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The Slopes of Ellicottville, NY Are Calling

Winter is Coming and We've Got the Scoop on Everything You Need to Plan Your Next Getaway



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HoliMont has also been busy keeping their reputation as a top ski destination on the East Coast. With 8 lifts and 56 trails, they can accommodate up to 13,000 skiers per hour, but provide the exclusivity of a private club through membership. Their Ski School boasts world-class instructors who cater to all skill levels, ages and abilities. It is worth noting, however, that the resort is open to the public weekdays. Those who frequently visit HoliMont during the week can testify to the excellent slope conditions.

You can't go wrong, no matter where you decide to ski in Ellicottville, NY. One thing is for sure though, this season is going to be one you won't want to miss!

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ELLICOTTVILLE COUNTS DOWN TO SKI SEASON

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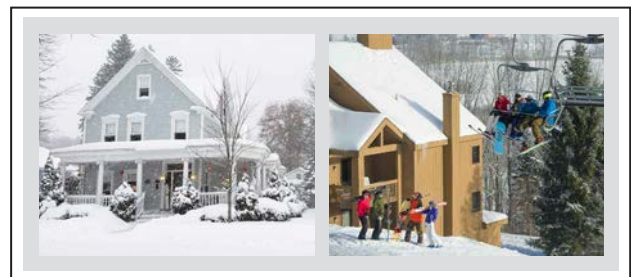
For years, Ellicottville has made its mark as a premier ski location in the northeastern United States. Ellicottville hosts the largest private ski club in North America - HoliMont, and Holiday Valley is a leader in the industry and consistently ranks among the favorites of skiers in the East. Ellicottville's average 180 inches of snow maintains a ski season from November through mid-April. But here's a news flash! Ellicottville is so much more than a ski town! Spring through fall, guests have ample opportunity to perfect their swing at Holiday Valley's Double Black Diamond Golf Course. But don't forget about mountain biking, ziplining, paddleboarding, kayaking, outdoor music and events - you can find something for everyone to do! ... page 10

HoliMont Bike Park: Downhill MTB with Lift Access

HoliMont currently offer an impressive selection of mountain bike trails providing over 10 miles of thrilling tracks for you to explore, with lift access! But that's not all - they're constantly expanding and adding even more trails to make your biking experience truly unforgettable. The trail crew is currently working on a new climb trail to expand access to the trail network during the shoulder season and midweek when there is no lift access. Their diverse range of trails includes 8 cross country routes and 9 downhills, each catering to different skill levels from beginners to expert riders ... page 04

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SHOP INTERVIEWS WITH EVL'S SKI & SNOWBOARD OUTFITTERS

Winter enthusiasts everywhere are enjoying the crunch of the leaves underfoot knowing the next season is just around the corner. As you take your gear out of storage, it's important to thoroughly check that everything fits and is in good working condition. Helmets, if you took a few spills, need to be replaced. Gear that is worn through won't be as effective at keeping you warm and dry while you shred. This is best left to the amazing winter experts we have right here in Ellicottville, who are ready to guide you with your individual needs. Let's dig in ... pages 08-09

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BEER & WINE FESTIVAL

Join the fun on November 11 with the 19th annual Beer & Wine Festival, where many of the region's best craft brewers, wineries and cideries come to the Main Lodge so that you can sample their incredible creations. Session One goes from 1-4PM and Session Two goes from 5-8PM.



"CRAWL OUTTA FALL"

Join us at the Tamarack Club on November 10 for the perfect kickoff to the Beer & Wine Festival. Register between 5:30 and 8:30PM in the Tamarack lobby and prepare for an unforgettable night out in Ellicottville.



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Ellicottville Has Plenty of Fun on Tap While You Wait for the Lifts to Spin



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By MARY WEISER

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BEER AND WINE FESTIVAL

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The crawl begins with a welcome reception at the Tamarack Club from 5:30-8:30pm. Here, participants can register for just \$10, which includes a passport card, a first drink at John Harvard's, and access to the shuttle service. The shuttle service will run from 6:00pm-2:00am and will depart from the Tamarack Club every half hour. Participating bars include 12 Gates, Balloons, The Banq, Madigan's, Monroe Street Brick and Brew, Silver Fox, EBC Taqueria, and Villaggio. To win the ultimate Holiday Valley experience - a dine, stay, and play package - collect four stamps on your passport and submit it to the Tamarack front desk or at the Beer and Wine Festival on Saturday to be entered for the drawing.



On Saturday, November 11th, there will be two separate sessions of the Beer and Wine Fest. Session one runs from 1:00-4:00pm and session two runs from 5:00-8:00pm. The following businesses have been confirmed for this year's event: Voodoo Brewing, Eli Fish, Erie Brewing Company, Five & 20 Brewing, Marquee Brewing, Naked Dove Brewing, Windy Brew, Meiers Creek Brewing, Six-point Brewery, Bold Rock Cider, Southern Tier Brewing, Victory Brewing Company, 12 Gates Brewing, 1911 Established, Big Ditch Brewing, Ellicottville Brewing Company, Founders Brewing, Steelbound Brewery & Distillery, Flying Bison Brewing, Saranac/Utica Club, Woodcock Brothers, and 42 North Brewing Company. Stay up-to-date on participating businesses by visiting <https://www.holidayvalley.com/activities-events/beer-and-wine-festival/>.

Throughout the festival, visitors can enjoy live entertainment by XOXO, Porcelain Busdrivers, and Todd Mertens. Tickets are available online for both sessions. (Save \$10 by ordering by October 31st.) For those interested in making a weekend out of it, lodging packages are available for Saturday night only, and for Friday and Saturday nights. To learn more, visit <https://www.holidayvalley.com/activities-events/beer-and-wine-festival/> or call 716-699-2345.

CHRISTMAS IN ELLICOTTVILLE

Just a couple of weeks after the Beer & Wine Festival, the village of Ellicottville will be ready to kick off the holiday season with Christmas in Ellicottville! From November 24-26th (Thanksgiving weekend), downtown Ellicottville will welcome shoppers to its walkable four-block business district filled with unique holiday gift choices and plenty of great dining options. Although online shopping may be a convenient option, it's certainly no replacement for the energy and excitement of the downtown shopping scene. The weekend includes activities for children (many of them free!), a special visit from Santa, holiday music and more!



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What's more, Saturday, November 25th is Small Business Saturday, a day to celebrate and support small businesses and all they do for their communities. Since 2010, Small Business Saturday has encouraged shoppers to do business at independent retailers and restaurants to keep their dollars local. Get your shopping list ready by visiting www.ellicottvilleny.com and checking out the member directory, which includes an impressive list of stores, restaurants, accommodations, community organizations, services and more. For more information about Christmas in Ellicottville, visit <https://www.ellicottvilleny.com/events/christmas-in-ellicottville-2023/> and email info@ellicottvilleny.com.

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HOLIDAY VALLEY UPGRADES

The Resort Continues to Improve the Guest Experience



BY DASH HEGEMAN, HOLIDAY VALLEY

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UP THE MOUNTAIN WE GO! First up, let's talk about the pièce de résistance - the brand-new, state-of-the-art High-Speed 6-Pack Chairlift from Doppelmayr, USA. Imagine zipping up the mountain with room for two more friends than before. This lift, a marvel of modern engineering, will replace the Mardi Gras High Speed Quad and is set to redefine "peak" experiences. The project was primarily done in-house by the incredible Holiday Valley Mountain Operations Team and was two years in the making. Last summer the team completed all of the concrete work for the lift tower foundations, which allowed them to get a fantastic jump-start on deconstructing the Mardi Gras High Speed Quad last April and then begin the impressive task of building a new lift unlike any this region has ever seen.



THE INN AT HOLIDAY VALLEY: YOUR SKI IN/SKI OUT SANCTUARY! Have you ever experienced The Inn at Holiday Valley? Well, it's in the process of getting a room transformation! Over the next three years, all 102 rooms will be updated and improved upon. Oh, and did we mention the new convenience store in the lobby? Late-night cravings for hot cocoa and snacks will be a thing of the past!

