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FAYETTEVILLE

# New food vendor takes over at Green Lakes State Park



The former Brian's Landing restaurant at Green Lakes State Park has been taken over by the operators of the Bull & Bear restaurants. It will be renamed Yards Grille and open for the season in mid-April. Teri Weaver, tweaver@syracuse.com

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A new vendor is taking over the restaurant and food concessions at Green Lakes State Park just in time for the upcoming outdoor season.

Mark Bullis and Nathan Fullmer will now run the Green Lakes dining and food operations. Bullis is the owner of the Bull & Bear restaurants and catering company, and Fullmer oversees the operations of those businesses. The new season is expected to start around April 15.

The Green Lakes operation includes the restaurant adjacent to the park's golf course, which has been operated as Brian's Landing for the past three seasons. It also includes the concession stand near the swimming area.

The restaurant, which has a dining room, a patio and a terrific view of the park, will be renamed Yards Grille, Bullis said. Its menu will be distinct from the mostly burger and barbecue fare of Bull & Bear.

"I think you could say it will be elevated golf course/country club style, with modern ingredients," Bullis said.

The menu includes entrees featuring steaks, scallops and similar items, "smash-burgers," artisan flatbreads and chopped

salads. It will also offer several variations on poutine, the Canadian fries/cheese/gravy dish that is a hallmark of most of the places that Bullis has operated in his career.

The restaurant has a full liquor license (beer, wine and spirits), and will specialize in "hand crafted" cocktails, Bullis said.

Yards Grille will also serve breakfast, including sandwiches and burritos. The concession stand will serve burgers, hot dogs — and poutine. It will also have ice cream, including concretes and flurries.

The park's restaurant and concessions had been operated since 2018 by Servomation, a company owned by Brian Bruno. The restaurant went by the name Brian's Landing. The following year, Bruno opened a second Brian's Landing restaurant in Jamesville and it remains in business.

Bullis and Fullmer are taking over the remaining years of the Servomation contract, which includes 2021 and an option for 2022. Under the original contract, the state takes about 7% of the gross sales.

The state invested \$4 million to improve the restaurant, expand the kitchen and add the patio a few years before Bruno took over.

CLAY

## Schumer pitches Upstate sites to Intel for new chip plant

Sen. Charles Schumer is pitching Intel to build its next semiconductor plant at the White Pine Commerce Park outside Syracuse or three other Upstate New York sites, saying all are "tailor made" for the company's new manufacturing facility.

Schumer, D-NY, the Senate majority leader, said he promoted White Pine Commerce Park in Clay, the STAMP site in Western New York, Luther Forest Technology Campus in the Capital Region and the Marcy Nanocenter site in the Mohawk Valley in a call with Intel CEO Pat Gelsinger.

The move comes after Intel announced

a partnership with IBM that will bring hundreds of jobs to the Capital Region. Intel also said it plans to select a site for its next U.S. manufacturing facility within a year.

Schumer said Intel should build on its partnership with IBM and put its next semiconductor fabrication plant in Upstate New York, citing the available sites, the region's universities, its workforce and the diversity of companies across the supply chain Intel would need.

Intel announced in March that it plans to invest \$20 billion to build two semiconductor plants in Chandler, Arizona. The announcement came during a global chip shortage that is slowing production of automobiles, electronics and other products in the U.S. Rick Moriarty

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**VENUES**

# Schumer's office says it is pushing SBA to fix portal

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venue operators found irrelevant, hard to answer, or both.

"They wanted us to prove that we had promoted specific events 60 days in advance," Leone said. "I don't have a record of that. And it escapes me why that even matters."

Mastronardi said program administrators should have reached out "to people who actually have experience running this kind of business. Clearly they haven't done that."

Leone and Mastronardi also both used the reference "Hunger Games" to describe the way the application process pits venues against each other.

The venue grant applicants are supposed to be ranked in tiers according to their need/financial losses.

But the SBA system had venue operators across the country all hitting the portal at once, regardless of status.

"Instead of asking how much you really need, they basically say, 'We have \$16 billion — go for it,'" Mastronardi said.

