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Good Vibez CBD & Wellness, Rustic Buffalo, and Alpine Attic Join Forces in Ellicottville



By MARY WESIER

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THE BASKET BARN: BRINGING AN ANCIENT ART TO THE MODERN WORLD

Basket weaving is an art introduced to us at an early age. Perhaps it’s because it is so ageless. While basket weaving is one of the widest spread crafts in the history of any human civilization, no one can say for sure how old, because the natural materials like wood, grass, and animal remains used in making baskets decayed over time. But baskets were a staple item. We needed them throughout civilization. Even through the World Wars, baskets were used for dropping supplies of ammunition and food to the troops. With that introduction, please meet Nicole Fair, recently relocated from her home and business in Niagara County, NY. Having worked in Social Services for 20 years, Nicole decided to relocate to Allegany and devote her time to her passion, basket making ... page 07

FOSTER CATTARAUGUS TO HOST ADULT PROM FUNDRAISER

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Taste of Ellicottville

This Year’s Weekend-Long Foodie Festival Introduces New VIP Experience



More than twenty restaurants have finalized their menus for this year’s Taste of Ellicottville, set for Saturday and Sunday, August 10-11th. Presented by Sysco and produced by the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, visitors from Canada and the surrounding states are expected to travel here for a chance to indulge in the local culinary scene as establishments serve up some of their most notable menu items.

Small portions of select menu items from each of the participating restaurants will be offered each day from 12:00-4:00pm. Purchase your food tickets at the event, pick up a menu sheet, and plan your foodie experience as you saunter the streets and sidewalks, where restaurants will be set up for your outdoor tasting pleasure. New this year, a VIP Experience has been created to offer a more intimate tasting session for Taste-goers.

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ERIE CATTARAUGUS RAIL TRAIL WELCOMES NEW SCULPTURES

The newest Springville public art installation was celebrated July 18 as Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail and Springville Center for the Arts welcomed five new sculptures to the area of rail trail just north of Franklin Street in the Village of Springville. At a family arts celebration featuring an interactive theater presentation, food truck, and kid-friendly activities at Sculpture Alley, sculptors were honored for their works and the new sculptures were welcomed to their new home. Deb Fenn, past President of ECRT, hailed the new works and urged the public to “revisit this part of the trail often, and continue to delight in its artistic offerings for many years to come.”... page 11

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BOUNCING OUT CANCER

Kids Carnival to Support P.U.N.T. Pediatric Cancer Collaborative



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P.U.N.T. is a public charity founded in 2004 by former NFL Pro Bowl Punter Brian Moorman, who played for the Buffalo Bills from 2001 to 2013, along with his wife, Amber. Shinnars said the organization was a tremendous support to her and her family throughout her son's battle with Diffuse Midline Glioma, a type of brain cancer.

"We're raising the funds for the pediatric cancer collaborative just because they do so much for all families who are facing the challenge of having to go through something as horrific as this," she explained. "They do anything from paying a bill to paying for funeral expenses, to providing families with gift cards, food vouchers, parking vouchers for while they're at the hospital. It's our way as a family to give back to the group who has helped us in so many ways, just to make sure that there's always funds available for the next family who's going to be facing these challenges as well."

August 20th would be Cardell's fifth birthday, and Shinnars explained that each year, the carnival will take place around that date. "This is in honor of him, just because he loved to have fun and we figured he'll forever be a four-year-old little boy," said Shinnars. There will be plenty of fun to be had! The carnival will include bounce houses, water slides, inflatable games, cotton candy, snow cones, face painting, reptile displays, a petting zoo, food, and more.



There is no admission charge for the carnival but admission as donations is encouraged. "We will also have basket raffles and a silent auction," said Shinnars. Any individuals or organizations who would like to donate a gift basket, gift certificate, or any item of their choice or who would like to volunteer on the day of the carnival can contact Shinnars at 716-801-6768 (call or text). Shinnars encourages those who may be unable to attend the event to donate directly to P.U.N.T. on the organization's website at www.puntpediatriccancer.org. Shinnars added, "When you make an online donation, there's a spot where you can write a note, so you can write that you're doing it on behalf of yourself or in memory of Cardell Johnson, or whoever you would like."

For more info, check out the Bouncing Out Cancer for Kids Carnival event on Facebook.

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NEW BUSINESSES OPEN AT 22 WASHINGTON STREET

Good Vibez CBD & Wellness, Rustic Buffalo, and Alpine Attic Take Up Residence in the Old She Shed, He Shed

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tiques, handmade jewelry, repurposed furniture, hand-poured candles, textiles and clothing, metal art, concrete art, photography, handmade soaps and scrubs, pillows, barn art, glass art, and more. Ellicottville Rustic Buffalo even has its own app in which users can shop 24/7 with thousands of items to choose from and nationwide shipping so everyone can enjoy a piece of the Buffalo area.

GOOD VIBEZ CBD & WELLNESS



Earlier this month, the store welcomed visitors to their soft opening to discover the incredible array of products and services each business has to offer. Although she may be new to 22 Washington Street, Gicewicz is hardly new to the massage therapy and wellness scene! With nearly 20 years of experience as a licensed massage therapist, she has dedicated her life to helping individuals recover and thrive after severe trauma and surgery. “My journey with CBD began after experiencing profound grief and depression following the loss of my father,” Gicewicz explained. “Skeptical at first, I discovered CBD’s transformative effects and became determined to understand its mechanism of action. How was it possible to transform me from such deep depression into the best I felt in the past 10 years?”

After extensive research into CBD and its healing effects and informed by nearly two decades of expertise in massage therapy, Gicewicz developed her own line of CBD products with the same manufacturer that made the products she started using that changed her life. “I am on a mission to empower others in their journey towards pain relief, improved sleep, and overall well-being,” she explained. “From assisting individuals with autoimmune diseases to providing relief from arthritis and neuropathy pain, I am committed to listening, educating, and supporting my clients and their pets every step of the way.”

Gicewicz offers all different modalities of massage therapy including myofascial decompression, medical grade cupping, trigger point therapy, traditional deep tissue and relaxation massages. She also includes CBD and cold stone therapies for people with chronic pain or inflammatory autoimmune pathologies. Stop into 22 Washington Street to talk to her about the healing benefits of CBD or to book a massage – even same-day treatments.