A BETTER ON-HILL EXPERIENCE: Say hello to the new PistenBully 600 snow groomer. This isn't just any groomer; it's lighter, more efficient and will be an excellent addition to the grooming fleet. Given that the slopes are open from 9:00am-9:00pm Monday through Wednesday, 9:00am-10:00pm Thursday and Friday, and 8:30am-10:00pm on the weekends, the Grooming Team has a formidable task of getting the slopes groomed every night and this new PistenBully will help them accomplish that.



LET IT SNOW! Making snow has long been an important component of the Holiday Valley experience and so it comes as no surprise that the resort continues to invest in its snowmaking technology. More automation, new pipelines and a lot of hard work and dedication by the Holiday Valley Snowmaking Team means that as soon as the weather is cold enough, the slopes will soon be blanketed in snow.

DINE WITH A VIEW, SIP WITH A SMILE: And for those who love to après-ski, John Harvard's at the Tamarack Club is getting a facelift. With the best dining views in Ellicottville, this renovation will make the overall dining experience one that you won't soon forget.

SIT BACK AND RELAX! The Ellicottville Oasis Spa is also located in the Tamarack Club - just down the hallway from the restaurant - and is the perfect place to unwind and treat yourself. Pamper yourself with a massage, facial, body wrap or mani-pedi. Or sit back and relax in the new Relaxation Room where an automated massage chair will help you unwind and have you feeling like a new version of yourself. Learn more at www.elleoasis.com.

For more on the upcoming season, make your way to www.holidayvalley.com.

About Holiday Valley: Nestled just 50 miles south of Buffalo and a snowball's throw from Cleveland and Toronto, Holiday Valley is your year-round paradise. With 60 slopes and trails, 13 lifts, 3 base lodges, and an array of magical amenities like an 18-hole golf course, a treetop aerial adventure park and a mountain coaster, this resort is where winter fun comes to life!

So mark your calendars, winter enthusiasts! The 2023-24 season at Holiday Valley is set to be the most captivating one yet!

HOLIMONT IS FAMILY

Enjoy the Best of Everything with Membership; Open to the Public Weekdays



BY JENNAH BRADLEY, HOLIMONT

Membership at HoliMont offers access to exceptional ski and snowboarding conditions with an impressive 180" of annual snowfall, making HoliMont a top ski destination on the East Coast. With our 8 lifts and 56 trails, we can accommodate up to 13,000 skiers per hour, but provide the exclusivity of a private club. Our Ski School boasts world-class instructors who cater to all skill levels, ages and abilities. Enhance your freestyle techniques and master the art of racing through our exclusive weekend clinics.

At HoliMont, the social scene is unparalleled. From year-round member events and weekend après parties to a wide range of fun-filled activities for kids, there is something for everyone, both on and off the slopes. And the excitement doesn't end when winter fades away. Our summer activities - mountain biking at our premier bike park, hiking, swimming, paddle sports, camping, and more - transform HoliMont into the perfect family oasis.

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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WEEKDAYS

It is worth noting that HoliMont opens its slopes to the public Monday through Friday during the ski season, with the exception of certain blackout dates, such as Christmas week. (Check our website for specific dates.) Those who frequently visit HoliMont during the week can testify to the excellent slope conditions. Our snowmaking and grooming teams are experts in their fields and can provide the best skiing experience every day of the season. Additionally, there is a perk of skiing on weekdays at HoliMont - no lift lines... ever!

HOLIMONT SNOWSPORTS PROGRAM



Our Snowsports program offers a fantastic opportunity for students of all ages and skill levels to join a team. At HoliMont, our welcoming and family-friendly atmosphere allows students to forge lifelong friendships while honing their technical skills under the guidance of our exceptional coaches. Whether you're a beginner or an elite skier, everyone is invited to be part of our team and rediscover the joys of winter! As young skiers develop, they may find an interest in Competitive Snowsports; they can progress from HoliKids to JR HoliHawks then gain experience in IntraClub Racing before moving on to a travel team. Get in touch with our SnowSports School to discover the perfect program for you or your child.

Our Competitive Programs are home to coaches and former athletes who are certified by both the United States Ski and Snowboard Association (USSS) and the Canadian Ski Coaches Federation (CSCF). Our programs not only provide top-notch racing and freestyle competition but also foster a strong sense of camaraderie.

HoliMont's FLITE Team offers a freestyle skiing program where they can refine their skills and learn to conquer jumps, bumps, moguls and more! The FLITE Team is led by USSS and PSIA certified instructors, providing a truly world-class learning opportunity. Every student has the chance to grow as an integral member of a team and learn the art of competing. Not only will you expand your knowledge and abilities, but you'll also have a season filled with winter fun!

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HoliMont offers the ideal venue to host your company outing, ski group, private party, or any other event. With Dina's at the Mont providing top-notch catering, spacious meeting and conference rooms that can accommodate groups of any size, an array of activities both on and off the slopes and much more, HoliMont will create a truly unforgettable experience for your group. In addition, don't miss out on our annual Contractor's Day on Friday, January 26, 2024. This incredible event not only honors our local businesses, but it's open to anyone who wants to join in on the fun. And mark your calendars for the highly anticipated 2nd annual Ski 4 a Cure event in partnership with the Ski Club of Lockport on Friday, February 16, 2024. This event is dedicated to raising funds for Roswell Park Cancer

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DECEMBER 16

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FEBRUARY 23

HOLIDAY VALLEY RESORT
716.699.2345 | www.holidayvalley.com



A day of peace, love and telemark skiing at the Yodeler Champagne Sundeck. Brought to you by The City Garage and their favorite tele-brands. Special lift ticket rates for participants. Telemark Skiing combines elements of both alpine and nordic skiing, using the rear foot to keep balance while pushing on the front foot to create a carving turn on downhill skis with toe-only bindings. In other words, free the heel, man! Get to the Champagne Sundeck (Holiday Valley's Yodeler Lodge) early to get your gear. They'll have men's, women's and even a limited supply of kid's stuff. For more info, call 716-699-2054 or visit The City Garage on Monroe Street.

FEBRUARY 24

HOLIDAY VALLEY RESORT
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Penguin Paddle

The annual Penguin Paddle is an all-day event to benefit the Lounsbury Adaptive Ski Program. And they don't call it the Penguin Paddle for nothing! Every February, hundreds of skiers and snowboarders of all ages (aka "penguins") flock to Holiday Valley to race down the lower portion of Yodeler slope on their bellies, donning black garbage bags. Not only are there prizes for the racers, there is also a buffet cook-out lunch, silent auction, and raffle filled with awesome items. You can expect over 150 items including beautiful gift baskets, ski and outdoor gear, home decor and gift cards from many Ellicottville businesses.

FEBRUARY 23-25

DOWNTOWN ELLICOTTVILLE
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Once we're midway through ski season, we turn it up a notch with another weekend of superior live music sounding throughout the entire village! Ellicottville's Winter Music Jam will feature three days of live music in all the hot spots, complementing the list of outdoor fun, shopping and dining you'll enjoy here in Ellicottville. Produced by the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, you can expect to hear over a dozen bands play! For a full list of events and festivals for 2024, head over to ellicottvilleny.com or call 800-349-9099. Be sure to follow @visitellicottville on Instagram.

MARCH 3

HOLIDAY VALLEY RESORT
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If you love snowboarding, this is the event for you. If not, no worries - it's also great for spectating! BB is a timed, banked slalom down Holiday Valley's Champagne slope with 4 divisions - Grom (15 & under), Men's, Women's, and O.G. (35+). There will be trophies for each division winner, along with free swag, prizes and giveaways! There will also be a Vendor Village and cookout on the Champagne Sundeck at the Yodeler Lodge. Discounted lift tickets for competitors and lodging are available. Assumption of risk form must be signed by a parent if competitor is under 18. All proceeds go towards benefiting a charitable cause.

MARCH 9-10

DOWNTOWN ELLICOTTVILLE & HOLIDAY VALLEY
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It is without a doubt one of the most fun and zany events you'll experience in Ellicottville. Mardi Gras Weekend delivers a New Orleans style celebration with a ski town twist. Ellicottville will host its annual Mardi Gras Parade and Holiday Valley no doubt has a full schedule of fun planned for their Winter Carnival celebration. We can't think of a better way to close out winter than with a wild, village-wide costume party! Pull out the masks, break out the beads, get those skis and snowboards waxed up and get prepped for Ellicottville's Mardi Gras Weekend!

