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ECS BAND PERFORMS AT WESTMONT RIDGE GROUND BREAKING

On Saturday, October 9, ECS band students performed at the exciting historic ground breaking for HoliMont's WestMont Ridge Project. Many HoliMont members and their families joined local dignitaries at this new WestMont Ridge project.

The ECS band members helped to make this spectacular event even more special by honoring both United States and Canadian members with the playing of their respective National Anthems. The band also performed *You're a Grand Old Flag*, *The Magnificent Seven*, and ended the ceremony with *God Bless America*.

The band would like to thank HoliMont for their generous gift of individual lift tickets in addition to inviting them to be a part of this commemorative event.



Senior Citizen Dinner

The Student Council of Ellicottville Central School would like to invite all senior citizens to attend a dinner on Sunday, December 12 at 2 p.m. in the school cafeteria. There will be music and prizes as the students recognize and thank the senior citizens of our school district. Please call the school at 699-2316 no later than Monday, December 7 for reservations, if you would like to attend. We hope to see you there!

Parents...Please Stay Involved (Part 1)

by Mark J. Ward, Superintendent

No matter what age your children are there is one piece of advice that we would like to share with you...stay involved with your child's education. One of the best predictors for student success in school is the level of involvement that parents have with the school. In other words, the more involved you are as parents the greater chance your child has for success!

I believe today, more than ever before, education holds the key to your child's future success. Your child needs to know that you value education and support the hard work and effort that is needed. Obviously, the age of your child will impact some of this, but the key is "staying involved." Here are a few tips below that you might consider.

- **Talk to your child about their school day**...what went on or what did they learn. A simple conversation each day will help keep you involved and your child will know that it is important.

- **Stay connected** with the teachers whether it is by phone, e-mail or even an occasional note. Many teachers have web sites for their classes so take time to access the web site.

- **Attend events that your children are involved in**...it means a great deal to them and it demonstrates your love and support. Whether it is a concert, special event like National Honor Society Induction, athletic contest, musical or a range of other kinds of events that the school sponsors. **Students are proud to have you there and your presence means far more than you will ever know.**

- **Always check their homework** to make sure it is done. Make

sure that they know that you make it a "priority" before TV, computer games or time on the internet. It is not always easy but if you make it important it will be important.

- **Make sure your children do not miss a lot of school or are late on a regular basis.** I have often said to think of school as a job...being late or absent regularly is simply not an option. If you **make it important and hold your child to that standard** early on it will carry them through to graduation.

- **Monitoring their work in the middle school is critical**...do not assume that they are older and do not need you. The fact is they need you more during this period of time that can often be very difficult for many young people.

- **Young people do need to know you care** so stay involved with their lives, know their friends, keep track of where they are, giving in to all their demands will not always bring the results you may be looking for. If you are seeing major "changes in their behavior" this may indicate more severe problems

Raising children is not an easy task and there is likely no "magic formula" or book that will provide all the answers. When you look at a list like this you may wonder to yourself...wow! Simply said, the more time you invest now, the greater the chance your child has for success in the future.

We are here to work with you as "partners", to provide the support and educational opportunities necessary to ensure that your children will be the type of productive citizens our country needs. (Part 2 will be continued in December)

Project Christmas... "taking care of our neighbors!"



Project Christmas started back in the early 1960s and through the combined efforts of Ellicottville Central School employees and community members, it continues to provide an "extra touch" at Christmas time for many of our local families.

This "partnership" between the school and community will provide food, gifts, necessities and support to families and senior citizens who live in our community.

The program spends between \$5,000 to \$6,000 annually, and receives generous support from residents and seasonal visitors who take "gift tags" from one of the gift trees located throughout the community at M & T Bank, Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Five Star Bank, and Ellicottville Pharmacy.

Students in grades K-12 also get involved by bringing in non-perishable food items with juniors and seniors also involved with the delivery.

With the difficult economic troubles we are facing and many families struggling to get by, the need for help throughout our community is even greater. Project Christmas is once again accepting donations; if you are able to contribute, please consider making a donation. Your support will directly help those in need in our own community.

Checks can be made out to "Project Christmas" and mailed to:

Ellicottville Central School, ATTN: Diana Golley, School Nurse, 5873 Route 219, Ellicottville, New York 14731. If you have any questions regarding the program, please call Nurse Golley at 699-2318.

