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## It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas

Holiday Week in Ellicottville is Full of Activity; Come Celebrate, No Matter the Weather!



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By JESSICA SCHULTZ

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### NEW NAME. NEW FLAVORS. AN INSIDER'S GUIDE TO EDNA'S AT THE TAMARACK CLUB.

Holiday Valley, one of the leading ski resorts in the East, is thrilled to announce the opening of Edna's at the Tamarack Club, which will take the place of the former John Harvard's Restaurant. The name pays homage to Edna Northrup, one of the founding members of Holiday Valley and a pioneer in the resort's history. A complete renovation of the dining space began on October 10th to create an open concept dining experience.

Guests can expect a high-quality yet relaxed dining experience in a beautiful setting that offers panoramic views of the ski slopes in winter and the golf course and resort pools in summer. The new restaurant will feature a menu that pays tribute to the rich history of Holiday Valley, incorporating local flavors and seasonal ingredients.

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## LOOKING AHEAD: PLAN YOUR NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

The holidays are upon us and that means that 2024 is knocking on the front door, waiting to evict 2023 like a ferociously aggressive landlord. It's been a time, but we aren't looking back today (pick up next week's paper for the full reflection of 2023). Today we are thinking about partying. I think we all deserve to take a day and celebrate making it through another long year. There have been trials and tribulations, so I'd say a good time is just what the doctor ordered. Where can we go? What can we do? From the NYE Torchlight Parade at Holiday Valley to running the Liquor Mile with the Ellicottville Distillery, there are quite a few ways to enjoy your New Year's Eve locally. Let's start planning! ... page 19

### Santa on the Rooftop: Olean Family Continues Holiday Tradition

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### STOCKING STUFFERS

Need some last minute ideas to help fill those stockings? Our local retailers have so many options to cover anyone on your shopping list. Find our picks ... pages 12-13



## HoliMont Prepares for Opening Day

Their Season Kicks Off This Weekend; Open to the Public Starting Jan. 1st



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HoliMont's highly anticipated opening day is just around the corner. They will be opening doors to members and special guests on Saturday, December 23rd, continuing through to Sunday, December 31st. Starting January 1st, the public will be welcomed Monday-Friday.

HoliMont eagerly awaits the return of everyone for its momentous 60th Year! It's a landmark anniversary that they simply cannot wait to celebrate. Some minor enhancements have been made on the slopes that will have a significant impact on snowmaking capabilities, allowing the resort to hopefully extend the season well into April.

The resort also has an exciting event lineup for the upcoming year, including Contractor's Day and Ski 4 A Cure. Keep an eye out for more events as the season progresses.

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### ERA TEAM VP EXCEEDS TOYS FOR TOTS CAMPAIGN GOAL

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## HOLIDAY CHEER FOR CHILDREN

ERA Team VP Exceeds Toys For Tots Campaign Goal



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Aligned with the ERA® brand's nationwide effort and in collaboration with other ERA affiliated brokerages worldwide, the campaign officially commenced on November 28th, recognized as #GivingTuesday. The team worked hand-in-hand with the esteemed national non-profit organization, Toys for Tots, to collect and distribute holiday gifts to local children in the community.

The Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program, established in 1947, has been a beacon of hope for 76 years. Operating in major market areas and all 50 states, the program has consistently distributed an annual average of 18 million toys to seven million children-in-need. ERA Team VP Real Estate and Vacation Rentals proudly joined forces with this longstanding tradition to make a positive impact.

Bill Soffel, Broker/CEO expressed his gratitude stating, "The success of this year's Toys for Tots campaign is a testament to the incredible generosity of our staff, agents, family and friends. Their enthusiasm and dedication have made a meaningful difference in the lives of children in our community, and I couldn't be prouder of our team."

In a remarkable show of commitment, Bill Soffel personally matched \$1 for every toy donated. This additional contribution will be distributed to respective locations: Chautauqua County, Cattaraugus County, Warren County and McKean County based on the amount of donations received at each of the ERA office locations, including Jamestown, Chautauqua, Ellicottville, Arcade, Olean, Bradford and Warren.