SHOP INTERVIEWS

THE CITY GARAGE

5 Monroe Street | 716-699-2054 | citygarageskishop.com



INTERVIEW WITH TREY CLAUSS, STORE MANAGER | BY COLLEEN EVANS

What's new in the shop this year?

It's all about the GEAR! The ski boot world has been taken over by BOA. Putting on ski boots is going to sound a little different this year. If you haven't heard or seen BOA, then you've been living under a rock for the past 15 years. BOA has partnered with specific boot companies to offer a new fit option for ski boots. Removing the lower 2 buckles and replacing them with the patented "BOA knob". We have Salomon and K2 boots with BOA. On the ski wall this year we have the goods! Especially the best goods you can buy in the ski industry. Stöckli, the Swiss ski brand has been making the highest quality ski for some time now. We started our partnership last season to get the skis on the main stage at our shop. This season we have added more models!

Do you have a personal favorite brand or piece of equipment?

That's a tough one! Having picked most of the products in the shop, it's hard to have a lone favorite. I'd say the piece of equipment I am most excited about is our new Podoscope from Boot Doc. This is our new foot analysis device that shows not only us, but most importantly the customer the shape of their foot and how their foot sits in a ski boot. We have the ability to make the boot fitting process much more precise and efficient. Engaging the customer makes them feel more at ease about putting 2 pieces of plastic on their feet!

Can you give us a look into your winter services offered? What can customers expect renting through The City Garage?

Customer service is #1! Generally speaking, if it has something to do with skiing, we can handle it! Offering a full service repair and installation shop powered by Wintersteiger Tuning Machines, we can completely overhaul skis to that factory finish! Moving upstairs, we turn the focus onto your FEET! If your feet aren't happy, ain't nobody gonna be happy! We have partnered with BootDoc ski boot fitting to offer a seamless fitting experience. We are the only fully stocked Telemark Ski shop in the east. (Telemark skiing has been cultivated by our staff and customers over the past 20 years.) We offer a full rental lineup for daily rental and junior seasonal leases. With telemark rentals comes cross country and snowshoe daily rentals. We also offer daily hi-performance demo skis!

With 24 years in business, what's it like keeping up with the trends and sticking to the City Garage vibe you're so well known for?

With those 24 years of having the doors open, we have seen plenty of brands come and go; unfortunately some that probably could have done great things. We have always tried to align with smaller companies that have the same core values, knowing that we will be 100% behind their brand if they are the same to us. Having an "exclusive" brand to our store means the most. Knowing that we are the sole provider gives us the confidence to grow the brand! As soon as you open the door to the CG you'll know you're in the right place.

What's it like running year-round and switching into the anticipated winter season?

Having the doors open year round makes things a little more challenging to switch into winter; we have to be a bit more precise with our flipping of the switch. It seems like the entire retail world likes to make the change earlier and earlier each year! Thankfully our summer merchandise is much lighter and more breathable compared to winter! Many of our winter brands transition to summer apparel with us, so we keep the support rolling year round.

What's the inventory looking like this season?

It seems like every year is like a box of chocolates. I'm a firm believer the ski industry has eased off the gas a bit after covid. With that being said, it makes our jobs of managing inventory a bit more precise. You can't rely on every manufacturer to have every item in stock throughout the season. Our suggestion is if you are thinking about it, there's a good chance someone else is too! We pride ourselves on being a "specialty" retailer, meaning what we have is what you won't find in many other stores. Often times people will seek out the hard-to-find! Get in early and get the goods!

Are there any winter events The City Garage is involved in or looking forward to?

With the anticipation building every week, getting closer to that first breath of winter air and getting out to ski, we are happy to announce our annual Movie Night at the Ellicottville Depot on November 4, 2023. This year we will be pulling off a double header - from Line Skis and Faction Skis! Line Skis has put together a short film from their athletes' season of skiing around the world, highlighting many of the same skis we sell in the store! Faction Ski Co & Red Bull Media collaborate every 2 years to bring together a full-length feature film. This year's film is called ABSTRACT. We will kick things off roughly at 6:00pm. FREE event! RAFFLES! And you can't forget the Thanksgiving turkey giveaway! Look at our "social" for more info!

What do you look most forward to once snow covers the slopes?

Here's to IT! We need a good shot in the arm of winter this year. Being a skier in western NY is like being a Buffalo Bills fan... it keeps you on the edge of your seat! We're looking forward to keeping those smiles big and having good times with friends on the slopes. Every winter is a gift; don't let it pass you by!

LOUD UNDERGROUND

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INTERVIEW WITH DEE DIPPEL, OWNER | BY COLLEEN EVANS

What's new in the shop this year?

Everything is new for Loud Underground this year! The biggest thing is the new location (2 Bristol Lane) and partnering up with Daily City Train Skate Shop & Indoor Park. We now have more space to offer a larger selection of product, and more accessible parking to get bikes and boards in and out of the shop easier. The new space has allowed us to expand our offerings - more snowboard gear and apparel will be added from brands not found in town, BMX bikes, and more. We are excited to offer fat-bike and BMX bike rentals this year as well.

Do you have a personal favorite brand or piece of equipment?

In a world full of great product, it's really hard to go wrong with any of the offerings in each specific field. For me, the key to enjoying any outdoor winter activity is the proper gear. We offer great layerwear from BlackStrap to keep you warm, and wick moisture, paired with tech-packed outerwear from 686 to keep you dry and protected from the elements.



Are there any events Loud Underground is involved in this season that you're looking forward to?

Yes! We will be involved in several events this season that we're super excited to share. We are still planning and finalizing the winter schedule, and we look forward to releasing it soon. But in the meantime we do have a couple upcoming events still for this month. Newt's Nightmare Halloween Enduro Bike Race on 10/28 at the HoliMont Bike Park, and The Halloween Bash on 10/29 with Daily City Train.

What's it like running year-round and shifting from bikes to boards?

Both industries have taught us to adapt to change, and we welcome it. The change of seasons often brings that "kid at Christmas" feeling we all used to love. New product unboxing, fresh gear, and a change in service all brings a refreshing feeling to the shop. The bike season never really stops for us either; we just change gears from mountain bikes to fat bikes and now with the new location, BMX bikes and dirt jumpers.

What's the inventory looking like this season?

This season we are excited to offer a bigger selection of gear from some of our favorites: Capita Snowboards, Union Bindings, ThirtyTwo Boots, Clew Bindings, 686, Coal Headwear, Blackstrap, Crab Grab, and a few more new offerings that you'll have to stop by and see what we have in store! We are stocked up and ready to rip for this snowboard season. We have all kinds of product, and also some great deals on some leftover inventory as well. From layering to outer wear, and also winter fatbiking apparel as well.

Can we hear about the ski and board services Loud Underground offers?

We offer a variety of basic ski and board services - from edge sharpens, base repairs, epoxy work, to just a nice, hot hand wax, all at the most competitive rates. Our goal is to offer same day turn-around service to get you back out on the hill and enjoying what Ellicottville has to offer.

What year is Loud Underground in Ellicottville celebrating?

We are entering our 3rd season in Ellicottville, and our first year in our new location since our grand opening on August 19th.

What do you look forward to the most once snow covers the slopes?

We hope for snow, snow, SNOW! We appreciate all that the resorts have done to make the most of our winters, and we hope for this season to bless us with tons of natural snow. The crew is most excited for laps with friends at HoliMont and Holiday Valley, and a season full of groomed fatbike miles on WNY's wonderful groomed trail networks. Also on a side note, Western New York has some of the best winter time fatbiking trails and mileage in the eastern United States. In the Ellicottville area, there are groomed trails at HoliMont, Golden Hill State Forest, and McCarty Hill State forest. Look forward to trail conditions, rides, and rentals this season!

SHOP INTERVIEWS

MUD, SWEAT N' GEARS

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INTERVIEW WITH KIMBERLY READING, CO-OWNER | BY COLLEEN EVANS

What's new in the shop this year?