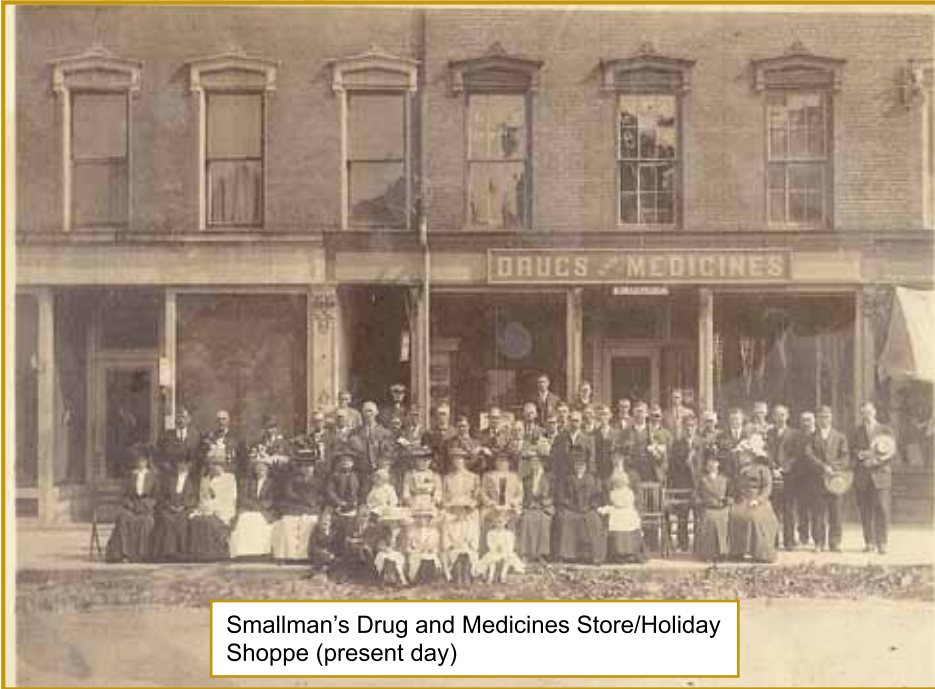
Your generous support in the past has helped to keep this program alive. Please help make the Christmas Season more special for members of our community. Thank you.

HOMECOMING 2010



A HISTORICAL JOURNEY THROUGH TIME...

*Materials submitted by
Catherine Lacy, Ellicottville
Historical Society*



Smallman's Drug and Medicines Store/Holiday Shoppe (present day)

The picture above was taken in 1912 and shows Dr. Smallman's Drugs and Medicines Store located at 13 Washington Street. This building was originally built in 1852 and was known as the building "in the middle of the brick block." The building was first a two-story building with the third floor added in the late 1890s. The original owner of the building was Elihu S. Stewart and was built as a drugstore... and so it was from 1852-2006!

While we will not take a lot of space to talk about it... it is a well known fact that this building has been called the

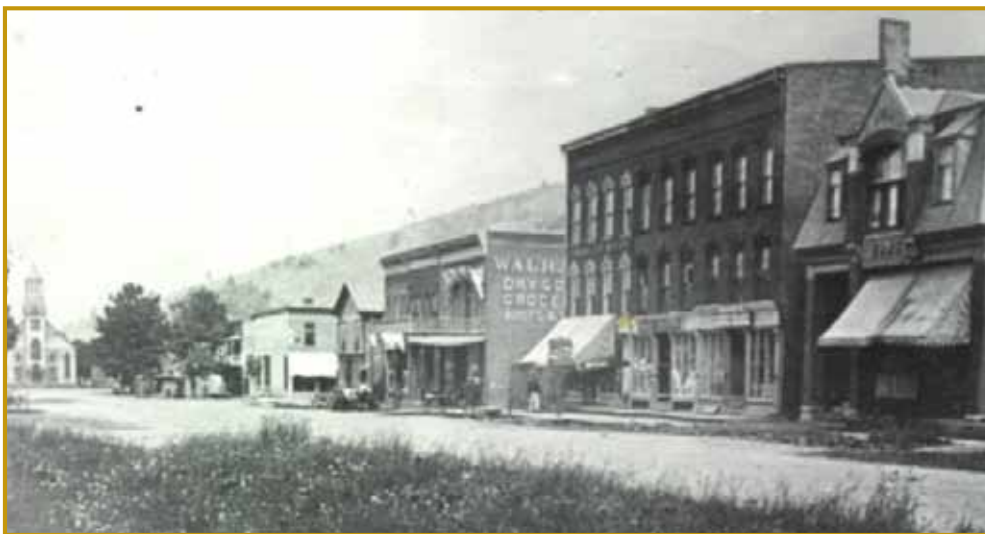
first "condominium" in New York State with floors originally owned by different owners creating a different type of ownership not known before.

