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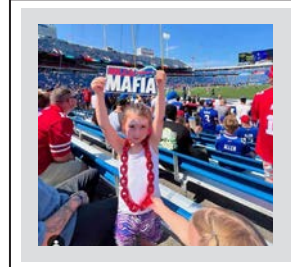
The Village Board came together this month to review many important items, starting out with good news for Ellicottville. The electrical vehicle chargers at the new Mill Street parking lot are starting to show positive earnings. These chargers have been recognized as an impactful addition to the area and "we hope to continue to see their popularity grow." The Town Board also had much to discuss at their monthly Board meeting, addressing current funding, reports, and audits in place. The Nannen Arboretum made a request to the Board for an allotment of funds that would be included in next year's budget. They are asking for electrical costs to be covered so that a fountain addition can be made to the pond already in place ... page 11

WESTERN NY LLAMAFEST GALLOPS IN SEPTEMBER 7-8TH

Summer might be closing out, but there is still plenty of fun left to be had, and you can still find some unique events to attend. One of those should be the WNY LlamaFest (I said what I said!). That's right - LlamaFest! It's a two-day event with a myriad of activities, shows and demonstrations you don't want to miss. EllicottvilleNOW had a chance to speak with Scott Dyke of Buffalo Creek Llamas, who is hosting the festival, about how the event got started, and what kinds of fun llama-related activities can be expected all weekend ... page 07

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A CLEVER COVER-UP

Ellicottville Memorial Library Teams Up with Local Artists for Mural Project



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Fox created the design and painted the first layers on the structure, taped pages and pages of transfer paper together and then stenciled the designs on the walls. Fox and Lacy brought in 20-year-old Sydney Feldbauer, her sister, 13-year-old Kelsey Feldbauer, and Kelsey's 14-year-old friend, Collin Weber, to do the actual painting of the book spines. I tell you their ages because it is impressionable that these young people would be interested in helping in this project and that they would have the patience and diligence to work with others to complete it. We have this image of kids buried in their iPads and forget that there are kids out there equally willing to contribute to the community. Kudos!



Who doesn't love Margaret Wise Brown's *Goodnight Moon* with those bright, happy illustrations by Clement Hurd? It's on the wall along with forty or more book titles chosen by the community prior to the beginning of the development of the project. A call was put out by Flanagan for readers to submit their votes for their favorite books. Those that received the most votes will be found on the wall. Yes, Harry Potter will be there. A special spot was reserved for Ellicottville's beloved Edna Northrup's book, *For the Love of Skiing*, and another for Little Valley educator, Amy Bedell's book, *She Will*. This wonderful children's book about compassion and kindness is dedicated to her cousin, Julie Mendell, who was her inspiration. Bedell said her cousin was born with a major disability and passed away at age 48 about two years ago.

Brenda Hughey (originally from Springville), who oversees the foundation named for her sister, the Elisa B. Hughey Foundation for the Arts, stepped to the plate, ready to paint and to pay for the expenses for this project. (Elisa, who died in 2016, was married to Inigo DeOrbe and mom to two sons, Adrian and Ignacio, graduates of ECS, where she taught Art before starting her business of Interior Design in Ellicottville.)

Painting the six-foot-tall wall is a bit of a challenge. An artist is either standing on tippy toe, sitting, or kneeling/hunched down to do the bottom. Approximately two-thirds done, the wall thus far has taken Fox about 50-60 hours for planning and layout, and about a combined volunteer effort of 35 hours of painting. Stay tuned and watch the entire artwork unfold. It's going to be inspiring!

The Ellicottville Memorial Library is located at 6499 Maple Road and is open Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. On display until the end of September are fourteen original photographs taken by Barbara Arnstein from Springville, NY. Arnstein specializes in landscapes, flowers, water, nature and seems especially fond of clouds. Find her work on Facebook at Barbara Jones (Barbara Arnstein) and her note cards for sale at Chautauquaart-gallery.com (Search Barbara Arnstein notecards).

It's time to think about taking inventory of your fuzzy, warm knit goods before the fall weather hits. Or you can make some by joining the knitters every other Monday at the Library from 6:00-8:00pm. All abilities are welcome - just bring some yarn and your needles. On September 3rd from 2:00-3:00pm, take a relaxing, stress free, creative break in your day and try wool felting with Cathy Lacy. All supplies are provided. Enjoy your library!

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BIG News From the Kitchens at Holiday Valley



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Several positive changes have taken place over the last few months, starting with the new General Manager, Keith Yocum. Keith's food and beverage background started in 1995 in the corporate restaurant setting where he steadily advanced over the years. Most recently he was Director of Operations of a group of restaurants covering the entire WNY area. His career experience helps bring the structure needed for a successful food service operation. Keith says, "My goal is to keep the culture of the department moving in a positive direction, promote the well-established Holiday Valley brand, and have everyone in my department feel their role played an important part in making the new Holiday Valley Food and Beverage Department a huge success."

Holiday Valley was very fortunate to hire Tony M. Cancilla in June as the Resort's new executive chef for the entire resort. With over 30 years of experience, Tony has worked in every facet of the industry, from hotels, restaurants and country clubs, to casinos, colleges, and resorts. Tony comes with a wealth of knowledge and practical experience. His vision is simple: to serve great food with outstanding service and build a team committed to excellence. With a passion for teaching, Tony strives to pass on the knowledge and skills that he has acquired over the years, hoping to inspire the next generation of chefs to reach their potential and beyond. New menus and food concepts will be a major focus in the months to come. Tony's family recipe for Sunday sauce promises to be a favorite, and seasonal flavors will keep

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ARTIST SHOWCASE

Arts Council to Host Fine Art & Craft Market This Weekend in Downtown EVL



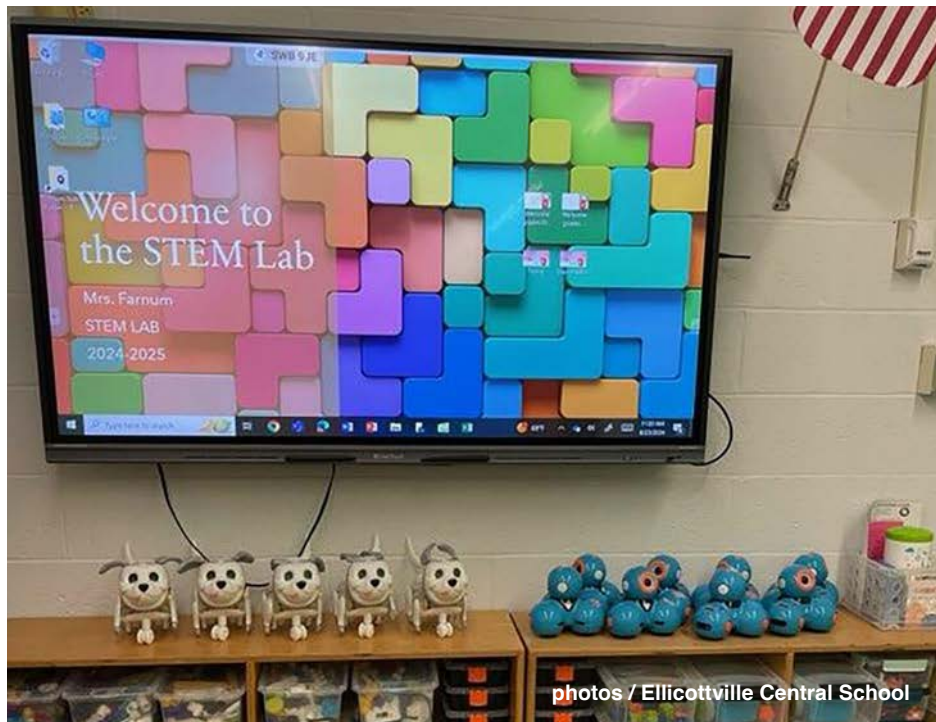
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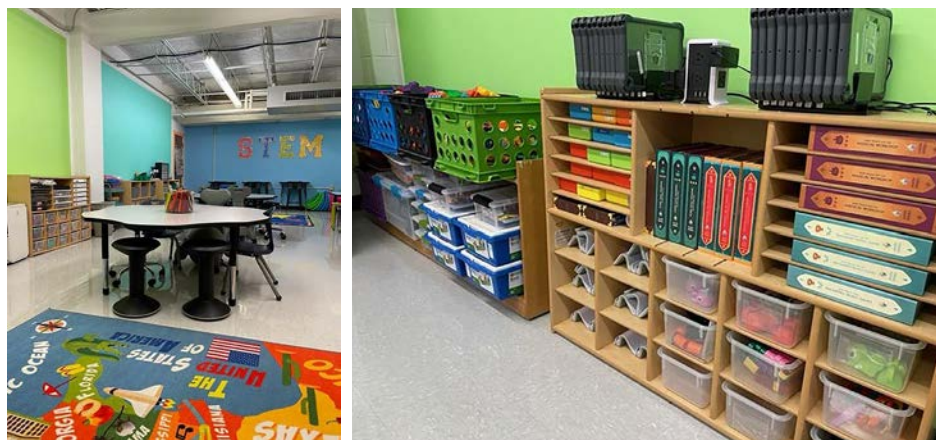


