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New Year, New Locations for Local Businesses

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The CHI Chair: Where Science & Spirituality Come Together

Metaphysician and Holistic Psychotherapist, Suzy Woo, studies and works with quantum healing methods, crystal energy, planetary influence, and energy psychology in her healing practice. Ms. Woo is the creator of the Crystal Healing Immersion Experience station dubbed the "CHI chair."

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Smoke and Savor Cigar Pairing

she shed, he shed to Host Smoke & Savor Event at The Silver Fox



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YEAR IN REVIEW: LOOKING BACK AT 2022

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Publisher's PICK

Ava Grace Fashions and Cupcaked: New Year, New Locations for Downtown Businesses



BY MARY HEYL

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Ava Grace Fashions began as an online shop in the attic of Maynard-Gilbert's garage. It wasn't long before her selection of women's fashion, accessories, shoes, and gifts caught on, and Ava Grace opened its first brick and mortar location at 8 Washington Street. The business outgrew another Washington Street location before Maynard-Gilbert moved to the building she bought at 23 Jefferson. "I loved having the boutique inside a house and all the cute little rooms," she said, "but I feel like some of my customers didn't like it because it didn't feel like a commercial space - it felt like someone's house. Some people loved the homey feel, and others were turned off by it."

When Cupcaked owner Annie Coe approached Maynard-Gilbert about moving into 22 Monroe, she jumped at the chance. "Annie was in need of a bigger space for a bigger kitchen, and when she gave me the opportunity to move in 22 Monroe Street where she started in Ellicottville, I took that opportunity." During the week of December 19, Coe was moving Cupcaked out the front door and Maynard-Gilbert was moving in at the same time. Speaking of the move, Maynard-Gilbert said, "It was a whirlwind! I'm so thankful to my husband, Bill, and my parents for helping me move in. Betsy from Betsy's Consignment helped, and so did Jenn from Jennifer Powers For Hair. It was a team effort!"

Since moving into the new space, business has already picked up, and Maynard-Gilbert is thrilled to be downtown working next door to her close friend. "Annie and I became friends because we're both really active with the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce," Maynard-Gilbert explained. "Annie's original training and business are in event planning - she has so many really fresh, fun ideas. I also have a reputation for wanting to try new things! We met through working together on a few events. She's a great person - a great businesswoman. I'm a very big fan of Annie as a person and Cupcaked as a business. But we're not just business friends... we're true friends."

The mutual support of Maynard-Gilbert and Coe is a gift in its own right but also a reflection of the Ellicottville business community as a whole. "The biggest thing I can say about Ellicottville in general is that with every single move, it doesn't matter that I move because all of the other shop owners and employees - if they hear a customer say, 'I was going to go to Ava Grace, but they must have gone out of business,' will respond, 'Oh no, they just moved!' The support of the business community in that way is amazing." According to Maynard-Gilbert, there's a recognition that there is plenty of business to go around, and the greater variety of businesses means more traffic to Ellicottville. "It's the 'rising tide raises all boats' type of attitude as a community that has been really supportive of Ava Grace and all the different moves," she said.

As for Ava Grace's former location? Maynard-Gilbert is committed to making that space a great opportunity for another local business or two. "It's a great location for an appoint-

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To our friends from north of the border, please join us as we celebrate Canadian Friendship week. From Monday, January 2 through Friday, January 6, all lift tickets and rental equipment are at Par when paying with Canadian cash or cheque. At Par is also offered for Canadian cash or cheque payments at the Holiday Valley Tubing Park, open Friday, January 6 through Sunday, January 8.

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Tamarack Club at Holiday Valley Awarded RCI Gold Crown

ELLCOTTVILLE - The Tamarack Club at Holiday Valley, the resort's premier lodging facility, has been recognized by RCI with a 2023 Resort Recognition Program Gold Crown. RCI is a global travel network organization with over 40 years of helping to shape the vacation exchange industry. This is the fourteenth year in a row that the Tamarack Club has received this prestigious recognition, showcasing its continued commitment to maintaining a high level of guest satisfaction.

"For myself and the staff, it's the culmination of a year of hard work," said Rich Sandler, General Manager of the Tamarack Club. "We all go above and beyond when it comes to room preparation and guest engagement. RCI's standards are rather stringent and there is almost no room for error. So, we need to hit a home run every time we have a guest exchange in. I'm extremely proud of my team and their ability to rise to the occasion whenever it's needed."

The Tamarack Club opened in December of 2009, giving Holiday Valley guests a new level of ski-in/ski-out accommodations and amenities. Along with the additional lodging, it also saw the opening of a spa and John Harvard's Brew House, which added a component to the Holiday Valley experience that many guests had been looking for.

After its first year of operations, RCI awarded the Tamarack Club with its first gold crown and it has gone on to win one every year since.

SMOKE AND SAVOR

she shed, he shed to Kick Off the New Year with Cigar Pairing Event



By MARY HEYL

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Baryza is looking forward to the return of this event, which she introduced last March for the first time. New York state allows businesses to host a limited number of indoor smoking events per year through special licensing. Once again, the upstairs area of the Silver Fox, located at 23 Hughey Alley, will be the setting, an ideal location, according to Baryza.

"This time, things will be a bit more casual," she explained. "Rather than everything happening primarily upstairs, people can go downstairs, get some drinks, visit with people at the bar. The smoking will be upstairs in a relaxed environment."

Baryza added, "The Silver Fox is the perfect place to have dinner afterwards! I'm grateful to the owner, Michael Nickolson, for allowing us to use this space once again."

The January 20 event offers even more options this year. "There are different packages this time for people who like different kinds of drinks, and packages for people who don't drink," she explained. "Everyone is different, so why have just one package for so many people?"

Guests can choose a non-alcoholic package for those cigars that pair well with coffee or cola. The wine/beer option includes cigars that pair well with light beer and oaky wines. For whiskey or bourbon drinkers, the spirits package includes a Maker's Mark, a Jim Beam, or a cocktail to pair with your cigar.

