

IN THE NEWS

Free outdoor screening of Disney's 'Raya and The Last Dragon' at Artpark

Free community night compliments of T-Mobile; part of outdoor film series

Artpark & Company announced a free community night screening compliments of T-MOBILE. The Lewiston venue will show family-friendly "Raya and The Last Dragon" at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6.

This event is part of the "T-Mobile Outdoor Film Series at Artpark," running now through Aug. 25. Films are projected on a 30-foot screen on the Artpark Amphitheater stage.

Seating is general admission and audiences can bring chairs or blankets. Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase and the Artpark bar will be open.

Outside food/drink is not permitted. Pets are welcome, but must remain on a leash (10 feet or less) at all times.

Tickets for this showing of the animated "Raya and The Last Dragon" are free with a special of-

fer password while supplies last. Visit artpark.net for the password and to redeem the offer.

Gates open at 7:30 p.m. Additional upcoming films in the "T-Mobile Outdoor Film Series at Artpark" include: "This Is Spinal Tap" (Aug. 5); "Julie Taymor's A Midsummer Night's Dream" (Aug. 10); "Once Were Brothers: Robbie Robertson and The Band" (Aug. 12); "The Karate Kid" (Aug. 13); "Finding Nemo" (Aug. 15); "The Tragically Hip: A National Celebration" (Aug. 18); and "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" (Aug. 25). Tickets for each film are \$10 and include \$5 in concessions coupons. Find more information at artpark.net.

North Tonawanda Football Hall of Fame to induct 12

There will be 12 new inductees into the North Tonawanda Football Hall of Fame this fall, with the induction celebration scheduled for Oct. 8 and 9.

Those selected by ballot votes

are NT graduates Casey Shreve (2008-09), Joe Montesanti (2008-10), Darrik Bloomfield (2009), Scott Gregson (2004-06) and Andrew Davis (2003-05). Shreve, Montesanti and Bloomfield were members of North Tonawanda's 2009 New York State Championship team.

In the Legends category, Steve Rusin (1978-79) and Bishop Gibbons graduates Bob Aikens (1965), Bill McCarthy (1963-65) and Dennis Winiecki (1965-66) were selected.

And Bud Henry Award recipients, for exemplary off-the-field contributions to the North Tonawanda program, are Al Maglisceau, Kim Tuzzo and Keith Miranto.

This is the largest class to be inducted and equals the 1968 class. The North Tonawanda Football Hall of Fame began honoring former players in 1967.

All inductees will be introduced at halftime of the Oct. 8 game versus Kenmore West. The Hall of Fame dinner will be held at Rescue Fire Hall on Saturday, Oct. 9.

For more HOF induction information, contact Keith Pascucci at 909-8403.

NT Football Hall of Fame YouTube Channel Features More Than 775 Videos

Since its beginning in January 2000, the North Tonawanda Football Hall of Fame has processed and digitized more than 775 old North Tonawanda, Bishop Gibbons and Buffalo Geminis football games. Its YouTube channel includes interviews with former players. The idea is to preserve the memory and the accomplishments of these former football players and their opponents.

Videos for these films were originally in 8mm, 16mm, Beta, VHS, three-quarter-inch and rare 9.5mm pathé formats. So far, the oldest processed video dates back to the 1928 T-NT game. Additional short films from 1924-31 in 9.5mm formats are being processed and digitized by a western Canadian company.

Many of these game films were from coach George Vetter's coaching career, from 1937-70. North Tonawanda's opponents were pri-

marily of the old Niagara Frontier League (NFL), which many believe was among the top football league for many years in New York.

In addition, the Historical Society of the Tonawandas, the Tonawanda School District and some former high school coaches from other schools have contributed videos for this project and channel.

The North Tonawanda Football Hall of Fame is appealing to current and former schools and coaches and their families, especially Bishop Gibbons opponents from the Msgr. Martin League, to search their archives for applicable old game films. Bishop Gibbons played football from 1963 until its closing in 1971.

And besides being able to view these YouTube videos on a laptop, PC and smartphone, folks can watch these videos via Roku and smart televisions. It's also believed this channel is one of very few such YouTube channels devoted to classic high school football history.

Heastie: Cuomo 'can no longer remain in office'

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"While this will undoubtedly go down as a dark day in New York's history, we must now take steps to ensure that it will also be remembered as an important turning point that restores accountability and trustworthiness to state government."

Assemblyman Angelo Morinello said, "What we have surmised for months has unfortunately been confirmed. The findings in the attorney general's report are deeply disturbing and troubling. They detail systemic abuse and misconduct in the executive chamber. That the governor has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing for months underscores a longtime pattern of dishonesty from this administration."

"No woman or man should ever feel unsafe or in fear for their mental or physical health at their place of work. I pray for the victims, and I commend their unwavering bravery and pursuit of justice. The governor must step down immediately. It is impossible for him to focus on running the state while trying to protect and repair his reputation. If he won't, the Assembly must push forward with impeachment and remove him ourselves."

New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli said, "This is a sad day for New York. The attorney general's report documents unacceptable workplace behavior in the executive chamber at the highest level of state leadership. The women who came forward are courageous, and they have been heard. As I stated months ago, the governor should step down."

Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz said, "From the beginning, when accusations of sexual harassment against Gov. Cuomo first surfaced, I called for an independent investigation to be conducted by the Attorney General's Office and recommended waiting until the completion of that investigation before offering any comment on the merit of the claims."

"The investigation into these accusations has concluded with a report, announced today by NYS Attorney General James, that not only confirmed many of the previous allegations but also identified others that had not been known and were corroborated by witnesses. Sexual harassment in any form can never be tolerated. Based on the thorough, detailed nature of the report and the corroborated findings of sexual harassment and a toxic work environment presented therein, Gov. Cuomo must resign."

Republican Chairman Nick Langworthy said, "While the findings of the attorney general's report are deeply disturbing and confirm Gov. Cuomo violated state and federal laws, they should not come as a surprise to anyone. For months, we have heard the testimonies of multiple women who bravely detailed the horrific abuse and assaults perpetrated on them by this governor and covered up by his administration."

"Sadly, this pattern of sexual harassment and abuse is only one chapter in the Cuomo book of corruption, law-breaking and sociopathic behavior. Countless lives have been destroyed by his actions throughout his tenure, but now is the moment where he must finally be held accountable."

"I called for Gov. Cuomo's impeachment on Feb. 11, and I renew that call today. If he does not immediately resign, Speaker Carl Heastie must call for a special session to bring articles of impeachment to the floor for an up or down vote. Democrats in Albany have been protecting him for too long - time is up."

Conservative Party Chairman Gerard Kassir said, "Gov. Andrew Cuomo is a sexual predator and he needs to resign today. Attorney General Letitia's report makes that clear. Anything but his resignation is unacceptable to the people of New York state."

Course of Action

So, what happens next? Later in the day, Heastie stated, "After our conference this afternoon to discuss the attorney general's report concerning sexual harassment allegations against Gov. Cuomo, it is abundantly clear to me that the governor has lost the confidence of the Assembly Democratic majority and that he can no longer remain in office."

"Once we receive all relevant documents and evidence from the attorney general, we will move expeditiously and look to conclude our impeachment investigation as quickly as possible."

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