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A Tribute to the Women of Ellicottville

Statue Installation Ceremony to Coincide with This Week's Gazebo Series Kickoff



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One of the most prominent women in the United States Space Agency, NASA, is gracing Ellicottville with her presence this summer. Tracy Caldwell Dyson is an American chemist and astronaut recognized for her groundbreaking research into molecular level surface reactivity. Thanks to a partnership between the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce and Griffis Sculpture Park, a 10-foot-tall bronze statue of Dyson has been installed on the lawn of the Ellicottville Gazebo.

"With the majority of Ellicottville's business owners or co-owners being women, we wanted to keep with the theme of showcasing a female role model. The Tracy Dyson sculpture is a fitting tribute to the accomplishments that women have made," said Brian McFadden, Executive Director of the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce.

A special reception celebrating the installation of the Tracy Dyson statue in Ellicottville will be held Thursday, June 27th on the Gazebo lawn. The reception will begin promptly at 6:00pm and will be followed by the kickoff of the 2024 Gazebo Series at 7:00pm featuring a live performance by crowd favorites, Tory & Joe Acoustic Duo. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

VILLAGE READIES FOR SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL; NEW OFFICER IN CHARGE NAMED

The Village Board meeting on June 18th was called to order with various topics on the agenda. Summer Music Festival is quickly approaching with the Board showing their full support. This year, the Village is proud to offer the additional parking at the newly opened Mill Street lot to assist with traffic and transportation for the weekend festivities.

As the summer is in full swing, The Ellicottville Town Board had plenty to review and approve. Concerning the Police Department, there will now be additional funding for NYS STOP DWI. Continuing from the Police Department's report, beginning July 1, 2024, Jim Bouchard becomes the Officer in Charge with Don Auge as Deputy in a mutual agreement by the Town Board and all other necessary parties.

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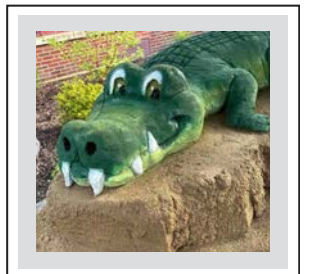
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TINA ZERBIAN SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED AT CRCF

The list of Tina Zerbian's accomplishments is nothing short of remarkable. As a testament to her impactful career, her staff at Connecting Communities in Action quietly established the Tina Zerbian Resilient Communities Scholarship as a way to honor her long, successful career as she prepared for retirement. The scholarship is for students in Cattaraugus County who intend to pursue a degree or career in a human services-related field. "In partnering with CRCF to offer this scholarship, we aim to honor Tina's legacy and support students in their pursuit of education and a career in human services" ... page 11

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Summer Music Festival Preview

Live Music, Fine Art, a Parade of Pets, and More; We're Only One Week Away!



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By BRENDA PERKS

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photo / One Vision of Queen

INTERVIEW: ONE VISION OF QUEEN COMING TO SUMMER MUSIC FEST

The music of Queen will fill the air, slopeside, on Saturday, July 6th as "One Vision of Queen" takes the stage at this year's Ellicottville Summer Music Festival. Canadian vocalist, Marc Martel, was born in Montreal and formed his own band, Downhere, in 1999, having success for 13 years, winning five Juno Awards. Since then, Martel has become the lead singer for the critically acclaimed Queen Tribute Band, One Vision of Queen, and tours the globe selling out venues full of die hard Queen and Freddie Mercury fans. *ellicottvilleNOW* caught up with Martel while he was on tour in the Netherlands and we talked about what we can expect from his show ... page 08

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Publisher's PICK

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

July 4, 1776 or June 19, 1865? Celebrating Juneteenth in Olean This Saturday



BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

An interesting fact about the July 4th Independence Day celebration, which may be difficult to imagine now, is that enslaved black people were not granted that same freedom until June 19, 1865, after the end of the Civil War. It didn't happen for them for another 89 years, readers. A lifetime! Can you put yourself in their shoes? Most Americans were free of tyranny; they were not. True, the Emancipation Proclamation was issued by President Lincoln on January 1, 1863, but that still did not apply to those enslaved people in the Confederate States. Fact from Statista.com: There were almost 700,000 slaves in the U.S. in 1790, which equated to approximately 18 percent of the total population, or roughly one in every six people.

Lacking today's social media information express, word of the Emancipation Proclamation took another two-and-a-half years to reach Texas, where 250,000 slaves were still held in slavery in what was known as the last bastion for slavery through the final days of the Civil War. Imagine how this day unfolded. (Oh, to have been a fly on the wall.) In June of 1865, more than two thousand Federal soldiers of the 13th Army Corps arrived in Galveston to deliver and enforce the news. 250,000 human beings were released from bondage to their former "masters."

More information from Statista: "Of the 4.4 million African Americans in the U.S. before the war, almost four million of these people were held as slaves; meaning that for all African Americans living in the U.S. in 1860, there was an 89 percent chance that they lived in slavery."

It would seem that an event as momentous and life-changing for American citizens would be immediately celebrated, as was the American Independence in 1777. Indeed, it was a day of celebration by the black community for many years, but it took the likes of one feisty elderly Texas woman named Opal Lee to bring Juneteenth to national recognition. Here's what Wikipedia tells us what happened to her as a child: "In June 1939, her parents bought a house in the 900 block of East Annie Street, then a mostly white area. On June 19, 1939, 500 white rioters vandalized and burned down their home. Lee was twelve-years-old at the time. Recalling it years later, she said, "The fact that it happened on the 19th day of June has spurred me to make people understand that Juneteenth is not just a festival."



Let me introduce you to this tenacious lady: Opal Lee holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education, a master's degree in counseling and guidance from North Texas University, served on countless community and business boards, is a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., and in May 2023, Lee received an honorary doctorate degree from the University of North Texas and, on May 2024, received another honorary doctorate degree from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

After she retired from a very active life, Lee did not sit and knit on the porch. She became an activist. She fought for many causes, but her main goal was to make June 19th a national holiday. Like Forrest Gump, she walked instead of running - 2.5 miles every year representing the 2.5 years it took for the freedom news to reach Texas. Then, at age 89 (September 2016) she walked from Fort Worth, TX arriving at Washington D.C. in January 2017 with the goal to speak to President Barack Obama. It's unclear to this writer if she met with him but a bill to make Juneteenth a federal holiday was indeed signed into law by President Joe Biden in June 2021. She was 89 - he was ten years younger. Never underestimate the power and tenacity of an octogenarian!

Here's the irony - in 2021, Lee was named "Texan of the Year," this, in the last bastion of slavery after the Civil War. We are certain there may still be more accolades for this amazing woman, but none will surpass the Presidential Medal of Freedom she received

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A Preview of Next Weekend's Summer Music Festival in Ellicottville



By BRENDA PERKS

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THE MAIN ACT: Organized by the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, this year's Summer Music Fest will welcome headliner, One Vision of Queen feat. Marc Martel on Saturday, July 6th with opening act Caitlin Koch. On Sunday, July 7th, the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra will be joined by Jeans n' Classics to perform the music of Led Zeppelin and The Who. Both concerts will take place slopeside at Holiday Valley Resort. Tickets can be purchased at the gate.