For Baryza the fun of the event is also the learning experience it provides for her guests and herself. "In the past, we've had some long-time cigar smokers who are there for the cigar experience, and we've also had guys who have less experience but are there to try something new and get together with some friends," she said.

These indoor smoking events also help Baryza learn more about the industry. "It helps me learn the process," she explained. "With every event, I'm learning more about what people are looking for, what's new, and what seems to be really popular."

About a week or two before the event, Baryza contacts her wholesaler Phillips and King out of California to order cigars specifically for Smoke & Savor, based on the package options selected by her guests. "They're great to work with and very accommodating," she noted. "They get me everything I need! I'll also have items available to purchase at the event."

Registration for Smoke & Savor is open now (must be 21 years of age or older to register). "People can stop in she shed, he shed to register or call us at 716-699-9121," said Baryza. Located at 22 Washington Street, she shed, he shed is open from 11:00am-5:00pm Sunday through Thursday (closed Tuesdays) and 11:00am-7:00pm on Fridays and Saturdays. To see more photos from past events, follow she shed, he shed on Facebook and Instagram.



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A LOOK BACK AT 2022, WITH AN EYE ON THE FUTURE

BY BRENDA PERKS



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WINTER RECREATION

Holiday Valley continues to be a powerhouse in capital improvements, and with an eye on the future, they began the process of replacing the 4-person Mardi Gras Express with a new 6-passenger chairlift. Phase one, completed this past summer, saw the installation of foundations for 11 new lift towers. Phase two will see the dismantling of the current lift and construction of the new lift during the summer of 2023, with completion in time for HV's November 2023-24 ski season opening.

"The new Mardi Gras 6-pack will give skiers and snowboarders an exciting new experience, with quicker access to the top of the mountain," Dennis Eshbaugh, Holiday Valley GM, stated during the announcement originally made last January. "Consistent with the other chairlifts at Holiday Valley, the new Mardi Gras lift will be manufactured by Doppelmayr USA based in Salt Lake City, Utah. The chair will have the capacity to deliver 3,000 people per hour over a length of 4,300 feet and 700 vertical feet up to the top of Mardi Gras. Once the new Mardi Gras 6-pack is in operation, Holiday Valley's total uphill capacity will be 25,650 people per hour."

Following a 2-year hiatus (thanks a lot, Covid), The Boardroom Snowboard Shop brought back the Boardroom Banked, transforming Holiday Valley's Champagne slope into a banked slalom course with 8 high-octane turns where competitors put their skills to the test in a timed format to validate the fastest riders. And while the competition aspect of the event is appealing, the Boardroom Banked really isn't about winning and losing. Instead, it's about cultivating a scene and making sure that snowboarding in Western New York continues to thrive.

Additionally, the Boardroom Banked acts as a fundraiser, with the 2022 proceeds being donated to P.U.N.T. Pediatric Collaborative, a nonprofit that provides families in Western New York facing pediatric cancer with programs that offer financial, practical and emotional support in their time of need. P.U.N.T. has been chosen as the repeat beneficiary for the 2023 event, which is scheduled for March 5. Follow @boardroomville on IG to keep tabs on details as they are released. No doubt competition spots will sell out again.

SUMMER RECREATION

On the flip side of seasons, Holiday Valley proudly announced their new Head Golf Professional of their Double Black Diamond Golf Course. Kyle Benish took over the position in April, replacing PGA Master Golf Pro Steve Carney, who remains a PGA Ambassador for Holiday Valley. Benish started as Holiday Valley's first Assistant Professional in 2004 and has been a PGA Class A Member since 2010, culminating in 2019 when he earned his designation as a PGA Certified Professional.

Over at HoliMont, they've unleashed a whole new meaning to "hot laps". During the spring and summer months, crews continued building on the well-received downhill mountain bike park, which celebrated a successful second year in operation. The park's footprint expanded with a number of new trails, and additional bike carriers were added to the Sunset lift for quicker access to the top.

But who says mountain biking is only for the summer months? HoliMont introduced a Dual Slalom Bike Race in April - a head-to-head format complete with snowboard race gates and banked turns. The bracket style elimination saw a good crowd, and plans are already in the works for the 2023 course, along with a downhill fat bike race in February.

The Ellicottville Skatepark project, which has been in fundraising mode since 2019, saw its vision begin to take form. Working alongside the Village of Ellicottville, the SK8EVL committee raised the maximum match through The Skatepark Project/Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation, totaling \$550,000 to apply towards the construction of a permanent, concrete skatepark that when completed, will be available to the public at no charge. Located in the Ellicottville Village Park, reputable skatepark contractor Grindline broke ground in June and will finish the project in Spring of 2023. Watch for details on the grand opening in this publication.

Speaking of public outdoor recreation, the Ellicottville-Great Valley Recreation Trail made some headway in their fundraising efforts. In partnership with Steelbound Brewery & Distillery, a new craft beer was launched, dubbed Trail Ale. A portion of Trail Ale sales was donated back to the EVGV Trail, a project that has been in the works since 2012. When completed, the EVGV Trail will link hikers, bicyclers and cross-country skiers on a paved trail system spanning from Ellicottville to Great Valley. Learn more at evgvtrail.org.

NEW ON CAMPUS

Before the start of this school year, Ellicottville Central School announced the addition of a School Resource Officer. Appointed by Ellicottville Police Chief Don Auge, Ellicottville Police Officer Amber Graham attended SRO training before starting her duties. Kids entering ECS on the first day of school were welcomed by Officer Graham who is providing law enforcement, education and first responder services on school grounds each day that school is in session, through 2024.

Speaking of school, a mission has been set by local restaurateur Nick Pitillo to raise the necessary funding needed to replace the stadium lights on the Ellicottville Central School football field. Pitillo, who's family is deeply rooted in the history of ECS football, launched the Frank Pitillo Memorial Lighting Fund just before Thanksgiving and is making continued progress, however, he still has a long ways to go.

