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Tell A Friend Tour Returning to Holiday Valley

Here's Your Chance to Meet Up with Pro Freeskiers, Tour the Resort and Hang in the Parks



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By COLLEEN EVANS

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The Tour will start at the Training Center and will run from 3:00-7:30pm. After the action slopeside, guests are welcomed to join the team for free pizza along with additional raffles and prizes.

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PLANS FOR MARDI GRAS PARADE PUT INTO MOTION

Mayor John Burrell and fellow Board members gathered this month to discuss a number of items. Jumping right into business, good news was announced that the Town and Village have agreed on a new hire to the Engineering Department. The now-filled role will assist Ben Slotman, the Head of Engineering.

The Village also discussed the upcoming Mardi Gras Parade, scheduled for March 9, 2024. The high energy event is the perfect send-off for the winter season and offers plenty of fun to be had for all ages. Locals and travelers alike can look forward to the event, while the village prepares for the necessary organization and means needed.

Other items discussed include the EV Make Ready Agreement for the Mill St. parking lot, as well as updates on the Washington St. Light Project.

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SKI 4 A CURE COMING BACK TO HOLIMONT FOR SECOND YEAR

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SANTA CLAUS LANE ORNAMENT SUBMISSIONS DOWN TO FINAL FOUR

The Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce looked to the community for ideas for its 2024 Santa Claus Lane ornament. The ornament will be the 30th in a series created by artist Kathleen McDonald. "More than 35 buildings/areas were submitted as ideas for this year's Santa Claus Lane ornament," reported Meme K. Yanetsko, GOACC COO. The top four submissions are Oak Hill Park, Olean Community Theatre, Cutco Cutlery, and HiHo Drive In." Voting began earlier this week and will end at noon this Friday, January 26th ... page 11

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Rail Rider Jamboree Headliners Announced

Holiday Valley & Borderland Music Team Up for 3rd Annual Event



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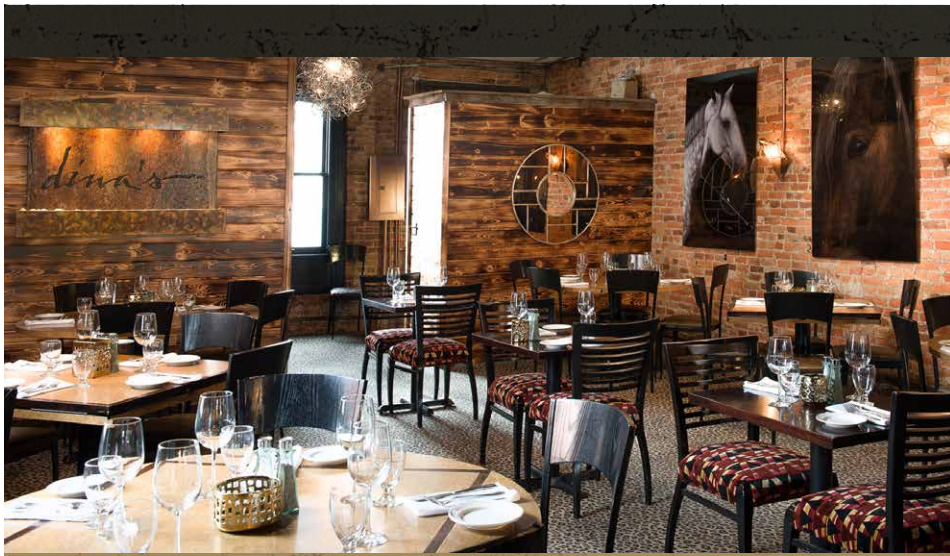
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LOCAL BUSINESS PARTNERS BRINGING NEW LIFE TO TELEMARQUE MOTEL

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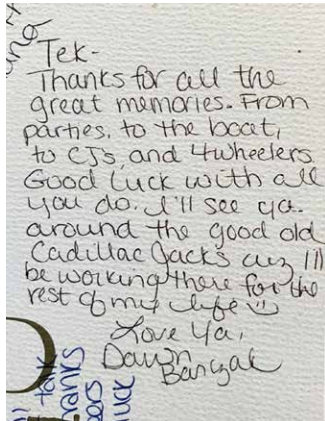
Local Business Partners Are Bringing New Life to Ellicottville's Telemark Motel



BY MARY WEISER

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Hogan and her family were good friends with former motel owners James and Janet Tekavec, who are thrilled that the business will be brought back to life by Route Two Nineteen LLC, the investment group comprised of Hogan and her family. "The previous owners have a daughter, Sara, and we were in the same graduating class together," Hogan explained. "Janet was going through some old things to give to Sara during her visit." One of those items was Sara's high school yearbook, which Hogan signed and wrote a surprisingly foretelling message: "...I'll see ya around the good old Cadillac Jack's 'cuz I'll be working there for the rest of my life."



While Hogan has not worked at the motel in many years, her other work experiences and that of her family have prepared her for this next chapter. Over the years, Hogan has owned her own business and she and her family have many combined years of experience in construction, commercial properties, remodeling, and Airbnb operations.

"One of our business partners has renovated a couple of different properties, one of which is in Randolph and another one on Chautauqua Lake, and he kept pulling into the Telemark parking lot with a vision for something fresh and new," she said. "We're recreating the 12 motel rooms to have a really trendy and unique vibe. We also have a couple of short-term rentals on the other side of the restaurant. One is already an Airbnb and the other is going to be up and running in a few weeks. We'll continue to keep those as short-term rentals."



As many who have visited or driven past the motel know, the existing exterior of the building has a copper roof. While the exterior color will get a face lift, the roof will remain a focal point, and its material is connected to the new name. Hogan explained, "We've all lost loved ones where the 'Pennies from Heaven' play a big role in our lives. Thinking about the Lincoln - copper roof tops - felt like the perfect rebrand. There will be lucky penny accents throughout!" Hogan and her family want to help people add

more adventure and fun to their lives by spending time in Ellicottville, a sentiment they feel is captured perfectly by Abraham Lincoln's words: "In the end it is not the years in your life that count; it's the life in your years."

