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Welcome to Ski Season. Mask Up!

With Little Help From Mother Nature, Holiday Valley Kicks Off the 2020-21 Season #thankasnowmaker



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BY BRENDA PERKS

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Around the Block: A guide to the holidays in Ellicottville.

We've got the holiday happenings on where to shop, sip, play and stay! Now is the perfect time to plan your EVL trip and take advantage of early season offers on lift tickets and lodging, plus sweet holiday specials and the opportunity to finish up those last minute Christmas requests. From wine and chocolate pairings at the Winery of Ellicottville, to Holiday Spice foot scrubs at the Ellicottville Salt Cave, a day in Ellicottville can certainly be justified for all the hard work you've put in at the office. Shop great gift items at our local boutiques, or ditch the kids with the sitter for a romantic night out.

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SKATEPARK RECEIVES FUNDRAISING EXTENSION, READY TO BEGIN DESIGN

Members of SK8EVL were present at Tuesday's Village Board meeting to announce that their fundraising deadline with The Skatepark Project has been extended until November 30, 2021. Trevor Staples, Project Manager from The Skatepark Project, was also present at the meeting and congratulated the group on the fundraising that has been done despite the limitations the COVID-19 Crisis has had on efforts. To date, the group has raised nearly \$100,000 which will be matched by The Skatepark Project to apply towards the construction of a permanent, concrete skatepark to be located in the Village Park. ... page 16

Interview: Tricia Mangan

Discipline, Dedication and Giving Back: Former HoliMont Ski Racer Continues to Fuel Her Dreams of Another Olympic Games

photo courtesy Tricia Mangan



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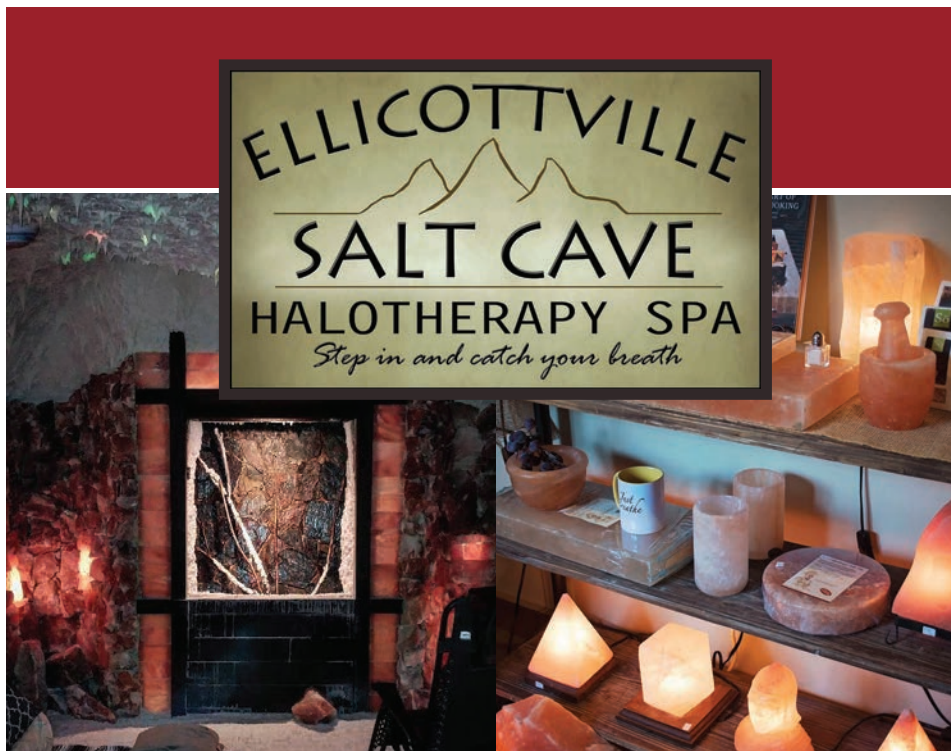


Students will be able to "shop" for clothing, coats, shoes, along with personal hygiene products within the school.

photo courtesy Ellicottville Central School

THE CARING CLOSET AT ECS OPENING SOON

For eleventh grader Elsa Woodarek, community service projects have been an integral part of her educational experience at Ellicottville Central School. From Student Council to Varsity Club and even working as a Fall Fest clean-up volunteer, Elsa has always looked forward to giving back, although she knew this school year would create unprecedented challenges ... page 12



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Carefully adhering to state regulations, Holiday Valley has done an outstanding job providing a safe environment for both its visitors and its staff. How lucky we are to have a powerhouse to keep our spirits powered up. A friendly reminder that those visiting the resort are asked to wear their masks at all times unless actively skiing or snowboarding or seated to eat/drink. This means #maskup while in line to purchase lift tickets, while walking to lift lines from your vehicle, while waiting in lift lines, and generally everywhere else around the resort. (And don't forget to social distance.) Let's do our part to ensure that we can continue to enjoy the slopes.

This pandemic has been tough on everyone - mentally and physically. Add in WNY's notorious cloud coverage and vitamin D deficiency across the board, and you've got a serious need for options. And yes, believe it or not, there ARE people who don't frequent the ski slopes. No worries! ellicottvilleNOW's fitness columnist and Core Performance personal trainer Kim Duke offers plenty of encouragement for those looking to stay active during the winter months. Look for her articles in each issue and on our website. Her recent articles target cooler weather workout options, including effective workouts that can be done in the comfort of your home, even in small spaces.

But sometimes, exercise just isn't enough. A little shopping therapy, though ...

You'll find everything you didn't know you were looking for within Ellicottville's downtown business district - for yourself, and your loved ones. Christmas procrastinators can easily check off the entirety of their holiday gift giving list in just one afternoon. Many of our local business owners offer online shopping and curbside pick-up as well. Or opt for gift cards, which opens the door for others to come experience a fun day in Ellicottville. It really can't get any easier than this! Browse the ads in this issue, read the special feature on page 08 and support our independent business owners. Shopping small business is BIG for the community! #supportsmallbusiness

You know what else will make you feel good? Purchasing a gift for someone (or for yourself) that also supports a good cause. Here at the ellicottvilleNOW/PaNDaGOAT Media office, we have a limited supply of Willygoat 2021 calendars available in various sizes. All proceeds will go to E.A.R.S. (Empire Animal Rescue Society) of Salamanca to help support all of their hard work in rescuing and caring for neglected and homeless animals

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UNMASKING THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

Local reflections on a pandemic-filled holiday season, Ellicottville style



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BY ELLICOTTVILLE NOW

It's a great time of year to see our streets in the Village. The holiday lights are up, the Ski Tree is glowing, snow guns have finally started to fire and skiing is back in our resort town.

But this year is certainly different. The holidays are here, but the Pandemic of 2020 has taken away some of the sparkle. Lives have been lost across our region, businesses hurt, popular events cancelled. It has been a challenging, dumpster fire of a year.

There is so much to be said for being able to read expressions on faces, especially this time of year. The smiles, laughs and joy on faces around our area, hidden. COVID-19 has forced masks upon all of us, leaving us wondering what the face covering cloaks.

We could take you for a continued walk down this misery lane, but we decided to try something a little different. We took time out to ask some of our residents and business owners how they're managing this holiday season for themselves and others. The masks may hide the expressions we've come to know, but one thing the masks can't do, is stop words.

Clara Kosinski, Great Valley: "Christmas has always been my favorite time of year, always something magical about the season. It brings me back to the endless times at my grandma's, sneaking ribbon candy and popcorn with my cousins. Being with family was always what made it feel so special. Normally we would be driving to all the grandparents' to spend time visiting and opening presents, but this year we are keeping it low key. Spending it with just my husband and son, we will FaceTime family members that we can and call those we can't. We have tried to look at the bright side, and make memories where we can."

Cathleen Pritchard, ERA Team VP real estate agent: "This town has a Currier and Ives feel to it. I walk just to look at the beautiful windows at least three times a week; it delivers the holiday spirit I need."

Tui Osbourne, musician, Ellicottville: "We can't gather together so that's tough, but music ... I've done some virtual music and I'm going to try and do one (virtual concert) around Christmas just to connect with family."

Lynn Timon, manager of Alexandra Gift Shop: "I practice gratitude. I count my blessings of which there are far more of than anything troublesome, and I've had my share."

Joan Ess, owner of Alexandra Gift Shop: "Our customers make us happy. We have lovely people here, we have a lot of artists, and it makes me happy that the artists are working now and making things."

Jen Miller, Ellicottville: "For us, the holidays are always for spending time with family and enjoying outdoor activities in Ellicottville. Christmas Day skiing at Holiday Valley is a favorite. We plan to do the same thing this year, just with a few added precautions!"

Jessie Osbourne, Ellicottville: "We go and visit all of our local bartenders here, following all the rules ... go get a milk punch from West Rose, it tastes like Christmas in a cup!"

