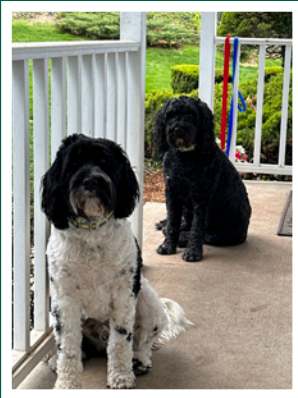


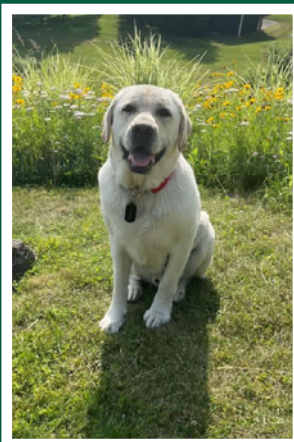
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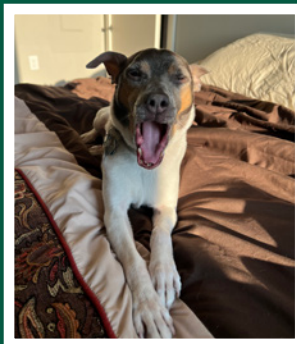
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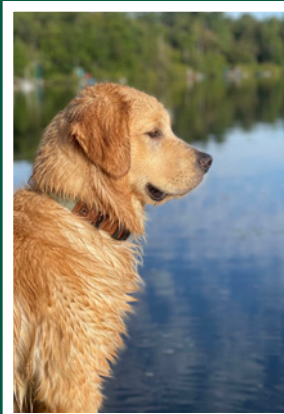
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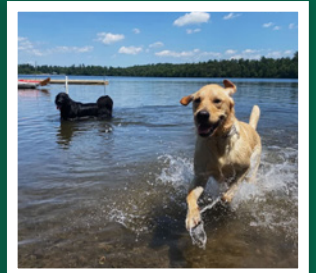
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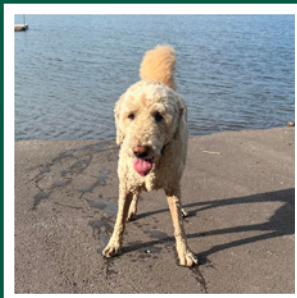
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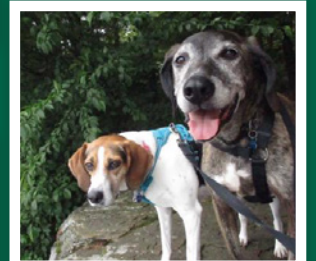
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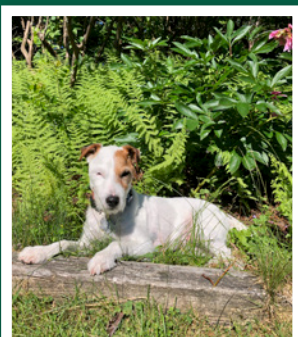
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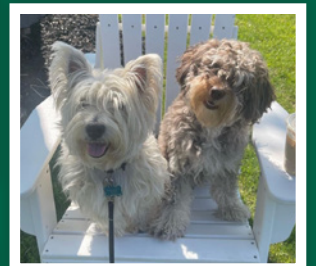
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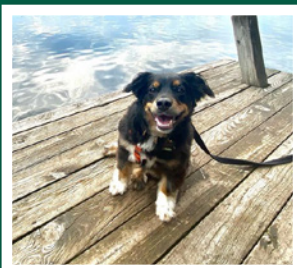
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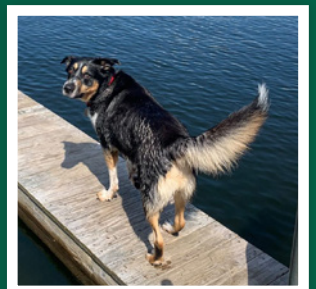
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LETTER FROM *the President*



Dear Friends,

Here we are, already fully into the 2023 season! What a difference The Hideaway has made! Amid the chaos of preparing the house, we couldn't often pick our heads up to see what was happening around us. However, on one of the rainy days (one!) I was in The Hideaway and walked downstairs in search of scotch tape. I wandered

through a game of ping pong, around an energetic game of fooseball, skirted a group of laughing girls, glanced to my right to see a group of kids waving from whatever they were doing in the pocket room, and another group gathered on the couches chatting. Finally I landed in the Arts & Crafts Alcove, in search of said tape, and was stopped in my tracks, tears springing to my eyes. All three tables were filled with kids of all ages and staff helping at each, bent over their projects - just intent on creating. The tape forgotten, my journey downstairs illustrated why The Hideaway is such a gift. All the hard work of those involved in making this space a reality for the EMMA and the community was HERE in front of me. I'm not sure any of us can recall when we had this much going on in one spot at one time. I returned to the main floor without the tape but with a full heart, just so incredibly grateful for the opportunity we have been given to try this on for size for the next couple of years.