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Toward that end, Farnum will be working with all elementary students (pre-kindergarten through fifth grade) at least once a week through hands-on projects that encourage collaboration, creativity, and student-driven learning. Farnum noted that STEM lab work will involve students taking learning into their own hands with some directions from her but the freedom to test their ideas with one another. "Research shows that that's how kids retain information best - if they've learned it hands-on themselves," she explained. "As much as people don't want to hear it, we learn more through our failures sometimes than we do when things are just given to us and the right answer is just fed to us from the teacher."



Elementary Principal and Director of Curriculum Katie Mendell is enthusiastic about the new STEM position and how the project-based, hands-on approach to learning will invigorate students' learning and prepare them for the future. "As educators, we are lifelong learners, living in an ever-changing world that we are tasked with preparing our children for," she said. "This task has felt daunting over the past couple of years with the mandates, state education regulations, and added expectations on districts; however, STEM education gives us hope and a way forward. We are able to witness students fall in love with learning and have fun doing so."

Farnum will also be working with students in their main classroom or other specials to deepen their understanding of STEM-related topics. Farnum pointed out that STEM is not brand-new at ECS, as many teachers have been incorporating STEM-based learning into their curriculum. However, this is the first year that there is designated time in a student's week for STEM in a lab specially designed for hands-on learning. "It's not something that the classroom teacher has to worry about fitting into their schedule," said Farnum. "STEM is time they know is designated for hands-on exploration, especially engineering. Engineering isn't something that's easily integrated into a general curriculum and takes extra thought. It's not something that is a standard at this point, but it's something that we know works really well with kids to help them understand how the world works and to solve problems. We're going to need kids to solve problems!"

Farnum has been busily preparing the STEM lab all summer, and it's stocked with science tools, robotics kits, building materials, measurement tools, and more. She is grateful for the support of the school board in the creation of this position and thankful for the generosity of the parent teacher organization (PTO) and the community who

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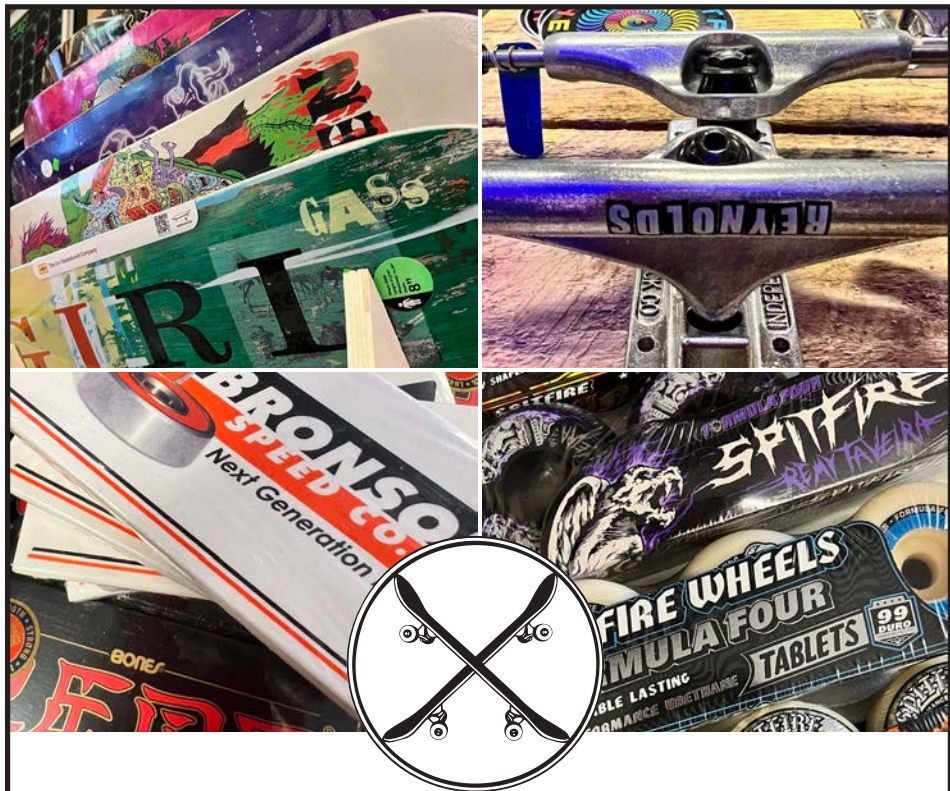


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A LOVING LLAMA SHOWCASE

LlamaFest Invites the Public to Learn, Participate & Appreciate All Things Llama



BY JESSICA SCHULTZ

Summer might be closing out, but there is still plenty of fun left to be had, and you can still find some unique events to attend. One of those should be the WNY LlamaFest (I said what I said!). That's right - LlamaFest! It's a two-day event with a myriad of activities, shows and demonstrations you don't want to miss. EllicottvilleNOW had a chance to speak with Scott Dyke of Buffalo Creek Llamas, who is hosting the festival. Let's get into all the details...

eNOW: WNY LlamaFest sounds very interesting, can you tell us how it all got started and came to be what it is now?

SCOTT: Buffalo Creek Llamas got its start back in 1999 after visiting a llama open barn at a llama farm in Orchard Park. As the family grew, we wanted to do something similar to expose the public to these magnificent animals. So in 2013, we started WNY LlamaFest. In 2017, we added the WNY LlamaFest Youth show for area llama-loving youth to showcase their talents.

eNOW: What can you tell us about the event? Is there a cost of admission? Is it family friendly? What are the dates and times? And what should guests make sure to bring with them?

SCOTT: Admission is FREE. That includes all the demonstrations, youth show, walk-a-llama, obstacle course, meeting the world famous llama "J," baby naming contest, *Llama's Got Talent*™, visiting with all the llamas, and selfies with llamas. There are some activities for which there is a fee. We will be offering llama cart rides for \$5 per person. The proceeds go toward supporting WNY LlamaFest and WNY Special Olympics. We will have concessions for purchase, and I think we'll have the return of the llama kissing booth. We also have a feed vending machine for visitors to purchase feed to feed the llamas.

