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Get The Full Fall Experience at Pumpkinville

Local Pumpkin Patch to Welcome the 2024 Season with New Attractions



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By COLLEEN EVANS

A fall favorite returns, welcoming families and friends to enjoy all of the seasonal fun to be had! Each day we inch closer and closer to peak autumn vibes, so what better way to take in that crisp mountain air than by planning a trip to Pumpkinville? Perfectly settled between the hillsides of Great Valley, the pumpkin patch kicks off their 56th year with plenty of exciting new additions and activities to enjoy!

Mark your calendars! Starting September 14, 2024, Pumpkinville will open its doors for a season like no other. If you thought you knew what was to come, keep guessing. From an ambitious addition to the play space to a celebrity guest, this year will definitely be one to remember.

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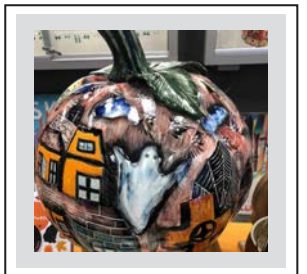
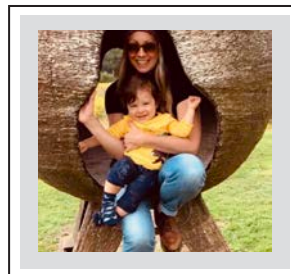
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McKEAN COUNTY KICKS OFF THE SEASON AT KINZUA BRIDGE

As the vibrant colors of fall envelop the Allegheny National Forest and the Trail Central region, it's time to embrace the season with a range of exciting festivals and outdoor adventures. At the heart of this autumnal celebration is the 25th Annual Fall Festival at the Kinzua Bridge State Park, located an hour south of Ellicottville, September 21st and 22nd from 10:00am-5:00pm. This unique festival, set to the stunning backdrop of one of Pennsylvania's most iconic landmarks, is a cornerstone of the local fall festivities, offering a delightful mix of arts, crafts, food, and music ... page 07

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Resorts Prepare for Season Changes

Holiday Valley and HoliMont Gear Up for Autumn Adventures and Winter Snow



photo / Matt Brahaney

By JESSICA SCHULTZ

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Holiday Valley crews have continued to stay busy working on various projects to prepare the resort for ski season, including a number of snowmaking upgrades, lodging renovations, and updated marketing pieces, to name a few. Pictured at left: ellicottvilleNOW's Meaghan Lucarelli, who designed Holiday Valley's 2024-'25 winter brochure, which mirrors the resort's redesigned website.

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ZOAR MOTOPARK TO HOST 2ND ANNUAL REUNION RIDE

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Publisher's PICK

GOODBYE SUMMER, HELLO FALL

Holiday Valley and HoliMont Resorts Shift Gears with the Change of Season

The HoliMont Bike Park will continue to operate Friday-Sunday through Fall Festival, with a number of special events planned. Find the full list at holimont.com.



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That's it my friends, summer is over. School is back in session, the leaves are already changing colors, and the chill has hit the air. But that's not a bad thing; that just means it's time for all the fall fun. Halloween is coming, hayrides are starting soon, and pumpkin spice everything is already here!

Both Holiday Valley and HoliMont are getting excited about fall as well; it's the gateway to preparing for the winter season. That's enough to get us all excited! What does the fall season at our local resorts look like exactly? Let's dive in...

HOLIDAY VALLEY RESORT

When asked about the summer activities winding down, Holiday Valley Marketing Director Dash Hegeman said, "It's been a fast but fantastic summer here at Holiday Valley. Between Sky High Adventure Park, our lodging guests, The Double Black Diamond Golf Course, public pools and the Cabana Bar, summertime events, weddings, and of course all of the conferences that we host, it's been an action-packed summer. The public pools are now shut down for the season, and since school is back in session, Sky High and the Sky Flyer Mountain Coaster are scaling back to a Friday-through-Sunday schedule. Golfing is still operating daily, and as we head into the fall period, the views while golfing cannot be beat. Our scenic chairlift rides also run on the weekends and are always a fantastic fall activity. So while summer may be winding down, there is still plenty to do here at the resort."

Holiday Valley crews have continued to stay busy working on various projects to prepare the resort for ski season. Snowmaking upgrades have been taking place throughout the summer; the Mountain Crew has been hard at work digging up old lines in need of repairs and updating them. They've also added to the system, resulting in more opportunities to make snow quickly and efficiently. Their lodging guests will be happy to hear that renovations which started last summer at both The Inn and the Tamarack Club are in year two of a three-year project timeframe, right on schedule.

Okay, let's talk events. Fall Festival is a huge deal around here, and Holiday Valley packs their fair share of entertainment. "Fall Festival is always a fun one here in Ellicottville," said Dash. "We'll be running the Mardi Gras 6 lift for scenic chairlift rides, where there will be live music, food and drinks at the top. Chairlift rides will also be available on the Spruce Lake lift for anyone who wants to go walk around the lake or any of the hiking trails." (Keep tabs for a full schedule at holidayvalley.com as we get closer to the Oct. 12-13th celebration.)

The following month, Holiday Valley will host their Crawl Outta Fall and Beer & Wine Festival, November 8th and 9th, respectively. It's their last big hurrah before their planned opening day of ski season on Friday, November 29th. The Crawl Outta Fall is an event that was created last year as a pre-party for lodging guests who are attending Beer & Wine Festival. It kicks off at the Tamarack Club, then invites participants to make their way into the village for a fun night of drink specials at a number of bars and restaurants in Ellicottville. On Saturday, Nov. 9th, Holiday Valley's staple fall event, Beer & Wine Festival, will welcome craft breweries and wineries from all over the region, pouring samples for event-goers in a high-energy atmosphere complete with live music inside the Main Lodge.

For now, Holiday Valley continues to welcome guests and encourages you to come soak up the rest of summer's sunshine. "We are looking to finish the summer strong and show each and every one of our guests a fun-filled time," said Dash. "At the same time, we are gearing up for winter and making sure that everything is ready so that when the weather allows, we can maximize our incredible snowmaking system in order to get the entire resort open as quickly as possible. Everyone at Holiday Valley is very excited for the upcoming winter season and seeing skiers and snowboarders back out on the slopes!"

Stay tuned to holidayvalley.com and @holidayvalley on Facebook, Instagram, and X for any updates on what's taking place this fall, as well as anything pertaining to the upcoming winter season.

HOLIMONT RESORT

Fall at HoliMont hits a little different. Summer activities may be rolling to a close, but some of the best bike riding takes place in September, along with bike-related events. Lift access at the HoliMont Bike Park will continue to operate every weekend through Fall Festival.

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Taking place in Ellicottville's unique 4-block downtown business district, the festival will welcome over 20 live performances indoors and out, including headlining act, The Fleetwood Mac Experience, on Saturday, Sept. 14th at 1:00pm on the Winery of Ellicottville Main Stage, Monroe Street.