"We're thrilled to bring this celebration to our community each Independence Day weekend," said Brian McFadden, Executive Director of the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce. "The combination of live music, the stunning scenery of our ski slopes, and a four-block walkable downtown village creates a unique experience that's sure to resonate with festival-goers."

SUMMER FEST KICKOFF: The holiday weekend will kick off Friday evening, July 5th with the Gazebo Series, which invites the community to the Village Gazebo each week through summer for free, live entertainment. Sponsored by Niagara Label Company, the Gazebo Series is a popular celebration and attracts families and visitors to gather together. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs, your frosty beverages and a snack, and enjoy the sounds of SON THE BAND from 7:00-9:00pm.

About the band: Sabrina GustafSON and Jed ThomSON have been playing together for 2 years as SON (deriving from their last names) at stages around Ellicottville, Chautauqua, Jamestown and Buffalo. Their soulful covers with jazz undertones set the scene for any occasion. As a duo, Sabrina's soulful voice melds perfectly with Jed on bass guitar, putting a new spin on the songs we all know and love. When they aren't playing as a duo, Sabrina is the front woman for SON THE BAND, with Jed on guitar, Elton Craig on drums and Alex Overton on bass - they are a force!



ICONIC PET PARADE: One of the most entertaining and crowd pleasing events of the weekend is the annual Pet Parade Saturday morning, which will march down Ellicottville's main drag to the gazebo, where awards are given in many different categories. If you've never witnessed the Pet Parade and you plan to be in Ellicottville for Summer Music Fest, you're in for a treat! Pets range from the typical dogs to the more unusual marchers - baby calves, goats, hermit crabs, hamsters - all pets are welcome!

Arrive early so you don't miss out on seeing all the four-legged, six-legged, no-legged animals as they make their way down Washington Street at 11:00am. If you'd like to join the fun, meet in the parking lot of Katy's Cafe between 10:15-10:45am to complete your registration. Entering the parade is free! This year's Pet Parade is being Grand Marshaled by Batman and his Batmobile, and donations will be accepted with proceeds benefiting our local animal rescue, E.A.R.S.

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ENCHANTMENT AWAITS

Spend a Little Time at the Ellicottville Memorial Library this Summer



By JESSICA SCHULTZ

They say a book can transport you places, like magic (I concur). So it just makes sense that the place where the books live holds a little power of its own. The Ellicottville Memorial Library is putting that power to good use this summer. With a line-up of fun activities and programs, it's an excellent way to spend a summer day. Library Director Laura Flanagan took the time to share with us what the library has in store.

eNOW: Summer is a busy time for the library. You have a lot of classes during the week, could you give us some details about them?

LAURA: During the summer, we mainly focus on children's programs, although we continue with some of the adult programs as well. For adults, we have a knitting group that is open for all levels - for beginners we even have yarn and needles to get you started. The weekly adult craft class takes a break during July and August, but it will be back again on Tuesday afternoons starting in September. There are also various exercise classes such as Yoga and Tai Chi, just contact the library for details on dates and times.

For kids we have story time every Wednesday from 9:30-10:00am. Come hear a few stories with Dr. Kate followed by movement activities to help promote hand-eye coordination and finish with a craft. Next week's theme is wind and we will be making pinwheels! Also, on Wednesday afternoons from 3:00-4:30pm, we have a Maker Space available in the Community Room of the library. This is free time to explore our fun activities such as cubelet robot blocks, airblock programmable drones, magna tiles and more.

eNOW: The children's summer reading program starts soon. When are sign-ups and what does the program entail?

LAURA: The Summer Reading Program is a five-week program (July 8th-August 11th) filled with lots of activities, games and challenges. We even have our own high school age summer intern thanks to the Bob McCarthy Foundation available on weekdays to help keep the kids busy and engaged. The theme this year is "Adventure Begins at Your Library" and sign-ups begin starting on July 1st. At that time, kids will get their activity booklet to log their reading and a special book bag. New this year - every time a child brings the book bag to the library, they will receive a coupon to win a special prize!

Each week will be a mini theme such as adventure in the woods, adventure in the ocean, etc. For every week that a child reads (or is read to) for at least 15 minutes a day, they receive a prize. The first week is a free ice cream cone from Watson's! In addition, the more you read, the more chances you get to win the bigger prizes... think tent, fishing pole, outdoor games - you get the idea. Also, every week there are activities such as minute to win it games, puzzles to solve, the occasional scavenger hunt and sometimes even mini golf in the library. If all five weeks of activities and reading are completed, each child gets to choose a new book to keep.

During those five weeks, there is a free program on Tuesdays at 1:00pm. Thanks to the Elisa B. Hughey Foundation, we will have various craft/art programs each week. Exact details will be available in the booklet when the kids sign up.

eNOW: Is there an adult summer reading program as well?

LAURA: This summer we will have our first Adult Summer Reading program. Sign-ups will start July 1st. As with the children's version, the more books you read the more chances to be entered into a prize drawing.

eNOW: You've got book clubs as well. How do you join up for those and what's the next book?

LAURA: Our only book club currently is a young adult book club. To sign up, just contact the library and we will add you to the list so that enough books are ordered for each member. This month's book was *I'll Give You the Sun* by Jandy Nelson. Contact the library for the next month's selection.

eNOW: Anything else you would like to add?

LAURA: The Ellicottville Memorial Library is a great place to visit in the summer. Come in and enjoy our air conditioning on those hot, humid summer days or relax out on the Lowry Family patio in one of our Adirondack chairs. Our high speed, broadband internet is always on, so even if we aren't open, you can still surf the internet from your car or from the patio area. What library would be complete without books? Stop in and enjoy our selection of new books in both the Adult and Children's sections. There is something for everyone at your local library!

You heard the lady - there's something for everyone to enjoy at the library. Come on out and take your mind on an adventure this summer.



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PHOTO REWIND

“Skate with Kid Ace” Workshops Come to Ellicottville

Daily City Train wrapped up a 3-week roller skate series earlier this week with a roll out through town to The Tee Bar for some much deserved ice cream. The progressive workshops welcomed beginner to advanced skaters and covered everything from basic footwork to park skills and included fun obstacle courses. If you missed out, you'll have another chance to hop on the skate train when Ace returns next month! Keep tabs on FB/IG: @dailycitytrain.skate.

Photos / Brenda Perks



Annual Car Show Zooms into Ellicottville Distillery

Car enthusiasts drove their best rides to show off at the Annual Ellicottville Distillery Vintage Car Show held last Sunday, June 23rd. Despite the rainy start, the skies cleared and the crowd enjoyed the breezy summer day while they perused all the impressive wheels on display.

Photos / Evan Evans



MEETING NOTES

CHANGES COMING TO ELLICOTTVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Town Board Supervisor Announces the Appointment of Jim Bouchard as Officer in Charge; Additional Funding Available for NYS STOP DWI Campaign

BY COLLEEN EVANS

The Town Board gathered on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, to discuss the evening's current agenda. As the summer is in full swing, Town Board members and Town Supervisor Matt McAndrew had plenty to review and projects to approve.