ERA Team VP Real Estate and Vacation Rentals also collaborated with the Roger Tory Peterson Institute to enhance the impact of the collection. This partnership added an extra layer of community involvement, ensuring that the Toys for Tots campaign reached even greater heights.

As the holiday season unfolds, ERA Team VP Real Estate and Vacation Rentals remains committed to giving back to the community and spreading joy to those who need it most. The success of the Toys for Tots campaign reflects the company's dedication to making a positive impact and fostering a spirit of generosity within the community.

## WOMEN'S SKI CLINIC

Coach/Ski Racer Lisa Ballard Returning to Holiday Valley for Two-Day Program

Holiday Valley Snowsports School is featuring the 10th annual YOUR TURN women's clinic on Wednesday and Thursday, January 24-25, 2024 led by Lisa Ballard, a widely acclaimed coach and ski racer and assisted by several of Holiday Valley's finest women instructors. Intermediate skiers who can ski the blue squares through advanced skiers who want to take their skiing to the next level will benefit from this clinic. The clinic will begin at 8:00am with registration and breakfast. Pre-registration is advised as attendance is limited. Questions, call 716-699-3506.

The clinic includes two days skiing with Lisa and the other instructors, video analysis, equipment info, demo equipment, continental breakfast and lunch both days, door prizes, and dinner on Wednesday followed by a presentation to help you ski with more confidence. Did we mention fun? You'll also meet other women with similar goals on the slopes and have a great time improving your skills and technique.

Following breakfast each day, participants will have an opportunity to learn about ski equipment and proper bootfitting, among other women-specific topics relating to skiing, with plenty of on-hill time skiing with Lisa and the HV instructors!

Lodging and lift tickets are not included, but are available at special rates. For pricing, to view the tentative schedule and other details of the clinic or to register, please visit [www.holidayvalley.com](http://www.holidayvalley.com) or call 716-699-2345.

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“There is always something going on in Ellicottville no matter what the season, so letting visitors know that they can come down whether it is snowing or not, they will enjoy their experience,” said Barb Pump, Executive Assistant of the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce.

How right Barb is. The town itself offers an array of entertainment for all ages. When ellicottvilleNOW asked Barb about some of the activities that will be available during the holiday week off the slopes, she responded, “Shopping, dining, live music, skateboarding/rollerskating, spa services, and hiking are just a few of the things that visitors can enjoy when they come to Ellicottville next week.”

### A UNIQUE SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

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There are multiple spas for different ways to relax - from salt cave sessions (Ellicottville Salt Cave) and manicures with Ellicottville themed nail polish (Oasis Spa at the Tamarack Club) to ultrasonic facials (Anew Beginning Massage and Spa) if you’ve got someone who could really use a break from the daily grind. (Maybe you need a break for yourself as well... the holidays can be stressful!)

### KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING

Besides shopping, you can hit up one of our ski/snowboard shops for new gear for your next slope experience. Then get a little indoor skatepark time at Daily City Train if you want to keep your momentum going. (DCT is not just for skateboarders; they welcome roller skaters, scooters and BMX bikes, too!) Hey parents, feel free to relax on one of their comfy couches while the kids grind out their energy.

### FOOD AND DRINK OPTIONS

Either way, after whatever you choose to do with your day around EVL, you’re sure to have worked up an appetite. The culinary scene boasts restaurants for days right here and they all offer some amazing dishes. Katy’s Cafe has great breakfast wraps and lunch paninis, fill up on tacos at Hidalgo Mexican Grill, snag some pizza from Dina’s or Monroe Street Brick and Brew, indulge in Nani’s Italian comfort food at Villaggio, or if you want to keep close to the ski hills, the new Edna’s at The Tamarack Club creates a wide variety of delicacies for any pallet.

If you’re over 21, you can indulge at any of the many bars and distilleries. Over the weekend, you can typically find live music or DJs rocking the dance floors. EBC Tap and Bottle Taqueria will be hosting a “Blacklight Glow Party” on December 30th starting at 9:00pm. Or keep it more relaxed with wine and charcuterie at the Winery of Ellicottville. If you head out to 5462 Robbins Road, The Ellicottville Distillery will be gearing up for their end-of-the-year Liquor Run on the 31st.

