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## The Flavors of Fall... We'll Drink to That!

Celebrate the Season in Ellicottville with a Specialty Cocktail or Coffee



With the cooler weather setting in, it's the perfect time to embrace harvest season and all of the delicious seasonal flavors that Ellicottville has to offer!

Craving something on the fresh and fruity side? Dina's Restaurant has the perfect cocktail for you! Their Apple Cinnamon Sangria is a mix of white wine, fresh red and green apples, and a cinnamon stick for that hit of fall warmth. Edna's at the Tamarack also took full advantage of prime apple season with their Apple Cinnamon Martini. This drink will make you appreciate everything about the fall season in Ellicottville, straight down to its cinnamon sugar rim.

Despite being the "basic" flavor of the season, it wouldn't officially be fall without some sort of Pumpkin Spice making its presence known. The Ellicottville Bake Shop has one of the best Pumpkin Spiced iced coffees in our area. Picture a rich shot of pumpkin spice flavor blended into RocketCup iced coffee, with the option to add cream and sugar as you like, topped with whipped cream and a dash of nutmeg for a cozy fall touch.

No matter what your preference, there's a drink for everyone... and you're going to want to taste them all!

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### VILLAGE WEBSITE UPDATED; FIRE DEPT. PRESENTS PROPOSAL TO EXPAND DISTRICT

The Village Board announced at their September meeting that an update to the Village website has been made. They will now have monthly postings on the current short-term rental properties that are permitted within the village. Each month these listings will be renewed to reflect any changes that may have been made.

The Town Board also had much to discuss at their September meeting. New information was shared regarding the Ellicottville Fire Department and a proposal to expand their current district. Fire Dept. Commissioner, Mike Timkey, was in attendance to share the current contract and protections in place and what would be proposed to expand those areas. A public hearing on the proposal has been scheduled.

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## EMBRACE THE AUTUMN SPIRIT WITH ELLICOTTVILLE'S FALL FESTIVAL

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### BREAKAWAY CLASSIC ADVENTURES: EARLY DEER SEASON

Early Archery Season is about to open in New York State on September 27, 2024 in the Northern Zone which includes the Adirondacks, and October 1, 2024 locally in the southern zone. The deer have just lost their velvet and the antlers from a good buck make for great décor! There is a real advantage to learn to hunt with a bow and arrow as your deer hunting season starts well ahead of the November 16th regular hunting season when the deer are smart and hide during the day. At this time of year, the deer haven't yet been pressured and their education is just about to start ... page 12

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## Capturing the Natural Beauty of Our Region

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# Publisher's PICK

## VIEWS ALONG THE BYWAY

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You may have seen signs around Cattaraugus County for the Scenic Byway and wondered what it is all about. For those unfamiliar, the WNY Southtowns Scenic Byway is a 108-mile-long loop of highways connecting the suburbs of Orchard Park and East Aurora south of Buffalo to the charming towns and villages of southern Erie County and Cattaraugus County along US 219, NY 240, and NY 242. Traversing through the verdant foothills of the Allegheny Mountains, the southern-most terminus of the Byway is in Ellicottville. Through legislative vote in 2015, the Byway was officially expanded into Cattaraugus County in 2016.

“Originally, [the Byway] was from Orchard Park over to East Aurora, and then down to Springville,” shared William (Bill) Even, long-serving vice president of the WNYSSB, in a phone interview with ellicottvilleNOW. “Then we expanded down to Ellicottville – it was a logical extension,” he said. “We get a lot of Canadian visitors, especially around ski season that just drive down 219 and it makes sense to bring [the Byway] all the way down to Ellicottville because of that.”

Founded in 2008, the WNYSSB’s mission is “to promote economic development and community pride through the thoughtful stewardship of the natural, scenic, cultural, historic, and recreational resources of the byway region,” according to the organization’s website (www.wnyssb.org).



Even said that the inspiration for starting the photo contest in 2022 was “to raise awareness of the Byway and all the historical and natural beauty that we have along the route.” He added that the WNYSSB is Western New York’s only scenic byway. “There’s a lot of natural beauty, especially in autumn; we’re trying to push it now because there are so many opportunities to see some really magnificent scenery.”

He added that, “This is year three [of the contest], and it has been growing – we had about 120 photos submitted last year, and I’d like to see that doubled.”

With regard to this year’s contest, there will be two categories for entry, same as last year: one for stand-alone cameras, and the other for mobile devices.

“There have been some amazing advances on mobile device cameras, but you still can’t beat a nice Nikon or Canon camera, so we broke it into two categories,” Even said. “I think the mobile device option give everyone the option, from ages 3 to 103, to participate.”

Prizes for contest winners in both categories include \$150 and a copy of Nostalgic Buffalo, written by Even, for first place, \$100 for second place, and \$50 for third place. To further incentivize participation, Even included that, “The winning entries will be displayed across the Joylan Theatre in Springville and the Aurora Theatre in East Aurora,” adding that the winning images will be showcased on the big screens before movies.

With regard to the contest details, there is no entry fee, and anyone is eligible to enter. Up to five submissions per applicant are permitted, and all participants are required to read and agree to the contest rules and regulations as set out on the WNYSSB’s website under the 2024 Photo Contest tab.

Furthermore, submissions must be taken within the geographical boundaries of the Western New York Southtowns Scenic Byway as stated on the contest rules and regulations. See the organization’s website for a map of the Byway boundaries.

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## FALL FEST IN ELLICOTTVILLE

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From the downtown business district to the tops of the ski hills, the weekend packs a full schedule of activities, live music, and spectacular fall foliage views spanning as far as the eye can see. Approximately 200 vendors will set up in the streets downtown for one of the largest arts & crafts shows in the region. From handcrafted jewelry to beautifully painted ceramics, attendees can browse unique creations that embody the spirit of autumn.

"Many vendors incorporate seasonal themes, offering items like hand-knit scarves, pumpkin spice candles, and festive decorations that capture the essence of the fall season," said Brian McFadden, Executive Director of the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce. "And since we're in Bills country, you can expect a number of vendors offering Bills apparel and merchandise as well."

Add in a full outdoor food court along with the flavors of Ellicottville's already-established restaurants, and you will without a doubt satisfy your tastebuds. "In addition to all the food, our local craft breweries, distilleries, and wineries will be featuring seasonal drink specials," added Brian. "A taste of pumpkin ale or spiced cider can be the perfect way to toast to the changing season. Our local coffee shops and bakeries have wonderful fall menus, too - the perfect pick-me-up to keep you motoring through the weekend!"