Brief discussions were made concerning Financial Reports and Audits of Claims, which all aligned with the needs of the Town. Approved by the Board without issue, they moved on with the reminder to fellow Members that on June 22, 2024, the Water Project Informational Meeting will be held with further information will follow. The written Department Reports were also presented at this time for the Clerk, Police, Town Planner, Justice, and Building Inspector, all of which were accepted without objections.

Within these reports, announcements were made as needed to the Town Board. Concerning the Police Department, there will now be additional funding for NYS STOP DWI. The mission of NYS STOP DWI is to "reduce the number of persons killed or injured in alcohol and other drug-related traffic crashes, to promote DWI prevention as a public priority, [and] coordinate local efforts in Law Enforcement, Prosecution, Probation, Rehabilitation, Public Information, Education, and Administration." The funding that becomes available does not come from taxpayers' dollars but is a cause we can all agree is worthy of our community's support while adding to its safety.

Continuing from the Police Department's report, Supervisor McAndrew announced beginning July 1, 2024, Jim Bouchard (pictured left) becomes the Officer in Charge with Don Auge (pictured right) as Deputy in a mutual agreement by the Town Board and all other necessary parties.

The Highway Department updated the Board Members on the Holiday Valley Road projects in place and that the drainage and grinding of the road has been completed. Springs Road has also been black topped as well as the shoulders, and Horn Hill has been oiled and chipped. Talks are in the works on the possibility of a weight limit to be made for Jackman Hill Road, with options to be reviewed with the Town Attorney after damage had been caused from heavy equipment hauls.

Town Planner, Greg Keyser, informed the Board on some of the changes to be made regarding projects that are currently in place throughout the town. The most noticeable of these changes were discussed and approved starting with the Water System Improvement. It was brought to the attention of the appropriate project managers that several dying trees needed removal. If not addressed, the trees could potentially damage newly constructed facilities at the tank site.

Another water-related issue that was approved was that of the HoliMont Drive Water Main. Caught while the project is still ongoing, it was determined that a ductile iron pipe has been corroding on the exterior for what appears to be some time now. Matt Zarbo, Square Engineering DPC, had reported that in his opinion the Town of Ellicottville could expect the mains to continue to break if no action is taken. The suggestion is to replace the mains with HDPE (high-density polyethylene) piping that is not susceptible to corrosion. It was agreed by the Town Board to move forward with the suggested replacements.



After most topics throughout the Departments were addressed, the Town Board moved along to New Business. The Rural Outreach Center Community Development Hub has informed the Board that they are working to build a collaborative transportation system for Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, and Wyoming counties, which would also have access to and from Buffalo. In this stage they are asking the Town of Ellicottville for their support in the form of a letter to back their efforts as they seek funding through available grants. It was agreed that Town Supervisor Matt McAndrew will sign his support on behalf of the Board for the ROC's mission.

Finally wrapping up in New Business, discussions were around the rezoning of North Park Innovations. While previously discussed by the Board, it is now being finalized that the County Planning Board has approved the rezoning of the existing business. The 10.9-acre parcel will shift from High Density Residential District (HD) to General Commercial (GC) zoning to allow for the coming expansion. The construction of a 10,800 sqft addition will be under a special permit allowing for modifications and has been noted that it will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

With all discussions coming to an end, Supervisor Matt McAndrew called the Town of Ellicottville Board Meeting to adjourn. The Board will reconvene on the third Wednesday of July to address new and old happenings of the town.

COMPLAINTS RECEIVED SURROUNDING SHORT TERM RENTALS

Over a Dozen Village Property Owners Approach Village Board at June Meeting with Concerns of Noise, Over-Capacity

BY COLLEEN EVANS

On Tuesday, June 18, 2024, the Village Board Meeting began as Mayor John Burrell called the evening to order. Various Village topics covered the agenda as the Board Members began their discussions to be had.

To start the evening off strong, the Village of Ellicottville had plenty of good news to share. Multiple conferences recently took place for Village officials with plenty of useful information being shared. Starting with the conferences, the Village of Ellicottville and Mayor John Burrell hosted a Planning and Zoning Seminar on June 5, 2024, with guest speaker Wade Beltramo, General Counsel for NYCOM. Plenty of prominent NYS officials joined the evening's event, including William Aiello, the Mayor of the City of Olean who was recently named second vice president of NYCOM. Over 35 representatives that expanded from Depew, Dunkirk, East Aurora, Little Valley, Allegheny, Olean, and more, allowed for the opportunity to engage in different practices and learning points. The two-hour seminar allowed for connections to be built between our local communities as well as open channels for collaboration between our area municipalities.

The following day, the Southern Tier 29th Annual Local Government Conference was held at Houghton University on June 6, 2024. Located in Allegany County, the Christian Liberal Arts Institute hosted the event to hundreds of New York State officials. Building off the momentum of the previous evening's event, Village officials from Ellicottville joined the large attendance to strengthen their knowledge, presence, and understanding in the Southern Tier community.

Another topic to recognize surrounding good news in the Village was that of the media coverage on the EVC & National Grid Partnership. A day surrounding Ellicottville's initiative to support the presence and future of electric vehicles. On May 31st, National Grid showcased the village's commitment to four Level 2 EV charging plugs in the new Mill Street parking lot. A collection of officials joined together from including the mayor, Chamber of Commerce, Cattaraugus County Legislators, Board Members, and National Grid project managers to celebrate this welcomed addition to the area. Ellicottville will become the National Grid Electric Vehicle Make Ready Program's shining example noting the success of the collaboration.

Moving onto Business of the Floor, it was brought to the Board's attention that there have been concerns within the village among property owners. Discussions were made by fifteen full-time village residents who represented a voice for the issues at hand. The problems they have seen arise were among short term rental laws, noise ordinance, and outdoor lighting. It has been noted that an increase in over-capacity in Airbnb and housing rentals. These properties display large crowds seemingly over the maximum rental

amount, with cars parked on front lawns and parties being held. This adds to the concern of underage drinking, violation of the Village Noise Ordinance, and disrupting the quality of life among full time community members. The Board recognizes and is sympathetic to these concerns and is looking into ways to best address the matters.

Another point that was made apparent to the Board while Business of the Floor was open, a mother who resides on Mill Street voiced an issue with continued speeding on the street. Many local children live on the street, and it poses a threat to their safety. The Village will be installing "Children at Play" street signage and will increase the presence of law enforcement.

Another topic involving Mill Street, the current state of a property has been brought to the attention of the code enforcement officer. They are aware of the issues being voiced and are continuing to investigate the matter.

The mayor's report along with the previous meeting minutes for the month of May were addressed and accepted by the Village Board without issue. Within these reports, the Mayor made note that the Village will be partnering with Green County Commercial Bank who have purchased available bonds that benefit three major projects. This funding will go toward the Elizabeth Street Renovation, the Streetlight Project, and costs that accumulated from the Mill Street parking lot. For project updates, especially those of the Elizabeth Street Renovation, you can find the most up to date information posted on the Village of Ellicottville's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/villageofellicottville/.

