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At the Ellicottville Village Board's

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on the Ellicottville

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including a render-

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new playground.

The Town Board

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month moratorium

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can lead to confusion from the Town opting in for the

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can assess and safely

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plan for the proper

held a public hearing last Wednesday on a

March meeting,

of the Mill Street

parking lot, the new refuse contract

Waste Management, and updates

Goodbye Winter... Hello Spring!

Ellicottville Resorts are Gearing Up for Warm Weather Fun



Just when we thought the season was officially over, Holiday Valley gives us one last final hurrah! What was originally supposed to take place last weekend, Pond Skimming will now grace us with its presence this Saturday, March 30th from 1:00-2:30pm. Registration will be the day of the event at Yodeler, but you might want to kick it into high gear and get there early - only the first 50 people in line will get a chance to brave the icy water.

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Both Holiday Valley and HoliMont offer plenty of warm weather activities and events! Between golfing, mountain biking, Sky High Adventure Park, or enjoying the water at Spruce Lake or Saddle Pond, there's something for everyone to enjoy and keep busy this spring and summer.

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handling in this new territory of retail.

BREAKAWAY CLASSIC ADVENTURES: THE ART OF THE DRY FLY

April 1st is opening day of the Trout Fishing Season. With the start of the season just days away, its time to step up your fly-fishing game and catch a trout on the rise! The ultimate fly fishing method that every fly fisher wants to achieve is catching hungry trout on a dry fly! Dry fly fishing is a technique where the fly fisherman tries to imitate an insect that is floating along on the surface of a stream, creek or river. As the insect travels downstream it suddenly vanishes in a swirl of water. The insect just satisfied the appetite of a hungry trout ... page 12

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Fundraise for Our Furry Friends

E.A.R.S. Presents "Perondi's Stunt Dog Experience" on April 14th



By Jessica Schultz

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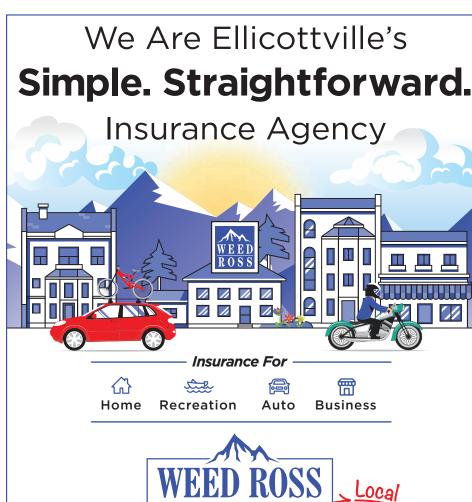




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PERONDI'S STUNT DOG EXPERIENCE

Empire Animal Rescue Society to Host Special Fundraiser April 14th



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IN THE BEGINNING...

We were most intrigued about how the event came to be. "The Seneca Salamanca Chamber has always tried to make any event it holds benefit different charities and non-profit organizations through bringing awareness to their cause plus sharing a portion of the proceeds with that group," said Gary. "Last January the Chamber held a comedy/magic show in which we were able to present a \$9,000 check to the Salamanca Seneca Mothers and Drugs organization. These funds will be used to help establish them as a 501-C3 tax exempt group plus develop either a memory garden or a memorial wall."

"In keeping with our mission to help organizations, we happened to see that the Perondi Stunt Dog Show was appearing in Warren, PA," added Gary. "John Sheehan, Chamber Director, quickly contacted them since they were in the area, to ask if we could host them here in Salamanca. We already knew it was a perfect match with Empire Animal Rescue Society (E.A.R.S.) so we reached out to them and they quickly jumped onboard. At the same time, we were fortunate to have the Seneca Nation's Allegany Community Center available to host the event. The arena style setting there is perfect!"

"It was definitely a collaborative effort," Courtney agreed. "I had interest in the Stunt Dog Show in particular as it is family-friendly and also uses rescue dogs and that is really our jam over here with Empire Animal Rescue Society - anything that shows support of rescue animals, as this country is in a major crisis with animal sheltering. So John and Gary looked into it and reached out to Perondi's and really got the ball rolling.

THE MAIN EVENT

You can expect high-energy stunts and acrobatics put on by the dogs and their trainers. "The show offers a variety of canine entertainment productions that feature both rescue and shelter dogs from all across the country," Gary explained. "These talented dogs soar, jump, fly and spin for your enjoyment. The audience will love watching them perform. The production offers over 40+ jaw dropping tricks, big air stunts, comedy antics, dancing dogs, athletic frisbee dog feats, high-jumping challenges and interactive crowd participation. The All-Star Stunt Dog Show is the most entertaining and highly requested animal act in the industry!"

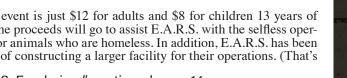
The Perondi Stunt Dog Show has been featured on the Ellen Show, Oprah, Jimmy Fallon and Good Morning America, to name a few. Courtney said, "It's really something to see in person. Fast paced, funny and exciting!"

If you get a little hungry between acts, the concession stand will be running, selling popcorn, candy and Gatorade... there might even be some hams and hots, too.

Will there be adoptable animals on-site? Courtney smiled, "Yes, we will have some adoptable dogs, puppies, cats and kittens. It honestly depends who we have available at that time. We definitely have the cutest animals around." (We concur.)

"We also plan to have pictures/slideshow and other information displayed on the large screens in the arena of the animals that couldn't come out for the day, in case one of them catches a prospective owner's attention," added Gary.