"Many of you may not know this, but the lights over the Ellicottville Central School Football Field were put up in honor of my late brother, Frank Pitillo, in 1977," explained Nick. "Frank was a world class athlete that was doubling up his junior and senior year of high school so he could begin his training with the U.S. Ski Team, when he was killed in a motorcycle accident. The entire town, led by my father Mike, and my mother Joan, John Northrup, Mark Ward, Bob McRae, and so many others, rallied together to raise the funds to light the field in his honor. I vividly remember being held up by my dad, in my little league football uniform, to throw the switch on the lights for the very first time."

Fast forward many years later (44 years to be exact), and those lights are in dire need of attention. In true Pitillo fashion, fundraising efforts are underway and off to a strong start, with just over \$45,000 already raised of the \$250,000 needed to move forward. Want to learn more? Flip to page 20 and scan the QR code. The Frank Pitillo Memorial Lighting Fund has an account established at the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation and all donations are tax-deductible.

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REGIONAL

BEST IN SHOW

Tri-County Arts Council Announces Winners of 'A Little Something Small'



OLEAN - The Tri-County Arts Council is pleased to announce the winners of the "A Little Something Small," the third annual juried small works show, which is taking place now in the Peg Bothner Gallery, located at 110 W. State St. in Olean.

Now in its third year, the TCAC's Small Works Show features more artists and pieces than ever before, and according to Sean Huntington, exhibition coordinator, this year's selection is incredible. "Every year, this has grown," he said. "In the first year, we had approximately 100 pieces, and in the second year, we had 130. This year, we have almost 150 pieces and the quality is amazing - these artists just keep topping themselves!"

Winners were selected by Sean P. Conklin, Assistant Curator at the Regina A. Quick Center at St. Bonaventure University, from 146 works of art created by 46 member artists. The award winners are:

- Best in Show: Melissa Locke for "Mask on Fire",
- Best Professional Artist: Barbara Fox for "Daisy Still Life" (pictured, left)
- Honorable Mention, Professional Artist: Ed Green for "Horsehair Raku"
- Best Amateur Artist: Denise Schneider for "Flow" (pictured, right)
- Honorable Mention, Amateur Artist: Beverly Amborski for "Morning Mist"
- People's Choice Award (selected by audience vote): Noah Howard for "Queen of Doom"

Each award winner will receive a cash prize and a year's Artisan Membership, which allows the artist the opportunity to sell in the TCAC's Artisan Market.

From now until January 14, the public is invited to view more than 140 pieces of artwork submitted by over 50 different artists from Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua counties. Each piece is available to purchase in person or online at www.tricountyartscouncil.org, and a portion of each sale supports the arts council.

Artwork ranges from watercolor, gouache, oil painting, photography pottery, jewelry, sculpture, stained glass, and more. Each participating artist submitted one to three pieces of artwork under 12"x12", and some have already sold out. This year's participating artists include: Samantha Aldrich, Beverly Amborski, John Balacki, Wendy Bale, Karen Barber, Jessica Ellen Boice, Elizabeth Booth, Ann Brantingham, Rose Brawn, Victoria Eckley Brown, Michelle Capizzi, Dianne Clark, Robin Zefers Clark, Lisa Conklin Conn, Lisa Eppolito, Karen Fitzpatrick, Ruth Flood, Barbara Fox, Patricia Shannon Gay, Sherri Geary, Ed Green, Lyn Harris, Lynn Heckathorn, Theresa Heinz, Noah Howard, Sean Huntington, Elliott Hutten, Ashley LaBombard, Bonnie Leigh, Melissa Locke, Myriam Mayshark, Keith McKale, Peter Midgley, Lilly Thiell Milliman, Nicole Missel, Jean Nevinger, Violet Nolder, Eva Potter, Caroly Raine, Lynzie Rinamon, Denise Schneider, Paul Schonhart, Brooke Shumway, Geraldine Nash Smith, Michael O. Smith, Melissa Stitzer, Jenn Stillman, Deb Stillson Travis, Darlene Subulski, Tara Walker, Eileen Weishan, Michael Weishan, Mikel Wintermantel, Jennifer Wolbert, Jon Wolsky, and Holly Zendarski.

While some pieces have already sold, over 90 works are still on display in the Peg Bothner Gallery of the TCAC from now until January 14. Every purchase supports the TCAC, as well as local artists who have invested their time and talent in creating these one-of-a-kind pieces. "This show is a wonderful way for local artists to introduce themselves to new collectors," said Huntington. "We have an impressive community of artists in this area."

The Tri-County Arts Council advocates the creation and appreciation of arts and culture in the region. To learn more or view artwork in the show, visit www.tricountyartscouncil.org and follow the TCAC on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

JAY LENO COMING TO SALAMANCA

The Legendary Comedian to Perform at Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino



SALAMANCA - Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino delivered a very special announcement to comedy fans over the holidays. The legendary Jay Leno will perform in the Seneca Allegany Event Center on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at 7:00pm. Tickets are ON SALE NOW!

Jay Leno is one of the biggest names in entertainment history. Starting his career in the 1970s, Leno quickly became a sought-after stand-up talent, and he also made several appearances in television and movie roles. He became a regular substitute host on "The Tonight Show" in 1986, and then replaced the legendary Johnny Carson as the show's permanent host in 1992. Leno was watched by millions of people every night as "The Tonight Show" host from 1992-2009, and again from 2010-2014. Even while serving as host of one of the most popular late-night television programs ever, Leno still performed up to 150 stand-up shows each year. After retiring from "The Tonight Show," Leno went on to host "Jay Leno's Garage," which is now in its seventh season. He has appeared in numerous films and held recurring roles on animated series like "The Simpsons" and "Family Guy." An Emmy Award winner, Leno was inducted in to the Television Hall of Fame in 2014. Don't miss this special one-night performance! This is an 18 years and older show. Tickets start at \$45.