While the music will undoubtedly draw in crowds all on its own, Sunday's classic car show is perhaps the heart of the 3-day festival. This year's display promises to deliver an array of iconic automobiles that have their own stories to tell. Over 200 classic Cadillacs, vintage Mustangs, and sleek Corvettes - just to name a few - will line the village streets. Adding to the entertainment, Terry Buchwald's Elvis Show will kick off at 1:30pm at the Village Gazebo.

"Rock n' Roll weekend has been an annual event in our community for over two decades now," said Barb Pump, Executive Assistant at the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce. "It's the perfect fall getaway that the whole family can enjoy. You can park the car and access all the activities on foot. There's entertainment around every corner!"

Car enthusiasts and festival-goers alike will have the chance to admire these rolling masterpieces, many of which have been lovingly maintained or restored to their former glory. The car show will feature several categories and will be judged by a panel of classic car experts, adding a competitive edge to the display and encouraging car owners to bring their A-game.

Beyond the engines and the electric guitar solos, the festival is a celebration of the cultural tapestry that rock n' roll and classic cars represent. Families, friends, and fans of all ages will find something to enjoy - whether it be the main attractions themselves, or the abundance of unique shopping and dining surrounding it all. To learn more about this year's Rock n' Roll Weekend and other events produced by the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, and to view the music schedule and available accommodations, go to ellicottvillenow.com or call 800-349-9099.

STAYING TRUE TO HIS ROOTS

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OLEAN - An avid volunteer in the Salamanca community, James Brundage always seemed to be giving back. Jim - as he was known - was a longtime resident of Salamanca, graduating from Salamanca High School in 1962. After graduating from Alfred State College with a degree in engineering, Jim served with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Conflict. For 33 years, Jim worked as the general manager of Salamanca Board of Public Utilities, retiring in 2005.



After his retirement from the Salamanca BPU, he was employed by Nussbaumer and Clarke of Buffalo as the manager of their Ellicottville office. A devoted member of his church, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Jim served as the Senior Warden, Vestry Member and Children's Church Minister. To the children, he was adoringly known as "Grandpa Jim." At Salamanca High School, Jim served four terms with the Board of Education serving as President and Vice President for a total of 20 years of service. Prior to his passing, he had recently been reappointed to the Board to fill a vacancy.

Jim served on numerous statewide and community committees and advisory boards and was an integral part in the renovation and expansion of the Salamanca High School building. Jim was an avid fundraiser for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and Valerie remains an active supporter of CFF.

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GET THE FULL FALL EXPERIENCE

Pumpkinville Set to Open September 14th with a Number of New Attractions



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An Olean native, Eric Jones recently took the title as Guinness World Recorder for carving the World's Largest Jack-o-Lantern in 2023. He also has won Food Network's *Outrageous Pumpkins* Season 3 and will be returning to television this September for Food Network's *Halloween Wars*.

But wait, there's more magic to explore on your perfect fall day. With activities for all ages, Lisa Pawlowski went on to announce a new addition to the farm. Eager eyes may notice the recent construction of... a corn barn! Inside, guests will have the opportunity to dive into tractor loads of corn kernels. "Kids can dig and play in that corn and jump and make mountains and there's toys in there to play with so it's kind of like a giant sandpit but with corn instead!" And of course Lisa's seven-year-old son approves. It's the perfect addition for a pop of fun!

Some other noteworthy attractions that are new this year include a floor piano (think like in the movie *BIG*), but of course Pumpkinville had to put their own swing on it. Instead of your typical piano notes, the keys will all play a different pitch of chicken clucks. Where else would you get to make your solo debut to the silly tunes of chickens squawking and calling?

They also have a 1900s style crank tractor that gives the chance to hand turn the engine if you put the muscle into it!

Whether you're here for the pumpkins or a full day in the fun zone, no trip would be complete without the perfectly paired fall treats. This season you'll be tempted to try two new menu items, so come hungry. At the Sweets 'n Treats stand, the Hot Cider Sinker makes for the perfect warm-up beverage on those cooler autumn days. Poured into a souvenir mug and paired with their signature pumpkin donut, this toasty treat will hit all of your seasonal senses. The next menu drop, you'll most likely smell as you walk in. Fresh off the smoker with a name to fit a feast, the Piggy Pile is the ultimate combination of mac n' cheese piled with pulled pork, chopped apple, and crispy fried onions. It's a must-try!

Returning for all things fun, guests can expect all of their favorite featured attractions, like the pumpkin' jumping pillow, cow train, carousel, apple cannons and more. As always, the front market, retail, and food vendors are free of charge to enter and will offer this year's extensive harvest of pumpkins and holiday gourds. And the farmhouse residents are as cute as ever. Along with the sheep and pigs, Pumpkinville is joined by some new furry faces. Baby goats came along this year, as well as the newly added Flemish Giant Bunnies and a donkey named Zeb. If you check the farm on the right day, you'll see attendants taking Zeb around the facility for a friendly walk, maybe even with the chance to say hello!

Surrounding all of the nostalgia - from returning guests and new adventures to welcome for first timers - Lisa Pawlowski looks forward to what this fall has to offer. "We're just really, really excited about some of the new things we have going on and we're hoping we

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Visitors to Ellicottville last weekend perused an impressive vendor showcase during the Tri-County Arts Council's 2nd Annual Fine Art & Craft Market. From paintings to pottery to photography and more, there were so many beautiful handcrafted, one-of-a-kind items for sale, accompanied by the artists themselves. If you missed out, you can view all of the participating artists and shop their works at evlartshow.com.

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TRAVEL

ROUTE 353 SHOP HOP

Small Businesses Open Their Doors for a Day of #SHOPLOCAL and Giveaways



By MARY WEISER

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LUV JAM POTTERY

Located at 4111 Center Street Extension, also known as Route 353, LUV Jam Pottery specializes in hand-built and wheel-thrown pottery made by owner Judy MacMillan. Shop Hop organizer Linda Welch said, "She usually has an assortment of bowls, trays, and mugs. For this 'hop,' she'll also have ceramic pumpkins." Whether they are hand or wheel-thrown pieces, no two are exactly alike! This is the perfect occasion for shopping for house-warming or wedding gifts, home décor, or just for fun. For more information, follow LUV JAM Pottery on Facebook or call 716-244-7926.

RUSTIC ORIGINALS

Rustic Originals is located at 5111 Route 353 in Salamanca, and there is something for everyone in this family-owned and operated gift shop. Just over the hill from Ellicottville, Rustic Originals, owned by Jodi Scanlon, has hand-crafted signs and décor, candles, Willow Tree figurines, Rada Cutlery, Melissa & Doug toys, dolls, specialty foods, and more. "She has a lot of cute signs with great sayings on them," said Welch. "There's just a lot of variety." For more information and to see the many items Rustic Originals has to offer, follow the business on Facebook or call 716-257-2565.

