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Adk. Trail makers

By Mark Frost
Chronicle Editor

Steve and Sylvia Ovitt are as northern New York as it gets. He grew up in a dairy farm family in Argyle. Sylvia (Liebig) grew up in Granville where her father farmed too. They met at a 4th of July party that went on for days at an Argyle farm.

Steve retired after 25 years as a New York Forest Ranger, developing particular expertise in search & rescue and fire-fighting that put him in leadership roles nationwide.

In his youth, "all the time my dad and my uncle spent dragging me off into the woods, all over, hunting and fishing. My dad's side of the family was originally from Corinth area and we had a camp in Stony Creek. I still have a camp there today — in West Stony Creek.

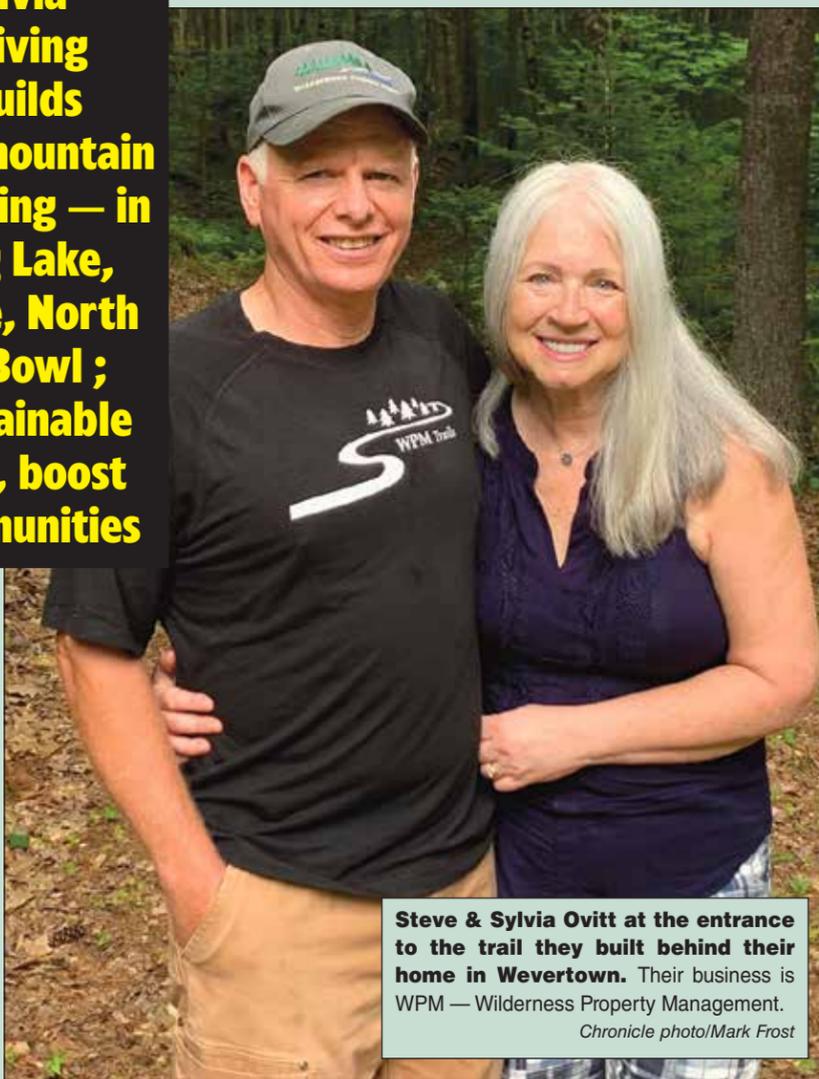
"Heck, I can remember at 16, walking and seeing trail markers. What's this? We were actually walking on a real official trail. Up until then it was bushwhacking, on little hunting paths here and there, in the middle of nowhere."

The Ovitts settled in Wevertown near North Creek, northwest Warren County. When Steve retired as a ranger, he and Sylvia launched their

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At Mt. Sabattis Recreation Area, Zach Rabeler riding the trail he helps build. Photo provided



Steve & Sylvia Ovitt at the entrance to the trail they built behind their home in Wevertown. Their business is WPM — Wilderness Property Management. Chronicle photo/Mark Frost

Steve & Sylvia Ovitt's thriving business builds trails for mountain biking, hiking — in Qby., Long Lake, Brant Lake, North Creek Ski Bowl ; aim is sustainable recreation, boost rural communities

Fair starts Monday

By Hannah Hughes
Chronicle Summer Staff

The **133rd Washington County Fair** opens Monday, Aug. 21, and continues through Sunday, Aug. 27, at the Fairgrounds on Route 29, between Schuylerville and Greenwich.

4-H, kids and animals, carnival midway, Demolition Derby and Tractor Pulls, nine new food options; The Big Push Calf Birth; comedy, magic, juggling — and plenty more. **More, page 14.**



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