

New Lewiston businesses SPRING FORWARD (cont.)

ALFONSO MARRA BAX BUILDING

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•**THE MAD HATTER TEA HOUSE** is the lone holdover at this location, serving customers until the old building was essentially removed. Owner Barbara Gray said, "I am excited to reopen!"

She referenced past quotes that said, "The space will reopen as a combination of The Mad Hatter Tea House and Shawn's Gate Art Studio. I will be offering bulk tea along with boxed sets of tea and wares. Shawn's Gate will continue to offer art classes."

This time around, Gray added,

"I do have some new bulk teas and will be offering the spring line of Tea Forté teas."

The Mad Hatter offered a pescatarian menu at its previous locations.

•**BATTLE FLAG TAVERN** is "a brand-new endeavor. It's something that my wife and I have been working on for quite some time, and kind of happened upon the right place at the right time, via the Baxs," owner Phil Palmeri said.

He explained, "The concept right now, as it stands, is cocktails forward, with a bit of variety, a bit

of a selection – kind of something for everybody, type of a deal. Cocktails upfront. Emphasis on local ingredients; quality, simple ideas; emphasis on the New York state producers; emphasis on local produce, herbs, vegetables, spices, whenever we can. Basically, the closer we can source things, the better."

Palmeri said he and his wife, Tracey, "lived in Buffalo for a really long time. We've been back in Lewiston for about 10 years now. We moved back this way 10 years ago. She's an English teacher at Wilson. I work in health care in

Cambria. And we're just trying to put time and effort into something that we are both collectively passionate about."

He said the tavern will be a perfect complement to the other first-floor tenants.

"In fact, we're pretty excited about being the center unit of the building," Palmeri said. "It kind of gives us a chance to be literal and figurative centerpiece to tie everything together."

"I know Chris Budde from Brewed and Bottled, and I have been in regular communication on our plans and the things we'd

like to achieve together. We're kind of approaching the whole building as a collective, with lots of opportunity for collaboration. Sgt. Peppers, they carry a very good variety of product that we will be able to use in our finished product. Mad Hatter tea shop, same thing. You know, we can incorporate her teas into some of our cocktails and some of our lunch and brunch items."

As for an opening date, "We're aiming for the summer – and the earlier in the summer, the better. Ideally, June, but nothing is concrete," Palmeri said.

New Lewiston businesses SPRING FORWARD (cont.): THAT'S NOT ALL!

Village of Lewiston Mayor Anne Welch said, "2020 was a long and unpredictable year. No one could imagine the spread of a pandemic and the devastation it would cause. Everyone suffered the effects of it – from families, schools, churches, businesses, organizations, events and every walk of life. But through it all, we saw people coming together, helping each other through this tough time. The residents checked on their neighbors, supported the local businesses and adapted to this new way of life, of health and safety restrictions. Without their support, our village would look a lot different coming out of this pandemic."

"All our businesses had to adjust to the NYS restrictions and requirements, and reinvent their way of doing business. They all survived and some have even flourished. Construction of the new businesses, Fourth and Center, 444 Center, and Eighth and Center were delayed, but have resumed and more new businesses have opened in the village in spite of COVID. Everyone went the extra step and this says a lot about our village."



Christina Venditti, above, recently opened Transform Wellness Studio. Lewiston Love, above right, offers all things Lewiston. The Plant Shack and owner Rachel Stepien, below, are featured on the Tribune/Sentinel website at www.wnypapers.com.

"I am saddened by the loss of loved ones and the families affected by this pandemic, but I am looking forward to a brighter future this year."

That's Not All

•After being in private practice and renting space in medical offices for 15 years, Christina Venditti opened **TRANSFORM WELLNESS STUDIO** at 779 Cayuga St., Suite 2 (mini-plaza),

last June.

"Through the studio, I offer massage therapy, yoga and workshops," she said. "The front studio space is available to other wellness service providers to share their knowledge and skills with the community as well. As we begin to slowly reopen, I would like to invite others to be able to use that space."

Transform Wellness Studio is offering a four-week workshop called "Movement & Meditation" that begins April 11 and will be offered both in-studio and online.

"With so many people suffering from pandemic fatigue, anxiety and restlessness, I feel that this offering comes at an ideal time," Venditti said.



For more information, visit <https://www.transformwellnessstudio.com/>.

•**MOBILE TESTING WNY** recently announced that, with the help of Lewiston Fire Co. No. 1, "We are bringing the accuracy, safety and convenience of rapid response COVID-19 testing to the community of Lewiston. We provide immediate results, because your family might not have the option of waiting days for an answer. You will know now if the test is negative, so you can go on with your day, or if it's positive, so you can take the proper steps to protect family and friends going forward."

Located in the social hall at 145 N. Sixth St., Mobile Testing WNY offers same-day appointments via [MobileTestingWNY.com/Lewiston](https://www.MobileTestingWNY.com/Lewiston).

•Newly opened **JUST DES-**

SERTS BY AIMEE (retail location) and **LEWISTON LOVE** were camera-shy for this article, but will be featured in a future edition.

THE PLANT SHACK and **TIM HORTONS** were recently featured in this publication. Read about them at www.wnypapers.com.

•If you are a new Lewiston business owner – or plan to become one this year – contact Josh (josh@wnypapers.com) or Marcy (sentinelsales@wnypapers.com).



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