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Celebrating the Moms Who Do It All

Local Businesses Team Up to Host Boutique Crawl This Weekend

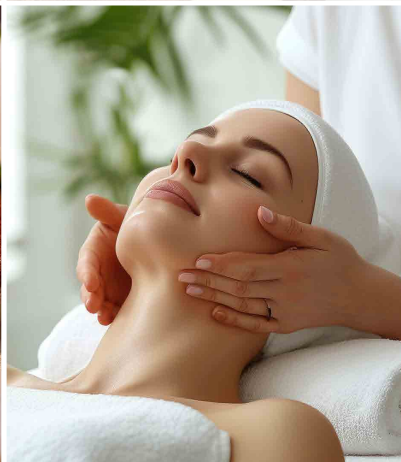


BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

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For those looking to spoil mom with a day of shopping and dining, click over to ellicottvillenew.com to learn about this Saturday's Boutique Crawl, where you can enter to win some pretty great prizes just by visiting our 20+ local retailers. Or turn the pages of this week's issue to find one-of-a-kind products and experiences that any mom will certainly enjoy!



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If you would like to be a contestant in the Chili Cook-Off or donate a basket, please email the Club at evlrotaryclub@gmail.com. The entry to be a contestant in the Chili Cook-Off is \$25. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners with the judging to take place live at the event.

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BREAKAWAY CLASSIC ADVENTURES: CLASSIC CANOEING REVISITED

Nostalgia is being swept away in a tsunami of modern technology - cars that are smarter than we are, phones that really are smarter than we are, and now AI giving us advice on virtually everything. Put life on cruise control and take a break. Pick up a paddle, jump into a canoe and head out on the open water to clear that head of yours! Don't try to over-think it; just close your eyes and imagine what life could be like... slow in pace, quiet and peaceful, the only possible distraction is the soft lapping of the waves in your mind. A classic cedar strip canvas canoe is just the ticket to get you lost in tranquility ... page 12

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Pizza Perfection Status

Monroe St. Brick & Brew Named in The New 96.1 Ultimate Pizza Trail Guide

BY JESSICA SCHULTZ

Pizza... The quintessential food beloved the world over for its chewy crust, bubbling hot cheese, tangy tomato sauce and flavorful toppings. However you toss it, it's a staple for most people we know. It's also a huge topic of contention. Who has the best pizza in town? In the county?

That's a loaded question right there, but The New 96.1 Radio Station out of Buffalo, NY wasn't afraid to share their picks in their Ultimate Pizza Trail Guide - a list created by ChatGPT to pick one pizza place in every single county (62) of NYS that were historic, well reviewed, and very popular. Ellicottville's own Monroe Street Brick and Brew laid claim to the Cattaraugus County spot. With their wood-fired wonders and extremely friendly service, they were a perfect pick.

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Publisher's PICK

EVERY DAY IS FOR MOM

The Best Gift is Time Together: Local Ideas to Make this Mother's Day Memorable



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Lucky Day Homestead is extending the Mother's Day holiday to May 18th, when they plan to host a special Mother Daughter Picnic Hike on their property.

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

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As a mom, I can attest to that feeling that I carry part of my offspring long after they were born, and in my case, that's more than 50-some years. Once a mom, always a mom! And as a mom, I can assure you that some of the best ideas I would have for celebrating Mother's Day would involve spending time with my children. Personally, I think it's more important for kids to get home to visit on Mother's Day than on Easter or Christmas, if they live miles or states away. So, top gift on my list would be quality time with my offspring, perhaps attending church, having brunch, reminiscing, looking at old photos, having dinner and margaritas, remembering fun times, and catching up in person.

Food: We celebrate most milestones in our days - and our lives - by eating... either a meal at a favorite restaurant (for me - The Silver Fox) or a grand family picnic like eNOW's Jessica Schultz's family is planning (to which I have been graciously invited), which I am sure will be an elaborate feast punctuated by beautiful-to-look-at and delicious-to-eat desserts.

With the weather turning warmer, perhaps we need to look to Spain and their custom of Siesta where a few hours are taken to escape the heat, have a meal with others, and nap or sip margaritas on the deck. Just think, if we all did a Siesta on Mother's Day, we might find ourselves more easily connecting with those around us.

Mother's Day can be celebrated any day of the week, or better still, ALL week! Why not book a massage, go for a walk in the Nannen Arboretum or do the historical walk through the village ending at the Gazebo where you can sit and people watch, or simply enjoy the scenery. Do a craft together, build a family cookbook (and bake a recipe or two), or make a time capsule to be opened in a time frame agreed upon by all.