Currently, Route Two Nineteen LLC is actively seeking a restaurant tenant to bring the former motel restaurant, Cadillac Jack's, back to life. The 3,000 sq. ft. restaurant is fully equipped with a clean kitchen. "We want this to be an area where people can feel welcome and enjoy themselves," Hogan explained. "We hope that the next restaurant owner will have that vibe and be in harmony with the motel side of the business. That's what we want to bring to the community. We want to draw locals back to the restaurant and the bar, and we want to offer people from out of town a trendy, cozy spot." Creating a new place for events, hosting guests, providing local jobs, and accommodating wedding parties are just some of the goals Hogan and her family have for the business, and they can't wait to get started!

Their projected opening date is sometime in April or May of this year. Those who are interested in a restaurant partnership or future bookings, especially for large parties or events, can contact Route Two Nineteen LLC at 716-984-1128 or thelincolnevl@gmail.com. Stay up-to-date on The Lincoln by following them on Instagram @thelincolnevl or on Facebook at The Lincoln Boutique Motel.

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SKI 4 A CURE

Event Returning to HoliMont to Raise Money for Roswell Cancer Research



By MARY WEISER

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Tom Doran of the Ski Club of Lockport (SCOL) is working with a dedicated and talented committee of over twenty SCOL volunteers for the second year and is excited, along with the committee, to see this become an annual tradition that grows each year. The event, he said, was inspired by the Pink Vail event in Colorado, the

world's biggest ski day to conquer cancer. "Everyone was dressed in pink and there was a parade procession, all while raising funds for their cancer hospital," said Doran. "We thought, 'Why can't we do something like that here?'"

SCOL is happy to once again partner with HoliMont, whom they credit as being a wonderfully supportive host. "Our goal is for this to be a family-friendly event, not just a competition," he said. New for 2024, the event will include a videographer and a photographer to capture the fun and memories of Ski 4 a Cure.

This year, participants can sign in and receive their lift ticket and wristband from 8:30-9:30am in the Main Lodge (or late check-in from 9:30-noon). In addition to enjoying the slopes, participants can enjoy a wide range of activities, competitions and raffles all day long (9:30am-4:20pm). The City Garage will host free ski demos at the base of the Expo Chair/Main Lodge. "You can demo as many as you want, all day long! It's great to try out different skis," said Doran. "It's unusual to have demos in mid-February; usually demo tents set up in December, but we didn't have as much snow then." A scavenger hunt list will be displayed, to photograph with your phone, at the registration table for the picture scavenger hunt from 9:30am-2:00pm. On the slopes, participants can search for items on the list and take a selfie with each item. Multiple winners can receive a grab-bag prize full of "swag" for most or all of the items!

At 10:00am, Ski 4 a Cure will host the parade for cancer fighters, survivors, family and friends down Expo Run. No sign-up is necessary; simply meet at the top of the run ready to ski or board, follow-the-leader down the hill. Wearing costumes, bibs, beads, or anything to display the colors associated with different types of cancers is encouraged! Prizes will be awarded for the most colorful costume/outfit.

For those who like to show off their competitive side, the bombardier game will take place on the Expo Chairlift from 9:30am-2:00pm. Gather up your tennis balls and drop them into the designated barrels while riding up the lift. Balls are \$2 each or three for \$5, and all proceeds go to Roswell Park's greatest needs. From 11:00am-noon, the most consistent timed race will take place: Make two runs and try to match your times! Sign-ups are available in six different categories based on age and gender. The winners will have the most consistent time between the two runs. Prizes and awards will be announced in the Main Lodge beginning at 3:30pm. Other opportunities to win include basket raffle drawings and the 50/50 split raffle drawing from 3:30-5:00pm in the Main Lodge.

Ski or board all day (until 4:20pm), but don't forget to make time for the catered lunch from noon-2:00pm. The menu includes beef on weck, homemade mac & cheese, homemade chips, garden salad, potato salad, lemonade and ice water. Tickets for this full day of fun are \$115 each, which includes lift ticket, food and access to games and entertainment all day. Tickets are available now at www.holimont.com/events/ or on the day of the event.

For those who would like to support Ski 4 a Cure but are unable to participate in the event, there is a link on the event page to donate to Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center. For every dollar donated to Roswell for cancer research, the organization can leverage \$23 in external grants toward that research, according to the Roswell Park Alliance Foundation. For more information or to donate basket raffle items, please contact Tom Doran at tdoranwriter@gmail.com.

TELL A FRIEND TOUR

Traveling Freeskiers Coming to Holiday Valley Parks; Rally Your Crew!



By COLLEEN EVANS

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The Tell a Friend Tour (TAFT) is a free-based event run at the hands of some seriously skilled freeskiers. The team travels across the country in hopes of giving young skiers or seasoned vets a chance to build up their confidence and take on the terrain park with some of the pros themselves. Their aim is to grow a community of ski enthusiasts and encourage endless opportunities for those who dream big.

Andy Parry, Founder and Operator of the Tell a Friend Tour, is a Western New York native looking to bring some inspiration to the next generation of skiers. With a goal to level the playing field within the industry, he went on to explain how the tour came to be. "TAFT started 12 years ago. I created it because at the time, still the case, there was not really any non-competitive events series. I wanted to create something that focused on community and bringing people together. The grassroots vibe was something that also had been overlooked in skiing... I wanted to create a warm and inclusive environment, not a sterile and distant event." With thirteen resorts in the mix this year, they continue to build a high energy environment enjoyed by all ages.