COVID-19 may be the Grinch, Scrooge and Bad Santa all rolled into one, and as we protect ourselves and our loved ones, we heard from our residents that restrictions and masks are a necessary evil. BUT it won't hide their warmth, caring and holiday spirit.

Even if it's under a mask.

IRISH CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

Last chance to place your bids; Live auction Friday, Dec. 18th



SUBMITTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF ELLICOTTVILLE

Ellicottville is getting into the holiday spirit and the weather will soon help kick ski season into full gear. A tradition around the holidays is "Bob McCarthy's" Irish Christmas, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ellicottville. In their 15th year, Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas fundraiser had to adapt to ensure support for Santa's Workshop and the Sheriff's Santa Program, that provides gifts to help make Christmas better for less fortunate families in our community. This year's situation makes this even more important.

YOU can help with a donation and get a special lapel pin of "McCarthy in the top hat" (above left) created from the original artwork of Shad Nowicki. The pins are available at many downtown businesses.

The Rotary will continue the tradition of Irish Christmas by auctioning McCarthy and McCarthy-like unique pieces paired with fabulous baked goods from local donors, combining the best of silent/live and online auctions. More than 20 auction pieces have been on display at participating restaurants and businesses in the Village.

Bidding and winning an item is simple – You have three ways to bid:

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2. You can view all auction items online at brookslefeberauctions.com or at ellicottvillerotary.com
3. Bid on any item at the FB Live online auction, set for Friday, December 18th at 7:00pm. (The highest bid from all locations will be posted on the Rotary's website daily.)

Remember, each unique, handcrafted item is paired with a fabulous dessert from a local baker, just as Bob imagined. Of course, the actual dessert will not be on display as it will be baked fresh for the Dec 18th auction.

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- EBC – Brooks Restored Chest
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- Finnerty's – Foursome @ Springville Country Club
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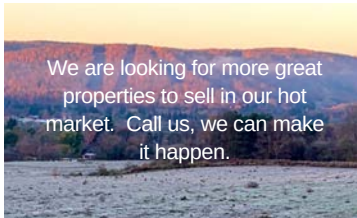
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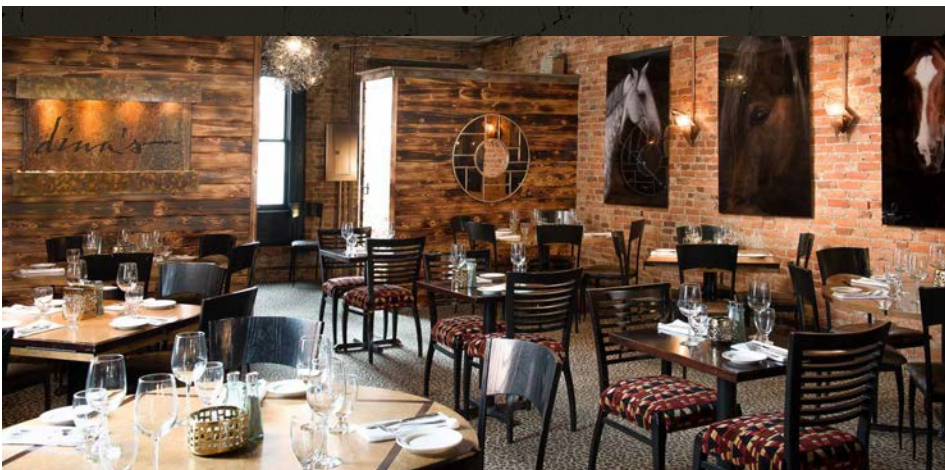
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INTERVIEW

DISCIPLINE, DEDICATION AND GIVING BACK

Tricia Mangan grew up on the slopes of HoliMont; Today, she continues to fuel her dreams of another Olympic Games

BY CAITLIN CROFT



photo courtesy Tricia Mangan

If you have been paying any attention to the local race scene, Tricia Mangan has become a household name. A HoliMont native who made her debut on the Olympic stage back in the 2018 games, Tricia has had some setbacks over the last few years but nothing could stop her dedication to this tedious and rewarding sport.

After the Olympics Tricia continued to race with the US Ski Team for one more year, but decided mid-season to race with Dartmouth College instead. "This was a super hard decision for me, but ultimately I'm really glad I made it," she said in an interview with ellicottvilleNOW. Racing for Dartmouth taught Mangan a lot about herself. It forced her to become more self-reliant and also rekindled her passion for ski racing. She was quick to note, "Not that I lost it, but it definitely made the fire bigger!" This can happen in ski racing, as a coach myself, athlete burnout even at the lower levels is a constant forethought.

There is this collective shift happening in the mindset of coaching and how we are working our way back from result driven training to progression based training. Mangan tells me, "Skiing for Dartmouth definitely made me stronger because I had to figure so many things out about the sport for myself, and it was a lot more challenging." This showed her how much she really cared about skiing and "it just made me more motivated to overcome obstacles."

But after last season Mangan came to a deep realization that if she wanted to compete on the World Cup stage, she couldn't do it with the Dartmouth team. "This spring I joined Team X Alpine which is an all girls, professional team based out of Park City, Utah." Mangan has her own World Cup Super-G start so when she travels to the World Cup she will join the US Team, but is not actually on the national team. This is similar to what Bode Miller did at the end of his career, training separate from the National team. "I feel so lucky to be a part of this team and am very grateful for the opportunity and all the resources Team X Alpine has!"

Despite ski racing being an individual sport, the team function is of key importance. It can provide a kinship that creates bonds for a lifetime. "My teammates are awesome and we all push each other to get faster while also being each other's biggest supporters," Mangan says.

When asking Mangan about her early days and what it is like to come from a grassroots program like HoliMont, I was surprised at her answer. "Coming up from a program like HoliMont taught me how to charge in any and all conditions along with giving me the ability to absolutely send it on race day." Growing up at smaller resorts don't have the training opportunities large resorts have but she quickly found out that that doesn't really matter. "If you're willing to give it everything you have on race day, the timer doesn't care where you grew up."

The discipline needed to get to the level Mangan has attained requires certain sacrifices. She walked me through a typical training day. Currently they are in the middle of a training block so her day consists of on-snow training in the morning, dryland in the afternoon with rest and recovery for the remainder of the day. "I actually am finding myself with a

fair amount of free time these days which I'm trying to fill up with reading, continuing to take some online classes, and learning as much as possible," she says.

On race day Mangan gets in the zone by listening to some good pump up jams and thinking through her game plan. "Once I push out of the start gate I know what to do and I have no regrets at the bottom if I execute the plan."

Here in Ellicottville Mangan is on a billboard for HoliMont that serves to inspire young athletes every time they drive by it or hear her story. How does it feel to know that you are making that type of impact on the next generation of racers?

"It is still very shocking every time I see it! And I sometimes lose sight of the impact I have had and hopefully continue to have. But it's really really important for me to give back to the community in any way I can. Honestly, it makes the hard days easier ... when I know I'm racing and training to represent my whole ski racing community and not just myself. I have been trying to give back as much as possible, working with the younger racers when I'm in town, but definitely want to continue to give back and help young Ellicottville rippers succeed! I'm trying to do a better job of making myself available to these younger athletes, but I want to encourage them to feel free to reach out to me as well!"

FAST FOUR FUN FACTS

1. What gear are you rocking this winter?

I ski on Rossignol skis and boots, I have POC helmet and goggles, and Leki poles and protection.

2. Favorite post training meal?

Egg sandwich on an everything bagel with hot sauce, bacon, cheese and spinach.

3. Favorite colors?

Blue and green.

4. What song do you have on repeat?

A French techno song my brother showed me, Dernière Danse by Ugg'A. [As a French techno fan myself I can understand why it pumps Mangan up, and I may or may not be listening to it on repeat as I write this article.]

Follow Tricia on Instagram (@tricia_mangan) and on Facebook (Tricia Mangan). To make a donation, check out Mangan's athlete page through the World Cup Dreams Foundation (<https://worldcupdreams.org/blogs/current-fundraisers/patricia-mangan>). All donations through this platform are tax deductible. "I really appreciate all the support I've received from the HoliMont community over the years both financially and moral support!"

What struck me most about Mangan is her outlook. It is one that is earned through discipline, dedication and understanding the importance of giving back, even if it is just a few kind words of support. "At the end of the day my strongest attribute is my ability to believe in myself on race day and ski my heart out," she says. This is a message we all could stand to take note of whether it is on the slopes, in the classroom, at home or in the workplace; if you do something, believe in yourself and "ski" your heart out.

AROUND THE BLOCK

The “Ho-Ho-Ho” Holiday Low-Down: Plan your trip to Ellicottville ... NOW is a GREAT Time to Visit!