Admission to the April 14th event is just \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 13 years of age and under. A portion of the proceeds will go to assist E.A.R.S. with the selfless operation of caring and homing for animals who are homeless. In addition, E.A.R.S. has been fundraising to cover the cost of constructing a larger facility for their operations. (That's





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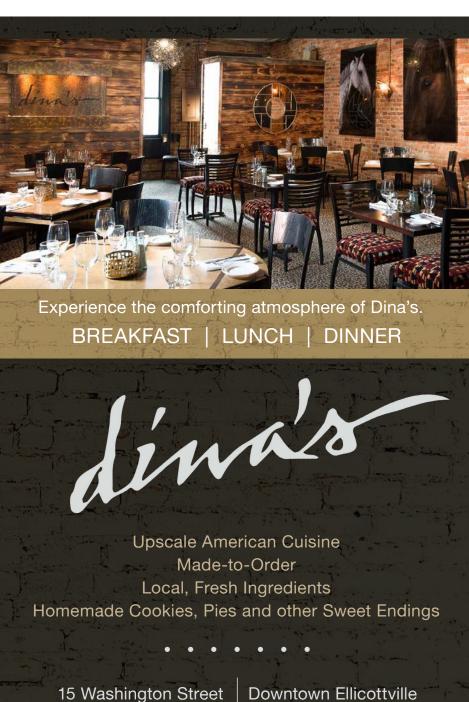




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ELLICOTTVILLE RESORTS GEARING UP FOR WARMER WEATHER

As the Snow Melts, Visitors Can Look Forward to the Return of Fairways, High Flying Adventures, and Thrilling Downhill Fun at Holiday Valley and HoliMont

By Mary Weiser



As the days grow longer and the temperatures increase, you may have noticed that you're not quite feeling "yourself." Your appetite has decreased, you feel restless, and you have more energy than you've felt in months. No, it's not your imagination - it's spring fever!

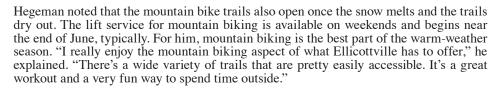
While spring fever is not an actual illness or diagnostic category, spring's impact on human beings' mood and behavior has been studied by scientists for many years. The good news is that Ellicottville's beautiful resorts have just the cure for spring fever, and your body and your mind will thank you!

HOLIDAY VALLEY

For Dash Hegeman, director of marketing at Holiday Valley, it's hard to say which warm-weather activities are visitors' favorites because there's such a variety. "In the summer we have such a wide range of fun things to do here at the resort," he said. "Guests can lounge poolside and soak up the sun, go hiking in the rolling hills of Ellicottville, mountain bike, play golf at the Double Black Diamond or swing through the trees of Sky High."

If golf tops your list of favorite things to do once the snow melts, you won't have to wait long. The front nine of the Double Black Diamond Golf Course are scheduled to open on April 8th, while the back nine open a bit later, as the snow takes longer to melt at the higher elevations.





A feature that sets Holiday Valley apart is its Sky High Aerial Adventure Park, the largest in New York State and the third largest in the U.S. Thirteen courses with varying levels of difficulty span the five-acre section of woods. Hegeman noted that the park typically opens near the beginning of May, and an exact opening date will be announced on www. holidayvalley.com. Visitors can also enjoy Holiday Valley's Climbing Forest, Sky Flyer Mountain Coaster, and Mister Happy Gem Mining.

For those who really want to soak up some sun and cool off, Holiday Valley's public day pool complex is the place to be. The complex consists of three pools (toddler pool, lap pool, and an activity pool with a slide and diving board) and is open on weekends from May 25th through June 16th and daily from June 17th until September 2nd.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hegeman is looking forward to new and returning events this year. "The Eclipse Totality Bash at Holiday Valley is a new and unique event that won't happen again for quite some time," he said. "On April 8th, come on out to view this astronomical event in an awesome setting from atop Holiday Valley. We've got a great lodging package put together for it, as well as day-of tickets to the party we are hosting. It's going to be an amazing day!"

A returning favorite is the Holiday Valley Mudslide on June 15th. According to Hegeman, "[It's] the most fun you'll have in mud all year. There's a 4.25-mile course, a 5.4-mile course and even a kids race for 4 to 11-year-olds. It's definitely an event that you won't want to miss out on." To learn more, visit www.holidayvalley.com and check out the Events page.

HOLIMONT

Jennah Bradley, marketing director at HoliMont, is ready to welcome visitors to experience a new season at the largest private ski club in the U.S.! There is plenty to do when the snow melts. Bradley noted that the most popular activities in the warm-weather months include HoliMont's bike park with bike lift access, hiking trails, disc golf, the beach at Saddle Pond, kayaking, paddleboarding and camping.

"HoliMont provides an ideal retreat for outdoor sports lovers of all ages," she said. "From a variety of activities to keep you engaged, we have a serene and exclusive setting in the hills, to being just steps away from a vibrant village filled with restaurants, shops, and nightlife; there's never a dull moment at HoliMont."

DOWNHILL MOUNTAIN BIKING

HoliMont's projected opening day of the bike park is May 25th. The park consists of 16 mountain bike trails that comprise over 10 miles of track. Choose from seven cross country and nine downhill trails with technical terrain and freeride terrain for beginners all the way up to experts. If hiking is your favorite warm-weather activity, HoliMont has direct access to over 35 miles of WNYMBA Epic Trail System in McCarty Hill and Little Rock City State Forest. The bike park, as well as disc golf, paddleboarding, kayaking, and camping are all open to the public all summer long for anyone to enjoy!

RACE SERIES RETURNING

Bradley is looking forward to the return of annual events including the Downhill Bike Race Series, which takes place July 7th, August 4th and September 1st. She is also anticipating the EVL Trail Fest scheduled for August 9-11th and the Roots, Rocks and Ridges event that HoliMont cohosts with WNYMBA (Western New York Mountain Bike Association) on September 28th.

As for Bradley's favorite part of the warm weather season at HoliMont? "I enjoy seeing everyone gather to soak up the beautiful weather," she said. "Whether it's staff or guests, there's always someone grilling and chilling at the bike park. It's a blast coming together to have a great time!" For more information about HoliMont's summer offerings and events, visit www.holimont.com.