The Tour wants to reach each and every skier looking to gain the experiences of the big league, but are struggling to find their way. With the importance of what they aim to offer, Andy continues, "I think it's super important and memorable for these kids to meet pros they look up to and see online. When someone you have been watching ski for years on YouTube or on social [media] gives you a high five, it changes you. It gives a real-life connection that social media can't do. It's an intrinsic thing that can't be quantified and something they will remember for the rest of their lives. So, because of all those things, I started TAFT." And what better way to make it obtainable to those

"Tell a Friend Tour" continued page 12

RAIL RIDER JAMBOREE

Holiday Valley and Borderland Music Team Up for March Music Festival

ELLICOTTVILLE - The promoters of Borderland Music + Arts Festival have teamed up with Holiday Valley Resort to bring you the Rail Rider Jamboree for the 3rd year. The event will take place March 23, 2024 at Holiday Valley Resort in Ellicottville, New York. Grammy award winning artist, The Infamous Stringdusters will be headlining the day, supported by up-and-coming female rocker Karina Rykman and Buffalo natives Wild Knights. The Wild Knights features members of the band Organ Fairchild and will be performing Grateful Dead and Allman Bros. music. Also performing will be the regional band from Syracuse, Dirty Blanket from Buffalo and the New Orleans style marching band, Brass Machine will also perform at the Jamboree. The day will kick off at Holiday Valley Resort with bluegrass and bloody marys at the base of Holiday Valley.



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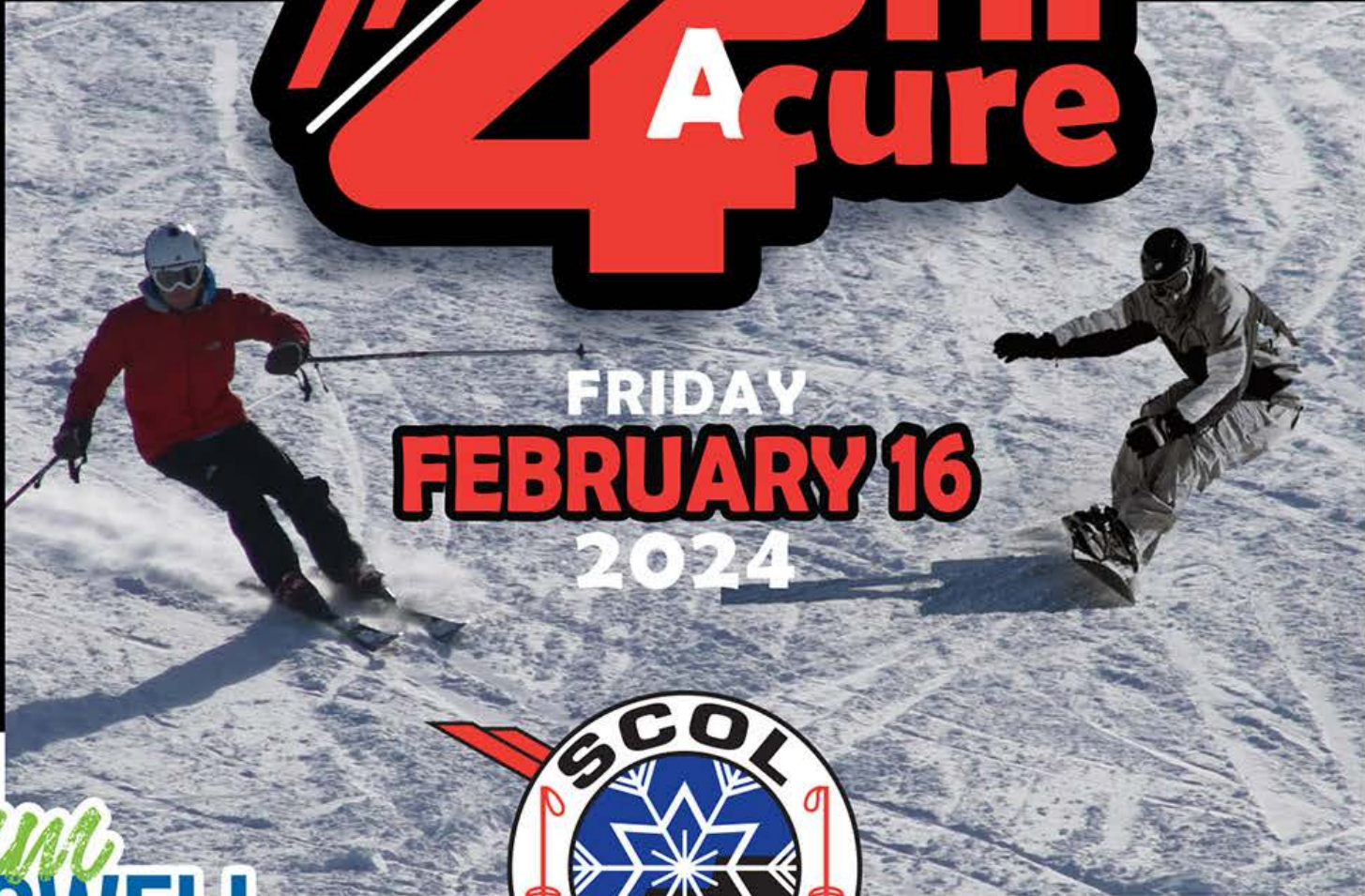
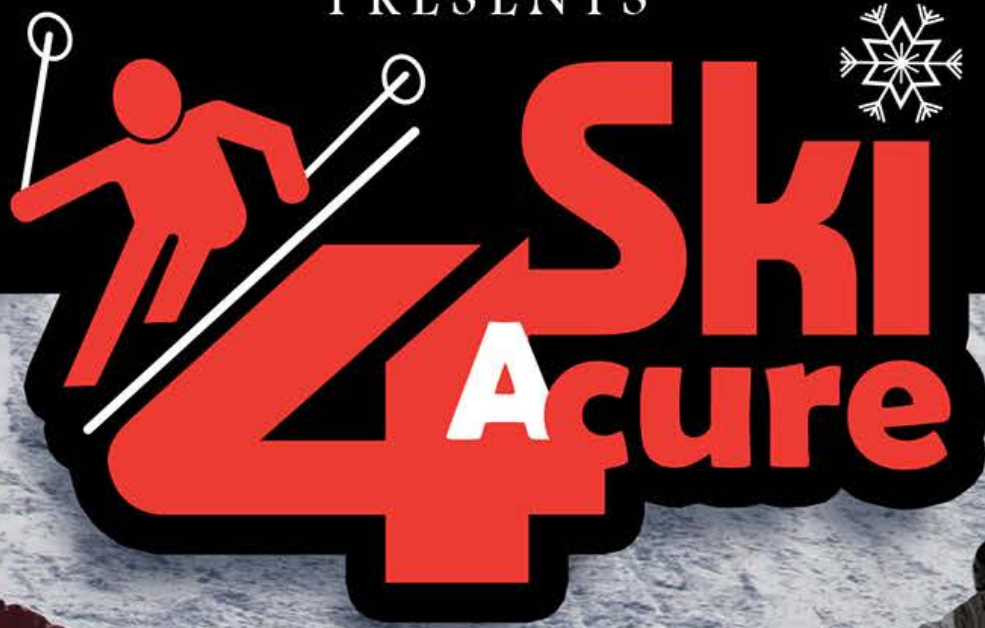
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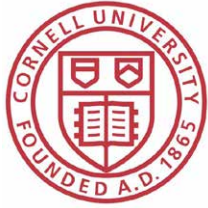
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FEBRUARY 16-17

