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Frank Pitillo Memorial Golf Tournament Drives Change for Local Sports and Scholarships



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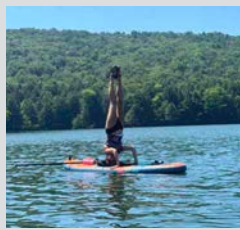
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A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Foster Cattaraugus to Host 2nd Annual Adult Prom Fundraiser



BY MARY WEISER

No awkward slow dances, curfews, or teen drama - just an amazing crowd of adults dancing the night away for a cause that matters. The First Annual Adult Prom, hosted last year by Foster Cattaraugus, proved that prom really is better the second time around! If you'd like to be part of the glamour and fun this year, get your tickets now for the Second Annual Adult Prom to benefit foster care in Cattaraugus County on Saturday, August 9th from 6:00-11:00pm at Woodside Tavern on the Range at 3319 W. River Rd. in Olean, NY.

Amanda Clute, founder of Foster Cattaraugus, a nonprofit organization that is dedicated to supporting foster care in Cattaraugus County, said the response to last year's prom was outstanding - so much so that this year's prom is extended by an hour due to feedback received last year. "We stopped at 10:00pm last year," said Clute, "and everyone was like, 'I wish it went longer,' so we decided to extend it to 11:00pm this year." Indeed, guests are in for a full night of fun, beginning with a cocktail hour with charcuterie board from 6:00-7:00pm. "Toad's Butcher Shop is sponsoring our meal and preparing that for us, and ZET's Italian Ice is doing our desserts," said Clute. "We have formal photography, so a lot of those things that we had last year that worked well are coming back."

Cocktail hour is the perfect time for photos and participating in the basket raffle. The event will also include two incredible door prizes that guests can enter to win! A \$20 gift card or a \$20 cash donation at the door provides an entry into the drawing for a pair of 1.00 carat diamond stud earrings (\$900 value) from ASK Design Jewelers or a 24 x 36" original painting "Aspens Poverty Hill, Ellicottville" by artist Sean Huntington (\$950 value). "We're asking for a \$20 donation or a \$20 gift card that we could use for kiddos that come into care; we use gift cards a lot, so that would be helpful."



Foster Cattaraugus has been supporting local foster families since spring of 2024. "A few of us work in the child welfare realm, and we noticed that as the number of children went up in care, the funds coming in from the state did not increase, unfortunately," Clute said. "There were a lot of gaps that didn't allow children to have normative experiences... We like to make sure kids have everything they need for sports or to go to camp, or maybe they need bunk beds when they come in. That's a lot of drain on the funding that we have for foster care, so we try to supplement what the county can't pay for kids in care so that they have the most traditional, normative experience in foster care that they can have. It takes off the burden of some of that for the foster parent who maybe doesn't have that upfront to put out for a kiddo."

The adult prom is Foster Cattaraugus' biggest fundraiser of the year, and tickets are still available. Order soon, as last year's event sold out! Tickets for this 21 and older event are \$40 (single) or \$60 (couple) and include dinner and dessert. A cash bar is available, and dinner (salad and pasta bar) will be served at 8:00pm. It wouldn't be prom without a theme, so consider wearing a mask for this year's masquerade theme! Learn more on Foster Cattaraugus' Facebook page and purchase tickets online at <https://lu.ma/9lk98mu5>.

For those interested in becoming a foster parent, there is an informational meeting on Thursday, August 21st at 6:00pm at JCC Cattaraugus Campus in the Magnano Room. Questions? Contact Clute at Amanda.Clute@dfa.state.ny.us or call 716-338-3016.

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TASTE OF ELLICOTTVILLE

A Flavorful Twist with a Mission to Shine Gold for the Kids



By Brenda Perks

Dig out those loose-fitting shorts and look ahead to Ellicottville’s most delicious weekend of the year when the Taste of Ellicottville returns Saturday and Sunday, August 9th and 10th. The heart of the village will transform into a vibrant, open-air food festival, with restaurants setting up café-style along Washington and Monroe Streets to serve small bites and signature dishes that capture all of the flavors of Ellicottville.

From gourmet sliders and house-smoked BBQ to summer sides and sweet desserts, it’s the perfect opportunity to sample your way through the local food scene, one ticket at a time. Tasting tickets are \$1 each (with items ranging in price from \$1-\$5) and will be available for purchase throughout the event.

“We’re proud to bring back the Taste of Ellicottville, which really is a celebration of everything that makes this town special - our food, our people, and our sense of community,” said Barb Pump, Executive Director of the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, which produces the event. “This year, we’re turning up the impact by teaming up with Hope Rises and their Shine Gold for the Kids campaign. It’s not just about feeding people - it’s about lifting others up in the process.”