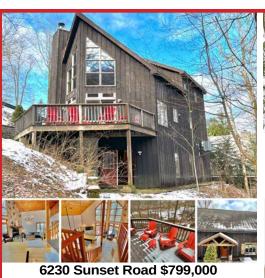












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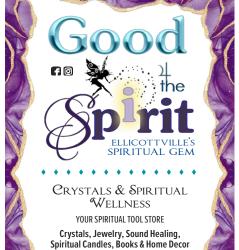
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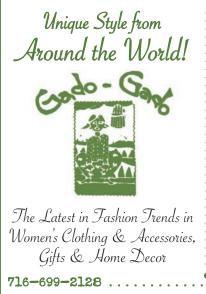
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LENDING A HELPING HAND

Bob McCarthy Foundation & Interfaith Caregivers Making Caregiving Easier



By Jessica Schultz

In case you haven't heard, Ellicottville now has a Medical Equipment Loan Center located at 17 Mill Street, right in the DPW Annex across from Fitzpatrick & Weller. The official ribbon cutting ceremony was held last Thursday afternoon and ellicottvilleNOW was there to witness the momentous occasion.

Let's talk about how this all began. The Bob McCarthy Foundation spent the past year working on establishing a seniors help program here in town. Kathleen Moriarty, member of the Bob McCarthy Foundation said, "We have met with many organizations and individuals to understand the current services provided and the real needs in our community."

Those critical needs range from easier transportation, internet access and support with the technology, more help for the hearing and sight impaired and medical equipment. So the foundation got down to investigating how to make these things happen and the search led them straight to Interfaith Caregivers Inc., a 501c3 Foundation based in Olean, NY. They offer all of these services to community members in Allegany, Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties. And with their ever-widening net, Interfaith was actually looking to expand their services via a satellite location in Cattaraugus County.

This created a perfect partnership opportunity. Interfaith has been providing their services for over 40 years and they had all the logistics and systems in place to make the program roll out in town easily. Executive Director Julie Hall expressed, "Ellicottville truly is the perfect location."

In December of 2023, after many an in-depth conversation, the Bob McCarthy Foundation approached Ellicottville Mayor John Burrell about using a vacant office in the local DPW building. The Mayor, recognizing all of the benefits this endeavor offered, brought it before the Village Board who unanimously endorsed it. After some cleaning and remodeling (helped along by Mark Chudy and the local DPW crew), Interfaith supplied all of the loan equipment and supplies to make sure that the soft opening saw the center fully stocked and ready to service the community.

What are these services we keep referencing? In the medical equipment category: wheelchairs, walkers, diabetic socks, crutches, cleaning/wound care supplies, even a home hospital bed. (And though the satellite center is small, items can be acquired from the larger facility in Olean as needed.) They offer financial support for those who need glasses, eye exams and visual aids. They also provide telephone reassurance and advocacy referrals for lonely and/or homebound residents in the community not otherwise served. And all of their services are FREE of charge, thanks to the generous contributions of their donors.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOAN CENTER OPENS

The Bob McCarthy Foundation held their soft opening of the new Medical Equipment Loan Center last Thursday, March 21st, as close to St. Patrick's Day as possible to honor Bob McCarthy's legacy. Currently the center will only be open on Thursdays from 9:00am-12:00pm as it is operating on a fully volunteer basis. Operationally, Interfaith Caregivers will handle all incoming calls, client evaluations, equipment recommendations, and will set up appointments for pick-up at either location.



On that note, the Bob McCarthy Foundation will be holding a volunteer social at the Ellicottville Town Center on April 26th from 4:00-7:00pm to offer information on the group's volunteer needs, programs and future goals. And those goals are many! There are plans, working with the Ellicottville Memorial Library, to utilize a computer room to offer a place for the elderly or impaired to learn how to better access the internet, fill out forms, etc., along with plans to add on an RSVP transportation service once a volunteer network is put into place.

You can help them meet these goals by volunteering, donating or referring someone you think might be interested in volunteering. If you can't attend the April 26th social, you can contact any Bob McCarthy Foundation board member or visit bobmccarthy-foundation.com or interfiathcaregivers.com.

VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

On March 29th We Pay Tribute to Those Who Served



By Carol Fisher-Linn

Vietnam. For some of you, this war is ancient history that you know little about. For those who served during those years, it remains a daily reminder of the atrocities experienced and the appalling treatment many received upon returning home.

History: U.S. involvement in Vietnam started slowly with an initial deployment of advisors in the early 1950s. Involvement grew incrementally through the early 1960s and expanded with the deployment of full combat units in July 1965. The last U.S. personnel were evacuated from Vietnam in April 1975 – 49 years ago. Nine million Americans served during the Vietnam era, with over 58,000 names memorialized on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., not including those who never returned home after the war or remain MIAs. In 1973, when the Prisoners of War (POWs) were released, roughly 2,500 servicemen were designated "missing in action," (MIA). As of 2015, more than 1,600 of those were still unaccounted for. An article in Britannica reveals that "... at least 766 POWs were initially held in four prisons in Hanoi ... No POW ever escaped from Hanoi." John McCain, shot down on October 26, 1967, spent five and a half years as a prisoner, with a substantial amount of that time in solitary confinement. Here's what he and the other prisoners dealt with, according to a Time article: "The details that comprised "the worst of it" were grisly: starvation rations, iron manacles, solitary confinement, the sick left to sit in their own filth. The end goal of such torture was often the extraction of information." Status of the POW/MIA issue as of February 1, 2024: 1,577 Americans are now listed by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency as missing and unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War.

Take a minute to think about the 1,577 sons, daughters, husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, American citizens who never returned to American soil just from that conflict alone. (A total of 81,000 are missing from World War II on.) The number of those missing Vietnam Vets is greater than the number of people who presently populate the town and village of Ellicottville. Imagine waking up tomorrow and finding every building vacant and all the people missing. Next think of the families left in grief, wondering if they will ever see their loved ones or at least have closure by knowing what happened to them. Those MIA surviving families will never know for certain if their loved ones are alive or dead. How do they grieve and move forward? To this day, those families might catch glimpses of strangers and think they may have just seen a beloved family member long missing. They are haunted: they have no closure, no peace.