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MEETING NOTES

ELLICOTTVILLE VILLAGE BOARD

Engineering Dept. Announces New Hire; Village Begins Planning Efforts for This Year's Mardi Gras Parade Celebration

BY COLLEEN EVANS

Mayor John Burrell and fellow Board members gathered Tuesday, January 16th at 6:00pm to discuss the current agenda in place for the Village of Ellicottville. Having a rather quick meeting, most of the discussion followed previous topics and resolutions that are still looking to be made.

Jumping right into business, good news was announced that the Town and Village have agreed on a new hire to the Engineering Department. The now-filled role will assist Ben Slotman, the Head of Engineering, and is a welcomed addition for both the Town and Village of Ellicottville.

Speaking of good news, a special event is in the making, and while it is not new to the village, the Mardi Gras Parade was put in motion for the upcoming date of Saturday, March 9, 2024. The high energy event is the perfect send-off for the winter season and offers plenty of fun to be had for all ages throughout the area. The parade will be held the same weekend as Holiday Valley's Winter Carnival. Locals and travelers alike can look forward to the event, while the Village prepares for the necessary organization and means needed to make for a safe and enjoyable time.

Moving on, the Department of Planning submitted their monthly report which involved no current action from the Board beyond its approval. Also approved without objection were the previous Board minutes dated December 19th and December 28th, the Financial report, Audit of Claims, and the Mayor's report.

The Engineering Department had a few minor updates to present within their report, one of which was for the Board to review and sign the EV Make Ready Agreement, as well as the National Grid terms and conditions. These two actions are relevant to the Mill Street parking lot, which remains closed as the Village finalizes the last few details and connections that need to be made. As stated by the official site of the Joint Utilities of New York, "The goal of the Electric Vehicle (EV) Make-Ready Program is to support the development of electric infrastructure and equipment necessary to accommodate an increased deployment of EVs within New York State by reducing the upfront costs of building charging stations for EVs." Once these agreements are made, the parking lot becomes one step closer to completion.

Another project that has seen some headway within the Engineering Department, from the Public Works Division, is the Washington Street Light Project, which recently had their contractor submit the revised pole sheet cuts. The project will continue to be updated as it all comes together. Once complete, the new streetlights will serve for safe walkability



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while staying true to the charm of the village.

Wrapping up the Board meeting, Members reviewed the DPW report which included plowing and street clean-up. The Village continues to prepare for any expected winter storms and heavy snowfall with readily available working plows and sidewalk clearing. The report indicates the department's constant upkeep and repairs to equipment to best serve the community. The report was approved without opposition.

The Board meeting was adjourned, and members will reconvene on the third Tuesday of the month of February, as usual. To keep up to date with the happenings of the Village of Ellicottville, you can check in on the official website at www.ellicottvillegov.com.

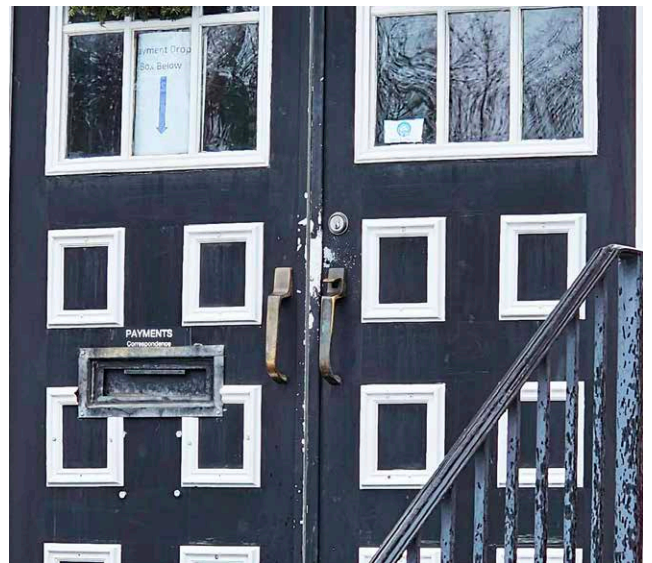
ELLICOTTVILLE TOWN BOARD

Historical Society Approaches Town for Assistance to Find More Space; Impact Study for Crosby's Gas Station Project Updated

BY COLLEEN EVANS



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Discussions took place at the Ellicottville Town Board Meeting, held January 17th at 6:00pm between Board members and special guest attendees. Once gathered, Town Supervisor Matt McAndrew called the meeting to order and welcomed conversations to begin surrounding the agenda of the Town of Ellicottville.