For 2025, the Taste is proud to support Hope Rises, a Western New York-based nonprofit known for amplifying stories of hope and raising awareness around critical issues. Their Shine Gold for the Kids campaign supports pediatric cancer patients and their families, providing direct aid, resources, and moments of joy during their battles.

“All of the registration fees from our hot dog competitions will go directly to Hope Rises,” Pump noted. “It’s a fun, lighthearted way to engage with the cause, but the impact is very real.”

Speaking of hot dogs, two new contests are spicing up Taste weekend. 1) The Hot Dog Topping Competition invites guests to dream up their ultimate dog. Submit your combo and you could win a spot on Balloons Restaurant’s menu. 2) The Hot Dog Eating Contest is not for the faint of stomach. Compete for bragging rights and the coveted title of Ellicottville’s Top Dog. All registration fees from both contests will be donated to Hope Rises.

“We’ve had so many people express their enthusiasm around these new contests already,” said Pump. “It’s a great way for folks to get involved, have fun, and make a difference at the same time.”

With live music throughout the village and tastings around every corner, the Taste of Ellicottville is more than a food festival - it’s a full sensory experience. The best part: No need to plan ahead! Just make your way into the village, grab your tasting tickets, and start exploring. Tickets are available at stations throughout the event and can be replenished at any time.

As Pump puts it, “Whether you’re here to taste, toast, or top a hot dog like a champ, we can’t wait to welcome you. Come hungry - and come ready to give back!”

Look for a full menu and map in next week’s issue of ellicottvilleNOW. Additional information about the Taste and other events produced by the Chamber can be found at ellicottvillenyc.com.

THE POWER OF A TOURNEY

Frank Pitillo Memorial Golf Tournament Hits the Green for Youth Sports



photo / Frank Pitillo Memorial Lighting Fund

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Whether you’ve played in the past or are new to the event, trust us - it’s a blast. But beyond the golf, it’s a powerful tradition that supports our kids, honors a legacy, and strengthens Ellicottville one swing at a time.

Proceeds will benefit the Ellicottville Little Eagles Football Team with much-needed uniform and safety equipment upgrades. PLUS, this year’s tournament will also assist in purchasing a new equipment shed for the local soccer team. And as always, monies raised will continue to support the Frank Pitillo Memorial Scholarship Fund, helping local students reach their potential.



“We’re proud to support youth sports and education through this tournament,” said Nick Pitillo, organizer of the event, “and we’re committed to expanding our impact next year with projects like the adaptive playground.”

The Frank Pitillo Memorial Fund was created in 2022 by Nick Pitillo to honor his late brother, Frank “Frankie the Clam” Pitillo - a standout Ellicottville athlete and entrepreneur. Frank was a football captain at Ellicottville Central School (ECS) and the nation’s top-ranked junior skier before his life was tragically cut short in a 1976 motorcycle accident. In his memory, the community raised funds, including hosting a spaghetti dinner with support from Buffalo Sabres and Bills players, to install the first stadium lights at ECS in 1977. This monumental effort enabled the community to enjoy its first night games and carry forward Frank’s legacy of leadership and community spirit.

Decades later, with the original lights failing, Nick revived the effort to upgrade the system. The Frank Pitillo Memorial Lighting Fund set out to raise \$200,000 for new, energy-efficient lights, commemorative plaques, and maintenance - a goal reached in 2023 through golf tournaments, raffles, and other community events. The Frank Pitillo Memorial Scholarship Program was established shortly after, which annually awards scholarships to ECS seniors who exemplify Frank’s qualities as scholar-athlete leaders and entrepreneurs.

“We’ve always believed that sports teach lessons that go far beyond the field,” said Nick Pitillo. “Confidence, resilience, teamwork - those are values Frank lived by, and we want to make sure today’s kids get to experience that same foundation.”

Keep the momentum going! NOW is the time to register your team, sponsor a tee sign, or donate a raffle basket for the upcoming golf tournament. Every dollar goes right back into the Ellicottville community. Let’s fill the field, light up the links, and keep Frank’s legacy alive through the laughter of kids, the roar of the crowd, and the generosity of this incredible town.

To register your team in the upcoming Frank Pitillo Memorial Golf Tournament at Holiday Valley, go to lightevl.com/registration. Businesses and individuals interested in sponsoring a hole can access opportunities at lightevl.com. (Many tiers are available and start at \$250.) Any raffle donations can be directed to Villaggio GM Andrea Austin at 716-699-2199 or email Andrea@villaggioevl.com. See you on the course!



