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MONTGOMERY COUNTY ANNOUNCES SPONSORSHIP OF "THE BLUES AT BURBINE" DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT

County's Sponsorship Part of Larger Effort to Increase Tourism

(FONDA, NY) – With an eye toward capitalizing on the growing enthusiasm for disc golf, Montgomery County has become the title sponsor for this year's "The Blues at Burbine" disc golf tournament taking place on Saturday, October 22.

"Disc golf is one of the fastest growing sports in the nation and in just a few short years the Burbine Forest Disc Golf Course has become an asset that's attracting people from across the northeast to Montgomery County," said County Executive Matthew Ossenfort.

Now in its second year, "The Blues at Burbine" tournament is held annually to coincide with the anniversary of the opening of the Burbine Forest Disc Golf Course, located in the Thomas H. Burbine Memorial Forest in the Town of Charleston. The tournament, which is a Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) certified C-Tier event, attracts amateur and professional disc golfers from the Capital District, Central New York, the Southern Tier, and beyond.

The Burbine Forest Disc Golf Course is a unique two-mile long 18-hole course through the mature pines and hardwoods of the Thomas H. Burbine Memorial Forest. The course includes an open-carry water hole and other challenges. Since opening to competition in October 2020, the course has generated a strong following on social media, including Facebook and the popular disc golf app UDisc.

"Last year's 'Blues at Burbine' tournament was a tremendous success, and we want to help the team at DisCap turn this tournament into an annual marquee event. Making the tournament even more attractive to competitors builds interest in the course, and by association our community. Bringing new people into the community gives us the chance to showcase all the incredible activities that Montgomery County has to offer," said Ossenfort.

"The tournament will showcase some of the best players not only in the region but will pull competitors from many surrounding states. Burbine is a challenging course, where players need not only strong technical skills but an equally strong mental game in order to post a good score," said Tournament Director Mark Hay.

Registration for "The Blues at Burbine" opens on Friday, August 26. Participation is capped at 72 competitors. When all slots are filled a waitlist will be available. Those interested in learning more about the tournament and registering for the event can do so online at <u>bit.ly/BluesAtBurbine</u>.