

# Lewiston's new Griffon location opens to public



A look at some of the renovations that have taken place at 115 S. Water St.

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 synonymous with, though a few curves have been tossed in. Patrons, for instance, will have more seafood options at the Water Street location than they'll find at, say, the Military Road location that served as the first Griffon. Clams, a special staple of the former occupants, will be on the menu, Scibetta said, adding the name on the menu will change from that recognizable one, though it will bear a familiar rhyme. This new spot will also feature 40 beer taps – another staple of the brand – and a couple full-service bars, including the somewhat-breathtaking outdoor patio. Scibetta said everyone has also listened to the comments they've

received since taking over the building in February. Wait times from order to food reception will be a significant focus for the restaurant, he said, with an outdoor food trailer serving as a kitchen for outdoor diners. "No one will go to the trailer," Scibetta said. "Outdoor diners will be able to place their orders from their table and the food will be brought to them. But it should help reduce waiting times." While Water Street Landing is a significant part of their past, Scibetta said the new Griffon location will also pay tribute to the years of excruciating work it took to build a four-restaurant, 200-employee success story. Because that success, Scibetta

said, wasn't always guaranteed. Together, they leaped at the chance to set sail into their own adventure, which they called The Lewiston Village Pub. Found on Center Street, Scibetta and Webster were the only employees when they began in early 2008. They spearheaded plenty of activity in the village, even creating a short-lived festival at Academy Park. Some of it was welcomed, some not so much. In 2014, they stepped away from that life and Lewiston, taking a lot of precious knowledge with them into their Griffon business. They returned in mid-2017, with Griffon House and its more mature feel. Scibetta said the duo is looking to merge that Griffon experience with

some of the positive experiences The Pub offered its loyal patrons. Like, Scibetta said, live music outside on the patio every weekend. And regular events to help bring more people to the facility and the surrounding sights. The sidebar will also get a new official name, made known by the lion's head decals on the windows. "The Pub" is back, Scibetta said. But it won't be a loud and raucous space. "We've learned a lot," Scibetta said. "We're going to keep growing and doing things better. We've learned from our mistakes." That's not to rule out the occasional big-time event, say for Cinco de Mayo. It probably won't feature the things a younger Scibetta was

known for, like donkeys wearing sombreros, but the enthusiasm will be present every day. It's what those enthusiastic, gung-ho, budding restaurateurs fought so hard for while daydreaming about this day almost two decades earlier. "We don't want to let anyone down," Scibetta said. "We don't want to let our younger selves down. We have a great team we've put together." "It's amazing we've come from donkeys wearing sombreros on Cinco de Mayo to taking over one of the premier locations in Lewiston." •For more information, or to make a reservation, visit <https://www.griffongastropub.com/lewiston>.

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## Annual Ransomville Parade a community event

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 items of interest. The church congregation will participate in a presentation and placement of a time capsule celebrating 200 years at 4 p.m. A community dinner follows, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., and will include hot dogs and hamburgers, salads and baked beans, with water and soft drinks provided. Free-will donations are welcome. Sunday's activities include an 11 a.m. worship service with Holy Communion, followed by a 12:15 p.m. coffee hour with cake and ice cream served. Pastor Anne welcomes visitors to stop by and enjoy the celebration. Cole said, "I hope to see everybody." "The following weekend is Community Faire here in Ransomville.

We will be at our hot dog and hamburger booth. It's a busy couple of weeks coming up." For more information, visit the Fillmore website at [fillmorechapel.org](http://fillmorechapel.org), or see its Facebook page. The annual Ransomville Community Faire takes over the hamlet next Saturday, June 11, starting at 11 a.m. It is presented by Ransomville resident Ruth Anne Buzzard. This community celebration traces its beginnings to 1969, where students of the former W.H. Stephenson elementary school celebrated Flag Day each year with a parade of the flags of all U.S. states. The annual celebration ended in 2014 with the closing of Stephenson by the Wilson School District, but returned in

2016 as a community affair organized by Buzzard, with assistance by a number of local interests. Next Saturday, readers are invited to visit Ransomville to check out a number of community activities. Featured will be the Ransomville Flag Day Parade, which begins at the O. Leo Curtiss American Post 830 at 2589 Ransomville Road, and continues to the nearby Ransomville Free Library at 3733 Ransomville Road. The parade will see a number of attractions along its short route. Expected is participation by the New York State Police, local veterans organizations and the U.S. Coast Guard; a presentation of all 50 U. S. flags; performances by the MacKenzie Highlanders Pipes and Drums; the BMX Bikers Dialed Action Sports presentation at 12:30 p.m.; Miss Ransomville 2022 Kelli-Lynn Wilkesmore and Ransomville Speedway; the RW & O HoJack Train float and historians' recognition; the Ransomville Volunteer Fire Co.; Farmers Feed America displays; and antique vehicles. Ransomville Road will be closed during this time. Attractions to check out include a plant sale by the Ransomville Garden Club beginning at 9 a.m.; the Friends of the Ransomville Library book sale at 10 a.m.; a basket auction from 10:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.; entertainment by the Niagara Power Vista; the Niagara County Sheriff's K-9 Division; plus foods available through members of the Fillmore Chapel and the Ransomville Business Association. For more information, visit the Niagara River Chamber of Commerce on Facebook, or contact Buzzard at 716-791-4585.

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