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SADDLE POND PARTY AUGUST 9



The top of HoliMont comes alive for our annual Saddle Pond Party! Join us Saturday, August 9th for a family-friendly day packed with a fishing derby, tie-dye shirt workshop, Paddlesports, and fun for all ages. Explore the brand-new Disc Golf Course starting at Saddle Pond and enjoy the scenic mountain setting. Whether you’re casting a line or soaking in the views, it’s a great day to be at HoliMont.

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PHOTO REWIND

HillTAP at Holiday Valley Celebrates Outdoor Adventure

Last weekend's HillTAP Festival brought craft beer, live music, and mountain vibes to Holiday Valley, drawing crowds for an afternoon of tastings and tunes. With local breweries, food trucks, and plenty of fun activities on-site, it was the perfect way to toast summer in Ellicottville.



Fair Week in Cattaraugus County is Here!

The Cattaraugus County Fair is officially underway, bringing with it a week of rides, food, livestock shows, and grandstand events to the fairgrounds in Little Valley. The fun continues through this Saturday, August 2nd. Find the full schedule at cattarauguscofair.com.





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SHAPING WHAT’S NEXT

Cattaraugus Announces Third Meeting for Downtown Revitalization



CATTARAUGUS - The Village of Cattaraugus will hold its third Local Planning Committee (LPC) meeting for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) on Wednesday, August 6th from 5:30-7:30pm at the Cattaraugus-Little Valley School Cafeteria, 25 N Franklin St., Cattaraugus, NY 14719. The public is encouraged to attend.

The meeting will include a review of the DRI planning process, findings from the public survey and analysis of existing conditions, strategies for downtown revitalization, projects submitted for funding consideration, and criteria for evaluating and selecting projects. This is a working meeting of the LPC, but there will be an opportunity for public comment at the end of the meeting.

The public survey for the Cattaraugus DRI remains open until August 1, 2025. Members of the public are encouraged to complete the survey to provide feedback on community needs and opportunities as well as to share project ideas. The survey can be accessed online at www.CattaraugusDRI.com by clicking the link at the top of the page or in hard copy with drop boxes at Village Hall, the Bank of Cattaraugus, Pritchard’s Hardware, and Dollar General.

About the DRI Program: New York State’s Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) is a cornerstone of the State’s economic development program. The DRI transforms downtown neighborhoods and business districts into vibrant centers that offer a high quality of life and are magnets for redevelopment, business, job creation, and economic and housing diversity. The DRI is led by the Department of State, in close partnership with Empire State Development, NYS Homes and Community Renewal and New York State Energy Research and Development Authority.

The Village of Cattaraugus was nominated by the Western New York Regional Economic Development Council and selected by the State to receive a \$10 million award through the DRI program. The DRI investment will allow Cattaraugus to develop a Strategic Investment Plan and implement key catalytic projects that advance Cattaraugus’s vision for revitalization of the Village. Projects selected for DRI funding will transform the community and support a vibrant local economy. The DRI planning process is guided by a Local Planning Committee comprising diverse community stakeholders. For more information, visit www.CattaraugusDRI.com.

SUPPORTING LOCAL FUTURES

Nine Area Students Receive Healthcare Scholarships

OLEAN - Nine area students have received healthcare scholarships stewarded by the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation.

Adelaide Weber of Ellicottville and Megan Fisher, a current Jamestown Community College nursing student, received the Pat McGee Nursing Scholarship for \$700 each. The scholarship is given to traditional and non-traditional students from the 57th State Senate District, which includes much of Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, and Allegany counties, who are pursuing nursing degrees. Established through the Pat McGee Endowment Fund, the scholarship memorializes the 57th district’s late state senator.

Weber plans to study nursing at Jamestown Community College.

Lakya Maull of Olean received the Thomas and Robert Smythe Scholarship, a \$2,500 award. The Smythe Scholarship is available to Olean High School graduating seniors pursuing a nursing degree. Established as part of the Olean City School District Scholarship Fund through the estate of Phyllis G. Cridler Family Trust, the scholarship is named in memory of Mrs. Cridler’s sons, Thomas and Robert.

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SUMMER SHOWCASE

Tri-County Arts Council Presents Artisan Member Exhibit



OLEAN - The Tri-County Arts Council proudly announces its Artisan Member Summer Showcase, a celebration of creativity, craftsmanship, and community. The exhibition is on display at the Peg Bothner Gallery, located at 110 West State Street in Olean, and features a diverse range of works by our talented artisan members.

This special member showcase highlights the exceptional skill and artistry of local makers from across Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua Counties, representing a variety of mediums including pottery, stained glass, jewelry, woodwork, mixed media, and more. From functional art to fine craft, this exhibit offers something to inspire every art lover and collector.