OTHER UPCOMING SHOWS

Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino is getting ready to welcome one of the biggest names in comedy. Tracy Morgan will perform in the Seneca Niagara Event Center on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at 8:00pm. Tracy Morgan has been a comedic force for several decades. After making his television debut on the sitcom "Martin" in the early 1990s, Morgan went on to stardom as a cast member on "Saturday Night Live," and later on the hit NBC series "30 Rock", earning an Emmy Award nomination for his work. He has appeared in numerous major motion pictures and television series throughout his career, and has lent his voice to some of the most popular animated movies and series in recent years. Morgan's hit stand-up specials have aired on Comedy Central, HBO and Netflix, and he has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Known for his sharp wit and hilarious comedic takes, Morgan has headlined on stand-up stages and at comedy festivals across the country and around the world, leaving audiences laughing at every turn. This is an 18 years and older show. Tickets start at \$45.

The sound of Outlaw Country is coming back to Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino. Travis Tritt will perform in the Seneca Allegany Event Center on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 8:00pm. Travis Tritt has been a Country Music hit-making sensation since the early 1990s. Starting with the release of his 1990 debut album "Country Club," Tritt established himself as a star on radio airwaves and in concert halls across the country. His blend of mainstream Country and Southern Rock styles and influences produced five number one singles, an additional 15 top ten hits, and garnered Tritt two Grammy Awards and multiple Country Music Association Awards. His long list of hit songs includes "Help Me Hold On," "Anymore," "Best of Intentions," "I'm Gonna Be Somebody," "It's a Great Day to Be Alive," and many more. Tickets start at \$25.

TO PURCHASE TICKETS

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ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIPS

Cattaraugus Co. Sheriff's Dept. Sponsors Awards for Two Aspiring Deputies



OLEAN - Two aspiring sheriff's deputies recently received scholarship awards to help them in attending the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Academy, sponsored by the Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Department at Jamestown Community College. Luke James Papke (pictured left), a 2019 Salamanca High School graduate, and Dezmine Adams (pictured right), a 2019 Olean High School graduate, each received \$1,500 from Deputy Wayne Krieger and Carol Krieger Memorial Scholarship in support of their education at the sheriff's academy.

This fund, established in memory of Sheriff's Deputy Wayne Krieger and also memorializing Mr. Krieger's wife, Carol Krieger, supports an annual scholarship for a student attending the Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Academy. This fund also supports a scholarship benefitting graduating seniors of Cattaraugus County and Allegany County high schools intending to study criminal justice, with a preference for a student who is a BOCES criminal justice student. Area students will be able to apply for this award beginning February 1 at cattfoundation.org/apply-for-scholarships.

Both Papke and Adams went on to earn an associate degree in criminal justice at Jamestown Community College in 2022 and are continuing their pursuit of a career in law enforcement through the academy. Through law enforcement training, both Papke and Adams said they have learned more about themselves and grew into more well-rounded and inspired people.

"During my law enforcement training I have been physically pushed to the limits of my body and been taught to fight the instinct to give up, when I thought I couldn't anymore," said Adams. "I have learned that the only limitations a person has in life are the ones they set on themselves."

Papke echoed a similar sentiment. "The first couple of weeks [of academy] were extraordinarily hard mentally and physically for me," he said. "I have worked very hard inside and outside the academy, and learned my body is much stronger than my mind. It hasn't just strengthened me physically, but it has also built my confidence up immensely."

Since 2014, the Krieger scholarship fund has made possible over \$20,000 in scholarships for young adults pursuing careers in law enforcement.

Donations can be made to the Deputy Wayne Krieger and Carol Krieger Memorial Scholarship fund at CRCF, 301 North Union St., Suite 203 in Olean, or online at cattfoundation.org.

Mahar, Pappas Funds Give Nonprofits a Holiday Lift

OLEAN - Area nonprofits again received a boost around the holiday season from the Mahar Family Foundation Fund and the Rose Pappas Foundation Fund at the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation, which together supported 23 grants. The 23 grants supported 19 organizations and totaled \$6,700.

The Mahar Family Foundation, established by Mrs. Francis (Roberta) Mahar Jr. and the late Francis Mahar Jr., memorializes Francis Mahar Sr., Margaret Mahar, Daniel Mahar and Francis Mahar Jr. and recognizes Mrs. Francis (Roberta) Mahar.

The Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels received \$500 from the Mahar Family Foun-

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BOCES INTRODUCES ANIMATION

CA BOCES Hosts Classes for Regional School Districts



Students from Portville Central School, Randolph Central School and Franklinville Central School joined thirteen other districts in participating in the recent Animate! Animation classes offered through CA BOCES and RIT.

OLEAN - Over the past two weeks, students from school districts in the Cattaraugus-Allegany region are one step closer to a potential future in the Animation industry thanks to a new animation course offered through CA BOCES and Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT). The course, taught by RIT animators, was offered in a live, virtual format and provided an introductory look at animation including a brief history and hands-on lessons and activities. The course was a free offering open to students in all regional, component school districts.

The animation coursework comes as a direct result of a unique partnership between CA BOCES and Rochester Institute of Technology's MAGIC Spell Studios/School of Film and Animation. As a part of the partnership, customized animation has been offered to component school districts over the past two years. CA BOCES is currently working with several regional school districts on various projects that include animated versions of administrators and mascots, character education animated story lines, and other custom pieces. MAGIC Spell Studios, LLC is the entrepreneurial and commercial heart of MAGIC at RIT. Encompassing a fully functional film sound stage, sound mix and color correction post-production studios, a 4K Dolby Atmos theater, and several working media laboratories, MAGIC Spell Studios and their student and faculty talent have been working on various custom projects in local districts.

CA BOCES District Superintendent, Scott Payne, said he continues to hear positive feedback from school districts on the animation programming and class opportunities. "Each time we meet, more and more districts are joining in with an animation project or participation in a class," he said. "We are pleased to offer this unique programming to our component districts."