By ANJANETTE NICOLAZZO

1. WINE AND CHOCOLATE - THE PERFECT PAIR



Seriously, after everything 2020 has thrown at us, who doesn't need chocolate, wine, or both? To take care of that for you, the Winery of Ellicottville expertly paired four of Watson's Chocolates with four of their wines. Tasting room guru Carrie Busekist said the Gruner Veltliner is paired with a maple crème, the Semi-Sweet Riesling with butter crunch, the Snow Fox with salted caramel, and their Village Red with dark chocolate espresso. The chocolate pairing is always available, and although there are capacity restrictions, you can typically walk right in. They also offer wine tag “duos,” which consists of two chocolates that are packaged and hung off the neck of a wine bottle. What a “sweet” gift - for yourself or someone else! Swing by the store to check out a ton of other cool giftable merch or consider an eGift Card at wineryofellicottville.com.

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So much to do, so little time! But guess what? You don't need to leave the village to finish up your holiday hit-list. Here are a few easy local picks to help you get the job done!

Daff Dry Goods: Better make a pit stop at Daff for your EVL Christmas ornament before they're gone. These unique, handheld, pillow-style ornaments are available in both buffalo plaid and camo color schemes; perfect for the Christmas tree or to add to your year-round EVL-inspired home décor. You'd be surprised at the selection of other gifts you'll find here, too!

Ava Grace Fashions: New this year is “Mom Gift Central.” Send your kids in with an adult, along with your size preference, and the staff at Ava Grace will help your kids find that perfect something! Get as dressy as you want with a sweater or scarf for an afternoon or evening out, or stay laid-back with a pair of joggers paired with their peach v-neck “homebody” t-shirt. Totally 2020, and totally comfy!

The Purple Doorknob: It's hard to walk out of the Purple Doorknob without having a solid five-minute laugh-out-loud; the adult novelty socks grab your attention as soon as you walk in! But really, if you need a witty gift or stocking stuffer, you can't go wrong here. In lieu of doing matching family holiday pajamas this year, how about giving matching holiday socks a try? You'll find everything from festive quotes on crew socks to strings of lights on knee socks, and holiday socks for the littlest ones in your family, too!

3. PAMPER YOURSELF ... AND A FRIEND

Exclusive to the Ellicottville Salt Cave, relax and rejuvenate by booking yourself and a friend a Holiday Spice foot scrub or a Warm Salt Stone foot massage. You can also kick your holiday cooking up a notch by using the Ellicottville Salt Cave's Himalayan Salt; it makes a perfect gift for your foodie friends, too. You can purchase all their products, services, and gift cards at their online store by visiting shop.ellicottvillesaltcave.com. Spa treatments, spa day packages, manicures, pedicures, and gift cards can also be scheduled and purchased at The Ellicottville Oasis Spa at the Tamarack Club at Holiday Valley, and at Anew Beginning Massage & Spa on Monroe Street.



4. HOLIDAY VALLEY DEMO DAY

This annual public event hosted by Holiday Valley offers FREE ski and snowboard demos from each of Ellicottville's specialty ski and snowboard shops, including Mud Sweat 'n Gears, The City Garage, Dekdebrun's Apex Store, and The Boardroom. This is a great way to “try before you buy,” as well as get the best service from Ellicottville's most knowledgeable ski and snowboard technicians. Scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 19th from 9:00am-3:00pm, all you need to do is show up slopeside at the Holiday Valley Lodge. A credit card is required for deposit, and a parent signature is needed if under 18. Also, telemark ski demos will be available from The City Garage; bring your own tele-boots! For more info, check out the events tab on Holiday Valley's Facebook page.

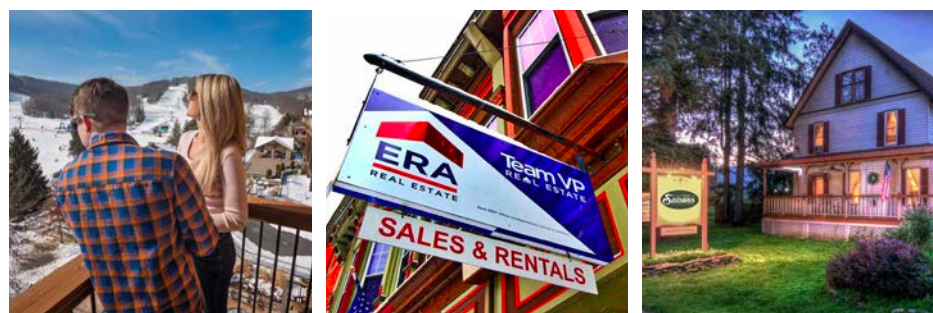


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6. MAKE YOUR DAY TRIP AN OVERNIGHT STAY



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
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NEW ON THE SCENE

THE CARING CLOSET

ECS student, teacher spearhead efforts to provide clothing and other items



Pictured: Elsa Woodarek (left) with ECS teacher Joe Steger.

By MARY HEYL

For eleventh grader Elsa Woodarek, community service projects have been an integral part of her educational experience at Ellicottville Central School since seventh grade. From Student Council to Varsity Club and even working as a Fall Fest clean-up volunteer, Elsa has always looked forward to giving back to her community, although she knew this school year would create unprecedented challenges.

"This year has been so different," she reflected. "Because of the hybrid schedule, not all of us are in school on the same days, which definitely affects our school clubs getting together and planning projects."

Elsa and her peers were faced with a challenge: How could they organize a meaningful project that was not dependent on in-person club meetings but could also continue to serve the community if the school must shift to remote instruction?

The answer? The Caring Closet. In the words of Elsa, "There's no better time than a pandemic to help get students what they need!"

The idea for the project began with an assignment in Joe Steger's English class. Steger explained, "I started the year off with some project-based learning efforts, and this basically gave students the opportunity to work on whatever they wanted. I was thinking about a project at my previous district -- Rachel's Closet -- and thought Elsa might be interested."

Surprisingly, Elsa had already been considering some type of project that would allow students in the district to "shop" for clothing, coats, or personal hygiene products within the school. "I started talking with Mr. Steger about it in March, but then school closed and the project was on hold," she explained. "At first, we were uncertain about starting it up this school year, but then we thought, 'What better time?'"

Just a few weeks ago, the Caring Closet received the "green light" from school administration, and now there is a small classroom dedicated to the space. Elsa noted, "The classroom is perfectly located in the middle of our middle-high school building! Despite the name, it's much bigger than a closet."

Indeed, the room has plenty of space to hold the donations that are already coming in from district faculty, students and staff. Elsa said, "We're still working towards opening, but we've been accepting donations from staff and students in the nurse's office. We're taking clothing, coats, boots, and shoes in all sizes, as well as personal care products. We let the donations sit for 24 hours before preparing them for the closet."

The Caring Closet will be open to all students in the district, grades K through 12, and the project also involves students across grade levels and classrooms. Steger explained, "Kristin Rocco's special education students are helping wash, fold, and sort all of the donations we've received, which is part of their service learning." He added that the middle-high school art teacher is going to be enlisting the help of students to paint a mural outside the classroom.

"I'm anticipating magic," said Steger. "I saw this work in my last school and the joy that it brought to some students who had literally never been shopping before. This is going to afford students the opportunity to basically go in and choose whatever they need and be on a free shopping spree, of sorts."

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SHE SHED HE SHED

With a diverse inventory, E'ville's newest shop is a hit with both women and men



She Shed He Shed is located at 22 Washington St., phone 716-699-9121. Follow the shop on Facebook and keep tabs on featured products.

By PANOS ARGITIS

Ellicottville is considered by many to be a hidden gem among the countryside of Western New York. Aside from its snowy slopes that attract ski enthusiasts with every passing winter, the village also holds some of the most unique shops in its center. Its most recent addition may be a treasure.

Located next door to the EBC Taqueria, She Shed He Shed opened its doors this past October and has become a one-stop-shop for novelty gifts and items. Whilst searching to move to Ellicottville, owner Susan Baryza's dream of opening a business became a reality.

"This is something I have always wanted to do," Baryza said. "The idea of it perked up my interest and my family wanted to move to a smaller town, so everything aligned for me."

The shop's name isn't a happy mistake. She Shed He Shed was formed from a clever play on words that also hints visitors to what they can find inside. From hand-picked fashion items for women to rich cigars and shaving essentials for men, the shop offers something for both him and her. The large variety of products catered for men separate it from the stores it neighbors, which make it difficult to pass on.

Given its diverse list of products, She Shed He Shed has become a hotspot for those looking to pick up gifts for both men and women this Christmas season. Items such as drink mixers, men's soap and "humor" spices have all been popular among all types of holiday shoppers. All goods found inside She Shed He Shed are also mostly sourced from local vendors and suppliers, making it a great destination to pick up regional gifts. Candles made in the Adirondacks, jewelry and hand-sewn mittens brought in from Hamburg are just a few of everything available.