The first topic from Privilege of the Floor, came from Dawn Westfall of the Ellicottville Historical Society. It seems the Historical Society is facing some challenges with the amount of space that is available. She requested that the Board assist in finding appropriate options to add office and storage space for the needs of the organization. They are looking into fundraising opportunities, but as they gather the necessary requirements, residents can always look to the official website of the Town of Ellicottville and direct themselves to the donation form listed under the Historical Society section at www.ellicottvillegov.com.

An update was made on the progress of establishing local law to apply to short-term rentals. A drafted local law was presented to the Short-term Rental Committee on January 3rd and it was agreed that the draft covered the intentions of the Town and hopes to successfully carry out their goals in this newly charted territory. The draft will now move on to the Planning Board to be reviewed.

With the mention of the Planning Board, there was a recommendation made to fill two open positions within their Board. The positions to be filled included Planning Board Chair and Vice Chair. The Town Board approved the motion for the recommendations and the positions are now filled.

The Planning department then carried on with their report with an update to the traffic

impact study of the Crosby Gas Station Project. It was noted that the project will be updated to include possible future plans proposed by Steelbound Brewery, potentially expanding sidewalks, and the impact of the EVGV Trail as they continue with their mission to build.

The EVGV Trail Committee was mentioned to the Board as a follow-up to some Old Business. The Committee is currently planning a 5K run fundraiser at HoliMont and they hope to pick up some corporate sponsorships. The planning will continue and be brought back to the Town Board for review once completed. For those interested in the EVGV Trail, feel free to check out their official website and keep up-to-date with future planning and events at www.evgvtrail.org.

Also moving forward from the Old Business would be the Town Hall Front Door Project. The Engineering Department has been given contracted documents that they have reviewed and are in the process of revising. Once the contracts are finalized, the project will be one step closer to completion for a beautiful addition to the historic building.

All reports, including Planning, Engineering, Police, and Highway were accepted without issue from the Board, along with the Supervisor's report, Audit of Claims, and the previous Board Minutes.

Once discussions ran to an end, Town Supervisor Matt McAndrew called the meeting to be adjourned and the Board was dismissed for the evening. The next Town Board meeting will be held on the third Wednesday of February 2024. To continue to keep up with the scheduling and details of the Town, you can visit the official website at www.ellicottvillegov.com.

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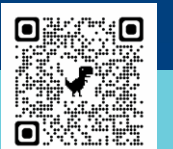
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Historical Fund Established at Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation



Representatives of CRCF and the Portville Historical and Preservation Society celebrate the establishment of a new agency fund. L-R: Tony Evans, Portville Mayor & CRCF board member; Kirk Windus, CRCF executive director; Ronda Pollock, PHPS founder & secretary; Terri Batt, PHPS curator & trustee; Bob Fairbanks, PHPS treasurer.

OLEAN - The Portville Historical and Preservation Society (PHPS) recently established an agency endowment at the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation to support the agency's efforts to preserve the long and rich history of the Portville community. Ronda Pollock, the PHPS founder, encouraged the agency to establish the fund to support the organization's mission and programming and its long-term sustainability.

PHPS was established in 1986 and has focused on collecting, preserving and exhibiting historic materials pertinent to the past of the town and village of Portville and surrounding areas in the years since. "In the future, PHPS plans to extend its reach to a wider audience and become a destination in the study and enjoyment of New York State History," said Pollock.

Over the years, the PHPS has released a number of print publications chronicling important Portville history, including *A History of the Town Portville*, *Portville Goes to War* and *History of Farming in the Portville Area*. The historical society also publishes a newsletter on an ongoing basis that tells stories of Portville and the surrounding communities' past.

Formerly located on Maple Avenue, the Portville Historical and Preservation Society now holds a location in the historic Bedford Corners on State Route 305. Bedford Corners was officially listed on the State Register of Historic Places in 2003.

PHPS President Cindy Kelley mentioned that the office in the Eshelman House is open every Thursday from 10:00am-4:00pm and other days by appointment. "We welcome visitors and friends to tour our restored buildings, and we will aid them in their historical research and genealogy," she said.

In 2001, Col. Charles O. Eshelman deeded the land at Bedford Corners, including Bedford Corners Schoolhouse, Portville Grange and the home of Jacob Bedford, which was constructed in 1856. The Bedford Corners Schoolhouse was built in 1864 to educate students in Joint School District No. 7 in the Town of Portville and Little Genesee. The schoolhouse continued to serve the district until the centralization of the Portville School District in 1942.

The historical and preservation society has successfully restored and maintained the Bedford house and the Bedford Corners Schoolhouse. The agency hopes to be able to

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BOUQUET SALE

HomeCare & Hospice Launches Spring Fundraiser; Orders Due By Feb. 9th

OLEAN - HomeCare & Hospice Foundation is preparing for its 30th Annual Spring Bouquet Sale, a fundraiser held every March to benefit members of our community facing life-limiting illness. All proceeds from the bouquet sales will benefit terminally ill hospice patients and their families throughout Allegany, Cattaraugus, Genesee and Wyoming counties.