This year's Fall Festival in Ellicottville will welcome special guest Eric Jones. You may recognize his name as a finalist in Food Network's *Halloween Wars*. Eric is also a winner of Food Network's *Outrageous Pumpkins*, and recently claimed the Guinness World Record for carving the largest Jack-o-lantern! Eric will be set up in the middle of downtown Ellicottville on the Sunday of Fall Festival, showcasing his pumpkin carving skills live for the public to witness.

"We've featured the works of Eric Jones here in Ellicottville in past years with his snow sculptures, and we're excited to bring him back this year for something a little different," said Barb Pump, Executive Assistant of the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce. "Kids and adults alike will enjoy watching his pumpkin carving demonstrations. He'll carve as many as he can, and towards the end of the afternoon, we'll auction off all of his works, with proceeds donated to the Ellicottville Playground project to raise money to build a new, inclusive playground in Ellicottville's Village Park."



For those looking for more adventure during Fall Fest, head to Holiday Valley and enjoy another round of fun! The resort will be offering chairlift rides to the top of the mountain, where leaf peeping and live entertainment await. HoliMont will also offer chairlift rides to the top of Expo, plus the HoliMont Bike Park will operate its final weekend of lift access for the season. And just down the road from Ellicottville, Pumpkinville of Great Valley is one of the largest pumpkin patches in the region which also boasts a corn maze, beer garden, its very own cider mill, a cow train, and plenty of fun games and activities for the whole family.

At its heart, the Fall Festival is a celebration of community. The festival also serves as a platform for local organizations and charities, fostering a spirit of giving back. Look for information booths and donation drives throughout the weekend as you saunter through the village. For more information about this year's Fall Festival, go to [ellicottvillenyny.com](http://ellicottvillenyny.com).

## LACE UP YOUR RUNNING SHOES

Fall Weather Brings the Return of EVL Half Marathon & 5k, Among Other Races



Registration for October 26th's EVL Halloween Half Marathon & 5k is open. The course begins and ends in downtown Ellicottville, with after-party at EBC.

BY PATRICK FERRINO

In high school, I had two loves. Two after-school activities whose seasons both fell between September and December. They were theater and cross country, and all four years of high school they played a mental tug of war in my head. Theater was my creative outlet and my way of working with a team. Cross country taught me discipline, how to stay in shape, and the importance of meeting goals.

Ultimately, I gave up cross country my senior season to be in one last show. And while I don't regret my decision, I do regret the fact that I stopped running. It's one of the best feelings to be out in the fresh air with nothing but your thoughts, and this fall, Ellicottville wants more people to discover that joy.

The EVL Halloween Half/5K run is almost here! With the spooky season comes run season in Ellicottville, and the twelfth year of this classic run, which promises to be bigger than ever before. It's a half marathon, 5k, and relay. The race takes place on Saturday, October 26th.

The Fall Scramble at Holiday Valley is only a few weeks before that, on October 12th. It's newer, as this is only its fifth year, but it's just as much fun. The race starts at 9:00am at Yodeler with a chairlift ride to the top of the mountain and offers a 4- and 8-mile terrain course. Scaling the hills of Holiday Valley in this timed scramble is not for the faint of... foot?



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Both of these races are presented by Endurancefactor, an event management company located here in Ellicottville specializing in endurance sports. If you need anything running, cycling, or triathlon, they are the ones to call on.

I spoke with Doug Bush, the 15-year owner of Endurancefactor. Not only does Doug race direct several events in Ellicottville and the surrounding area, but Doug also raises money through a select few events. Namely, the run for St. Jude Cancer Hospital with 21,000 runners raises \$18 million, and his EA2EVL charity bike ride has raised \$150,000 for the Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail Association. Locally, Endurancefactor has donated over \$30,000 to various community charities.

Doug, a serious triathlete who has competed in multiple Ironmans, got into the management business by meeting other directors during his time as a racer. "Ironman brought a bike race to Ellicottville around 14 years ago and I was a local director for that. I decided after that to find more local events for the community," Doug said.

The EVL Half is "the event" of the season. Having snowsports dominating the winter and mountain biking, hiking, and golf dominating the summer season, endurance events are the name of the game before the snow starts to fall. The EVL Half is the biggest of these events, offering "a big race feel in a small town setting," in Doug's words.

"It's after Fall Fest, kinda before ski season, and we wanted to do something that would bring people together in the community and bridge the gap between the two seasons."

Ellicottville Brewing Company is hosting the after-party, complete with a band and a DJ. Music will be bumping all throughout the course though, but you better not get too distracted, because earning one of the "one-of-a-kind" finisher medals is a highlight of the event. "Those medals are something we've become known for, coupled with our cool merchandise t-shirts and quarter zips," Doug said.

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## Lacrosse Festival Brings Team Spirit to Ellicottville

Ellicottville played host to lacrosse players and their families from all over the Northeast Sept. 21st- 22nd when the annual Ellicottville Lacrosse Festival came to town. Organized by Ryan Powell of Powell Lacrosse, Summit Lacrosse Ventures, and the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, it was a great showcase of athletic skill and sportsmanship as all ages and skill levels took part in competition all weekend long.



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Nothing beats the classic fall flavors of apple and cinnamon together, except maybe the addition of alcohol to form the new fall cocktail at Edna's at The Tamarack Club. Their new Apple Cinnamon Martini will make you appreciate everything about the fall season in Ellicottville, straight down to its cinnamon sugar rim. Enjoy it on its own or paired up with one of their delicious dinner dishes. However you choose to enjoy it, shaken or stirred, you can't go wrong!

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It wouldn't officially be fall without some sort of Pumpkin Spice making its presence known. And the Ellicottville Bake Shop has one of the best Pumpkin Spiced iced coffees in our area. Picture a rich shot of pumpkin spice flavor blended into RocketCup iced coffee, with the option to add cream and sugar as you like, topped with whipped cream and a dash of nutmeg for a cozy fall touch. Toss in one of their brownies, apple cinnamon cruffins or berry bars and you're ready to go! Start your morning off right with a cup of deliciousness. Open 7 days a week!