Susan's vision of opening a novelty gift shop circled around a diverse selection of goods from the start, one that would cater to more than just women.

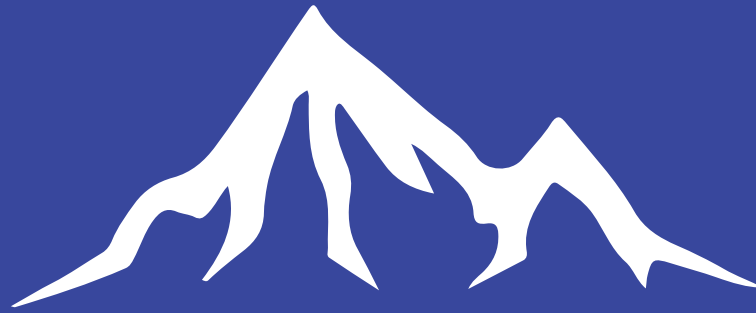
"I have a lot of guy friends because of my husband, and they always tell me they had a hard time picking something out for themselves [in Ellicottville]," Baryza said. "So when I opened up, I wanted to fill the gap that was missing. It's important to include everyone."

As she gains more experience under her belt, Susan is set to continue her journey of running a business by bringing new ideas to real life. Her goal for the new year is to expand the shop by offering speciality items and expanding the shop's inventory.

No matter what time of the year you stumble upon She Shed He Shed while roaming Ellicottville, chances are you will find something you love inside its doors.

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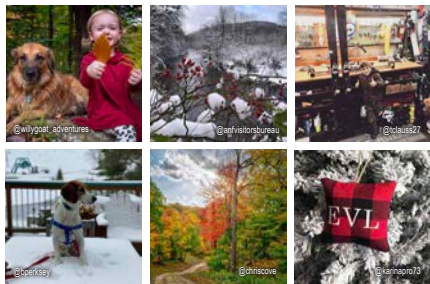
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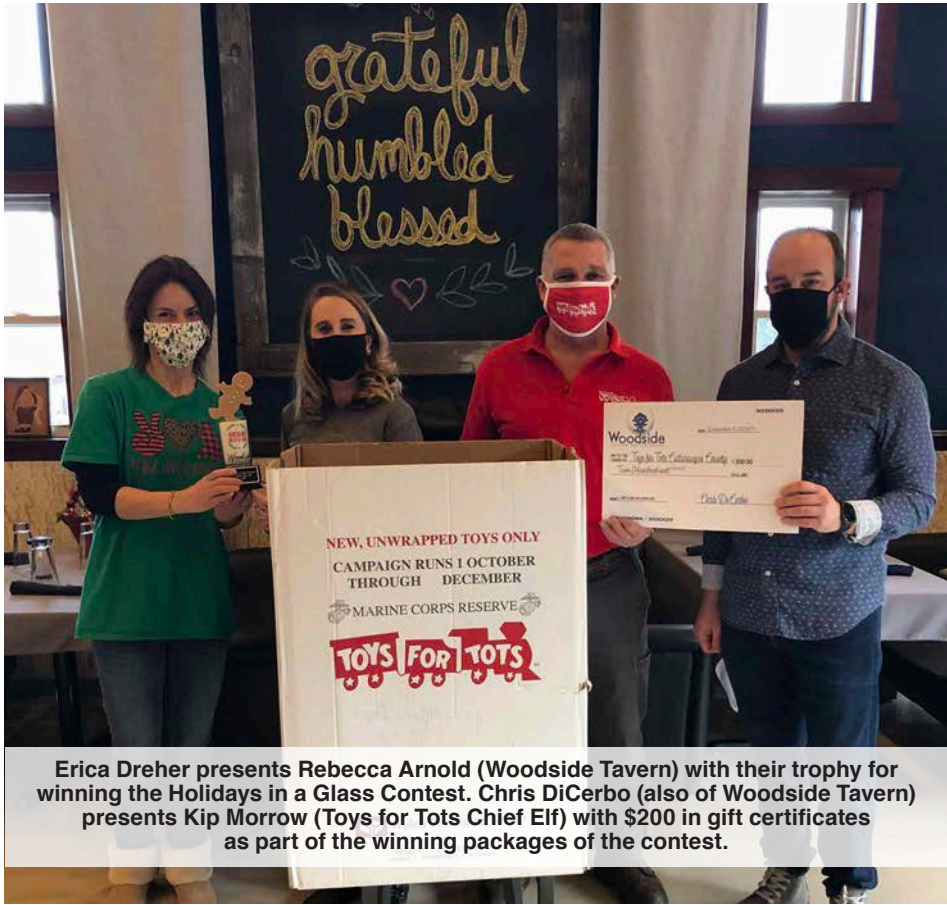
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Holidays in a Glass: The Grinch is the Winner this season!



Erica Dreher presents Rebecca Arnold (Woodside Tavern) with their trophy for winning the Holidays in a Glass Contest. Chris DiCerbo (also of Woodside Tavern) presents Kip Morrow (Toys for Tots Chief Elf) with \$200 in gift certificates as part of the winning packages of the contest.

OLEAN, NY - The Grinch drink from Woodside Tavern on the Green that is! The Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce held a friendly competition between its well known local cafes, bars, and restaurants in the inaugural 'Holidays in a Glass' contest. Erica Dreher, GOACC's Member Services Manager stated, "Seven member restaurants turned in entries that could even warm the Grinch's cold heart! It's funny that the drink, The Grinch, won the contest."

Rebecca Arnold, manager at the Woodside Tavern added, "We just had to be involved with the contest! The ingredients of The Grinch are peach schnapps, rum, OJ, Sierra Mist, blue curacao, and a cherry. When mixed together, the drink turns the shade of the Grinch!"

Participating businesses included: Village Green presenting their Cocoa and Chill, La Dolce Vita with their Christmas in a Cup, Kopper Keg and their Snow Globe White Hot Chocolate, Beef N Barrel featuring their Tom and Jerry, Talty's providing both Café Milis and Irish Noggin, and The Old Library with their White Chocolate Peppermint Martini. Many are still serving these holiday drinks through the season.

Ms. Arnold added, "Chris (DiCerbo) and I each month have done fundraising and specials since COVID for the community – whether it was 'food'raising or 'fund'raising – Woodside Tavern is committed to bringing positive, measurable change and assistance to our communities. We are thankful for the programs like Toys for Tots and loved that we were able to win for them as well in this contest!"

How was the winner determined? The business with the most drinks sold won the trophy and bragging rights until next year. The competition was heated (as some of these drinks!) as well: Woodside 58; Old Library Restaurant 53; Beef 'n' Barrel 49; Village Green 39; and Kopper Keg with 12. The trophy is a 7" high glass of milk with a gingerbread man cookie sticking in the glass! The trophy best suited the contest as it was the holiday drink in a glass. Woodside as the winner also had \$200 in Shop Olean Gift Certificates donated to the area Toys for Tots program in their name.

Mrs. Dreher added, "The contest was an idea of the Chamber's intern Sarah Blovsky. The main idea behind it was to encourage the Olean area residents and visitors to drink local and treat themselves to a much needed cup of cheer!"

Olean photography available for sale



OLEAN, NY - The Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce has created an art gallery in its conference room showcasing framed pictures of the Olean area taken by local photographer Pat Schwabenbauer. The collection contains more than 60 photographs centered around sights and scenes of the Olean area including buildings, facades and parks. The frames which vary in sizes (15x12, 20x16, 21x17) are priced between \$20-30.

Mr. Schwabenbauer donated these pictures to the office back in 2018; they were showcased at the Home Show that year and then were stored. With renovations going on this year in the Olean Business Development building, the frames were cataloged and placed on Facebook to sell. Once again, the frames just sat due to COVID-19 and shopping restrictions, which meant no sales.

This brings us to December! The photos were all stored in the conference room on the first floor of the OBD building. GOACC staff thought it would be great to create a gallery of Pat's pictures for display and purchase. Erica Dreher, GOACC member services manager stated, "These pictures are beautiful and would make great holiday gifts for any area resident. The added bonus is monies raised through the sales will go towards Santa Claus Lane purchases of new decorations, bulbs, supplies, etc."

The GOACC office is located at 301 North Union Street, Olean with regular hours Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:30pm. For more information, please call 716-372-4433 or email info@oleanny.com.

GOACC awards SHOP LOCAL Raffle



OLEAN, NY – Although the raffle promoted it having six winners, GOACC's Shop Local Raffle Winners also included those Chamber members where the winners will redeem their winnings at! "The cool factor on this raffle is that the winners will receive their winnings in Shop Olean gift certificates," stated Erica Dreher, Member Services Manager. "This raffle will have multiple winners as both the prize winners and our member businesses where they redeem the gift certificates will win!"