Other reports that were presented and accepted were those of the Planning Board, Engineering, DPW, Code Enforcement, Clerk, Special Events. The 2024 Summer Music Festival is quickly approaching with the Village Board showing their support. The week-end-long event takes place throughout the Village and Town and is a highlight of the summer season, kicking off on July 5th at the Village Gazebo at 7:00pm. With a full schedule to fill each day, guests can expect fine arts and crafts markets, a pet parade, and headlining musical acts. This year, the Village is proud to offer the additional parking at the newly opened Mill Street lot to assist with traffic and transportation. Tickets are still available, with children ages 12 and under free to attend. For more information check out the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce event page at www.ellicottvillenyc.com.

As Board Members finished up their discussions, Mayor John Burrell called the meeting to adjourn. The Village Board of Ellicottville will join again on the third Tuesday of the month. For additional information including minutes and upcoming agendas, please visit www.ellicottvillegov.com.

INTERVIEW

ONE VISION OF QUEEN TO HEADLINE ELLICOTTVILLE'S SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL



JULY 6 • 7:00PM

ON THE SLOPES OF HOLIDAY VALLEY

By Melanie Hulick

The music of Queen will fill the air, slope side, on Saturday, July 6th as “One Vision of Queen” takes the stage at this year’s Ellicottville Summer Music Festival.

Canadian vocalist, Marc Martel, was born in Montreal and formed his own band, Downhere, in 1999, having success for 13 years, winning five Juno Awards - the highest music award in his native Canada. Since then, Martel has become the lead singer for the critically acclaimed Queen Tribute Band, One Vision of Queen, and tours the globe selling out venues full of die hard Queen and Freddie Mercury fans.

His association with the legendary band seemed like his destiny, as people everywhere said he sounded so much like Freddie Mercury that a friend in the industry and his wife prompted him to audition for The Queen Extravaganza, a tribute band formed by the surviving members. Handpicked by Roger Taylor and Brian May after seeing his audition video singing “Somebody To Love”, finally convinced the singer there was something there that everyone else had been saying for years.

The difference with Martel is he doesn’t need to rely on the “staging” of Freddie Mercury to be convincing as the lead singer. “I won’t wear Mercury’s trademark yellow jacket, grow a full mustache or go onstage wielding his favored half microphone stand,” said Martel.

Honestly he doesn’t need any of the obvious props of the late singer to work the audience into a frenzy - he has the voice. Not an imitation of Mercury’s unique, automatically known voice, but his own voice, backed by the words of fans and critics.

I caught up with Martel while he was on tour in the Netherlands and we talked about what we can expect from his show, singing for Celine Dion, performing with the surviving members of Queen on American Idol and recording at the famed Abbey Road Studios in London.

Asking if he has a message for those coming out to see the show, Martel replied, “It’s an incredible night of rock and roll with a little bit of a twist. People come out of the show having told themselves over and over again throughout the evening they didn’t know that was a Queen song. You know, my mom thought that “Crazy Little Thing Called Love” was an Elvis song until I started performing Queen. Everyone will have a great time!”

Ellicottville’s Summer Music Festival will also feature a performance by the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, an Arts & Crafts Showcase, a Pet Parade and more. Plan your visit, book your lodging, and head to the 14731!



Festival Information: ellicottvilleny.com

Learn more on Marc Martel: marcmartelmusic.com

A Conversation with Marc Martel

HULICK: Your music career actually started with your band Downhere, which you had for 13 years and was critically acclaimed all over the world. You went on to win five Juno awards in your native country Canada. That had to be an amazing ride.

MARTEL: Yeah, it was really cool to be recognized as Canadian artists in the highest way possible in our country. I remember the second time we got a Juno award, Bryan Adams made an appearance on stage and it was just really cool. It was the only time I’d ever seen him live, and just to be in the same room with him and part of the same event was super awesome! I really cherish my Juno awards.

HULICK: You’ve been compared to Freddie Mercury of Queen. A friend emailed you about a contest spearheaded by the original surviving members of Queen, looking for someone to be the front man of a tribute band called The Queen Extravaganza. After submitting your audition tape you were hand picked by the members. What were the emotions you were feeling when you got the news?

MARTEL: When the decision was posted, I went from around 150 views to like 50,000! By the end of the day, it was like a million or something. It was just absolutely nuts - confirmation that all the people that had been telling me that I sounded like Freddie Mercury for about 10 years. At that point, they were onto something. I never thought that it was anything terribly unique or special, but I was absolutely proven wrong.

HULICK: Were you a fan of Queen before all of this?

MARTEL: Actually, not at all growing up. I didn’t even know who they were. It’s not because I heard their music and didn’t like it... I literally didn’t know that there was a band called Queen until probably in my late teens, maybe 20 years old. I do remember hearing “Bohemian Rhapsody” in the movie *Wayne’s World* in the early 90s, which would have been probably less than a year after Freddie Mercury passed away. I do remember that song making a huge impression on me because I’d never heard anything like it before. It was before the internet, so it’s not like I went home and googled who that was. I just kind of heard the song and thought, ‘Wow, I didn’t know you could do that with music’ - jam a bunch of different genres of music really into one piece. It was really mind blowing, and obviously the singer made an impression on me. Not for the obvious reasons. I mean I couldn’t even tell if it was a man or a woman at first because it was such a light, airy voice and I realized ‘hey I can sort of do that with my voice’ and so kind of momentarily, I guess you could say, it opened my understanding of what a man can do with his voice.

HULICK: I want to mention a few of the achievements you’ve had and if you could please give me your thoughts. You’ve performed for multiple sports events and professional teams.

MARTEL: It’s always a blast performing for professional teams. The music of Queen just lends itself to stadiums and arenas. It really is the epitome of arena rock, so when I get to play for the occasional NFL game, it’s a pretty wild feeling being in the middle of a huge field that is usually occupied by like 30 large dudes. It’s just me by myself on the piano and people are singing along. It’s pretty crazy.

HULICK: In 2016 you performed for Celine Dion.

MARTEL: Yeah, so I got to play at a TV show taping honoring the career of Celine Dion with her present. The way they put the show together is they gave Celine a questionnaire to fill out, like for example, what is your favorite song that you sing, what is your first hit, what is the first song you remember your mom singing to you... it’s kind of like a Quebec version of *This Is Your Life*. The last question on the questionnaire was ‘Is there anyone in this questionnaire that you haven’t mentioned that you would like to see perform at the night honoring you and who would it be?’ and she put down my name, which I’m still kind of in shock over. So I got to get up there and be a surprise guest. I don’t think she knew I was gonna be there. She may have suspected it, but I got to sing “Somebody to Love” for her. Before I performed, there was an artist that got up on stage and performed her and her late husband’s favorite song. So she was already in tears when I stepped onto the stage and I think my performance only augmented and amplified the emotions she was already feeling.

HULICK: Recording at Abbey Road Studios in London.

MARTEL: Yeah, I mean obviously as a musician there’s really no higher pedigree of a recording studio that you can possibly imagine. Abbey Road is it. The Beatles and everyone after them, who’s worth anything, recorded at Abbey Road. I got to spend a couple weeks there doing my favorite thing, which is singing, and doing my very best to sound as much like Freddie Mercury as I possibly can. It was a blast, and I hope that I get the chance to do something like that again. I mean, that was, for me, my highest calling as a musician.