“Our Artisan Member Summer Showcase is a way to give our artist members an opportunity to share their work in our gallery,” says Megan Davis, Executive Director of the Tri-County Arts Council. “It’s a celebration of the talented artisans who are the heartbeat of our arts community.”

The exhibit is free and open to the public during gallery hours and will run through August 31st. Visitors are invited to experience the work and support local creativity by purchasing unique handmade pieces.

Gallery hours and additional information can be found at www.tricounty-artsCouncil.org or by calling 716-372-7455.

BREAKING CYCLES

First National Bank Art Studios Showcases Works by Rose Brawn

OLEAN - On August 1st, Rose Brawn’s “Breaking Cycles” show will open at the First National Bank Art Studios and Lobby Gallery in Olean. An opening reception will be held from 5:00-7:00pm and will feature a live performance/demonstration by Rose Brawn starting at 6:00pm.

Brawn’s art is a combination of painting and sculpture which explores the human experience through color and form. “I use various tools to ‘paint’ or mark the paper, and then rip paintings to represent the wounds of life’s challenges. I glue the piece back together forming metallic scars of healing,” Brawn states.



Born with a birth defect that affected her health in numerous ways, Brawn took refuge in art and creativity where she could get lost in her imagination. “Breaking Cycles embodies ideas of tearing apart and healing back together - seeing the beauty inherent in yourself, despite the exhausting series of arduous events and demands that life presents. Brawn’s work leaps off the wall, inviting the viewer to get lost in her cosmic aesthetic composed of layered colors and textures.

Although originally from the deep south, Rose Brawn has been creating art in the Olean area for the past several years, participating in several group shows at the Tri-County Arts Council in Olean. Before coming to the Olean area, she received her BFA in Printmaking from SUNY New Paltz, and worked for the Al Loving Artist Estate for over 15 years. She gives credit to Al Loving for her love of abstract art, taking inspiration from his use of materials such as acrylics

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SUZY'S STAR READINGS

Each year, Sirius, the brightest star, situated in Orion's Belt, rises and aligns with the sun in Leo and the earth. The ancients were aware of this alignment, for this also lines up precisely with the Great Pyramids of Giza. This is referred to as The Lion's Gate Portal. It peaks on August 8th, when the numerology of 8-8 occurs. Being a year 9, this is a true closing of corrupted old archetypes and systems. Yay!

People of many cultures and belief systems honor and celebrate this bracket of time with manifestation rituals, praying for healing and guidance, and being open to receive any type of miracle energy.

This year however, because of all the outer planets changing signs, it takes on a much deeper role for humankind. It is anticipated we will have significantly more extra-terrestrial downloads, communications and divine wisdom, as well as upgrades and remembrances of other lifetimes and alternate realities. It is a time to allow the old world, outdated beliefs, close for good.

I always hold a transformational weekend retreat during the Lion's Gate portal energy. This year I am happy to share it is being held at the Boyd Family Ranch (lots of horses roaming around us there) in Otto and is limited to only 20 attendees to keep it intimate. How will the Lion's Gate impact you and how can you work with it for optimum benefit?

FIRE SIGNS

ARIES ♈ • LEO ♌ • SAGITTARIUS ♐

The fire is ablaze as the sun is in its rulership in Leo. For you, this is a time to finish eliminating any residue from the spring-time and letting outdated ideas die off, noticing what has arisen because of it. There is something that resulted which is inviting you to realign to your true self and shine in this new, cleaner sense of self, and inspire others to do the same! It's a fantastic energy for attending something that will inspire you, offer new perspectives on themes you enjoy, and know the universe is birthing things to answer what you've been asking for, so notice what this or these things are! Excellent for hot fun in the summertime, romance and celebrating life itself. This is an easy and powerful manifestation time for you - make it count!

AIR SIGNS

GEMINI ♊ • LIBRA ♎ • AQUARIUS ♒

Brilliant new ideas and even more to think about will be dancing around your head! Take advantage of these insights by documenting them! Speak them into your voice recorder, journal, write them down or draw what you see. It's a fantastic energy to write, speak, and connect with others, especially if you have just gone through a clearing out of people in your circles and want to find your tribe. They are looking for you, too. Look for groups to join or attend themed events that align to who you are and what you seek. Try listening to some cool new music, ancient tones, other languages (especially of the spirit), or study sacred geometry, expand your knowledge base, and connect with the stars! Don't be surprised when they talk back - via a feeling, an inner knowing, download of information, or synchronistic event!