In 1871, the building was leased by Seth and Truman Hinman. In 1876, Thomas Aldrich and Francis Hinman also leased the building. In 1883, Herman Drown purchased the building and then sold it in 1908 to Paul H. Drown. In 1908, Dr. Albert Smallman operated a medical office in the back with a drug store in the front until 1929. In 1929, Ward Winship took over the operation and in 1932, he was joined by Lewis Winship. Graham Smith leased the building beginning in 1941 and ran a pharmacy until 1969.

In 1969, Marge and Bill Little, pharmacists from Springville purchased the building. The "Little Pharmacy" was open for about two years – closing in 1971. From 1971-1979, Springville operated a drop off prescription service

to the Holiday Shoppe with one-day service. On December 26, 1979, Steve Ward joined with Little's and reopened the "Ellicottville Pharmacy." Mr. Ward purchased the building in 1980. In 1985, Woody Klein became a partner in the Ellicottville Pharmacy, with the pharmacy moving in 2006 to its new location on Route 219.

With the move of the pharmacy, the name Holiday Shoppe was maintained and the store was converted into a gift shop, operated by Bridget Ward, featuring assorted seasonal and unique gift ideas.



If you have pictures of businesses that once thrived in our community, please call the ECS Superintendent's Office at 716-699-2368. We will be glad to scan your pictures and we will try to use them in future newsletters as space permits.

This picture dates back to about 1900 and shows the south side of Washington Street. You will notice the sign on the Walrath Dry Goods, Groceries, and Boots building. You can still see the remnants of this sign on the wall of an apartment in the building that was later built next to this store. The large church at the far end of the street was the first Holy Name of Mary Church, which was destroyed by a fire on Easter Sunday, April 13, 1909. The present M & T Bank (built in 1878) is located in the right foreground.

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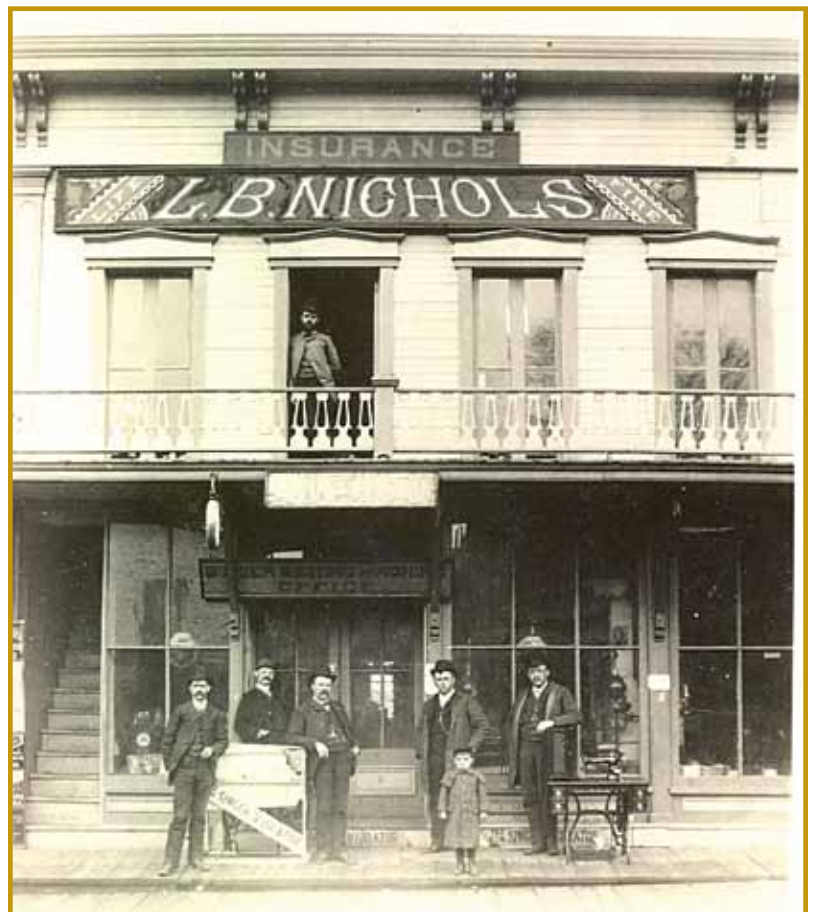
Preston Hotel/ later the site of Smiley's (building no longer standing)