THE SHABBEE FOX

The ShabBee Fox at 4205 Center Street Ext. (Route 353) in Salamanca is Welch's own business. "I do painted furniture, repurposed pieces, soaps, and candles," she said. "The business is in my barn, a big old cattle barn, so I also have a lot of vintage furniture that's for sale, too." Combining shabby and chic décor and gifts, the ShabBee Fox also carries seasonal décor, antiques, and jewelry. "My soaps are consigned by Chautauqua Soap Company, and she consigns some of her candles, as well," Welch said of these popular shop items. For more information about the ShabBee Fox, contact Welch at 614-570-2732.

WEATHERWORN HOME DECOR & GIFTS

Located at 4473 Route 353 in Salamanca, Weatherworn Home Décor & Gifts is owned by Jaimee Ebert, founder of the Shop Hop! Her charming "she-shed" is chock full of homemade and handcrafted items, with an emphasis on fall and Halloween! Home décor, hand-painted items, candles, pillows, engraved signs and more can be found in her cozy shop. "Jaimee was the first one to have her shop open for an event like this," Welch explained. "And then as those of us opened other shops, it became the Shop Hop!" Visitors should note that while the Shop Hop is scheduled from 10:00 to 4:00pm, Weatherworn will only be open until 2:00pm on Saturday.



Be sure to bring your appetite, because Over The Coals BBQ truck will be serving food at Weatherworn beginning at 11:00am until sold out! Jaimee Ebert's husband, Ed, is chef and owner of Over The Coals, and it's the perfect place to stop and enjoy lunch when you're out and about during the Shop Hop. The business has plenty of parking, too.

Regardless of where visitors get started, they can pick up a punch card from the shop owner. Once they visit each participating shop, visitors' completed cards can be entered into a drawing for a gift basket full of items from all four businesses. Due to the location and relative proximity of all four businesses, Welch said that visiting all of them is very easy to do. "I would say, safely, that we're all located along a six-to-seven-mile span on Route 353," she said. Stay tuned for details about the annual Holiday Shop Hop, when these Route 353 businesses will invite visitors to prepare for the gift-giving season!

AUTUMN AT KINZUA BRIDGE

McKean County, PA Kicks Off the Fall Season at its Most Iconic Landmark



By RUSTIN LIPPINCOTT, ANF VISITORS BUREAU

As the vibrant colors of fall envelop the Allegheny National Forest and the Trail Central region, it's time to embrace the season with a range of exciting festivals and outdoor adventures. At the heart of this autumnal celebration is the 25th Annual Fall Festival at the Kinzua Bridge State Park, located an hour south of Ellicottville, New York, September 21st and 22nd from 10:00am-5:00pm. This unique festival, set to the stunning backdrop of one of Pennsylvania's most iconic landmarks, is a cornerstone of the local fall festivities, offering a delightful mix of arts, crafts, food, and music.

Supporting the Kinzua Bridge Foundation, the festival features a variety of local artisans showcasing handmade crafts and artworks, providing an excellent opportunity to find unique gifts and support local creators. Attendees can indulge in a range of seasonal foods and enjoy live music performances throughout the day. The park's elevated location and unique wind patterns through Kinzua Gorge ensure that it experiences peak fall colors earlier than other areas in the Allegheny National Forest, creating an exceptional backdrop for festival-goers and photographers alike.

To make your visit as smooth as possible, consider parking outside the park and taking the convenient trolley service to the Kinzua Bridge State Park Visitor Center. This service helps manage traffic and enhances the overall experience. Be sure to bring a chair for the live music performances and dress in layers to stay comfortable throughout the day.

While at Kinzua Bridge State Park, take advantage of the park's excellent hiking and biking trails. Hike down the Kinzua Valley Trail to experience the massive steel towers of the historic bridge up close. This trail offers spectacular views and a closer look at the park's impressive engineering marvel. Additionally, the Knox & Kane Rail Trail, named the "2023 Pennsylvania Trail of the Year," is perfect for both hiking and biking. Enjoy scenic views and the tranquility of the Allegheny landscape. After your outdoor adventures, relax with a picnic in the park and visit the Kinzua Bridge Center. The modern interpretive building provides fascinating insights into the history of the skywalk and the bridge itself.

SCENIC OVERLOOKS FOR LEAF PEEPING

The Allegheny National Forest also boasts several scenic overlooks, perfect for experiencing the fall foliage. The Longhouse National Scenic Byway, which circles the Allegheny Reservoir, features three notable overlooks: Rimrock Overlook, Kinzua Point, and Jakes Rocks. Rimrock Overlook offers a picnic area and access to the Rimrock Trail, a 1.3-mile hike that descends to the reservoir shoreline and provides stunning vistas. Kinzua Point, located west of Rimrock Overlook, provides a developed viewpoint with panoramic views of the colorful shoreline reflected in the reservoir. Jakes Rocks, accessible via Forest Road 492, offers a short hike and is known for its mountain biking trails. The overlook here provides expansive views of Jackson Bay and Kinzua Dam, with an interesting array of trees growing through and on boulders.

MORE AUTUMN ADVENTURES

The region's autumn offerings extend beyond the Kinzua Bridge Fall Festival. On September 21st from 11:00am-10:00pm, Flickerwood Wine Cellars & Cocktail Lounge hosts its Fall Festival & Tailgate Cook-Off. This event features live music, local artisans, and an outdoor bar serving sangrias and other beverages. Start your day with a fall-themed wine glass painting class led by Sarah Aiello and join in on the Pong competition for some added fun.

Another notable event is the 14th Annual Pumpkin Fest, taking place on Saturday, September 28th from noon-5:00pm in Historic Downtown Bradford. This family-friendly festival transforms Main Street into a pumpkin paradise with fun rides, great entertainment, and a variety of food and vendor options. The University of Pittsburgh at Bradford's Kids Zone offers activities for children, and the scarecrow contest adds a creative touch to the festivities.

On the same day, September 28th, the 6th Annual Art on the Island will be held at Hamlin Lake in Smethport from 10:00am-5:00pm. This event celebrates local talent with a day filled with arts, crafts, and culinary delights. Browse through a wide selection of handcrafted items and artworks, enjoy food from local trucks, and check out the car show. The anvil shoot adds a unique and exciting element to the festival.

Looking ahead, Evergreen Park in Kane will host its Pumpkin Walk on October 11th and 12th from 5:00-9:00pm. This charming event features hundreds of illuminated carved

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SPORTS

LACROSSE FESTIVAL

Teams From All Over are Preparing for a Weekend-Long Competition in Ellicottville



By PATRICK FERRINO

It's no secret that the people of Ellicottville are an active breed. While there is tons to do outside of all things sports, fitness, and outdoors, the real action takes place over the hill and through the woods. I'm from Buffalo and have been escaping to Ellicottville for all my biking, hiking and skiing for as long as I can remember. I think my favorite part is that every time I visit, I'm able to do all of that surrounded by the most amazing community. It truly is a family out there.