We've already had outreach from other community organizations for use of the Hideaway, and we are thrilled that they too see the value of this space.

We hope you've stopped by The Hideaway by now, and we hope your children and grandchildren (and you!) are having the BEST SUMMER EVER so far. That's what the EMMA is here for, so let us know what we can do better. MC and the fantastic athletics team, Fernando Barros, our tennis pro and the Tennis Center staff, and the T-shirt shop staff are all working hard to make this a great summer for all, as are the EMMA board, who are all volunteers. I'll continue my theme of asking for and giving one another grace this summer as we create a new path for the EMMA and the community.

Warmly,

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Behind the Megaphone



I continue to be amazed at just how special Eagles Mere is. Throughout the school year, when asked what I do over the summer, I am always stumped at how to respond. Sometimes, I say "It's like a camp, but not really" and other times I relate it to the movie "Dirty Dancing" without the hotel attached. But those are not truly accurate representations of this magical place. I have spent every summer of my life with Eagles Mere in it. The people, the organizations, and this place have shaped me into becoming who I am today and I know that many other people up here feel the same. This is where I learned to be independent by riding my bike to the beach alone when I was 9. Where I learned how to problem-solve when I flipped my canoe and wasn't sure what to do to get back to the beach. Where I learned how to let go and have fun without being attached to technology because there was actually no service unless you were at the flagpole at the beach. I was able to learn all of these things with the support of the entire community because I knew that if I was ever truly stuck or lost, anyone up here would help me to find my way again. I am truly excited that I have been able to spend these past 6 summers as Athletic Director watching this evolution occur for our young people of Eagles Mere and I know that it will continue with many future generations to come. I dare you all in these next two weeks to try to find the various impacts Eagles Mere has had on your life because when you stop to truly think about it, the possibilities are endless.

- MC

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EAGLES MERE WORLD CUP 2023

By Mike Hilbert • Former EMEA Athletic Director and Current EM World Cup Organizer



I am thrilled to announce the completion of the selection process for the 16th Annual Eagles Mere World Cup. So, dust off your sneakers, put on your game faces, and start training! In case you need a refresher, Romania claimed the title at the last World Cup, securing an enthralling victory over El Salvador. This win earns Romania a spot in the Champions Cup, an elite tournament held every 11 years that brings together previous winners. Romania will join Canada, Sri Lanka, and Iceland in the 2028 tournament.

If you're not yet acquainted with the Eagles Mere World Cup, it's a remarkable two-day Pele Ball tournament. We assign participants to teams, each representing a different country. For the duration of the tournament, every participant enjoys "special envoy" status, granted by the diplomatic office of their team's country in Washington, D.C. Representing these esteemed nations is a great honor, and we expect all participants to show the utmost pride and sportsmanship on and off the pitch.

We divide the ten selected countries into two divisions. On Friday, July 21, round-robin play within each division will determine the seeding for the playoffs. We will conduct the single-



elimination playoffs on Saturday, July 22, leading up to the championship game at 2:00 pm.

Without further ado, let me introduce the countries participating in the 2023 Eagles Mere World Cup:

THE LONG DIVISION:

Germany, United States, Netherlands, Denmark, Brazil

THE DICARLO DIVISION:

South Africa, Belgium, Saudi Arabia, Japan, Dominica

While most of the countries might be familiar to you from previous World Cups, we have one new contender this year. Please welcome the Dominica national football team, affectionately known as the "Nature Island Boys." Although

Dominica is not a global soccer powerhouse, the team brings unrivaled passion to the pitch, reflecting the resilient spirit of their verdant Caribbean island nation of about 72,000 inhabitants. The team's symbol, the Sisserou parrot, Dominica's national bird, embodies their spirited, colorful approach to the game. This vibrant creature, native to the lush rainforests of their island, encapsulates the unique flavor they'll bring to the Eagles Mere World Cup.