### SPICE SPICE BABY

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



The Winery of Ellicottville is heating things up for the fall season. Their Spice, Spice, Baby is always a hit during the colder months. They've added cinnamon, ginger and cloves to a bottle of their easy drinking red wine to make this delight! At the Winery of Ellicottville, you can enjoy a hot mug of this wine on a cool day or you can take a bottle to go and add some apple cider, cinnamon sticks and garnish with orange slices in the comfort of home. What a lovely way to enjoy a crisp fall day.

### APPLE COCKTAILS

@ Ellicottville Distillery  
5462 Robbins Rd • EVL  
716.597.6121  
ellicottvilledistillery.com



If you want a cocktail with apple flavor overload, the Ellicottville Distillery is the right place. They've got three fabulous fall cocktail options featuring their popular Appleshine spirit. Go for the Buffer, a mix of Appleshine, honey, and soda. Get fired up with the Turbo Charged, a sweet concoction of Appleshine, caramel, vanilla and sprite, or get hit by the Sucker Punch, a bold blend of Appleshine, apple shrub, lime, cranberry, and ginger beer. Come grab one or all 3 and taste the fall in a glass.

### APPLE SPRITZER

@ Silver Fox Steakhouse  
23 Hughey Alley • EVL  
716.699.4672  
thesilverfoxrestaurant.com



Have you ever had Prosecco? It's Italy's answer to champagne! A white sparkling wine that's available from dry to semi-sweet, made with Glera or Moscato grapes traditionally. It's refreshing and vibrant all on its own but the Silver Fox Steakhouse has made it even more delightful with their new fall cocktail, the Apple Spritzer. A blend of bright Prosecco mixed with sweet apple cider, complemented by a cinnamon sugar rim. This drink is as tasty as she is beautiful and you don't want to miss her. Come in and grab a glass this weekend!

### A CUP OF FALL FLAVOR

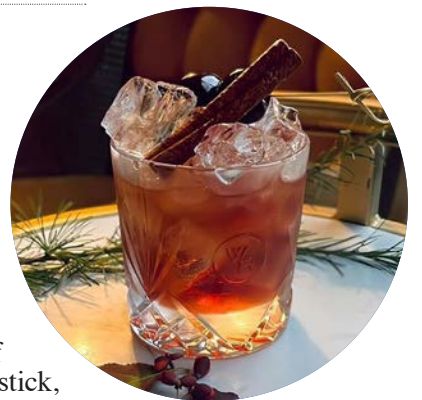
@ Katy's Cafe  
38 East Washington St. • EVL  
716.699.8860



Stop into Katy's Cafe and grab yourself a cup of fall. Hot or iced, pumpkin spice or chai latte, you can't go wrong. The best way to start a brisk day is with something delicious to eat and drink. So you can pull up a seat and enjoy Katy's casual atmosphere while you're sipping your beverage and gearing up for the day's adventures. Or pick one up for a lunchtime boost, made fresh in front of you with quality ingredients. This is one of Ellicottville's staples for fabulous non-alcoholic fall drinks. Pair your cup of Fall with any one of Katy's breakfast wraps or lunch paninis for the ultimate fuel.

### NUTTY OLD FASHIONED

@ The Banq Cocktails & Lounge  
9 Washington St. • EVL  
716.699.9143



Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks? At The Banq, their special fall cocktail is a twist on a classic. The Nutty Old Fashioned takes the typical whiskey beverage to a new level with the addition of nutty flavored syrup and a spicy cinnamon stick, making this sweet cocktail ideal for those looking for a more mature Fall flavor. Grab a glass and a comfy seat in The Banq's lovely lounge area or a seat at the bar, maybe add on a shareable small plate or two and enjoy!

# MEETING NOTES

## ELLICOTTVILLE VILLAGE BOARD

Trustees Discuss Visit from Congressman Nick Langworthy; Village Website Updated to Include Permitted Short-Term Rental Properties

By COLLEEN EVANS

The Village Board of Ellicottville began their September meeting on the evening of September 17th at 6:00pm. With Mayor John Burrell and Clerk Amy Hayward in attendance at the NYCOM Conference, discussions were called to order by Board Member, Doug Bush.

Starting off the evening with some good news for the Village, an announcement was made to the Board regarding a recent visit by Congressman Nick Langworthy. The Congressman made the trip to the Village of Ellicottville on September 5th with his team to meet and discuss local projects within the area. Local business members joined in the day, including as Ed Youmans, General Manager for HoliMont; Dennis Eshbaugh, General Manager of Holiday Valley; Jeff Williams, a Western New York developer; Village Mayor John Burrell; and Brian McFadden, Executive Director of the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce.

The day was well spent as they enjoyed walking along Washington Street, stopping at local shops, and admiring the charm of the village. Finishing up their stroll, they met with the Northrup team and checked out the Elizabeth Street project. Overall, the Congressman and his team were very impressed with the efficiency and implementation of resources throughout the village. It comes to no surprise as the Village has continued to be recognized for their positive progress among local businesses and community.

The mayor's report was held off this evening due to his absence from the meeting while at the NYCOM Conference alongside the Village Clerk, Ms. Hayward. Updates will be made during the October Board meeting to further discuss the conference, as well as other training opportunities, policy updates, and connections that may have been made during the event.

An update to the Village website has been made. They will now have monthly postings on the current short-term rental properties that are permitted within the village. Each month these listings will be renewed to reflect any changes that may have been made. Keep in mind, the rental of any residential property for a duration under 30 days is prohibited within the village unless they have obtained the required permits issued by the Village. To keep up-to-date with the notices and listings regarding property rentals, please refer to the official government website of the Village at [www.ellicottvillegov.com](http://www.ellicottvillegov.com).

The Village has moved forward in agreement with the Town to provide Village representation at the Town Board meetings to open discussions and joint communication regarding the Police Department. In this effort to better assist within the local governments, both the Town and Village can better provide to the needs and safety of the Ellicottville community. Village Board Members Doug Bush and Jolie Newpher have been appointed to this position and will now attend the Town Board meetings.

New business was brought to the attention of the Board with some shared news regarding local businesses. The New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) deemed the loss of Fin-



Congressman Nick Langworthy (left) is pictured with Mayor John Burrell during his recent visit to Ellicottville earlier this month. photo / Village of Ellicottville

nerty's Tap Room's liquor license. The restaurant is listed as permanently closed online. A new proposed business will be taking place at the previous Subway location at 38 Washington Street. The Green Room Sports Lounge will be a golf simulator space and bar as they await approval from the SLA for their liquor license - a promising addition for golf enthusiasts, sports fans, and anyone looking to add a new experience to their evening out.