WATER SIGNS

CANCER ♋ • PISCES ♉ • SCORPIO ♏

This busy time can feel overwhelming for water signs. What's perfect for you now is to relax—under a shady tree, in water, or a hot tub—and just be. New dreams, visions, and creative sparks are entering your energy field. Capture them through writing, music, poetry, painting, or crafting—bring them into the tangible world. This is a highly creative time, connected to memories of Lemuria, where you played in the water and communicated freely with dolphins and whales. If grief arises—for someone, a pet, or a part of your past—let the tears cleanse your heart. There's deep, subtle love and support surrounding you. Feel it. Trust it.

EARTH SIGNS

TAURUS ♉ • VIRGO ♍ • CAPRICORN ♎

You've had turbulence lately because something had to give. Maybe things—or people—had to boil over so you could see your next steps more clearly. Life is speeding up, which can shake earth signs. You can't control what happens, but you can control how it affects you. Stay grounded—you'll be glad you didn't react impulsively. And if you did, it's okay to cool down and reset. Change is constant; resisting it only makes things harder. You're not meant to stay stuck. Give yourself the grace to grow. Explore crystals, astrology, or ancient wisdom to expand your perspective.

Expect big synchronicities! Enjoy these few weeks in your own sacred way. Do something special for yourself. Celebrate your life and find lots of things to be grateful for. Depending on your own nature, celebrate in silence, alone, at a retreat, with family, with others, with your pet(s) or in nature in your own special way. Listen to your favorite music and let yourself drift off. It is in that drifting off energy that the messages and feelings come.

Also be sure to take excellent care of your physical, mental and emotional bodies. Keep hydrated, have loads of local honey, enjoy seasonal fruit and take in lots of incredible scenery! Let me know what kinds of amazing synchronicities and manifestations happen for you!

If you'd like your personal or business astrology done, I am available in person and online, or you can create your own chart for free on my website, www.Suzy-Woo.com. Enjoy, and celebrate!

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Upcoming Events to Mark On Your Calendar

JULY 26-AUGUST 2

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Make plans to attend the 2025 Cattaraugus County Fair with exciting rides, animal shows and lots of FREE live entertainment! Celebrating its 182nd year in 2025, this is a real down-home country Fair. Large enough to include exciting events like the Monster Truck Rally, but small enough that you don't feel overwhelmed. Each day offers something new and exciting, whether it's an animal competition, demolition derby, or concert. Affordable for the whole family, presale tickets are available. Follow their Facebook page to see updates.

AUGUST 8-16

@ DOWNTOWN OLEAN
716-372-4433 | oleanny.com



The Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to present Part II of the 2025 Southern Tier Restaurant Week Series, running Friday, August 8th through Saturday, August 16th - ending with the StrOlean Downtown Festival. Participating GOACC Member restaurants will feature a specialty item or exclusive menu, offering a chance to test new creations, showcase favorites, and welcome new (and returning) guests. GOACC will compile all participating menus into a handy guide to help you explore the week's specials.

AUGUST 9-10

@ DOWNTOWN ELLICOTTVILLE
716-699-5046 | ellicottvillenyc.com



The most delicious festival of the summer is the Taste of Ellicottville! Get a taste and find out why people keep coming back to Ellicottville year after year for a foodie experience like no other. The Taste of Ellicottville, presented by Sysco and produced by the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, takes to the streets for its 39th year of culinary enjoyment! Where else can you come to a village the size of Ellicottville and find over 20 local restaurants and eateries featuring some of their best dishes? "It's every foodie's favorite event!"

AUGUST 16

@ DOWNTOWN OLEAN
716-372-4433 | oleanny.com



StrOlean returns Saturday, August 16th, turning the 100 block of North Union Street into the region's biggest pedestrian-only festival with over 75 vendors, live music, food trucks, and fun for all ages. Enjoy bites from local restaurants, drinks from Try-It Beverage and Bee Spit Meadery at the Sol Epoxy Beverage Tent (wristbands required), and live sets by Generations and Those Guys. Kids can dive into a brand-new activity area with face painting, crafts, inflatables, and pony rides. It's a full day of food, fun, and entertainment.

AUGUST 16

@ CATTARAUGUS FIREMANS CLUB
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Get ready for a full day of fun as Cattaraugus hosts its annual Town Picnic and the 4th Annual Car Show, starting at 1:00pm. Hosted by Bradley's Auto Detailing, the show welcomes classic cars, muscle cars, rat rods, motorcycles, jeeps, and trucks - all for just a \$10 registration fee. All registered vehicles are entered to win a \$500 cash prize! Enjoy live music, food, beer, vendor markets, kids' games, a bounce house, and an impressive display of BIGG equipment and trucks. The evening wraps up with a dazzling fireworks show at dusk.