Why are we making a commemoration on March 29? In 1973, the war was over on that day, with the last combat troops leaving Vietnam, and it was the day Hanoi released the last of its acknowledged prisoners of war. 44th U.S. President Barack Obama officially inaugurated a Commemoration at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. on Memorial Day, May 28, 2012, and in 2017, the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act was signed into law by President Donald J. Trump. From that date forward, March 29 will be honored as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. It honors all veterans who served on active duty from November 1, 1955, to May 15, 1975, no matter where they served, at home or abroad.

The Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that today there are more than 7 million U.S. Vietnam veterans living in America and abroad, along with 10 million families of those who served during this timeframe. Perhaps you, dear reader, are one who served. I'm sure I speak for all of Cattaraugus County when I offer you heartfelt thanks for your service. Perhaps you are a family member of one who never came home alive or is still considered MIA. Bless you. Our hearts are with you.

How to commemorate our veterans, you ask? If you personally know anyone who served, please reach out to them. Acknowledge their service and let them know how much you appreciate what they did for America. Know a family member? Give them a hug of gratitude for the service of their loved one.

Alas, a search for any community celebrations produced none locally. Of course, there is a commemorative ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. where the names of 58,318 Americans who gave their all are etched on black granite. If you have not seen this memorial, please put it on your "must see" list. I last saw it more than ten years ago. I was struck with the number of tributes left to those whose names adorned that stark black granite wall and, even more so, the incomprehensible silence among such a large number of people, broken only by quiet sobs or loud wailing. I watched people standing with their hands touching the name of their loved one. Tears streamed down faces as people wordlessly hugged. I saw an old, uniformed veteran

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PHOTO REWIND

Rail Rider Jamboree Takes Center Stage at Holiday Valley Holiday Valley was the place to be last Saturday when the 2024 Rail Rider Jamboree returned for its 3rd year. Grammy award winning bluegrass

band, The Infamous Stringdusters, headlined the entertainment. It was a jammin' good time with vendors, food trucks and a full day of live music.

















HoliMont Celebrates the End of the Season with Ditch Daze Event

HoliMont hosted a great showcase of talent on their final operational day of the 2023-24 ski season. Ditch Daze, sponsored by Loud Underground, brought out an arsenal of snowboarders and skiers vying for their share of hard cash and cool prizes.







Ellicottville Bake Shop Hosts Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The ellicottvilleNOW team joined up with many other local business owners this past Monday for the official ribbon cutting at the new Ellicottville Bake Shop. A nice reception afterwards offered a delicious spread of fresh baked items for all of us to taste test.

















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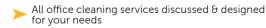
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Ashley and Ryan are western NY natives and owners of Snowbelt Cannabis. They have been relentlessly preparing since 2021 to become cultivators in the great city of Jamestown, NY. "We took a grassroots approach and have set up a crowd investing campaign on Mainvest, allowing anyone to invest as little as \$100 and get 1.6x return on your investment."

Due to cannabis still being federally illegal, entrepreneurs of the industry face many challenges accessing capital including not being able to take out traditional business loans through banks. "This campaign will be a huge help in us being able to get up and going as quickly as possible. Through this investment crowdfunding platform, we



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MEETING NOTES

VILLAGE BOARD RECAP

New Hires, New Refuse Contract and New Parking Lot (Almost) Ready to Go!



By Colleen Evans

The Village Board of Ellicottville welcomes three new employees to fill various department openings. Gathering at the Town Hall on March 19th, Mayor John Burrell called the meeting to order and began the evening's agenda.

NEW EMPLOYEES

What better way to start off than with good news! The Board, without hesitation, approved the motion to hire the following new employees to the Village of Ellicottville. They welcomed Erica Linderman to the Village Deputy Clerk position, Blair Hamilton to alternate to the Planning Board, and Mark Byrne as Village Prosecutor. Each addition brings with them an ample amount of experience and expertise to their respected department.

ELLICOTTVILLE PLAYGROUND UPDATE

Moving along, the Village Board opened conversation to business of the floor. In attendance at the meeting was Molly Timkey, representing the Ellicottville Playground. Molly is one of the five moms in the local group who are working to create the necessary funding and planning to upgrade the Village Playground into a more inclusive, integrated and ultimately fun play space. With an update on their current goal, Molly presented to the Board an artist rendering for the manufacturing of the playground.

The Board has been supportive of the project and offers their assistance as they can while the Ellicottville Playground group works to find ways to achieve the needed funding. You can follow along on Facebook at the Ellicottville Playground as well as reach out to ellicottvilleplayground@gmail.com to find ways to volunteer and contribute.

REFUSE COST TO INCREASE

As the evening continued, discussion was led by Mayor Burrell on the changes that were accepted for a new refuse vendor, Beichner. They will be taking over the Village refuse contract June 1st. The waste management company provides services to many of the areas in Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties. This will, however, result in a \$5 increase to quarterly billing. It will now indicate for Residents, \$40 per quarter, and for Senior Citizen Residents, \$20. The charge is to reflect a vendor that will adhere to the recycling standards the Village calls for. You can visit their website at www.beichnerwaste.com and find their guide to recycling under the residential service information section.

PROJECTS NEARING COMPLETION

A brief update from the Engineering Department was made to the Village Board. They are in the final revisions for the Washington Street Light Project, which serves to add safe lighting to the area while staying true to the character of the Village. Once given approval by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), the project will move toward completion.

In addition, progress continues to be made with the Mill Street parking lot. The most recent information on the project concludes that they are almost ready to open. Verizon is waiting on an order for a sensor to arrive, and once available, they will be ready for the final service installation. With much anticipation, the soon-to-be-open Mill Street parking lot will ease some of the congestion in vehicle traffic in the area.