The winners included Erin Shoup of Olean as the top winner of \$2,500 in Shop Olean Gift Certificates; Ginny Moses of Eldred, PA who won \$2,000 in certificates, and Mastel Ford of Olean who won \$1,500 in certificates. Three winners of \$500 in certificates included Terry Brairton, Olean; Shavonne Henderson, Allegany; and Judy & Tom Palumbo, Olean.

The fundraising raffle also benefited the Chamber and its program activities and events. GOACC as a non-profit organization has been affected financially, since most of their events which provide revenue have been cancelled due to the pandemic.

The Shop Olean gift certificates are redeemable at more than 282 places in the greater Olean area. Places include grocery stores, hair salons, health care and services, restaurants and catering, retail stores, and service businesses. Three ways to purchase the gift certificates include: stop in the Chamber office, curbside delivery with call-in order, or shop online at shop.oleanny.com. For more information or questions, please contact GOACC at 716-372-4433 or email info@oleanny.com.

MEETING NOTES

SKATEPARK RECEIVES FUNDRAISING EXTENSION

Ellicottville Skatepark committee members present fundraising update at Village Board meeting and request support to begin design process

BY CAITLIN CROFT

The Ellicottville Village Board held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 15th and opened with Good News.

Brenda Perks and Kathy Elser of the Ellicottville Skatepark committee (SK8EVL) advised the Board that their fundraising deadline with The Skatepark Project has been extended until November 30, 2021. Trevor Staples, Project Manager from The Skatepark Project, was present at Tuesday's virtual meeting and congratulated SK8EVL on the fundraising that has been done despite the limitations the COVID-19 Crisis has had on efforts. To date, the group has raised nearly \$100,000 which will be matched by The Skatepark Project/Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation to apply towards the construction of a permanent, concrete skatepark to be located in the Village Park.

Following her update on the project's fundraising efforts, Perks advised the Board that she feels the project is ready to move forward with the next step: designing the park. Staples provided the Board with information on the design process and supported the idea to begin this next phase of the project.

The Board asked about other skatepark projects in the Western New York area and requested information on various designs so that they can see examples of what can be done here in Ellicottville. The SK8EVL committee, with guidance from Staples, will coordinate with Ellicottville's Village Planner to work on a request for proposals on potential designs by qualified skatepark-specific designers. Mayor Burrell, the SK8EVL committee and Staples agreed that if the group starts the design process now, it will help build excitement for the project, which in turn could help bring in additional donors to help the group meet their goal of raising \$250,000 for the full match. Perks was sure to emphasize during the meeting that at this point, the skatepark WILL happen; they have met the minimum to

build a park. Now it's just a matter of how big can they build it. Perks and Elser thanked the Board for all of their support, and expressed that they are looking forward to continuing their fundraising efforts into 2021.

In other news, there was a motion to set a special meeting for Monday, December 21st to review the November Audit of Claims and Financial Report.

In Engineering there was more discussion regarding a proposed Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Concord to operate and maintain the Kissing Bridge and Craneridge wastewater systems. The contracts would bring the Town/Village nearly \$75,000 in revenue per the allotted budget of the Town of Concord. The Village attorney had some questions to tighten up language regarding capital improvements to the system. The changes are to be made and reviewed.

There was also a motion to approve an employee agreement with James Thoman who would work on these systems. The motion passed with the condition that the IMA is accepted and signed with the attorney's advised changes.

There was a motion to accept the retirement intent letter of Gerard R. Stokes; a second and ayes carried.

Lastly, the Board went into executive session to discuss a professional services contract.

The next regular meeting of the Ellicottville Village Board is scheduled for Tuesday, January, 19, 2021 at 6:00pm. Please contact Mary Klahn, Village Clerk, for more information including virtual access to the meeting.

NOW THIS... BY BRENDA

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in our area. Prices range from \$12-\$22. Those in the Jamestown area can purchase their Willygoat 2021 calendar at The BioDome Project or at Sunshine Health & Wellness, or message @willygoat_adventures on Instagram for shipping.

Another feel-good activity to combat the winter blues ... LIVE MUSIC! If you're reading this in time, you may still be able to reserve a table for Villaggio's last installment of their "Save Our Music Series" Dinner and a Show, Thursday, Dec. 17th at 6:00pm. Your ticket price includes a four-course meal and a live performance by The Girls of Grosh featuring Megan Brown and Grace Lougen. They'll be bringing their high energy rock to get your holiday spirits in gear. With influences such as Led Zepelin and Pearl Jam, you can bet this duo is coming to inspire. Additional info and reservations at takeout.villaggioevl.com

Ski. Shop. Dine. Celebrate. Many of us depend on ski season – whether it be personally (for our own sanity), or as a local business that relies on visitor numbers. We are all connected. Please practice the simple safety precautions that will keep Ellicottville going, and remember to #shoplocal #eatlocal #staylocal. See you on the slopes!

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Brenda Perks is the owner, editor and designer of ellicottvilleNOW and owner of DesignPerks, a graphic design company affiliated with the local media/marketing agency, PaNDaGOAT Media. You can reach Brenda at brenda@ellicottvillenow.com.

IRISH CHRISTMAS

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Get into the spirit of the season by participating in Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas and help our local merchants and restaurants by shopping local while viewing the great auction items.

Don't forget: The Rotary will be hosting the Facebook "LIVE" auction on Dec. 18th at 7:00pm. Please make sure you "LIKE" Ellicottville Rotary's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/evillerotary> so you can join them for the Facebook LIVE auction.

If you want to help this great cause by making a monetary donation, you can mail a check to Rotary Foundation at PO Box 101, Ellicottville, NY 14731 or donate directly at the ellicottvillerotary.com website; a receipt will be sent to you for your taxes. Please help give back to families in the community.

ECS CARING CLOSET

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Elsa said that the Caring Closet is already being promoted to students through word of mouth and posters created and distributed throughout the school. Even if the school closes and shifts to a completely remote format, the Caring Closet will continue to serve students in the community.

Steger explained, "We've created a system where we can distribute forms to teachers and counselors that give students and families the ability to detail what necessities they're looking for. Those will get turned in to the Caring Closet, and we can package and bag up what families need and get it to them."

The enthusiasm for the Caring Closet is contagious, said Elsa. "I think a project like this is extremely important, not only because of the pandemic, but also the holiday season," she added. "A good portion of us take a lot of things for granted, but there are so many who just don't have access to what they need. If cleaning out your closet and bringing in clothes can help students in our district, I think that's a great thing for people to understand and get excited about!"

Community members can also get involved! Steger said donations (labeled for the ECS Caring Closet) can be dropped off in the clothing donation box in the parking lot of St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Route 242 in Ellicottville. The farm can be reached by phone at 716-450-4312, and is also offering delivery of trees upon request.

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The Lillibridge Property is located at 1974 Lillibridge Road, Portville, NY. Share your pictures and let Pfeiffer know how you enjoyed your visit by e-mailing naturalist@pfeiffernaturecenter.org. Enjoy the wonderful outdoors! For more information visits pfeiffernaturecenter.org or call 716-933-0187.



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HEALTH & FITNESS

Emotional Wellness: Connecting with others while setting an intention for the holiday season

BY LAURA WIDGER, LCSW



photos/Annie Widger



The holiday season is a time of year where we all experience engagements, emotions, festivities, and events with our own shades of experience(s) influencing us. With Covid-19 adding to this mix, the uncertainty and the verge off the “normal” holiday path will occur. Often times setting an intention or having a frame of reference during abnormal times can bring internal balance and equilibrium. Let us hear from several community members to see their spin on “holiday intention setting.”

We begin with Amy Brown and Don Keenan, avid ski racing coaches at HoliMont, as they clue us in on ways to incorporate winter sports into the holiday week. Amy states, “What we have done for a long long time, is to grab our snowshoes on New Year’s Day and trek around together. Even on Christmas day, there is often a lot going on inside our home, and taking some time to get outside is a reset for both of us.” Don Keenan states, “Being outside in the winter time ... outside is the best side. Especially during a pandemic, being outside is where I go where life feels normal. We set an intention to appreciate the beauty and nature we have around us ... the fresh air. Even our dog is happier outside.” Amy and Don live several hours away from Ellicottville yet long to be united with the joy the town of Ellicottville instills within their hearts. They describe skiing in Ellicottville as “the North on their compass” and add, “Ellicottville is where we want to be. Everything feels better outside in Ellicottville - our brains, our bodies, and our psyches.” Our suggestions for anyone that shys away from winter sports or the outdoors is to “start small and slow. Go for a walk. Get out there and get a taste of it. Wear layers. Don’t try and conquer the world on your first time out. Find someone who will go with you and make it social. We can connect and be social outside a lot more easily during this Covid time, than inside, that is.”