This picture was taken on the southeast side of Washington Street over 100 years ago. Standing in the photo are Anna and R.P. Hinman. The building formerly housed the Preston Hotel and was owned by Mabel and Raleigh Simonds. In this photo, the building was known as the National Hotel as well as Frank Bille's Candy Store. The building was later occupied by Smiley (Wojciehowski) Tavern until it was destroyed by fire. In later years, a one-story cement block building housed Smiley's Restaurant and Bar known for "toasted subs" and pizza. The building was torn down when the stream was realigned near the Kwik Fill.

The building in the picture is located at 21 Washington Street and was taken in the 1880s. In the picture, you can see they are advertising fire and life insurance. The building was originally built in 1876 and was first known as a Drug Store run by Edwin S. King. Frank Harnes had a watch repair set up in the drug store's front window. It was told that Frank kept his customers watches spread out on the bench in front of him and when a customer was seen coming toward the store he would take out the man's watch and when asked if it was repaired he would say; "I was just working on it now!"

Harnes sold his Watch Repair Store to Charley Ward and Matthew Kiernan, who then sold Singer Sewing Machines in the same store. In 1892, it became known as the Walrath Brothers Dry Goods Boots Groceries. At some point, Walter Lawler became a partner and the store became known as Lawler-Walrath. From 1938 to 1962, Walter Lawler's Complete Family Store was an essential part of Ellicottville. Betty Hackett recalls going in there at a young age and enjoyed "twirling" on the stools. She remembered Olive Burlingame selling dresses in the front. Roger Mercer remembered that Mr. Lawyer delivered groceries house to house and would accept produce from farmers as pay for their purchases.

In 1955, it became an Appliance Store owned and operated by Art Glenn. From 1982-1988, Joseph Halloran operated an Agway Store there. From 1988-2000, the store housed the Fox Valley Florist. In 2000, Mike Timkey opened Mud, Sweat and Gears which is alive and well in a building that is over 134 years old!

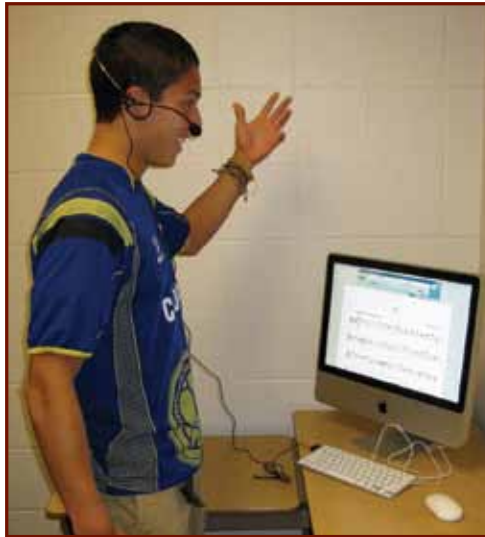


L.B. Nichols Insurance/Mud, Sweat and Gears (present day)





SmartMusic at ECS



New technology has been installed in the music department! We are just getting to try this out with our students. This software will be used for band and chorus members in 4th – 12th grade. SmartMusic is learning software, which makes practicing more fun, and it can track individual student progress.

SmartMusic makes practicing fun for many reasons! There are a lot of songs to choose from, they can learn how their part fits with the rest of the group, work on individual solos, listen to what they played and get instant feedback on it, practice at their own pace by controlling the tempo and key of music, record themselves and listen to it, and have an accompanist play along with them. Most of all, it will make practice more fun!

Check out <http://www.smartmusic.com> for more information on this! Also at this web site you can purchase SmartMusic for at home use at a discounted fee!



Excuses, Excuses, Excuses

No, the title of this article is not about people “making excuses”, rather it is about parents not writing excuses for their child’s absence! During the past school year we had a dramatic increase in the number of absences that occurred without a note explaining why. These type of excuses are then listed as unexcused absences and are reported in state-wide data reports.