AUGUST 17

@ GRIFFIS SCULPTURE PARK
716-667-2808 | griffissculpturepark.org



Griffis Sculpture Park will host its Annual Summer Festival on Sunday, August 17 from 12:00-6:00pm - a day of music, art, nature, and exploration. Since 2013, the festival has become a staple of Western New York's summer scene. This year features a vendor village, kids' crafts, food stands, beer and wine service, and live music headlined by Smilo & the Ghost, a folk-bluegrass band from Erie, PA. Also performing are Olmsted Dub System, JGB Shibuki, Tsavo Highway, Ben Perello, and Patricia Griffis. Tickets are \$25; children 12 and under are free.

AUGUST 18

@ HOLIDAY VALLEY RESORT
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Welcome to the 6th annual Holiday Valley Ski Patrol Golf Fundraiser, scheduled for August 18 at 12:00pm, rain or shine. Participants can enjoy a fun scramble-format event with teams of four players competing in a variety of exciting contests, including the returning Putt Putt Drink Contest, an optional \$10,000 hole-in-one challenge, closest to the pin, closest to the fairway, longest drive, and shortest drive. There will also be door prizes, a 50/50 raffle. Additional sponsors willing to support contests or provide door prizes are welcome and greatly appreciated.

AUGUST 20

@ CHAUTAUQUA GOLF CLUB
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ERA Team VP Real Estate & Vacation Rentals is pleased to announce the 16th Annual Agents of Hope Golf Scramble, with all proceeds benefiting the ALS Association. The event attracts passionate golfers, community leaders, and those impacted by ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease), providing a powerful platform to raise awareness and generate vital funds for research, patient care, and advocacy. Since its inception in 2010, ERA Team VP and the community have raised over \$175,000 to support the fight against ALS. Register your team!

AUGUST 24-25

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The 5th Annual 716 Golf Classic (Coaches vs. Cancer) is set for scenic Bartlett Country Club in Olean, NY, to benefit cancer research through the American Cancer Society. This year's event will be hosted by Honorary Chair St. Bonaventure Men's Basketball Coach Mark Schmidt, and will feature a Sunday Night Social where the prestigious Jim & Kathy Satalin Inspiration Award & Bob Lanier Impact Awards are given out, followed by a day on the course Monday. Cocktail hour and keynote speakers round out a great event Monday evening.

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COMMUNITY

VISIT ST. JOHN’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH: Located at the historic four corners in the Village of Ellicottville, St. John’s hosts a visitor-friendly service every Saturday at 5:00pm. All are welcome!

EAST OTTO HISTORICAL GROUP: The East Otto Historical Museum, housed in the town’s oldest building (1833-34), will be open from 1:00-3:00pm (or longer if needed) every Sunday during the month of July, August, and September. Appointments for other days can be arranged by calling 716-257-0654. The museum is located next to the Fire Hall at 8982 Reed Hill Rd., East Otto. Items in the museum tell the story of people and businesses that once were part of East Otto. See baskets, milk pans and cheese boxes made in town. Look through books tracing births, marriages, and deaths. Other displays include a tandem bike, butter churn, apple press, pump organ, small farm tools, kitchen items, wooden voting booths, family scrapbooks and much more. Please come for a visit!

ELLICOTTVILLE HISTORY

Historical Society to Present Songs and Stories of the Erie Canal

ELLICOTTVILLE - The Ellicottville Historical Museum is open every Saturday and Sunday from 1:00-4:00pm. We have great volunteers who would like to show you around the museum! Stop in, say hi, and learn about Ellicottville’s history.

The next meeting of the Ellicottville Historical Society will take place on Wednesday, August 6th at 7:00pm. Our speaker for this month will be Don Dwyer who will present “Songs and Stories of the Erie Canal.” We have had Don perform in the past, and he is also very interesting and wonderful. If you have seen him before or if you haven’t, please come join us. The meeting will be held at the Ellicottville Memorial Library, 6499 Maples Rd. and is free of charge. There is a short business meeting that will take place prior to Don’s presentation.

On Saturday, August 16th, we will host a historical walking tour of Ellicottville. Those interested should meet at the Gazebo shortly before 1:00pm The walk will start at 1:00pm. We will be walking around and seeing the houses of the forefathers who helped make Ellicottville the town it is today. There are a few new houses added to the tour, which lasts about 1.3 hours. Cost is \$10 per person, which can be paid by cash or check the day of the tour. For more information, please contact Town Historian Ellen Frank at 716-474-8528.