RUSTIC BUFFALO

If you count yourself a member of the Bills Mafia, dip your wings in blue cheese, and love supporting local artisans, then Rustic Buffalo Artisan Market is your destination! Gicewicz is thrilled that the Buffalo-based business, which has locations in North Tonawanda, East Aurora, and Williamsville, is a part of the fun at 22 Washington Street in Ellicottville.

Rustic Buffalo Artisan Market offers an array of home décor items such as farmhouse, rustic, Buffalo-themed, vintage, shabby chic, hometown items, and so much more. There are over 250 award-winning independent contractors as artisans in the largest privately-owned artisan market in western New York covering the largest geographic location. So what exactly can you expect to find? Really, the question is, what can’t you find at Rustic Buffalo? There are thousands of items such as custom signs, floral wreaths, an-



Co-owner John Pirrone said, “The Ellicottville location will cater to those that travel, love shopping and drinking locally, and those that call Ellicottville a destination.” He is excited to partner with Good Vibez to provide an experience for all to enjoy in the heart of the village. Co-owner Scott DeMott added, “Our Rustic Buffalo store in Ellicottville offers a sampling of what Rustic is all about as each of our four stores are different and provide a unique experience to all that visit.”

ALPINE ATTIC

Also located within Good Vibez is Alpine Attic, a familiar favorite to many, as Terry Norton’s business has been in and around Ellicottville for 17 years in various locations and online. His signature vintage winter décor and gifts are perfect for decorating a cabin, lodge, or chalet. Whether you’re looking for classic charm or authentic décor made from skis, Alpine Attic won’t disappoint!



photos / Jaimie Woodarek

Norton began collecting skiing memorabilia in 1980 when the winter Olympics came to Lake Placid, New York. At the time, Norton could be found managing his aunt and uncle’s Orchard Park ski shop, The Red Door, though his passion for collecting vintage winter sports-related items continued long after he left the ski shop to work in the corporate world in 1984. Norton explained, “In about 2007, after almost 30 years or so of accumulating vintage ski-related items, I decided I wanted to start selling off bits and pieces of my collection and thought to myself, ‘There’s no better place than Ellicottville!’ As a result, the Alpine Attic was created to share the essence of ‘old time’ skiing with others through vintage skis, framed prints, posters, wine racks and other assorted items made with repurposed skis.” Speaking of his business’ new home, Norton said, “I am truly excited to be sharing the same store with Good Vibez and Rustic Buffalo.”

Gicewicz emphasized how important it is to her to partner with Rustic Buffalo and Alpine Attic. “Their kindness, cooperation, and creativity has been above and beyond anything I could ever imagine,” she said. “I can’t wait to start my new adventure in Ellicottville with the best group of people... This is literally a dream come true.”

Good Vibez is open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11:00am-5:00pm, Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00am to 7:00pm, and Sundays 10:00am-3:00pm. Mondays and Tuesdays are reserved for massage bookings only. Visitors may also come in the same day and request a massage after shop hours, starting at 5:30pm and 7:30pm. Gicewicz can also accommodate morning hours if needed. For more information, call 716-984-7537.

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PHOTO REWIND

Jazz & Blues Weekend a Swinging Hit

The crowds gathered around the Winery of Ellicottville stage and all around the Village of Ellicottville this past weekend to see some of Western New York's best Jazz and Blues performers. A jazzy good time was had by all!

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HillTAP Rolls into Holiday Valley

The annual HillTAP Festival at Holiday Valley was a rocking good time this past weekend. Spruce Lake is always the perfect place for a little r&r near the water, but throw in live music, good food and great weather and you've got a jammin' time on the hill!

photos / Ashley Baron



PROFILE

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY

Foster Cattaraugus to Host Adult Prom Fundraiser



By MARY WEISER

Prom: Whether you loved it, regretted it, or skipped it altogether, pretty much everyone can agree that there's nothing like a night of dressing up, showing off, and living it up with the people you love! If you never had a chance to go or would like to relive the magic – perhaps with the person who is now your true love – the time is now! Foster Cattaraugus, a brand new non-profit organization, is hosting an Enchanted Forest Adult Prom on Saturday, August 10th from 7:00-10:00pm at Woodside Tavern in Olean.

All proceeds from the adult prom benefit Foster Cattaraugus, a non-profit organization that is dedicated to helping foster care in Cattaraugus County. Amanda Clute, one of the founding members of the organization, said the organization was formed in April of this year and grew out of a need that she and others recognized when children enter foster care. "There's a growing number of kids and a growing number of needs for foster homes," Clute explained. "When kiddos come into care, there's kind of a mad rush, and there are needs that aren't reimbursed by the state. In an effort to support the county, we came together to create a non-profit that might provide for some of those intake needs: hygiene items, diapers, the initial formula before WIC begins - those basic items that maybe are a little bit hard up front for a foster parent to take care of and hard for the county with a growing number of kiddos."

Indeed, the number of children in foster care in Cattaraugus County has increased significantly, even since last year. "The number of children has grown so much," said Clute. "This time last year, there were about 50 kids, and there must be close to 90 this year." She explained that Foster Cattaraugus exists to help bridge the gap between what the children need and what the county can immediately provide to "make that beginning for kiddos that are already in a traumatic situation better."

Children in foster care range in age from newborn up to age 21, Clute shared, which means the needs of each foster family can be very different. Foster Cattaraugus works closely with the county to understand what the intake needs are in order to support families as they welcome a new child into their homes. In addition to providing for families' physi-

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2024 GAZEBO SERIES

Jess & The Mess to Rock the Gazebo Stage Thursday, August 1st

ELLICOTTVILLE - The Ellicottville Gazebo Series is counting down its final weeks of the 2024 season. Sponsored by Niagara Label Company and hosted by the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, the Gazebo Series invites the community to gather together at the Village Gazebo every week for free, live entertainment!

This Thursday's performance, August 1st, will feature Jess & The Mess. One of Buffalo's top cover bands, Jess & The Mess features a wide variety of music from the 60s right up through present day radio hits. They have performed at all of Western NY's top clubs and have developed a great following throughout the area!

Bring your blankets and lawn chairs, your frosty beverages and a snack, and enjoy Jess & The Mess this Thursday, August 1st from 7:00-9:00pm. Return to the Gazebo the following week, August 8th, for the finale of the 2024 Gazebo Series featuring the All Star Project.