HULICK: You performed with the surviving members of Queen on *American Idol*.

MARTEL: Yeah, the *American Idol* performance in 2012 was the first time that The Queen Extravaganza, the official Queen tribute band, ever performed together. We never performed in front of anyone. So they decided to throw us into the deep end by putting us on the most highly viewed show in America at the time, *American Idol*. I think the viewership that night was about 20 million. So really high pressure, not to mention that I was singing right in front of one of my other favorite singers of all time, Steven Tyler, who was sitting there as a judge. Obviously we weren’t competing on the show, we were guest artists, but that was an absolutely mind blowing experience to do that and share the stage with Brian and Roger as well. I think we knocked it out of the park that night, that was my introduction to performing Queen and it’s going to be a hard one to top.

HULICK: You were involved in the amazing award winning biopic *Bohemian Rhapsody* starring Rami Malek.

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JUNE 29

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The Cattaraugus County Pride Coalition announces it's 6th Pride event at Pride in the Park! This is a fun event for all with music, entertainment, vendors, food, educational, LGBTQ+ owned businesses, artists and allies, and so much more. This is a family friendly event and everyone is welcome to attend. The event will be held at War Vets Park in Olean on Saturday, June 29th from 12:00-4:00pm. Pride is celebrated in the month of June, as that was the month when the Stonewall riots took place in 1969 in New York, that changed gay rights here in Western, New York, in America and around the world.

JUNE 29

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Join in celebrating Juneteenth with the African American Center for Cultural Development of Olean. Experience fantastic music, delectable food like pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs, hamburgers, and barbecue ribs. There will be joyous festivities for all. This year's celebration is going to be a good old fashion "neighborhood party". Please be aware that this event will take place at Bethany Lutheran Church in Olean, not at the African American Center for Cultural Development. Don't forget to dress for the weather, consider bug spray and sunscreen and bring a lawn chair!

JUNE 29

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JUNE 30

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SUNDAY MUSIC SERIES

Make your way to Robbins Road in Ellicottville, NY for an afternoon of good music and excellent drinks. Ellicottville Distillery's Summer Sunday Series has begun and June's 30th's performance is being presented by live music with Tina Williams from on Sunday, starting at 2:00pm, ending at 5:00pm! Tina is a buffalo local, singer/songwriter who is also the lead screecher for Murder(1) The Band. With a wide variety of ability from punk to country, Tina is always worth watching. So head out to the Distillery, hear Tina and indulge in a locally made cocktail!

JULY 3

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The Ellicottville Distillery is the place to be on July 3rd. The Distillery opens at 12:00pm and then will be hosting their annual 3rd of July Celebration in the afternoon, complete with live performances by local favorites Kody & Herren and The Beard & The Bird from 7:00pm-10:00pm. Jam out with the crowd, sip on some specialty cocktails to beat the heat, and then when the sun goes down, get a great spot for the Ellicottville Distillery's annual 3rd of July fireworks display! Food will be available from on-site food trucks. Bring your own lawn chairs and dress for the weather.

JULY 4-7

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Yeehaw!! An honest-to-goodness rodeo at the home of the Nightmare Hayrides on Sommerville Street, complete with bronco bustin', bull riding, calf roping, barrel racing, and stick horse racing for the kids. The Ellicottville Championship Rodeo is one of the largest IPRA/APRA sanctioned rodeos in the Northeast! They will be celebrating their 35th year in 2024. Kids age 10 and under are invited to bring their own stick horse, saddle up and get ready for the 14th annual Kids Stick Horse Round-Up. Register 1 hour before each show. Shows on July 4th-July 6th begins at 7:00pm; July 7th begins at 2:00pm.

JULY 5

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The Gazebo series, presented by the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Niagara Label Company (label manufacturer and supplier to local businesses), is a favorite evening for locals and visitors alike. Enjoy live music performed by some of the region's most talented artists while relaxing in the village square. Lawn chairs, picnic baskets, coolers and even the family pet is welcome! Ellicottville's Gazebo Series will kick off our 2024 Summer Music events on July 5th from 7:00-9:00pm at the village Gazebo. Don't wait for the weekend to have fun in Ellicottville, NY!

JULY 5-7

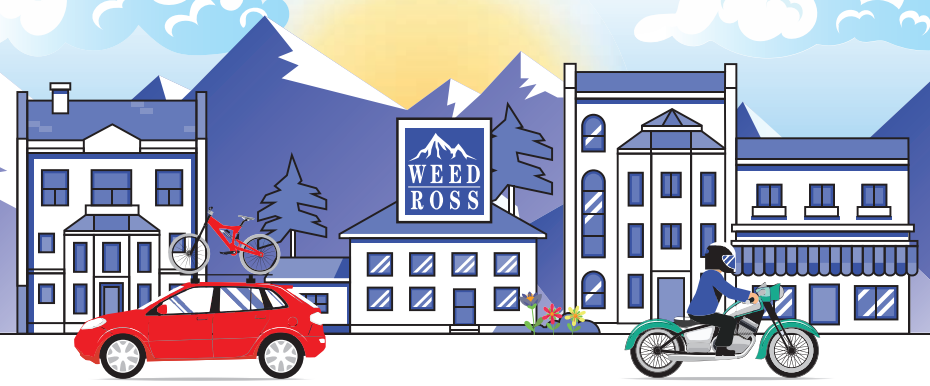
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An Ellicottville tradition where we host rock n' roll artists at our outdoor slopeside venue. This weekend is filled with music and fun family adventures! Headlining this year's Saturday festivities is Marc Martel and One Vision of Queen after opener Caitlin Kock from Nashville, TN. Sunday marks the return of local favorite The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra who will be teaming up Jeans n' Classics again this year to perform hits from The Who and Led Zeppelin. The evening will conclude with America's songs, choreographed to majestic fireworks! Don't miss a forth of July celebration like no other in WNY's favorite destination!

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The Tina Zerbian Resilient Communities Scholarship Established at CRCF



OLEAN - The list of Tina Zerbian's accomplishments is nothing short of remarkable. As a testament to her impactful career, her staff at Connecting Communities in Action (CCA) quietly established the Tina Zerbian Resilient Communities Scholarship as a way to honor her long, successful career as she prepared for retirement. The scholarship is for students in Cattaraugus County who intend to pursue a degree or career in a human services-related field.

"In partnering with CRCF to offer the Tina Zerbian Resilient Communities Scholarship, we aim to honor Tina's legacy and support students in their pursuit of education and a career in human services," said Andrew Studley, the incoming CEO of Connecting Communities in Action.

Zerbian has been at the helm of CCA since 1984. With a career spanning four decades, Tina has been a cornerstone of community development and support. She became a Certified Community Action Professional in 2010, a Nationally Certified ROMA Implementer in 2017, and is also a Certified Financial Social Worker. She holds a master's degree in counseling psychology and a bachelor's degree in elementary and special education.

Tina's commitment to her community is further exemplified through her administration of numerous low-income housing tax credit projects as a Certified Credit Compliance Specialist and her consultancy role with TRC Companies, where she helped launch the Multifamily Performance Program in New York State.