The Village has announced the hiring of Ben Gross as their Assistant Civil Engineer. This hire was also made by the Town of Ellicottville and will work throughout the area to best fit the position at hand. He is welcomed by the local Ellicottville governments and congratulations have been made.

It was noted that during Fall Festival this year, monetary donations are being asked for the Summer Youth Program with collections being held at the new Mill Street parking lot. Please feel free to bring any amount cash donation to support this cause.

As conversations came to a close, the Village Board meeting was called to adjourn. The Village Board will reconvene on a differently scheduled date for their October meeting, which will be held on the 8th of that month at 6:00pm at the Village Hall.

## ELLICOTTVILLE TOWN BOARD

Ellicottville Fire Department Presents Proposal to Expand Current District; Public Hearing Set for October 15th

By COLLEEN EVANS

Returning to the monthly scheduled meeting, the Town Board of Ellicottville gathered on September 18th at 6:00pm to effectively discuss the evening's agenda. With the most recent discussions surrounding the usual Town business, some new information was shared regarding the Ellicottville Fire Department and a proposal to expand their current district.

Ellicottville Fire Department Commissioner, Mike Timkey, was in attendance to share with the Town Board the current contract and protections in place and what would be proposed to expand those areas. Currently the Ellicottville Fire District includes a contract to serve the Town of Mansfield Fire Protection District, however, that is to be dissolved no later than December 31, 2024. Now, a suggested plan is being made to include the eastern half of the Mansfield District with the Ellicottville Fire District to alleviate financial burdens and increase the efficiency of fire protection resources.

The Town Board concluded that to best address the potential change in the existing Ellicottville Fire District, a public hearing will be held. This public hearing will take place at the Town of Mansfield Town Hall, at 7691 Toad Hollow Road, Little Valley, NY on October 15, 2024. During this meeting, all persons interested in expressing their interest or concerns on the Ellicottville Fire District extension into the Mansfield Fire Protection District will be heard and noted. Following the Public Hearing, both Towns will agree to a joint meeting to further arrange the next steps dependent on previous discussions. A vote will be made available to those in the proposed extended portion of the Town of Mansfield to determine the standing of the proposition.

Moving on to the Department reports of the evening, the Police Department started by commending one of the Town's officers who was able to make an arrest on a federal crime. This diligence was recognized and applauded as fine police work, insuring community safety. Sheriff Jim Bouchard brought to the Board's attention that this year police coverage for the Fall Festival will be a higher expense than previous years. A lack of available part-time officers will mean that full-time officers will need to cover the event, but agreeably a price cannot be put on the safety of Ellicottville residents and tourists. The Chamber of Commerce and Town agreed to the set terms of cost and split the expense each year. The Ellicottville Fall Festival draws in thousands of visitors each year creating an influx in all areas of the Town and Village. As the largest festival of the year, providing the necessary police presence and protection is one of the most important aspects to ensure a successful event. This year's Fall Festival will take place on October 12th-13th.

The Highway Department's Scot Brumagin updated the Town Board on the recent repairs and projects in place. The Holiday Valley Road project, which was completed by a hired contractor, was found to have been missing some expected details and the lack of completion did not hold to the Town's standards. The issues at hand have been documented and completed by the Town Highway Department, and the expenses of the unfinished work will be subtracted from the contractor's final payment to balance the budget of the project. The Cotter Road box culvert replacement has been finished and fully restored. The High-



way Department wanted to express their appreciation to the County for all the help they provided on the project. The project came in as \$30,000 under budget, which Supervisor McAndrew noted was mostly due to the County providing assisted labor which they did not charge the Town for. This shared service is thanked and recognized by the Town of Ellicottville with plans to reciprocate as needed in the future.


A new appointment has been made within the Departments as the Town welcomes Ben Gross as the Assistant Civil Engineer as of September 23, 2023. Congratulations to a welcomed addition within the Town.

Some noteworthy discussions were that of the Short-Term Rental Law, which had a brief update involving application fees and a Public Hearing to be set for November. The EVGV Trail is planning a fundraising tailgate party at Villaggio; once the event is set details will be announced. The abandoned property at 6515 Donlen Drive, under the control of the lender, will now move forward to a foreclosure action.

As discussions came to be resolved, the Town Board meeting was called to adjourn with further conversations to be made next month on October 16, 2024. For additional information, visit the Town's official website at [www.ellicottvillegov.com](http://www.ellicottvillegov.com).



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## Upcoming Events to Mark On Your Calendar

**SEPT. 20 - OCT. 19**

@ 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. Check the website for dates and additional info.

**SEPT. 27 - OCT. 27**

@ NIGHTMARE HAYRIDES  
716-699-4839 | nightmarehayride.com



Jump on the SCARIEST HAYRIDE in Western New York. Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings only. The Nightmare Hayrides are a tractor-drawn hayride that will lead you down a creepy haunted path with live scary creatures. But that's not all! You will then have to make your way through the Gothic Chamber, Haunted Wooden Maze, and through the Haunted Barn with the Vortex Tunnel. There are seven tractors running continuously, no reservation needed. Open evenings Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from September 27th-October 27th.

**SEPTEMBER 28**

@ GOWANDA HISTORIC HOLLYWOOD THEATER  
716-532-6103 | gowandahollywoodtheater.com



Jamestown Paranormal will be hosting Paracon '24 (a Paranormal Convention) Saturday, September 28th from 12:00-6:00pm at Gowanda's historic Hollywood Theater. Admission is \$5/person at the door, all ages welcome! Speakers Peter Weimer, Cookie Stringfellow and various Ghost Hunters will be present, as well as vendors, auctions, 50/50, and Medium readings. All proceeds benefit the Epilepsy Foundation and Gowanda's Historic Hollywood Theater. For more information/updates please check out Jamestown Paranormal on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/jamestownparanormal>.