To learn more about this year's Gazebo Series and other events and festivals produced by the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, go to ellicottvillenyc.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.

THE BASKET BARN

An Ancient Art in a Modern World



By CAROL FISHER-LINN

Every kid comes home at one point in their early school years with a colorful construction paper strip basket that they made, likely filled with Easter straw. I know I did and many, many years later, my own children did.

Basket weaving is an art introduced to us at an early age. Perhaps it's because it is so ageless. While basket weaving is one of the widest spread crafts in the history of any human civilization, no one can say for sure how old, because the natural materials like wood, grass, and animal remains used in making baskets decayed over time. From Wikipedia, we learn that the oldest known baskets were discovered in Faiyum in upper Egypt and have been carbon dated to between 10,000 and 12,000 years old, earlier than any established dates for archaeological evidence of pottery vessels, which were too heavy and fragile to suit far-ranging hunter-gatherers. Baskets were a staple item. We needed them throughout civilization. Even through the World Wars, baskets were used for dropping supplies of ammunition and food to the troops.

With that introduction, please meet Nicole Fair, recently relocated from her home and business in Niagara County (Sanborn), New York. Having worked in Social Services for twenty years, Nicole decided to relocate to Allegany and devote her time to her passion, basket making. You know how it goes, you take a class doing something, enjoy it, go back for more and suddenly you are hooked and it becomes your life. What started out as a fun project for herself to make a few baskets for her own collection turned into "Can you make one for me?"

It got to the point that so many people asked her to weave for them, she started selling her baskets at Artisan Shows. From there, well, it grew like Topsy. (This old phrase alludes to the little African American slave girl in Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, who when asked where she came from, replied, "I 'spect I growed. Don't think nobody never made me.") The growth turned into her own basket shop where she teaches basketry classes from beginner to advanced skill levels.



As Nicole's student, one not only learns to weave but gets an insight into the different materials and techniques used in weaving. An extra bonus is that it is relaxing and takes the weaver's mind off everything but the project at hand. She presently does workshops at Tri-County Arts Council in Olean, has taught at local schools, Pfeiffer Center, Senior Services and OMRDD who she says were some of her best students.

Her new workshop in Allegany is still a work in progress. Located on 10 acres of land with magnificent pastoral views, the shop is located behind the house. Nicole refers to it as a "hidden gem" which adds to the calming, quiet environment weavers discover when signing on for basket making classes.

Nicole told this writer: "I offer my 'Signature' Basket Classes which are classes I designed that students can register for on the website www.andrewsfarmsbasketbarn.com and I offer private basket classes for small groups here at the shop. Everyone weaves at a different pace, but in general, basket classes are usually about 3 hours long, but larger, more complicated baskets take much longer. Students have the option to stain their basket after class as well."

Now, the best way to learn more about what is offered in the way of making baskets is to go online. Take your time, push the info tab on each basket class offered and you will get a good feel for what is offered and what is expected. Classes will be held outdoors unless there is inclement weather, then in the classroom. Prepare yourself with adequate bug spray and know that there are animals on the property (dogs, cats, horses) so take care of your allergies before attending. Wear comfortable clothing, bring snacks and lunch, and plan to discover a talent you never knew you had!

You will find Nicole at this year's Cuba Garlic Festival in September, and at the Christmas in the Country show at the Hamburg Fairgrounds Grange Building in November. Nicole's shop is 17 minutes from Ellicottville up Chapel Hill Rd. to Morgan Hollow. If you would like to learn more about Basket Classes, you can email thebasketbarn@yahoo.com. Weekly hours are posted on the website, and on the FB page The Basket Barn.

INTERVIEW

CAPTAIN TOM & THE HOOLIGANS BRINGING THE FUN TO THE ELLICOTTVILLE DISTILLED & CHILLED MUSIC FESTIVAL



AUGUST 17 • 8:00PM
THE ELLICOTTVILLE DISTILLERY

By Melanie Hulick

Captain Tom & The Hooligans will take the stage at 8:00pm on Saturday, August 17th and close out the 5th annual Distilled & Chilled Music Festival at the Ellicottville Distillery in Ellicottville, NY.

The festival, which focuses on original music from the Western New York area, will showcase multiple bands and artists from 12:00-9:00pm along with craft beer, food trucks and craft vendors.

I caught up with Captain Tom (Tom Sieracki) recently to talk about the band's history and the type of music they play. Our conversation started out very different from most bands and artists I've interviewed because the debut of this band in 2019 came to a complete halt, shattering the excitement and dreams by an unforeseen event... the Covid-19 pandemic, that shut the whole world down.

With no real end in sight, the pandemic rearranged all that had been set in motion. Sieracki spent the time writing songs and finding the camaraderie among the band members and learning an instrument that was not what he played in the band, which you will read about in the following conversation.

Now in full swing and playing shows all over Buffalo, Western New York and Pennsylvania, adding Cleveland and Boston last year, they've become one of the most sought after acts out there.

With a set list of cover songs that have their own spin put on them, and original music written by Captain Tom himself, they cover any genre you can think of including Celtic Punk, Folk Rock, Americana, Eastern European Folk and Ska, with an emphasis on Polka, you can pretty much find them at any kind of festival or venue.

I asked Sieracki how he would describe the band and the music they play, to which he answered in the interview, but I like how it is summed up on their website, "Drinking songs and dance music... what else could you want?"

Indeed! Get your tickets and let the Captain Tom & The Hooligans get your body moving while experiencing the wild and fun atmosphere from a band that I'm sure you will want to see again and again.



Captain Tom & The Hooligans:
captaintomandthehooligans.com

Tickets & Event Schedule: ellicottvilledistillery.com

A Conversation with Captain Tom

HULICK: We're looking forward to seeing you at the Distilled & Chilled Music Festival, August 17th in Ellicottville. When and how did the band start?

CAPTAIN: The band was formed by myself, Captain Tom, with several of my high school friends around late 2019. We had played a Christmas party and one public gig, and then everything was quickly shut down due to Covid.

HULICK: How did you handle it? I know a lot of artists were devastated for themselves but also for their band members who needed to support their families, both local artists and world wide artists. I can't imagine how tough it was on you. As a fan of music I seriously felt lost with no concerts to go to. I mean you could listen to music but there was that huge void of being present in the moment with artists and the audience.