All monthly Department reports were discussed and approved with little action needed by the Board. The Planning Board, Engineering, Audit of Claims, and the Financial Report were reviewed and accepted, as well as the Mayor's Report and the previous February Minutes without any revisions to be made.

SPRING CLEAN-UP COMMENCES

The Department of Public Works (DPW) has started their spring clean-up, clearing leaves, brush and garbage within the Village. They have started to assemble picnic tables and garbage cans for the skatepark along with patching streets as needed - a welcomed reminder that warmer weather is on the way as we end the winter season.

Finalizing the last points of the monthly agenda, Mayor John Burrell called for the March meeting to adjourn. The Village Board meets every third Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm. For any further information on upcoming scheduling or Village needs, you can always check the official site at www.ellicottvillegov.com.

SETTING A CANNABIS STANDARD

Ellicottville Town Board Holds Public Hearing on 12 Month Moratorium



By Colleen Evans

The Town Board of Ellicottville gathered on March 20th for their monthly meeting in which various topics were discussed, such as Local Law No. 1 Cannabis Moratorium, multiple upcoming fundraisers, short-term rentals and more. To start, Town Supervisor Matthew McAndrew called the meeting to order and lead into conversation on the current agenda.

CANNABIS MORATORIUM

A public hearing had been made for Local Law No. 1 Cannabis Moratorium. The topic has been continuously discussed in hopes to set a high standard in regulation and knowledge. The Town of Ellicottville holds a position where they allow the sale of cannabis but are also able to control the aspects of sales through their zoning laws. With the public hearing, residents in attendance had a chance to address the Law, voice any concerns or ask questions.

The moratorium states that there will be a "12 Month Moratorium on the processing of any applications for, approvals, or permits for the siting of any facilities for use or distribution of cannabis". While this can lead to confusion from the Town opting in for the sale of cannabis, it has been made to be sure that the Town can assess and safely plan for the proper handling in this new territory of retail. Once these points were addressed and explained, the Town Board made the motion to close the public hearing.

The Cattaraugus County Planning Board has also shown their support for the 12 month moratorium with the understanding that it will not have any substantial countywide inter-community effects. Finally, Local Law No. 1 was put to a vote with all "ayes" set in motion. It will become effective once filed with the Secretary of State.

SHORT-TERM RENTALS

Keeping on track with local laws, a brief update was made to the Short-Term Rental Committee. Presented to the committee was a drafted law that applies to the handling of short-term rental properties in the Town of Ellicottville. There was some feedback made to Mr. Keyser, Town Planner, who will be taking these revisions into account. Once the necessary adjustments are made that all parties can agree on, the revised law will be sent along to the Planning Board for review as we wait to see what the final decision will be.

Short-term rentals prove to be a popular choice for visitors during all seasons in Ellicottville. The Town, however, understands that there needs to be a standard set on how those rentals are handled in a way that does not disrupt the community.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

A few new fundraisers are in the mix and here is what to look out for. The Town Board was approached by Priscilla Snider, who presented a Boot Drive to benefit the Roswell Park Alliance Foundation. The Board agreed all in support of the event which will take place on May 25th from 8:00am-12:00pm. In coordination with the event, the Ellicott-ville Police Department will assist to be sure all goes well.

Another date to mark on your calendars is May 5th, as the EVGV Trail plans for its 5K Trail Run fundraiser at HoliMont. The Board expressed their support as planning for the event continues. To follow along on the progress being made with the EVGV Trail and all other additional information, you can reach out to their official website at www. evgvtrail.org.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The meeting continued over brief points and discussions. Presented by the Department heads were the monthly reports involving the Clerk's, Justice, Building Inspector's, and Police. These were accepted by all members without any issue to adjust. Continuing were the heads of the Police, Highway, Planning, and Engineering, who also presented their reports with minor updates made regarding the Town. These were received by the Board, again without issue.

As the evening came to an end, Supervisor Matt McAndrew called to adjourn the Town Board meeting. The Board will continue to meet on the third Wednesday of the month unless otherwise noted. To follow along for scheduling and public notices, go to www. ellicottvillegov.com.

REGIONAL

MATCHING GRANTS

Higgins Memorial to Match \$3K in Santa Claus Lane Support for 2024 Additions



OLEAN - Since 1986, the Santa Claus Lane Parade has been a keystone event in the Olean community. Each November, thousands flock to downtown Olean to watch Santa - riding atop a fire engine - light the tree that now sits in the roundabout at the intersection of North Union Street and West State Street. With a little help from the community, the North end of Olean could have a tree of its own.

In an effort to enhance the holiday ambiance and promote togetherness in the community, the Higgins Memorial Golf Tournament Fund will match up to \$3,000 in donations to the Santa Claus Lane Parade Fund to install a new Christmas tree at the intersection of Main Street and the North Union Street Extension, which will come at a total cost of about \$6,000. This initiative aims to encourage local businesses, residents, and supporters to contribute towards the beautification of the city and the creation of cherished memories for years to come.

For the Higgins Memorial Golf Tournament committee, this matching grant will be the latest in a long list of grants to charitable causes in the greater Olean community. Since 2012, the Higgins Memorial Golf Tournament Fund at CRCF has made possible over \$71,000 in grants to support community nonprofits and charitable activities.

"We are excited to be working with the Higgins Memorial Golf Tournament committee and the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce to rally support for further Santa Clause Lane improvements," said Kirk Windus, CRCF executive director. "We invite the community to support this effort and rally around the Santa Claus Lane event that provides so much holiday joy to the Olean community."

Donations in support of this effort can be made to the Santa Claus Lane Fund at CRCF, 301 North Union St., Suite 203, Olean, NY 14760, or online at cattfoundation.org.

Anonymous Donor Announces \$5K Match for Rebekah Love Family Scholarship

OLEAN - The anonymous donor who established the Rebekah Love Family Scholarship at the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation has announced a campaign to match up to \$5,000 in donations to the scholarship fund.