For starters, we changed up the layout of the store to create better flow and more retail space. We relocated the cash wrap and added a second point of sale to accommodate the busy days. We're always looking for new and creative ways to display our merchandise and the new layout has definitely helped. Customers have also appreciated the new layout.

Do you have a personal favorite brand or piece of equipment?

One new brand in particular is a premium Norwegian outerwear brand called Norrona...possibly, maybe, most likely our favorite obsession this season. Norrona offers something for everyone with innovative features, bold colors and signature designs. We particularly like the Loften Gore-Tex Insulated Jacket - super sleek yet fully featured. If you're in the market for something new, Norrona deserves a spot in your kit. On the ski wall, the women's Blizzard Sheeva 9 is an employee favorite, along with the Black Crows Captis Birdie. The Atomic Bent 90 and Atomic Bent 100 are also favored by our staff, along with the Rossignol Forza 70 and the Fischer Ranger series. Our boot fitters are excited about the new Nordica Unlimited series, the Tecnica Mach Series and Fischer RC4 BOA System series boots. Our snowboarders are super jazzed about the Nidecker Supermatic binding - the first universal, dual entry automatic snowboard binding. The Rome Stale Fish and Ride Shadowban have also caught their attention.

Let's talk about your leasing program; I hear there's even a buyout option. What can customers expect going through Mud Sweat n' Gears?

Our seasonal lease program is an affordable solution for families with growing kids, people who are new to snow sports or folks who aren't ready to fully invest in new gear. New and used ski or snowboard packages are available and come with season-long free tuning, boot adjustments, size upgrades for growing kids and an affordable buyout option at the end of the season. We also offer the option of leasing just a ski or snowboard boot or leasing just a ski or snowboard.

The Ellicottville location is seeing its 23rd year as a family-run business... that's incredible! What's it like to see that success grow overtime?

The growth of Mud, Sweat n' Gears has been very rewarding, and challenging at the same time. As a husband and wife team, we have been intertwined in the local community and ski industry for many years. We have built our business around the sport and lifestyle we love. Working in the ski industry is a lot of fun and owning a ski and snowboard shop in Ellicottville makes being in the business even better. We are so fortunate to have two amazing ski areas in the same town that support local businesses. Over the years we have cultivated an amazing, character driven staff who have helped tremendously in the growth of our business. We're lucky to have a diverse staff who are engaged and passionate about winter sports. Some of our staff has been with us since day one, and many have been with us for more than 10 years. We work, we ski, we snowboard... that's what we do. Our staff is the real lifeblood of our business.



Beyond the Ellicottville flagship, Mud Sweat n' Gears is also five years running in the newer East Aurora location. What's it like operating two stores?

While the two stores are similar in branding, product selection and service, the East Aurora store isn't an exact replica of the Ellicottville store... it has a personality of its own. By slightly adjusting the product range and services to reflect the demographic of the East Aurora area, we have seen steady growth since opening that location in 2018. East Aurora is a thriving village with lots of independently owned, specialty retail stores similar to Mud, Sweat n' Gears. Adding a second location has been such a great fit for us.

I'd love to hear a bit about the Mud Sweat n' Gears Race Center and the sponsorships they provide.

Mud, Sweat n' Gears' roots run deep in the ski racing community and has been a long time go-to source for the best equipment, boot fitting and race specific tuning. Sought out by competitive racers and weekend warriors alike, we offer the best in race skis, boots, bindings, helmets, goggles, protection, wax and tools. Mud, Sweat n' Gears sponsors the Niagara Frontier Ski Council, along with the New York State Ski Racing Association U14 State Team.

What do you look most forward to once snow covers the slopes?

Early morning alpine touring (skinning) with friends!

BOARDROOM SNOWBOARD SHOP

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INTERVIEW WITH SPENCER TIMKEY, OWNER/OPERATOR | BY COLLEEN EVANS

What's new in the shop this year?

This year's product curation is as good as it's ever been, and we're thrilled to introduce some new brands for this season. Public Snowboards provides a full complement of super fun park boards, Le Bent socks and base layers are lightweight, stink free and full merino wool, and Souvenir's pants and vests are a throwback to the 90s when snowboarding was in its full glory. We've stacked these three on top of an already outstanding arsenal of brands, and they're great complements. There's a full contingent of Boardroom and Ellicottville branded apparel as well.

Do you have a personal favorite brand or piece of equipment?

Can I say all of them? In all seriousness, our store is chock full of equipment from the industry's best brands. If it doesn't pass our personal seal of approval, we won't sell it. From simple beanies by Autumn to high-end GORE-TEX pieces from Burton [ak], we use what we sell - when you can speak on product quality from a first-hand experience, it gives our customers the peace of mind knowing they're getting the best stuff money can buy. When you call yourself an authentic snowboard shop, you need to practice what you preach. That means a full-service shop, a demo fleet and brands that embody the culture.

Let's hear about your rental program. What can customers expect renting through The Boardroom?

Our store was founded as a ski rental shop, and that remains a massive part of our business. Seasonal ski and snowboard rentals for both kids and adults is a great way to get into the sport affordably (especially if you've got growing kids). On the daily rental side, we've got adult and junior skis and snowboards, plus a full demo fleet of most boards on our retail wall and Burton Step On. Come in and demo something, and if you buy it that day, we knock what you paid off the purchase price.

39 years going as a family-run business... that must feel pretty great! What's it like to continue the dream and what's your key to success?

I've been incredibly fortunate to have a foundation as solid as the one my parents provided for me. When they opened the shop in 1984, they had no idea it would turn into what it is today, and I owe much to those who walked before me. When people ask what I do for a living, they kind of double take - you sell snowboards? - and it's the coolest feeling. We live by a few simple rules in here: show up on time, don't complain, provide exceptional customer service and give people a reason to want to shop with you. We sell fun for a living, it's pretty simple. 39 years in and that formula remains bulletproof. As a family - and rider-owned and operated snowboard-only retail outfit - these are the things that set us apart.

Further into the season, can we expect another Boardroom Banked?

Yes! Our favorite event returns to Holiday Valley on Sunday, March 3rd. A hand-dug banked slalom, the Banked is a day to celebrate the WNY snowboard scene and the culture as a whole. The past few seasons we've maxed out the number of riders and we don't anticipate that changing. This season, our beneficiary will be the Ellicottville Playground - a group of local moms who want to replace the current village playground with one that's modern and more inclusive. The Banked is a day that proves the WNY, eastern Ohio, and north/west PA snowboard scene can go pound for pound with anybody in the game.

What's it like managing a storefront and online website?

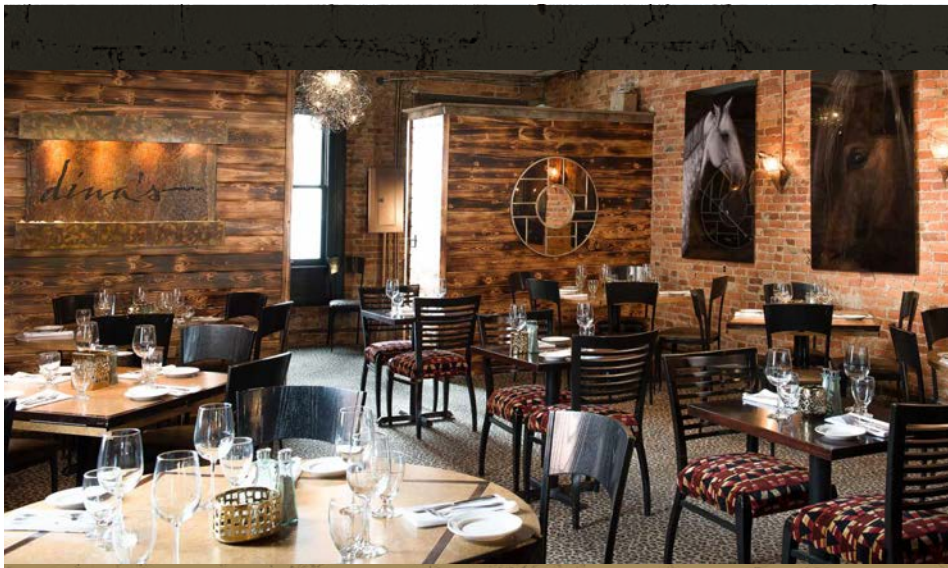
When you've got a team as good as ours, it's easy. We updated our point of sale this season with much better omnichannel functionality, meaning our inventory is incredibly accurate if we sell something in-store or online. Brooke is an absolute savant with how the store looks - we take a lot of pride in our merchandising. And Matt has been our web guru, building the new site from the ground up and shouldering a lot of the responsibility with the backend stuff. It's 2023, and to stay relevant and competitive we need a full online storefront. We look at it as a complement to what we offer in-store. The online channel is open 24/7 and we're only a message or phone call away if someone has any additional questions. Just because you're buying online doesn't mean you shouldn't expect the same level of service.