So it's only fitting that the perfect event to kick off the fun-filled fall season combines both Ellicottville camaraderie and staying active... with a little bit of friendly competition for good measure!

The 7th annual Ellicottville Lacrosse Festival is only a few weeks away. The event will take place September 21st and 22nd at the Ellicottville Village Park (Parkside Drive) and Chamber Fields at Holiday Valley (located off the 219). It'll be a day of fun and friendly competition, complete with official merchandise available for purchase on-site. The event is hosted by Powell Lacrosse and Summit Lacrosse ventures in collaboration with the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce. There are six divisions so players of all ages can get in on the fun.

I spoke to Ryan Powell, whose founding of Powell Lacrosse - a lacrosse stick construction business - is only the tip of his many accomplishments and lacrosse legacy. Ryan is a Syracuse University alum, winning a championship title his senior year. Ryan went on to play twelve professional seasons, playing with the Buffalo Bandits for a chunk of that.

And if that wasn't enough, Ryan threw this one in at the very end: "Probably my favorite lacrosse memory was in 2010. I played for Team USA and we won the world championship. I was the team captain which is so special to me on so many different levels."

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TAILGATE THURSDAY

Greater Olean Chamber to Host Community Celebration for Football Fans

OLEAN - Football season is upon us, and the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce (GOACC) is excited to invite you to our 2nd Annual Tailgate Thursday! Whether you're a die-hard Buffalo Bills supporter or a passionate Miami Dolphins fan, this event is for you. Join us on Thursday, September 12th from 4:30-7:30pm at Allegany Fireman's Park as we gear up for the Bills vs Dolphins showdown, which kicks off later that evening.

Tailgate Thursday has something for everyone to enjoy. From GOACC Member food trucks to live music and lawn games, this event is the perfect way to kick off a weekend of football and fun. Here's what you can expect:

- Food and Beverage Vendors: Satisfy your cravings with offerings from Sweet Ride, Zet's Italian Ice, and Wanderer Hut. Adult beverages will be available from Four Mile Brewing.
- Live Music: Enjoy live music from Pendelton Station, sponsored by Nick Shemboda Plumbing.
- Games and Activities: Challenge your friends in cornhole and Kan-Jam, or test your skills with Twin Tiers Disc Golf. There will even be a mini pop-up market with a few select vendors selling Buffalo Bills memorabilia.

Ticket Information: Your ticket includes entry to the event, one beverage ticket, one food voucher, and for the first 75 attendees, a limited edition Tailgate Thursday Bottle Opener, sponsored by Cornell Capital Holdings. Early Bird tickets are available for \$22 through 5:00pm on September 6th, with prices increasing to \$27 thereafter.

Each food and beverage vendor will accept the included vouchers, with additional items available for purchase via cash or card. Please note, you must be 21 or older with valid ID to purchase additional drink tickets.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to join fellow football fans for an evening of great food, music, and community spirit. Mark your calendars, grab your tickets, and we'll see you at Allegany Fireman's Park for Tailgate Thursday! For more information or to purchase tickets, visit the Chamber Event Ticket section of Shop.OleanNY.com or go to www.OleanNY.com/tailgate.

A REUNION RIDE

Zoar Motopark to Host 2nd Annual Racing Event September 28th



By MARY WEISER

Over 50 years ago in May of 1973, the first motocross race was held at Zoar Motopark, and a legacy was begun. For 10 years, area motocross racers and enthusiasts enjoyed the beautiful track, which sat vacant for about 40 years until recently. Zoar Motopark promoter Ed Abdo has been thrilled to be a part of the revival of the track and is pleased to welcome everyone to the second annual Reunion Ride, which is set for the weekend of September 28th.

In 1973, the area that became Zoar Motopark was an unassuming plot of vacant land. Abdo explained, "The land itself was just barren land at the time, but it's all natural with hills and valleys, and it's part of Zoar Valley, which is a beautiful place." Zoar Motopark's original promoter noticed the beautiful property and approached the landowner about creating a motocross track and holding events there. "The original promoter's desire was to not have to travel so much to take his kids to motocross races back in the early seventies," Abdo explained. Fortunately, the landowner agreed, and the land was cleared by spring of 1973.

"Races ran here for 10 years, and then the promoter passed away," Abdo said. "One of his sons that raced was killed in a car accident, and the other son was running the races here. Basically, he said 'That's enough,' and walked away from the track. It sat for 40 years." Abdo noted that over the decades, quite a bit of tree growth and brush took over the track - a disappointing situation for all who'd enjoyed races there.

Abdo and his friend, Mike Bender, had always talked about bringing Zoar Motopark back to life, but they figured this was an impossibility due to conflicts between the landowner and the promoter at the time. "We always thought it was a neat dream," Abdo recalled. "And then I met the current owner, who's part of the family from the original owners. This land has been owned by the same family since the 1800s."



Last year, Abdo approached the new landowner and asked if he could clear the land and restore the racetrack to its original configuration from 1973 and hold an event there. "And we did," Abdo said. "She said okay, and it was a big success! Everyone was very respectful of the land, and the owner came to me on the last day of last year's event and thought we should do it again. So we're doing it again!"

On the weekend of September 28th, Zoar Motopark is hosting a vintage motocross event, and all are welcome. On Friday, the gates are open from noon to 10:00pm, and on Saturday and Sunday, gates are open from 7:00am to 10:00pm. Weekend entry is \$30 and includes camping through Monday, if desired. Weekend food concessions will be provided by Goodes Restaurant. This weekend is the perfect time to catch up with old friends who enjoyed the track in the past, as well as meet folks who are new to Zoar Motopark! Friday evening features a movie on the big screen, and Saturday and Sunday will feature live music by Rainman. For Saturday ride information and Sunday race information, visit www.zoarmotopark.com/zoar-in-2024. Tickets can be purchased locally at Exploration Motorsports in Springville, Gable Brothers Furniture and Appliances in Gowanda, and Gowanda Harley Davidson, and several other western New York businesses, which are listed online.

Last year's event was a big success, and Abdo is enthusiastic about year two! "Last year, we had people from 22 different states and four different countries," he said. "Our furthest country was Australia last year." Abdo has already mailed out tickets to people from just as many states as last year and anticipates an even bigger crowd in 2024. For more information, contact Abdo at 716-783-5174 or email restorezoar@gmail.com.