Micki Layfield Ellis, a recovering food addict, will shine a light on cravings and food triggers. Micki defines food addiction as “a phenomena of craving by ingesting sugar, wheat or processed refined products of food. There is a major difference between a craving and a desire. A craving is something, if ingested, you want more and more of. It is very intense and it pulls you back in. A desire is to want something and then not have it, without that intense pull. In my recovery, my perspective shifted from I can’t have this to I am choosing not to eat this.” Micki comments on how holiday gatherings - from a food perspective - can trigger emotionality. She specifies, “Family or social gatherings have the tendency to pressure you or contribute to your belief system of eating beyond your desire. A few examples are: if you love me you will eat it, come on I made this special for you, well you ate the whole thing last year so I knew you liked it.” When asked what strategies she suggests to navigate the overindulgence or food addictive tendencies, Micki emphasizes reaching out and connecting with others who are supports. Micki administers and participates in the “Life Recovery Group” located in Olean, NY every week. She states, “Having a plan, abstaining, seeking out supports or sponsorships, engaging in treatment or meetings, reading literature, journaling, being honest/open minded/willing, as well as being of service to others whom addiction or cravings effect are all avenues of support.”

Micki highlights very well the power of addiction. With that said, let us hear the wise words of recovering alcoholic, Phyllis Clark. Phyllis draws attention to a few helpful tips for those community members struggling with alcohol or drug addictions. “During the holidays, especially, stay away from people who are drinking or using drugs, even if that includes family members. If you are in early recovery, you don’t need to be around it. AA groups discuss the fact that if you do feel that you must go to holiday dinners where substances are present, have a way out. Bring a friend. Have a vehicle. You don’t want to be stuck there. Also, having a plan ahead of time on what to do if somebody offers you a drink or a drug. Simply saying no thank you and leaving it at that is spot on. If people around you are drinking, carry a glass of water, juice or soda, because then people aren’t likely to even offer you a drink.” Phyllis comments on the power of connection by stating, “You need to find people to be with that will support you. It can be difficult for some because they don’t want to reach out. Find people who are supportive. I wholeheartedly support AA and NA because you will find people just like you. Samhsa and Oasis are also wonderful resources.” Phyllis also emphasizes the power of self forgiveness and compassion by mentioning, “If relapse does happen, it happened and move forward ... put it in the past and do what you need to do. It is not starting over ... it is getting back to what works or what kept you clean and sober.”

Phyllis features (self) compassion as a characteristic of recovery, as well as something essential during the holidays. With that said, Mary Claire Vivian spotlights ways to make Christmas and the holidays memorable, heartfelt, and special for children. Mary Claire is a 5th grade teacher and mother of 3 who emphasizes giving rather than receiving all year round. She states, “One activity my children do is to clean out their toy room this time of year. The kids choose a few of their really nice toys to donate to a charity organization. I tell them that they are going to be getting new toys, so think about giving a toy that they really like and could keep.” Mary Claire is looking forward to making this holiday season present focused, intention influenced, and one to truly never forget. She states, “I am looking forward to slowing the pace of life to really enjoy the small things and the traditions. We make English toffee every year to gift to others. We can’t wait to embrace sing-alongs from my 2 older children’s piano book sets. We have the idea to carol from a distance outside my aging parents’ home.” The holidays this year, is all about how to connect at a distance or in a different and unique way. Mary Claire adds, “My family has really embraced this holiday season differing than any other year ... it is just one year. I find myself so fortunate that my family members are all onboard to not get together this year ... to see them in years to come. We just have acceptance across the board.” Mary Claire pinpoints one of the reasons for the season - the magic. She states, “I truly believe this Christmas will not be as hard on the children as it will be on the parents. The magic of Christmas exists whether or not we do things the way we have ‘always done them.’ I don’t think the kiddos will have many problems. It all comes down to the parent’s attitude. If a parent were to say, ‘ohhhh we won’t be able to do this or that this year,’ as opposed to a parent having excitement and making new memories, the outcome will be different. It is all about perspectives. There truly are so many silver linings during this pandemic.”

Speaking of silver linings, Linda Baker, trauma therapy at the Miriam Center for Hope and Healing in Olean, NY talks about plans shifting and human’s natural growing abilities to move and change through it. Linda states, “Just being prepared for plans to change is important. Understand and set aside time to turn inward and talk to yourself about those plans changing directions. One way to talk it through looks something like this: If my first plan doesn’t work, have a plan B, and then follow through on that plan B. Think about video chatting, skyping, and connecting with neighbors.” Linda emphasizes the importance of connection and reaching out during this time of year specifically. Linda also mentions that the holidays - for some - can bring about those BIG feelings: sadness, anger, loneliness, grief. Linda further explains, “If you find yourself isolated and lonely, just talking about and saying out loud to yourself or others, ‘I am really lonely’ can help. Having somebody to talk to about how you feel and giving yourself permission to call and reach out to supports is key. Making a plan, if best prior to the holiday season, about how to navigate holiday feelings of ‘impending doom’ can help you feel better.” Along with friends and family members, sometimes the most pivotal supports in life are therapists. Linda wholeheartedly believes this when she states, “Don’t hesitate to call a therapist. It is not shame. It is not a bad thing. Allow yourself to be vulnerable. It is not the end of the world, even though we have been taught that.”

Linda could not emphasize enough about the power of reaching out and connecting with others. Wedding and event planner, Sam Nelson has more to say on this topic. Sam agrees with the common consensus that the 2020 holidays are just going to be very odd. Sam states, “Yes it will be weird to not be putting together or attending holiday parties. However, the important thing to remember during this time is: we are all going through this together. For those who don’t have immediate family to celebrate with, try to be there for one another via zoom calls, nice letters or notes, sweet gestures, etc. It is important to keep in mind that this time is not going to last forever and we just need to check in on one another.” Sam passionately understands the power of connection. When asked what are some festive sentiments to make this holiday season beautiful, Sam reports, “Focus on making this year special and elevated. One way to do that is to buy the really nice plates, platters, place settings, or centerpieces you have always wanted. There are a lot of local florists that are creating absolutely amazing centerpieces this year. This is the year to think outside of the box, especially with children. Do something you wouldn’t usually do. Take it to an elevated level. You don’t have to spend a fortune. Craft. Give yourself time to create something homemade in the kitchen. This year, one of my girlfriends initiated a wreath contest at a distance. We are all making a seasonal wreath and will then vote on ‘the best of the best.’ This will replace our girl’s brunch and gift exchange this year. Make this year one to remember.”

In closing and with deep appreciation for these community members’ insights, it appears across the board that setting intentions, finding the silver linings, and making the 2020 holiday season memorable is more than possible. Lacing throughout all these interviews was the subtle emphasis on human connection and reaching out to people and loved ones (even at a distance). Human beings need social engagement and attachment bonds to survive. With that said, reach out, connect, and find those silver linings, even if you have to search for them.

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Isometrics: No-equipment workouts are growing in popularity and can be practiced in small spaces

By KIM DUKE, CERTIFIED PERSONAL TRAINER, CORE PERFORMANCE

Throughout my many years in the fitness industry, I have seen many trends come and go in the fitness community. Some, like pole dancing, have a shelf life of a loaf of white bread; it seems like it will last a while, and then one day it is covered in mold and is thrown away.

However, some trends actually gain popularity with time since they are effective and efficient and not so flashy.

One of those trends is body weight training. It's easy to see why no-equipment workouts are so popular: They're relatively easy to learn, they can be modified to suit any ability level, and they can be done just about anywhere. Plus, body weight exercises are a great way to get fit for free. (That's probably why this method has been ranked highly in fitness surveys since 2013.) Push-ups and pull-ups are classic bodyweight moves, but there are plenty more to choose from like squats, lunges and planks, just to name a few.

Another fitness trend that has been around literally for thousands of years is called isometrics. (It's true, I googled it.) Isometrics is a type of strength training in which your muscle length doesn't change when you contract your muscle. Unlike standard strength training, isometrics is done in a static position instead of moving through a range of motion - which means you can practice isometrics anywhere without needing weights or special equipment. Fitness experts say that it only takes about 10 seconds to effectively perform one isometric exercise and, in some cases, no one will even know you're doing it.

Isometric exercise is also known as static strength training. Examples include the plank and side bridge as well as wall sit and many yoga poses such as chair and tree poses. Notice that all these are all exercises that involve holding a position rather than moving in the case of isotonic exercises.

The most effective way to use isometrics is to incorporate it into a larger strength-training program. Although isometric exercises offer an important contribution to your workout efforts, they do have some limitations. For one, each isometric contraction only increases muscular strength in the exact position that you're practicing, not through a whole range



of motion. It is therefore best to think about isometrics as a complement to your weight training, not a substitute for it.

