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Camp Timbercrest celebrates 55th anniversary, 5 years of Friends



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The Friends of Timbercrest marked the 5th year since the founding of the group with a celebration for the 55th anniversary of Camp Timbercrest Girl Scout Camp in Randolph at the foot of Bellinger Lodge.

A Spook-tacular State Park Ave.

By Deb Everts

Press Reporter

RANDOLPH — The Friends of Timbercrest celebrated their 5/55 anniversary last weekend, marking the opening of residence camping

marking the opening of residence camping at Camp Timbercrest 55 years ago and the 5th anniversary of the founding of the Friends.

The four-day event was well-attended by officials

well-attended by officials and staff members as well as former campers and staff from the early years of Timbercrest. There were opportunities for meeting up with old friends and networking, hiking, boating, archery, singing around a campfire, yoga and Forest Bathing
— a Japanese practice of relaxation by absorbing the forest atmosphere.

The Friends are planning for the future since they gather at camp each spring and fall to clear and maintain trails, chop and split wood, paint what needs to be painted and other projects that are mutually decided upon by the group and the Girl Scouts of Western New York.

Jennifer Schlick cofounded the Friends of Timbercrest with her daughter, Emily Garrick, in 2017. She said the group got its start when she wanted to make a special donation to the Girl Scouts.

"I wanted to do something that would shine a light on Camp Timbercrest because it was so important to me, so I made a special donation for a Lifetime Membership to a girl who was a graduating senior and who loved Camp Timbercrest," she said. "While I was talking to the development director, I mentioned my desire to have a Friends of Timbercrest group and we discussed what kind of projects we could do at the camp."

A HIGHLIGHT of

the celebration was the induction of Sally Patchen and her family to the Friends of Timbercrest Wall of Fame. Patchen, 90, was camp nurse from 1966-1972 and 1973-1983. The group honored the Patchens for their contributions to the good stewardship of Camp Timbercrest.

Growing up, Patchen was a member of various Girl Scout troops in several states as her family followed her military father around the country during World War II. As an adult, she became a

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Great Valley's short-term rental law heading to county before approval

By Kellen M. Quigley

Managing Editor

GREAT VALLEY — Before it's voted on by the Great Valley Town Board, a proposed local law to allow short-term rental business will first be looked over by the Cattaraugus County Planning Board.

The town continued listening to town residents and property owners' ideas and concerns over the proposed law for the third consecutive regular meeting Monday after more than two years of working it into shape.

After the county looks over the law Oct. 27, the town board is expected to approve the finalized law at its next regular meeting Nov. 14.

"I think after we close this public hearing tonight, we're going to be where we're going to be," said Town Supervisor Dan Brown. "The county doesn't have the ability to change anything in it. They're just going to look at it, review it and have it in their records."

Brown said several other towns in the county, most notably Ellicottville and Mansfield, are watching to see what Great Valley approves in order to base their own short-term rental laws on it so neighboring communities have some consistency — not only for the property operators but the renters as well.

Chris Schena, town planning board chair, said both boards met since the last regular town meeting and updated the local law with changes. Among the updates, including some that were changed Monday night, are:

• Expanding the maximum number of days a property

• Expanding the maximum number of days a property may be rented as a short-term rental was raised from 180 days to 200 days. The number had been raised previously from 120 initially.

• The property owner and/or a contact person for

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10th annual W.I.L.M.A. Expo this weekend



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Artisans and manufacturers from across Cattaraugus County will showcase and sell their products this weekend at the 10th annual W.I.L.M.A. Expo at the Cattaraugus County Fairgrounds.

By Deb Everts

Press Reporter

LITTLE VALLEY — With the holidays just around the corner, shoppers will have the opportunity to get a jumpstart on their gift purchases while supporting local artisans and manufacturers from all over Cattaraugus County at the 10th annual W.I.L.M.A. Expo this weekend.

Also known as Woolly Bear Weekend, the free, two-day event will be held rain or shine Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in both the corporate and domestic buildings on the county fairgrounds off Route 353.

Organized by the Cattaraugus County Department of Economic Development, Planning and Tourism, W.I.L.M.A. (We Invite Local Manufacturing & Artisans) gives county residents the opportunity to show their support

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years, making it a must-see for spooky season fans.