**OCTOBER 4-6**

@ JEFFERSON PARK  
716-945-2034



Join for the Annual Salamanca-Seneca Falling Leaves Festival with events happening all weekend long! Experience Seneca culture and heritage and enjoy the beautiful fall foliage. This event started as a way to promote the culture of the Seneca Nation, as well as the relationship between the nation and the City of Salamanca, the celebration will have a cultural aspect with demonstrations of Seneca arts, food and entertainment, like free face painting, balloon animals, pony rides, petting zoo, and more! Admission to the Festival is Free!

**OCTOBER 5**

@ FREEDOM SPEEDWAY  
freedommotorsportspark.com



Get ready to pedal with purpose at the EA2EVL Fondo, the ultimate cycling adventure for a cause! Join us on October 5th for the 4th annual EA2EVL Fondo, a 42-mile epic road ride from East Aurora to Ellicottville. The 42-mile route will venture down Route 240 through the fall foliage and rolling hills of Western New York and end with a celebration at the beautiful Holiday Valley. The best part: 100% of the proceeds benefit ECRT! This event has SOLD OUT for three years and raised \$150,000 to support the ECRT trail.

**OCTOBER 5**

@ ROCK CITY PARK  
1-866-404-7625 | rockcitypark.com



Rock enthusiasts will have the chance to view, purchase, and learn about rare and common rocks from around the world at the 16th Annual Rock City Park Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show at Rock City Park in Olean, NY. Items for sale may include rocks, minerals, fossils, shells, jewelry, cut and uncut stones, mining paraphernalia and tools, crafts/artwork, books, and magazines all related to our natural earth! Guests can even have their photo taken with the Park's Bigfoot. Come out on October 5th from 10:00am-5:00pm for a fun time.

**OCTOBER 12-13**

@ LITTLE VALLEY RIDER'S CLUB  
716-799-2630



We're excited for another wonderful Fall Festival here in Ellicottville! Our Fall Festival is our largest most anticipated event. Our village transforms into a walkable 4-block arts and crafts show accompanied by our one-of-a-kind shops, flavorful culinary culture, chair lift rides, live music, and so much more. Featuring a live creation session by Guinness World Record Holder artist Eric Jones, on the 13th. Vendor space is sold out already for this year. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and having another great Fall Festival weekend!

**OCTOBER 13**

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



Celebrate the vibrant autumn season at HoliMont by lacing up your running shoes and joining in for the HoliTrot Fall Festival Trail Run! This fun run will feature a kids race and a scenic 5k trail run through the resort's beautiful trails. This event is designed for runners of all ages and abilities, making it the perfect family-friendly activity. Whether you're a seasoned runner or just looking for a fun way to embrace the fall season, this event is for you!

**OCTOBER 19-20**

@ CATTARAUGUS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
716-938-2242 | ccbizhelp.com/wilma



Join us for the 12th annual W.I.L.M.A. (We Invite Local Manufacturers & Artisans) event, happening at the Cattaraugus County Fairgrounds on October 19th and 20th, 2024. It's not your average craft show! All vendors at this event are local business owners, manufacturers, artisans, or crafters from Cattaraugus County. WILMA is a family-oriented event showcasing items handmade or manufactured in Cattaraugus County by our talented local artisans and manufacturers. This event was created to promote shopping local and buying local!

# REGIONAL

## SCHOLARSHIP FUND ESTABLISHED

Louis A. "Louie" and Patricia Magnano Honored for Their Spirit of Giving



OLEAN - A shared love for the betterment of the Olean community is something that Louis and Patricia Magnano will always be remembered for. Louie and Pat - as they were known to family and friends - were lifelong residents of Olean, New York.

Louie, a respected business leader, played an integral role in many charitable organizations. Louie was the owner of Blue Bird Coach Lines Inc., the largest privately owned motorcoach company in New York State and one of the top 100 private companies in Western New York prior to selling the company in 1998 to Coach USA. As president and CEO of Park Centre Development - the area's leading real estate and development company - Louie sought to beautify the community while also developing industrial plazas, parks and corporate buildings.

Pat, a devoted philanthropic leader in the community, shared Louie's love of service. She served as past president for both the Boardmanville Elementary School PTA and the Ladies Golf Association at Bartlett Country Club. As a businessperson, Pat owned and operated Cameo Clothing Store for Women in Olean. Following Louie's passing in 2011, Pat proudly assumed the role of President and CEO of Park Centre Development Inc.

Through their philanthropic endeavors, the Magnanos made their mark as one of Olean's most giving families. They made landmark contributions to Olean General Hospital, St. Bonaventure University, Jamestown Community College, City of Olean, the Rehabilitation Center (now Intandem), the Olean Family YMCA, William O. Smith Recreation Center and many other businesses. Their generous spirit and dedication to helping others were defining characteristics of their lives.

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## FALL INSPIRED ART CLASSES

Tri-County Arts Council Offering a Number of Upcoming Workshops

OLEAN- The chill of fall is here and the coolest of art classes are at Tri-County Arts Council. Learn more about these and other upcoming classes online at [www.tricountyartsCouncil.org/classes/](http://www.tricountyartsCouncil.org/classes/).

**Artist's Creative Corner:** September 26th (Thursday) from 5:00-7:00pm. Ages 12+. Welcome to "Artist's Creative Corner" - a vibrant community where artists gather to engage in meaningful conversations, share insights, and provide constructive critiques. Whether you're a seasoned artist or just starting on your creative journey, this group is a supportive space for discussing techniques, exploring new ideas, and offering feedback on each other's work. Join us in fostering a collaborative environment that encourages growth, inspiration, and the celebration of diverse artistic expressions. Let your creativity thrive as we embark on this collective journey of artistic exploration and dialogue. All art styles and mediums are welcome!

**Rubber Duck Still Life:** September 28th (Saturday) with Jessica Borchert from 11:00am-1:00pm. Rubber ducks bring a sense of childhood joy. Come paint with us to bring a brightly colored moment to life.

**Pumpkin Still Life:** October 1st (Tuesday) with Jessica Borchert from 5:00-7:00pm. Celebrate fall by painting the still life of pumpkins. Create an original art piece to add to your fall decor.

**Grant Writing:** October 3rd (Thursday) with Brian Kelly from 6:00-8:00pm. Ages 18+. Are you passionate about making a difference in your community or organization but need the financial resources to turn your ideas into reality? Our Grant Writing Class is your gateway to securing essential funding. Whether you're new to grant writing or looking to refine your skills, this course will provide you with the tools and knowledge needed to craft compelling grant proposals. Don't miss this chance to transform your vision into action through successful grant writing!