CAPTAIN: Well, obviously, Covid was not a great time and it did prevent us from playing shows. It did allow us to work on ourselves and practice to develop sound and camaraderie among the band members. I wrote a lot of music, but couldn't perform. I took a lot of time to develop my accordion playing. Before Covid, I was not the accordion player in the band and could hardly play at the time, which is obviously not the case now!

HULICK: How would you describe your band to a newbie like me?

CAPTAIN: Captain Tom & The Hooligans is what we like to call "a modern rendition of old world tradition," but really we just like to have fun. We like to mix in elements such as electric guitars, which are not traditional in genres like polka, to really drive the energy into the music! On top of this, we play a great variety of music such as Celtic Rock, Americana, Ska and of course Polka.

HULICK: You play so many different genres from A to Z. I don't know much about Ska.

CAPTAIN: Ska is a genre that originated in Jamaican dance halls, and over time made its way to Britain and the United States where it combined with punk rock and became the genre it is today. I'd say two of the most important arts of Ska are its use of horns and its danceable beats.

HULICK: How many members do you have and what are their names?

CAPTAIN: We have a rotating cast of characters, however at Distilled & Chilled we will consist of: Captain Tom - Accordion, Commodore Dave - Saxophone & Clarinet, Mike Bryzski - Electric Guitar, Trevor Jennings - Drums, Shavonne Pucula - Upright Bass, Karl Zielezinski - Trumpet, Ray Skalski - Trombone, Dom Testino - Trumpet... and everyone sings!

HULICK: You put your own vibe on songs that are popular, but you have your own original music as well. Who writes in the band and how does the process go... like do you write whenever you have an idea or do you consciously set time aside.

CAPTAIN: We do like to put a twist on the covers we do, but on top of that we have a whole bunch of original songs. We actually just released a full length album in April consisting of 18 songs, most of them original. We also have an EP we released about half a year ago which has six songs, half of which were originals we had that we haven't recorded yet to perform live. As far as writing goes I write most of the songs, both the lyrics and the music. I'm inspired all the time and I am constantly writing down ideas. Also my father, Commodore Dave, writes out a lot of the sheet music for the band and our arrangements, which is a huge help.

HULICK: I'm guessing "Lockport Ladies" is an original. What are a couple others that are fan favorites?

CAPTAIN: "Lockport Ladies" is an original tune. We like to write a lot about our local surroundings. We have found our fans really like the song "If I Had \$100" that we wrote and they're big fans of our cover of "Living Next Door to Alice," which we just call "Alice" on our album.

HULICK: Do you take requests at your shows?

CAPTAIN: At most of our shows, we are always open to taking requests, however, once we are up on stage I like to engage the crowd and just play what I feel the crowd will like in that moment.

HULICK: Do you do any songs from Bobby Vinton? When he first started out he played local proms and events in Pennsylvania where he was from. One of them was for my husband's mother's prom. It really is a small world.

CAPTAIN: That's awesome! We do actually play some Bobby Vinton, most notably we cover his song, "My Melody of Love." It's become a favorite in the Polish American community.

HULICK: You play all over Buffalo and Western New York. Where else do you play?

CAPTAIN: In the last year, we played both Cleveland and Boston, and have now played Pennsylvania a couple times. I have been playing more in Pennsylvania. Even though we mostly played in Buffalo and Western New York and love playing in this area, we have been expanding more to the surrounding areas.

HULICK: What is the song you would say is the most fun to do live?

CAPTAIN: Picking out a favorite song is tricky, especially live because it changes from show to show, but lately, one of our favorites has been our original song "Dyngus Daze" on our new album *Proud*. It's a lively song about the Polish American holiday Dyngus Day.

HULICK: You won the "Best Other Band/Act" award from All for WNY Awards for 2020- 2021. Tell us a little about that.

CAPTAIN: From what I understand, there's a local collective musicians in Western New York that run a best contest in the music scene every year. Notably one of them has an online show called the *Think So Joe Show*

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Destination FUN

Upcoming Events to Mark On Your Calendar

JULY 27-AUGUST 3

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Make plans to attend the 2024 Cattaraugus County Fair with exciting rides, animal shows and lots of FREE live entertainment! Celebrating its 181st year in 2024, this is a real down home country Fair. Large enough to include exciting events like the demos and Monster Truck rallies, but small enough that you don't feel overwhelmed. Affordable for the whole family, presale tickets are available. Follow their Facebook page to see updates. Each day offers something new and exciting, whether it's an animal competition, demo derby, concert or Monster Truck! Tyler Hubbard and Cooper Allan will be playing!!

AUGUST 1

@ ELLICOTTVILLE GAZEBO
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The 2024 Gazebo Series continues this week in downtown Ellicottville with a live performance by Jess and the Mess, Thursday, August 1st beginning at 7:00pm. Jess and the Mess is one of WNY's top cover bands and they are always adding new music to their roster. Sponsored by Niagara Label Company and hosted by the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, the Gazebo Series invites the community to gather together at the Village Gazebo every week for free, live entertainment. Come enjoy a different musical act each week at no charge! Lawn chairs, picnic baskets, coolers and even the family pet is welcome!

AUGUST 4

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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 is in full swing and August 4th's performance is being presented by live music with Travis Happoldt from on Sunday, starting at 2:00pm, ending at 5:00pm! Travis is a solo acoustic singer/performer that plays in both Western New York and Northern Pennsylvania. He's a local favorite So head out to the Distillery, hear Travis Happoldt and indulge in a locally made cocktail to end your weekend on a happy note!

AUGUST 9-11

@ CATTARAUGUS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
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Celebrating over 40 years, the Cattaraugus County Trappers Association Sportsmen's Show features conservation displays, archery, black powder, trapping, fishing, guns, taxidermy dealers, big buck club display and live seminars. Friday, August 9: 10:00am-6:00pm, Saturday, August 10: 8:00am-5:00pm and Sunday: August 11: 8:00am-3:00pm. This is a family-friendly event open to the public. Demos in the past have included trapping for fox, coyotes, beaver, mink, fisher, and more! Pistol Permit Clerks will be in attendance. Daily admission is \$5 per person. Camping is available at an additional cost.

AUGUST 9

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EVL TRAIL FEST

Formerly WNYMBA weekend campout, EVL Trail Fest encompasses Peace, Love, and Plenty of Riding on the trails of Holimont and McCarty Hill State Forest. Ride, camp, eat, repeat! Take part in group rides, food trucks, live music and libations. HillTop Short Track XC Race will take place Sunday at 4:30pm. Secure your EVL Trail Fest weekend pass and campsite. This event is family friendly and great for any mountain biking skill level. Come out, enjoy the course and have fun!