And what's great about either of these fitness options - body weight training and isometric training - is that the risk of injury is low. So, if you are afraid of weights (or poles)- this is a great way to get and stay fit.

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The Home Stretch: Using Yoga to combat EVERYTHING ... including holiday stress

By LOUISA BENATOVICH



I have what they call a resting (w)itch face. Yes, it's true - I walk purposefully with small, quick steps, brow furrowed, mouth set in a line. I look at once serious, sad, and angry. It's an interesting trait, one that definitely requires some getting used to for those around me. I've tried to fix it, I really have, but my face stays stoic, eternally part of me. I have the baby photos to prove it.

During the holidays, when life is simultaneously fast and slow, "thinking time" is in great excess. It can be a little much, so I've looked for ways to turn it off, quiet my mind, and think of absolutely nothing. After some searching, I found a solution ... in yoga.

I had been exposed to yoga throughout my childhood, but first started practicing on my own accord in high school. Instead of your typical gym class, I took Fitness for Life with the ever-legendary Mary Neilon. We would have "Yoga Fridays" - a highly anticipated and appreciated ritual at the end of an exhausting week. Lying on the thick foam mats and staring up at the darkened ceiling, we thought to ourselves: everything is going to be okay; there is a whole world beyond here.

It was true; there was much more yoga to be had in college - yoga for strength, for stretching, for pain, for relaxing, for EVERYTHING! I even tried a couple's yoga class with my roommate. Surrounded by romantic partners, it was hard not to giggle as we, quite platonically, knotted our limbs together in various poses.

After we were sent home, yoga and I had our ups and downs. For a while, we shared a gentle YouTube practice every day before bed. Then, a couple of intense hour-long virtual

sessions a week with a favorite instructor from school. For a period, we lost touch. Somehow, though, we found a way back to each other.

Now deep in the throes of a completely abnormal holiday (and finals) season, the stress volcano bubbles and boils. Our faces are all, to put it mildly, a little cloudy. I reached out to Laura Solly, owner of Laura Solly Yoga in Ellicottville, to gauge her thoughts on yoga as stress relief.

"Yoga is good for stress because it taps into the deeper layers of our nervous system and consciousness through the linking of breath with movement," Laura explains. "It tames the stress response in our body through the use of reflection and mindfulness. Both of these tools give you a better view of what is going on internally, mentally, and physically. You are able to become the witness of your thoughts and sensations rather than becoming attached to them. You can learn to see stress and let it dissolve instead of allowing it to overpower you."

"Yoga can bring sense of peace and overall relaxation to the body," she continues. "It's a sense of release from tensions/worry you didn't even realize your body was walking around with. This may in return give relief from headaches, stomachaches, or sleep difficulties."

The beauty of yoga isn't all handstands and elaborate contortions - it molds to fit you as a person, no matter your age, size, or physical limitations. Laura, with decades of instructional experience, offers two weekly classes at Bradley Poole's new Warrior Fitness and Wellness Studio. These sessions are for both long-time students and first-timers; anyone can benefit - mentally and physically - from a yoga practice.

"Yoga draws me back again and again as a tool to arrive in my body," Laura says of her own yogic experience. "It allows me time to get out of my analyzing mind and into the sensations and feelings in my body, giving me the gift of awareness, mindfulness, and time to let go of the daily demands on my life."

Laura's favorite posture is the final relaxation pose, also called corpse pose. For her, it's a moment to lie on her back at the end of practice, absorb all the previous postures, fully let go, and drift into deep relaxation. It just so happens that it's my favorite, too. I like to imagine that I am melting into the earth; the bottoms of my legs, arms, and head turn to putty as I focus solely on the sensations of being alive. When else do we let ourselves do that? We are always moving, taking the motions for granted.

From child's pose to corpse pose to fetal pose, a whole life cycle unfolds in a yoga session. Observing life as a practice - a series of postures to improve upon everyday - makes the strangeness of our current situation slightly more bearable. (My mood dictates my receptiveness to this idea, but it's a process!) This article is an invitation to explore and experiment with a new way of approaching personhood; being human is hard! And you never know, family yoga could become a new tradition.

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OBITUARIES

Jane Teresa (Gerwitz) Dunkleman • July 31, 1929 - December 11, 2020



Jane Teresa (Gerwitz) Dunkleman, age 91, a longtime resident of Ellicottville, NY passed away on Friday, December 11, 2020 from natural causes at The Pines in Machias, NY. Jane was born in West Valley, NY, on July 31, 1929, one of ten children of Charles and Lugarda (Benz) Gerwitz.

One of ten children (seven brothers and three sisters), Jane was born in her parents' home on their dairy farm in the small hamlet of West Valley in the town of Ashford in rural Western New York. Although her older brothers were responsible for hand milking the cows, they would often ask her to come to the barn to hold the cows' swishing tails so they wouldn't get hit in the face.

In her youth, Jane witnessed four of her brothers going off to World War II; three of them returned. Jane would often recall the day she saw two military officials walking up their driveway. She said to herself, "Don't go in the house. Don't go in the house!" As she peered through the front porch window, she could see her mother crying and knew something terrible had happened. Tragically, at age fifteen, she learned that her older brother Cyril had been killed during the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium on Christmas Day, 1944.

In high school Jane excelled in English and mathematics (we won't talk about biology and history). After graduating from her class of 15 at West Valley Central School in 1947, Jane, the Senior Class Treasurer and Queen, attended the Doyle Beauty School in Buffalo, traveling home on the weekends via train. One Saturday a young fellow from Ellicottville named Leslie came seeking permission to take her to a square dance in Ashford Hollow. After many do-si-dos, getting tangled up and tumbling to the dance floor, the love story of Les and Jane began. Their second date was a bowling outing with another couple. Jane had never bowled before, so her companions encouraged her to take her first practice throw. To their amazement, she threw a strike!

After several months of courtship, Les enlisted in the Army. Due to the escalation of war in Korea, Private Leslie Dunkleman was summoned to report to Fort Bragg, NC on January 1, 1951. Les and Jane quickly planned a wedding and were married on December 30, 1950 at St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church in West Valley. After a dinner reception at Jane's parents' home, the newlyweds packed up and drove to Fort Bragg where their first child, Dale, was born. Prior to being shipped out to Korea, Les drove Jane and the newborn back to West Valley to stay with Jane's parents.

After military service, Les returned to Ellicottville and began work as a mechanic at The City Garage. He would eventually supervise school bus maintenance and transportation at the newly built Ellicottville Central School. After securing a loan from a community member and land from Leslie's father, Claude, Les and Jane built their home on Sommerville Valley Road. With a lot of children to care for, Jane put her beauty school training to good use by turning her kitchen into a hair salon for family and friends. After her youngest child, Brian, went off to school, Jane worked as a clerk at the Ellicottville Post Office, where she retired after serving for 20 years.

Jane was an ideal mother and housewife. She had daily laundry, meal preparation and readying the kids for school and church down to a science. She managed to see that each child had everything they needed, not necessarily everything they wanted. There were always cookies on the counter, clean clothes on the stairs, and softball games after supper. Jane would artfully pack the pop-up camper in the summer for weekend trips to Lazy Acres, Timber or Rainbow Lake. On most Sunday afternoons the family would pile in the station wagon and go "over the river and through the woods" to West Valley to visit her parents and enjoy

supper and fellowship together.

Les and Jane somehow managed to get away from the kids and visit the New York World's Fair in 1964 and experience their "dream trip" to Honolulu, Hawaii, as part of the American Legion National Convention in 1981.

As 2020 will be a year to remember, 1982 would be the year Jane would remember the painful loss of three of her dearest loved ones. Her mother passed away on May 2nd, her father passed on August 13th, and her husband, Les, of 31 years of marriage, unexpectedly passed on August 4th. Strong faith, family and friends helped Jane endure this difficult year.

Simply put, Jane could not sit still. Her infectious energy and spirit fueled her desire to serve others. She was a member of Holy Name of Mary Church, its Altar and Rosary Society, and was a daily Mass communicant. She was also a member of the Ellicottville American Legion Post 659 Auxiliary where she served as a color guard member, Unit President, Cattaraugus County President and Eighth District President. She assisted donors during area bloodmobile drives and enjoyed many years working at Pumpkinnville in Great Valley and HoliMont in Ellicottville. She enjoyed being the honoree at the annual Dunkfest family reunion, playing golf, playing cards and was an accomplished senior bowler.

Jane stayed young by spending time with her army of grandchildren and great-grandchildren: feeding them frozen pizzas from Quality Markets, wings from Balloons, ice cream at Eddy's, and a lot of Kool-Aid ... lots and lots of Kool-Aid. Special trips were made to play bingo and all the grandkids looked forward to visiting Fantasy Island and Darien Lake.