So as you can see, Ellicottville is the place to be for all sorts of fun over the holiday break! Barb advised, “Our favorite festivals will return in 2024, like Winter Blues Weekend, Winter Music Jam, Mardi Gras and our ever popular Summer Music Festival, which makes us the four-season destination to experience, and we are always looking at other opportunities that help us promote our “One Brand One Voice” mindset.”

You heard the woman. Come out and visit Ellicottville, NY anytime of year! Event dates and details can be found at [ellicottvillenew.com](http://ellicottvillenew.com). And remember, “Snow or No Snow, Ellicottville is Always a Show!”

## SANTA ON THE ROOF

The Pancio Family Continues a Heartfelt Tradition this Saturday in Olean



OLEAN - In what was once an Olean tradition, Santa Claus would make a special visit to town to greet children and share his wisdom. Santa on the Rooftop, which began humbly in the 1960s on the roof of George Pancio’s Main Street house, would come to draw hundreds of children annually on a night just before Christmas.

Dr. Steve Pancio in 2022 hosted Santa on the Rooftop on his house on Main Street to crowds of families. Dr. Pancio is the grandson of the original Santa on the Rooftop host George Pancio.

On Saturday, December 23rd, Santa and a few of his friends will appear on the roof of 660 Main Street from 6:30-7:30pm.

“Come enjoy an interactive experience with Santa Claus with special appearances by the Grinch and Rudolph,” stated Dr. Pancio. Families are free to come and go as they please. Hot cocoa will be provided.

George Pancio, a retired Olean school district administrator, began the tradition while serving as one of the most popular Santa portrayals in the world. He stood in for Santa for the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade for 11 years, as well as portraying Santa locally and nationally.

Mr. Pancio and his wife Marcia played Mr. and Mrs. Claus on the roof of their Main Street home from the 1970s until 1995. He also served as Santa for the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce Santa Claus Lane parade for decades. The tradition of playing Santa was inherited by their son, Steve Pancio, who continues being the jolly ole elf at Olean area functions. Dr. Pancio, grandson, also has the Santa bug and is crafting his appearance as grinch with aspirations of taking over the reins of the head elf.

Mr. Pancio passed away January 20, 2023. During this year’s Santa Claus Lane parade, George Pancio’s family was this year’s grand marshal.

For those coming to the event, parking is available surrounding Santa’s rooftop on the street. Parking in the school parking lot on Oviatt Street along with the lot off of Hamilton Ave is available. Hamilton Street will be closed to local traffic only and access to the lot, due to the proximity of the street to the house as well as the expected crowds that will surround the lawn and sidewalks. For more information or questions, call the Greater Olean Area Chamber at 716-372-4433 or email [info@oleanny.com](mailto:info@oleanny.com).

## HAT & MITTEN DRIVE

Give the Gift of Warmth with a Donation this Holiday Season

OLEAN - Directions in Independent Living, Inc. (DIL) is currently holding their 3rd Annual Hats, Mittens, Socks, and Scarves Drive. However, time is running out to make your donation. The drive will end this Saturday, December 23rd. Please consider making a donation to support DIL’s mission to help those out in the cold.

“This drive allows us to give back to the community,” stated a representative from Directions in Independent Living, Inc. “Some of our area adults and children are in dire need of these items to help them stay warm and healthy this winter. We are asking for donations of newly purchased hats, mittens/gloves, socks, and scarves. Items that are newly handmade are also accepted. We will begin to distribute these items after January 3rd.”

DIL asks that the public bring donation items to the Directions office located at 512 West State Street in Olean. If you would prefer to make a cash donation that will be used to purchase more of these items, please go to <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/warmdrive/event/858812/> or scan the QR code which can be found in the DIL Warm Drive flyer found in this publication.

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HoliMont eagerly awaits the return of everyone for our momentous 60th Year! It's a landmark anniversary that we simply cannot wait to celebrate. We have made some minor enhancements on the slopes that will have a significant impact on our snowmaking capabilities, allowing us to hopefully extend our season well into April. In addition, our esteemed members and guests will be pleased to discover a host of changes inside the chalet, including our brand-new Member/Guest services office. We have completely transformed this space to create a more spacious and efficient layout for our ticket windows and customer service, ensuring a superior experience for all.