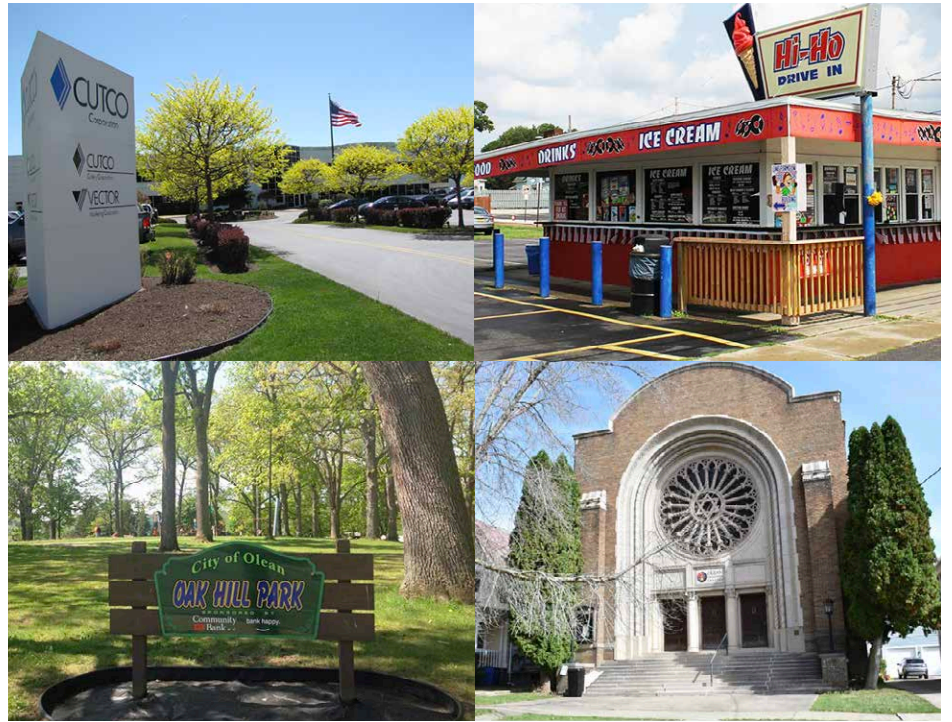
An 18-stem bouquet will be available for \$25 each. Orders can be placed online at BouquetSale.givesmart.com or by contacting their new administrative headquarters (located at 115 E. Main Street, Allegany, NY 14706) at 716-372-2106. Chocolate bars from Oliver's Candies in Batavia will be available for \$2.00 each at on-site locations in Olean, Arcade, Wellsville, Warsaw and Batavia.



"We're excited to be kicking off our 30th year bringing beautiful bouquets to the communities we serve," said Melissa Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer at HomeCare & Hospice. Orders should be placed no later than February 9th at 4:30pm. The bouquets will be delivered and available for pickup the week of March 10th. If you are interested in volunteering or being a pre-sale coordinator, contact HomeCare & Hospice at 716-372-2106.

THE FINAL FOUR

Greater Olean Area Chamber Needs Your Final Vote for their 2024 Ornament



OLEAN - The Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce looked to the community for ideas for its 2024 Santa Claus Lane ornament through early January. The ornament will be the 30th in a series created by artist Kathleen McDonald.

"More than 35 buildings/areas were submitted as ideas for this year's Santa Claus Lane ornament," reported Meme K. Yanetsko, GOACC COO. Of the 35, six of the submissions were new: Joe's Service Station, Napoli Pizza, Stroehmann's Bakeries, Roxie's, the Halfway and St. Elizabeth Motherhouse.

The top four submissions are Oak Hill Park, Olean Community Theatre, Cutco Cutlery, and HiHo Drive In. Voting began earlier this week on the Chamber's Facebook page (@oleannychamber), via email (info@oleanny.com) and by phone (716-372-4433). The community is asked to vote for one submission on each post. (You can vote for more than one, but please vote each one separately.) Voting will end at noon this Friday, January 26th.

Every year, a local landmark is chosen to be designed on the 3-1/2 inch circular resin ornament. The artist sketches the layout from photos provided by Chamber officials and a prototype is created. Once the prototype is approved, work begins with the process of pouring and hand-painting each piece. The ornaments arrive in Olean, individually boxed, with a brief description of the ornament. Some years, there are two ornaments. In that case, the overall winner is the first one.

"We've had some companies come to us to have an additional ornament created - making two for that particular year - like Olean Class Cars, First Presbyterian Church, and Henry H. Hill. We ask for only ONE additional ornament and that building submit/pay the design fee," stated Yanetsko.

Past ornaments include the Olean Municipal Building, the Fannie E. Bartlett House, St. Mary of the Angels Church, Olean High School, St. Stephen's Church, St. Bonaventure University, a depiction of Santa Claus Lane, the Olean General Hospital, Olean Post Office, Community Bank, Ivers J. Norton, the Castle Restaurant, St. Francis Hospital, Chuck Wagon Restaurant, Palace Theater, Boardmanville Elementary, Red and Trudys, North Union Street street scape (1st hundred block west side), Olean Class Cars, Cloud 9 Amusement Park, Bradners Stadium, Henry H. Hill, Archbishop Walsh, Beef 'n' Barrel Restaurant, Tasta Pizza, the Olean Public Library, two in 2022 - First Presbyterian Church and Pioneer Park in Portville, and Angee's Restaurant this past year.

The ornaments, in addition to event sponsorships, is a fundraiser for Olean's Santa Claus Lane. Ornaments began in 1999, and have been a great gift idea for local and former residents as well as corporate gifts. Through the fundraisers, the electricity bill (to light all the decorations) and refurbishing items (bulbs, garlands, light strands, etc.) are paid. Excess revenue (if any) from the event/fundraising, is turned over to the Santa Claus Lane fund that sits with the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation. That fund is used for future purchases for the Santa Claus Lane celebration. For more information, please call the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce at 716-372-4433.