BIG BOOST FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

Grants Up to \$35,000 Available Through Cattaraugus County

LITTLE VALLEY - Cattaraugus County Department of Economic Development, Planning and Tourism and the Cattaraugus County Economic Sustainability and Growth Corporation are excited to announce the launch of our recently awarded Microenterprise Assistance Program (MAP) awarded through a Community Development Block Grant from the New York State Office of Community Renewal.

This program provides grants of up to \$35,000 to eligible microenterprise businesses located in Cattaraugus County. A 10% equity contribution by the business is required. Funds from this grant can be used for fixed assets like machinery and equipment, furnishings and fixtures. Uses that enhance the long-term viability of the business such as the creation of a website or e-commerce system or purchase of a point-of-sale or CRM system are encouraged. Grant funds cannot be used for building improvements.

To qualify for the MAP grant, businesses must have five or fewer employees (including the owner) and be owned by a low-to-moderate income person or will have to, as the result of the grant, create at least one full-time equivalent job that is made available to low-to-moderate income persons. We encourage participation by start-up businesses and those that will fill a vacant storefront. All applicants should keep in mind that this is a reimbursement grant program for eligible expenses incurred after a fully approved MAP application and the completion of Entrepreneurship Training. A business plan is required to be submitted for both start-up and existing businesses. Cattaraugus County EDPT will be accepting applications from August 1, 2025 through October 31, 2025. For more information or to apply for the program visit <https://ccBizHelp.com/MAP-Grant> or contact Devon Winters at 716-938-2242

LLC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE: Code & Craftworks, LLC filed Articles of Organization in New York State on July 7, 2025. The LLC’s office is in Cattaraugus County. The Secretary of State has been named as agent for service of process against the LLC and shall mail such process to 11487 Brown Schoolhouse Road, Freedom, New York 14065. The LLC is formed to carry on any business for which an LLC may be formed in New York.

NOTICE OF FORMATION: Lyndaker Ventures, LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the NY Sec. of State (SSNY) on 7/9/2025. Office in Cattaraugus County. SSNY is the designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 11753 Eldredge Rd., Conewango Valley, NY 14726. Purpose of LLC: Any lawful purpose.

HEALTHCARE SCHOLARSHIPS

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Maull plans to attend Cleveland State University to study nursing.

Cory Holleran of Salamanca received the Bernadette E. “Bernie” Taylor Memorial Scholarship for \$700. The Taylor Scholarship is for a graduating student of any high school in Cattaraugus or Allegany counties, with first preference for a student who plans to major in education, particularly in math or science fields, nursing, or a healthcare field. Second preference is for a high school student graduating from any high school in Cattaraugus or Allegany counties who will be attending St. Bonaventure University and entering the ROTC program. Students graduating from Allegany-Limestone Central School also will be given preference.

Holleran plans to study biology at Allegheny College.

Ipshita Patra of Allegany-Limestone received the Mohammad & Sakeena Iqbal Health Care Award. Stephanie Kopec of Allegany-Limestone received the Drs. Ahmad and Naheed Hilal Health Care Scholarship, each \$700 awards. These scholarships are for graduating seniors of Allegany-Limestone Central School ranked in the top 25% of the class who intend to pursue a bachelor’s degree in a healthcare- or education-related field. Drs. Ahmad and Naheed Hilal established the Iqbal Healthcare Award in memory of Dr. Naheed Hilal’s parents as part of the Drs. Ahmad and Naheed Hilal Family Fund and added a second award from the fund in 2025.

Patra plans to study biological sciences at Cornell University. Kopec plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Wilmington to study biology on a pre-health track.

Patra and Manoah Miketish of Olean received the Sara Mollica Memorial Scholarship, a \$350 award. The Sara Mollica Memorial Scholarship provides two scholarships each year, one for Allegany-Limestone Central School and one for Olean High School, for students pursuing post-secondary education in a career/technical field or healthcare related field of study.

Miketish plans to study nursing at Jamestown Community College.

Mia Volpe of Randolph and Caitlyn Kellogg of Allegany-Limestone received the Kothari Family Fund Healthcare Scholarship for \$1,000 each. The Kothari Family Fund Healthcare Scholarship is given to graduating seniors, one from Allegany-Limestone Central School and one from any Cattaraugus or McKean (PA) County high school, pursuing a healthcare related field of study. Drs. Ashok and Yogini Kothari established the scholarship as part of the Kothari Family Endowed Fund.

Volpe plans to attend Hamilton College to study biology on a pre-med track. Kellogg plans to study public health at St. Bonaventure University.