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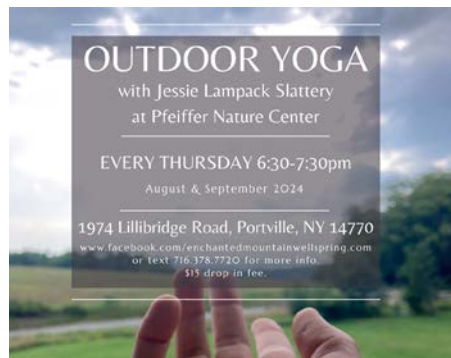
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Upcoming Events to Mark On Your Calendar

SEPTEMBER 5

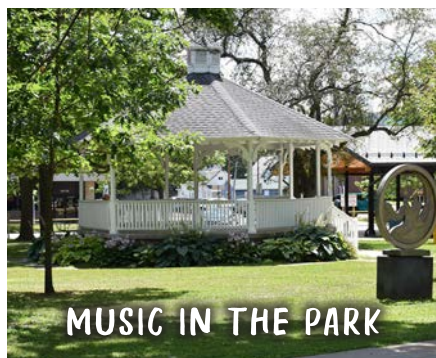
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It's time to get outside and give your mind a little bit of peace. Head out to Portville, NY to join Jessie Lampack Slattery at Pfeiffer Nature Center every Thursday in September from 6:30-7:30pm for an outdoor yoga and forest bathing session. Yoga 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.

SEPTEMBER 5

@ 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.

SEPTEMBER 7-8

@ HOLIMONT RESORT
716-699-2320 | holimont.com



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 September 7-8th 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.

SEPTEMBER 12

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



Join The Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing, sponsored by Labatt, and get in 9 holes before the season ends. It's the most fun you can ever have in a golf scramble. Come as a group, a single or whatever, we'll match you up in a memorable foursome. Chamber members and non-members are all invited. It is a fun-filled afternoon on the course as well as dinner at Holiday Valley. Golf starts with a 4:00pm shotgun. It doesn't matter if you are good or not so good, all skill levels are welcome to participate.

SEPTEMBER 13-14

@ FREEDOM SPEEDWAY
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SEPTEMBER 13

@ THE HAUNTED HINSDALE HOUSE
716-578-4586



The Haunted Hinsdale House presents this exclusive Overnight Ghost Hunt at 8:00pm and will run until 9:00am the next day. Your all-inclusive experience will include a tour of the grounds and inside the historic building. You will get history and stories from your guide, as well as use of some ghost hunting equipment to see if we can connect with the other side. If you have your own ghost hunting equipment they highly recommend that you bring it. Get your exclusive limited tickets for only \$109. Snacks, water and soda provided. Please bring a flash light and wear appropriate clothing for ghost hunting.

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 | ellicottvillenyc.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.

SEPTEMBER 14

@ PUMPKINVILLE, GREAT VALLEY
716-699-2205 | pumpkinville.com



Voted Western New York's Best Pumpkin Patch for Family Fun, Pumpkinville is a fantastic fall tradition for most families in WNY and beyond. They are open for the 2024 season from September 14th-October 31st. Pumpkinville offers a variety of fun for kids: the carousel, jumpin' pillows, cow train, fun zone, corn maze, and hay ride. Your kids will have a blast! Enjoy the famous pumpkin donuts and apple cider while you pick out the perfect pumpkin from the hundreds of pumpkins available. Multiple vendor shops are available as well!

REGIONAL

PARACON 2024

Join JPI's Paranormal Convention at Gowanda's Historic Hollywood Theater



Get insight of the unexplained when Jamestown Paranormal Investigators host speakers and vendors on subjects such as Bigfoot, UFOs, ghosts and more.

BY DENA DIORIO

Just in time for the spooky season, Jamestown Paranormal Investigators (JPI) is hosting its fourth paranormal convention, ParaCon '24, on Saturday, September 28th from 12:00-6:00pm at Gowanda's Historic Hollywood Theater at 39 W. Main Street.

Founded in 2010 by Mike Pollaro, a 20-year veteran ghost hunter and paranormal investigator, JPI is a volunteer group of paranormal enthusiasts, ghost hunters, and those seeking "to find proof of the paranormal," according to its mission statement. The group offers confidential investigations of private residents, businesses, and lands free of charge throughout greater Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties. In a phone interview with Pollaro, ellicottvilleNOW got the scoop on ParaCon '24.

eNOW: How did you get the event off the ground? What was the impetus for ParaCon '24?

POLLARO: This will be Jamestown Paranormal Investigator's fourth ParaCon that we have done in the past. We have done them for a while now, and this one is trying to help children with epilepsy. Getting an event like this off the ground takes a lot of work. We have 17 different tables with vendors and auction tables. For speakers, we have a Bigfoot researcher and speaker, a UFO speaker, and a couple of other paranormal groups coming in. All the proceeds from any sales go to fight epilepsy, and ticket sales go to support the theater.



eNOW: Why did you choose Gowanda's Historic Hollywood Theater? Are there any hauntings or known paranormal activity there?

POLLARO: We have a good relationship with the theater. JPI has done investigations there and they classify us as their paranormal team. We have been doing events there for three years now and they said that they would like to do an event there, so I explained to them what ParaCon is and they said that's what they want. They have been really good to us.

eNOW: Can you give us a sneak-peek of what folks can expect at ParaCon '24?

POLLARO: We have 5 or 6 speakers – Peter Wiemer, a Bigfoot researcher/speaker; Cookie Stringfellow, a UFO speaker; Danielle Cervone and Hope Hill from JPI; Quentin Zarzynski, presenting on goblins and mysterious stuff like that. I have a couple other ghost groups that will come in, like CAPS, the Chautauqua Area Paranormal Society – Caleb Dopson is speaking. Freddy Krueger will also be walking around all day long. My granddaughter is going to do Samara Morgan. When people come in, I want them to be a part of the experience. If I have Freddy and Samara walking around and interacting with people, they will enjoy themselves better. I want them to be involved and to say, "Yes, this is what we want," to be a part of this. There will be 50/50 raffles, door prizes, and auction items. We have lot of donated items to sell, like an autograph from Nick Groff, formerly of *Ghost Adventures* and *Paranormal Lockdown*. There will be vendors selling all kinds of things, from homemade items to majestic crystals to creepy dolls - stuff like that. All the money the vendors make off of their tables, they take home with them that night. I also have an author coming to sell his books.

eNOW: Is this a family-friendly event?

POLLARO: Yes, this is a family gathering; it is absolutely a family-friendly event! There will not be any alcohol, so you don't have to worry about anyone drunk being in front of the kids. We'll have games for the kids, too.

eNOW: What cause is the event supporting?

POLLARO: The idea behind the ParaCons was to raise money for causes. The first

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BORDERLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Black Crowes to Headline 6th Annual Event at Knox Farm State Park



BY JESSICA SCHULTZ

Let's take a trip to Borderland. No, I don't mean Mexico or Canada. I mean, let's go watch Borderland. Dang it, I don't mean the new video game movie either. We're talking about the 6th Annual Premiere Music Festival at the Knox Farm State Park, located at 437 Buffalo Road in East Aurora, NY. That's right, September 13th through the 15th is the Borderland Music Festival, back and better than ever. Organizers of Borderland also host the Rail Rider Jamboree, held each March at Holiday Valley. EllicottvilleNOW met up with Borderland's Director of Sales and Marketing, Zach Keller, who took the time to share all the details of this year's Borderland festivities with us...

eNOW: Borderland is always an amazing time, what is new for this year's event?