WNY LlamaFest is very much family-friendly. There is no smoking or alcohol allowed on the premises. We have a special kids zone with activities just for the kiddos - puzzles, coloring activities, etc. Children also love feeding and walking llamas, and the llama obstacle course. Dates and times are: Saturday, September 7th, 10:00am-3:30pm, and Sunday, September 8th, 11:00am-4:00pm.

There is more what guests should not bring versus what they should. For safety and health concerns we cannot allow pets on the grounds. Please leave the four-legged friends at home. There are plenty of furry friends to visit with at WNY LlamaFest. Otherwise guests should just bring their curiosity and some spending money for the extra activities and vendor shopping. Great opportunity to get some Christmas shopping done!

eNOW: What types of activities can be expected?

SCOTT: Saturday, September 7th we'll be mostly focused on the youth show where area youth will be participating in showmanship, pack, obstacle, and public relations (PR) classes, and possibly costume class. This is a great opportunity for visitors to see llamas in action performing with their young handlers. Time and personnel permitting, we may include some other activities (cart rides, walk-a-llama, demonstrations, etc) but the main event is the youth show. Sunday, September 8th will be focused on demonstrations, such as spinning (yarn), felting, packing, driving, llama vs. alpaca, etc., as well as walk-a-llama, llama obstacle course, llama cart rides. Vendors, concessions, baby naming contest, feeding the llamas will be available both days.

eNOW: You mentioned you will have a vendor market. Can you tell us who is participating and what they will be offering?

SCOTT: Yes, there will be vendors there. Our Llama Adventures gift shop will be open with a variety of llama related items. Other vendors include: Breezing Hill Alpacas with alpaca fiber clothing. WbDreamer with mainly llamas related gifts and goodies. Blissful Acres Soap with hand made soap products. And there may be a few others, you'll just have to come out and see.

eNOW: What type of food and beverages will be on offer?

SCOTT: Concessions will be provided by the Tonawanda Timberwolves Boys Varsity Swim Team. They will be offering hot dogs, snacks and beverages like water, for very reasonable prices.

eNOW: Do you have any other events planned for this year?

SCOTT: We don't have any other public events planned for on the farm, but Llama Adventures operates year-round so guests can choose an adventure and visit at a date

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SHOP FOR A CAUSE

The Little Valley Riders Club to Host Playground Fundraiser September 14th



BY JESSICA SCHULTZ

If you've come into Little Valley from either Ellicottville or Salamanca, you've had to have seen the Little Valley Riders Club (LVRC), located at 5397 Route 353, on the left before you reach Dollar General. You might have always wondered what the area is used for? On September 14th from 9:30am to 4:00pm, you can find out when you visit the LVRC's Craft Vendor Farm & Flea Market.

That sounds interesting, so what exactly is it? Event organizer James Post stated, "This event is a craft vendor farm and flea market. We will have custom leather patch hats, 3D printed trinkets, painted signs, junk and antique vendors, crochet, jewelry, freeze dried candy, and more. We are still currently looking to add vendors, specifically of the farmers stand variety as we do not currently have any, but hopefully by the time September rolls around we will have a few fresh produce vendors also."

So it's like a huge shopping festival. How does that even happen? "The event was started as a way to bring in new and past people back into our club, while also fundraising to update our playground and grounds. And bring more fun events into Little Valley! This is only our second event of this variety. Our goal and hope will be to shift this to a monthly event next year if this event goes well," James explained.

In the vein of community fun, the event is FREE and ALL of the public is welcome. This event is very family-friendly and there will be lots of activities for all ages, including face painting, basket raffle, 50/50 (drawn live at 3:30pm), a petting zoo, and pony rides. The Little Valley Fire Department will also be attending with a fire truck for kids to visit.

And if all the browsing and activities build up your appetite, no worries. There will be food and beverages available to purchase. A local favorite, The Pig Out Place, a Cattaraugus County bbq vendor will be selling food and drinks at this event, with hot dogs, burgers, cowboy baked beans, special offerings, and their ever-popular Haystack Plate. It's a dish that gives you everything they've got in one serving, featuring tortilla chips, man n' cheese, pulled pork, cowboy beans, cheese sauce, bbq sauce, coleslaw - it's the works. The Little Valley Riders Club themselves will also be selling some refreshments.

What exactly is this event really supporting you ask? James had this to say, "This event is supporting the growth and improvement of both our grounds and playground for the betterment of public use for future generations to come. We are a family-oriented horse club, and welcome new families or members with open arms. No horses necessary. Just an appreciation for camping, animals, family, and creating new memories with amazing people!"

James adds, "The community should come out and visit this event and help support our club, so in the future we can host more community events. This also can help us be set up to support other events and fundraisers within our community."

You can follow The Little Valley Riders Club's Facebook page for more events coming up! This year so far they are having movie nights and are planning a trunk-or-treat with more things in the works. And if you are interested in joining the Vendor Farm/Flea Market, you can reach out to James Post on his personal Facebook messenger or call 716-799-2630.

ART IN THE QUAD

A Re-Imagining of the Former Art in the Park Is Making a Return

OLEAN - Sponsored by SUNY Jamestown Community College and the Tri-County Arts Council, Art in the Quad is scheduled for Saturday, October 19th outdoors on the downtown Olean JCC Cattaraugus County Campus lawn. The event features a juried fine arts show with a long-standing tradition of showcasing the finest art in southwestern New York and northwestern Pennsylvania. Art in the Quad is free to attend and open to the public. "We're bringing back a community event that used to be popular and was previously hosted on campus," said Amanda Hulbert, a success navigator and admissions coordinator at JCC who is also active in the local arts community.

A \$15 jury fee is required for those wishing to participate in the juried competition. Cost for student artists wishing to exhibit their work is \$25 and \$100 for professionals. Visit tricityartsandsculpture.org to register. Food vendors and musical acts are being sought for the event. Those interested in participating are asked to contact Hulbert at 716-376-7563 or AmandaHulbert@mail.sunyjcc.edu.

#SHOP LOCAL

Ellicottville Shops Share Their “Back to School” Picks

Get Your Kids Geared Up with the Coolest Items from Ellicottville’s Popular Shopping Hot Spots



BOLD BAGS

Daff Dry Goods
17 Washington St. • EVL
716.699.2293

Back to school means new text books, papers, homework, your laptop... how are you going to get all of that around? Never fear! Stop in at Daff Dry Goods and get yourself a brand new book bag to put your belongings in. Featuring brands like Patagonia in many colors, styles, and patterns, you can rock a bag that suits your personal look while you travel between classrooms or across campus.



PRETTY IN PINK

Gado Gado
26 Monroe St. • EVL
716.699.2128
gadogadoellicottville.com

Looking for something to show off your sweet drip when you head back to school this September? Look no farther than Gado Gado. Their new line-up of clothing is rockin’ in every shade of pink. From long sleeve and short sleeve tops to an awesome pair of hot pink pants - if you want some serious shades of Barbie, then you’ve come to the right spot! Finish out your look with any of their amazing hair accessories or jewelry.



BREAKFAST TREATS

Ellicottville Bake Shop
5 E. Washington St. • EVL
716.699.9116
ellicottvillebakeshop.com

Ellicottville’s newest hot spot, the Ellicottville Bake Shop has got the perfect quick breakfast to brighten any kid’s school morning. Stop in for a decadent sticky nut bun, buttery bialy or spicy jalapeno scone. Or if it’s a really hard morning, you could indulge in a buttery frosted cinnamon bun, loaded with sugar, cinnamon, butter and soft fluffy dough. It’s a sure fired way to improve any morning before school.



