30 days. Be consistent and on task for 1 month. By then, you will not only feel your



body changing, but you will see your body changing.

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Inner Peace & Strength: The Expression of Gratitude, with Laura Solly

By Laura Widger, LCSW





November November November ... the month of GRATITUDE. With the crisp leaves under our feet and snowflakes/birds soon flying in, it truly is a splendid time of year to reflect, give thanks, and explore the virtue of gratitude. What better way to do this than hearing from a local legend and yogi: Laura Solly. Let us hear from Laura about the practice, reflection, and exploration of gratitude.

What is Gratitude? Laura reflects for a moment, then says, "Gratitude is having value, appreciation and respect for the very little things in your day to the big things, which include tragedies, and big picture items.

Why is the practice of Gratitude so important? Laura voices, "I think that eventually when you can come to a place of gratitude in times of grief or in times of life stress, you can access and find a place of fulfillment. I do not believe that gratitude is always there, however, when you can arrive to it, it can bring forth happiness in your life. When you can be grateful for all life lessons - the good and the bad - you can find a place of genuine fulfillment

Can the practice of Gratitude activate increased levels of happiness or decreased levels of stress? Laura ponders, then states, "Gratitude really is more about fulfillment. We always have some level of stress. Gratitude just creates a deeper appreciation for "our own stuff," as well as a profound appreciation for what other people are going through. The art of practicing gratitude is about building and growth. The more you can come back to gratitude and come back to it, the more you have access to it. I think it is like a loop, the more you go back to it the more and more you can loop back around to it. The same thing happens to negativity, which unfortunately can suck you into a rabbit hole.

"The practice of gratitude is a process. You are not always spontaneously grateful or happy. When you are under the base of heavy stuff/stress/life stressors/trauma/suffering, you can't always access gratitude, however, it can be something you loop back to. Once you set the stage of gratitude in your life, it doesn't go away ... wait a moment, pause, it is there."

What are some examples of practicing Gratitude? Laura says, "Cliché as these are: writing down 3 things to be grateful for, at the end of the night is great practice. This is a practice families, kids, and adults can create and participate in together. Journaling is another practice that can be so helpful. Meditation and yoga are also great examples. Just being appreciative. Vocalizing gratitude/appreciation can be hard for people. However, the impact of saying who or what we are appreciative for can be very impactful.

"Kindness is also a powerful anecdote. If you are being kind to people in the general public, you just do not know how much an impact that can have. You do not know the ripple effect of your kindness towards another. You do not know how your kindness can influence another person's practice of gratitude. Kindness can only come back ten fold."

Laura Solly is a yoga practitioner, guide, and fellow yogi who teaches classes at Warrior Fitness in Ellicottville, NY. She offers Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday morning classes at 8:30am at Warrior Fitness throughout the fall and winter. Sign-ups for any of these classes can be accessed on the StudioBookings app.

Laura Widger is a NY State Licensed Clinical Social Worker with 15 years of experience in the field of emotional wellness and mental health. She currently works for CCA-Connecting Communities in Action and specializes in trauma healing with children and adults. She lives in Cattaraugus County with her husband, children, and German short haired dog. Laura personally and professionally strives to promote internal self leadership and the discovery of true genuineness and balance within.

HOLIDAY VALLEY

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As you know, the start of the season is dictated on 1) what Mother Nature decides to do, and 2) the hard work and dedication of the Holiday Valley Snowmaking team. The snowmakers are tried and true, so as long as Mother Nature does her part and gives Western New York some cold temps, Holiday Valley will open the day after Thanksgiving on November 26th. Stay tuned to holidayvalley.com and the Valley's social media channels for the most recent updates on Opening Day.

WILDWOOD SANITARIUM

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sanitarium until their deaths in 1941, and Henderson's family continued to own the property until 1946. By the 1950s, tuberculosis was no longer considered a major public health threat, and most sanitariums were either demolished or converted to hospitals.

Wagatha explained, "It's been owned by various families over time; it was apartments at one time, and it's been vacant over the years, too." Even before the doctors purchased the building in 1903, it was a private residence, though the exact age of the building is unknown. "I researched it at the county building, and on paper it says it was built in 1900," said Wagatha. "I discovered it was older than that because it had gas lighting, and I was finding rectangular and square nails, which dates it back even farther, probably to the mid-1800s or so. The woman at the county building said that a lot of times, if they didn't know an exact date, they'd put an approximate date on it."