Throughout her distinguished career, Tina has been named Woman of the Year by the Enchanted Mountain Business and Professional Women's Club (1990), Alumnus of the Year for Leadership Cattaraugus (2008), the NYS Community Action Association's Administrator of the Year Award (2000) and the "Friend of Civil Legal Services Award" from the New York State Unified Court System (2004). In 2019, she was inducted into the Notable Women in Human Services Hall of Fame.

"We are honored to launch this scholarship in Tina's name," said Kirk Windus, CRCF Executive Director. "Tina's commitment to community service and her impactful work over the years have set a high standard for all of us. This scholarship will continue her legacy by supporting the next generation of community leaders."

Tina and her husband, Tom, are the proud parents of their two sons, Alec and Camron. Donations can be made to the Tina Zerbian Resilient Communities Scholarship Fund at 301 North Union St., Suite 203, Olean, NY, or online at cattfoundation.org.

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ELLICOTTVILLE BLOOMS

Winner of Chamber Spring Clean-Up Campaign Announced

ELLICOTTVILLE - Recently the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce held a Spring Clean-Up Campaign, "Ellicottville Blooms", for businesses who then submitted a photo to the Chamber for a chance to win two tickets to the Summer Music Festival along with being chosen as Most Picturesque Storefront. While the business district is looking amazing (with the help of the beautiful flower arrangements from Alley Katz of Ellicottville Inc.), The City Garage was chosen as the winner! Congratulations, and thank you to Ava Grace Fashions, Cupcaked Bakery Inc., E-Ville Spirits, Inc., and ERA Team VP Real Estate & Vacation Rentals, who also submitted some impressive storefronts. Take a walk and enjoy all the beauty Ellicottville has to offer.



SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Four Area Students Receive Daniel and Patrick McCarthy Scholarship



OLEAN - Four area seniors recently received the Daniel and Patrick McCarthy Scholarship, managed by the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation, to support their goals of pursuing careers in business.

Clockwise from top left: Andrew Steighner of Portville, Bradley Bergstrom of Hinsdale, Hearty Phipps of Olean and Samuel Edwards of Ellicottville each received the Daniel and Patrick McCarthy Scholarship for various amounts.

The scholarship, given through the generosity of the Catherine M. Cridler Trust, honors Daniel and Patrick McCarthy, two individuals instrumental in the success of the Olean Business Institute. The scholarship is available to graduating students in Cattaraugus County or McKean and Potter (PA) counties pursuing a business degree.

Steighner plans to attend Geneva College to major in business. Bergstrom plans to attend St. Bonaventure University to study business management. Phipps will attend Ohio State University to major in fashion merchandising. Edwards plans to study business administration at Houghton University.

Donations can be made to the Daniel and Patrick McCarthy Scholarship fund at CRCF, 301 North Union Street, Suite 203, or online at cattfoundation.org.

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

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from President Joe Biden in 2024.

So, even though Juneteenth has an informal, perhaps light-hearted name that could signify only festivities, cookouts, parades and fun-filled activities, its meaning is historically somber, deep, and life-changingly profound, very much like the 4th of July Independence Day all Americans commemorate. Always remember, independence for ALL Americans came at a huge cost. It truly is a cause for celebration.

So, as Bob Barker used to say, "Come on Down!" and join a Juneteenth celebration locally on June 29th in Olean, NY at the Bethany Lutheran Church, 6 Leo Moss Drive from noon-3:00pm. Della Moore, Co-founder and Director of the African American Center for Cultural Development (and, ahem! 2021 Woman of Distinction in NYS) invites you to an old-fashioned afternoon neighborhood party with good "eatins", fun, and music by Magic Terry Blues Band. Menu consists of BBQ ribs, pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs and burgers. Join the fun and bring your lawn chair and sun umbrella!

Don't forget to stop and say hello to Ms. Della. This vivacious young mid-octogenarian is the quintessence of all the good things that are right in this world. Meeting her is half the fun! Hope to see you there!

For more information about the activities of the African American Cultural Development Center, please go to www.aacolean.org.

HEALTH & FITNESS

Core Performance: Can You Eat Too Much Fruit?

By KIM DUKE, CERTIFIED PERSONAL TRAINER

Fruit is a key part of a healthy eating plan. Fruits contains many nutrients that your body needs. In fact, a healthy diet that includes fruit has been found to reduce your risk of several chronic diseases. But fruit contains natural sugars, and some types are fairly high in calories. So some people may wonder whether they're eating too much of it.

You can eat too much of anything. But the truth is that it's hard to get too much fruit. In fact, most Americans don't eat enough of it. Adults should eat at least 1 ½ cups of fruit every day. However, a "fruitarian" diet, in which you eat almost nothing but fruit, can keep you from getting enough nutrients from other foods. Experts recommend that 25%-30% of your diet be made up of fruit.

And what about the sugar in fruit? The sugar you should worry about, experts say, is the added type you find in sodas, desserts, and many other products. Since fruit contains fiber, your body reacts differently to its natural sugars.

Fruits are low in fat and sodium, and don't contain cholesterol. They do have plenty of healthy nutrients that most people don't get enough of, including:

- Potassium which helps to regulate your blood pressure.
- Dietary fiber to help reduce cholesterol levels, lower your risk of heart disease and promotes good digestion.
- Vitamin C. This vitamin supports the growth and repair of your body's tissues, heals injuries, promotes oral health, and helps your body absorb iron.

If you're not sure where to begin, start with color. The more colorful your meal is, the more nutrients it has. A fruit's color can tell you what nutrients it contains.

RED FRUITS: These contain plenty of vitamins A and C, potassium, and antioxidants. Red fruits include cherries, cranberries, pomegranates, raspberries, red grapes, strawberries, red apples and watermelon.

YELLOW & ORANGE FRUITS: These are packed with vitamin A, vitamin C, and potassium. Some yellow and orange fruits are apricots, grapefruit, mangoes, oranges, papaya, peaches, pears, pineapple and yellow apples.

WHITE FRUITS: White fruits contain potassium, which promotes heart health. White fruits include bananas, pears, white nectarines and white peaches.

GREEN FRUITS: Green fruits contain lots of potassium and vitamin K, which are good for blood clotting, vision health, and strong bones. Some green fruits are avocados, green apples, green grapes, kiwis and limes.

BLUE & PURPLE FRUITS: The nutrients found in these fruits not only help to prevent cancer, heart disease, and stroke, but also promote memory, healthy aging, digestion, and urinary health. Blue and purple fruits include blackberries, blueberries, figs, plums and purple grapes.

Fruit juices, on the other hand, you can definitely drink too much of. You may be surprised



to learn that even if your juice says "100% fruit juice" can contain as much sugar as soda pop. And unlike fruit, it's low in fiber, so your body will process it the same way as added sugar.

The sugar and calories in juice are more concentrated than those in whole or cut-up fruit. Without skin and pulp, fruit juices lack the fiber that helps slow down your digestion, prevents spikes in blood sugar, and makes you feel full. It also takes longer for you to eat whole fruit.

What about juicers? A popular alternative to eating whole fruits is to juice them. But most juicers remove the fruit's fiber. And juicing doesn't help your body absorb more nutrients than just eating the fruit. If you don't like fruit, use your blender to make it into a smoothie. This makes a delicious drink that still contains fiber.