We realize that everyone is busy but please work with us on this by sending in a written excuse the day following your child’s absence with a brief explanation of the reason why. We will be providing some “pre-made” notes (pink) that you can use if you forget. These notes will be available in both offices and we encourage you to take some home for future use.

Attending school on a regular basis is very important and we encourage you to make every effort to be here. However, we also understand that children get sick, have medical appointments and family circumstances occur that may impact attendance.

Thanks again for your cooperation and help in making sure notes are written for student absences.

ECS Ski Club 2010-2011

Forms are now available in the ECS High School Office and may be filled out and returned to the ECS High School Office with the full payment. All checks should be made out to Win-Sum Ski Corporation. Applications not turned in to ECS will not be available for ECS Club rates. Students applying for combo passes who are not in the lesson portion of the ski program must still go through the school in order to receive the ECS combo pass rate. All combo pass pictures must be paid for in advance with the receipt initialed by Mr. Robert Miller, MS/HS Principal. Registration for any of the plans must take place at ECS first. Please fill out the paperwork in advance. Mrs. Jackie Paddock in the high school office will handle processing of applications.

Plan I	\$63.00	Thursday night lift and lesson with a bonus day in March! (Student owned equipment)
Plan II (Ski)	\$106.00	8 weekly lessons and ski equipment rental package for Thursday Nights, with a bonus day in March!
Plan III (Snowboard)	\$119.00	8 weekly lessons and snowboard equipment rental package for Thursday Nights, with a bonus day in March!
Plan IV	\$200.00	Combo Pass (unlimited day and night skiing, includes 8 Thursday Night Lessons) (Student owned equipment)

(Unlimited rentals are available at an additional cost for skis and snowboards)

Registration forms are now available in the Elementary and High School offices.

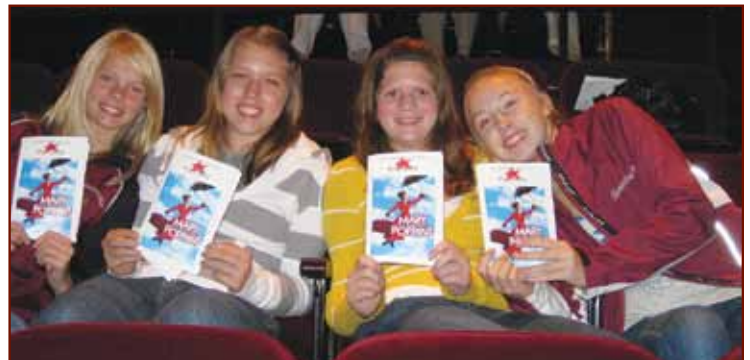
If there are any students interested in helping to organize a ski trip, contact Mr. Hall before November 15, 2010.

Mary Poppins at Shea's

On Thursday, October 14, ECS high school band and chorus students traveled to Shea's theatre to see *Mary Poppins*.

Mary Poppins is an award winning Disney Theatrical musical based on the similarly titled series of children's books and hit film. The musical features the film's music and lyrics by the Academy Award winning Sherman Brothers, along with additional music and lyrics by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe. The book was written by Julian Fellowes.

Shea's Performing Arts Center is located in Buffalo, New York, and is used primarily for Broadway musicals. Originally built as a movie theater in 1926, the Shea's Performing Arts Center has transformed quite a bit over the years.





Mrs. Brierton's Earth Science and Science Foundations class

Students from Mrs. Brierton's Earth Science and Science Foundations class attended a field trip to study the geology of New York State. The students dug for fossils at the Penn-Dixie Nature Center, researched the history of Niagara Falls at the Discovery Science Museum, and toured the Niagara Hydro Power Plant.



Class of 2014 Poinsettia Sale

Please help the Class of 2014 raise money by buying a poinsettia. What better way to decorate for the holidays than with poinsettias.

Please mail the following order form with money to:
Freshman Class Advisor
Ellicottville Central School
5873 Rt. 219
Ellicottville, NY 14731

Please place all orders by Monday, November 29th. Make checks payable to Ellicottville Central School – Class of 2014. We will do our best to honor your request for specific colors but it is up to the availability of the greenhouse when the order is placed.