The Eagles Mere World Cup is open to all Eagles aged seven and up. Participants must be available to play on both days. We also offer the Little Eagle World Cup for participants aged six and under, featuring a quick game of Pele Ball on Saturday, July 22, at 11:00 am.

If you're interested in participating in the EM World Cup, please register online by Wednesday, July 19. We'll release more details about the registration process soon.



Stay updated with the latest Eagles Mere World Cup news by joining our Facebook Group, "Eagles Mere World Cup," and follow the Eagles Mere Athletic Association Facebook Page. We look forward to an exciting event and can't wait to see you on the pitch!

FOURTH OF JULY RECAP

Thank you Brian Walheim for leading the organization, the Conservancy for donating the Village Green Property for the community celebration, Mary Ann Stanton for her speech and reading of the Declaration of Independence, and MC as well as all of the athletic staff for overseeing and aiding the day's events. Happy Fourth!



A MESSAGE FROM *Lakeside Lady*

Hello my loyal lakeside loungers!

As I write this, I am blissfully enjoying the young generation of eagles running around the beach as summer comes into full swing. I am also wondering if anyone has spotted me writing my most recent masterpiece (surely not) or if anyone is any closer to revealing my identity (definitely not).

I have checked out the Hideaway over these past few weeks and it is indeed a wonderful place to shop for new EMAA gear (and of course a great place to overhear the most interesting of beach gossip). I remember a few years back that Pickleball was beginning to pop up. Much to my shock, it has not only stayed popular, but it seems to have grown - you can even find Pickleball at the Pendletons now!

Watching the first few weeks of summer unfold, I have noticed that many of the EMAA employees hail from Hart Run. I am sure that must be the busiest household of the summer this year! It is a joy to see Jack, Kevin, Ellie, and Quinn doing their part to keep the mountain running smoothly.

Speaking of EMAA employees, we have a new face on the mountain this season! I do not consider myself a tennis "pro" per se, but I do believe I should have amateur status. Because of my already expert skills, I have not graced the Crestmont with my presence or met our wonderful new pro yet. I do hear that lessons are going rather smoothly and recommend all of you who are not blessed with my talent to indeed sign up!

A bit more on mountaintop sports - I did have a front row seat at Mountain Madness over the 4th of July weekend - what a fabulous tradition and a great start to our summertime competitions. Much more of this to see during the Regatta and World Cup!

I have also noticed many lovely pop-up shops in our quaint General Store and I highly advise everyone go take a turn around the town for some sweet treats. If you wish to buy me a gift you can leave it at the Hideaway! I did spot some new technology near the clock too - I simply detest asking, but can someone explain to me exactly how one operates a QR code?

I recently had the distinct privilege and honor to ride around the lake on our magnificent Hardly Able, which took its name much too seriously over the past few summers. Many thanks to all those who worked tirelessly to remind our beloved boat that it is more than able to traverse the lake.

In these early days of summer I have also taken note of many furry friends accompanying you all on your daily walks around the lake! Such a lovely sight to see (I must remind you - do not forget to pick up)!

I do have a Zoom call scheduled with Mother Nature in the coming days. I am hoping she graces our little town with sunny days and bright skies in the later weeks of the summer. I'm sure she'll be charmed by my request and all will be well.

Indeed, this summer is off to a spectacular start, no doubt due to my presence back in town. I cannot wait to see how the next few weeks play out!

Kiss kiss,

Lakeside Lady

EMAA ACTIVITIES *Reminder*

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AXIS OF EAGLES MERE

Catching Up with Maggie Farrell!

A new issue-ly segment where we get to hear from EMAA staff members of summers past about how they are spreading their wings in the real world after countless days of EMAA experiences like reenacting Scottish Stone Throw tales, Hamburg Show lip-syncs, and refereeing World Cup.

What message do you have for the Eagles Mere community? (Say hi)

Hi Eagles Mere! All I wanted to do from the ages of 7-17 was be an Athletic Assistant. Fortunately, I got to do just that for my summers during college. For those of you who don't know me, I have now become a weekend warrior who will take any chance to get to the Town that Time Forgot, in- or off-season. Seventy years ago, my grandfather's best friend brought him to Eagles Mere. Fifty-four years ago, my grandparents brought their kids to Eagles Mere for the first time, the rest is history, and we have been grass people ever since.



What is your favorite Eagles Mere memory?