## GIVING BACK: "MY 1ST SKI"

HoliMont has joined with the "My 1st Ski" program and the Buffalo City School district to welcome 45 students ages 7-14 years old from three inner-city Buffalo schools to HoliMont this winter. Everyone involved, including one of our long-time members, Marc Joseffer has worked hard to make sure each child has a very positive experience for their first time on skis and learning the sport of downhill skiing. These young boys and girls will need ski pants, ski jackets, socks, long underwear, ski gloves, sweaters, and goggles. The response and donations from HoliMont members and guests last season was overwhelming. Thank you to all who donated. We ask that you help us again this year! There are bins located inside the Main chalet where you can donate any ski clothing. (Note: We cannot accept old skis, ski boots, bindings or poles. Only clothes are accepted.) Thank you for your willingness to help these kids have the chance to learn to ski and have an experience that will last a lifetime!



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Join us for the 43rd Annual Contractor's Day on Friday, January 26th as we celebrate and honor our local contracting companies and other businesses. This exciting event is filled with a day of thrilling skiing and enjoyable activities, followed by a delicious lunch at Dina's at the Mont. It's the perfect combination of business and pleasure! Tickets: [www.holimont.com/events](http://www.holimont.com/events).

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In addition, HoliMont has an exciting lineup of public events happening all season long. Make sure to mark your calendars for the invigorating Breathe and Ice Challenge - a cold exposure clinic happening on January 12th. Save the date for Telefest on March 2nd, and get ready for our highly anticipated HoliBreak from March 11-15th. This incredible event will feature live bands, delicious food, and a week packed with fun activities. And that's just to name a few. For a complete list of events and more information, be sure to visit our website at [www.holimont.com/events](http://www.holimont.com/events).



# PHOTO REWIND

## Ellicottville Chamber Hosts Christmas Party at Villaggio

Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce members and guests gathered at Villaggio Restaurant last week for the annual Chamber Christmas Party. It was an evening full of festive fun! Santa and Papa Elf made a special appearance to share in the holiday spirit, and the dessert bar supplied by Cupcaked was lovely.

photos / Ellicottville Chamber & ellicottvilleNOW



## Holiday Valley Demo Day 2023: "Try Before You Buy"

Skiers and snowboarders were encouraged to "Try Before You Buy" during last Saturday's Demo Day held at Holiday Valley. Free demos were available from many ski and snowboard reps, including Ellicottville's own specialty ski and snowboard shops: Mud, Sweat n' Gears, The City Garage, and The Boardroom.

The crowd was happy to be out enjoying the mild winter weather while scoping out all of the available gear as they prepare for the snow to start flying.

photos / Ashley Baron



## Grand Opening of Edna's at The Tamarack Club

On Thursday, December 14th, the old John Harvard's space welcomed VIPS to the new Edna's at The Tamarack Club. Specializing in both casual and upscale dining, the newly remodeled interior is well lit, open and inviting. The menu offers casual comfort items like beef on weck eggrolls to a decadent black angus reserve steak & frites. Edna's will also be offering a flavorful, excellently priced lunch menu and a kid-friendly menu as well. It's a place the whole family can go after an exhilarating day on the slopes! For more information on this ski resort gem with a slopeside view, visit [holidayvalley.com](http://holidayvalley.com).

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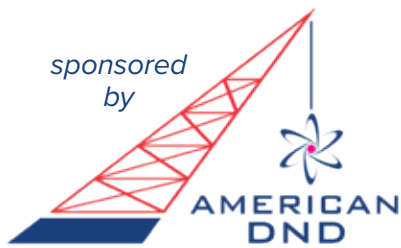
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## A LEGACY REBORN

New Restaurant at Holiday Valley Pays Tribute to One of its Founding Members



ELLCOTTVILLE - Holiday Valley, one of the leading ski resorts in the East, is thrilled to announce the opening of Edna's at the Tamarack Club, which will take the place of the former John Harvard's Restaurant. The name pays homage to Edna Northrup, one of the founding members of Holiday Valley and a pioneer in the resort's history. A complete renovation of the dining space began on October 10th to create an open concept dining experience.