Wagatha believes it's safe to say that the building is at least 150 years old, and its 3,500 square feet - including three floors plus an attic and a basement - have many stories to tell. She regularly hosts history tours by appointment, and the house is frequently booked by paranormal investigation teams, including for overnight visits. Wagatha also hosts public investigations using her own equipment. The sanitarium has been featured in several documentaries and television shows, including "Paranormal Lockdown," the Travel Channel's "America's Most Terrifying Places," "Fright Club," and a documentary on Amazon entitled "Sleepless in Salamanca."

Over the years, visitors and Wagatha and her family have witnessed numerous unexplained activities. "Lots of people see shadow figures, and we get amazing EVPs (electronic voice phenomena)," said Wagatha of the voices people hear when playing back a microphone recording in the building. "I'll have balls roll across the floor, doors opening and closing, footsteps, knocking, all kinds of noises," Wagatha continued. "Lots of people will come and they'll make connections with a relative or one of the doctors in the house. They go away with some kind of healing message of some sort. It sounds funny, but it's like the building wants to go back to a place of healing."

Even as she continues the restoration process, Wagatha invites visitors by appointment year 'round. Those interested in history tours or ghost hunting tours can book their appointment online at www.wildwoodsanitarium.com. To see the restoration process and learn more about upcoming events, follow The Wildwood Sanitarium Restoration Project on Facebook.

SUZY'S STAR READINGS

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lunar eclipse. Not a time to put your crystals out to charge. Not a time to start or launch anything on this day. This can bring feelings of insecurity to the surface on any level. We may feel our own security is threatened. Taurus rules over our finances and food. Stick with what you know Nov. 18-20th. I don't recommend risk taking, buying anything expensive or entering into any kind of long-term commitment these few days.

For November in general, expect lots more dirt to rise to the surface, people in power who do things they shouldn't be become revealed. There may be other scandals that surface including ones that are sexual in nature. Scorpio is the strongest sexual sign and when it goes dark because of big money/ power, that spells big trouble. I expect some big shockwaves in the media this month. Watch for wild fluctuations in the markets and financial sector. Not a time for investing. It is a time to get lean and refined in your life, continue purging. Stick with what you know, and consider brainstorming for how you would like to see your life in the new year.

A little closer to Thanksgiving I expect some kind of disruptive energy to occur. A breakthrough, discovery, eruption, or even an earthquake. It could be where many unified strong voices break the system. I also would expect more about our extra-terrestrial friends to be in the news.

As we close November, we enter into fun-loving and optimistic Sagittarius season. More on that next month. Enjoy November and happy celebrations to you all. I enjoy your comments and welcome questions at hello@suzy-woo.com. Til next time, I remain ... Your Sister from the Stars,

- Suzy Woo

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GREAT LAKES CHEESE

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wastewater treatment facility measuring 400 feet by 400 feet to process 700,000 gallons per day.

A wastewater impoundment will hold 7.3 million gallons of liquid, covering 2.25 acres. Treated wastewater from processing will be sent offsite through an underground pipe beneath Route 16, entering Ischua Creek south of the Ischua Valley Country Club. According to environmental documents the plant will be able to re-use all of the water that is extracted from the milk and the discharge will not have an impact on the creek, a class C trout stream.

The CCIDA is lead agent in the state environmental review and a number of meetings have been held by local governments. A list of environmental issues are being tabulated or investigated, including a potential environmental justice area of 25 residents bordering the site, prime farmland soils, the site's location within a floodplain and over a principal aquifer. A wetlands delineation has been completed and permits are winding their way through local, state and federal agencies. For example, the discharge to Ischua creek will require a State Pollution Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit, the Town of Franklinville intends to rezone the site for industrial use, and the state may reduce speed along Route 16. A state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation review is looking for evidence of indigenous activity as well as long-ago family burial plots. A Section 404 Permit is being reviewed jointly by the state DEC and Army Corps.