Customer Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Poinsettias (Indicate Quantity):

Red : _____

White: _____

Pink: _____

Marble (red/white): _____



Cost of Poinsettias are \$12 each. Orders will be available to pick up at the high school on Friday, December 3rd after 12 pm. (If there is bad weather on the 3rd, flowers will be delivered to the school Tuesday, December 7th.)

2010 Citrus Sale ECS Student Council

SEEDLESS GRAPEFRUIT

PINK

Large: 4/5 Bu.Box 32-48 \$25.00

Small: 2/5 Bu.Box 16-24 \$18.00

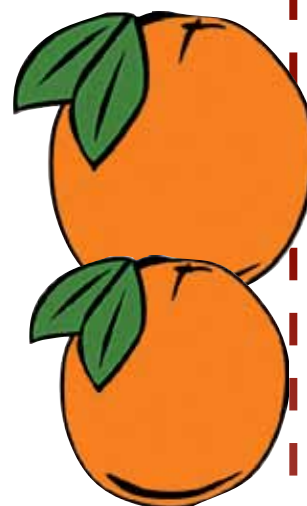
JUICY ORANGES

Navel

Hamlin

Large: 4/5 Bu.Box 80-125 \$25.00 \$25.00

Small: 2/5 Bu. Box 40-64 \$18.00 \$18.00



Mixed Box:

Small: 2/5 bushel 8-9 Pink grapefruit & 12-15 Navel Oranges: \$19.00

*Regardless of the number in the box, the weight in the box is approximately the same for all the sizes of fruit.

CONTACT ANY STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBER OR MAIL YOUR ORDER

TO: ELLICOTTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL- ATTN: STUDENT COUNCIL

DELIVERY APPROXIMATELY DECEMBER 16TH, 2010

Name: _____ Total of Order: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: (home) _____ (work) _____
(cell) _____

Circle any of the above fruit you wish to order.

Money must accompany order. Please make checks available to Ellicottville Central School

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2010

Middle School Students of the Month

The teachers choose students who go above and beyond and exemplify the character trait for each month. These four students have been selected in the area of FAIRNESS.

Hannah Doro is on the Girls Varsity Soccer Team. Even with that added pressure and responsibility, Hannah is always helping her classmates while maintaining her own high academic standard.

Shelby Swalcy is a friendly student who always smiles, is cordial to both adults and students, and treats others with respect and admiration. Oftentimes, you will see Shelby leaning over to help a fellow student.

Jaelee Macomb is seventh-grader, who not only expects the best from herself, but she also consistently helps her fellow classmates to understand new material and concepts. She is always looking out for her classmates to ensure all are treated equally.

Alex Fisher is a seventh-grader with a very strong work ethic. Alex strives to not only earn high grades, but also to master new material. He also helps others and is willing to go above and beyond.

**Great
Job!**



NYSSMA Area All-State Musicians



The following students were selected to participate in this year's NYSSMA Area All-State Festivals: Ashley Charlesworth – JH Band; Alessia Filutze, Hunter Steffenhagen, Tanner Gregory, and Liam O'Rourke – JH Chorus; and Joshua Bower for Senior High Area All-State Chorus. The Junior High All-State takes place at Frontier High School on November 5th & 6th and the Senior High All-State is held at SUNY @ Fredonia on November 19th & 20th. Selection is based on the students' scores from their NYSSMA Solo Festival in the Spring. Congratulations to these fine musicians!

National Public Lands Day at Allegany State Park Saturday, September 25, 2010



In the tradition of the Civilian Conservation Corps, Federal, State and Local Agencies participated in an annual day of care and service for our public lands.

The ECS Ecology Club attended the "Team Up for Allegany" event to help with their efforts to encourage volunteers to help clear trails, plant trees, clean and restore structures and many other activities.

The students from ECS this year worked on restructuring portions of the Bear Caves trail to help limit erosion and fragmentation of the trail due to overuse. The goal is to have the trail area have a more natural look and limit the amount of habitat for wildlife that is being disturbed. Time spent helping with these activities will also count toward the students community service requirement for graduation.

Many thanks to the students who participated from ECS. The volunteers were Carolyn Wellman, Elizabeth Wellman, Kristen Hall and Grace Hall.

Quiz Bowl

The Ellicottville Central Quiz Bowl Team won the Meeting of the Minds competition at Jamestown Community College Olean! The team put forth a strong performance with their overall total of 191 points. It was also a proud day for the great minds of ECS!