A WINTER WALKABOUT

See What You Can Discover at Audubon Nature Center this Saturday

JAMESTOWN - Break out of the winter blues on Saturday, January 27th from 10:00-11:30am when you join an Audubon Community Nature Center Educator for a Winter Walkabout. There are all sorts of exciting natural events happening as plants and animals find ways to survive the frozen winter. Come explore the grounds at Audubon - look for animal tracks and signs, break through the ice to see what pond critters are hiding below, and relish the natural beauty of the season. There is no telling what you will find on this walkabout, so bring your sense of adventure. Be sure to dress for the weather and be prepared to walk on potentially snowy trails. The fee is \$8 for adults or \$6 for Nature Center members and children ages 9-15. Reservations are appreciated by calling 716-569-2345 during business hours or going to AudubonCNC.org and clicking through Programs and Events. Walk-ins are welcome. Audubon Community Nature Center is located at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown, NY and Warren, PA. You can visit the nearly 600-acre nature preserve, check in on the live birds of prey, and hike, snowshoe or cross country ski over five miles of trails dawn until dusk daily for free. To learn more about Audubon and its many programs, call 716-569-2345, find Audubon Community Nature Center on Facebook, or visit AudubonCNC.org.

HEALTH & FITNESS

Core Performance: Why We Turn to Medication to Lose Weight

By **KIM DUKE, CERTIFIED PERSONAL TRAINER**

Whenever I look at pictures of by-gone eras I can't help but notice that back in the early and mid-portion of the 20th century, our country did not have the serious obesity problem that it has today. Our intense desire for instant gratification has become our Achilles heel. This brought to mind the article I wrote about processed and ultra-processed food. These 'Frankenstein' versions of food are made up of added sugar, salt, fat and starches extracted from natural occurring foods and then blended with artificial colors, flavors and stabilizers to hold it all together. Soft drinks, hot dogs, cold cuts, packaged cookies and salty snacks like pretzel rods all qualified, as did many frozen dinners.

Fructose, one of the most commonly used sweeteners, is now present in many foods at concentrations unheard of in nature. In recent years, studies have shown that fructose destroys or inactivates several key enzymes needed for the healthy functioning of the mitochondria, the power plants in human cells that convert simple sugars into ATP, the form of energy we use to carry out the functions of the human body and brain. Sugar isn't even the worst problem in the American diet. More damaging still is the consumption of processed grains, used in corn flakes, white bread and many other products. These grains are stripped of their outer shell, known as the "bran," and their inner germ, which contains fiber, fatty acids and nutrients, leaving only the carbohydrates. The human body digests these liberated carbohydrates much faster than when they're locked inside the grains.

Instead of sitting in the stomach and gradually being broken down into glucose, it begins to break down as soon as it gets to your mouth and is almost fully digested by the time it has moved through the stomach, and all absorbed by the time it gets to your small bowel.

This rapid digestion starves the gut bacteria, which we rely on for healthy functioning of the digestive system, leading to increased gut permeability that in turn may allow bacteria and toxins to enter the bloodstream and cause widespread inflammation, a factor in a wide variety of diseases such as celiac disease, diabetes, asthma, Alzheimer's and cancer. In recent years, evidence has emerged linking the pathological brain activation patterns seen in drug addicts to those seen in many obese research subjects and compulsive over-eaters.

This is why it's no wonder that scientists and researchers created drugs like Ozempic, Wegovy and Mounjaro. The history of the anti-obesity drug discovery is part of a bottomless pit that has a long list of failures. However, the new crop of much-hyped weight loss drug seems different. These work with mimicking a hormone called glucagon which regulates blood sugar levels and slows down the rate at which food leaves your stomach, making people fuller for longer.

I have been helping people get in better shape and lose unwanted weight for years. As much as I can give them the tools and information on what to eat, the world of food/drink choices is constantly challenging to them. Some of my clients have decided to use these medications and are having success. They have educated themselves about the side effects and have made exercise an integral part of this journey. I have noticed that these clients are much more mindful about not only how much they eat but also what they eat. Some have



already weaned off the drug and are still doing great by maintaining the weight they feel more comfortable in.

Again, I think what we can take away from this is that many decades ago we did not have an obesity problem. Heart disease and high blood pressure as well as other diseases like type 2 diabetes, gallbladder disease and osteoarthritis were not as common as they are now. We have a big problem with our food system - limited access to healthy food, poverty, and the dominance of big corporations over our diets. Like any addiction, sometimes you need medications to help you break them. This is a complex problem and the answers are not always for everyone. Whatever choice you make, always follow the advice of your health care provider.

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 visit her Facebook page, go to www.coreperformancefitness.com or call her directly at 716-698-1198.

TELL A FRIEND TOUR

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passion seeking fans than by having the event be free of charge.

On Thursday, February 15th at Holiday Valley, the Tour will start at the Training Center from 3:00-7:30pm. After the action slopeside, guests are welcomed to join the team for free pizza along with additional raffles and prizes.

The tour has made Holiday Valley one of their annual stops from the very beginning. It's really become one that Andy Parry looks forward to when on the road. "Holiday Valley is a bit special because I'm from Western NY. I grew up in Victor, NY so I know the area and going to HV is kinda like being home. HV locals are also really into skiing. Something about being in WNY during the winter makes you a bit of a fanatic. The fan base is really strong in that area and in turn makes everything a bit more special for everyone involved." The representation and love for the area serves as a reminder that our home base of Ellicottville runs deep in the ski community and there is no limit on where the slopes can take you.

Holiday Valley welcomes the event; from the guests it brings to the excitement it surrounds, it proves to be a highlight of the ski season. Dash Hegeman, Director of Marketing, adds how the ski resort embraces the returning Tour. "It's always a really fun, low-key, high-stoke event for our terrain park enthusiasts and the Park Crew. The Tour is filled with really talented skiers and watching them do what they love in the park is a blast."

It looks like an all-around action-packed day for all ages to join in on. We hope you find your way to take part in the unique experience of skiing with the pros!

For more information on the Tour check out their various social media platforms such as Facebook Tell a Friend Tour, Instagram @tellafriendtour, and their website www.tellafriendtour.com along with Holiday Valley's events at www.holidayvalley.com.