Ellicottville is such a fun village for shopping. Create a scavenger hunt involving some favorite shops, ending at a new restaurant for dinner or a Mother's Day toast. If the weather isn't the best, have a movie marathon, cook some pizzas or easy favorite foods, drink some wine or margaritas (notice a pattern here?) and take lots of pictures for a Mother's Day collage.

Flowers: A study by Nancy Etcoff, Ph.D. of Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School, determined that flowers affect people. Their presence in a room makes people happier and more compassionate toward others. The traditional Mother's Day gift is a single carnation. "The carnation does not drop its petals, but hugs them to its heart as it dies, and so, too, mothers hug their children to their hearts, their mother love never dying." Spoken by Anna Jarvis, creator of Mother's Day in 1927. Jarvis and her mother were known to have a white carnation garden at their home in Philadelphia. In honor of her late mother, "She distributed 500 carnations at the first official [Mother's Day] service because they were her mother's favorite flower," a florist, Rita Dancyger explains.

Speaking of flowers, why not have a gardening afternoon, planting some new posies in mom's garden, or if she has gone on to her adventure into eternity, place some bright fresh flowers at her gravesite, her final resting place if her ashes were scattered on land, or in your own yard in a sweet memorial garden.

Is mom a book lover? Introduce her to a book club, help her start one in her own community, or set her up online for a book-a-month. As for me, I'd love a commemorative brick at the Ellicottville Library or the Arboretum (or both).

Finally, Lucky Day Homestead is presenting a Mother Daughter Picnic Hike on Saturday, May 18th from 11:00am-2:00pm. Check it out on their FB page. As a prelude to the outdoorsy hike and picnic, you could "Go Big or Go Home" and give mom a dress-up opportunity (how often do moms get to do that in their busy lives?) and make a reservation for a five-course wine dinner at Villaggio on Wednesday, May 15th from 6:00-9:00pm. Villaggio has teamed up with the Winery of Ellicottville to host a memorable evening fit for a Queen, aka your mom! Make your reservation at VillaggioEVL.com. Happy Mother's Day/Week!

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A MYSTERY TRAPPED IN TIME

Enchanted Mountain Challenge Launches Third Season



By MARY WEISER

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Each challenge takes participants on a journey - historically and geographically - through Ellicottville, Franklinville, and Olean to solve riddles and discover clues related to historical people and places in these communities. "Every challenge we create relates to our local history," Kristen Thomson explained. "It is really important for us to highlight the history of any area we work with. Was your house custom built two years ago? Awesome! But I can assure you that your very plot of land was something very different 100, 200, 300 or more years ago! Let's embrace the amazing history of our area. Let's see how our current existence interacts with and corresponds to our past."

This year's Challenge involves two mysteries and the history of two local artists, beginning with Franklinville's own Norman Maffei. "There are a lot of twists and turns this year," she said. "We work so hard to try to create something that is challenging, but also super fun and engaging. We create our clues with all kinds of brains in mind. You don't have to be a crossword puzzle fan to enjoy this Challenge. There is truly something for everyone, and the more minds, the better your chances are to solve the mystery!"

Whether you'd like to attempt the Challenge on your own or gather family or friends together, you can register online now at www.enchantedmountainchallenge.com. Upon registering, participants will receive information on how and where to get started. The Challenge can take a full weekend to complete; however, participants can begin on any day of the week and return to finish the Challenge if they're not able to spend more than a day working through the riddles and clues. "The Challenge this year, like those in the past, involves visiting different businesses as well as exploring our outdoors," Thomson noted. "Our hikes/outdoor clues are of easy to medium difficulty, but we always have plans in place to make it accessible to anyone who cannot or doesn't want to complete the more physical parts of the Challenge."



For those who may be new to the area, the Challenge is a fun opportunity to explore the region and discover local businesses and points of interest. Thomson said, "We constantly try to highlight new businesses in our towns, and the majority of our clue stops this year are brand new destinations! But we have an incredible amount of support from our past and current sponsors and work hard to incorporate them into each Challenge."

Everyone who successfully completes the Challenge by October 14th will be entered into the prize drawing, and their participation also supports the community. "This year, we will continue to provide a donation to our local historical society as well as offer a prize to our finishers, using a randomizer," explained Thomson. "This is not a race; it's about enjoying the experience and embracing the storyline. That's why all finishers are entered into the final contest from which our winners are chosen. But this year we are adding another benefit by providing a scholarship to a senior at Ten Broeck Academy/Franklinville Central School District who has a passion for the arts."