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Pay It Forward group kicks off this year's program

Mike Madison's front lawn is once again packed full of animated and motion-activated figures looking for ghoulish fun when

the sun sets. The State Park Avenue resident has steadily been adding to and expanding his annual Halloween display for

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Great Valley businessman turns former youth camp over to town

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Jerilyn Hickey, chief

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troop leader in Frewsburg. Patchen served as camp nurse at Camp Newatah on Chautauqua Lake from 1962-1963, and then at Camp Wood E Lo Hi in Cassadaga from 1964-1965. Her whole family joined her in a waterfront cabin at Newatah, and they lived in two platform tents at Wood E Lo Hi. With the opening

of brand new Camp Timbercrest in 1966, the family moved to the camp permanently. Lovingly known as "Patches" in her days at Timbercrest, Patchen became the full-time nurse and her husband, Art, became the camp ranger.

Over the years, their six children Mary Beth, Allan, Jean, John, Michael and William were all active in maintaining the camp and

Mary Beth and Allan are active members of the Friends, and they both continue to contribute to the upkeep of the camp whether it's cutting trees and clearing trails or splitting and stacking firewood. Patchen and her

working as counselors.

husband lived at the camp from 1966 until 1983 when they officially retired and moved to

Jamestown. They stayed active in the Chautauqua Area Girl Scout Council. Patchen was active in the original alumni group and has continued to enjoy the company of Girl Scout adult friends made through her many years of service.

AFTER THE Wall of Fame presentation, Karen Lundgard, chief outdoor and property officer, and

development officer, presented some ideas for future plans for Camp Timbercrest. Schlick said the council has been working through a master planning process for not only Camp Timbercrest but all their camps throughout the region. In partnership with the

Girl Scouts, the Friends of Timbercrest preserve, enhance and promote

with the town attorney, it

Camp Timbercrest, located at 11169 Moore Road in Randolph. The council also owns and operates Piperwood in Fairport, Seven Hills in Holland and Windy Meadows in Lockport. For more information,

visit online at friendsoftimbercrest.org.

(Contact press reporter Deb Everts at salpressdeb@gmail.com)

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managing the properties living within 25 miles was increased to 60 miles.

- Parking for all vehicles must be on site of the shortterm rental property. No cars are allowed to park on the town right of way -25feet out from the center of the road on either side.
- Annual fees for a rental unit license were adjusted as follows: One-bedroom or studio unit, \$100; twobedroom, \$200; threebedroom, \$300; four or more bedrooms, \$400.
- Penalties for violations were also slightly adjusted. Warnings and fines differ depending on the infraction with some resulting in

increased fines or loss of license depending on the infraction.

Some who already own short-term rentals expressed confusion over why the law had to be created at all. Brown explained that because they are not explicitly permitted in the town's zoning law, any short-term rental currently operating in the town is technically illegal. This new law would make them legal.

"Every town in New York state is looking at this right now," said Rich Rinko.

Others in attendance at the meetings said the town was overstepping its boundaries by making a

law that is too restrictive and not allowing business owners to operate their businesses — some even threatening legal action against the town. The board disagreed,

saying the laws will likely only affect the handful of trouble owners and properties. "The majority of those who own these short-term rentals, you're never going to hear from us," Brown added. Several rental owners

expressed concern with the initial 25-mile limit for having someone available to manage the property or address a situation if the owner was away. A couple of owners who live in Erie County said they could be

to the rentals in an hour if there was a problem, but 25 miles barely passes Springville. 'These situations are

going to be very rare, but we need somebody that we can call," Brown said. "It's your house. It's your business. I can't imagine not having somebody to call if you're three hours away or three states away."

Others expressed concern over the 200 days, noting that few businesses can successfully operate less than two-thirds of the year. Although it had initially been raised from 120 to 200, some in attendance wanted it raised again or taken out altogether.

"The last meeting we had

was his suggestion that we have it at 200," explained board member Sandra Goode. "We talked to a few people who rented in the Kill Buck area and their max was 200 days, so that's how we went with that. We have to put some number of days in there." Brown stressed that the

county planning board can only review and make suggestions on the law but cannot demand the town change, remove or add anything. Schena said the process requires a lot of eyes and a lot of input, and the county is one more group of eyes looking it over that may see something the town

spoke at the public hearings may have missed. "The half a dozen times

officials and residents who

we've got ideas back from the county, about half the time they're not bad ideas," Schena said. "Then the other half of the time, we say no, this is the way we want it, and they never reply back. They just accept

The updated law will be made available before the county board meeting on the town website at greatvalleyny.org. For more information, call the town at 945-4200.