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

BREAKING CYCLES

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on paper. She developed her own voice over time, creating her ripping technique and using 3-dimensional shapes to play with shadow and depth.

Despite personal challenges, Brawn’s work communicates a sense of optimism that life “can be punctuated with pure kindnesses, simple pleasures, and inspiring beauty.”

“If we can learn to integrate our lessons,” Brawn says, “then maybe we will be able to find a beautiful wholeness.”

Breaking Cycles by Rose Brawn will be available for viewing August 1-30, 2025 at the First National Bank Building, 101 N Union St., Olean, NY. To learn more about the artist, go to rosebrawn.com. For more on the First National Bank Studios and Lobby Gallery of artistic studios, go to fnbas.com. The studios are open to the public Tuesday, Saturday, and Sunday from 11:00am-4:00pm or by appointment. The program was created and funded by ChaShaMa with the generous support of Savarino Properties.

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la_klo: Ice cream at Twist n' Scoops #evlnow #ellicottvilleney #icecream #twistnscoops



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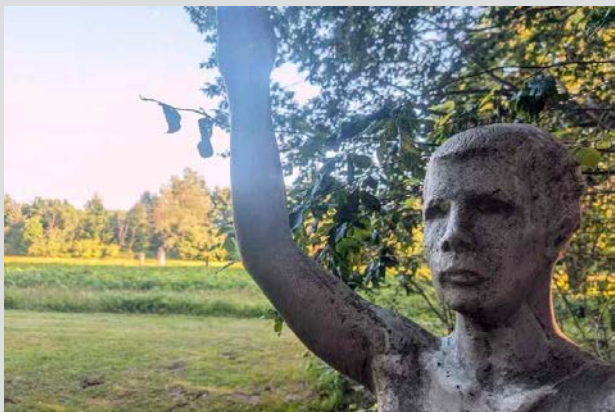
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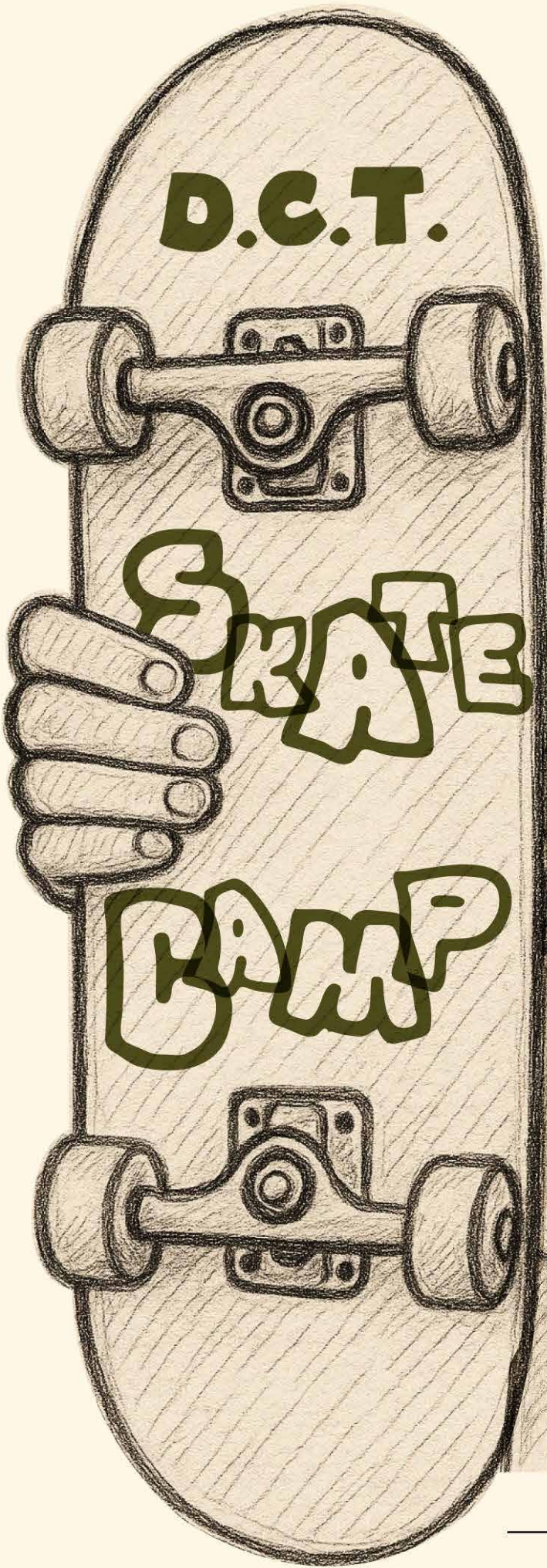
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