**A Tribute to a Founding Member:** Edna Northrup made her first trip to Ellicottville in 1944 to ski at Greer Hill. In the winter of 1956-1957, Edna, her husband Doc, and the other founding members of Holiday Valley banded together to sell shares of "Win-Sum Ski Corp." stock for \$100 from a card table set up on the dirt road across from the proposed ski trails (now Yodeler and Edelweiss). Looking back on Holiday Valley's history in the early 2000s, Edna said, "In my wildest dreams I never could have imagined what Holiday Valley would become." Her adventurous spirit and dedication to the resort have been a cornerstone in shaping Holiday Valley into a destination that boasts 13 lifts, 60 slopes and trails, 3 base lodges, two hotels, a golf course, pools, an aerial park, a mountain coaster and a number of other amenities.

**The Significance of the Name:** The new restaurant concept is a fitting tribute to a woman who helped shape the resort into what it is today. Edna's at the Tamarack Club celebrates the long tradition of joyous camaraderie and warm friendships that arise out of sharing a love for skiing and the outdoors.

**What to Expect:** Guests can expect a high-quality yet relaxed dining experience in a beautiful setting that offers panoramic views of the ski slopes in winter and the golf course and resort pools in summer. The new restaurant will feature a menu that pays tribute to the rich history of Holiday Valley, incorporating local flavors and seasonal ingredients. From casual fare such as stone-fired Margherita Pizza and Beef on Weck Eggrolls to more refined dishes like Pesto Encrusted Australian Seabass with Sweet Tomato Risotto, the menu will appeal to a variety of appetites and will feature top quality Angus Reserve steaks.

"Edna's at The Tamarack" continued page 22

## OUT WITH THE OLD!

Ellicottville Distillery Plans Christmas Tree Bonfire for January 20th



After Christmas is over, that live tree has got to go before it drops its sneaky little needles of doom into your carpet. But what are you supposed to do with it? Toss it outside, use it as kindling? That last option isn't a bad idea, but why not make it fun by hauling that dead tree carcass out to 5462 Robins Road and adding it to the pile at the Ellicottville Distillery's Annual Christmas Tree Bonfire, scheduled for January 20th.

The Distillery will open at 12:00pm as usual with their delicious cocktails plus Kody and Herren will be bringing the party with live music from 5:00-8:00pm. The fire will be lit around 6:00pm, and what a sight it will be to see! So come out, grab a drink, listen to some great live music and watch as "out with the old" gets a very literal new meaning!

More details on this event and other fun Distillery events can be found by visiting the Ellicottville Distillery's Facebook page or click over to [ellicottvilledistillery.com](http://ellicottvilledistillery.com).

## NEW YEAR'S EVE PLANS?

There are Plenty of Indoor (and Outdoor) Options to Choose From



BY JESSICA SCHULTZ

The holidays are upon us and that means that 2024 is knocking on the front door, waiting to evict 2023 like a ferociously aggressive landlord. It's been a time, but we aren't looking back today. (Pick up next week's paper for the full reflection of 2023.) Today we are thinking about partying.

I think we all deserve to take a day and celebrate making it through another long year. There have been trials and tribulations, so I'd say a good time is just what the doctor ordered. Where can we go? What can we do? There are quite a few ways to enjoy your New Year's Eve locally. Let's start planning!

Get your pre-game started at Ellicottville Tap & Bottle Taqueria on December 30th when they host a Glow Party featuring DJ Ashely Walker. There will be specialty Christmas cocktails, live music, dancing and more. It's the perfect start to the NYE weekend fun.

### HEAD OUTDOORS

Of course, one of the best ways to welcome the next turn of the wheel is at the annual Holiday Valley NYE Celebration on Dec. 31st. It starts off with a family-friendly party inside Holiday Valley's Main Lodge, then heads outdoors for the Groomer's Parade at 11:15pm on Cindy's Run, followed by the iconic Torchlight Parade (which is a spectacle to see!) at 11:30pm. Skiers and snowboarders are invited to come make their way down Cindy's, traversing to the bottom with torches in-hand, provided by the resort. (For details on how to participate, go to [holidayvalley.com](http://holidayvalley.com).) The final countdown of 2023 will feature a fireworks show at 11:45pm and lasting until midnight.