FINGERS & TOES

Ellicottville Oasis Spa
6447 Holiday Valley Rd. • EVL
716.699.8996
evilleoasis.com

You can give your hands and feet a glow up at the Ellicottville Oasis Spa before you head back into the locker rooms this year. Their manicures are a treat for the hands and include your choice of polish at the end. Keep your feet fresh and not feeling worn out with The Ultimate Pedicure, a massage to instantly relieve tired feet and end with a shiny polish for your toes, so when you put your sandals on, you’ve got your best foot forward.



AWESOME AIR

Ellicottville Salt Cave
32 W. Washington St. • EVL
716.699.2068
ellicottvillesaltcave.com

If you’re heading back to the dorm or moving in for the first time, you know small spaces get a little stuffy... I mean, no one likes the smell of three day old socks. It’s a good idea to think about keeping the air in that small space fresh. You can easily do that with a Salt Lamp from the Salt Cave. Thought to balance electromagnetic radiation, calm allergies, cleanse the air and raise energy levels, this is a must have item for your back to school list.



PARENT’S PARADISE

Winery of Ellicottville
14 Monroe St. • EVL
716.699.1055
wineryofellicottville.com

Back to school time is always stressful. You’ve got to get their supplies, make sure they’re ready for the bus, get prepared for a year’s worth of anxieties and student issues. Parents deserve a place to take a kid-free break from their hectic weeks. So while the kids are in class, stop into the Winery of Ellicottville and treat yourself to some excellent charcuterie and amazing local vinos before you go back to being an epic mom or dad.



BLING UP YOUR BAG

The Tee Bar
8 Washington St. • EVL
716.699.9079

New supplies, new notebooks, binders and backpacks - we know that all sounds so boring. So how can you make the same old things look a little more exciting? Pop over to The Tee Bar and check out their wide variety of stickers and patches. From Good Vibes to Bigfoot, there is something for everyone to jazz up their school gear in a way that’s just perfect for anyone’s individual taste. Add some EVL swag to your closet too!



SENSATIONAL SKIN

Nature’s Remedy
26 Monroe St. • EVL
716.699.4372
naturesremedy.com

Nature’s Remedy loves supporting local vendors! Just in time for back to school season, they are carrying a local Whipped Tallow Balm. Simple ingredients like lemon oil and natural tallow make this balm rich in vitamins and conjugated linoleic acid, perfect for combating inflammation and dryness! Keep your skin glowing and radiant from gym to cafeteria. Come get your jar today!



BUSSIN' BOTTLE

The City Garage
5 Monroe St. • EVL
716.699.2054
citygarageskishop.com

The City Garage isn't just a ski shop anymore. It's open all year round and they've got a great selection of items for your back to school drip. You don't want to be caught being basic, so get something unique like a hot new Rambler Jr. cup by Yeti to keep your energy drinks cold all day. Then grab some shades or maybe a new hat to add to your rizz. The City Garage can help you carry the most poppin' back to school gear.



HAPPENING HAIR

Reflections Hair Salon
39 Mill St. • EVL
716.699.8757

New school year means it's time for a new look, and Reflections Hair Salon has got your back. They do women, men and children's cuts, along with color, foil highlights, perms, updos, facial waxing, spa mani/pedis - and now they even offer tanning. Let Monica and Sarah Lynn take care of you from head to toe. This is your one stop shop for getting yourself a brand new school year look, so you can confidently walk through those doors.



SOCK IT TO 'EM

The Purple Doorknob
11 Washington St. • EVL
716.699.2084
purpledoorknob.com

Clothes shopping for school is always so tedious, especially when you're looking for socks. But your feet don't have to be boring anymore. You can visit The Purple Doorknob and choose from hundreds of unique styles, from sarcastic sayings to comfortable plushes, to a ridiculous selection of food themed socks. Picking up a pair of these awesome socks will have you walking the school hallways with confidence and your feet will thank you for it.



GET SUPER STYLIN'

Jonny Barber Shop
13 Bristol Lane • EVL
716.572.3321
jonnybarber.biz

Men's haircare is just as important as women's. A lot of people forget that guys need their styling products too, and Jonny Barber Shop has got some great ones! Offering Layrite Men's Grooming Products, there is something for every look that your kids can think of. The Natural Matte Cream Pomade holds like a wax and washes out like a gel. This is the perfect thing for guys looking to do a little stylin' this school year.



A NEW PAIR OF KICKS

Daily City Train
2 Bristol Lane • EVL
716.699.1039
dctskate.com

Back-to-school shopping means a fresh pair of sneaks! ALL LAKAI MODELS ARE DISCOUNTED 20%. We have stock for kids, women and men. Bundle your kicks with other cool stuff in the shop and save even more... Add on a DCT branded t-shirt for just \$15 and/or a 187 Killer Pad backpack for just \$50. These deals are only good through Labor Day Weekend, so hurry in!



GET OUTDOORS

HoliMont Resort
6921 Route 242 • EVL
716.699.2320
holimont.com

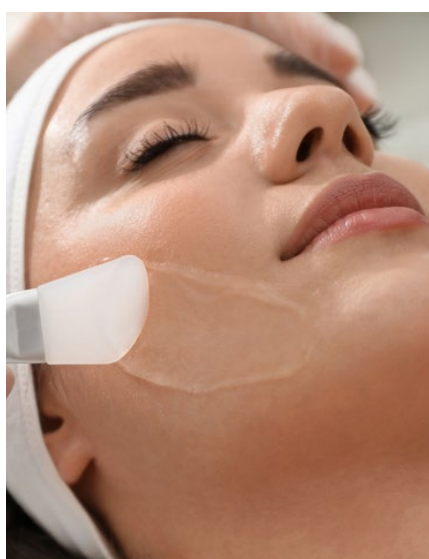
After being cooped back up in the classroom all day, it would be a good idea to spend a little time outdoors. HoliMont's hiking trails and Mountain Bike Park are the perfect place to go to stretch your legs and enjoy the changing fall foliage. Pack a picnic lunch and make a day out of traveling up to the Saddle Pond to enjoy it next to the water. You could also sign up for a Fall program. HoliMont is fun for the whole family, all year round.



MOUNTAIN COASTING

Sky Flyer Mountain Coaster
6773 Holiday Valley Rd. • EVL
716.699.2345
holidayvalley.com

Just because you're heading back to school, doesn't have to mean that your adventures are over. The Holiday Valley Sky Flyer Mountain Coaster is open year round, Friday through Sunday from 11:00am-6:00pm. With the wind in your hair and the excitement of cascading down a forest, the Sky Flyer is just the thrill you need to remind yourself the fun doesn't stop just because school is starting back up.



PAMPER YOURSELVES

Anew Beginning Massage & Spa
9 Monroe St. • EVL
716.699.2508
anewbeginningny.com

Attention all teachers, parents and students! Don't let stress get the best of you! Treat yourself to some well-deserved me time before the school year chaos begins. Anew Beginning offers a wide array of relaxation services, like massages, facials, glycolic peels for deep skin cleansing and more. Call them now to schedule your appointment and start the year feeling calm, confident, and refreshed!



TAKE A LUNCH BREAK

Katy's Cafe
38 E. Washington St. • EVL
716.699.8860

Take some time for yourself after dropping the kiddos off for school with some good eating at Katy's Cafe. Open for breakfast and lunch, whatever time you choose to come in, you will definitely leave satisfied. From their loaded breakfast burrito to one of their extremely tasty paninis, there are options for even the pickiest eaters to enjoy. Open daily so if you need a mid-week pick me up, drop in after you finish dropping off.



MOVE IT OR LOSE IT!