AUGUST 10

@ WOODSIDE TAVERN ON THE RANGE
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Join Foster Cattaraugus on Saturday, August 10th from 7:00-10:00pm at Woodside Tavern on the Range for a magical evening at their Enchanted Forest Adult Prom to benefit foster children in Cattaraugus County! Dress to impress in your finest attire and get ready to relive the nostalgia of prom night in a whole new way. Whether you're going solo or with a date, this event promises to be a night to remember with a whimsical setting filled with twinkling lights and enchanting decor. Ticket Information: Single-\$28.52 or Couple-\$44.52; price includes admittance, non-alcoholic beverages, and food.

AUGUST 10-11

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A Mountain Bike Camp for All Ages! Looking for a fun summer adventure on two wheels? A two-day downhill immersion for young riders ages 7 and up at any ability level. Camp package includes lift tickets, instruction, lunch, and fun activities. Advanced registration is recommended. Dates are August 10 & 11, and September 7 & 8 from 10:00am-2:00pm. Regardless of ability, this camp is designed for young mountain bikers who are eager to challenge themselves in our XC and DH skills and terrain on our lift serviced trail network. Four hours of instruction each day will include balancing exercises and body position tips for descending and climbing.

AUGUST 10-11

@ DOWNTOWN VILLAGE
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The most delicious festival of the summer is the Taste of Ellicottville! Get a taste and find out why people keep coming back to Ellicottville year after year for a foodie experience like no other. The Taste of Ellicottville, presented by Sysco and produced by the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, takes to the streets for its 38th year of culinary enjoyment! Where else can you come to a village the size of Ellicottville and find over 20 local restaurants and eateries featuring some of their best dishes? "It's every foodie's favorite event!"

AUGUST 11

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Make your way to Robbins Road in Ellicottville, NY for an afternoon of good music and excellent drinks. Ellicottville Distillery's Summer Sunday Series is winding down and August 11th's performance is being presented by live music with Meet the Bacons on Sunday, starting at 2:00pm, ending at 5:00pm! "Meet the Bacons" is the acoustic duo of Joe & Robin Bacon. They play a variety of rock, classic country, Americana, folk, reggae and blues in Western New York. So head out to the Distillery, hear Meet the Bacons and indulge in a locally made cocktail!



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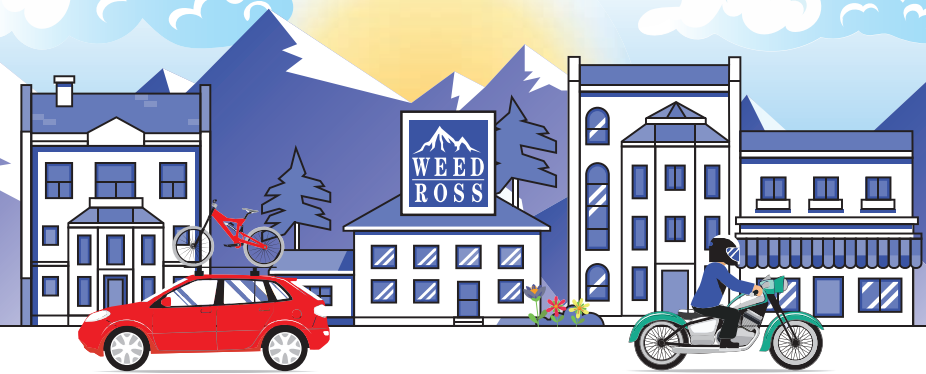
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TASTE OF ELLICOTTVILLE

This Year's Weekend-Long Foodie Festival Introduces New VIP Experience



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ELLICOTTVILLE - More than twenty restaurants have finalized their menus for this year's Taste of Ellicottville, set for Saturday and Sunday, August 10-11th. Presented by Sysco and produced by the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, visitors from Canada and the surrounding states are expected to travel here for a chance to indulge in the local culinary scene as establishments serve up some of their most notable menu items.

"The Taste is the perfect opportunity to sample a variety of flavors from our local restaurants, all in an afternoon," said Brian McFadden, Executive Director of the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce. "This is the only Taste event in the Western NY that requires all restaurants to have a full time location in the Village and Town."

Small portions of select menu items from each of the participating restaurants will be offered each day from 12:00-4:00pm. Purchase your food tickets at the event, pick up a menu sheet, and plan your foodie experience as you saunter the streets and sidewalks, where restaurants will be set up for your outdoor tasting pleasure. Tickets are \$1 each, with food items ranging from \$1-\$6.

To add to the festival vibe, this year's theme is "Christmas in August." Expect to see some ho-ho-holiday decor and share in whimsical wonderland cheer! Restaurants are encouraged to get creative and with their booth decorations... nostalgic Christmas colors and the sound of sleigh bells are sure to be seen and heard all through town.

As for the food itself, this year's judging will return with awards in the following categories: Best of Ellicottville, Healthy Choice, Sweetest Sweet, Kids Choice, and Buffalo-inspired. The latter category will bring in two very special judges, two well-known individuals who couldn't be any more Buffalo! Madeline Hall (Buffalo Influencer, BFS) and Drew Cerza (The Wing King) will take responsibility for choosing the best Buffalo-inspired dish at this year's Taste.



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"We have been working with Madeline, BFS, a well-known social media influencer, on Taste of Ellicottville for a couple of months now to gain more interest in the event and to showcase the culinary scene that we have to offer here that not many are aware of," said Barb Pump, Assistant Executive of the Ellicottville Chamber. "She has an amazing outlook on the food scene and the idea of partnering with her to take Taste to another level was a no-brainer. Drew Cerza, as many know, is a staple in the Buffalo food scene and to have both of them as judges is almost as exciting as a wing eating competition (wink wink!)."

Judges making their way for the Taste's general categories include Kate Glaser and Jade King of Hope Rises, and Sue O'Neil of KISS 98.5, among others.

New this year, a VIP Experience has been created to offer a more intimate tasting session for Taste-goers. "The VIP Experience is something new that we wanted to try to entice new experiences for the event," said Barb. "Food options from participating restaurants will be served inside the private bar area in the Carriage House at The Gin Mill."

