

Cask + Cow owner eyeing new specials, bigger brunch

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Anello officially took over last weekend, replacing Jack Hornung, who built the business and left it in prime turnkey position. With the menu and “amazing” staff in place, Anello has her sights set on expanding the restaurant’s customer base. The key to that, she said, is simple: more fun, more people.

“I want to bring a different energy. I want to bring a different vibe to Lewiston – something that I feel maybe Lewiston is missing. Live music, DJs, boozy brunches, big brunches,” Anello said. “I want to be able to bring something here that I like to enjoy, that I think that other people will also enjoy, as well. We’re a casual dining place. I think that, come football season, kind of sports bar – really pump out the Bills Mafia. That’s me. Every Sunday, I enjoy watching the Bills. Why not bring that here to my establishment?”

“I want something for everybody to do, not just focusing on just certain individuals. I want something for everybody to do here. Like I said, whether it’s live music, DJs, karaoke, DJ trivia – I just want it to be a fun place – I want it to be a fun place for my employees and for the customers.”

“You could walk into any restaurant and sit down, have a drink, and order food. I want to be able to offer more to people, too. I want it to kind of be a little more alive,” she added.

Anello will offer happy hour



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.”

from 3-6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

“I am going to change the menu a little bit,” she noted. “I’m not going to touch the burgers. Out of maybe 10-11 burgers, I think I’m going to just downsize it to seven of our top-selling ones. I’m going to add a couple more tavern-like appetizers on the menu, as well. I’m looking into having different specials of the day. ‘Taco Tuesday,’ ‘Wing Wednesday.’ There are specials that I want to do during the week, as well, on top of that. But going to try to simplify the menu a little bit.”

Anello said, “I want it to be fun for my employees and for the customers. I want my employees to want to come to work. I don’t want it to be like, ‘Ugh, I have to go to work today.’ I want it to be a place that they want to come, and they can involve themselves also with the customers. I think, when you see customers having a good time, you have a good time. That’s what makes me smile, is seeing other people enjoying where they are and what they’re doing, too.”

Following a grand-opening on June 25, Cask + Cow will be open 3-10 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday; noon until midnight Friday and Saturday; and noon to 10 p.m. Sunday at 840 Center St.

Anello, a Niagara Falls native, worked at Cask + Cow for five years before leaving to work at the popular Dockside Bar & Grill in North Tonawanda.

“I came back here, and I was bartending one day a week,” she said. “This opportunity came along maybe about six months ago, and I thought, ‘You know what? I’ve been in this industry for 30 years, bartending, why not take the chance and do it?’ So, here I am!”

She plans to continue behind the bar while also working behind the scenes.

“You’ll see me behind the bar probably three days a week. You’ll see me on the floor. There might be one day that I say, ‘Hey guys, listen, I’m not coming in today!’ (laughs). But, for the most part, you will see me here.”

“Over the weekend, that was a nice thing, because I bartend here on Saturday nights. I bartended Sunday morning. We had people come in on Friday, and when people came through the door, I was just walking around, tapping tables, making sure everything was OK. Customers were, ‘Oh, are you the new owner? I saw your picture on social media.’ And I loved it, because you’re able to put a face with the place now, and that’s what I want to do. Not only do I want to have a relationship with my staff, but the customers as well, and I think that’s very important for them to see a hands-on owner here.”

Not only that, but “What I was told, which I think is important, is that I’m the first solely woman-owned restaurant here in Lewiston,” Anello said.

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Lewiston Library fundraiser at Syros

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Syros is located at 869 Cayuga St., Lewiston.

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Open letter to the Lewiston Town Board

On behalf of the board of trustees of the Lewiston Public Li-

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When the water infiltration issues first surfaced in February, Supervisor Broderick asked the town’s Building Department to investigate the causes. Within 24 hours, they were on site and were able to identify the important issues that needed to be addressed.

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Chairman, Board of Trustees
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