Eagles Mere is my happy place and holds many of my favorite memories - making it incredibly difficult to choose just one. However, one that comes to mind is Thanksgiving 2017. My parents were in the midst of renovating the house we now live in and they took my siblings (Sarah, Katie, and Mark) and I over to the house to watch the sunset. The six of us stood on the porch, watching what would soon become a permanent fixture of our daily life in Eagles Mere, just simply taking it all in. The beauty of Eagles Mere is that there are always moments of peace to find that allows us, for a moment, to forget the chaos of the outside world.

Is there anyone (aside from family) that you keep in touch with the most from Eagles Mere?

Eagles Mere has provided me with life-long friends, some who have seamlessly become family (cough Pendleton Family cough), and tremendous mentors. Lauren Walheim and I were on the staff together from 2012-2014 and I keep in touch with her the most, but if you were to hit the town in DC from 2018-2020 you would have seen Danny Johnson and I in our glory days, as he would call it. As for mentors, who I am so fortunate to also call friends, Amy Shapiro and Martha Brass are two incredible women who have helped me through countless twists and turns of my careers thus far.

What was one of the biggest lessons you learned that you use in your everyday job?

During my time on the EMAA Staff, I learned the importance of being a supportive team member. It's always imperative to remember that championing the successes of those around you is just as important as celebrating your own! I know that working with a number of different staff throughout my summers taught me the importance of collaboration. I head to my job with that mindset every single day.

What have you been up to since working for the EMAA?

What a timely question, being that I just started a new job at Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School as the Director of Communications

& Marketing. Cristo Rey Philadelphia is in a network of 39 schools throughout the country providing a private, Catholic education to young people of limited means. What sets their education apart is the Corporate Work-Study program. One day a week, during the school year, students report to their assigned job site to work in businesses throughout the Philadelphia Area. Job placements range from big corporations, to small financial firms, to nonprofits like First Tee, where I first learned about the magic of Cristo Rey.

Since 2017, I spent the last six years of my career working for First Tee, both in Washington, DC and Philadelphia. First Tee is a sports-based youth development organization using the game of golf to impact young people. I moved to DC a few years after graduating from college and spent three incredible years overseeing the programming in the District and social media, among other things. I lived with my sister, Sarah, and spent a ton of time with both Danny & Peter Johnson, Margaret Nealon and Lauren Gilliss. It's always so much fun to have friends from Eagles Mere in places you don't know a soul... In early 2020, I accepted a job with First Tee in Philadelphia and swiftly moved to Eagles Mere in mid-March. During my time at First Tee in Philly, I oversaw fundraising events, development, and social media! Aside from bringing me home, with that move, I shaved 1.5 hours off my commute to Eagles Mere.

Over the last few years, I've spent a tremendous amount of time (some forced, most not) with my family and have traveled quite a bit! I also had the pleasure and thrill of attending every Phillies postseason home game during last year's World Series run!

What was your proudest moment in your Eagles Mere?

I hope this makes people chuckle... I was about 10, it was Sports Week, and fellow former EMAA Staff Member Caroline Long came up to our spot on the grass and said, "I need kids on my boat for the Sailing Race, and you're coming." What I have failed to mention to this point, is that I was terrified of sailing. I could go on any other boat, but the likelihood of flipping

on a sailboat was much higher, so I avoided them at all costs and, therefore, never learned to sail. Caroline had convinced a few other people to go so I finally caved, for fear of missing out. No sooner do we get to the starting line, is there a clap of thunder. Immediately, Caroline screams, "Jump off and get in the water, I have to turtle the boat." I didn't even have a chance to think about what I was doing, I just jumped. After that experience, I had fully conquered my fear, and I spent every second I could, learning how to sail that summer. There were a few mishaps, including a ton of flipped boats (some I couldn't flip back over) and one incident where I sailed right into the middle section of the swimming area, but I've loved it ever since.

What is your favorite Eagles Mere activity?

Strawberry Ball, always.