The Chamber is offering only 30 VIP Experience spots. The \$100 experience will include:

- Menu tasting from 7 local restaurants from 11:00am-12:00pm
- 2 drink tickets that can be redeemed from the Gin Mill's special Carriage House drink menu
- 2 additional sheets of food tickets (10 tickets per sheet) to be used at the general Taste booths.
- 2 charcuterie boards and wine tasting at Villaggio from 12:30-1:30pm

Once you've had your fill of the Taste, swing into any of Ellicottville's legendary hot spots and put those hard-earned calories to use. Live music is scheduled all over town! Make it a weekend to remember and book an overnight stay! Room packages are available at The Wingate, Seasons, and The Jefferson Inn, which include pre-sale Taste tickets. Check the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce website at ellicottvillenow.com or call 800-349-9099 for a list of other lodging options and additional information about the Taste and other upcoming events.

SCULPTURE ALLEY

Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail Welcomes Five New Pieces



photo / @ericattaraugusrailtrail

SPRINGVILLE - The newest Springville public art installation was celebrated July 18 as Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail and Springville Center for the Arts welcomed five new sculptures to the area of rail trail just north of Franklin Street in the Village of Springville. At a family arts celebration featuring an interactive theater presentation, food truck, and kid-friendly activities at Sculpture Alley, sculptors were honored for their works and the new sculptures were welcomed to their new home.

Deb Fenn, past President of Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail, hailed the new works and urged the public to "revisit this part of the trail often, and continue to delight in its artistic offerings for many years to come." Seth Wochensky, Executive Director of Springville Center for the Arts, welcomed all to "this unique part of the trail where people can see that Springville is a community that cares about art."

Local sculptors Sarah Fonzi, Matthew Retzlaff, and Rich Federowicz were on-hand to describe their artistic visions as they created the new additions to the outdoor sculpture gallery. Last summer, Brian Pfeiffer installed two interactive concrete sculptures to inaugurate the site. This year's works include Fonzi's imaginative tubular metal design, Federowicz's constructions of metal and acrylic - evoking hardware and water, respectively, and Retzlaff's dreamy moon and stars creations.

Sculpture Alley is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by Arts Services, Inc.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Four Ellicottville Students Receive Awards Managed by CRCF



Brooke Butler and Keelin Finn received the Kristen Hintz Memorial Scholarship for \$1,500 each. This scholarship, which came under the Foundation's management in 2017, is named in memory of Kristen Nicole Hintz, who was a senior at Ellicottville Central School and at the top of her class when a tragic auto accident cut her life short in 2000. A leader in her class, she was a multi-sport athlete who always gave her best and persevered through difficult situations. Students applying for this scholarship must include an essay that describes and explains what characteristics and qualities he/she possesses that makes him/her deserving of this scholarship, including information that reflects how they demonstrate kindness and perseverance, qualities for which Kristen was known. Butler will study mathematics at Clarkson University. Finn will study biology at Gannon University.

Morgan Krotz received the Paul and Mary Janowicz Memorial Scholarship for \$500. The Janowicz's daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth Hanson and the late Paul Hanson, established the Paul and Mary Janowicz Memorial Fund with the foundation in 2014. Each year, the fund makes possible a scholarship for students at Ellicottville Central School, where Mrs. Janowicz served as a bus driver. The Paul and Mary Janowicz Memorial Scholarship is given to graduating seniors who demonstrated academic excellence and plan to attend a 2- or 4-year college. Krotz will study journalism at Pennsylvania State University.

William Benatovich received the Hughey Scholarship for \$1,000. This scholarship fund provides an award for graduating seniors at Ellicottville High School attending a 2- or 4-year college/university or a trade school. Preference is for a student majoring in the field of education, but the scholarship is open to all majors. Benatovich will study physical edu-

LIFESTYLE

Breakaway Classic Adventures: Pheasants for Peasants

BY INDREK KONGATS

I had the opportunity to sit down with a friend who is big into hunting pheasants, starting with raising them from chicks to training his German Shorthaired Pointer to hunt them. His name is Tom McCormick and he resides in nearby Bliss, NY. Pheasant hunting is not a sport reserved for kings - in fact, the DEC releases birds every fall for anyone that has the time and inkling to do so.

So I asked Tom what makes Upland Bird in particular pheasant hunting so special for him. He answered, "Autumn in western New York is one of the more beautiful times to be out and enjoying our areas natural resources. Pheasant hunting has been our family tradition for decades."

According to Tom, Ring Neck Pheasants at one time roamed the farm fields and hedge rows in great numbers throughout the 1970s and 80s. However, as farming practices evolve and USDA Conservation Reserve (CRP) "set-aside" programs no longer were economically viable - paying farmers not to farm lower quality land - pheasant population suffered. Habitat diminished and natural predators devastated the wild population.

That has not dulled the enthusiasm for pheasant hunting though! One of the driving forces that helps feed this enthusiasm is the Reynolds Game Farm in Ithaca at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Facility. The facility's purpose is to raise birds for release into the wild for hunting on New York Wildlife Management Areas, State Forests, Forest Preserve and State Parks. There are also several private clubs that offer upland bird hunting in our area. They provide outstanding experience for both experienced and first time adventure seekers alike. Most preserves provide a guide and a hunting dog if needed.

What really adds to the experience is having trusted partners with you. For Tom, that is both his wife and their German Shorthair Pointer, Bruno!

Tom affectionately explains that about 6 years ago Bruno came into their life. "We are lifelong dog lovers. Bruno was our first entry in bringing a highly effective hunting breed into our family. One of the most rewarding parts of our love of pheasant hunting is watching Bruno do what he was born to do... find this elusive bird every autumn and hoping not to disappoint him after the flush with a poor shot from his master! Training Bruno was a massively rewarding part of our love of pheasant hunting. Every sportsman may have a slightly different approach in training a highly effect bird dog. For us, we needed guidance. There are countless books, DVDs and free YouTube videos that are for sure helpful. However, what made the greatest impact was when we joined our local North American Versatile Hunting Association or NAVHDA. Without question this organization gives you a community of pheasant dog loving outdoorsmen that will speed up yours and your partner's learning curve and cement your love for the sport."