The Tri-County Arts Council advocates for the creation and appreciation of arts and culture in the region. The TCAC is currently presenting "Buck Up Buttercup" featuring 2023 Southern Tier Biennial Best in show winner, Tammy Renée Brackett, now through October 26th in the Peg Bothner Gallery at the Tri-County Arts Council, 110 West State Street in Olean, NY. TCAC is always open to the public and adding to their Artisan Market and class schedule as well. For additional information about TCAC, its classes and artist opportunities, please call 716-372-7455 or go to [tricountyartsCouncil.org](http://tricountyartsCouncil.org).

## ENCHANTED FOREST

Audubon Community Nature Center Prepares for a Magical Evening with Animals



JAMESTOWN - If you've never experienced Audubon Community Nature Center's (ACNC) Enchanted Forest, now is the time to reserve your spot for a magical evening on Friday or Saturday, October 4th or 5th. If you've been to the Enchanted Forest before, you'll want to return to learn what animals have been chosen to captivate you with stories of their lives this year.

On this bewitching evening, animals have the ability to speak human language and communicate with visitors. You and your family will follow a guide through the luminary-lit Enchanted Trail to meet them. They will engage your imagination, maybe make you laugh, and teach you something about wildlife in the region. After the walk, stop in the backyard to enjoy a campfire and music. Snacks and drinks will be available to purchase. There will be crafts, live animals, and exhibits to explore inside the Nature Center.

Enchanted Forest happens rain or shine, so be sure to dress for the weather. For protection from biting insects like mosquitoes, long pants, long-sleeved shirts, closed-toe shoes, and insect repellent are recommended. Halloween costumes are welcome. Starting at 6:00pm, walks go out every 10 minutes and last about 40 minutes. The last walk starts at 8:00pm. (Sunset is approximately 6:45pm.)

Reservations are required for a specific time. No tickets are sold at the door. The fee is \$14 for adults, \$10.50 for Nature Center members and children ages 3-15, and free for children 2 and under. Reservations for Enchanted Forest can be made by calling 716-569-2345 during business hours or clicking through "Programs and Events" at [AudubonCNC.org](http://AudubonCNC.org).

Audubon Volunteer Coordinator Sharon Tefft is looking for volunteers for a variety of tasks, from greeting visitors to serving popcorn and cider. Contact her at [STefft@AudubonCNC.org](mailto:STefft@AudubonCNC.org) or 716-569-2345 if you can help.

Audubon Community Nature Center is located at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown, NY and Warren, PA. You can visit the nearly 600-

"Enchanted Forest" continued page 12

## AMERICAN CHESTNUT HIKE

Join the NY Forest Owners Association for an Informative Fall Hike in Olean

OLEAN - The New York Forest Owners Association invites the public to join them for a fall hike on Saturday, September 28th in Olean, NY. This free event is an opportunity to visit a unique woodlot containing over 60 wild American Chestnut trees. In September 2023, during a Master Forest Owner (MFO) visit, a second chestnut tree was identified on the property. Since then, owner Jim Brady has identified 65 wild American Chestnut trees.

The walk will pass 45 of these trees ranging in size from .85" DBH, 8 ft tall to 9.4" DBH, 50 ft tall. The owner will share his experiences over the last year as well as his passion for Chestnut trees. Several experienced members of The American Chestnut Foundation are also expected to be in attendance (Jim has recently become a member), providing a broad base of experience for answering questions and discussing expectations.

The woodlot is 100 acres and the walk will be on 2 of the 3 stands on the property where you'll see other tree species to include Red Oak, Red Maple, Sugar Maple, Black Birch, and Beech. You may see signs of bear, fox, bobcat, deer, and turkey. Recently planted Chestnut seedlings in a cleared area will also be seen. The first stand is about 30 acres, last harvested about 25 years ago. The second stand is about 50 acres, high graded by the previous owner about 6 years ago. The elimination of the canopy on this stand resulted in full sun, allowing young Chestnuts to thrive.

The program will proceed rain or shine, unless there is a severe weather warning issued. Please dress for the weather. The elevation change is about 250 ft and the walk will be about 2 miles with a shorter one-mile option. Registration will take place from 9:00-9:30am. Location: 0 Indiana Ave, Olean, NY 14760. Park along the sides of the road or across from the gate in the garage.

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# LIFESTYLE

## Breakaway Classic Adventures: Early Deer Season

BY INDREK KONGATS

Early Archery Season is about to open in New York State on September 27, 2024 in the Northern Zone which includes the Adirondacks, and October 1, 2024 locally in the southern zone. The deer have just lost their velvet and the antlers from a good buck make for great décor!

There is a real advantage to learn to hunt with a bow and arrow as your deer hunting season starts well ahead of the November 16th regular hunting season when the deer are smart and hide during the day, so it seems every time I head out with my Winchester 30-30. At this time of year, the deer haven't yet been pressured and their education is just about to start.

I see so many deer on my 35-mile daily commute from Ellicottville to my shop in Houghton that I have to break at least once, if not twice or even three times, to avoid a collision. It seems that every year there are more deer roaming about and the hunting has little effect on these over-populated critters.

The odds of hitting a deer is in the 1-in-60 range so it's not 'if' but when every one of us will have the misfortune of crashing into one. The average cost of repairs from the impact with a deer is about \$4,000 and your insurance will do up around \$100+ per year as reported by the DEC. The only way to control the overabundance of deer is to hunt them as there are no natural predators other than human.

A quarter of all deer killed, about 280K deer in total, are accidentally by cars each year (70,000) while hunters harvested the other three quarters at 209,781 in the 2023-2024 season. A much grimmer statistic is that 238 people were killed in the US by deer collisions. All this adds up to rising costs and economic inflation that is devouring our hard-earned annual income so to do your part, go out and hunt!

To get your archery license in NY, you'll have to take a in-person bowhunter education course and possibly a hunter education course. This all-day course lasts a minimum of 6 hours. The next available locally offered course is at the Northern Chautauqua Conservation Club in Dunkirk, NY, Saturday, September 28, 2024 from 9:30am-5:30pm. At the time of writing there are 48 of 60 seats available.