Holiday Valley Marketing Director Dash Hegeman stated, "People visit Holiday Valley to make amazing memories, and New Year's is a perfect way to make memories that you can talk about for years to come. Come to the Main Lodge on New Year's Eve and say goodbye to 2023 with us. DJ Campbell Dawson will be spinning tunes and there will be some tasty food and drink specials for you to enjoy. We're looking forward to ringing in the new year in style and hope that you can join us in the celebration!"

Ellicottville Distillery is bolting into the New Year by inviting everyone out to 5462 Robbins Road at 11:00am on Dec. 31st for their annual 5k and Liquor Mile. (Yeah, I said liquor.) The run begins at noon; opt for both the 5k and the liquor mile or one or the other... it's totally up to you! For the liquor run portion, which is a mile long, you'll receive a mini cocktail (made with the amazing spirits created at the Distillery) at each quarter-mile. There will be live music from 5:00-8:00pm and Fiammata Pizza will be slinging pies at the same time. The evening will end with a wonderful fireworks display at 8:00pm. For more information call 716-801-0086.

It seems like a lot of people are heading into the new year with health and adventure in mind. The Western New York Mountain Biking Association is inviting everyone to gather at Allegany State Park (Salamanca, NY) on Dec. 31st at 6:00pm for their New "Gear's" Eve Bike Ride. The ride officially sets off at 6:30pm from Camp Allegany. Invite your friends and family to enjoy one last bike ride of 2023. (Don't worry, this isn't a timed ride and no one gets left behind.) Following the ride, a social will take place in the mess hall at Camp Allegany. (Bring your own snacks.) If you have any questions you can call the Environmental Education Department at 716-379-6939.

### DOWNTOWN HOT SPOTS

If ending your year in the woods or on the road isn't your thing, that's alright. There are plenty of great spots in Ellicottville to hit up for New Year's Eve. Just a few prime examples: Madigan's aka The Green Bar, Balloons Restaurant & Nightclub, 12 Gates of EVL, and Steelbound Brewery & Distillery are just a few of our local hot spots. Ellicottville is filled with great places to get your party on to shake off 2023.

If you're feeling like a homebody, you could come down to the Winery of EVL earlier in the day and grab some excellent wines for your NYE toasting, and even take some charcuterie to go. There's always the option of snagging a couple delicious pizza pies from Monroe Street Brick and Brew or Dina's, so you can make sure any guests (and yourself of course) are comfortably stuffed to start 2024.

So, whether at home, in town, or out hitting the trail, there is something local for everyone. And no matter how or where you choose to celebrate your New Year's Eve, just make sure you have the greatest time. You only "circle this globe" once, so be happy as often as you can.

# LIFESTYLE

## Breakaway Classic Adventures: The Joy of Camping, No Matter the Season

By **INDREK KONGATS**



There is an art to camping that actually makes it enjoyable. The actual dictionary definition of camping is: to live temporarily in a camp or outdoors. A very broad definition to say the least. A camp might be: a cabin in the woods, a campground for large recreational vehicles called - what else - RVs, or even an open space on a historical battlefield.

My idea of camping is breaking away from the stress and mundane routines of everyday urban or suburban life. In order to do this you have to get your mind off of unimportant problems like cell reception, Uber Eats and streaming, and replace them with important problems like bugs, rain, wind and even predators... that's camping! Nothing like being chased by a bear to forget about missing an episode of "Survivor"!

All kidding aside, camping is actually safe and fun if you do it properly. Follow some basic rules and follow a recipe set down by experienced campers and you're good to go. Many people who are big into hiking, canoeing or kayaking are familiar with setting up a camp at the end of the day while on their journey to some remote destination. This is bare bones camping and usually includes a simple lightweight pop-up tent, a sleeping bag, maybe a pad and that's about it. In the morning (if you last that long) you get up, stretch and rub out all of your bed sores. After a few years of doing this you'll come to the conclusion that this is just not fun! Sleeping on the hard ground is painful and just getting up on to your feet can be a challenge. Somewhere along the line people form a real dislike for camping and stop going altogether.

The number one rule in camping is making your experience comfortable by taking as much with you that you can carry, haul or have delivered. Delivered, you question? Yes! Ship things ahead! Once you arrive at your final destination you'll have all your essentials on-hand and then some!