Jane had a passion for playing bingo (and amazing luck), bowling (teams included The Proud Grandmas, Alley Katz, Eagles, and Kool Kats), playing golf, putting together puzzles, playing Rummy and Solitaire, and playing a family marbles and dice board game notoriously named "Murder!" (speak to a family member for an explanation). She also logged many miles power walking the hills of Ellicottville with friends. Through the years Jane had the opportunity to travel to numerous states and Europe, visiting her children and grandchildren. Even though Jane's memory diminished in her later years, fond memories of her and the legacy of love that she and Les created will be cherished and live on in our hearts and minds for generations to come.

She graduated from West Valley Central School in 1947 and attended Doyle Beauty School in Buffalo where she worked as a beautician until she married. Jane later worked as a clerk at the Ellicottville Post Office where she retired after 20 years of service.

She was predeceased by her husband of 31 years, Leslie Ivan Dunkleman, in 1982, and five brothers and one sister: Richard, Gertrude Borer, Howard, Cyril, Roger and Charles. Jane is survived by her ten children: Dale (Sandra) of Ellicottville, NY; Gerald (Kathleen) of Columbia, SC; Rose (Larry) Nuzskowski of Great Valley, NY; Allen (Karen) of Boiling Springs, NC; Joan (Robert) Scharf of Ellicottville, NY; Mary (Reggie) Klahn of Ellicottville, NY; Thomas (Suzanne) of Bellevue, NE; James (Irene) of Myrtle Beach, SC; Daniel (Catherine) of Great Valley, NY; and Brian of Los Angeles, CA; 22 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two brothers and one sister: Gerald, John, and Sister Mary Jane.

The Dunkleman family sincerely thanks the entire heroic staff at The Pines for their exemplary care of Jane. A private Rite of Committal and burial will be held at Holy Cross Cemetery. A Memorial Mass will be held at a later date when all can gather safely. Memorials may be made to a Veterans Association of your choice. Mentley Funeral Home in Little Valley, NY will oversee funeral services. Words of comfort can be expressed at www.mentleyfuneralhome.com

Howard J. Reed • April 26, 1945 - December 13, 2020



Howard J. Reed, 75, of Ellicottville, went home to be with his Lord on Sunday, December 13, 2020 at Bertrand Chaffee Hospital. He was born on April 26, 1945 in Salamanca, son of the late Benjamin and Edna (Reed) Winship. He married the former Sandra Fuller, of Ellicottville, who survives.

Howard graduated from Salamanca High School and later achieved his Associates Degree from JCC. Mr. Reed was a truck driver for many years and drove Snowcat for Holiday Valley, and later enjoyed his time working at the Allegany Rehab Center, currently "Tandem". He was a jack of all trades performing electrical work, woodworking, and tinkering on just about anything. He enjoyed his horses and blue heeler dogs, as well as fishing, hunting, leatherwork, and especially his cabin. Howard had strong con-

nections to the Amish community as well as local memberships such as the Ellicottville Volunteer Fire Dept., the Ellicottville Cub Scouts as a leader, a former member of the Faith Baptist Church in Mansfield where he served as Sunday School Superintendent and a deacon, the American Quarterhorse Association, and a current member of the Valley View Baptist Church in Little Valley. Howard was known to many as the maker of Reed's Marble Game and to "Mow All of Mechanic Street" or to have "Never Lost the Flip of a

Coin". But most of all, Howard loved his family; they were, to him, his greatest success.

Besides his loving wife of 54 years, Howard is survived by four sons; David (Virginia) Reed of West Valley, Michael (Lauren) Reed of Rochester, Robert (Kellie) Reed of Honeoye Falls, and Kevin (Heather) Reed of Great Valley, as well as two brothers; Benjamin Winship of FL, and Edwin "Skip" Fedick of TX. Also surviving are two sisters; Linda Strong of Salamanca, and Edna Landers of MT, a step-brother James Tuthill of NC, and 13 grandchildren; Katrina, Stacy, Amanda, Lisa, Brian, Claudia, Clint, Carter, Hudson, Owen, Nolan, Skyler, and Lucy, as well as four grandchildren with one on the way, and several nieces & nephews.

Besides his parents, Howard is predeceased by a brother, Gary Winship, a sister, Faith Bednar, three step-brothers; Rod Winship, Russell Winship, and James Winship, and a step-sister, Angeline Tuthill.

Friends may call on Thursday, December 17, 2020 from 3:00-7:00pm at Mentley Funeral Home Inc., 411 Rock City St. in Little Valley. Funeral services will be held on Friday, December 18, 2020 at 11:00am from the funeral home.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, masks will be required with limited occupancy observed. Memorials may be made to Autism Speaks or My Autism.

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ELLICOTTVILLE LIBRARY: We are currently accepting applications for a part-time Library Assistant. Candidate must have a Bachelor's Degree or an Associate's Degree with equivalent experience. Contact the Library at 716-699-2842 or stop in, 6499 Maples Road, for an application form and for further details regarding necessary qualifications.

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- Mary Klahn, Village Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ellicottville will receive sealed bids for a contract for the collection of garbage and the collection of trash within the Village of Ellicottville, for 3 years. Specifications for which are on file in the Village Clerk's Office in the Town & Village Hall, 1 W. Washington St., Ellicottville, NY. All such bids must be filed in the Village Clerk's office on or before Monday, February 1, 2021 at 11:00am at which time the bids will be opened. The bid will be awarded at the February 16th meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Village Office Phone # 716-699-4636.

ROTARY CLUB OF ELLICOTTVILLE DONATES TO THE COMMUNITY

Alley Katz Group and the Ellicottville Historical Society recipients of the Rotary Club's latest contributions



ELLICOTTVILLE, NY – The Rotary Club of Ellicottville has again responded to the local needs of the community. The club recently made a contribution to the Alley Katz to help with their efforts to keep the Village of Ellicottville beautiful. The Alley Katz meet on Tuesday mornings to plant, weed and clean out the many barrels and hanging baskets that showcase our attractive community.

Pictured at left are Rotary Club of Ellicottville president James Salmone (right) presenting a check to the Alley Katz. Left to right: Janet Parenti, Jane Hilbert, Laura Solly, Gail Grillo, Barbara Hirst, Deb Yantomasi, and James Salmone.

The Rotary Club of Ellicottville also made a donation to support the Ellicottville Historical Society, continuing the club's tradition of supporting our local heritage and history.

Pictured at right is Mary Elizabeth Dunbar accepting the contribution for the Ellicottville Historical Museum. For more information about the Rotary Club of Ellicottville or to donate, please visit www.ellicottvillerotary.com



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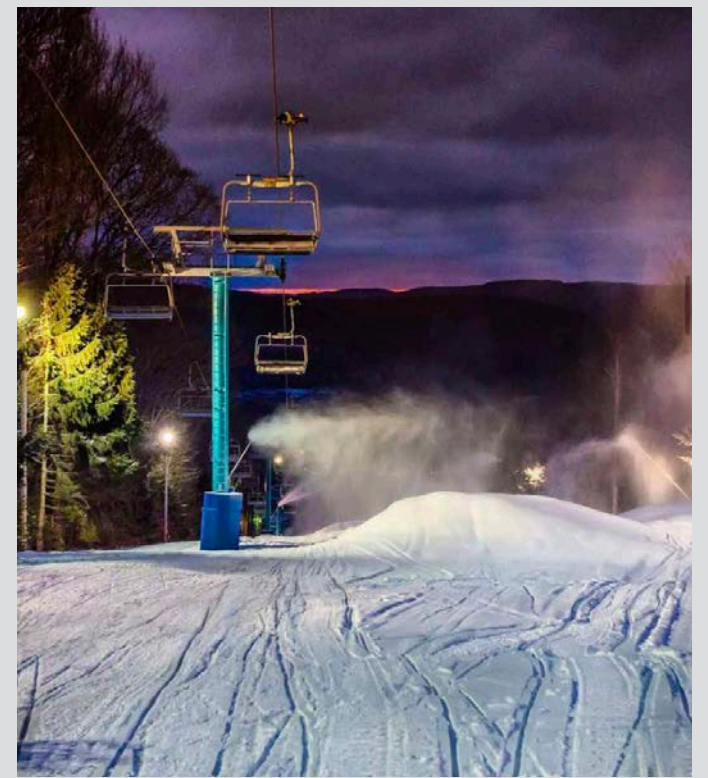
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dash_913: Opening Day at Holiday Valley #evlnow



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pandagoatmedia: The guns have been FIRING @holidayvalley! #welovewinter #hkdsnowmaking #thankasnowmaker #skiny #evlnow



holidayvalley: And we're off! #openingday #evlnow



evillebikeandbean: Hopefully you got outside too! #evlnow



robert_kuechle: Sunday's hike. @holimont #evlnow #getoutside

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season and a peaceful and
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