KELLER: We want to keep the experience fresh year-to-year for festival-goers, so we're always trying to add new experiences. This year, fans can enjoy a new lineup of bands (of course!), a larger Homespun stage showcasing local talent, new VIP perks like food from Britesmith Brewing and Merch Concierge, a tattoo truck, some new curated artisans and food vendors, and even a mobile paintball activation! Returning for the second year is our tent & RV camping option at Kissing Bridge Ski Resort with shuttles running to and from the festival all weekend. All the details are on our website.

eNOW: The music lineup is huge this year! Can you give us some details on the headliners?

KELLER: Friday kicks off with rock n' roll legends The Black Crowes! After their canceled show at Keybank Center in February, we're happy to be able to bring their incredible new show to Buffalo after the band's hiatus these past few years. Their new album, *Happiness Bastards*, is being played all over the world right now. The rest of the Friday lineup includes big-band extraordinaire Cory Wong, Canada's darlings The Sheepdogs, and up and coming rocker, Daniel Donato and the Cosmic Country on the main stage.

Saturday features indie-folk rockers Caamp, who have taken the music scene by storm. We're honored to host them for their only northeast tour date this year! Front man Taylor Meier leads the band as they bring us through the stories and catchy riffs that make their songs so popular. "Peach Fuzz" & "Vagabond" are just two of the hits they've created. Plus, Meier's solo act, Sumbuck, is playing Sunday. Saturday also has the funky grooves from the Dip, female bluegrass guitar player of the year, Sierra Hull, as well as Houndmouth and The Wood Bros.

Soul/Blues rocker Marcus King is back in Buffalo after his band opened for Chris Stapleton at Darien Lake this summer. The guitar phenom has been playing with some of the biggest guitar acts around for years and now has made quite the name for himself. Catch him on the Main Stage Sunday before Dark Star Orchestra. Also on Sunday, fans will see reggae's most famous backing-band, The Wailers before southern rocker Marcus King.

Over the 3 days also representing Western New York's local music scene for this year will be Handsome Jack, Annie In The Water, Folkfaces Tribute to "John Prine", Uncle Ben's Remedy, Big Martha: An Allman Brothers Experience, Fuzzy & The Rustbelts, Borderland Dead All-Stars, Buffalo Brass Machine, and Buffalo Music Club's "Borderland Band Camp."

eNOW: That's a lot of music for everyone to enjoy! We want to promote that this is a family-friendly event. Can you give us some details on the activities you'll have set up for the littles?

KELLER: Kidsland is a staple feature at Borderland every year. The late David Nojaim, a dear friend of the Borderland team, curated the Kids Zone for years. Although he's no longer with us, his energy and spirit live on. The Kids Zone provides our youngest fans a fully immersive experience through instruments, animals, face painting, and more.

eNOW: You've always got a wide array of vendors. Who's setting up this year and what will they be offering?

KELLER: Craft vendors are a huge part of Borderland. We have about 40 vendors every year that set up in the historic Knox Farm Stables. You can shop all weekend for things like tie-dyes from Jengle, apparel from Fish U.S., watch live art with Muse Jar or even get a henna tattoo.

eNOW: There is also a variety of food and beverage options. Can you provide us some info on what will be available?

KELLER: Come hungry! The Dopest Dough Grilled Cheese Truck will be back in action along with baked goods from East Aurora's Blue Eyed Baker, pizza from Al Forno

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LIFESTYLE

The First National Bank Has New Life: Find the Works of Theresa Heinz and Other Artists Inside

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

Thanks to Savarino Development, an iconic Olean bank whose presence has stood for over 100 years has been given a facelift, an overhaul, and new life. The former First National Bank features apartments with retail and commercial spaces on the ground floor. The 44,000 square-foot, steel and brick framed building consists of six floors and one mezzanine. Construction began in November of 2020 and was completed in the Spring of 2023.

The First National project is the historic renovation of the thirty years long-abandoned 1915 First National Bank building and the adjacent former Siegel's Shoes building in downtown Olean, New York. The 10-story First National building, known locally as the "Manny Hanny Building" because its former occupant, Manufacturer's Hanover Bank, now houses 21 market-rate luxury apartments on floors 2-10. The former bank floor and mezzanine will house an event facility.

As with many projects that begin with someone asking, "why don't we?," this one with First National Bank Art Studios & Lobby Gallery was created by ChaShaMa with help from Paula Bernstein at the Tri-County Arts Council and Savarino Development. It happened because of an email chain which included Bernstein, who planted that seed. The project provides five artist studios and exhibition space through December 31, 2024. The artists featured will be Theresa Heinz of Cuba, Sean Huntington of Olean, Fileve Tlaloc Palmer of Great Valley, Eva Potter of Allegany, and Tara Walker of Olean.

The studios are open to the public Tuesday 10:00am-4:00pm, Thursday 3:00-7:00pm, and Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm. They are located on the first floor of the First National Bank Building, 108 N. Union Street. 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.

You are invited to take classes at the Arts Council (110 West State Street), that range from snow sculpting and pumpkin carving to tree painting and pet portraits, and most anything in between. Go to tricountyartscouncil.org for more information or look for them on Facebook at Tri-County Arts Council.

The first one-person exhibit will feature the work of resident artist Theresa Heinz of Cuba beginning Friday, September 15th (6:00-8:00pm) through October 5th. You are invited to attend the opening of her show named "Expansion. How a Space Alters the Creative Process." In speaking with the artist, she laughed as she explained how the presentation got its name. You see, Heinz has worked consistently with small pieces, partly because her home studio is tiny. She didn't realize that she was confined to "small" works because of the size of her surroundings until she walked into the studio space at the bank and was overwhelmed with the vastness of the creative space she could now use. She immediately had a paradigm shift.

Having already bought supplies consisting of 6x6 inch canvases, she immediately returned them and bought builder's paper, canvases measured by the foot, large tubes of



Studio space at the iconic First National Bank, corner of Union and State in Olean NY.

paint, large brushes and learned how to do art kneeling on the floor. Using a gelli printing process (printing without a press), Heinz creates the paper she uses for her collage work, putting to use the sheets of brown packing paper from Amazon! She has shifted from small, fine detailed pieces, some put down with tweezers, to a grand scale involving large tools and expansive ideas. She mentioned a field of hollyhocks, which this writer is partial to. Who remembers making hollyhock dolls with toothpicks and flowers when they were a child? The magic of art is that it invokes memories, feelings, emotions that can overtake us unannounced.