Whether you are backcountry camping or camping at a campground, plan ahead and make several lists: one for food, one for clothing, one for equipment. All of these lists will have one thing in common - comfort! Comfort foods, comfortable clothing and comfortable accommodations! Comfort, Comfort, Comfort!

Rule number two in camping is don't take too much! Ha ha, this guy is crazy! First he says take all that you can carry, then he says don't take too much! Yes, unnecessary items will become a nuisance, distraction and a real headache. "Which outfit will I wear today"? Learning to pack essentials is a real art in itself and the only way to get good at it is trial and error. In most cases do a dry run. Pack everything you think you need and then chop it in half and then chop it in half again. A word of wisdom: one shoe does not make a pair



so if you're down to your last pair, don't chop that one in half!

Rule number three involves selection of equipment. Buy the best that you can afford; definitely don't buy the most expensive items on the market! Price doesn't necessarily reflect quality or performance. The hype associated with big brand name items is just marketing tactics trying to get you to spend money on branding versus true fit and function. Don't get sucked in with the latest and greatest either. Everything breaks but everything can't be repaired, so buy simple things that a paper clip or a piece of twine or even a stick can temporarily fix. If a roll of duct tape can't fix it, don't buy it. The KISS approach in outfitting yourself is always the best approach!

The fourth and final rule is carefully deciding who will go camping with you and prepare accordingly. Make sure everyone gets along, especially when hiccups occur. Ask yourself if you can stand being alone. Ask yourself if you can handle a Debbie Downer. Ask yourself, "are we there yet?" If you don't know, don't go!

Companionship is the best part of a camping experience - a sunset is best shared, a bear will always get the slower one first, and a tall tale is always taller with two or more people adding to it! Parents should start camping with their children when they are young. The younger the better, the deeper the memory and the more cherished it will be.

Another common element to a successful camping trip is exploration. Exploring brings out the best in people, including you! Exploring leaves lasting memories and keeps busy minds busy. Exploring can be a trip to town for supplies, a paddle to the end of a lake, a hike to the best vista. Incorporate a series of good explorations into your camping trip for lasting memories.

Here are a couple of great local camping suggestions: the Cattaraugus State Forests near Little Valley or the East Otto State Forests near Zoar Valley. Both of these locations allow tent camping and are excellent for your first time out with parking allowed at the entrance to each site.

The Cattaraugus State Forest is just off Potter Hill Road offering 2 campsites with an additional one off of West Hill Road. These are roadside primitive tent sites meaning neither electricity nor plumbing are available. A yellow campsite marker will designate the site. For the more adventurous, there is the possibility of 'At-large' primitive camp-

"The Joy of Camping" continued page 22

## Cornell Cooperative Extension Announces 2024 Master Gardener Horticulture Training Program

ELLICOTTVILLE - Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cattaraugus County's Master Gardener Program is excited to announce their next Master Gardener 14-week training class. Classes begin Tuesday, March 5, 2024 and will occur every other Tuesday evening from 6:00-8:00pm at 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, NY. There is a remote Zoom option available if you are unable to attend in-person. Tuition is \$125.00 which includes all materials.

The Master Gardener Program is a national program of trained volunteers who work in partnership with their county Cooperative Extension office to expand educational outreach throughout the community by providing home gardeners with research-based information. In Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties, the Master Gardener program is part of our community horticulture outreach activity, with volunteers educating home gardeners, youth in schools and after-school programs, community gardeners, and consumers of horticulture products. Neighbors teach neighbors about landscape, fruit, vegetables, herbs, beneficial and harmful insects, plant diseases, integrated pest management, wildlife, soils, composting and much more.

The Training Program includes a core course in gardening as well as refresher classes, field trips and workshops to enhance expertise and ability to communicate information related to ecological gardening and related topics to the public.

Each Master Gardener volunteer is expected to maintain 35 hours of volunteer time per year, which can be completed through community gardening efforts, educational presentations, fundraising for the Master Gardener Program, professional development meetings, and other gardening projects.