What is important to point out is that while eating fruit is essentially only good for you, watching your caloric intake is also important. Plus, eating a balanced diet that includes proteins, fats and carbohydrates will help you to maintain metabolic health. If your metabolic machinery functions well, you feel and operate at your best.

Kim Duke is a certified personal trainer and owner of Core Performance Fitness and Training, 55 Bristol Lane, Ellicottville, NY. Kim resides in Ellicottville where she raised her two sons, Zach and Nik. For more information about her studio, visit her Facebook (Core Performance Health and Fitness), Instagram (@cptcoreperformance), go to www.coreperformancefitness.com or call her directly at 716-698-1198.

Mondays Are Green Play Days This Summer At Audubon



JAMESTOWN - Audubon Community Nature Center located in Jamestown, NY has created the Green Play Area, a space designed for young children, complete with a mud kitchen, water wall, and more.

Kids ages 2 to 6-years-old and their favorite adult(s) are invited to drop in for Green Play Days anytime between 10:00am-3:00pm on Mondays, July 1st through August 12th. An educator or volunteer will be available throughout the day to assist, but adults must supervise their children.

Unstructured play outside is beneficial to a child's physical and mental development as well as their understanding and appreciation of the natural world. However, concerns about safety, location, materials, and the value of play are often barriers to creating these experiences. This open-house style program aims to inspire both kids and adults to make discoveries and feel more comfortable about the natural world through play.

The fenced Green Play Area is outdoors, so dress for the weather. Clothes and footwear that can get wet and dirty are recommended, and you may want to bring a change of clothes or a towel for the car ride home.

Adults are required to stay with their children and may want to bring a chair, snacks, and water or a drink. In the case of severe weather, the Green Play Area will close.

No reservations are required for this program that is included with building admission. Members and SNAP/EBT cardholders are free. Non-member adults (ages 16+) are \$6. Non-member children ages 3-15 are \$2, and 2 and under are free. Maximum cost for a family is \$15. (Building admission is free for all on Sundays.)

For more information, call 716-569-2345 during business hours or go to AudubonCNC.org and click through Programs and Events.

Audubon Community Nature Center is located at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown, NY and Warren, PA. You can visit the nearly 600-acre nature preserve, check in on the live birds of prey, enjoy the native tree arboretum, gardens, picnic area, and hike over five miles of trails dawn until dusk daily for free.

The three-story Nature Center building houses interactive displays, a collection of live animals including the Hellbender exhibit, and the Blue Heron Gift Shop. Visitors are welcome Monday through Saturday, 10:00am-4:30pm and Sunday 1:00-4:30pm.

To learn more about Audubon and its many programs, call 716-569-2345, find Audubon Community Nature Center on Facebook or visit AudubonCNC.org. Check out AudubonCNC.org/about for a quick fly-by visit.

NATURE PHOTO CONTEST: Sunday, July 7th is the deadline for submitting or voting on entries in the 2024 Nature Photography Contest at GoGoPhotoContest.com/ACNC-PhotoContest2024. This contest is open to all nature photographers age 8 and older, with \$200 prizes awarded separately in two divisions (ages 8-18, and ages 19 and older) and three categories:

- **Wildlife:** Any wild animal is acceptable, including birds, mammals, fish, snails, insects, etc. Photos of animals in captivity, such as pets, zoo residents, or rehab/education animals are not accepted.
- **Scapes:** The earth is full of amazing views. Submit your photo of landscapes, plantscapes, seascapes, weather, clouds, rainbow, mountains, ponds, or any view that you find amazing.
- **Macros and Close-up details:** You don't need a macro lens to get an amazing close-up shot. This category is not just for close up shots of small things, but also for close-up details of large things: an animal's eye, a detail on a fossil, etc.

Additionally, a \$200 community choice award goes to the youth and adult photo with the most votes. Each photo entry costs \$15. For more information go to AudubonCNC.org or call 716-569-2345.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: TOWN OF ELLICOTTVILLE, NEW YORK: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Article 9 of the Town of Ellicottville Zoning Local Law, and pursuant to a resolution of the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Ellicottville, adopted June 13, 2024, the said Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Ellicottville Town Center, 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, NY 14731 on the 11 day of July, 2024 at 6:00 P.M., to hear all interested parties regarding an appeal by William Robbins, requesting variances to allow the construction of a new residential addition exceeding the maximum number of stories allowed and less than required distance from the side property line, located at 6661 Upper Road (SBL 55.011-3-12). Further information is available for review at the Engineering Department, 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, New York 14731. Prior to the meeting, documents may also be viewed on the Town website at www.ellicottvillegov.com. Persons wishing to do so may submit comments prior to the meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Town of Ellicottville Zoning Board of Appeals, 1 Washington Street, P.O. Box 600, Ellicottville, New York 14731, dropped off in person to the same address, or emailed to greg.keyser@evlengineering.com. BY ORDER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE TOWN OF ELLICOTTVILLE.

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COMMUNITY

PARK PROGRAM: Sign-ups for the Town of Ellicottville Park Program and swim lessons will be held on Saturday, June 29th from 4:00-5:30pm at the Ellicottville Village Park. To participate in the program, a child must have completed 1st grade and cannot be older than 13. If you have any questions, call the Town Clerk's office at 716-699-2100.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING: The Ellicottville Historical Society is having a meeting on Wednesday, July 3 at the Ellicottville Memorial Library 6499 Maples Rd at 7. The presenter is Joyce Thompson and she will be talking about Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglas. The meeting is free to everyone. On Saturday, July 13, there will be a walking tour of the houses where the founding fathers of Ellicottville lived and on Sunday, July 14 there will be a walking tour to the Jefferson Street Cemetery where the members of Ellicottville are buried. Both tours will meet at the gazabo at 1:00 and the cost is 10.00. For more information contact: Ellen Frank at 716-474-8528 or ellicottvilletownhistorian@gmail.com.

MUSEUM OPEN: The East Otto Historical Museum, housed in the town's oldest building (1833-34), will be open from 1:00 to 3:00 pm (or longer if needed) every Sunday during the month of July and August. Appointments for other days can be arranged by calling (716) 257-0654. Cattaraugus County Historian believes it could be the oldest building in Cattaraugus County. The building was built pre-Civil War and pre-East Otto. The Town of East Otto broke away from Town of Otto and became incorporated 1854. The museum building was originally built as a Baptist Church east of town. Later it was moved to the "Corners," which is now considered the center of town. A larger church replaced it and the town purchased and moved the building to its present location. It became the town's first Town Hall. In 1972, after the Town Hall relocated to its present location on East Otto Springville Rd., the East Otto Historical Group was given permission to use it as a museum. The museum is located next to the Fire Hall at 8982 Reed Hill Rd., East Otto. Items in the museum tell the story of people and businesses that once were part of East Otto. See baskets, milk pans and cheese boxes made in town. Look through books tracing births, marriages, and deaths. Other displays include a tandem bike, butter churn, apple press, pump organ, small farm tools, kitchen items, wooden voting booths, family scrap books and much more. Someone recently said "people don't care today about History the way our parents and grandparents did." For that reason, it's more and more important to keep it. The building and contents are Our Town's History. Come for a visit.