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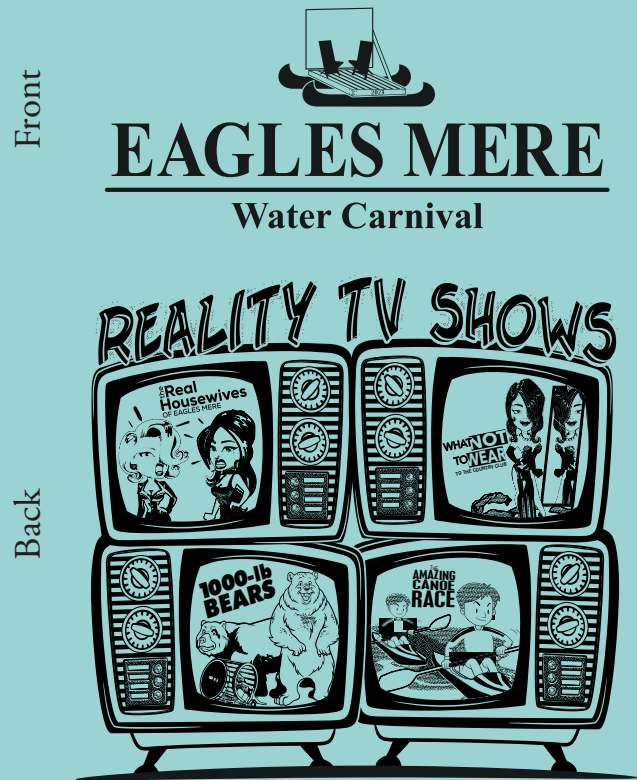
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Rainy Days

While we would love it if every day was sunny and warm, we anticipate the unpredictability of Mother Nature. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we wish to inform you that all events are subject to change due to weather. If this is the case, the EMAA is able to change the day's schedule to whatever fits the atmosphere of the mountain. Most likely, rainy days will include activities from 10:00 - 12:00 and from 1:30 to 4:00 at the Hideaway which will be posted on the Facebook page, NextDoor and Instagram accounts. We cannot afford damage to the fields or kids. If the weather is unpleasant prior to the 10 AM game, please check these sites by 9:45 am.

If the 10 AM activity is canceled, assume the rest of the day will be as well, unless announcements saying otherwise are made on Facebook, Nextdoor and Instagram. This information will be provided at the beach desk whiteboard, Next Door, Facebook, Instagram and our EMAA Hotline 570-525-8686. The beach desk, though intelligent and familiar with our operations, is not responsible for answering EMAA questions correctly, or at all. In the event that rainy day activities are occurring at the Hideaway, children under the age of 9 must be supervised by a trusted adult. Also, events are subject to change depending on levels of sportsmanship, involvement, or the overall crowd of the mountain. We reserve the rights to ensure the best possible experiences.

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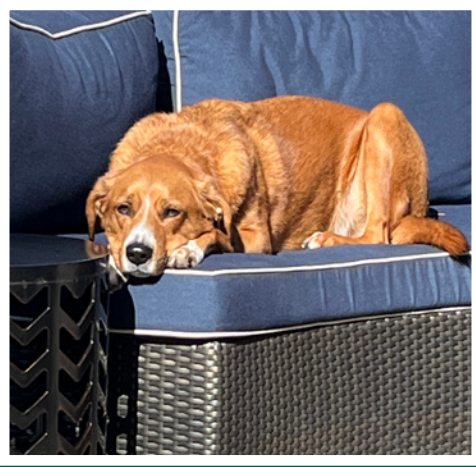
Pickleball and Tennis

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QUICK FACTS:

- 1975 Eagles Mere Friends of the Arts founded
- Mission: Presenting professional music programs and other cultural events of high quality to the community of Eagles Mere and the surrounding area
- 1982 David A. DeWire Center built, providing a permanent home
- First Season : 2 Concerts by The Philadelphia Trio and The Philadelphia Chamber Singers
- 2023 Season: 14 Concerts, including 9 on Village Green, the East Coast Premiere of a play, 3-Day Dance Program, 13 Art, Music and Drama Classes, and 9 Weekly Brain/Food Potluck Dinners with Lectures and Film/Book Discussions

The arts have long been part of an Eagles Mere summer. During Eagles Mere’s Chautauqua era, which started in 1896 and lasted less than a decade, lectures and fine arts activities were held in the Park. In later years chamber music and films were a staple at many of Eagles Mere’s resort hotels. From 1945-69 Eagles Mere was home to a small summer stock theater founded by Northwestern University theatre professor Alvina Krause, who brought performers, such as Joanne Woodward, to Eagles Mere. But after World War II, one by one, the hotels began to close, as did the theatre, ending an era of regular entertainment in Eagles Mere.

In 1974 two enterprising community members, Priscilla Ryan and Debby Reeder, stepped in to fill the void by organizing a concert of The Philadelphia Trio at the Presbyterian Church. The concert was well received and prompted a group of volunteers to establish Eagles Mere Friends of the Arts in 1975.