Thomson is pleased to share that the Challenge grows each year. During its inaugural year, the Challenge had 40 groups of one to four people each; in the second year, they had 400 groups participate! Kristen and Shaun are already hard at work planning next year's Challenge and have half of next year's clues finished! "Our favorite part about developing the Challenge is when our minds align and our creativity flows," she reflected. "It is such an incredible feeling! I wish I could explain the euphoria when we agree upon

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PIZZA PERFECTION

Monroe St. Brick & Brew Named Top Pick in The New 96.1 Ultimate Pizza Trail



By JESSICA SCHULTZ

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Ellicottville's own Monroe Street Brick and Brew laid claim to the Cattaraugus County spot. With their wood-fired wonders and extremely friendly service, they were a perfect pick. With traditional options like Cheese and Pepperoni and ever popular Buffalo Chicken or Garlic White, to build your own pie with an array of premium toppings, MSBB (as they are known locally) has something everyone in the family can enjoy. They even have a gluten free crust option for an extra \$2 that is quite good. (I say from personal experience.) You can round out your meal with some brick oven baked wings, breadsticks, calzones or even a simple garden salad. Sounds good, right?

Owner Frank Maduri was extremely happy to hear that his team and himself were recognized, especially since it came as a total surprise. "This wasn't something we had been preparing for. We didn't even know it was happening. We were just doing business as usual - slinging pies, pouring brews and making our customers happy as we always do. And then we got the news!"

Frank continued, "I'm so happy. I hope this doesn't only bring some attention to our restaurant but that it brings more people into town to see all that Ellicottville has to offer. We're full of amazing spots, with great hardworking people who are more than happy to share what they do."

If this has you intrigued, sadly, you'll have to wait to assuage your wood-fired pizza cravings. Monroe Street Brick and Brew is closed during the month of May to give its staff a well-deserved break after the winter season. But don't worry, they'll be back May 31st from 12:00-9:00pm. Then straight into regular hours from there, which are Friday and Saturday 12:00-9:00pm, Sunday 12:00-8:00pm, Tuesday through Thursday 4:00-8:00pm, closed Mondays. Keep an eye on MSBB's Facebook page for more information, and if you're interested in The New 96.1, which plays music from the 90s to today, visit their website at thenew961.com.

ROTARY PLANS CHILI COOK-OFF

Madigan's to Host the Club's Biggest Fundraiser of the Year

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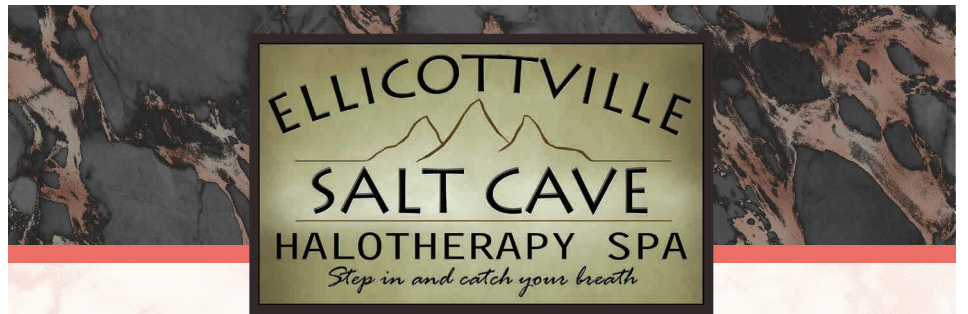


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CATTARAUGUS CAR SHOW

Bradley's 3rd Annual Event Aims to Support Local Vendors



By PATRICK FERRINO

Vroom vroom! Do you have a sick ride you want to show off? It might be time to tug it out of the garage and give her a polish because Bradley's Annual Car Show is almost here! Coming to the Cattaraugus Firemen's Club on South Street in Cattaraugus, NY on Saturday, May 18th, Bradley's Auto Detailing is proud to present its third year of this fun-filled event. Even if you have a "normal people" car, you can still participate by loading it up with the whole family and heading to Cattaraugus to check out the cars, munch some delicious food, and enjoy some family friendly festivities!

Bradley's Auto Detailing is a locally owned business located on Tannery Road in Cattaraugus. Owner Molleigh Bradley has been in business for ten years now, and she proudly offers a variety of services at her shop. From detailing to auto repair, even dabbling into the realm of bodywork, Bradley's has it down. "We do a little bit of everything," she said.