With the area's largest selection of Burton Step On, what's the inventory like this year?

Dialed. Step On has been an absolute game changer for us and snowboarding as a whole. We'll be the first to say that it isn't for everyone, but it filled a massive need the snowboarding industry had. We've stolen a lot of people back from skiing. Burton's lineup is as good as it's ever been, with incredibly clean colorways and styles. DC rounds out our boot selection, and we've got multiple options for both men and women. Step On is offered in our demo fleet, and we have brand new inventory for this season.

What do you look most forward to once snow covers the slopes?

There's nothing like selling someone a setup and them coming back with the biggest smile on their face because they just had the absolute best time on the hill. The people that come in the shop are what keeps our wheels turning and are the reason we come to the shop every day. We are a player in the game because we legitimately, genuinely love standing sideways and want to spread that love. But what I'm looking forward to the most? Getting my 2-year-old back on a board.



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BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

For years, Ellicottville has made its mark as a premier ski location in the northeastern United States. Ellicottville hosts the largest private ski club in North America - HoliMont, and Holiday Valley is a leader in the industry and consistently ranks among the favorites of skiers in the East. Ellicottville's average 180 inches of snow maintains a ski season from November through mid-April. But here's a news flash! Ellicottville is so much more than a ski town!

Some years, ski season and golf season intersect, making the separation from the snowy hills at Holiday Valley less painful. Spring through fall, guests have ample opportunity to perfect their swing at Holiday Valley's 18-hole Double Black Diamond golf course, with its 6,500 yards of very challenging golf. Golf outings are a great way to keep in touch with your ski club friends, co-workers or customers during the hazy days of summer.

Mountain biking has come into its own in Ellicottville. Holiday Valley has been a mecca for mountain biking ever since the Western New York Mountain Biking Association (WNYMBA) built 35 miles of singletrack in the state forest land adjoining Holiday Valley property. HoliMont has 16 mountain bike trails (7 cross country and 9 downhill) with both technical terrain and freeride terrain from beginner to expert levels. These machine built trails offer a great riding experience for the whole family! Cruisers and e-bikes can be rented at Holiday Valley or purchased at Bike and Bean or Loud Underground in the village of Ellicottville. In summer it's common to see bikers cruising our roads and hills. Ask Dennis at Bike and Bean or the good folks at Holiday Valley for route suggestions.

The Sky High Aerial Adventure Park at Holiday Valley is the largest in New York State and third largest in the U.S. You can't believe it until you see it and go through the course yourself! You have 13 to choose from, 143 obstacles and 43 zip lines. There is also a Climbing Forest and even something for the littlest of adventurers at the Mr. Happy Gem Mining.

FAMILY FRIENDLY FUN

Every summer from the end of June to the first week in August, Ellicottville presents the Gazebo Series. Bring your lawn chairs, picnic baskets, coolers and pets. and enjoy free live musical acts and theater performances in the Village Square. All are welcome. Speaking of pets, they are always welcome in Ellicottville, properly restrained, when need be, and free to romp and run at the dog park, located next to the athletic fields and playground at the Village Park.

The Village Park is a wonderful spot to let the kids play on the equipment while moms and dads sit back and relax, perhaps have a cold drink and a picnic. The park now features a brand new concrete skatepark, opened this year, where families and friends can skateboard, roller skate, scooter or BMX together - for FREE! It's an amazingly wholesome outlet for young and old alike. If you like to skateboard but hate the inclement weather, Ellicottville now has an indoor facility called Daily City Train, located next to Tim and Bonnie's Pizzeria. Both a retail store and skatepark, it is available to folks of all ages and skill levels to skate, learn and gather in the lounge area. Admission is \$10 all day!

A YEAR OF FESTIVALS

Every fourth of July weekend, Ellicottville plays host to the Summer Music Festival complete with a pet parade and outdoor concerts. The weekend kicks off with an assortment of bands and entertainment in many of the restaurants around the village. On Saturday, guests are entertained right on the slopes of Holiday Valley by an internationally well known act (yet to be announced for 2024). And on Sunday night, the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra entertains guests with their beautiful sound enjoyed against the backdrop of the hills, culminating with the traditional 1812 Overture and an amazing, over-the-top fireworks display.

The Independence Day weekend also brings horses and rodeo performers by the numbers to Ellicottville's Somerville Valley Road Championship Rodeo. This is the same location for the fall hay wagon rides and the infamous Nightmare Hayrides - "the scariest haunted attraction in WNY!"

August brings the annual Taste of Ellicottville, where visitors get a chance to try all the specialties our restaurants offer. And then October comes (too quickly), but the assortment of wares, foods, gifts and jewelry makes us anticipate the fall shopping and dining season as we luxuriate in the lavish colors this corner of the world produces thanks to the large number of hardwoods we have in our local forests. There is simply no prettier time to come to Ellicottville than leaf-peeping season.

For years, the informal kickoff of the coming ski season has been October's Fall Festival. It was this festival, paired with Canadian Thanksgiving, when our Canadian friends came to Ellicottville for the long weekend and opened their homes in preparation for the winter ski season.

And we've come full circle, with a calendar of fun events and things to do in Ellicottville for the entire year... these are just a few! And remember to shop our amazing retail shops and enjoy delicious meals at our many top-of-the-line restaurants open twelve months a year for our friends and visitors. Welcome to Ellicottville. Doesn't this place feel great?

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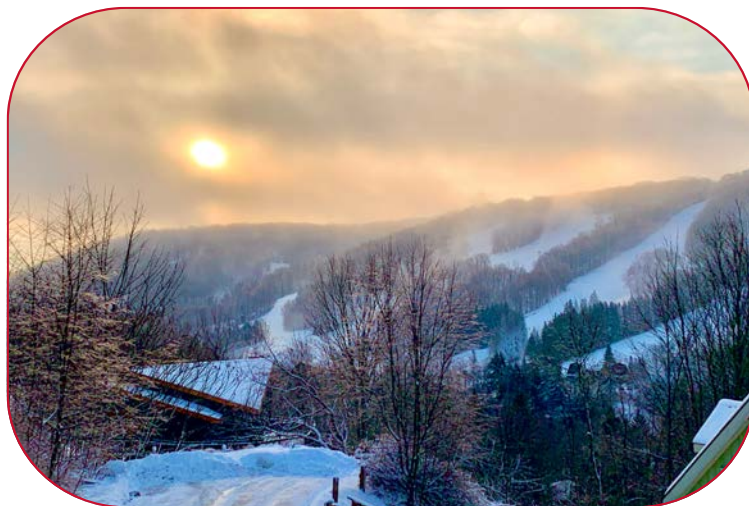
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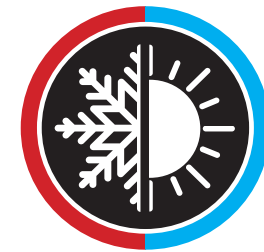
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BY SAMANTHA HAYES, CATTARAUGUS COUNTY TOURISM

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There really are "Snow Many Activities" to choose from in the Enchanted Mountains of Western New York. To learn more about any of these and other snowy fun adventures, visit EnchantedMountains.com/Winter.

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BY VICTORIA BURCH, CHAUTAUQUA VISITORS BUREAU

Plan a cozy winter getaway to the Chautauqua-Lake Erie Region. Proximity to Lake Erie and lake effect storms means a large quantity of snow for Chautauqua County, reaching up to 100 inches or more annually. For downhill and cross-country snow sports, head to Peek'n Peak Ski Resort and enjoy over 20 slopes and trails, state-of-the-art snowmaking, eight chairlifts, and four progressive terrain parks. There's even a tubing area with seven lanes that transform into a nighttime Lunar Lights show featuring ever-changing lights that pulse, fade and change in coordination with an immersive sound system.

