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New Gallo Coal Fire Kitchen set to open



Gallo Coal Fire Kitchen and Pronto by Gallo

BY JOSHUA MALONI
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Michael Hibbard has a “good problem.”

While working at Center and North Fourth streets – site of the new Gallo Coal Fire Kitchen – he is constantly asked when his third Lewiston restaurant will open.

Having recently converted the original Gallo site into Gallo Loco, a Mexican eatery offering authentic street tacos, and with his Gather by Gallo a popular spot for American cuisine, people are anxious to get a look inside (and

grab a pizza).

“It’s tough when you’re out here, because you literally see everybody. So, you get asked that question – I’m not exaggerating – it’s up to 10 times a day. Which, like you said, it’s a good problem,” the restaurateur said. “I think people are excited about the transformation of the corner, and people are excited for, I think, a new concept in Lewiston, which we’ve done it at Loco, as well. But all in all, I feel like it’s a beautiful space to hang out at and to be seen in.

“Now with Artpark coming around, it’s a good thing, because that gives them another place to hang out and walk down.”

Construction began at Fourth and Center prior to the pandemic. The COVID-19 shutdown delayed work and made it difficult to find laborers.

Despite that, Hibbard pressed forward. Interior work is now wrapping up, and Hibbard said he expects Gallo Coal Fire Kitchen to open to the public later this month.

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Jesse Gooch and his team stand in front of the newly painted tank.

Wheatfield memorial tank shines with new paint job

BY MICHAEL DEPIETRO

Last week, the M-60A3 army tank located at the Wheatfield Veterans Memorial received a fresh coat of paint. While it’s still

green, of course, the tank now more closely matches the paint of the UH1-D Huey helicopter also featured in the memorial.

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New Olcott harbor breakwall project underway

\$14 million project to address long-standing shoreline problems

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS
BY TERRY DUFFY

Editor-in-Chief

Progress on repairing the flood-ravaged shoreline in Niagara County took a big step forward in past days with the startup of a massive, nearly 400-foot, \$14 million breakwall project in the hamlet of Olcott Beach.

Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul was joined by Town of Newfane Supervisor Timothy Horanburg and a number of state, county and local officials in visiting the Hedley Boat Co. complex on the Olcott waterfront Tuesday to announce

the project.

Decades in the making, the Olcott breakwall project moved forward and became reality in October 2019 with Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s commitment to correct long-standing erosion problems along the entire Lake Ontario shore in New York, including Niagara County.

The Olcott project, to be completed with \$13.3 million in state grants and assistance through the governor’s Resiliency and Economic Development Initiative, will see the creation of a 350-foot, oval-shaped breakwall in the har-

bor area at the mouth of Eighteen Mile Creek entering into Lake Ontario.

The project stands to directly benefit the Town of Newfane Marina, Olcott Yacht Club, Hedley Boat Co., McDonough Marine and several private homes, according to the

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State and local officials joined Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul at the ceremonial ground-breaking Tuesday for the \$14 million Olcott harbor breakwall project.



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