Loud Underground
2 Bristol Lane & HoliMont Bike Park
716.699.9162
loudperformance.com

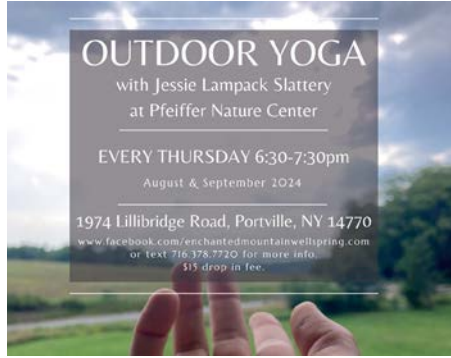
LOUD is ready to move some inventory to make room for fall gear, so come grab a new kit at 25% off until the end of the month! Shop Fox, Troy Lee, and more. Plus, leftover cold weather riding gear is marked down 30%. NOW is the time to get the best brands at the lowest prices! Visit all our locations: Ellicottville, HoliMont Bike Park, and Bemus Point. We'll see you in the shop, or out on the trails!

Destination FUN

Upcoming Events to Mark On Your Calendar

AUGUST 29

@ PFEIFFER NATURE CENTER
716-933-0187 | pfeiffernaturecenter.org



It's time to get outside and give your mind a little bit of peace. Head out to Portville NY to join Jessie Lampack Slattery at Pfeiffer Nature Center every Thursday in September from 6:30-7:30pm for an outdoor yoga and forest bathing session. Yoga is a mind and body practice that can build strength and flexibility. It may also help manage pain and reduce stress. So if that sounds like something you could use, head on over, located at 1974 Lillibridge Road in Portville, NY. More information can be found by calling 716-378-7720 or on the website: pfeiffernaturecenter.org.

AUGUST 29

@ LINCOLN PARK OLEAN
716-372-4433 | cityofolean.org



The City of Olean Music Series is back! Concerts will run every Thursday from 6:00-8:00pm at Olean's Lincoln Park. The last performance will be on Thursday, August 29 from Freedom Hills (Classic Rock). September's Schedule: September 5 - Roger Pettengil (70s Slinger/Songwriter); September 12 - Allegany Alumni & Friends Band (Variety); and September 19 - Red Gray (Outlaw Country). This is a FREE community event that takes place at 100 East State Street. Please dress accordingly for the weather and bring your own comfy lawn chairs or blankets.

AUGUST 30

@ THE MAIN STREET TRIANGLE
716-358-9701



This is the last show of the 2024 Friday Night Music Series in the Triangle of Randolph, NY. Rustic Ramblers will before live from 6:00-8:00pm. The Rustic Ramblers is a group of musicians who joined together in 2004. They perform and truly appreciate traditional country music that a lot of people in America have always loved. Jim Lanphere, from Portland, performs on bass guitar and vocals. Dave Bailey, from Hartfield, performs on drums and vocals; Gene Hilts, from West Valley, plays the beautiful pedal steel guitar; and Howard Buck, from Fredonia, is the lead vocalist/lead guitarist.

AUGUST 31

@ GOWANDA DEPOT
716-532-5242 | nylerrailroad.com



New York and Lake Erie Railroad is excited to announce the South Dayton Flyers featuring The Blue Mule Band LIVE on a 2-hour round trip ride through the countryside; from Gowanda, NY to South Dayton NY and return. This locally well-known husband and wife duo has a wonderful selection of favorites including Bluegrass, Americana, and Old Country on their guitar and banjo. Browse the local TNK Produce N More during the station stop. This will be the last tour of the summer. The train has two departure times: 11:00am and 2:00pm.

AUGUST 31

@ SONGIN FARM
www.facebook.com/songinfarm



Summer nights prove to be both inspiring and calming as the sun sets behind the sunflowers on the hill! Bring a blanket and snacks (no glass please) and hang out around the Songin Farm in Hinsdale, NY from 6:00-9:00pm, a little past closing time, to enjoy the scene even longer! A flashlight or headlamp may be a good idea to make it back down the hill. Enjoy the countryside as you make your way up to the top for stunning valley views. Sunflowers available for purchase, but no cost to come and spend the evening on the hill. Beginning and end dates vary slightly season to season.

AUGUST 31-SEPT. 1

@ ELLICOTTVILLE 1887 BUILDING
716-372-7455 | evartshow.com



Come out Labor Day Weekend, August 31st & September 1st, for this art-filled event, featuring some of the region's best artists and fine craftspeople! The Art Market will be held on the lawn of the 1887 Building in downtown Ellicottville. You can expect to see drawings by Denise Drummond, fiber arts by Darien Kamholtz and Eileen Weisahan, glass by Michelle Hoff and Karen Fitzpatrick, jewelry by Lisa Hodge and Kaylee Taylor, metal sculptures by Matt Retzlaff, and many more mediums. The show runs 10:00am-5:00pm Saturday and 10:00am-4:00pm on Sunday.

SEPTEMBER 1

@ ELLICOTTVILLE DISTILLERY
716-597-6121 | ellicottvilledistillery.com



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 will be closing out with September 1st's performance by long-time local favorite Tina Williams starting at 2:00pm, ending at 5:00pm! Tina Williams is a buffalo local, singer/songwriter who is also the lead screecher for Murder(!) 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!

SEPTEMBER 13

@ GRIFFIS SCULPTURE PARK
716-697-2808 | griffissculpturepark.org



Join in for an enchanting experience at Griffis Sculpture Park as the Night Lights program returns for its 12th consecutive autumn! See the park in a whole new light with colorful theatrical lighting illuminating a portion of our legendary landscape and sculptures. Experience the blend of creative lighting, sculpture, sound, and nature as you take an unguided walk through our trails. Evening Admission: \$14 for adults, \$9 for children aged 7-12, free for children six and under. Note: Night Lights may be canceled in case of heavy rain.

SEPTEMBER 13-15

@ VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE
716-699-5046 | ellicottvilleny.com



This is a fan favorite event among Ellicottville locals. Over 15 regional bands will perform throughout our legendary bars and restaurants, all free of charge. On Saturday, there will be a live outdoor performance by The Fleetwood Mac Experience, at 1:00pm; and Sunday is Terry Buchwald's Elvis show at 1:30pm. On Sunday, the annual car and truck show will take place on the Village Streets from noon until 5:00pm. Rock N' Roll weekend has been an annual event in our community for over 20 years.

MEETING NOTES

ELLICOTTVILLE VILLAGE BOARD

Mayor John Burrell Reports Great Use of New Parking Lot; Board Discusses Upcoming Festival Schedule and Road Closures, Among Other Things

By COLLEEN EVANS

On Tuesday, August 20, 2024, the Village Board came together to review and talk through the evening's agenda. Mayor John Burrell started discussions by calling the meeting to order and sharing some good news within the Village of Ellicottville.

First to be announced, the Taste of Ellicottville was a success and welcomed locals and tourists alike to sample the fine culinary offerings of the area. The festival brought in an estimated 4,000 visitors, with that Saturday being the highest attendance on record to date. The village was also happy to see that the new addition of the Mill Street parking lot was utilized and had reached its maximum capacity. Organizers and vendors did a fantastic job, and congratulations are in order for this year's category winners: The Silver Fox, West Rose Restaurant, Cupcaked Bakery, EBC Tap + Bottle & Taqueria, and The Gin Mill!

Coming back to the Mill Street parking lot, the electrical vehicle chargers are starting to show positive earnings which are now up to 8%. These chargers have been recognized as an impactful addition to the area and "we hope to continue to see their popularity grow."

The Village Board opened Privilege of the Floor. Two topics were addressed, starting with Robert Flemming, a representative of Collier Engineering, who was joined by two Department of Transportation (DOT) representatives, Mario D'Alfonso and Brian Dankert, to talk about any future work for the culvert on Washington Street. A preliminary plan was presented for the spring of 2026 with details including an 8-week project time and detours to be made for street alternatives.