ADVENTURE ON SNOW

Want to learn how to ski or snowboard? Peek'n Peak Resort has a renowned snowsports school. Their trained instructors utilize a proven five-step system called Terrain Based Learning which naturally teaches speed control and body position to remove any intimidation and quells all traditional fears and anxieties. Their Beginner Area is specifically designed to build confidence. Once students have mastered the Beginner Area, they graduate to the slopes. Both group lessons and private lessons are available with age groups ranging as young as 2 years old to adult lessons. Visit their website at pknpk.com for lesson packages available.



Cross country skiers and snowshoers will also find opportunities on the Chautauqua-Lake Erie Region's multi-use trail systems including Long Point State Park on Chautauqua Lake, Lake Erie State Park, Boutwell Hill State Forest, the Eastside and Westside Overland Trails, and Jamestown's Audubon Community Nature Center.

Ski and snowboard gear as well as cross country skis and snowshoes are available for rent from Peek'n Peak. The Jamestown Cycle Shop also provides winter sports equipment rentals.

Explore Chautauqua County's miles of groomed snowmobile trails through rolling foothills, open meadows, and majestic state forests. Stay and dine at lodging options and restaurants that are conveniently located with direct trail access. Trails open in January after hunting season if there is adequate snow. Get updated trail conditions by calling the Snowmobile Hotline at 1-800-242-4569. Choose option 2, then option 5, or visit tourchautauqua.com for a link to the interactive trail map.

APRES WITH WINE, BEER AND FOOD

After a day full of winter activities, indulge in après ski fun. Sip local wine from Lake Erie Wine Country. Stop by the Grape Discovery Center in Westfield to learn about the history of grape-growing in the region. Enjoy a craft beverage from one of the breweries and distilleries located throughout the region.

Grab a bite at one of the many local restaurants open year-round. Whether you are craving hearty, comfort food, classic bar food or an upscale dining experience, you will find it all in the Chautauqua-Lake Erie Region.

ENTERTAINMENT INDOORS

Experience one-of-a-kind cultural attractions. The state-of-the-art exhibits at the National Comedy Center in Lucille Ball's hometown, Jamestown, NY, take guests on an interactive journey through comedy's history. Be sure to ask about dual admission to the Lucy-Desi Museum, located just a couple blocks away. While in town, don't miss the chance to experience the Roger Tory Peterson Institute, Robert H. Jackson Center or enjoy some interactive, virtual entertainment at Mulligan's on Fairmount.

Chautauqua County is a great place for a relaxing weekend getaway. Take a stroll through Chautauqua Institution and admire the expressions of American architecture dating back to the Victorian era. Rent a secluded cabin or cottage or stay in a quaint bed and breakfast and immerse yourself in a beautiful winter wonderland around a warm fire. With many local accommodations offering special packages, winter is one of the best times of year to visit!

For a full schedule of events and winter attractions, call the Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau at 866-908ILNY (4569) or visit TourChautauqua.com.

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DISCOVER THE ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST REGION

Are You Seeking Some Refreshing Forest Therapy? The ANF Region of Pennsylvania is Nearby But a World Away

BY LINDA DEVLIN, ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST VISITORS BUREAU



You know that special feeling where your eyes open wide to the natural beauty surrounding you, where your heart rate slows, and you are enveloped in a feeling of calm wonderment? A trip into the Allegheny National Forest Region can give you that feeling, and it may just be what your heart and soul require. With over 513,000 acres to explore, the Allegheny National Forest - located in northwestern Pennsylvania - offers four seasons of premier outdoor recreation, charming gateway communities surrounding the forest to explore, and many other exciting attractions including the world famous Kinzua Sky Walk.

THE LANDS OF KINZUA

This region is filled with attractions named Kinzua - the Kinzua Sky Walk, the Kinzua Bridge State Park, the Kinzua Gorge, Kinzua Creek, Kinzua Creek Trail, Kinzua Valley Trail and Kinzua Dam. The word Kinzua is a Native American word translated as "Fish on a Spear." The sites named Kinzua stretch across most of McKean County and into parts of Warren County, Pennsylvania. The Kinzua name is used along the course of Kinzua Creek as it flows from its headwaters north of the Kinzua Gorge, past the village of Westline, along the Kinzua Valley Trail to the Kinzua Arm of the Allegheny Reservoir. Here the waters merge with the Allegheny River flowing south from New York. These waters become the Kinzua Dam, also known as the Allegheny Reservoir, one of the largest dams in the United States east of the Mississippi River. It is located within the Allegheny National Forest.

The Kinzua Sky Walk - "one of the top 10 most scenic skywalks in the world" according to the Culture Trip, U.K. - is an amazing site to visit. This marvelous structure is a juxtaposition of nature's beauty, engineering genius, and the power of the wind. When the Kinzua Viaduct was first built in 1882, it was the longest and highest railroad viaduct in the world. In 1900, it was rebuilt of steel to haul the rich resources of coal, timber and oil to the Great Lakes. Operating as an active railroad from 1882 to 1957, this railroad was remarkable for solving the engineering challenges of building a viaduct 2,053 feet long to cross the Kinzua Gorge. Early on, the railroad was used as an excursion train for travelers wanting to experience the thrill of flight as they crossed 321 feet above Kinzua Creek. Travelers came from near and far to "Walk the Tracks Across the Sky."

In 2003, in the midst of a \$12 million restoration of this National Engineering Landmark, an F1 tornado blew into the gorge and toppled 11 of the original 20 towers of the Kinzua Viaduct. Following this destruction, it was decided to honor the historic nature of this site by re-inventing a new engineering marvel - the Kinzua Sky Walk. Constructed using six of the original towers, the new skywalk features a partial glass floor overlook. The scenic views from the skywalk offer 360 degree views of the Kinzua Gorge. Spectacular year round, in the fall, the colors of the forest turn into a carpet of blazing orange, brilliant yellow and ruby red.

The towers toppled by the tornado remain where they fell as a testament to the power of nature. A new trail, the Kinzua Creek Trail, allows visitors to hike down the side of the gorge to view the fallen remains.

At the Kinzua Bridge Visitors Center travelers can discover both the power of man and the power of nature. Displays showcase the builders and engineers, including General Thomas L. Kane and Octave Chanute, who built the first viaduct in 1882. Other displays showcase the natural habitat of the gorge and surrounding forest. On the first floor, the Pennsylvania Wilds Conservation Shop features locally handcrafted and artisan items.

The Kinzua Sky Walk and the Kinzua Bridge Visitors Center are located within the Kinzua Bridge State Park, 296 Viaduct Road, Mt. Jewett, Pennsylvania. The park and the skywalk are open seven days a week from 8:00am-dusk. The Visitor's Center is open from 8:00am-6:00pm daily, with seasonal hours during the winter season. Admission is free to the skywalk, the park and the visitors center. For more information call 814-778-5467 or go to visitANF.com/kinzua-sky-walk.

TRAIL CENTRAL

The Allegheny National Forest Region offers over 600 miles of multi-use, four-season trails. Promoted as Trail Central, this area boasts a wide variety of trails. The Marilla Trail System features a wooden covered bridge at Marilla Bridges Trail, massive rock formations along the Marilla Rocks Trail, and an old-growth forest along the White Pine Trail. Difficulty levels range from easy to more difficult. The Timberdoodle Flats Interpretive Trail is great for birders, and the North Country National Scenic Trail stretches 96.6 miles and offers backpackers a true deep forest experience. As you hike the forest trails you will discover local wildlife, birding sites, and the natural attributes of this hardwood forest known for producing the finest Black Cherry timber in the world.

The newest section of trail in the region is the Knox & Kane Rail Trail. This first section of the completed trail connects the Kinzua Bridge State Park to the village of Mt. Jewett and then on to Lantz Corners, Pennsylvania. This section of trail was selected as the "2023 Pennsylvania Trail of the Year." There is interpretive signage and benches and public art along its

length. An easy trail, it is family-friendly for both hiking and biking. In the winter, it is also open for snowmobiling, with Lantz Corners Getaway and High Pines RV Park (also rustic cabins) offering easy access to the trail with comfortable convenient overnight accommodations.