Gene Walton of Clark Patterson, told the public information session attendees that Rt. 16 traffic levels are acceptable, but a turn lane may be needed at the factory entrance. He added that most of the tractor trailers and employee vehicles will arrive from I-86 and points south of the village. Most of the milk-laden vehicles will come from the north. Environmental review documents say approximately 200 tractor trailers and 15 delivery trucks will arrive daily.

An air permit is needed, due to projected annual release of 140,000 tons of carbon dioxide, 0.27 tons of nitrous oxide, 2.4 tons of hazardous air pollutants, along with other emissions. In addition 27,000 tons of methane will be generated, which could be mitigated with a flare or use in electrical generation.

Additional public meetings will seek further input when state permits have been drafted.

Documents related to the project can be viewed on the CCIDA website at www.cattcoida.com or at The Blount Library, 5 N. Main St., Franklinville; New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Division of Environmental Permits, Region 9 Office, 182 E. Union St., Suite #3, Allegany, NY; Cattaraugus County Center, Department of Economic Development, Planning & Tourism, 303 Court St., Little Valley, NY.

WEST VALLEY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

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tank farm. And design is in progress for taking a waste lagoon out of service. Finally, Wooley reported that Covid-19 protocols for federal employees and contractors will require vaccination no later than Dec. 8th, with 75 percent already fully vaccinated.

CTF discussion then turned to obtaining professional opinions to help with a response to a Probabilistic Performance Assessment and the upcoming Phase 2 DSEIS. The PPA is an attempt to assess and quantify remaining wastes based on old burial records and probabilities. CTF member Ray Vaughn asked members for feedback on his six-page outline on these topics, the advisability of forming a work group and seeking expert opinions, while requesting technical presentations from NYSERDA and DOE. All agreed and urged Vaughn to share his outline with the agencies and request their interpretation.

"Yes, they have to present it to us," said CTF member Joe Patti, a West Valley business owner and representative of the Volunteer Hose Co. and Chamber of Commerce. "We are blessed and unique."

On the topic of Erie County's climate change outreach efforts, the group supported networking about concerns for erosion and climate issues on the West Valley site.

"New York State is working on climate adaptation," said Ex-Officio member Bryan Bower, DOE director at WVDP.

"I am interested in their plan and there is every reason why the West Valley site should be considered in the Erie County plan," said CTF member Kathy McGoldrick, of the Coalition on West Valley Nuclear Wastes. "It's about time and it's wonderful Erie County is taking an interest, given they're downstream (from the site)."

Members of the group, many of whom have been meeting since its formation in 1997, expressed interest at educating a new generation of stakeholders and one joked devising a "succession plan" to assure the future existence of CTF through additional years for the cleanup.

Some watchers are nervous about cleanup efforts and the possibility of exposing the surrounding communities with radioactive nucleides in air or water. Some advocate a covered demolition of the WVDP buildings.

A document repository and other information about the site's history and subsequent containment and cleanup efforts can be seen at chbwv.com. The CTF set its next virtual meeting date as December 15th. To register for attendance, visit westvalleyctf.org/meeting-information.



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ELLICOTTVILLE - Last week, thanks to a generous donation from the Elisa B. Hughey Fund for the Arts, several kids were able to attend a class at the Ellicottville Memorial Library to create their own Halloween mask. The first afternoon was spent coming up with a design and then covering their mask forms with plaster cloth. The forms for the masks were gallon water jugs that had been cut in helf. The second class was green



half. The second class was spent painting and decorating the masks.

These masks are not only amusing Halloween masks, but they would be fun wall decorations as well. The Library hopes to have more art classes in the near future. Contact the library at 716-699-2842 if you would like to be added to their email list to receive future notices about upcoming events, or check the website at ellicottvillelibrary.org.

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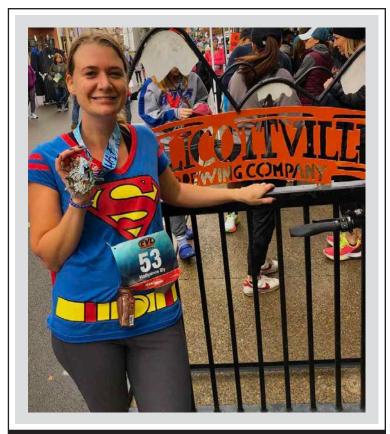
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