Molleigh grew up polishing her father's truck and started her business right after high school. She followed in her brother's footsteps, "because pretty much everybody that's a Bradley does bodywork," Molleigh said. At first, Molleigh would find clientele in family and friends, but word eventually spread around the community. "Now, I'm busy every day!" she said.

In an effort to bring the community together, Bradley's Car Show was launched in 2022. While it's only been a couple of years, Molleigh's focus remains on growing and expanding the event each spring.

This year, cars will be coming in from as far as Ohio to display in the show. If you have little ones interested in big trucks, Hunter Truck Peterbilt from Petersville, Ohio will be bringing in special show trucks that you won't want to miss. "They don't use these trucks for anything other than show, and they'll be coming and welcoming guests to ask questions and learn more about them," shared Molleigh.

"I do it also to support local businesses," she added. "It's a time where they can come out and show their appreciation with sponsorships or show what they do. You're gonna see a lot of mom-and-pop shops with their custom items as well."

That's right, the car show isn't just about the cars. There will be tons of activities for families to see and do. Along with all the cars to view, live music is on the schedule and will feature country-rock band Wasted Whiskey. Kids will also love the ice cream stand and bounce castle. "We're working on a couple of other things with the Fireman's Club as well, so there will be lots for kids to run around keep busy," said Molleigh.

Headlining the snack department will be local food truck, Pig-Out Place. One of their delicious hot dogs or beef on weck sandwiches will go great with a lemonade from the fresh-squeezed stand. For dessert, the Cattaraugus County Midget and Peewee football teams will be serving up some delicious ice cream sundaes to raise money for their upcoming season. If you arrive early, you can support the local Cattaraugus County Fire Department via their chicken barbecue, which starts at 11:00am.

The car show is certainly the main event, however. Those bringing a car should be eager for a chance to win the best-in-show cash prize of \$500! This is made possible by several awesome local sponsors. "We have Town & Country Disposal, Stein Brothers Tire, and the Bank of Cattaraugus sponsoring," continued Molleigh. "Without them, we wouldn't have half the show that we usually do."

Add Bradley's 3rd Annual Car Show to your calendar for Saturday, May 18th. The Cattaraugus Fire Department's chicken barbecue fundraiser will kick off the day at 11:00am, the car show opens at 1:00pm, the band will start at 3:00pm, and awards will be announced around 4:00pm. There will also be an after-event with live music from 6:00-9:00pm. More details can be found on Bradley's 3rd Annual Car Show Facebook page.



COMBINING ART AND MUSIC

The Great Train Robbery to Headline 2024 Griffis Sculpture Park Summer Festival



EAST OTTO - Griffis Sculpture Park will host their annual Summer Festival on Sunday, August 18, 2024 from 12:00-6:00pm. It's a day filled with music, creativity, nature, exploration and much more. The festival started in 2013 and has become a "must-attend" event in Western New York's summer calendar. The event is a major fundraiser for the Ashford Hollow Foundation, which owns and operates the sculpture park.

The event also features a vendor village, a kid's crafts area, food stands, beer & wine service and more. Tickets are \$25; children 12 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased on eventbrite.com.

Headlining this year's Griffis Sculpture Park Summer Festival are one of the living legends of the Buffalo music scene: The Great Train Robbery. Since the mid-1980s, this band has been packing dance floors and concert venues with their rock, ska and reggae-inspired sound. After coming back from a long hiatus in 2022, the band plays only 2 to 3 shows a year - which always sell out - making their appearance at the Griffis Sculpture Park Summer Festival that much more special.

Additional performers include Buffalo's Letter to Elise. Songs from this indie-rock group are characterized by catchy hooks, dynamic pop-rock sensibility, intricate guitar work, and being one of the first bands in the last decade to feature an electric cello. Letter to Elise is proving itself to be one of the hottest new acts coming out of the Western New York area.

Hailing from the hills of rural WNY, Cobra Patrol is a four-piece indie-rock band whose danceable rhythms, retro vibes and smart lyrics have been likened to The Feelies, Brian Jonestown Massacre, Lou Reed and The B-52s. Cobra Patrol recently released their debut album, Mudlarking, on all major streaming platforms. It showcases the songwriting talents of Dave Danielson and features the grooving bass and drum interplay of Patrick Cooper and Mike Perks. Karn Sorensen's scronky analog synth and violin rounds out the quartet's unique sound.

SON is a dynamic duo who play your favorite classic songs with a soulful twist. Consisting of Sabrina GustafSON and Jed ThompSON, the duo plays venues large and small throughout the region. They hail from the Southern Tier.