CA BOCES Information Technology Director, Michael Graf, said he has been pleased with program development and with the new course offering. "Over the past two years, our animation department and our partnership with RIT faculty and student teams has allowed us to offer animation on a broader scale to our component districts, and to see it grow and expand in this new way is quite exciting."

CA BOCES Technology Team Member and program coordinator, Jessica Golley, said that the class was developed based on feedback from regional school leaders. "From the beginning, school administrators shared that they would love to see opportunities for students in relation to the industry," she said. "We are pleased with the participation we have seen from our districts for the first offering and are glad they get to benefit from the expertise of the animators at RIT and our staff at CA BOCES."

Amongst the participating districts, Randolph Central School District coordinated student groups for the class offering. Superintendent Kaine Kelly said that the teachers and students alike in the district were grateful for the opportunity. "An increasing number of students are expressing interest in future education and careers in the animation field," he said. "We are glad to see this educational opportunity as an added benefit of the animation programming options at CA BOCES."

RIT Associate Professor and Director of the MAGIC Center/ MAGIC Spell Studios, David Long, said, "Partnering with CA BOCES and the school districts in the region has offered RIT animation students the opportunity to gain real professional experience, producing polished work and showing off their talents. Having graduate students in the animation program further develop curriculum and lead these new animation courses also gives them the chance to develop teaching skills, a great benefit for many who plan to start teaching careers of their own." For more information on the animation programming at CA BOCES contact Jessica Golley 716-376-8223.

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FIRST NIGHT BRADFORD

A full day of fun awaits families and couples at First Night Bradford, PA. One fee allows participation in the events throughout the day and evening, including the Gazebo Drop and fireworks display at midnight on Festival Way.

A 2023 First Night Bradford button acts as your admission badge to all the events on New Year's Eve. Adults and children aged six and up will need to purchase a \$6.00 admission button; children under six are free. The buttons are available New Year's Eve at the Bradford Regional Chamber office from 9:00am-5:00pm and at the door of all performance events except the Bradford Public Library and the Horse & Carriage Rides as they are free to the public.

Families with children are invited to begin their New Year's Eve fun at 11:00am by attending Jeffer's Magic Show at the Bradford Public Library with a scheduled balloon drop at noon. This free event also includes a popcorn treat and a bag of candy for children (while supplies last.) The Bradford Public Library is located at 67 W. Washington Street, Bradford, PA. For more information call 814-362-6527 or email program@bradfordlibrary.org.

Horse and Carriage rides are available along Main Street in Historic Downtown Bradford from 4:00-8:00pm. This is a free event - no button is needed to participate.

The day features a wide variety of entertainment venues such as First Skate at Callahan Park Ice Skating Rink, First Bowl at Byllye Lanes, Rock & Roll Pet Store, Bwana Jim Animal Show, Sparkle the Clown Princess-Balloon Animals, Fair to Fiddlin', Dennis Regling Puppeteer & Illusions, In Jest with Nels Ross. Bring in the New Year on Festival Way with Live Entertainment and the Block Party from 10:30pm-12:30am with Trigger Happy the Band, the Gazebo Drop and fireworks. For more information go to firstnightbradford.org.

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Begin 2023 with a guided hike at the Kinzua Bridge State Park on January 1. Meet at noon at the overflow parking lot next to the General Kane trailhead for a guided hike along a 1.6-mile hiking trail. This trail is named for Thomas Leiper Kane, the man who is responsible for the building of the Kinzua Viaduct in 1882. It is common to see a multitude of birds and animal tracks along the trail. Dress for the weather. The trail difficulty is rated easy. The park is located at 296 Viaduct Road, Mt. Jewett, PA. For more information call the state park at 814-778-5467.

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The rink features rental skates, both children and adult sizes, for a fee of \$3. The admission fee for children and seniors is \$4, and for adults \$5. Ice skating training aids, which slide very easily on the ice, are available for beginners. A concession stand is on-site and locker rooms are also available.

A party room is available for rent; rental prices include admission and skate rentals for up to 16 people. Reservations are needed to reserve the party room. The Callahan Ice Skating Rink is located at 64 Poplin Avenue, Bradford, PA. For additional information or to reserve the party room, please call 814-368-8190.

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Core Performance Introduces Fitness a la Carte

BY KIM DUKE, CERTIFIED PERSONAL TRAINER

Core Performance Fitness was born out of frustration for the status quo of personal training in a big gym setting where other members and activities create distractions.

Back in 2007 while visiting my brother in Chicago, I noticed small studios for Yoga, Pilates and Barre, and thought this concept was exactly what I was looking for. And in 2009 I developed a private workout experience with the amenities of a gym and no distractions, where clients can get customized workouts that center around their specific needs and goals.

The only drawback is, there isn't enough hours in the day to train everyone who wants it, so, I added group fitness classes into the business plan and let the business grow.

Fast forward to 2022 - the demands for classes and training in an area known for its seasonal residents and weekend visitors come with many obstacles, namely flexibility of time and type of class/training offered.

What I have run into are the phone calls asking about what is offered on weekends for whenever the caller's group is available. So here again I decided to get creative and have built an A la Carte Fitness Menu. The following is the menu of options to choose from to build your fitness experience. At least 2 CPT instructors will be involved in any strength and conditioning class to ensure integrity and form of all participants.

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- All classes begin with a warm-up and end with a cooldown and stretch. Class times vary and can be customized.