Theresa Hintz is a native of Cuba, retired from 31 years as a high school art teacher. She holds a BFA and MS in Art Education from Alfred University. She prefers the collage medium because it gives her the satisfaction of texture, color and perhaps a bit of serendipity when she adds just another gelli piece of paper to a creation. Married to her high school sweetheart (now, how sweet is that? She said that after 43 years they figured they might as well keep doing what they are doing because it obviously works), mom to two young women who live in Pittsburgh and Dansville respectively, and mom to her furbaby Jack Russell terrier, Ike. (knowing she has and loves this pupper should tell you reams about this lady!) She unabashedly smiles through her voice when speaking about the freedom to create that retirement has given her. Adding to that the gift of using this amazing, oversized bank space for the next few months has her giggling with joy. You will want to meet her just to catch her infectious joy and discover it exhibited in her work.

RESORTS GEAR UP FOR FALL

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What's happening around HoliMont during Fall Festival weekend? They always offer scenic chairlift rides (open to the public) on Saturday, and their Annual General Meeting (members only) is planned for Saturday evening. HoliMont will be parking cars in the Plum Creek parking lot to benefit the Phoenix Adaptive Program, and they are looking forward to staffing their HoliMont Tent downtown during the festival. The Bike Park will of course be open all weekend, as will their hiking and disc golf course. New this year, HoliMont will hold the inaugural HoliTrot, a Fall Festival 5k trail run which will also include a kids race around Saddle Pond.



As for ski season preparations, Snowsports Director Travis Widger informed us, "We have installed thousands of feet of new snowmaking pipe in preparation for winter, and have upgraded power and pumping infrastructure to ensure we can make the most snow possible in the shortest window possible while making sure it is always top notch snow quality."

The resort is also currently preparing for the 1st phase of their recently published master plan. This includes creating As-Build Blueprints for their Main Chalet that will be used in evaluating seating and space usage to maximize their space while looking for the best areas to improve and expand in the future. They are also looking to adjust the parking at the resort to ensure ease of flow and maximize space for their membership and guests on weekends in all parking lots. Travis added, "Something neat this season will be the completion of our new "Bully Cab" - a passenger cab that was completely designed and fabricated in-house that will be mounted on the back of a Pisten Bully groomer to allow easier and more luxurious access to Foxwood Cabin for private dinners and parties."

Travis closed out with, "We are so grateful for the Ellicottville Community. Our local residents, shops, restaurants, businesses, together with Holiday Valley, the visiting guests and seasonal residents make for a vibrant and wonderful community that we are so proud to be a part of."

Summer might be coming to a close, but don't write off the fall season when it comes to great ways to spend your time. Visit both our resorts, saunter downtown and fuel up at any of our great dining establishments, get outside and enjoy the coming crisp weather before the snow starts flying.

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pumpkins and scarecrow displays. Enjoy festive food options and engaging games, and remember to dress appropriately for the weather, as the event takes place rain or shine. Admission is \$3 per person, \$10 for a group of four, and free for children under five. Please note that pets are not permitted.

With a range of festivals and outdoor activities, the Allegheny National Forest region is the perfect destination for autumn enthusiasts. Whether you're exploring the rich history and stunning landscapes of Kinzua Bridge State Park, enjoying local crafts and music at Flickerwood Wine Cellars, or participating in family-friendly events like Pumpkinfest and Art on the Island, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Dress in layers, wear comfortable shoes, and make sure to check event details for any last-minute changes. Embrace the beauty of fall and create lasting memories in one of Pennsylvania's most picturesque regions.

For more information on the Allegheny National Forest Region's fall festivals in McKean County, PA and other notable attractions, as well as a list of dining and accommodations, go online to www.VisitANF.com or call 800-473-9370.

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Ferruzza, Craft Popcorn from Uncle Phil's and tons more options including vegan and vegetarian dishes. You won't leave hungry, that's for sure!

eNOW: On to the necessary stuff... Dates, times, admission costs, etc.

KELLER: Weekend Passes start at \$209 and Single-Days at \$109. You can buy tickets at the door, but if you get tickets at borderlandfestival.com before the show, you can save! Weekend VIP passes are moving fast but there are a few that remain at \$330. Check out the VIP perks and you'll see why it's the best way to experience Borderland! And remember... Kids under 10 are free with a paying general admission ticket.

eNOW: Anything else you would like to share with the community?

KELLER: We're psyched to have a Sober Space again at this year's event. Hosted by The Phoenix, Marcus King's Curfew Fellowship Fund, and Divided Sky Foundation, it's a substance-free area that offers a safe and comfortable place for festival-goers to meet, relax, recharge, and enjoy non-alcoholic beverages from the festival's mocktail truck.

As you can see, Borderland Music Festival is made for everyone to come out and enjoy. So limber up, get your best rockstar apparel ready and head out to Knox Farm State Park for a rockin' good time! For a full list of bands, vendors, food and more, go to borderlandfestival.com.

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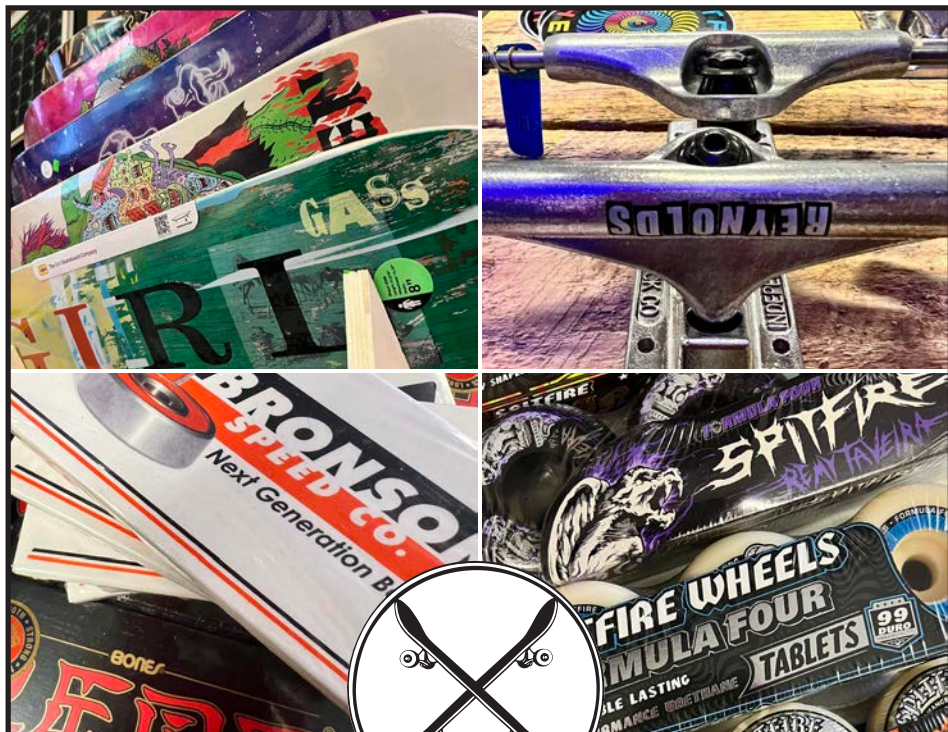
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The scholarship will stay close to Jim and Valerie's roots. It will go to a graduating senior of the Salamanca City Central School District planning to attend a 4-year institution. Applicants should be hard-working, demonstrate academic excellence (a minimum GPA of 90%), be involved in community service and extracurricular activities and should demonstrate financial need. Preference will be for students pursuing a degree in engineering (first preference) or other STEM-related fields of study (second preference).