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Are you interested in becoming a Master Gardener volunteer in Cattaraugus or Chautauqua County? Please contact Shannon Rinow, Master Gardener Program Coordinator, at [smr336@cornell.edu](mailto:smr336@cornell.edu) or apply online at <https://cattaraugus.cce.cornell.edu/gardening/master-gardener-volunteer-program>.

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## COMMUNITY

**CANDLELIGHT SERVICE:** The Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at St Paul's Lutheran Church in Ellicottville will be on Sunday, December 24th at 6:00pm.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE:** This tradition is one of the oldest traditions in Ellicottville's history. The United Church of Ellicottville would like to welcome everyone to attend the candlelight service on Christmas Eve at 9:00 PM located at 53 Elizabeth St. All are welcome!

## LLC NOTICES

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of the Limited Liability Company ("LLC"), 206 Fox Ridge, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on 11/09/2023. Office located in the County of Cattaraugus. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against shall be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to: 206 Fox Ridge LLC, 206 Deer Crossing - Fox Ridge Road, Ellicottville, New York 14731. Purpose: any lawful act.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of a Domestic Limited Liability Company Sheer Dogness LLC. Arts of Org were filed by the NY Dept of State on 10/30/23. Its office location is Cattaraugus County. Its purpose is any lawful purpose. NY's Sec'y of State is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. The Sec'y shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 12 Rockwell Ave., Ellicottville, NY 14731.

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## EDNA'S AT THE TAMARACK

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New Culinary Leadership: Holiday Valley recently welcomed Executive Chef Andrew Culver who will lead the culinary experience throughout the resort. Chef Culver brings a sincere passion for food and an impressive resume to the Food & Beverage team. He has been instrumental in the creation of the new menu at Edna's at the Tamarack Club, adding dishes such as Braised Short Rib Pot Roast and Grilled Shrimp and Sea Scallops over Crispy Mascarpone Polenta that are sure to be fan favorites on the new menu.

A Western New York native, Chef Culver was educated at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York and trained in France before returning stateside to continue his career. Culver held prestigious positions at renowned restaurants such as CityZen and the Inn at Little Washington before returning home to the WNY region. He specializes in French and American cuisine and his aptitude for creating memorable dishes will be a fantastic complement to the Edna's dining experience.

"I can wholeheartedly say that I am extremely excited to be in this position," said Andrew. "I'm looking forward to the opportunity to express my love and passion for this industry. Above all, I am grateful for the opportunity to put smiles on our guests' faces."

The addition of Chef Culver along with the newly elevated guest experience at Edna's at the Tamarack Club will allow guests of Holiday Valley to enjoy the most captivating year-round dining views that Ellicottville has to offer.

About Holiday Valley: Holiday Valley is Western New York's largest year 'round resort featuring 60 slopes and trails, 13 lifts, 3 base lodges, slopeside lodging and dining, conference facilities, an 18-hole golf course, tree top aerial adventure park, mountain coaster and summer pool complex. Find Holiday Valley on the web at [www.holidayvalley.com](http://www.holidayvalley.com).

## THE JOY OF CAMPING

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ing. At-large camping is allowed throughout the property but campsites must be at least 150 feet away from the nearest road, trail, or body of water. Camping for more than three nights or in groups of ten or more requires a permit from a Forest Ranger.



The East Otto State Forest is off Traffic Street running parallel with the south side of Zoar Valley just west of 219. Here, camping is allowed at 14 designated tent sites along Kriedeman Forest Road available on a first come first serve basis and also marked with a yellow camp marker. These sites are numbered and have primitive fire rings. Although the Kriedeman Forest Road is popular during the summer months and camping is only allowed at designated sites, you can still find at-large sites on other parts of the 1,354-acre property. Again, individuals may set up camp at any location which is at least 150 feet from water bodies, streams, roads or trails. Camping for more than three nights or in a group of ten or more requires a permit from a Forest Ranger.

Robin William's character, Bob Munro in the movie, RV asked... "Yo-my mobile-home-boys, what's trippin' in the wood?" Go and find out!

*Indrek Kongats is an artist, traveler, outdoorsman, and business owner residing in Ellicottville. He operates River Dog Art Gallery in Houghton, NY, and his Breakaway Classic Adventures specializes in adventure travel destinations. Learn more about him at [breakawayclassicadventures.com](http://breakawayclassicadventures.com).*

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