Neighborhood representatives were in attendance to follow up on their concerns regarding short-term rentals. They expressed a concern regarding a local bed & breakfast and an incident that involved a response from Ellicottville Police and local sheriff, who addressed the noise after the property manager was said to have done nothing. Residents took a moment to thank the Board and the Mayor in what they have noticed as positive change being made. It was also noted during the meeting that several short-term rentals operating without a permit were fined \$1,000 each and resulted in removed listings on VRBO and Airbnb. Local real estate and rental agencies will be made aware by letter from the Village government to remind them of the current policies in place and the penalties that will be strictly enforced. For those looking for credible, properly permitted rentals, they can look to the village's website which now lists approved short-term rentals and will be updated as needed.

The Mayor's report came with some topics to be addressed. The New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) has an upcoming event to be held on September 16-20, 2024. These dates conflict with the monthly Village Board meeting and for Mayor Burrell to be in attendance. It was agreed that Trustee Doug Bush will sit in for Mayor Burrell during his leave so that the Board meeting can stay as scheduled, however, the October meeting will be rescheduled to the 8th of the month.

In other news addressed by the Mayor, there will be a grant meeting held September 21st with HoliMont, Iskalo Development, and other necessary personnel. Within these talks they hope to pursue grant funding from the NY Forward to benefit the Village of Ellicottville.

Other department reports were presented and approved without issue. Engineering and Planning were brought to attention by Greg Keyser who discussed the recent needs and projects of the village. An update was made that the Elizabeth Street project continues to move along as scheduled, but with one conflicting matter being addressed. During the



The new parking lot on Mill Street, which offers 125 parking spaces and 4 EV charging stations, reached full capacity during the recent Taste of Ellicottville.

photo / Village of Ellicottville

weekend of the Rock n' Roll Festival, Elizabeth Street will have to remain closed. The Board approved for the official closure of Elizabeth Street during the festival.

Special events had some updates to be made to the Village Board, including the Annual Ellicottville Fall Festival request as well as the EVL Half Marathon & 5K. Both of these events come with plenty of preparation and draw thousands to the area to join in on the fun.

The Fall Festival, which will be held October 12-13, 2024, stays true to its yearly application with little change beyond a request from the Ratchet Hatchet. They have asked for the approval of a 40'x30' tent similar to those used by other businesses. The Board granted the request.

The EVL Half Marathon & 5K will be celebrating their 10th year running. With an estimated 2,500 runners returning for the event, organizers have prepared year-round to welcome a safe and successful event. The Board approved the event without issue.

Another event request was made that had been previously brought to the attention of the Board. The Farmers Market, which has been a wonderful weekend addition each summer, will now extend this year for three additional dates. Mark your calendars for 9/13, 9/20, and 9/27 to enjoy some of the last offerings of the Farmers Market for the year.

Concluding talks, Mayor Burrell called the evenings meeting to adjourn. The Village Board will reconvene on September 17, 2024 at 6:00pm at the Village Hall. Stay up-to-date at ellicottvillegov.com.

ELLICOTTVILLE TOWN BOARD

Nannen Arboretum Requests Allotment of Funds for Electrical Costs for Future Pond Fountain; Highway Department Shares Update on Holiday Valley Road

By COLLEEN EVANS

The Town Board of Ellicottville took to their monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 21st to discuss the latest happenings within the Town of Ellicottville as Supervisor McAndrews called the meeting to order. The first topic of the evening addressed the public hearing for Local Law No. 3. This law focuses on the override of tax levy limits for fiscal year 2025. There were no members of the public present to give their opinions on the matter, and as a result, Board members reviewed the material at hand and agreed to close the public hearing.

Moving on, the Board opened Privilege of the Floor, which was met with Eric Butler's attendance. He is the current acting Cattaraugus County Sheriff and plans to run for Sheriff this coming election. Upon his introduction, he shared a bit about his history as Sheriff and the qualifications he holds through his knowledge and experience.

Discussions continued as the Board addressed current funding, financial reports, and audits in place. The Nannen Arboretum Board made a request to the Town Board for an allotment of funds that would be included in next year's budget. In this proposal, they are asking for electrical costs to be covered so that a fountain addition can be made to the pond already in place. The Town Board agreed to further conversations on this topic at a soon-to-be-scheduled meeting.

Continuing talks on funding, it was noted that all department heads must have their budget requests prepared by September 13, 2024. Updates will become available when these reports are submitted and approved. In the meantime, the Board has approved a budget workshop to be held on September 24th at 4:00pm.

The Town Board shifted conversation to the approvals of the Annual Financial Reports (AFR) and Audit ending on December 31, 2023. The AFR reports and audit were conducted by Tronconi Segarra and Associates. A resolution was agreed that the information found within the reports align with the original findings and in so complies with the guidelines of New York State.

Department reports by the Police, Clerk, Highway, and Planning were presented and approved by Town Board Members. Starting with some of the highlights of these, the Town and Village will now have a monthly activity report regarding police matters shared be-

tween both parties to continue their efforts for open communication and transparency. The Police Department also shared their plans for a meeting to be held on September 13th to discuss and plan the traffic flow to come from the Fall Festival.

The Highway Department has an update on the roadwork recently completed at Holiday Valley Road. After the highway superintendent met with contractors and engineers, they were able to find some issues that needed correcting. The contractor of the project has addressed the documented concerns and will begin the necessary work during the second week of September.

New information has been shared by Greg Keyser, head of the Town Planning Department, that addressed the lead pipe inventory project. With the use of MDA Consulting Engineers, the Town Water District had ordered a lead service line inventory. Required by the NYS Department of Health, MDA Consulting Engineers was able to identify 1,716 service lines, none of which showed any lead present. Certain property owners who may have not completed their surveys can expect to be contacted by the Water Department for continued lead and material testing.

A slight change will be made within the Water Department in terms of their billing methods. They will be switching to postcard-style mail for their billings to save time and costs compared to traditional stuffed envelopes. If a notice needs to be made, paper billing is still possible, but the Town Board has agreed to accept the new change.

The EVGV Trail was brought up in discussions surrounding Old Business. It has been shared that the committee is working on an interactive trail map to engage viewers and will be offered through their social media channels. It will surely be a great opportunity to connect those in and around the area to their mission. They also hope to work with the Southern Tier Trail and are in talks for corporate sponsorships. Their next meeting will be held on September 9th.

Wrapping up the evening's agenda, the Town of Ellicottville Board meeting was called to adjourn. They will continue their meetings on the third Wednesday of the month, next of which will be September 18, 2024 at 6:00pm at the Town Hall. Additional information can be accessed at ellicottvillegov.com.

LIFESTYLE

Breakaway Classic Adventures: Campfire Coffee

BY INDREK KONGATS

Coffee is a morning ritual for most people. No matter where we are, we need to start the day off by sipping a hot cup of java. It used to be quite simple, but in today's modern society it's much more complicated with hot or cold choices, espressos, lattes, cappuccinos, mochas - the list goes on! Whatever happened to the good old-fashioned instant coffee that I grew up on? Believe it or not one acquires a taste for instant and can readily distinguish the different subtleties of the various brands offered, just like fine wines! Brands such as Maxwell House, Nescafé, or my favorite - Folgers Freeze Dried!

Once you go off the grid, all of those fancy coffees go with it, and if you want your morning coffee you'd best know how to make it and drink it. Maybe that's why people don't like camping so much! You don't have to be MacGyver to come up with an ingenious plan to make a pot or a cup without electricity, unless you cheat and bring along a generator! Good coffee makes for happy campers, especially if your wife is among them, and that makes for a happy life!