CORE CLASS OPTIONS

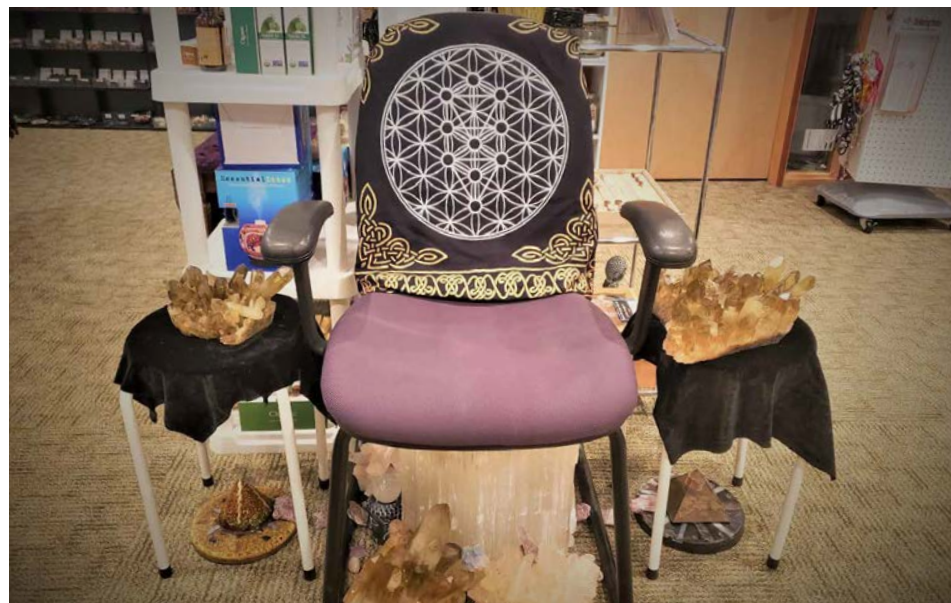
- CLASS 1 - Cardio Body Sculpt: This option is designed much like a HiiT class with various cardio bursts and body weight exercises for total body conditioning. Recommended class time: 45 minutes. Maximum class size: 10.
- CLASS 2 - Total Body Blast: This option is completed against the clock with 50 seconds of work time and 10 seconds of rest. It can be done in stations or altogether. This class focuses on full body strength training along with core, balance and cardio. Equipment options include: 1) Body weight exercises, 2) Dumbbells, 3) Kettle bells, 4) BOSU ball, 5) TRX suspension training, 6) Stability balls, 7) Battle ropes, 8) Medicine balls, 9) Slam balls, 10) Penalty boxes. Maximum class size: 8.
- CLASS 3 - Deep Stretch and Meditation: This class is a perfect combination of strength, flexibility and stability, bridging the gap between fitness, yoga and Pilates to enhance your movement literacy. Classes end with a 5-10 minutes guided meditation. Maximum class size: 15.

PRICES / BOOKING

Minimum class cost \$100 with 4 participants. Each additional participant \$20. Call 716-698-1198 to book your class or email kduke65@gmail.com. *50% deposit due at time of booking which is non-refundable. Classes may be rescheduled if cancelled within 24 hours.

Kim Duke is a certified personal trainer and owner of Core Performance Fitness and Training, located at 55 Bristol Lane, Ellicottville, NY. Kim resides in Ellicottville where she raised her two sons, Zach and Nik. For more information about her studio please visit her Facebook page or go to www.coreperformancefitness.com. Kim can be reached directly at 716-698-1198.

New Attraction in Ellicottville Demonstrates the Healing Power of Crystals



ELLICOTTVILLE - Working with crystals is not a new-age trend, but an ancient healing practice, traceable to about 60,000 years ago.

Metaphysician and Holistic Psychotherapist, Suzy Woo, studies and works with quantum healing methods, crystal energy, planetary influence, and energy psychology in her healing practice. Ms. Woo is the creator of the Crystal Healing Immersion Experience station dubbed the "CHI chair."

"I did this to show people that the energy of crystals is not only real, but able to be felt quite strongly; and is powerfully healing in ways people would never imagine," Ms. Woo explained. "This is where science and spirituality meet. Got a minute? Sit in it. Just sit, close your eyes and feel."

The CHI Chair attraction is a basic chair, with over 200 pounds of various crystals (including 96 pounds of selenite) in, beneath and surrounding it, with copper feedback loops and organite, which then had ancient frequencies and prayer programmed into the entire configuration. Very strong vortices of energy continuously spiral from the crystal compi-

lation. When someone sits in the chair, the flow of crystal energy travels up and down the energy centers (chakras) following the spine, which ultimately has the capability to heal ailments and symptoms on multiple levels, and can prompt powerful spiritual experiences.

White Selenite (satin spar var. gypsum) is a cleansing, calming, purification crystal said to embody high vibration energy that helps bring divine light down from the higher realms into the physical body, to help create personal transformation.

"There are no smoke and mirrors, everything is in plain view, right in the middle of the store," Ms. Woo added.

What can one expect to feel when they sit in the CHI Chair? Because people vary in their sensitivity, it can range from light to very strong: tingling, pins and needles, a magnetic pull/push, warmth, coolness, breeziness, buzzy, or feeling uplifted to the degree that one feels they are floating. One may experience a dissolving of heaviness, pressure, and stress, or may receive new insight to an old problem, receive a vision, an inspiration, a spiritual message, or even a scene from a moment in time which the crystal has witnessed. They may walk away without the pains they walked in with.

"Crystals store information, forming in the earth for millions of years. Imagine what they have seen."

The CHI Chair was announced the evening of December 18, 2022 and opened to the public the following day. One thing that people agree on who have sat in the CHI Chair, is that it feels really, really good. One person said she "felt perfectly tuned."

The Crystal Healing Immersion Experience, or "CHI Chair," is on display for public use, free of charge, through spring 2023 at Good for the Spirit Gifts, a crystals shop Ms. Woo owns, at 11 Martha Street in the village of Ellicottville. Those who wish to learn energy healing can learn with Ms. Woo. She is offering a Certification Course in Spiritual Healing, a pilot launch to teach her method of spiritual energy healing that begins 1/11/23. "It is not the same as Reiki; it is much more powerful and does not wear off."

