

April 1

Community Focus on the Opening of Trout Season

15 minutes

We talked to Diane Swarthout of Swarthout Bait and Tackle about the first day of fishing.....Catherine Creek on opening day.....it's a tradition for fishermen in this area. We discussed the new favorite types of bait and other kinds of fishing....in local rivers, lakes and of course Eldridge Park. We talked about their plans for this years Take a Kid Fishing Day and also about fishing licenses.....when you need them, where to get them and the prices.

April 8

Community Focus with Dave Siskin On Local Jewish Food Festival

15 minutes

Local celebrity Dave Siskin talked to us about the upcoming yearly Jewish Food Festival held at Congregation Kol Ami. The first big community festival of the year, it is a bit of ethnic combined with ethnic Klezmer music by a world renowned band and a bit of history and culture as the grounds, volunteers and interiors are set up and decorated to resemble the Eastside of New York City circa 1920. Dave led us through an amazing menu and described the history and ingredients that make up the foods that would be available. He also talked about the upcoming summer exhibit of Jewish history that will be featured at the Chemung County Historical Museum.

April 15

Community Focus on Local Employment Training, Seminars and Classes available

15 minutes

We talked to the director of CCC Workforce a division of Corning Community College that trains workers for employment in many careers that are in demand in this area. In view of the recent closure of Elmira Business Institute CCC Workforce Division wants you to know that there is training there in a number of popular careers..... some can be completed in a matter of weeks, some in a few months. Covering administrative positions and clinical positions in healthcare, machinist trades, auto and building positions, exercise training, outdoors and beauty. He suggested that anyone interested in a new career or starting out in the workforce check the listing they offer on their website.....classes available 12 months a year and he reminded us that scholarships and tuition assistance is available.

April 22

Community Focus on Spring Planting

15 minutes

We talked with Dan at Bradley Farms about the right time to plant seeds and what are the best plants for this area. He gave us a lot of good "farmer wisdom" involving the temperature of the soil (if you can't lay naked in a furrow without getting uncomfortably cold....it's too early), etc. We also asked him as a farmer if he felt this year was abnormal in temperature and he informed us that every year is different, you have to be flexible. Fantastic and practical advice you can use.

April 29

Community Focus on Habitat For Humanity

15 minutes

We talked to the director of the local Habitat about the two upcoming builds coming up in Elmira. There is a Women Build on the 5th on the Southside. This years build is very exciting because the ladies will be joined by a celebrity tv building show host AND also a family that is going to all 50 states volunteering to help communities, this week they are helping ours. There is also a newly purchased Habitat house on Scio Street that will have workers as well in a cleanout effort. Local ladies will be joined in these 2 efforts by about 25 ladies from across the US that are coming for the event. Silvie also told our listeners how to apply to become a Habitat Homeowner.

May 6

Community Focus on the Big Flats Women's Club

15 minutes

It was our pleasure to talk to the president of the Big Flats Women's Club on the mission of their organization, the great work they do – in particular with the local Big Flats library and the scholarships they offer to local youth. We discussed their upcoming big fundraiser, a “yard” sale at the Dairy Barn. She also discussed their membership and told us that it was open to anyone, residency in Big Flats is not a requirement. They are a very special group of very hard working ladies.

May 13

Community Focus on the Twin Tiers Honor Flight

15 minutes

We spoke with Lisa Bartlett about this very special organization that takes military veterans on a plane to visit the various war memorials and museums in Washington DC. This is done free of charge to the veterans and at a nominal cost to each of their escorts. The Chemung County group isn't as active as the Broome County group, however Chemung County is catching up, and as a matter of fact they just returned from a trip and Lisa told us all about it and invited us to take part in their upcoming fundraiser/luncheon.

May 20

Community Focus on Harris Hill Soaring Club Juniors

15 minutes

We spoke with Tracy Hamilton a 14 year old from the Horseheads School District we explained the Juniors program up on Harris Hill. They volunteer around the gliderport and also receive soaring lessons. The age to solo in a glider is 14 and she had recently made her first solo flight and received her license. She told us about soaring and why she loved it and also about the club that is looking for more juniors for the program. Also she mentioned the Harris Hill Soaring Club's glider rides open to the public for a fee.

May 27

Community Focus with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Museum

15 minutes

On the eve of the big Memorial Day festivities and parade that runs right past the museum we spoke to president Denny Wolfe about his military career, how he feels the Vietnam Vets were treated and what great services the Museum at 1600 Davis Street offers veterans from all the services, no matter the years they served. A great reminder that Memorial Day is about more than picnics.

June 3

Community Focus on Music for the Summer

15 minutes

We spoke with Ray Ross about the role of music in the summertime, from the development and importance of rock and roll through the 50's and 60's until today as we have learned to equate music and summer fun. We discussed the many opportunities for summer concerts in the park at local greenspaces in the communities. It becomes a place to go not only for entertainment, but also to meet up with neighbors and friends you haven't seen in awhile. And it wouldn't be summer in this community without the local bands that make all this possible, such as the Sgro Brothers and Joe Cavallaro's Dixieland Jazz Band.

June 10

Community Focus with the Big Flats Department of Youth Services

15 minutes

We spoke with the director and 2 volunteers about the TAFFY program for kids. It's a great summer activity for the younger kids and is at various parks around the town. They discussed all the activities, the price and availability to kids in and outside of Big Flats. They also told us about the teen program, the many things available to seniors this summer as well as throughout the year and the youth employment program. If you're looking for activities during summer vacation this is a great alternative.

June 17

Community Focus with Eldridge Park

15 minutes

We spoke with the director of Eldridge Park and he told us of all the events going on this year, the hours, space rentals, what's new in the park, and the upcoming Eldridge Park July 4th Festival. We talked about Eldridge Park history, entertainment that will be available weekly and also the program they have to employ youth in the area. We were also able to speak to the president of the Eldridge Park Preservation Society about future plans.

June 24

Community Focus with Chemung County Library District

15 minutes

We spoke to the Children's Library Director about the upcoming summer reading program and the importance of enrolling the kids and having them read to avoid the "summer slide" and the importance of reading to their future. We talked about how to enroll, the many great weekly fun events at each of the local library branches as well as the main branch. She also told us there is an adult reading club as well. A little reminder that there is musical entertainment at the downtown library under the viaduct in July and August on Tuesday nights. Also there are a number of summer "camps" in the Maker Space in the library....and don't forget the library now has for loan UKELELES!!