FINDING A PERMANENT HOME AT THE DAVID A DEWIRE CENTER



In the early years most events were held in the Federated Church, but many others were held where ever there was space, including lawns of private cottages, the Village Green and the Community Hall. Rain was a constant threat. When it became clear that a permanent home was needed, Friends

of the Arts joined forces with the Fire Company and the Eagles Mere Athletic Association to raise over \$300,000 to construct a building on the site of the old Allegheny Hotel at 891 LaPorte Avenue. The building was completed in 1982 and two years later it was named in honor of David A. DeWire, an admired community leader, whose efforts were critical in making the project possible.

EAGLES MERE’S ARTS PROGRAMMING HAS EVOLVED OVER THE YEARS

Our first season featured just two groups – The Philadelphia Trio and The Philadelphia Chamber Singers. Revenue from memberships, gifts, and admissions was encouraging and an expanded schedule was planned for the 1976 season. The classical music program was expanded to include songs of the Orpheus Club of Philadelphia and a Neil Simon play, “The Star Spangled Girl,” the first play seen in Eagles Mere in ten years. Over the years EMFA’s program has evolved in response to community interests to become the robust summer community arts center it is today.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



The Friends of the Arts is best known for its concerts, which have grown in number and musical styles in recent years. For many years our season starts with a performance by The Repaz Band on July 4. This year we have a full schedule of concerts on the Village Green and our mainstage in a variety of musical styles including: classic and indie rock, folk, classical, a bit of the blues, big band, and jazz. In the last few years the community have enjoyed our free family-friendly concerts on Eagles Mere’s Village Green. Main stage performances are at the David A. DeWire Center. In 2013 EMFA started hosting concerts in private homes and this year , after several years hiatus, we are hosting a members only house concert featuring SPARX, a flute and harp duo.

A TRADITION OF SPECIAL EVENTS

Some years ago the nationally known political comedy troupe, The Capital Steps, performed at the DeWire Center. Last year kids and adults were delighted with an ariel arts performance. This year we are mounting two special events that draw on the wealth of talented people in the community. The playwright James Christy Jr.'s play , The Forever Question, will come alive on July 29 th , under the direction of Eagles Mere's summer resident and accomplished director Harriet Power. And Sullivan County resident and NYU School of the Arts Professor James Sutton is featured in what might be Eagles Mere's first ever dance program. Over 3 days in August dancers from the New York Ballet Theatre and Philadelphia Dance Theatre will be in residence for a unique program of lecture/ demonstrations/ performances.

Actors Sophia Barrett and Jake Blouch



of our size has been able to mount professional music, art and theatre programs.

EMFA could not exist without the generosity and loyalty of the entire community. We rely on our members , grant funding and donors like you keep our ticket prices as low as possible and support our free programs such as Brain/Food and our Village Green Concerts.

We hope you will consider doing your part to assure the future of the arts in our community by becoming a member or making a donation on line at www.emfoa.org. Memberships start at \$100 and include tickets and the right to buy additional tickets at a 20% discount.

The Friends of the Arts depends on community volunteers and we need your help. Please contact us if you are interested in working one of our committees, which are composed of board and community members or joining the board.

For our 50th anniversary in 2025 we plan to do a comprehensive history of the Friends of the Arts. Until then this brief summary will give you an overview. We apologize in advance for any inaccuracies or unintended omissions. Too many people have played important roles to name everyone who made a valuable contribution in this short piece. We invite you to send comments and corrections to us on our website.

See www.emfoa.org to learn all you need to know about our programs and classes, become a member and register for a class. Questions? emfainfo@gmail.com

BRAIN/FOOD: A WEEKLY COMMUNITY GATHERING TO SHARE FOOD AND IDEAS

Sometime around 2001 a group of volunteers created Brain/Food to bring together like-minded community members for a potluck dinner and intellectual stimulation in the form of lectures, film and book discussions. And over twenty years later Brain/ Food continues to thrive. Every Thursday night in July and August you will see community members carrying their covered dishes into the DeWire Center to spend an evening sharing dinner and ideas with their neighbors at Brain/Food.

ENDLESS ARTS IN EAGLES MERE: A CONTEMPORARY CHAUTAUQUA EXPERIENCE

Endless Arts, was founded in 2017 by a group of 5 summer residents who wanted more hands on art making, is now a committee of the Friends of the Arts. After hosting 3 Endless Arts Weekends, it now focuses on providing summer art classes. Our 2023 program offers 13 art, music and drama classes for all ages, interests and skill levels. Check us out!