ECS Quiz Bowl Team Members shown left to right are: Shannon Wilson, Rachel Welch, James Snider, Chris Snyder, Thomas Lamphier, Josh Bordini, Patrick Snyder, and Caitlin Toth.

YEARBOOK NEWS

- You need to prepay for a yearbook to ensure you get one. The books are \$50 and you need to put down at least \$10 to reserve one. You may turn the money in to Mrs. Bauer. If you don't reserve a book, you'll only be able to get one if there are any left after all reserved ones have been claimed or a week after the books come in. Prepayment must be received by May 31.
- You may purchase old yearbooks while supplies last. 2010 books are \$30. Books from previous years are \$10 apiece, while supplies last.
- We are still taking business ads for the yearbook. If you own a local business and would like to advertise in the yearbook, please contact Mrs. Bauer. You can submit your own ad or the yearbook staff can design one for you.
- There will be one fundraiser this year for grades 6-12. We will be selling Easter candy. Each item sold will take \$1 off the cost of the yearbook. If 30 items are sold, the student earns a free yearbook.



Will these pictures be in the yearbook? June will be here before you know it and then you'll get to see for yourself.

Navy Seal visits with French Students



On Thursday, October 21, French students had a classroom visit with Navy Seal Lieutenant Ian. Lieutenant Ian spoke with students about the importance that his French studies played in his military career. As a Navy Seal, Lieutenant Ian has seen duty in Germany, Iraq and several of the 14 African countries where French is the official language. Ian has a working knowledge of several languages, French being his most proficient.

Students learned about the work of Seals and saw pictures and movies from the lieutenant's duty in several foreign countries. Students also saw many items essential to a Seal, and many souvenirs from Ian's tour in Africa. Some students tried wearing a turban Ian brought, and a dress outfit made from goat hair was also displayed. Ian's visit was a great lesson on the importance of foreign language study for all students. Lieutenant Ian is a nephew of Mme. Whistler. Merci, Ian.



Washington in the Spring

Once again, the eighth grade is planning a weekend trip to Washington D.C. in May of 2011. We need the community support to help us achieve this goal. Theme baskets will be displayed starting the week of November 29 through December 21. The drawing will be the night of the High School Christmas concert. Anyone wishing to donate a basket please contact Dave McCann. Theme baskets will be displayed in the High School display cases and on the ECS website. Tickets will be sold at the High School office or through a parent in eighth grade. We will also be at most events held during December at both the Elementary and Middle/High School. The cost of each ticket will be \$1.00 and that allows you to choose which basket you would like to take a chance on.

The eighth grade class thanks you for your support and appreciates all your help.



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E - Embracing Change
C - Celebrating Success
S - Surpassing Expectations

For the second consecutive season the Lady Eagles Varsity Soccer Team clinched the CCAA Div. IV title. The squad went undefeated and unscored upon in league play. The most exciting league victory was on October 8 at North Collins. The game was tied 0-0 at the end of regulation. In overtime, the ECS Lady Eagles kept up the pressure in front of the NC goal and scored the winning goal with just minutes remaining in the game.

Come on out to support our team! Our seniors are Sara Cranmer, Kate Crowley, Kyla Piscitelli, Alissa Spaulding, Samantha Woodin, Ryanne Tomblin, and Alexis Vail. Juniors are Katie Andera, Falcia Elom, Ashley Golley, Kaysie Raecher, Kaitlyn Riethmiller, Shannon Scott, Paige Wyatt and Courtney Wilson. Our lone sophomore is Rachel McMahon-Eagan. Freshwomen are Elizabeth Wendel and Sarah Wojtowicz. Rounding



out the squad is eighth grader Hannah Doro. Our managers are Madison Harris and Alissa Gregory.

The girls' soccer website for section 6 (and section 5) is nys-girlssoccer.com. Team schedules, rosters, stats, and directions to game sites can be viewed on our website.

1st ANNUAL PTO CRAFT SHOW

Please come to the 1st Annual PTO Craft Show on Saturday, December 4. It is being held from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Elementary Gym. There will be Amish made furniture, candies, baked goods, Christmas ornaments, household decorations, quilted items, stained glass items, wood work pieces, homemade soups and more! Please come support local crafters and purchase some nice Christmas presents!