The second section of the Knox & Kane Rail Trail runs from the Kane Country Club, through Kane, south to Lamont. This is a wonderful trail for hiking, biking or cross-country skiing. It is non-motorized. Bike and E-bike rentals are available from Allegheny Adventure Rentals, along the trail at 6847 Highland Road, Kane, PA. Trail construction is currently underway to link both of these trail sections. When completed the entire rail corridor of 73.8 miles will be open for trail use.

The Marilla Trail System is an interconnected trail system of six separate trails of different difficulty levels. A local favorite is the Marilla Bridges Trail, which loops around the Marilla Reservoir. This 1-mile loop offers forest and water vistas. Highlights include a covered wooden bridge, three rustic wooden trestle bridges, and a delightful gazebo located at the southwestern corner of the trail. Fishing, ice-fishing and in-season canoeing and kayaking are allowed.

Other trails in the Marilla Trail System include Marilla Springs Trail - a 3.6-mile point-to-point trail which is slightly more aggressive, and Bullis Hollow Trail - an 8.3-mile trail connecting Marilla Springs Trail to Tracy Ridge Campground in the Allegheny National Forest via sections of the North Country Trail. The Cornelius Connection at Gilbert Reservoir is a 2.4-mile linear trail which spans from Marilla to Gilbert Reservoir. This is a dirt path trail through mixed hardwood forest and is great for snowshoeing. It is an un-groomed trail. A new public restroom has been added for trail users at the Gilbert Reservoir trailhead, across the road from the Marilla Reservoir. From Bradford, take PA Route 346 west for five miles to reach trailhead parking.

The Kinzua Valley Trail is a 7-mile biking, hiking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing trail. Trailheads are in Westline and at the Red Bridge Campground in the Allegheny National Forest. This 7-mile linear trail winds along picturesque Kinzua Creek. The surface of the trail is crushed limestone, and it is a family-friendly trail with easy access and slight grades, making it ideal for cross-country skiing in the winter. In the village of Westline, the Westline Inn offers delicious dining in a rustic atmosphere. It is perfectly acceptable to wear your outdoor gear in for a meal. Guest rooms offer charming old-fashioned brass beds and no electronics, making this an excellent getaway for those seeking an escape into nature. Trailheads are along the Westline Road, accessible from Route 219 and at Westline.

Seeking teeth chattering adventure? Jakes Rocks Mountain Biking Trail is a 30 to 40-mile system of trails designed by Trail Solutions, a world class trail company affiliated with IMBA (International Mountain Biking Association). This stacked loop mountain biking trail system appeals to riders of all skill levels. Jakes Rocks is located west of the Allegheny Reservoir; the village of Kane can serve as a great hub for riding, as bikers can travel from their room via PA Route 321 north to the Longhouse National Scenic Byway, then north on Forest Road - FR 262 to the trailhead. Lodging sites in Kane include Kane Manor Inn, Kane Tourist Home & Motor Inn, Fraley Street Lofts, Flats on Fraley and Kane RV Sites. Kane also offers wineries, Log Yard Brewery, CJ Craft Distillery and Wilds Sunshine Factory for some refreshing libations after a day outside on the trail.

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Willow Creek Snowmobile Club is our newest and most active snowmobile club. Willow Creek is located in the most northern sections of the Allegheny National Forest along the PA/NY state line. Their new trail connections make it easy to connect to both the Kinzua Bridge State Park via trail, and to "the Loop" 300+miles of groomed snowmobile trails throughout the Allegheny National Forest. New this year is gas and trailer parking at Pine Acres Golf Course & RV Park which adds miles of new connector trails to existing snowmobile loops. Pine Acres will also be open for food and beverages on a limited schedule during the winter season. To find out the most up-to-date weather and riding conditions visit Willow Creek Snowmobile Club's Facebook page or search their website on Google.

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HEALTH & FITNESS

Core Performance: Stay Fit and Prevent Injuries this Ski Season

By KIM DUKE, CERTIFIED PERSONAL TRAINER

Recently, I was asked to speak at the monthly Holiday Valley staff meeting about tips for staying fit and preventing injuries in the winter season. The following is what I presented to the heads of each department and what I feel creates a balance to keeping us all fit and healthy during every season...

For me, fitness is a balance between: Activity-Intake-Rest.

ACTIVITY should include aerobic and strength training. The Department of Health & Human Services recommends 150-300 minutes of moderate aerobic activity per week OR 75 minutes of vigorous aerobic activity. To balance this out, try to complete at least 30 minutes/day of some form of aerobic activity, giving you a solid 210 minutes/week. The following are some suggestions: Walking, hiking, yard work, cycling, and dancing.

Strength training is recommended at least twice a week with at least 1 set of 12-15 reps. Train major muscle groups to get the most bang for your buck - legs, chest, back, and core. The following are some suggestion: Wall sits (30, 60, 90 seconds), step-ups, split squats, and back step lunges (hold onto a stable surface to keep torso upright). For chest/back: Inclined push-ups, chest press, and pull-ups.

CORE! Always keep your core engaged, even while seated or at 'rest'. Brace like someone is going to punch you in the gut. Planks are an excellent way to strengthen your core - inclined or on the floor. Do not hold your breath.

INTAKE is all about the fuel you put into your body to keep it running efficiently. Stay away from processed and over processed foods - your body has a difficult time digesting these since they are so chemically altered. PLUS, there is zero nutritional value in these "foods" and they actually do more harm than good for our bodies. Instead, stick with real food - fruits, veggies, grains, proteins. Build your meals around your protein.

HYDRATION! You are 50-70% water. Water is incredibly important to keep body temps normal, lubricate and cushion joints, and protect sensitive tissue. Water helps us to get rid of waste/toxins through urine, perspiration and bowel movements. **RULE OF THUMB:** Drink at least half your body weight or more per day.

REST is so important for our bodies to stay at their optimal performance levels each day. When we sleep, our blood pressure and body systems slow down. Each time you wake, you flick a switch to turn your systems back on. This puts stress and strain on your cardiac, neurologic, endocrine and respiratory systems. Long-term can contribute to diseases and disorders. Aim for 7-9 hours of sleep/night.



Another way to stay fit and injury free is by stretching. Morning, after waking is an excellent time for this. Some suggestions are: Upward/downward dog (floor or counter), figure 4 floor (seated or standing), side to side laterals with toe flexion of straight leg, and standing quad and hamstring stretch (use a step for hamstrings).

And Remember the 1% rule: At the age of 30, you begin to lose 1% of your organ function. So, to stay fit and prevent injuries, exercise daily for 30 minutes. And **STRETCH!** Fuel with real foods. Hydrate with plenty of water. Rest and reset each night at the minimum of 7 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 visit her Facebook page, www.coreperformancefitness.com or call her directly at 716-698-1198.

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Snowbelt Cannabis is seeking investment to open a location for Cannabis Cultivation.

Support local economies while empowering the entrepreneurs directly contributing to their communities by investing in this local cannabis business.

It's been a long 2+ year roll-out of the NY adult-use cannabis market, but the state is finally moving forward into applications in early October. Ashley and Ryan are western NY natives and owners of Snowbelt Cannabis. They have been relentlessly preparing since 2021 to become cultivators in the great city of Jamestown, NY.

"We took a grassroots approach and have set up a crowd investing campaign on Mainvest, allowing anyone to invest as little as \$100 and get 1.6x return on your investment by 7/1/28. So if you invest \$100, you will get \$160 back by 7/1/28. If for some reason, you do not get your full ROI by 7/1/28, you will get a balloon payment."

Due to cannabis still being federally illegal, entrepreneurs of the industry face many challenges accessing capital including not being able to take out traditional business loans through banks. It becomes even more difficult when you don't come from money or have deep pocket financial backings like larger companies.