LOOKING AHEAD TO OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Since its founding almost 50 years ago, the Friends of the Arts has been bringing the community together to enjoy music and cultural events. It is somewhat remarkable that a community



THE SCHEDULE Of Events

All events are subject to be changed due to the weather.

Monday, July 17th

9:00 Beginner Clinic (Tennis Center)
9:30 - 12:30 Stitching Class (DeWire Center)
with Sally Kahler
10:00 Tennis Drills (Tennis Center)
10:00 Pele Ball (Field of Dreams)
11:00 Tennis Games and Fun (Tennis Center)
11:15 Little Eagle Games (Beach Green)
11:15 Greek Dodgeball (Field of Dreams)
1:30 Four Square (Basketball Court)
1:30 Water Games (Deep End)
2:30 Volleyball (Volleyball Court)
3:30 Strawberry Ball (Field of Dreams)
Dusk: Movie Night (Hideaway)

Tuesday, July 18th

9:00 Junior Clinic for Ages 5-10 (Tennis Center)
10:00 Capture the Flag (Field of Dreams)
10:00 Tennis Drills (Tennis Center)
10:00 Nature Art (Conservancy Cabin)
10:00 - 4:00 Botanical Printed Scarves (DeWire Center)
with Sara Setzer
11:15 Junior Clinic for Ages 11+ (Tennis Center)
11:15 Little Eagle Hike (Beach Desk)
11:15 Bocce Ball (Field of Dreams)
12:00 Junior Golf Clinic (EMCC)
1:30 Basketball (Basketball Court)
1:30 Innertube Water Polo (Middle Section)
2:30 Nature Art with the Conservancy (Beach Green)
3:30 Ultimate Frisbee (Field of Dreams)
4:00 Mixed Doubles Round Robin Play (Tennis Center)
8-10 Teen Center (Hideaway)

Wednesday, July 19th

9:00 Junior Clinic for Ages 5-10 (Tennis Center)
9:30 - 12:30 Stitching Class (DeWire Center)
with Sally Kahler
10:00 Arts and Crafts - Flower Arranging (Hideaway)
10:00 Trails and Tales (Conservancy Cabin)
10:00 Tennis Drills (Tennis Center)
11:15 Junior Clinic for Ages 11+ (Tennis Center)
11:15 Advanced Sunfish Clinic (Boat Dock)
Sign-Ups Required
11:15 Little Eagle Water Games (Shallow End)
1:30 Musical Chairs (Beach Green)
2:30 Sunfish Race (Beach Boat Dock)
3:30 Dr. Dodgeball (Field of Dreams)
6:30 Open Mic Night at Eagles Mere (Village Green)
7:00 Scavenger Hunt for ages 10+ (Hideaway)

Thursday, July 20th

9:00 Junior Clinic for Ages 5-10 (Tennis Center)
10:00 Hilbert Ball (Field of Dreams)
10:00 Tennis Drills (Tennis Center)
10:00 Junior S.T.E.A.M. Activity (Conservancy Cabin)
(Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Math)
10:00 - 2:00 Needle Felted Paintings (DeWire Center)
with Sara Setzer
11:15 Junior Clinic for Ages 11+ (Tennis Center)
11:15 Little Eagle Games (Beach Green)
11:15 Four Square (Basketball Court)

1:30 Strawberry Ball (Field of Dreams)
1:30 Sidewalk Chalk (Beach Desk)
2:30 Pele Ball for the Semi-Pro (Field of Dreams)
3:30 Pele Ball for the Pros (Field of Dreams)
8-10 Teen Center (Hideaway)

Friday, July 21st WORLD CUP

9:00 Junior Clinic for Ages 5-10 (Tennis Center)
9:30 Registration/Team Assignments (Field of Dreams)
10:00 Tennis Drills (Tennis Center)
10:00 S.T.E.A.M. Activity (Beach)
(Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Math)
10:30 Opening Ceremonies (Field of Dreams)
11:00 Tennis Games and Fun (Tennis Center)
11:00 Beginner Clinic (Tennis Center)
Next Gen Lawn Games (Country Club)

Saturday, July 22nd World Cup

10:00 Game 1 Start (Field of Dreams)
10:00 Tennis Drills (Tennis Center)
11:00 Tennis Games and Fun (Tennis Center)
2:30 Sailing Race (Edgemere Boat Dock)
After Tournament, World Cup Awards Ceremony
4:00 - 6:00 Next Gen Pickleball Round Robins
(Members & Guests) (Country Club)
8:00 Ronstadt Revue Featuring Gesenia (DeWire Center)