Let's start with the simplest and fastest way to make campfire coffee, the afore mentioned instant coffee! All you need to do is boil water - how simple is that? I know some of you are already cringing at the thought of drinking instant, but the trick is don't make it too strong. A ¾ teaspoon in a regular sized coffee cup is all that one needs and with a few swirls of your spoon or a twig it's ready to drink, black as I normally do! If you need to add sugar and creamer like Coffee-Mate, God forbid, maybe you can disguise it enough to fool yourself into believing that you are back home! Somehow drinking coffee other than black is just not right, but heck, who am I to judge!

The next best way to make coffee has its roots in the old west! I am talking about Cowboy Coffee. You know, the type that ramrod Rowdy Yates, aka Clint Eastwood, drank in Rawhide. Wishbone always had a pot brewing for the weary wranglers. There is a trick to making cowboy coffee and if you don't know it, your cowboy will be on the chewy side, just like shallowing trail dust. Cowboy coffee is made in a pot, nothing fancy but one best suited to pouring! You begin by boiling some water over your campfire. Once it's boiling you measure out some coffee beans that in the absence of a coffee grinder you crushed with the butt of your pistol. A pot usually requires a cup's worth of coarsely ground beans. Take the cup of the coarse grind and pour it into the pot directly. Let it boil some more - the time it takes to roll yourself a cigarette and smoke it! The longer it boils, the stronger it gets. The trick that I referred to is, don't pour yourself a cup until you doused the pot with a cup of cold water. The cold water will sink the grounds to the bottom of the pot, pour gently, and don't be last in line!

As humans evolved so did their methods of brewing the perfect cup of coffee. Coffee has its roots in Ethiopia around 800 AD. Interesting enough, it was a goat that led man to harvest coffee beans! A goat herder noticed his flocks acting more energized than usual and noticed them eating berries from a bush. The herder took the berries to a Monk who immediately condemned them as the work of the Devil and threw them into the fire! The rest is history and we all know the sinful benefits and pit falls of too much caffeine!

Next on the list of making good campfire coffee is with the use of a percolator. Coffee percolators were only invented around 1810, until then it was either cowboy style coffee or no coffee! Percolators really do make for a great cup of coffee, but as usual, there is a trick to using them as well! Don't over fill with water, otherwise your cup will be full of grounds, and always percolate for a specific length of time. Since the water is at 212 degrees Fahrenheit for a lengthy bit of time, it allows for the flavor from the coarsely ground beans to be fully extracted. Percolators are still considered the best for making that perfect cup of coffee, smooth and creamy!

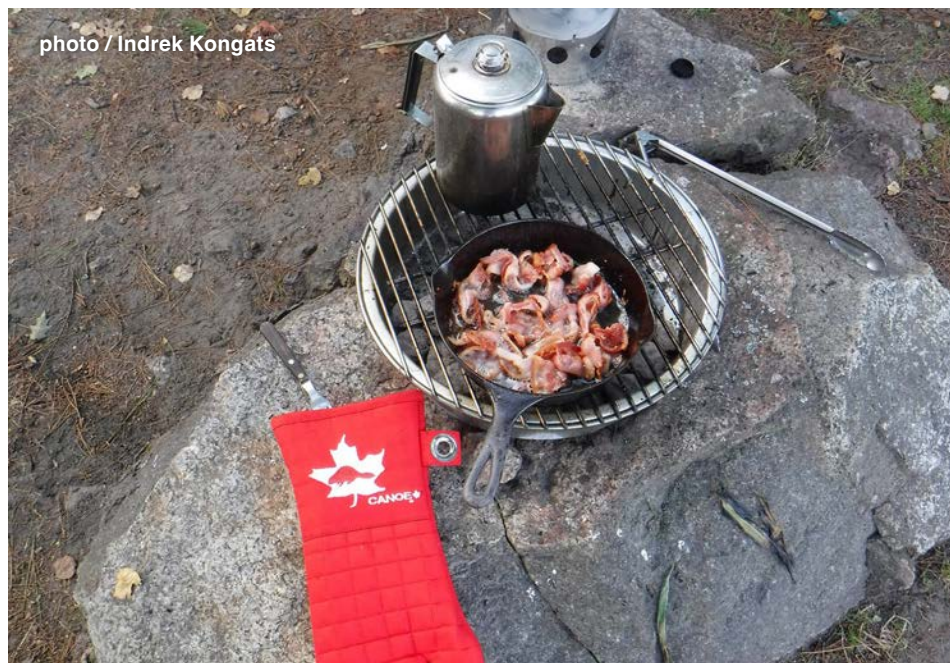


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In the 1970s, percolators lost favor to automated drip coffee machines making life at home so much easier, but because the water never gets as hot, the full flavor of the bean isn't extricated as with a percolator.

During the time percolators were in wide use, another coffee maker called a French Press was invented in 1852, by who else but the French. While the French were busy pressing more grapes than coffee, it was the Italians that eventually patented their French Press in 1929.

The French press is an ideal campfire coffee maker as it's back to just boiling water to make a delicious favorable cup! The French press allows the grind to steep in boiling hot water for several minutes before you push the plunger down to separate the grounds from the coffee. As always, the secret here is to have a coarser grind and allow enough time between steeping and plunging.

All these techniques for making great campfire coffee have something important in common: they are environmentally friendly and that's what camping is all about, being one with nature!

Make a cup on your next camping trip, sit back, throw your feet up, watch the sunrise and listen to some loony tunes, then you'll know you are in paradise!

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.

ELLICOTTVILLE FINE ART & CRAFT MARKET

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The TCAC, in collaboration with the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, welcomes the public to this new event where people who appreciate real creative talent will have the opportunity to meet local fine artists and craftspeople whose works play an important role in promoting economic growth in their communities.

Over 20 artists and crafters from Allegany, Cattaraugus and Chautauque counties, as well as other parts of New York and Pennsylvania, explore a wide selection of local artists and craftspeople across various media:

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- Fiber: Darien Kamholtz, Eileen Weishan
- Glass: Michelle Hoff, Karen Fitzpatrick
- Jewelry: Lisa Hodge, Kaylee Taylor
- Metal: Matt Retzlaff
- Leather: Bearded Barley Leather
- Mixed Media: Theresa Heinz, Lorinda John
- Painting: Judson Brown, Sean Huntington, Mikel Wintermantel
- Photography: Michael Weishan
- Pottery: Pam Gifford, Ed Green, Melissa Locke, Peter Midgley
- Wood: Kenneth Korn, Robert Vrboncic

The Fine Art and Craft Market will be held rain or shine. There is no admission charge. For more details, please visit evlartshow.com.



Mikel Wintermantel



Kaylee Taylor

HOLIDAY VALLEY FOOD & BEVERAGE

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things fresh and exciting year-round.

The newest addition to Holiday Valley's Food and Beverage team is James Stark who recently took the helm as the chef at Edna's at the Tamarack. James (pictured at right with GM Keith Yocum) spent most of his career cooking in Buffalo. His first job in finer dining was at Craving, where he learned under Chef Adam Goetz. From there he went to Tempo, and then Toutant where he was on the opening team for Dobutsu. Next, he was Sous Chef at the Lucky Day Whiskey Bar before taking over Head Chef duties. After a pause for Covid, James ended up at Lombardo's, then became Head Chef at Resurgence Brewing. He spent a couple of years with the Grange Group working at the Grange and West Rose, then was part of the opening team for Wayland Brewing. Now he's happy to be running Edna's at the Tamarack Club, where he plans to continue inspiring New American/ Global Comfort cuisine with a few "kind of fancy" specials, but still retaining many dishes of warm and satisfying food for skiers, golfers, and local residents.



At this writing, the actual Edna's menu is much the same, aside from the wonderful homemade pizza dough that James introduced. But until the fall menu comes out, pay attention to the specials. James is particularly proud of the homemade hummus and the Spaghetti alla Putanesca which will both be featured on the upcoming specials menu. Edna's focus will be on fresh, delicious, satisfying food without abandoning things that people expect at Edna's, like the Roasted Half Chicken, Steak Frites, more seafood options, sandwiches, beautiful salads, and of course pizza from the amazing hearth oven.