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SUMMER MUSIC FEST PREVIEW

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FINE ARTS AND CRAFTS MARKET: Immerse yourself in a world of local art both Saturday and Sunday of Summer Fest. Thanks to the efforts and organization of the Tri-County Arts Council, the lawn of the 1887 Building will be filled with talent from painters, mixed media, photographers, fiber artists, jewelers, wood carvers, sculptors, glass artists, potters, and more. Over 30 artists are expected to showcase in this intimate, boutique setting, and all works will be available for sale. The list of participating artists, along with examples of their wares, can be viewed at www.evlartshow.com.

As the festival draws to a close and the last notes fade into the night, let the memories of this music and art extravaganza serve as a reminder of the power of music to uplift, unite, and inspire, especially in times when community connections are more cherished than ever.

To learn more about this year's Summer Music Festival, Gazebo Series, Pet Parade and other events and festivals produced by the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, go to ellicottvilleny.com or call 800-349-9099. Follow the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce on Facebook (@Ellicottville, NY) and Instagram (@visitellicottville) to stay up-to-date on all the latest event information.

INTERVIEW: MARC MARTEL

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MARTEL: Yes. I think everyone knew that it was a long awaited movie. There's millions and millions of Queen fans all over the world, so I had a feeling it was already going to be a success from the get-go, but I don't think anyone could have predicted just how big and how important of a movie it was gonna be. It once again reignited the world's absolute obsession with Queen and Freddie Mercury, and the enigma that he was and the legacy that he left the world. That's obviously gonna far outlive the members of Queen and it's gonna outlive me but that's really what the best music in the world does.



HULICK: What can you expect from your show?

MARTEL: My show is a different type of tribute show than people typically think of when they think of tribute shows... especially a Queen tribute show, because those tend to be really dress-up shows. You know someone's gonna be up on stage with a yellow jacket at some point, maybe even a fake mustache - you know the drill. That's not what I do, that's not what my band does at all, we come on stage as ourselves. For us, it's really all about the music and making sure that we sound more like Queen than anyone alive today. The fact that I come as myself gives me a chance to tell my real story about how my life intersected with the music of Queen, with Freddie Mercury, and what that means to me as an artist. It's really a bizarre story that I could have never predicted and it's a heck of a lot of fun to tell. So it's a blast. It's all the rock and roll you could wish for.

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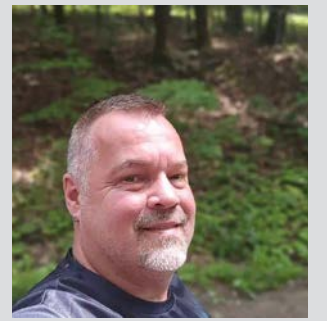
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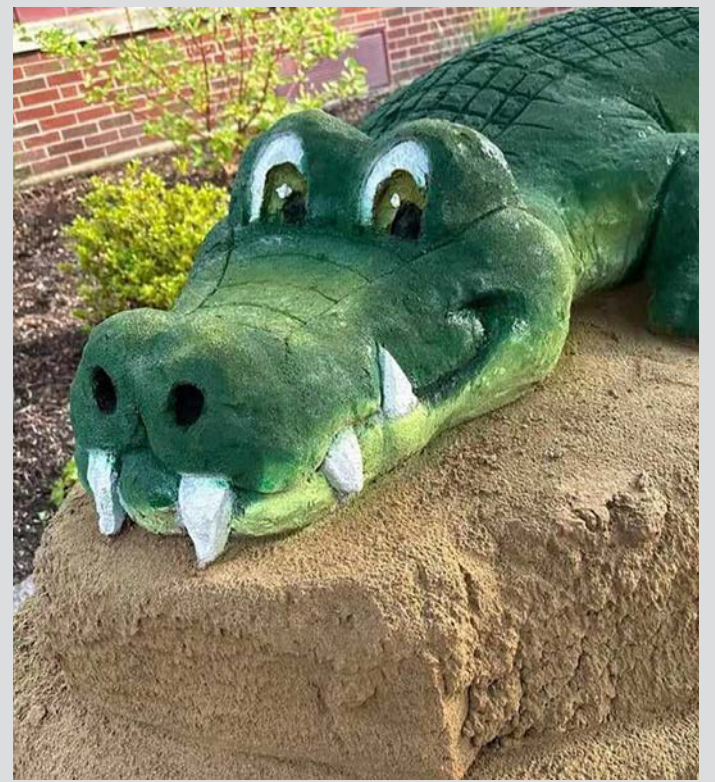
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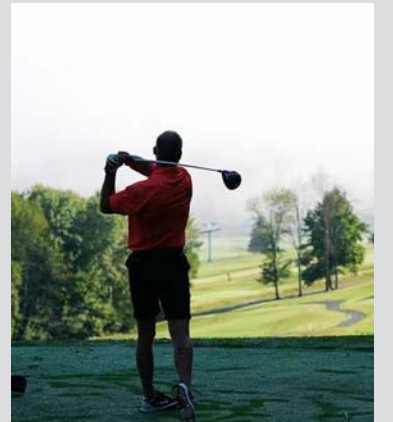
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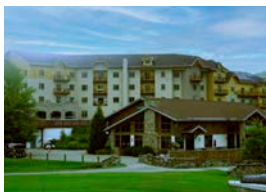
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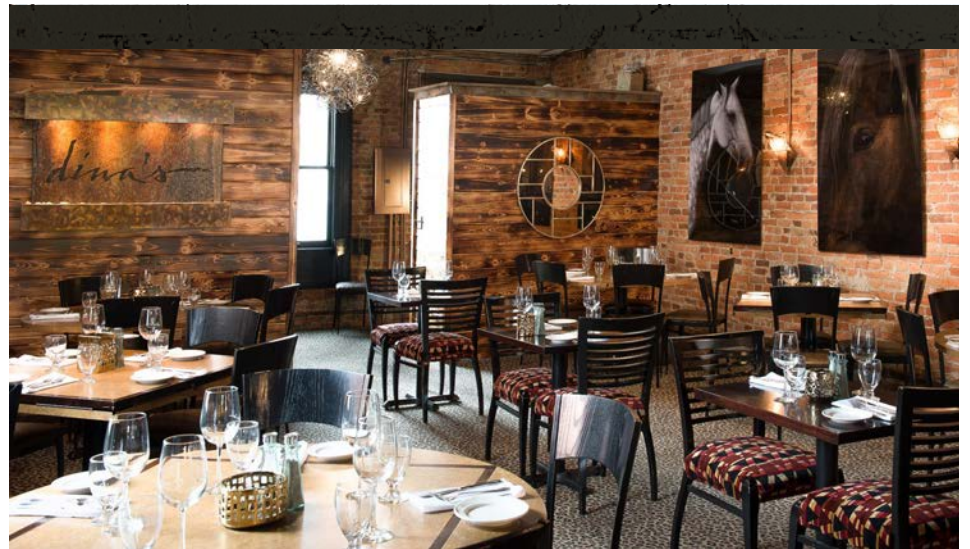
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