A very good friend of mine, David Townsend, has successfully hunted deer all over New York State with his compound bow. Dave was kind enough to take the time to share some of his archery tips:

**Technique:** it's all about your grip (loose and relaxed) and not trying to hold the pin squarely on the bullseye. Let the pin float as you slowly squeeze the release and when it releases it should be a surprise. The object is to get that floating pin to waver in smaller and smaller circles as you aim.

**Training and Practice:** I start shooting in June pretty seriously, but only shoot a few arrows at a session. I start by spending an entire week of shooting with my eyes closed just to get the aiming and release procedure to be natural and relaxed. I will then periodically shoot a session with my eyes shut at close range. I acquire the target and get an appropriate pin on that spot, then close my eyes and go through the shot sequence. It is pretty amazing how tight the groups are.

**Range and Distance:** In terms of distance, I hardly ever shoot at a deer at more than 30 yards, but I routinely practice at 50 and 60 just to improve my consistency. It is also fun to shoot long distances so practice is not all work with no play.

**Hunting Tips:** My biggest archery tip is you can't beat a deer's sense of smell! Second is - don't over-hunt a stand. Establish several stand sites so you can rotate spots and properly play the wind.

Please remember that hunters are some the most conservation-minded individuals. The tax revenue from licenses and tags go to multiple non-profit organizations, including state management of public lands for everyone to enjoy.

After your deer has been harvested, it's time to consider what to do with it. Venison isn't for everyone but if cooked properly it is delicious and you'll wonder why you haven't tried it before. My dear but sadly departed friend, Mort Fadum, worked as a Colorado hunting



guide and knew something about preparing wild game so in his own words here is what he recommends. "Cookin' venison steak just one way. In a black iron skillet but a ¼ inch of grease (bacon bein' best). When oil just starts to smoke, slap the deer to it. Cook 3 minutes, flip the steak... take the pan off the fire... Splash it with good hot sauce and eat... Keep her rare boys!"

Mort was also a very talented artist and poet publishing many of his art and poetry in several books. Here is his poem on preparing venison.

### ABOUT COOKIN' VENISON

A poem by M. Fadum

Tommy rolled the biscuits out  
Puts bacon on to fry  
Boiled coffee and pinto beans  
Are waitin' on the side  
I've hunted hard the last 4 days  
Saw nothin' but the tracks  
But if I go home without a deer  
It'll be biscuits bring me back  
Pan fried Deer with onions  
Canned peaches and border beans  
That's the dinner I always smell  
When Deer run through my dreams  
It's best to wake  
Before first light  
When Tommy gives a shout  
"Get out'a bed you city boys  
Or I'll throw yer biscuits out"



With archery start your kids off young, the age requirement in NYS is 12 years old, it's a fun way to hunt and you can practice with them in your own backyard. The proof is in the pudding so to speak as proven by Lew Wright and his son CJ from Belfast NY, with their nice archery buck pictured above. Archery is a life long skill and instead of spent ammo you can recover your arrows, how cool is that!

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](http://breakawayclassicadventures.com).

## NEW SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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The scholarship fund, established through the generosity of Park Centre Development, Vicki Blessing and Louie and Patricia's daughter, Gloria, supports an annual scholarship for graduating students of Olean High School who are in good academic standing and plan to pursue an education in a business-related field of study at any 2- or 4-year institution.

"Louie and Patricia were pillars of our community, always putting others first and working behind the scenes to improve the lives of those around them," said CRCF Executive Director Kirk Windus. "This scholarship is a fitting tribute to their memory, ensuring that their spirit of generosity and commitment to education will live on through the students who receive this award."

The scholarship made its first award in 2024 and will continue for many years to come, honoring the legacy of two business and philanthropic pioneers. Donations can be made to the Louis A. "Louie" and Patricia Magnano Scholarship Fund at CRCF, 301 North Union Street, Suite 203, or online at [cattfoundation.org](http://cattfoundation.org).

The Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation is the area's supportive, responsive and trusted community foundation. Established in 1994, CRCF is growing good by connecting donors to the causes they care about most in the region. Grants from the foundation support many areas, including education, scholarships, healthcare, the arts, community development, human service, and youth development. To learn more, call 716-301-CRCF (2723), email [foundation@cattfoundation.org](mailto:foundation@cattfoundation.org), or visit online at [www.cattfoundation.org](http://www.cattfoundation.org).

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acre nature preserve, check in on the live birds of prey, enjoy the native tree arboretum and natural play space, and hike over five miles of trails dawn until dusk daily for free.

The three-story Nature Center building houses interactive displays, a collection of live animals including the Hellbender exhibit, and the Blue Heron Gift Shop. Visitors are welcome Monday through Saturday, 10:00am-4:30pm and Sunday 1:00-4:30pm. Nature Center members and SNAP/EBT cardholders have free building admission daily. Building admission is also free every Sunday for non-Nature Center members. To learn more about Audubon and its many programs, call 716-569-2345, find Audubon Community Nature Center on Facebook, or visit [AudubonCNC.org](http://AudubonCNC.org).

Audubon Community Nature Center builds and nurtures connections between people and nature by providing positive outdoor experiences, opportunities to learn about and understand the natural world, and knowledge to act in environmentally responsible ways.



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## COMMUNITY

**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.

## SCENIC BYWAY PHOTO CONTEST

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photo / Sherry Taber

Entrants may submit images at different times, however all submissions must be made through the submission portal on its website and not through any other channel. Submissions made outside of the official contest channel will be disqualified.

Submissions must be original work and no third-party may claim any rights to any of the material contained within the photos. In addition, submissions must not infringe on any rights or privacy of others or any entities, or infringe on any trademarks or copyrights, as outlined in the official contest guidelines. An entrant can only win once per year and in one category only, however submissions to both categories (no more than five photos total) by the same entrant are acceptable. Submissions must be received by the deadline, which is 11:59:59pm on Saturday, November 30, 2024.

The organization advises that the two main reasons for ineligible submissions are due to photographs not being within the geographical boundaries of the Byway, and file names not abiding by the naming conventions as listed in the entry form.

With the ever-changing colors of fall upon us, there is no better time than the present to snap some photos of your favorite spots along the Western New York Southtowns Scenic Byway, a resource steeped in the natural beauty and cultural heritage of Western New York.

## FALL RUNNING RACES

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The Fall Scramble is also hoping to outdo itself this year, with Doug promising branded knit hats and a similar stellar afterparty. "We try to make it easier with a chairlift ride to the top, so you're running downhill," he added.