Autumn Echo is a poet, mother, and performing artist from Jamestown, NY. She is a slam

"Griffis Summer Festival" continued page 14

ARTIST EXHIBITION

Tri-County Arts Council Presents Wildlife Exhibit, Open May 11th

OLEAN - The Tri-County Arts Council will present "A Natural Connection" featuring landscapes and wildlife art by Denise Drummond and Joseph Grice, May 11th through June 15th in the Peg Bothner Gallery at the Tri-County Arts Council, 110 West State Street in Olean, NY. A public reception is planned for Saturday, May 18th from 5:30-7:30pm.

Bradford Pennsylvania artist Denise Drummond began her love affair with nature at an early age while growing up in the woodlands of Northwestern PA, drawing animals and nature scenes at age two and selling her artwork as a teenager. Denise has been a freelance artist since 1980 and works in graphite and watercolor to create nature scenes, with a special love for our national parks and wilderness areas. A self-taught landscape and portrait artist, Denise's work has been shown and collected worldwide.

"My artwork is an attempt to capture and hold the love I have for nature and wild places, especially our national parks and wilderness areas," she said. "I am intrigued and drawn in by every twig on the branches of trees. Most of my drawings and paintings show all of that detail - from the leaves on trees to the ferns on the forest floor."

Joseph Grice is a wildlife illustrator currently working in Jamestown, NY. After graduating with his BFA from SUNY Fredonia in 2010, he taught art at Infinity Visual & Performing Arts in Jamestown, and at Holt School of Fine Art in Charlotte, NC. He began painting birds as his primary subject matter in 2016, a tribute to his childhood where he grew up watching birds and spending time admiring the art of the Roger Tory Peterson Field Guidebooks.

"Artist Exhibition" continued page 14

LIFESTYLE

Breakaway Classic Adventures: Classic Canoeing Revisited

BY INDREK KONGATS

Nostalgia is being swept away in a tsunami of modern technology - cars that are smarter than we are, phones that really are smarter than we are, and now AI giving us advice on virtually everything. Put life on cruise control and take a break. Pick up a paddle, jump into a canoe and head out on the open water to clear that head of yours!

Don't try to overthink it; just close your eyes and imagine what life could be like... slow in pace, quiet and peaceful, the only possible distraction is the soft lapping of the waves in your mind. A classic cedar strip canvas canoe is just the ticket to get you lost in tranquility. Wood, canvas and water are all organic in nature and belong together, melting into each other smoothly and quietly. Fiberglass, plastic and aluminum are foreign and unnatural and serve a different purpose and a different frame of mind. While wood is warm and absorbs noise, those other materials are cold and annoyingly amplify sounds, not conducive to solitude and relaxation!

A map, compass and canoe pack are your only companions on your escape, but somewhere you'll have to learn how to make the most of them, and of course basic paddling skills and wilderness know how. I learned mine when I was a pre-teen and my teacher and mentor was an officer with the Ministry of Natural Resources stationed out of a community called Bobcaygeon, Ontario. Bobcaygeon... now there is a fascinating name for a town, made famous by the Tragically Hip song of the same name in 1999. Bobcaygeon has always stuck in mind whenever I think of canoeing. The word stems from an Ojibway term meaning shallow currents or currented rocky narrows, both common encounters during a paddle either down a mystic river or across a lake with no name.

One of the first things my game warden friend taught me was how to sit in a canoe, not on the seat but resting your butt against it with your legs folded beneath you. The idea is to keep your center of gravity low, giving you and your canoe stability when rocked by waves or a sudden shift of cargo or passengers. Along with proper seating position is seat location. If you are a solo canoeist, then you locate yourself more midship, actually leaning against a thwart or the back of the bow seat. The reason behind this is to keep the canoe level in the water to improve wind resistance and maneuverability.

Going solo is the quintessential canoeing experience and requires additional skill, technique and practice. A tippy canoe and a solo canoeist go hand-in-hand and the less knowing would think the canoe is about to go over. In reality, the closer the gunnel is to the water the longer and more efficient your paddle stroke will be.

Keeping the canoe going in a straight line is all in the stroke of your paddle and not in the switching of your paddle from side to side. An experienced canoeist is able to keep on course by just paddling on one side or the other, switching only every so often to give arm and wrist muscles a brake. The magic paddle technique is called a J stroke, which is course correcting. At the end of every sweep of the paddle, the blade is turned and pushed out away from the canoe. This slight push away is the only course correction needed to keeping on the path of a straight line.