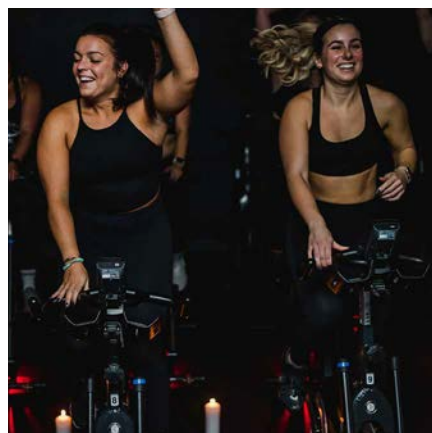
Ms. Woo plans to establish a healing center in the Ms. Allegany Mountains. For more on Suzy Woo please visit www.suzy-woo.com.

Good for the Spirit Gifts is open Monday through Saturday 11:00am-6:00pm, and Sunday 11:00am-5:00pm. Good for the Spirit Gifts is a spiritual wellness supply store in Ellicottville, New York, stocking gongs, tuning forks, chimes, singing bowls, a huge variety of crystals, crystal carvings, candles, cards and books, and local artisan items.

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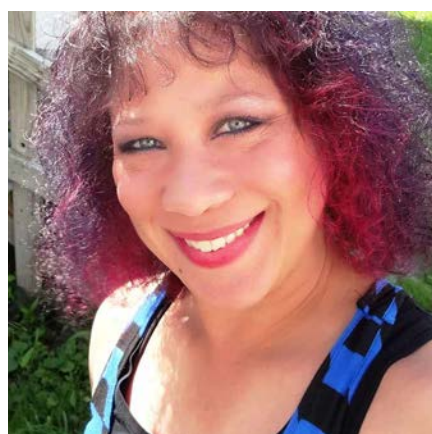
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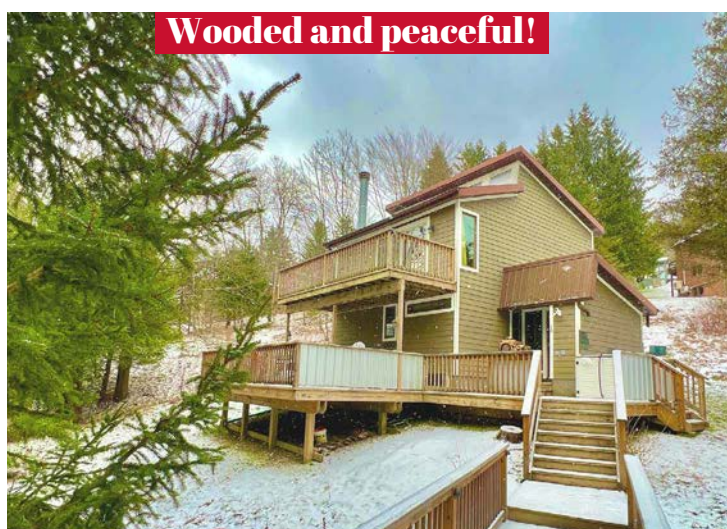
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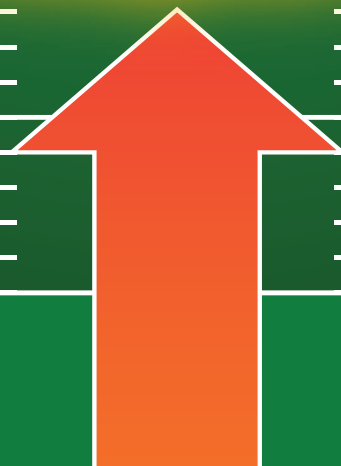
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BUSINESSES ON THE MOVE

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ment-based business,” she pointed out. “I already have a lease starting in January for 716 Realty. They have a presence in Ellicottville but haven’t had any office space until now.” While the upstairs is still available as Maynard-Gilbert’s Air BnB, the downstairs could be cordoned off into three more spaces that could be used as a law office or space for multiple beauty professionals.

When it comes to owning a business in Ellicottville, Maynard-Gilbert can’t say enough about the community she’s proud to be a part of. “This opportunity didn’t exist for me two years ago, and I’m so grateful to Annie for the opportunity to move,” she said. “We both reopened on the first day after winter solstice. It really is a time of rebirth: The sunlight starts increasing every day, and the days become longer. It coincides with where we are in our lives and what we’re doing in our businesses.”

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NONPROFIT FUNDING

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ation, including \$300 for the annual community Christmas dinner. Hinsdale Community Church also received \$200 in support of its annual community Easter dinner for 2023. St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church received \$200 for its annual Thanksgiving dinner.

The Rose Pappas Foundation, established by the late Betty Pappas in memory of her sister Rose, also supported a number of community dinners for those in need.

The Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels received \$300 from the Rose Pappas Foundation for the annual Christmas dinner. Hinsdale Community Church also received \$300 for community Easter/Thanksgiving dinners to be delivered to the homebound. St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church received \$300 for its Thanksgiving dinner.

The Mahar Family Foundation also provided support to three area food pantries and soup kitchens, including \$300 for the Warming House, \$200 for the Olean Food Pantry and \$100 for the Portville Food Pantry.

The St. Vincent De Paul Society received \$300. The Salvation Army received a grant of \$200.

Wings Flights of Hope, Inc. and Mercy Flight Inc., both organizations that provide emergency medical transportation, received grants of \$650.

The SPCA in Cattaraugus County and the SPCA serving Allegany County each received \$300 grants.

Pfeiffer Nature Center, the Dr. Lyle F. Renodin Foundation and Interfaith Caregivers, Inc. each received \$200 grants. Genesis House of Olean received a \$100 grant.

The Rose Pappas Foundation fund also provided three grants for general support to organizations that support the needs of the elderly and handicapped, including HomeCare and Hospice (\$350), Interfaith Caregivers (\$350) and the Olean Senior Center (\$300).

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YEAR IN REVIEW

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Business in Ellicottville continue to thrive, including newcomer ThrIVE IV Lounge. Owned by Caylee Starks, registered nurse, ThrIVE strives to bring health and balance to those in need of hydration, vitamins and minerals, as well as relief from various ailments such as migraines, acne... even hangovers! Ellicottville also saw the addition of 42 North Brewing Co. inside Bike & Bean, and 12 Gates Brewing next door to Ellicottville Coffee Co.