When asked about what makes Edna's stand out, James said, "I think we can fit right into the EVL food scene by offering just damn good food. Imagine spending the day on the slopes and then unwinding by diving into some Stout Braised Short Ribs or Spicy Shrimp & Grits. As a chef, I'm a product of all the environments I've put myself into and I want to bring a little bit of all those places here, with my own pizzazz, of course. We get to make people happy every day, as long as guests are here, enjoying themselves and our food, I can't ask for anything more."

So many good things are happening in the Holiday Valley Food and Beverage department. Insider's tip: be sure to enjoy Edna's at the Tamarack before ski season arrives for delicious food and the best view in town. There's plenty of parking nearby and it's open daily.

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COMMUNITY

ROAD CLOSURE: Town Of Ellicottville. Please be aware that Cotter Road will be closed from Monday, August 26th through Friday, August 30th. Local traffic only!

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING: The Ellicottville Historical Society will host their regular meeting with a brief board meeting on September 4th at 7:00pm at the Ellicottville Memorial Library, 6499 Maples Road. All meetings are free and open to everyone. Amanda Woormer from Spook Eats will be the guest speaker and will be telling ghost stories from our area. She also has her books for sale. Also, we had planned to host a Historic Walking Tour around town on Saturday, September 21st. However, it needs to be canceled due to having to go to a conference. So sorry for any inconvenience.

MARY JANE FOX

Saying Goodbye to a Beloved Community Icon; Past Owner of The Barn

By CAROL FISHER-LINN



Mary Jane Fox, 81, of Ellicottville passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 18, 2024 at her son, Tim Murphy's home, in Great Valley, NY.

Born July 25, 1943, Mary grew up in Orchard Park under the loving guidance of her parents, Fred and Tessie Noeller, who predeceased her. She is survived by her two brothers, Al (Carol) and Harold (Marty) Noeller. On Oct. 4, 1980, Mary married Leslie B. Fox, Jr., who predeceased her on Oct. 12, 2022 after 42 years of a marriage which brought great joy to her life. She would often say, "He was the love of my life," aside from her two sons, Tim (Jennifer) Murphy of Florida, and Jim (Amy) Murphy, who reside in Texas. Mary is also survived by

children Sarah and Dennis Ravenscraft, David Fox, Tim and Carolyn Fox, Kate Fox and grandchildren Conner Murphy, Faith, Samantha, Tyler and Jake Murphy, Paul Livingston, and Max and Flannery Fox, and several nieces and nephews.

Mary attended Fredonia State University, earning a teaching degree in elementary education in 1964. She taught 6th grade at Kenmore/North Tonawanda and West Seneca for five years. In those years, she married Bill Walsh who died one-and-a-half years after they were married. In 1969 she met Jack Murphy and together they purchased Bernie's Barn on Monroe Street in Ellicottville. They married and ran the restaurant, renamed the restaurant The Barn, and had two sons, Tim and Jim. In 1976, Mary found herself running the restaurant and raising her boys on her own. One day, Les Fox walked into the restaurant and in 1980 they wed, blending their families and running The Barn Restaurant together.

Mary handled the bulk of the work running the restaurant while Les worked the bar and the front room. But Mary had some ideas for her adopted community which included working with Ellicottville Central School to promote academic achievement, eventually being elected president of the community committee. She took great pride in the work the ABC (Academic Boosters Club) did, especially with the students who showed great progress, along with the more frequently recognized high achievers.

Mary was on the team and highly instrumental in the organization of the Annual Taste of Ellicottville. She continually held fundraisers for people in need, Holiday Valley, and many Ellicottville events. Although not one to toot her own horn, Mary was pleased to be chosen as a New York State Woman of Distinction in May 1998 and awarded the honor by Senator Jess Present in Albany, NY. Upon returning to Ellicottville from Florida several years ago, Mary became involved with the Ellicottville Rotary, becoming a board member and secretary. Her steadiness and organizational skills (and wry humor) will be missed.

Finally retiring from all the work and obligations, Mary and Les moved to Florida to be near son Tim and brothers, Harold and Al, and their families, only to return in 2022 for Les, who was very ill, to come home to his hometown to die. Mary then moved into her home on Sommerville Valley Road in Ellicottville, but again The Farm beckoned and she went to her eternal home from the one place she also truly called "home."

A memorial service, jointly officiated by family friends, Pastor Josh Bower of Ellicottville, and Rev. Pam Guyatt, a priest in the Episcopalian Church in Canada, was held Tuesday, August 20th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with many friends and family in attendance. We all rejoiced with her because that was what she wanted. We all felt sadness because she will be sorely missed. Her ashes were buried this past week with her beloved husband, Les, at The Jefferson Street Cemetery. Mary, the generous, big-hearted, fun-loving lady with multiple community projects on her plate at any given time, is now at eternal rest with her husband in the arms of her dear Lord.

Memorials in Mary's honor may be made to Cattaraugus County Homecare and Hospice or the Rotary Club of Ellicottville.

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ECS INTRODUCES STEM

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donated supplies and tools to make the first year of the program a success! "Our students deserve this," said Mendell, "and it is a critical step in preparing them for their future and the world that we live in and work in."

Importantly, the ECS STEM program lends itself to partnerships with the greater Ellicottville community and other school districts. Mendell said, "One of our key partnerships in this arena is with our Model Schools Technology Integrators from CA BOCES that visit our classrooms monthly. The integrators model ways of engaging student learning with different technology tools and platforms, using resources we have available to us in the district or through our partnership with CA BOCES. This learning happens right in the classroom, for the teacher and students."

Farnum is excited for a brand-new year of learning and invites the community to be a part of it! "We're bringing back the Science and Technology Expo, which was something we did pre-Covid, where we invited the community in and the students showed off their science projects," she explained. The event is tentatively scheduled for May. Follow Ellicottville Central School on social media to see the exciting work unfolding in the STEM lab!

WNY LLAMAFEST

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and time or their liking. Information and booking is available on our website: <https://llamaadventures.us>.

eNOW: What do you feel draws the community out to this event the most?
SCOTT: The llamas of course! Who wouldn't want to spend the day hanging out with llamas?! And not just any llamas - these are the winningest llamas in the Northeast and some of the top llamas in the country. We get tons of positive feedback for a number of activities, including walking the llamas, feeding the llamas, trying out the llama obstacle course, and of course the always popular baby naming contest. The educational aspect of WNY LlamaFest is also a significant factor for young and old alike.

eNOW: Anything else you would like to share?
SCOTT: Guests can find more details and a map with detailed directions on our website, <https://wnyllamafest.com>. We look forward to seeing everyone on September 7th and 8th.

Now doesn't that just sound like a great event to bring the family out for? Don't be a drama-llama and get yourself out to Buffalo Creek Llamas, located at 360 Park Road in Arcade, NY for an educational and fun experience. Llamas always have a wooly good time!

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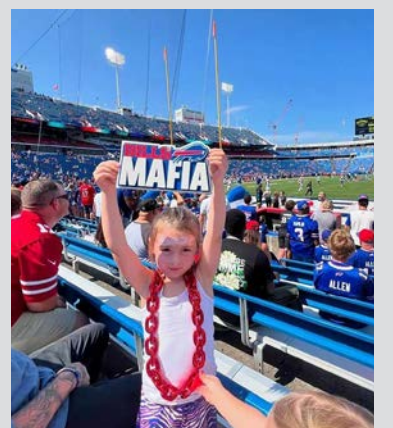
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