The understanding of these solo canoeing basics applies also to canoeing tandem with both a bow and stern paddler. The paddler in the stern is the driver and controls the direction and path of the canoe, while the bow paddler's job is to give additional power with simple straight-line strokes always on the opposite side of the driver. The stern paddler acts like a coxswain, keeping a steady rhythmic beat between both paddlers.

A much-overlooked tip is in selecting the best paddle design and treatment. The paddle is your only method of propulsion and has to be one with you. The right height is probably its most important attribute. Too short and it's not efficient, too long and it's awkward. Generally speaking, your paddle should reach your chin, nose or forehead depending upon the length of your arms and comfort when holding it. The paddle shaft should be void of any varnish or wax that will cause blisters as your hands slide and twist upon it.

Earlier I mentioned something about a map and compass as your only companions and you



photo / Michael Melford,
National Geographic Creative

Classic wooden canoes of the Allagash River in northern Maine

probably scratched your head since you're still in a high-tech mindset. "Getting away from it all" includes going to places where there is limited cell coverage and definitely no electricity to recharge dead phones or GPS devices, thus the necessity for a map and compass. Reading a map seems like second nature and common sense to some, but nowadays in everyday life they are hard to find. Once upon a time a map was to lead us to treasure, but now they are the treasure, only if you can get your hands upon a good one.

The maps that you'll need are obviously road maps, topographic maps, if your routes include portages, and hydrographic maps which, in a sense, are road maps on waterways. Knowing meters vs. yards, fathoms vs. feet and whether you will be climbing or descending are things you'll need to learn in order to study a map properly and get safely to your destination. A compass goes hand-in-hand with map reading and, if maps are hard to find, a good needle bearing compass even more so. Taking a compass bearing is a must! Even looking at a map, you still need to know where you are. A compass will orientate your map in the correct position so you can actually head in the right direction... oh so confusing!

The sun, the moon and even the clouds are a wealth of information and I am running out of space to detail how they can be in one instance your friend and in a blink of an eye your foe. The best guidance I can give you is just to take notes and record the changes that you observe and remember it for the next time. As an example, we were once paddling on a beautiful sunny day expecting the rest of the journey to be the same. Unbeknownst to us, those pretty little clouds in the sky forewarned of nasty weather ahead and sure enough our next day's journey was through driving wind and rain. Those pretty little wispy clouds were called Mare's Tails...remember them well!

Finally, a quick note about your pack(s). All your essentials need to be stowed away in a waterproof pack that is easy to carry yet does not roll around in the bottom of your canoe. Modern day dry sacks are good, and even greater to travel with if they have shoulder straps, but in true voyageur tradition, I will always choose a wax treated canvas backpack... makes for a soft and comfortable head rest at night as. Happy paddling!

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 specializes in adventure travel destinations. Learn more about him at breakaway-classicadventures.com.

State Park Plans Over 120 Naturalist-Led Nature Walks & Workshops During Allegany Nature Pilgrimage



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ALLEGANY STATE PARK – The 2024 Allegany Nature Pilgrimage is an outdoor learning experience that combines fun with a variety of nature-oriented activities. Registration for the 66th annual event, scheduled for May 31st through June 2nd, is now open at AlleganyNaturePilgrimage.com. Walk-in registrations can be made in-person at Camp Allegany in the Red House Area.

Both the experienced naturalist and the inquisitive beginner are welcomed to beautiful Allegany State Park in western New York State's Cattaraugus County. The park's more than 60,000 acres abound with plants and animals. Your biggest challenge will be choosing from the more than 120 programs, including over a dozen birding walks/talks, orienteering, astronomy, geology, family nature walks, mythology, mushrooms and fungi, bird banding, owl prowls, day and night programs. With many family and child-friendly opportunities, programs vary in length and may be a walk or seated talk. The complete list is at AlleganyNaturePilgrimage.com/Walks--Talks.

The evening Big Tent speakers featured this year are Jim McCormac presenting "Mysteri-

ous Moths: Growing the Darker Side of Butterflies" on Friday and Julie Lundgren offering "Allegany's Natural Wonders" on Saturday. McCormac's talk on one of the most important animal groups will be a pictorial journey into an intriguing and little known world that unfolds all around us. Lundgren will guide a virtual expedition into Allegany State Park, the largest protected forest land in New York outside of the Adirondacks and Catskills.

Just 10 minutes from Allegany State Park, rooms have been secured at the White Pine Lodge in Salamanca with a reduced rate of \$109 including fees. Call White Pine Lodge at 716-945-7600 and ask for the Allegany Nature Pilgrimage discount.