Sunday, July 23rd

4:00 POP Tennis (Tennis Center)

Monday, July 24th

10:00 Pele Ball (Field of Dreams)
10:00 Tennis Drills (Tennis Center)
10:00 - 3:00 Watercolor Painting (DeWire Center)
with Linda Berry
11:00 Tennis Games and Fun (Tennis Center)
11:15 Little Eagle Games (Beach Green)
11:15 Hilbert Ball (Field of Dreams)
1:30 Arts & Crafts (Hideaway)
1:30 Water Games (Deep End)
2:30 Mystery Event (Beach Desk)
3:30 Strawberry Ball (Field of Dreams)
7:30-9:00 Pre-Teen Night (Hideaway)

Tuesday, July 25th

9:00 Junior Clinic for Ages 5-10 (Tennis Center)
10:00 Greek Dodgeball (Field of Dreams)
10:00 - 3:00 Watercolor Painting (DeWire Center)
with Linda Berry
10:00 Tennis Drills (Tennis Center)
11:15 Junior Clinic for Ages 11+ (Tennis Center)
11:15 Little Eagle Water Games (Shallow End)
11:15 Street Hockey (Basketball Court)
12:00 Junior Golf Clinic (EMCC)
1:30 Musical Chairs (Beach Green)
2:30 Nature Arts with the Conservancy (Beach Green)
3:30 Capture the Flag (Field of Dreams)
4:00 Mixed Doubles Round Robin Play (Tennis Center)
8-10 Teen Center (Hideaway)

Wednesday, July 26th:

9:00 Junior Clinic for Ages 5-10 (Tennis Center)
10:00 Team Handball (Field of Dreams)

10:00 - 3:00 iPhonography (DeWire Center)
with Julie Stauffer

10:00 Trails and Tales (Conservancy Cabin)
10:00 Tennis Drills (Tennis Center)
11:15 Junior Clinic for Ages 11+ (Tennis Center)
11:15 Advanced Sunfish Clinic (Boat Dock)
Sign Ups Required
11:15 Little Eagle Hike (Beach Desk)
1:30 Volleyball (Volleyball Court)
1:30 Innertube Water Polo (Middle Section)
2:30 Sunfish Race (Edgemere Boat Dock)
3:30 Ultimate Frisbee (Field of Dreams)
6:30 Mike Miz (Village Green)
7:30 Lifeguard Hunt ages 12 and under (Beach Desk)

Thursday, July 27th

9:00 Junior Clinic for Ages 5-10 (Tennis Center)
10:00 Hilbert Ball (Field of Dreams)
10:00 Junior S.T.E.A.M. Activity (Conservancy Cabin)
(Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)
10:00 Tennis Drills (Tennis Center)
10:00 - 3:00 iPhonography (DeWire Center)
with Julie Stauffer
11:15 Junior Clinic for Ages 11+ (Tennis Center)
11:15 Little Eagle Games (Beach Green)
11:15 Basketball (Basketball Court)
1:30 Pickleball (Hideaway)
1:30 Sidewalk Chalk (Beach Desk)
2:30 Dr Dodgeball (Field of Dreams)
3:30 Strawberry Ball (Field of Dreams)
8-10 Teen Center (Hideaway)

Friday, July 28th

9:00 Junior Clinic for Ages 5-10 (Tennis Center)
10:00 Capture the Flag (Field of Dreams)
10:00 - 3:00 iPhonography (DeWire Center)
with Julie Stauffer
10:00 Tennis Drills (Tennis Center)
11:00 Tennis Games and Fun (Tennis Center)
10:00 S.T.E.A.M. Activity (Beach)
(Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)
11:15 Little Eagle Pele Ball (Beach Green)
11:15 Greek Dodgeball (Field of Dreams)
1:30 Four Square (Basketball Court)
1:30 SPUD (Field of Dreams)
2:30 Pele Ball for the Semi-Pro (Field of Dreams)
3:30 Pele Ball for the Pros (Field of Dreams)
6:00 Friendraiser (The Dell)

Saturday, July 29th REGATTA

9:30 Captain and Crew Meeting (Beach)
10:00 Tennis Drills (Tennis Center)
10:00 - 2:30 Ride the Rails (Conservancy Cabin)
11:00 Tennis Games and Fun (Tennis Center)
4:00 - 6:00 Next Gen Pickleball Round Robins
(Members & Guests) (Country Club)
8:00 The Forever Question (DeWire Center)

Sunday, July 30th

4:00 POP Tennis (Tennis Center)