Tom explained that when he was a teenager he had various hunting dogs. "I was told by the local population that if you want your hunting dog to possess and maintain a strong hunting desire that they need to be kept outside, tied to a doghouse and in the element, never to see the inside of your house. For us with Bruno, that proved to be ridiculous! First off, a properly train upland dog knows when it's time to work! Bruno for the past 6 years has spent every night curled up in our bed!"

Tom goes on to say, "However, when I reach for my hunting gear, Bruno knows what is coming. I can't get him into the pick-up fast enough and when we arrive at the field, he converts to a laser focused hunting machine waiting for my command to 'hunt-em-up'".

Getting Bruno to that level was as rewarding as knocking a flushed rooster out of the air from 25 yards away. Training him myself allowed us to develop an incredible bond. We



Tom McCormick pheasant hunting with Bruno, his German Shorthair Pointer

are a team out in the field and at home. We know people that send their prized purebred off to a 'professional trainer'. To be clear, this is an excellent way to get your dog to hunt. That said, it's not the same. Its' just not. I can spend 10-15 minutes a day training Bruno with the basics. He is my only student. I learn his habits, he learns mine. And when we are done with the training, he follows me into the house or plays with our other dog, who happens to be a very lovable recuse, chasing sparrows or chipmunks in the yard." Tom and his wife look forward in great anticipation to being out with Bruno on a crisp frost-covered October morning flushing a rooster in the field.

Another great program that the DEC offers through the Reynolds Game Farm and that the Houghton Fly Fishing Club is scheduled to partake in is a customized pheasant hunt where they will come to your location of choice and release two birds per hunter, and all of this free of charge!

The HFFC is looking for anyone interested, but with a catch - the funds generated from signed up participants will go towards Wild Trout habitat improvements! Contact the HFFC by email at info@riverdogflyfishing.com, dates and location TBA. We live in one of the most beautiful parts on the country. Add in pheasant hunting in the fall to all the other outdoor activities!

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 breakawayclassicadventures.com.

FOSTER CATTARAUGUS PROM

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cal needs, Foster Cattaraugus also works to support trauma education for foster parents and support children coming into care who may have specialized needs.

The upcoming adult prom is the non-profit's first major fundraiser, and Clute is excited to welcome all to a night of glamor and fun! "I think everybody likes an excuse to dress up, and we really wanted something that people could enjoy and not just buy tickets for but something to get excited about and raise awareness," she said. The prom, which is a 21 and up event, will be held on Saturday, August 10th at Woodside Tavern on the Range, located at 3319 West River Road in Olean. In true prom fashion, there will be a DJ and traditional prom photos! The event also includes a cash bar, food, and door prizes. Single tickets and couple tickets are available, and each includes non-alcoholic beverages and food. Tickets are pre-sale only and can be ordered online at www.eventbrite.com. The ticket link is available through the adult prom event on Foster Cattaraugus' Facebook page.

If you already have plans on August 10th or prom isn't really your style, there are still many ways to support Foster Cattaraugus. Donations can be made online via PayPal to Foster Cattaraugus Inc. or by check payable to Foster Cattaraugus and mailed to PO Box 70, Olean, NY 14760. The organization also has an Amazon Wish List for items that are helpful at intake of a placement. For more information about Foster Cattaraugus and to get involved, follow the organization on Facebook or email fostercattaraugus@gmail.com.



SUMMER ART CLASSES

Tri-County Arts Council Announces August Schedule

OLEAN - It's too hot outside, time for AC and cool classes at Tri-County Arts Council. Sign up for classes online at: <https://www.tricountyartscouncil.org/classes/>.

Kids Flower Dream Catchers: August 3, 2024 (Saturday) with new instructor, Ashleigh Sparling of Olean from 11:00am-12:00pm. Cost: \$5 Members & Non-Members from ages 8-12. Join us for a creative and fun class where kids will learn how to make their very own flower dream catchers! Using ribbons and strings, children will craft beautiful dream catchers with felt flower accents. This hands-on activity encourages creativity and fine motor skills while allowing kids to create a unique piece of art to hang in their room. Come and let your imagination bloom!




Grid Drawing: August 3, 2024 (Saturday) with new instructor, Tiffany Smith of Franklinville, from 1:00-3:00pm. Cost: \$30 Artisan Members & Above; \$40 Basic/Family Members & Non-Members, Age: 14+. Throughout history, many famous artists have used the grid method for drawing, including the ancient Egyptians, Leonardo Da Vinci, Albrecht Durer, M.C. Escher, and Vincent Van Gogh. Learn how to use this ancient tool to draw your pet or a face you love with high accuracy. Please bring 8"x10" black and white high quality close up photocopy that can be drawn on.

Join the Tri-County Arts Council for an upcoming live music performance by acoustic guitarist Alex Cole of Allegany County on Tuesday August 6 at 6:30pm. The event will take place at 6:30pm on the first floor of the First National Bank Building, 101 N. Union St. Attendance is free and light refreshments will be provided with Art Studio tours.

The Tri-County Arts Council advocates for the creation and appreciation of arts and culture in the region and this opportunity would not have happened without the partnership of Chashama and Savarino Properties.

The Tri-County Arts Council presents "An Artistic Journey, From Watercolors to Oils and Back Again" by Barbara Fox, the show will run now through August 30th in the Peg Bothner Gallery. TCAC is always adding to their Artisan Market and class schedule at 110 West State Street in Olean, NY 14760.

We now have new Summer hours from Wednesday to Friday from 10:00am to 5:00pm and Saturday and Sunday from 10:00am to 4:00pm. All Tuesday classes will still be happening, and we will be adding morning arts classes soon in September with a six-week hand building class.

		
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COMMUNITY

BLOOD DRIVE: St. Paul's Lutheran Church is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive inside their Community Room, 6360 Route 242 E, Ellicottville NY on Friday, August 9th from 1:00-6:00pm. Download the Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-Red Cross to schedule your appointment.

NOTICE TO ALL DOG OWNERS IN THE TOWN AND VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE: I am aware that many residents in our community have not registered their dogs. By law, all dogs within New York State, four months of age or older, must be licensed. The licensing process is simple and inexpensive (\$5.00 or \$15.00) and is considerably less than receiving a fine for noncompliance. All that is needed is proof that the dog has been vaccinated against rabies. Please bring proof if your dog has been spayed or neutered as the lower fee applies. After your dog is licensed, you will receive an annual renewal notice by mail. Additionally, please be aware that the Town has a Local Law requiring the dog have adequate leash restrains. The Local Law is posted on the Town's website - ellicottvillegov.com. Robyn George, Ellicottville Town Clerk.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

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cation at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford.