For details and to register for this outdoor adventure, visit AlleganyNaturePilgrimage.com, where you will find the link to the online store.

The Allegany Nature Pilgrimage is made available by the Allegany State Park and volunteers from Jamestown's Audubon Community Nature Center, Buffalo Audubon Society, Rochester's Burroughs Audubon Nature Club, and Erie's Presque Isle Audubon Society.

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VISIT ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH at the historic four corners in the Village of Ellicottville. St. John's hosts a visitor-friendly service every Saturday at 5:00pm. Any and all are welcome to attend!

ART CLASSES: It's springtime and time to "Spring" into new classes at Tri-County Arts Council! Learn the art of creating and maintaining a terrarium; try your hands at wheel throwing or basket weaving; take part in a live drawing session, or sign up for The Writer's Room - a forum for all writers such as poets, fiction writers, playwrights and screenplay writers. View available classes and reserve your spot online at tricityartsCouncil.org/classes/. The Tri-County Arts Council is located at 110 W. State Street in Olean.

HOT DOG SALE: The ECS Student Council Annual Budget Day Hot Dog Sale is set for Tuesday, May 21st. Come support the Student Council from 11:00am-6:00pm. A \$5 donation for a hot dog, chips, drink and dessert! We hope to see you there!

CHICKEN BBQ: St. Paul's Lutheran Church is hosting Carson's Food Truck on Friday, May 31st from 12:00-6:00pm, 6360 Route 242. Pre-sale tickets are available now for \$15 (\$17 day of). Call 716-699-2265 to purchase yours NOW.

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REQUEST FOR BID: Town of Ellicottville, May 1, 2024, 1 West Washington, PO Box 600, Ellicottville, NY 14731. The Town of Ellicottville is accepting Bids to replace the front door and sign of the Town Hall. Specs and information can be obtained from the Town Engineering Department by calling 716-699-9005, Ext. 3 or by email greg.keyser@ellicottville.org. Sealed bids will be received by the Town of Ellicottville located at 1 West Washington St, P.O. Box 600, Ellicottville, NY 14731, until 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday June 5, 2024, and then at that time and place opened and read aloud. The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, and to accept the bid, which, in their opinion, meets the intent of the specifications and is deemed most advantageous to the Town. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN OF ELLICOTTVILLE TOWN BOARD

MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU

Directions In Independent Living Hosts Another Successful Wine Walk



OLEAN - The joy and spirit of community was evident on May 4th, as Directions in Independent Living hosted its 3rd Annual Wine Walk in the heart of Olean. Kicking off at Lincoln Park, over one hundred participants gathered - passports and wine glasses in hand - eager to indulge in the region's top wine and spirits.

The afternoon was filled with laughter, fine wines, and the enthusiastic sharing of the Star Wars theme, complete with a contest that saw attendees flaunting their best galactic costumes. "May the 4th be with you" was not just a saying but a celebration of creativity and community spirit.

Special thanks to our local vendors who set up their tasting stations and filled our glasses with exceptional beverages: 4 Mile Brewing, Allen's Wine and Liquor, Winery of Ellicottville, Main Street Winery, Beef and Barrel, Marquee Brewing, East State Wine and Spirits, Wright Beverage Dist., Ask Design Jewelers, Merritt Winery, Serenhippity, and Bee Spit Meadery. Each location brought its unique charm and specialties, making the Wine Walk a flavorful journey through the heart of our town.

We would also like to send out a huge thank you to all of the store owners that allowed us to use their storefronts to set up our vendor booths. Also to the Directions staff and the family and community volunteers that helped organize and run the event, we offer a special thanks for always being there to help.

This year's Wine Walk not only highlighted the rich tapestry of our local vineyards, brewers, and distilleries but also emphasized the strength and warmth of our community. As glasses clinked and friends reunited, new memories were made against the backdrop of Olean's Union Street area.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who participated and to the community of Olean for their continuous support and enthusiasm. Your participation not only makes events like this possible but also vibrant and memorable.

We are already looking forward to seeing all of you next year, and hoping to continue the tradition of celebrating the wonderful community and the exceptional local produce that makes Olean stand out. Cheers to another successful year!

ENCHANTED MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE

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a clue. It's way more satisfying to create a clue than to solve it, but we work hard to try to mimic that same feeling for our participants."

Intrigued? Learn more at www.enchantedmountainchallenge.com, where you can view the full 45-minute run-downs of the first two Challenges. This is a great way to understand the type of clues and outdoor activities participants can expect to see in this year's Challenge. These videos can also be found on YouTube.