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was for breast cancer awareness. The second was for childhood cancer, and the third for bullying awareness. This year's event will help fight epilepsy. My granddaughter ended up with epilepsy years ago and I have seen love ones who have gone through this. The money will go to the DENT Neurological Institute in Buffalo and my granddaughter will present the check. I try to help children in our community of Western New York, so this money will stay here for our children. The goals of this event are to make the money for the cause, to have fun, and to listen to ghost groups.

eNOW: Will there be refreshments available?

POLLARO: The theater will be selling food and soft drinks. There will be pizza, pop, and no alcohol.

eNOW: What is the cost of admittance?

POLLARO: \$5 at the door or you can purchase tickets directly on the theater's website. ParaCon is happening during Gowanda's Fall Festival weekend so they are going to get people through the door.

For more details on ParaCon '24, check out JPI's dedicated paranormal convention Facebook page (Jamestown Paracon) and the Facebook event page. JPI's next public investigation is slated for Nov. 9th at the Lucille Ball Little Theatre in Jamestown.

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COMMUNITY

SASQUATCH CUP FUNDRAISER: Bigfoot Park Golf is hosting a fundraising golf tournament on September 21st to support the Ellicottville Playground Project. Two rounds/single player - flight of four. \$50 cost. The Sasquatch Cup & Cash Prize goes to 1st place. Prizes for 2nd and 3rd will be Place Park Golf Clubs. Water and soft drinks are included, as well as a deli sandwich buffet for players. Ellicottville Distillery will be open for adult beverages. Karaoke contest afterwards. Call or text 716-541-4059 to sign up.

ROTARY CHILI COOK-OFF: There are still spots open to enter the Chili Cookoff on September 28th! If you love making chili and have had friends and family rave about your recipe, this is your chance to share it with the community and put it to the test! There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awarded by the judging panel and a People's Choice award voted in by the chili tasters! It is \$25 to enter the contest. Sign up with Dawn Anderson in person at Madigan's Ellicottville NY or contact John Weismantel at 716-228-7288.

PUMPKINVILLE

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can just continue to offer all kinds of memories for families," she said. Sharing in that excitement, she went on to add that for a limited time, Pumpkinville will be offering buy-one-get-one free season passes through September 22nd. To take advantage of this offer, check out www.pumpkinville.com and use the coupon code PKV2024.

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ELLICOTTVILLE LACROSSE FESTIVAL

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His favorite teams are obviously Team USA and the Syracuse Orange. Lacrosse camps, retreats, and festivals like this are very special to Ryan, and he says those events are very important for players. Looking at his resume, I suggest all you players better sign up and listen to him! "I grew up going to lacrosse camps as a kid, so I've been doing these for a really long time. I have such a huge passion for lacrosse and it's so exciting to pass that on to the next generation all across the country," Ryan added.

Spreading the sport around the country is important for a multitude of reasons, but a major one is its influence in a person's everyday life. The individual skills learned or perfected through playing the sport are directly applicable to so many aspects of not just our day-to-day, but in our careers as well. It makes me even happier that this event has such a stain in the changing season in Ellicottville, because not only are the kids stashing away these lessons for the future, but the grand master players are able to touch base on those skills and pass that knowledge down as well. "Well, I think obviously you got teamwork, you need everyone operating as one and those are the teams that are most successful," commented Ryan. "Work ethic is also important; dedication to the fundamentals of the game and perfecting those is necessary as well. I think those two are definitely important in business and life."

"We're very excited to come back to Ellicottville, it's such a beautiful place and we're super lucky that the Chamber is so welcoming and supportive of our event," Ryan added. "It'll be good to get a stick in the young kids' hands during the off-season and just to get everyone together for some friendly competition and good company."

And though he only lived in Buffalo for a time, Ryan definitely adopted that good ol' WNY nationalism we all seem to have. The last thing Ryan told me was that Banditland - the appropriately named Bandits fandom that shows up every game to support their team - is the best stadium experience he has ever seen for the sport!

It's time to get excited for the Ellicottville Lacrosse Festival coming later this month. You can visit the Chamber's website for more details at ellicottvilleny.com, and summitlacrosseventures.com for sign-up details. You'll also find an email address there to ask any questions you may have.

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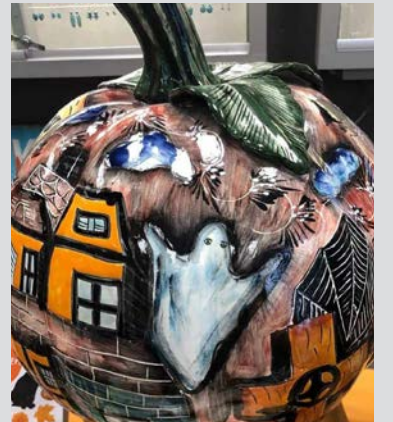
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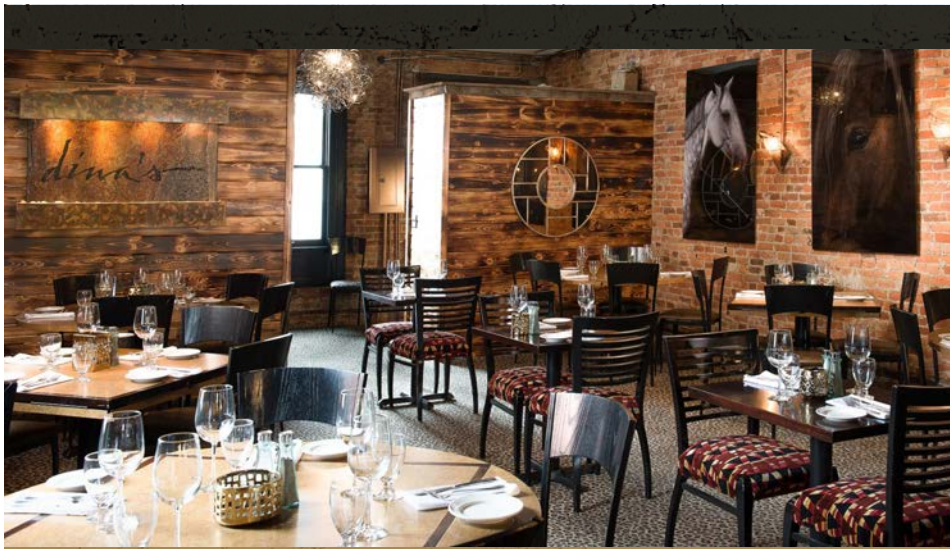
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