NINE LOCAL STUDENTS RECEIVE BIG 30 SCHOLARSHIPS

Established by the Big 30 Athletic Fund Committee, the Big 30 Athletic Fund at CRCF supports the organization's effort to provide scholarship funding to deserving student athletes in the region served by the Big 30, including Allegany and Cattaraugus counties as well as areas of northwestern Pennsylvania.

Elk County Catholic's Colby Nussbaum, Katelyn Rhinehart of Otto-Eldred, Keelin Finn of Ellicottville and Noah Shenk of Franklinville received awards from the Big 30 Athletic Fund, each for \$1,000.

The Big 30 Athletic Fund makes possible awards for four students graduating in the Big 30 region who have participated in at least two sports for all four years of high school.

Nussbaum plans to attend the Pennsylvania College of Technology to study mechatronics technology. Rhinehart will study childhood education at St. Bonaventure University. Finn will attend Gannon University to study biology. Shenk plans to study adolescent education at Jamestown Community College. Alexa Schneider of St. Mary's Area High School, Portville Jacqueline Scanlon, Friendship's Nevaeh Ross, Allegany-Limestone's Sean Conroy and Sofia Bentley of Franklinville received the Big 30 Senior Classic Scholarship for \$400 each.

The Big 30 Senior Classic Scholarship, made possible by the Big 30 Athletic Fund, is for graduating seniors chosen to participate in the Big 30 Senior Classic basketball game, which is held annually at Portville Central School for Big 30 basketball senior standouts. Students must also submit an essay on what basketball means to them to the Big 30 Athletic Fund Committee.

Schneider plans to attend PennWest Clarion to study early childhood education. Scanlon will attend Edinboro University to study communication and science disorders. Ross will study criminology at LeMoyne University. Conroy plans to attend the University of South Carolina to study finance. Bentley will attend Niagara County Community College to study liberal arts and sciences.

Donations can be made to any of these funds at CRCF, 301 North Union St., Suite 203, or online at cattfoundation.org.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE PLANNING BOARD: LEGAL NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Village of Ellicottville Zoning Local Law, and pursuant to a resolution of the Planning Board of the Village of Ellicottville, adopted July 9, 2024, the said Planning Board will hold a public hearing at the Ellicottville Town Center, 28 Park Side Drive, Ellicottville, NY 14731 on the 13 day of August, 2024 at 5:30 P.M., to hear all interested parties regarding an application by Heidi Widger for a Special Use Permit, Site Plan Review, Historic District Review and Architectural Design Review at 14 Washington Street (SBL 55.035-3-46) to allow the construction of a new covered porch and garage. 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 Village website at www.ellicottvillegov.com. Persons wishing to do so may submit comments prior to the meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Village of Ellicottville Zoning Board of Appeals, 1 Washington Street, P.O. Box 475, Ellicottville, New York 14731, dropped off in person to the same address, or emailed to greg.keyser@evlengineering.com.

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VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE REQUEST FOR BIDS: Bid Proposal: The Village of Ellicottville is accepting bids for a 2018 Chevy 3500 Silverado HD 4x4. Bids accepted July 26th through August 9, 2024. Sealed envelopes will be accepted at the Village of Ellicottville Clerk's office, located at One West Washington Street, Ellicottville, NY 14731. Bids will be opened on Monday, August 12th at 11:00am. Delivery date 30 days from bid opening. No bids under 19k (Thousand) will be considered. Vehicle will be parked on the side of the Town/Village Hall for those willing to view truck. 2018 Chevy 3500 HD 4x4, Red, 6.0 gas engine, Auto trans, Power equip, Cruise, 9' western pro plus plow, Snow dawg conveyor salter, 9' Airflo hydraulic dump body, Coal chute, 40,284 miles.

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LLC NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Our Home Services LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 5/30/2024. Office location: 3030 Steffenhagen Rd. Machias NY 14101 Cattaraugus County SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY may mail process to: 3030 Steffenhagen Rd Machias NY 14101. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of GRACE FIELD LITTLE VALLEY, LLC, Arts. Of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 06/26/2024. Office location of the LLC: Cattaraugus County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: c/o the LLC, PO Box 275, Little Valley, NY 14755. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

INTERVIEW: CAPTAIN TOM

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which features local music, and we have been featured on it many times. We just happen to be lucky enough that people thought about us to select that year, and I've said before "other" is a great way to describe us since we don't fit into a box of categories.

HULICK: I'm sure you have many fans. Do they call themselves a special name, like fans of the late Jimmy Buffet are called Parrotheads?

CAPTAIN: Our fans actually came up with the name. They call themselves "Cooligans".

HULICK: Do you have a message for your fans coming out to see you in Ellicottville?

CAPTAIN: We are really looking forward to coming out to Ellicottville and playing for everyone at such a great event. There is also so much other wonderful music happening that day and we are very excited to join in the fun!

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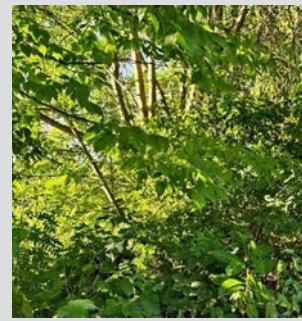
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willgoat_adventures: Remember the animal sanctuary that we raised money for through my calendars? Well, here is Lobo, their first rescue! We're so happy for the Celebration of Canine Lives Sanctuary. #evlnow



brain_on_bass_16: Liam and I put in some work today and then partied at the @42northbrewing HillTAP. It was a great day! #ellicottvillenow



bloodunderrazor: Love the way the light filters through the trees.



kayla_lyn4: Madigan's golf tournament 2024! @madigans_ev



leahjay17: Cousins, live music, ice cream... This is summer. @misscrystal @ellicottvillenow



wildroamer.shop: Front door view. @ellicottvillenow



ellicottvillecoffee: It's going to be a great weekend in EVL. #evlnow



griffissculpturepark: Our small, but mighty gift shop is open at the Mill Valley Road section of the park. #localartists #ellicottvillny #emountains



bperksey: Always picking up right where we left off. Thanks for visiting @jonnywad2000 @la_klo. See you again! #coloradofriends #evlroots



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