Soon, the fun won't be limited to Cattaraugus County. Thomason said, "We are also excited to announce that we will be expanding the Enchanted Mountain Challenge to other areas of Western New York, Upstate NY and parts of the Northeast within the coming few years!" She and Shaun are thankful for the support of Cattaraugus County for their award of the Bed Tax grant and their clue sponsors and partners who help bring this challenge to life. For more information, visit www.enchantedmountainchallenge.com or email enchantedmountainchallenge@gmail.com.

GRIFFIS SUMMER FESTIVAL

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master of the area's first month poetry slam event. She has performed her original poetry across the state and has hosted hundreds of events in the region, extending open arms and an open mic to artists looking for a safe place to share their poetry.

DJ Vothonotes will be playing a special "tweener" set of European-influenced dance music. DJ Vothonotes is a former resident of Buffalo and currently spins records in Athens, Greece.

The Griffis Sculpture Park stage is located at the top of the Mill Valley Road section of the park. Patrons are allowed to bring chairs and coolers. There is a shuttle available to take patrons to the top. The Griffis Sculpture Park is owned and operated by the Ashford Hollow Foundation, which also owns the Essex Arts Center in Buffalo, NY. The mission of the Ashford Hollow Foundation is to promote the visual and performing arts as well as construct a dynamic relationship between the arts and education in Western New York to better its young people and the greater community. Learn more at griffissculpturepark.org.

ARTIST EXHIBITION

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He has since further developed his bird series, and his appreciation for all wildlife. After an artist residency and subsequent solo exhibition at Roger Tory Peterson Institute in 2023, Grice continued to expand upon his use of multiple media including oil, acrylic, watercolor, charcoal, and digital illustration. His current series of works explores the connections that we make with nature that help to heal and give us hope in a time when both are needed more than ever.

"Birds are like living, breathing works of art; their colors and patterns dance through the skies and treetops, making our world a more beautiful place to live. They symbolize hope, showing us that we have the strength to overcome adversity. They remind us to be fierce, elegant, communal, and kind, to be unapologetically ourselves," Joseph said. "My bird portraits not only speak to the beauty of the creatures that we share our planet with, but also remind us of the traits within ourselves that make us uniquely human."

"We're so excited to have these two incredible artists in the gallery, said Paula Bernstein, Executive Director of the Tri-County Arts Council. "It's a must-see for anyone who loves the great outdoors!"

For more information, please visit tricityartsCouncil.org or call 716-244-2943. The Tri-County Arts Council is located at 110 West State Street, Olean, NY.

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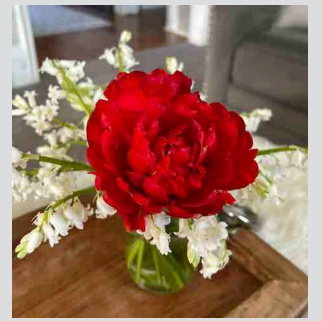
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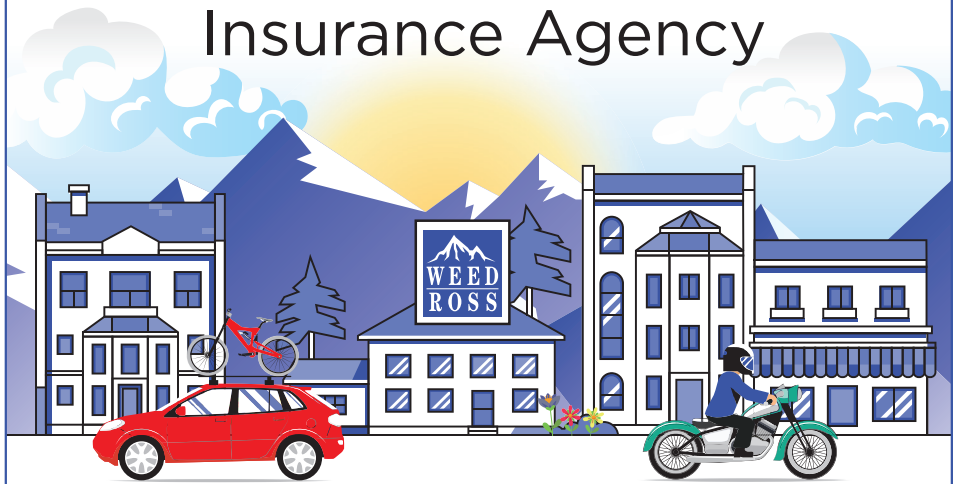
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