And if that's still not enough racing for you, HoliMont comes in strong with their HoliTrot race just a day after the Fall Scramble on October 13th. It's the first time HoliMont is putting together a fall run, organized by Travis Widger and Kristen Sciara. I spoke with Travis about the upcoming run and everything we can look forward to. "This is a family-first event. Kids of all ages can participate in our kid's race, which is about half a mile and all flat. The actual 5k run meanders through what is sure to be some beautiful fall foliage and ends at the Exhibition lift," said Travis.

The kid's race begins at 10:00am with the 5k immediately following. Similar to the Fall Scramble, the HoliTrot begins by taking you up the hill on a scenic chairlift ride, leaving you to race to the bottom.

If you're interested in racing the EVL Halloween Half, the Fall Scramble, or you'd like to learn more about Endurancefactor, you can check out their site at [endurancefactor.com](http://endurancefactor.com). You can register for the EVL Half/5K at [evlhalf.com](http://evlhalf.com). It's more than 75% full, so grab some friends and sign up! You can also find registration info for the HoliTrot at [holimont.com](http://holimont.com).

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## ELLICOTTVILLE GHOST WALKS

Historical Society Adding Buildings of Interest to Weekly Tours

**ELLICOTTVILLE** - The Ellicottville Historical Society will host their final meeting of the season at the Ellicottville Memorial Library on Wednesday, October 2nd beginning at 7:00pm. The speakers will be The Spirit Hunters Paranormal group who did ghost investigations in Ellicottville. We hope to see you there and as always, the meeting is open to the public and free of charge.

**Ellicottville Ghost Walks Return:** With the Halloween season upon us, the Ellicottville Historical Society is bringing back Ghost Walks. This year we will be offering our walks on four Friday nights: September 27th, October 4th, October 18th, and October 25th. The walks will start at the Ellicottville Gazebo. Please meet at the gazebo at 7:00pm; our walk will begin at 7:30pm.

On this weekly ghost walk, you will hear stories of people and things that have happened in and around Ellicottville. We will also be going into two buildings where paranormal investigations took place. We will walk to the Jefferson Street Cemetery and visit a few graves. This is a walk-at-your-own-risk, and you may want to bring a flashlight or use your phone when walking through the cemetery. The cost is \$15 per person, cash or check.

If you would like to learn more or sign up your party ahead of time, please contact Ellen Frank, Ellicottville Town Historian, at 716-699-2276 or 716-474-8528. Follow the Ellicottville Historical Society Facebook page for more information.



## TOTAL SENIOR CARE

PACE Facility Offering Presentations on Program Services

**OLEAN** - Total Senior Care, with locations in Olean, Wellsville and Gowanda, is offering presentations on all the program has to offer. Total Senior Care, a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly, or PACE facility, is a comprehensive, managed long-term care plan for adults who are 55 and older. The center helps individuals who "wish to live at home, but need assistance in order to maintain health, complete day-to-day activities and remain safe at home for as long as possible."

"I always say our program is the best kept secret," stated Joann McAndrew, Enrollment Manager at Total Senior Care in Olean. "People are always surprised at what we can do for them or their family member and I look forward to providing more information to anyone interested."

Total Senior Care is located at 519 N. Union Street in Olean. Total Senior Care provides transportation, meals, social and recreational activities, occupational and physical therapy, personal care and more. They also offer DayBreak, a social adult day program for adults 55 and older. To schedule a presentation at your organization, please call Joann McAndrew at 716-379-8474 ext. 2143 or email [jmcandrew@totalseniorcare.org](mailto:jmcandrew@totalseniorcare.org).

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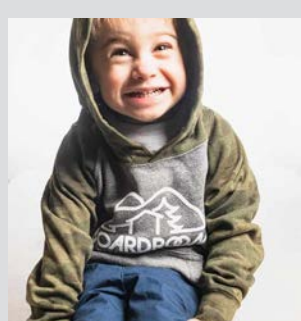
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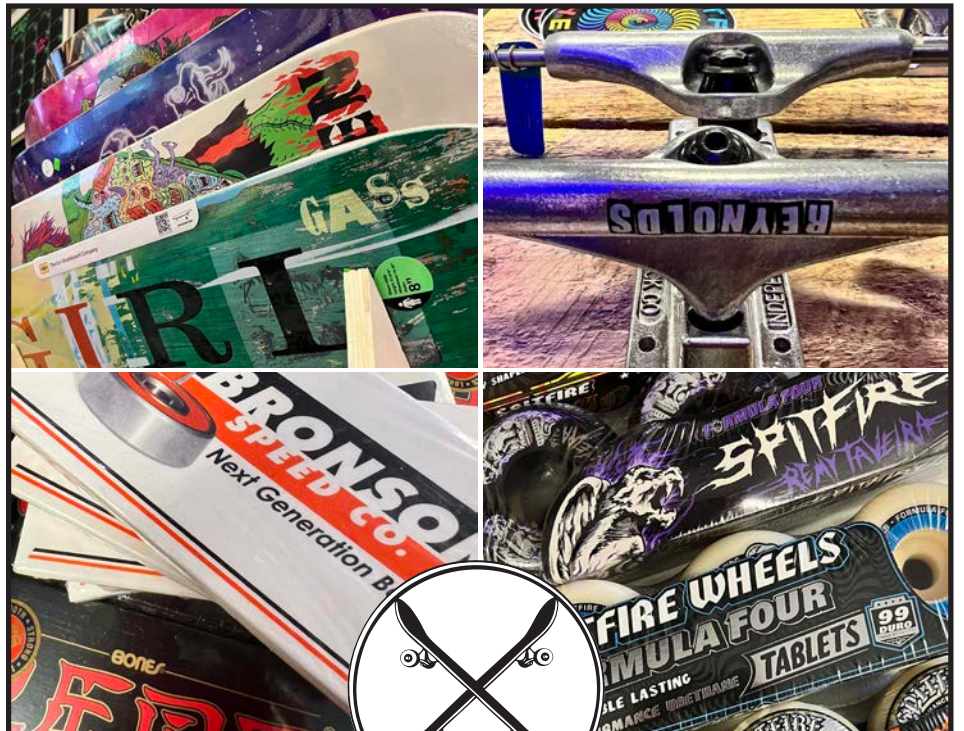
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