Donations will be matched through September 1st. The goal of the campaign is to raise an additional \$10,000 for the scholarship fund, so the award amount can grow in future years.

The scholarship fund is a tribute to the donor's former Kindergarten teacher,



Rebekah Love. At the age of 17, Love was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS). Even with this diagnosis, Love went on to teach for 16 years at Ten Broeck Academy/Franklinville Central School District before having to retire due to her illness. The enduring impact left by Love on the school spurred the anonymous donor to invest in a tribute that will stand as a lasting testament to Love's influence on her students.

The Rebekah Love Family Scholarship, which will be making its first award this year, is for a graduating student of Ten Broeck Academy/Franklinville Central School who has demonstrated academic success and is pursuing a post-secondary degree. Preference will be given to students pursuing a degree in an education-or nursing-related field of study. Preference will also be given to students who, like Love, have faced adversity and persevered with a positive attitude.

Donations can be made to the Rebekah Love Family Scholarship Fund at the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation, 301 North Union St., Suite 203, Olean, NY 14760 or online at cattfoundation.org.

The Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation is the area's supportive, responsive, and trusted community foundation. Established in 1994, CRCF 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), email foundation@cattfoundation.org, or visit online at www. cattfoundation.org. CRCF is also on Facebook and Twitter (@CattFoundation).

LIVE IN CONCERT

The Seven Wonders to Perform Flettwood Mac Tribute at Cutco Theater



OLEAN - The Seven Wonders will be lighting up the stage on Saturday, March 30th at 7:00pm at Cutco Theater, 305 N Barry St, Olean, NY. Tickets are on sale for \$32 and can be purchased at events.humanitix.com/the-seven-wonders.

The Seven Wonders are bringing their wildly popular Fleetwood Mac show to SUNY Jamestown Community College's Cattaraugus County Campus at the recently upgraded Cutco Theater. The show will feature all of your favorite Fleetwood Mac songs, including "Go Your Own Way", "Dreams", "You Make Lovin' Fun", "Rhiannon", and more delivered in a powerful performance by a band whose chemistry is as electric as the original.

Don't expect to see your average tribute band though; this group of musicians takes it to the next level! While their collective performance experience spans decades, their presence and energy are vivacious, paying homage to the live show of the original Fleetwood Mac. This show appeals to everyone, both original fans and the new wave of fans introduced to this music through recent viral videos on social media - a true testament to the timelessness of this music. Their performances have been turning heads since their inception, drawing large crowds to the venues that they visit.

"It is such a privilege to perform this timeless catalog in front of a live audience. We cannot wait to bring the show to the Cutco Theater!" says Teagan Ward, the group's vocalist who performs the role of Stevie Nicks.

Ward is accompanied onstage by Bryan Price (vocal, guitar), Melanie Muscarella (keyboards, vocals), Jonathan Sheffer (guitar), Greg Meisenzahl (bass), Matthew Ramerman (drums), and Greg Woodsbie (keyboards). For more information about their upcoming performance in Olean, go to www.sunyjcc.edu/event.

Country Superstars Big & Rich and Gretchen Wilson to Perform in Salamanca

SALAMANCA - The Southern Tier's premier entertainment destination is gearing up to celebrate a milestone anniversary with an outdoor party to remember. Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino will present an amazing outdoor concert by Country Music superstars Big & Rich featuring Gretchen Wilson with Cowboy Troy & DJ Sinister on Saturday, May 25th at 8:00pm as part of the Seneca Allegany 20th Anniversary Concert Series! Tickets for this concert are now on sale and



Just like Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino, Big & Rich burst onto the scene as a game-changing force 20 years ago. John Rich and Big Kenny, each a remarkable individual talent, came together and seamlessly blended rock and hip-hop into their country framework, starting with their 2004 Triple Platinum album, "Horse of a Different Color." From there, they immediately shot to superstardom and produced 19 singles on the Billboard Hot Country Songs chart. Among their most memorable hits are "Save A Horse (Ride A Cowboy)", "Wild West Show" and "8th of November", among others. The duo's high-energy performances added to their legacy and have been captivating audiences for two decades.

Joining Big & Rich for the outdoor show will be special guests Gretchen Wilson, Cowboy Troy & DJ Sinister. Wilson became an instant star with her debut single, "Redneck Woman," which spent six weeks at Number One, and other hits like, "When I Think About Cheatin," "Here for the Party" and "I Don't Feel Like Loving You Today", among her ten Top 10 singles and 10 million albums sold.

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LIFESTYLE

Breakaway Classic Adventures: Fish the Rise - The Art of the Dry Fly

By Indrek Kongats

With the April 1st opening day of the Trout Fishing Season just days away, its time to step up your fly-fishing game and catch a trout on the rise! The ultimate fly fishing method that every fly fisher wants to achieve is catching hungry trout on a dry fly!

Dry fly fishing is a technique where the fly fisherman tries to imitate an insect that is floating along on the surface of a stream, creek or river. As the insect travels downstream, it suddenly vanishes in a swirl of water. The insect just satisfied the appetite of a hungry trout. The swirl is caused by a trout rising up to the water's surface and snatching up the unsuspecting insect as it is about to take flight as an adult insect called a Dun or dying insect that just finished laying its eggs called a Spinner.

The eggs represent the start of the life cycle of the insect - the number one food source of all trout. The eggs eventually become larva and then pupa; both stages are also referred to as nymphs. Thousands of nymphs continually inhabit the bottom of all bodies of water amongst the stone, rubble and vegetation. When the time is right, the nymphs will float to the surface where they emerge into adult insects called Duns. This is also called hatching and the eager fly fisherman is focused on matching this hatch with his artificial flies.

One of the first persons to begin studying insect life and connecting it to the pursuit of fly fishing was Sara Jane McBride of Mumford, NY. McBride, an entomologist and avid fly fisher, penned an article for the Rochester Evening Express back in 1876 (almost 150 years ago!) titled, "Beside the Singing Stream: A story of the Insect Fauna of Caledonia Creek". She also opened up the first fly shop on one of the busiest stages in the world at 889 Broadway Avenue in New York City. Ms. McBride was a very accomplished fly tier as well!