RAIL RIDER JAMBOREE

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what the Rail Rider Jamboree is planning for all attendees. The Jamboree is outdoors with music starting around 1:00pm on Saturday with doors opening at 12:00pm and will take place in the Holiday Valley Resort lot right next to the Holiday Valley Lodge.

Rail Rider Jamboree will kick off the weekend on Friday, March 22nd at Holiday Valley with rail jam contests and live music, slopeside at the base of the mountain at the Rail Park. Come enjoy free music at the Holiday Valley Cabana Bar from 8:00-10:00pm.

"Rail Rider Jamboree has quickly become a staple for the end of season at Holiday Valley. It's the perfect way to celebrate the outdoors with amazing music at the base of the ski slope," says Ginger Root Productions and Borderland Festival owner, Jennifer Brazill. "The elements create the best vibe and the venue is perfect. We are so lucky to be able to curate such a cool event, stacking the day with some of the best musicians around. We can't wait for another great year!"

Lodging with options to add on lift tickets and other resort activities are available to book with the resort today, with package Jamboree tickets to be announced. The event is for all ages. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at www.railriderjam.com.

PORTVILLE HISTORICAL FUND

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continue restoration work on the Grange building that occupies land at Bedford Corners. The building was first a cheese factory that operated until the early 1920s before being conveyed to Portville Grange No. 842, where local farmers and their families held meetings and gatherings.

"We are excited to work with the Portville Historical and Preservation Society for many years to come," said Kirk Windus, CRCF executive director. "The communities in Cattaraugus County have so much history and heritage that deserve to be celebrated. It takes the work of dedicated volunteers, like those that lead the Portville Historical and Preservation Society, and the support of our communities to preserve that history, and we are happy to support that work in any way we can."

Donations can be made to Portville Historical and Preservation Society Fund at the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation, 301 North Union St., Suite 203, Olean, NY 14760 or online at cattfoundation.org.

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SPAGHETTI DINNER: The Little Valley Bridge of Hope Church (formerly the United Methodist Church) will host a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, January 27, 2024 from 4:00-7:00pm at their location, 109 Court Street, Little Valley, NY. Dinner includes spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread and desert. Dine with us or take out. Cost is a free-will donation. All proceeds will go towards repairing our Sanctuary. For questions or further information please call 716-938-6150.

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LIBRARY PROGRAM: PIONEER LIFE

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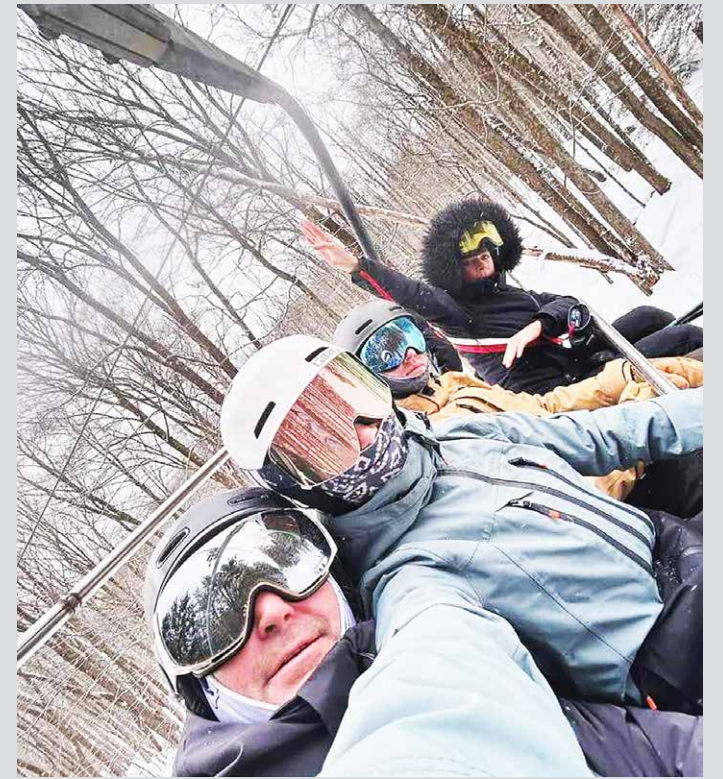
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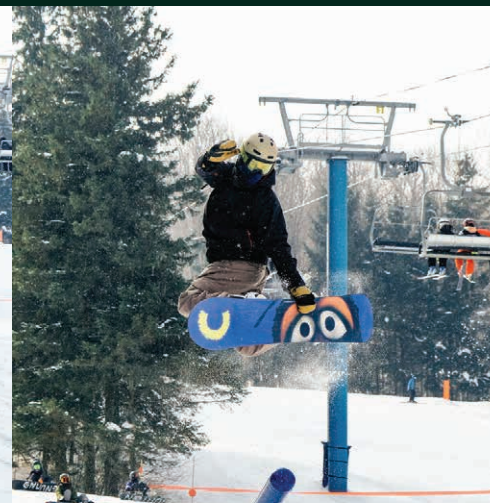
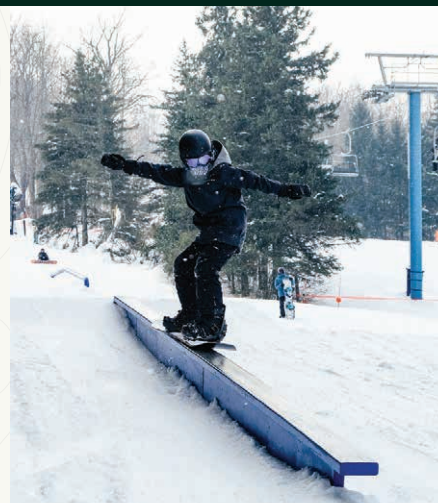
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