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W.I.L.M.A. Expo, from A1

and to invest in their own community's businesses by shopping local.

Deborah Miller, spokesperson from the county's Department of Economic Development, Planning and Tourism, said over 40 vendors are registered with more applications expected.

There will be a Chinese auction on both days where people can win an assortment of vendor prizes. Free refreshments will be available including cider and doughnuts or coffee.

Shoppers should come early because the first 50 adults to arrive on Saturday will receive \$5 in W.I.L.M.A. Bucks to spend at the vendors' tables, and the first 25 adults on Sunday will as well. Miller said three W.I.L.M.A. Bucks drawings will be held on Saturday at 4 p.m. — one for \$75, another for \$50 and the final drawing for \$25.

On Saturday at 1 p.m., county legislators Norman Marsh and Howard VanRensselaer Sr. will read the bands on their own woolly bear caterpillars to make a winter weather prediction. According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, the woolly bear caterpillar, with its distinct segments of black and reddish-brown, has the reputation of being able to forecast the coming winter weather. Folklore says the wider the middle brown section is, the milder the coming winter will be. On the flip-side, a narrow brown band is said to predict a harsh winter. If an artisan or manufacturer can't participate in the

W.I.L.M.A. event but would like to be listed on the

Cattaraugus County business website, ccbizhelp.com, they should contact Christine Urf at (716) 938-2311 or cmurf@

Local manufacturers and artisans scheduled to attend include:

- Aunt Deb Stein's Hot Mustard, Deb Stein: hot mustard.
- Badger & Butterfly Earth Creations, Bonnie Bennett: face painting, gems, fossils. • Baskets Plus, Jill Phillips: handmade wooden baskets, face
- Bell, Book and Vinyl, Kaylee Fischer: bookmarks, tote bags,
- Bomb Party, Terri Wedge: Bomb Party-Surprise Reveal Jewelry.
- Char's Creations, Char Rohwer: primitive sewing, dips and • Creative Escapes by Jamie, Jamie Baldwin: wooden signs.
- Clares Country Creations, Erica Baker: candles, knitted
- items, tie blankets.
- Dee's Creations, Dee Tavano: wreaths for all seasons. Eden Valley Creamery: organic artisan cheese.
- Empty Nest Creations, Sandy Peterson: rice bags, burp cloths, tag blankets, etc.
- Fat Root LLC, Jeff Vandecar: horseradish, garlic, honey, maple syrup products.
- Friends of Memorial Library of Little Valley, Linda
- McCubbin/Julie Stacey: handmade jewelry, sun catchers, bookmarks, etc. • Fzl Designs, Raymond Jablonski: wood art.
- · Gail Wulf Crafts, Gail Wulf: crafts.
- Help Me Help Others, Priscilla Snider: fabric-crafted items.

- Helping Us Help Others, Diana Olson. • Herbal Expressions: Crystal Abers.
- Hoofbeat Designs Leather Company, Valerie Beudoin:
- leather goods (wallets, tote bags, dog collars, etc.). • Hot Off the Hooks Crochet, Erin Griffith: hats, scarves, etc.
- If Unique Is What You Seek, Toni Reid: no-sew fabric ornaments, pins, yo-yos, barrettes, etc. J&L Designs, Linda McCubbin/Julie Stacey: scrubbies,
- jewelry, hand crème, dish towels, etc. Jane's Crafty Creations, Jane McMillen: wide variety of
- Jean's Jams & Jellies, Jean Sheehy: jams, jellies, relishes, sauces, etc.
- Joyce Louser: towels, necklaces, baby blankets, etc.
- Mary Bishoff: dog coats, etc.
- Milk House Country Crafts, Noelle Lindner: floral wreaths, candles, chalkboards, etc.
- Papa's Products, Page Martin: scroll art, pens, bowls, toys. Peggy Reitz: stained glass.
- · Photo Art by Sophia, Sophia Wingard: photo art, soaps, jewelry, etc.
- Rose Garden, Rose Nuszkowski: stained glass ornaments.
- Rustic Originals, Jodi Scanlan: primitive and country décor.
- Slates by Joni, Joni Oliver: hand-painted slate.
- The She Garage, Maryann Peterson: shirts and tumblers. Tough Cookies, Ken Miller: assorted cookies and barn wood
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