Sara had travelled to England at the same time that the Houghton Fly Fishing Club first introduced the concept of Scientific Angling to the world - the scientific study of insect life for the purposes of catching trout on the Dry Fly. The HFFC was formed by Dr. T. C. Wickham in 1875 in Houghton, England on the banks of the River Test that they leased for exclusive use of its members. One of those members was Frederic M. Halford who published the first book on dry fly fishing in 1886 titled, *Floating Flies and How to Fish Them*, followed by a second book in 1889 titled, *Dry Fly Fishing - Theory and Practice*.

The HFFC was also responsible for inventing the forged steel eyed hook that replaced the looped gut leader snelled hook. They also were responsible for the floating fly line, use of long leaders and the development of the fly tying vise.

The new Houghton Fly Fishing Club came about in 2021 after the original HFFC disbanded in 1892 when their lease on the River Test expired. Headquartered in the River Dog Fly Shop in Houghton, NY the modern day HFFC is carrying on a tradition of advocating the philosophies and principles of scientific angling to a new generation of fly fishers!

The secret to becoming a great dry fly fisherman is to present your fly with a perfect drag free drift so that your fly rides the current at the exact speed and motion that an untethered natural insect would. The challenge is keeping your fly line and leader from either dragging or sweeping your fly across the current.

A method that many novice fly fishermen embrace is called a two fly technique where they attempt to use a dry fly as a sort of indicator to let them know when a fish has taken their second fly, a nymph, fished on the bottom. What most fishermen don't realize when using this method, your surface fly is not freely drifting in the current without drag. The drag is caused by the deeply fished nymph where the current is moving slower than the surface water. Fishing the dropper indicator rig can be very successful in fooling hatchery of freshly stocked uneducated





trout but not the wary wise ones.

To elevate your dry fly fishing, you have to fish a single fly as naturally as possible and this means always having a visual on your fly - even if it's a size 26 - and making sure it's drifting perfectly. Practice makes perfect but a good guide or instructor will shorten the learning curve dramatically.

Although choosing the right fly will add to your success, matching the hatch is not nearly as important as the drag free drift. A long leader, fine tippet and casting techniques of down and across verses straight up stream are some of the secrets most fly fishermen haven't been exposed to. The reach cast and parachute cast help you land your fly line on the water without immediately causing your fly to drag. Good luck and April 1st and don't just fish the water... fish the rise and fool that wily old brown trout!

Notes worthy of mention: Did you know the first Montana fly fisherman was Capt. Frederick Benteen of the 7th Cavalry under the command of George Armstrong Custer in 1877. Rumor has it that Benteen lead the charge with his fly rod!

On June 1st, the quaint Village of Caledonia and the Big Springs Museum will host the Second Annual Caledonia Trout Festival, celebrating its history as the birthplace of modern American trout fishing. In 1864, Seth Green, the godfather of fisheries science, started the oldest fish hatchery in the Western Hemisphere along Spring Creek in Caledonia. Seth Green's research and work at the hatchery led to the spread in diversity and quality of trout fishing across the world. Spring Creek and the Caledonia fish hatchery remain a mecca for trout anglers.

Indrek Kongats is an artist, traveler, outdoorsman, and business owner residing in Ellicottville. He operates River Dog Art Gallery in Houghton, NY, and his Breakaway Classic Adventures (breakawayclassicadventures.com) specializes in adventure travel destinations.

Cattaraugus County Farmer-Neighbor Dinner Announced; Tickets NOW Available

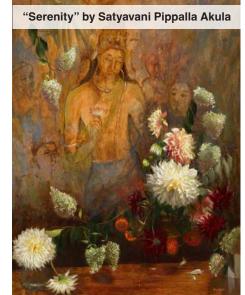
LITTLE VALLEY - The Cattaraugus County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board, along with the Cattaraugus County Department of Economic Development, Planning & Tourism, the Cattaraugus County Farm Bureau and the Cattaraugus County Soil & Water Conservation District will host the 12th Annual Cattaraugus County Farmer-Neighbor Dinner on Wednesday, April 10th at the West Valley Fire Hall, 9091 Route 240.

Cattaraugus County is home to a vibrant and diverse agricultural industry. Good communication is essential to developing and maintaining good relationships between farm and non-farm neighbors. This event is a way to bring the county's farmers and their neighbors together for a night of fellowship and understanding. It will also be a way for the county's farmers and businesses to showcase what they have to offer each other. The dinner is pre-

pared from locally grown items from around Cattaraugus County and surrounding areas.

The evening will begin at 5:30pm with agricultural related exhibitor displays and appetizers. Dinner will be served at 6:45pm, followed by a presentation of awards to Farm of the Year, Friend of Agriculture, Ag Legacy Award and Conservation Farm of the Year. Any business that wishes to become a sponsor of the event or exhibitor can complete the form at AgCatt.com/FNDinner. Reservations for the dinner are due no later than March 29, 2024 and can be requested at AgCatt.com/FNDinner. Cost of the dinner is \$25 per person and reservations must be made prior to the event. Also available are Agriculture Advocate Tables - purchase a full table (8 tickets) and be recognized in the event program.

BIG Things are Happening at the Tri-County Arts Council!





OLEAN - The Tri-County Arts Council is pleased to announce their first ever "Something BIG" large works show. The show is running now through April 27th in the Peg Bothner Gallery, located at 110 W. State St. in Olean, NY.

"We (TCAC) decided that after years of small works shows, that it would be fun for our members to "stretch their legs" and have a large works show," said Paula Bernstein, Executive Director of the Tri-County Arts Council.

