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## Fun is the focus for new Cask + Cow owner

With popular menu, seasoned staff already in place, Anello looks to expand audience

BY JOSHUA MALONI  
 GM/Managing Editor

For almost nine years, Cask + Cow has been serving some of Western New York's best burgers – and some unique sandwich combinations found only in Lewiston. The seasoned staff has learned the ropes and catered to those looking for a meal, bar crowds and small gatherings in the banquet room.

That puts Brandi Anello in a favorable position as she begins her term as owner.

“Right now, we’re in the process of finalizing the liquor license and transition, but we’re looking forward to officially stepping in, building on what people already love about Cask + Cow, and bringing fresh energy, great food, drinks, and community events to the village.”

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Brandi Anello is the fun new owner of Cask + Cow at 840 Center St., Lewiston. “I’m incredibly excited for this next chapter,” she said. “As someone who’s been bartending and working in the local restaurant industry for over 30 years, owning a business in a community like Lewiston is truly a dream come true.”

## Get your motors runnin': Lawnmower race set for Sunday



Jim Mazza at last year's lawnmower race. (Submitted photo)

BY KAREN CARR KEEFE  
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The checkered flag won't be the only banner waving this Sunday for the Mary Dunbar-Daluisio Memorial Lawnmower Race.

The American flag is central to this year's lawnmower race that takes place on Flag Day. The red, white and blue not only commemorates the annual holiday, but also the 250th anniversary of this nation.

### Plenty of action

The event takes place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 3957 West River Parkway, on the median, closest to Long Road.

There's a range of categories for the lawnmowers, from stock mowers to ones that will do 70 mph in 300 feet.

In addition to the mower races, the day includes the Kevin Doring Memorial 5K Walk/Run; a golf cart race; a kids' mower race (mowers provided); a car/

bike/truck show; games; and food for purchase.

Proceeds from the Lawnmower Race go to support Grand Island's Relay For Life, which took place June 6 at the Town Commons.

### Flag theme prevails

The opening ceremony will feature the American Legion Post 1346 Color Guard, followed by a lineup of events featuring people racing on foot and on all manner of vehicles – lawnmowers, golf carts – and even a bubble lawnmower race for the kids.

The Lawnmower Race, a long-time Father's Day tradition, was switched to Flag Day this year so as not to conflict with the now-canceled “Thunder of Niagara” air show.

Moose Lodge 180 member Mary Ehde said the Flag Day theme will be a part of the entire Lawnmower event. A raffle will

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## Gallo & Gather owner not looking to close restaurants, though new operator sought

BY JOSHUA MALONI  
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Though Michael Hibbard's two Center Street restaurants are for sale, he does not intend to close either Lewiston eatery.

“We're still remaining open, and that's the biggest thing,” Hibbard said of Gallo Coal Fire Kitchen, at 402 Center St., and sister site Gather by Gallo, at 453 Center St. “People want to think the worst, and that's not the case. Gallo is still in operation, we're honoring gift cards – any gift certificates that were purchased – and we're staying open through the summer,”

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