"We do have a few private investors that we are very grateful for, but this campaign will be a huge help in us being able to get up and going as quickly as possible. Through this investment crowdfunding platform, we are providing our friends and the local community an opportunity to invest in our business. You, our friends and customers make our growth possible, and you (rather than a bank) should be able to benefit financially and share in our expansion and success. This will allow us to compete with the bigger companies that are coming and get us a foothold in the industry as an emerging business in the NYS fledging cannabis market. Another reason we chose this grassroots platform is because it's a great way to get everyone involved and give everyone an opportunity to be a part of this exciting new industry! You can invest as little as \$100, which we love. This gives anyone a chance to make a return on their money and it also shows that we have the support of our community for our business plan and for the cannabis industry."

To be clear, this is NOT a donation. This is an investment with a return on your money. Rather than employing a traditional interest rate, Revenue Sharing Notes on Mainvest utilize an investment multiple, which is a predetermined amount to be returned to investors by a set maturity date. The key element that differentiates this model is that the return rate correlates directly with the business's gross revenue. This means that returns are tied directly to the performance of the business, creating a system where the investors and the business are working towards mutual success. Through Mainvest, you're not just an investor... you're a part of the business's journey.



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To learn more about Snowbelt Cannabis and their campaign, check out www.snowbeltcannabis.com and click on one of the 'INVEST' links.

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LLC NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORMATION: ODY Brew Wagon LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/28/2023. Office location: Cattaraugus County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: P.O. Box 194, Franklinville, NY 14737. Purpose: all lawful activities.

NOTICE OF FORMATION: Moffit Maintenance and Construction Services, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 11, 2023. Office of Cattaraugus County, SSNY is the designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 7732 Kellogg Hill Rd., South Dayton NY, 14138. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION: THE WEALTH OF ORAL HEALTH, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/6/23. Office in Cattaraugus Co. SSNY designated Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to The LLC, 550 W 54th St 1009 NY, NY 10019. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Section 206.

LLC NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Whitescarf Services LLC. Filed 8/17/23. County: Cattaraugus. SSNY designated for process & shall mail 7641 Maples Rd., Little Valley, NY 14755. Purpose: any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION: Pine Valley Remodels, LLC. Filed 6/10/23. County: Cattaraugus. SSNY designated for process & shall mail POB 175, Cattaraugus, NY 14719. Purpose: any lawful activity.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE: The Village of Ellicottville will host a Public Information Meeting for its planned Elizabeth Street Roadway Reconstruction project on Tuesday, October 24 from 4:00-6:00 PM at the Town Center. Village Trustees and Engineering representatives will be on hand in this "open house" forum to discuss the design plans for full-depth roadway reconstruction, including replacement of storm sewers, driveway entrances, and sidewalks. Residents are encouraged to attend and ask questions of our professionals in advance of moving this project toward construction in early 2024.

EMPLOYMENT

NOW HIRING: The Gado-Gado team is looking for an addition. We're looking for a hard-working and motivated individual to work alongside us. Must be available on weekends and festivals! Email resumes and a brief introduction to gadogado98@hotmail.com. *This is a yearly position, not seasonal.

HELP WANTED: The Silver Fox Steakhouse is looking for experienced servers, a bartender and a dishwasher. Mail resume to P.O. Box 146, Ellicottville, NY 14731 or email silverfoxeville@aol.com.

LINE COOK WANTED: Villaggio is looking for a part-time experienced line cook, skilled in safe food and knife handling. Must have high attention to detail and creativity. Job requires a fast paced work effort and the ability to stay calm under pressure during high volume, while also being a team player with good communication. Full-time position is available if performance meets criteria. Please send resume to andrea@villaggioevl.com or call 716-699-2199.

NOW HIRING: The Village of Ellicottville is accepting applications for a full-time Clerk/Treasurer/Manager. Send resume to: Village of Ellicottville, PO Box 475 or email maryklahn699@gmail.com.

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COMMUNITY

BLOOD DRIVE: The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive in the Community Room at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 6360 Route 242 E, Ellicottville, NY on Friday, October 20, 2023 from 1:00-3:00pm. Download the Blood Donor app, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS to schedule your appointment.

TRUNK OR TREAT: Oct. 31st in the parking lot of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 6:00-8:00pm. All are welcome.

CHRISTKINDLE MARKET: November 4th from 9:00am-4:00pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church featuring crafters and artisans and The Nutcracker Cafe. 6360 Route 242 E, Ellicottville, NY. Question? Email stpaulseville@gmail.com.

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Our Technical Terrain trails are meticulously designed and built to maximize the use of natural elements. Get ready to conquer gravel, rocks, roots, boulders, logs, water crossings and other exciting natural or constructed features along the way. For those seeking an extra adrenaline rush, our Freeride Terrain trails are packed with a mix of natural and constructed features. Soar through the air as you tackle jumps, ride-on features, jump-on features, gaps, narrow surfaces, drops and more! We also provide an exciting opportunity for kids with our Kids Bike Camp, which takes place on specific weekends throughout the season. This camp not only allows children to learn how to ride on the various features within the bike park, but also teaches them balance, jumping techniques and more. It's a wonderful chance for your child to make new friends and create lifelong memories!

The excitement doesn't stop there. Located at the top of Sunset, our Saddle Pond Beach offers a refreshing oasis for you and your family to enjoy. Take advantage of our clean beach access, floating dock, water trampoline and a variety of kayaks and paddleboards available for rent. It's the perfect spot to relax and unwind on a scorching summer day. For those who want to immerse themselves in nature, we have plenty of picnic areas and even dry camping options available. We have just completed an incredibly successful third year at our bike park, and we couldn't be more thrilled with what's in store for next year!

Our Bike Park typically opens Memorial Day weekend and operates through the first weekend of October. Be sure to stay tuned for the upcoming season's dates and rates, as we can't wait to welcome you back to our incredible trails and thrilling activities!

TRAFFIC AND DETOUR INFORMATION

On October 21st, a 13.1 and a 3.1 mile running race will take place on the roads through the towns of Ellicottville and Mansfield. Every effort has been made to minimize disruption to the residents of these communities with the help of the Cattaraugus County Sheriff Department and the Town of Ellicottville Police Department. The races will start at 11:00 and 11:15am on Monroe St. in Ellicottville and travel north out of the village on Maples, Kent, Hinman and Hencoop Roads, finishing back on Monroe St. On various sections of the course the road will briefly be restricted to cars except for local residents: Maples (northbound lane) restricted from Poverty Hill to Kent 11:20-11:45; Maples (southbound lane) from Hinman Hollow to Ellicottville closed from 11:10-2:15. Traffic at the intersections of Hinman Hollow, Cross and Hollister Hill will be redirected to follow detour route signage. Detour will route traffic north on Maples to Hinman Hollow/Lindberg connecting to Route 219 and the village of Ellicottville. Northwood and Elk Creek closed from 11:15-11:45. Kent (northbound lane) closed 11:30-12:15 from the intersection of Maples to Hinman Hollow (south bound lane traffic not affected). Hencoop Hollow local traffic only from Mountain Gate to Maples 11:45am to 1:20pm. Elizabeth local residents only from Washington to Jefferson/Elk 9-2:15. Mechanic local residents only from Maples to Elizabeth 9-2:15. For questions email info@evlhalf.com or call 716-941-4330. For the safety of pets and runners, we would greatly appreciate homeowners keeping their dogs inside during the races. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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Leaf peeping is great at the overlooks but still a lot of green at the Allegheny Reservoir. Photo / Tom Huntoon #anf #fallcolors #visitanf



@evillebikeandbean: Miss Maggie says we celebrate the Bills win!



@picklesanpepto: Apple Szn! #fallthings #ellicottvillenow



@snowbeltgardens: Out here spreading mush love from the @jamestownpublicmarket #mushrooms #eatfresh #evlnow #jtny



@goodforthespiritgifts: Whimsical witch dolls! #halloween #evlnow



@deer_run_cabin: Deer Cross Loop! #takeawalk #evlnow



@lcove1: Where Ellicottville NY Fall meets the Buffalo Bills! #gobills #pumpkinville #iloveny #paintedpumpkins #autumnvibes #evlnow



@hiyfarm: We still have some prime leaf season left at our Fieldview Cabin! #cabinlife #visitellicottville #nysfarms #ellicottvillenow



@ellicottvillenow: Our distribution manager Evan, was out making his rounds and was stopped for a photo by these lovely ladies!



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