On top of unique shopping, dining and tasty craft beer options, a full menu of fun, high-energy events consumed 2022, providing non-stop excitement for all who love Ellicottville and for those who discovered it for the first time. From the Railrider Jamboree and Hilltap Fest to the WNYMBA Campout, Summer Music Festival and Rock n’ Roll Weekend - just to name a few - there’s always a good reason to put Ellicottville on your schedule. Find more festivals and events at ellicottvillenyny.com or just keep picking up ellicottvilleNOW! We’ve got your ticket to a good time!

ADVENTURES IN THE FOREST

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signage. The trail system consists of several loops of varying skill levels: Short Circuit Loop (1.5 miles - easy); Inside-Out-Loop (1.5 miles - more difficult); Ledges Loop (1.6 miles - more difficult); Boo-Boo’s Delight Loop (1.1 miles - more difficult) and Thundershower Trail (4.1 miles - most difficult).

During the winter you can experience the solitude and beauty of the 10.5-mile Kinzua Valley Trail for hiking or cross-country skiing. Located along the banks of the scenic Kinzua Creek, the surface is crushed limestone. A trail head can be easily accessed from the village of Westline, or traveling south from Rt. 219, turn right onto Westline Road, watch for the signage and the red roof of the wooden covered bridge for trail access. From Kane, travel Rt. 321 north, near Red Bridge Campground, watch for the trail head signage. Difficulty level is moderate.

KNOX & KANE RAIL TRAIL

There are two sections of the Knox & Kane Rail Trail currently open for winter cross-country skiing and hiking in McKean County. Plans for late fall in 2023 include trail construction which will link these two sections of trail.

The Mount Jewett to Kinzua Bridge Trail (MJ2KB) is a 7.5-mile section of trail from the Kinzua Bridge State Park to Lantz Corners. The trail head parking is at the state park at 296 Viaduct Road in Mt. Jewett, PA. A second trailhead is located behind the Borough building in Mt. Jewett off Route 6. The MJ2KB trail is open for equestrian, snowmobiling, mountain biking, and cross-country skiing. Difficulty level is easy.

The Trail Association of the McKean/Elk Divide (TAMED) trail begins across from Kane Country Club, traverses through Kane, and then extends south to Lamont, PA. This 8-mile trail is open for mountain biking, hiking, and cross-country skiing. The surface is compacted crushed limestone. Trailhead parking is along Route 6 beside the old Knox & Kane Depot.

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Proposals will be received by the Village of Ellicottville located at 1 West Washington St., P.O. Box 475, Ellicottville, NY 14731, until 11:30 a.m. Friday, January 13, 2023.

The Village reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Proposals, and to accept the proposal, which, in their opinion, meets the intent of the project and deemed most advantageous to the Village.

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The hike starts at Camp Turner, where the Friends of Allegany State Park will be providing hot dogs, chips, hot chocolate, and coffee from 11:30am-1:00pm. The Quaker Store Museum will be open for this special event from 10:30am-1:30pm to answer questions about the park and its history.

The First Day Hike will run from 10:00am-2:00pm. Dress for the weather and be sure to wear appropriate footwear and/or snowshoes.

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escornelius: And so it begins... #firstchair #holimont #ellicottvillenow @holimont @ellicottvillenow @holimont_parks



thecitygarage: "Say SKIS!!" Smile for the camera, holiday season is in full swing #shopsmall #evlnow



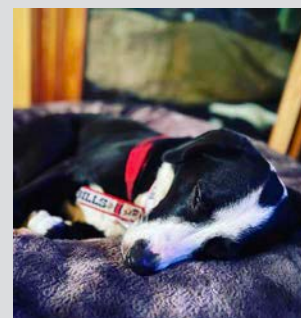
boardroomeville: The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear! #evlnow



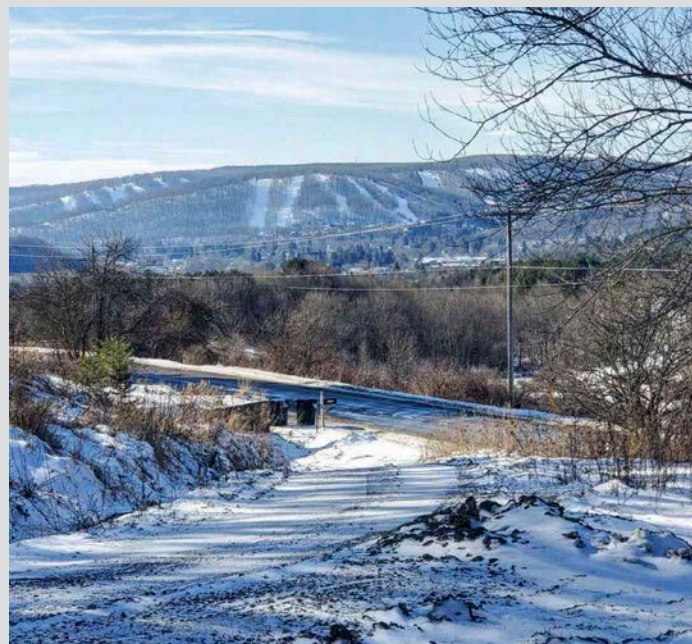
rickmac6150: Always a good time on the slopes #evlnow



mudswatgears: Holiday break vibes #evlnow



sagetheadventuredog: #christmaspup #evlnow



hornhillpottery: Bluebird day on the hill. Come apres ski with us! #ellicottville #apres ski #wheelthrownpottery #ceramics #evlnow



evillebikeandbean: #freshfood #localcraftbeer #evlnow



treyning4life: Christmas with the Clauss! Santa brought a little fresh snow and smiles from @holidayvalley #skifamily #evlnow



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