Artists in the "Something BIG" large works show include: Satyavani Pippalla Akula, Kasia Ambuski, Wendy Bale, John Balacki, Carol Beato Smith, Dennis Bertram, Donald Black, Rose Brawn, Marshall Burns, Michelle Capizzi, Jim Douglas, Audrey Kay Dowling, Karen Fitzpatrick, Barbara Fox, Brenda Freeman Sawyer, Ed Green, Marshall Green, Theresa Heinz, Zachary and Lindsay Horn, Lorinda John, D'Arsie Mae, Emily Leone Meidenbauer, Melissa Locke, Myriam Mayshark, Barbara Mink, Geraldine Nash Smith, Jean Nevinger, Nancy Nixon Ensign, Violet Nolder, Thomas Paquette, Megan Parry, Amanda Parry Oglesbee, Brian Payne, Sarah Phillips, Philip Procter, Daryl Reding, Matt Retzlaff, Fr Michael Reyes OFM, Brook Shumway, Darlene Subulski, Julie Thurber, Jennie Thwing, Peter Tucker, Marsha Van Vlack, Felicity Vickman, Tara Walker, Paige Wiard, and Abby Zickefoose

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EMPLOYMENT

IMMEDIATE OPENING: ELLICOTTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL

School Nurse, LPN: The Ellicottville Central School District has an opening for a School Nurse, LPN, starting 4/9/2024. The position is a 10-month position and salary is negotiable based upon experience. EOE. Application deadline = Open until position is filled. Candidates for the School Nurse (LPN) Position are invited to apply at: https:// ellicottvillecentral.recruitfront.com/ JobOpportunities. EOE

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

HELP WANTED: The Silver Fox Steakhouse is looking for an experienced head chef. Stop by 23 Hughey Alley, Ellicottville, NY 14731 or e-mail resume to silverfoxeville@aol.com

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Ellicottville Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place this Saturday, March 30th at 1:00pm at the Ellicottville Village Park, 11 Parkside Drive. All ages are welcome! There will be one round per age group with a total of 3 rounds. And you can't forget there is always the chance to win a special chocolate bunny! This event is held rain or shine. In the event of inclement weather, the hunt will be moved inside the Ellicottville Fire Hall.)

VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

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lifted out of his wheelchair and supported by others also in uniform, as he reached to run his gnarled hands gently over an etched name. Tears poured shamelessly down his wrinkled face. I watched young couples clutching hands as they wordlessly placed flowers and stared at that hard, cold granite wall. Gratefully, I had no name to make a rubbing from, or touch, yet I cried as I watched the collective agony in open display at that cold wall.



Perhaps, one day, the three-quarter scaled traveling replica, The Wall That Heals exhibit, with its education center, will come to the Western New York area where those who cannot go to D.C. can experience the impact and emotions of the original wall. Meanwhile, one can donate per mile at https://www.vvmf.org/giving-to-vvmf/ or mail a check to Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund 3033 Wilson Blvd, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22201.

LLC NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORMATION of REAL VITALITY LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/20/24. Office location: CATTARAUGUS County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Courtney Ingham, 4457 Pumpkin Hollow Road, Great Valley, NY 14741. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of TRAVELLUXE NY LLC. Auth filed 01/14/2024. Cty: Albany. LLC org with Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on 01/14/2024. SSNY desig. for process and shall mail a copy of any such process to: 418 BROADWAY, STE R AL-BANY, NY, 12207, USA. Purpose: any lawful act.

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COMMUNITY

VISIT ST. JOHN'S FOR SATURDAY SERVICE: St. John's Episcopal Church is located at the village of Ellicottville's historic four corners. We host a visitor-friendly service every Saturday beginning at 5:00pm. Any and all are welcome to attend!

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SOLAR ECLIPSE JAM: Join the eNOW team and the Ellicottville Chamber on April 8th for a fun, free afternoon of totality! Snacks, tunes, Kan Jam, sidewalk chalk and free eclipse glasses. Search "eNOW Eclipse Jam" on Facebook for full details.

E.A.R.S. FUNDRAISER

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totally worth it!) Tickets can be purchased through the Seneca Salamanca Chamber of Commerce's Facebook page or the Empire Animal Rescue Society's Facebook page. If you need another way of purchasing, just reach out to the Seneca Salamanca Chamber and they will be happy to assist you.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT IS ESSENTIAL

I had to ask both Gary and Courtney how important they feel this event is to both E.A.R.S and the community. "We feel it is important to have fun things for kids and families to do - healthy activities that everyone can enjoy," said Courtney. "It's something different and it is in support of our nonprofit that serves this community and the surrounding areas. This event is for people of all ages... and let's be honest, who doesn't like dogs?!"

Gary went on to add, "Any fundraising effort is essential to the E.A.R.S. operation. The Chamber has assisted them in the past and remains one of their biggest supporters. E.A.R.S. is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to rescuing abandoned, abused, neglected and endangered animals. This organization is composed of some of the most dedicated volunteers one could ask for. The scope of what this group does for this area as well as for homeless pets in other states goes beyond comprehension. Most people have no idea of the care and advocacy this group gives to one looking for their furever homes. With all that being said, any event to raise funds to allow E.A.R.S. to help the ones who can't help themselves is extremely important."

To close, Courtney wanted to say, "We are hoping for an amazing turnout. This is a one-of-a-kind show in our area. We are still looking for sponsors for this event. If anyone or any businesses are interested, please email us at empirerescue@gmail.com. Sponsors will be featured on our social media outlets as well as during the event on the big screens."

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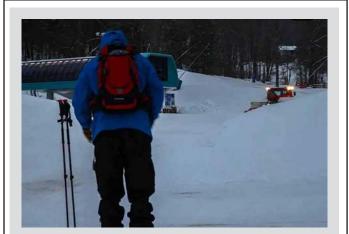
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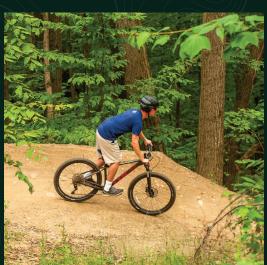


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