Schumer, a Democrat, was the Senate minority leader last fall when he came to Syracuse to push for the inclusion of entertainment venue aid in the December spending bill. Now, he's the leader of the majority, with a Democrat in the White House.

"We're pushing the SBA to fix the issues ASAP," Schumer aide Allison Biasotti said in response to a Post-Standard query.

On its application site, the SBA still had this message Monday: "Due to technical difficulties, SBA has temporarily suspended the SVOG application portal. SBA is working closely with the portal vendors to reopen as soon as possible. SBA will share advance notice of the time and date before the reopening so all applicants can be prepared and to ensure equitable access. Applicants may continue to register for a new account."

Of course, even if the grants come through, it may be a while before venues return to normal. Among the issues: Are there touring acts and shows to book? And when will be patrons be willing to fill indoor venues?

Mastronardi, a concert promoter who books acts at his own and other venues, said he thinks the Westcott might not



**Jill Anderson, artistic director at Syracuse Stage, and Sen. Charles Schumer stand in front of the Westcott Theater to talk about the legislation that offers \$10 billion in aid for the live entertainment industry.**  
*Don Cazentre, dcazentre@nyup.com, file*

reopen until the fall at the earliest.

But many venues still need the grants to survive.

Last week, Leone spent hours on her computer, waiting for the grant application site to be fixed, fearful that if she walked away she might lose her place in line when it started running again.

It could be compared to the situation faced by concertgoers hanging online hoping to score tickets for a popular show.

"They say they'll give us a heads up so we can prepare," Leone said. "All I can say is when it comes back up, I'll be there, fingers at the ready."

**POLL**

# Governor still gets high marks for response to the pandemic

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crats, 42% give Cuomo the same lower job performance ratings.

The poll surveyed 801 registered voters from April 11 to 15. It has a margin of error of 4.3%.

Cuomo's response to the coronavirus pandemic continues to get good marks, except for one specific issue.

Overall, 60% of those surveyed say they approve of Cuomo's job handling the coronavirus pandemic.

The majority of those polled say the governor has done a good job communicating and providing accurate information during the pandemic, the poll found.

Yet when asked specifically about nursing home data, 52% say Cuomo has done a poor job providing an accurate picture of the number of COVID-19 related deaths among those residents.

When asked about Cuomo's efforts to reopen businesses and social activities, the verdict was split: 49% say his decisions are excellent or good; 48% say fair or poor.

The poll also found:

60% say they have already been vaccinated, with 23% saying they plan on getting a shot.

57% say they approve of legalizing recreational marijuana.

72% — and 47% of Republicans — approve of recently enacted higher taxes on millionaires.

69% percent of voters say they don't know or have no opinion of Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul. She would become governor should Cuomo step down or be removed.

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# Limits increase as infections, hospitalizations fall across N.Y.

THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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COVID-19 restrictions in recent weeks. He has said he is responding to the improving situation in the state as vaccinations have increased and the statewide percentage of people testing positive for COVID has fallen.

Here's a look at where things stand:

Indoor arenas and event spaces with a capacity of 1,500 people and up are currently limited to 10% of their maximum capacity, but that will increase to 25% starting May 19. This limit applies to indoor arenas and stadiums such as the War Memorial in downtown Syracuse and Syracuse University's Carrier Dome.

Outdoor performing arts venues and outdoor sports venues with a capacity of 2,500 people and up will increase to 33% of their maximum capacity from 20%. Venues are limited to crowds at 33% of their maximum capacity, with up to 100 people indoors or 200 people outdoors. If fans get tested for COVID or have proof of vaccination, the capacity can increase to up to 150 indoors and 500 outdoors.

The capacity limit for movie theaters was increased from 25% to 33% starting Monday. Also on Monday the capacity limit for museums and zoos was increased to 50% from 33%.

New York has loosened its limits on social gatherings as well. Outdoor gatherings at private homes are limited to 25 people, up from 10 earlier this year. The limit on indoor gatherings at private homes remains 10 people.

Social gatherings in public places are now limited to 100 people indoors and 200 people outdoors, up from 50 previously. High school sporting events are limited to either two fans per player or the statewide social gathering limit of 100 indoors and 200 outdoors. Schools get to decide which fan limit they follow.

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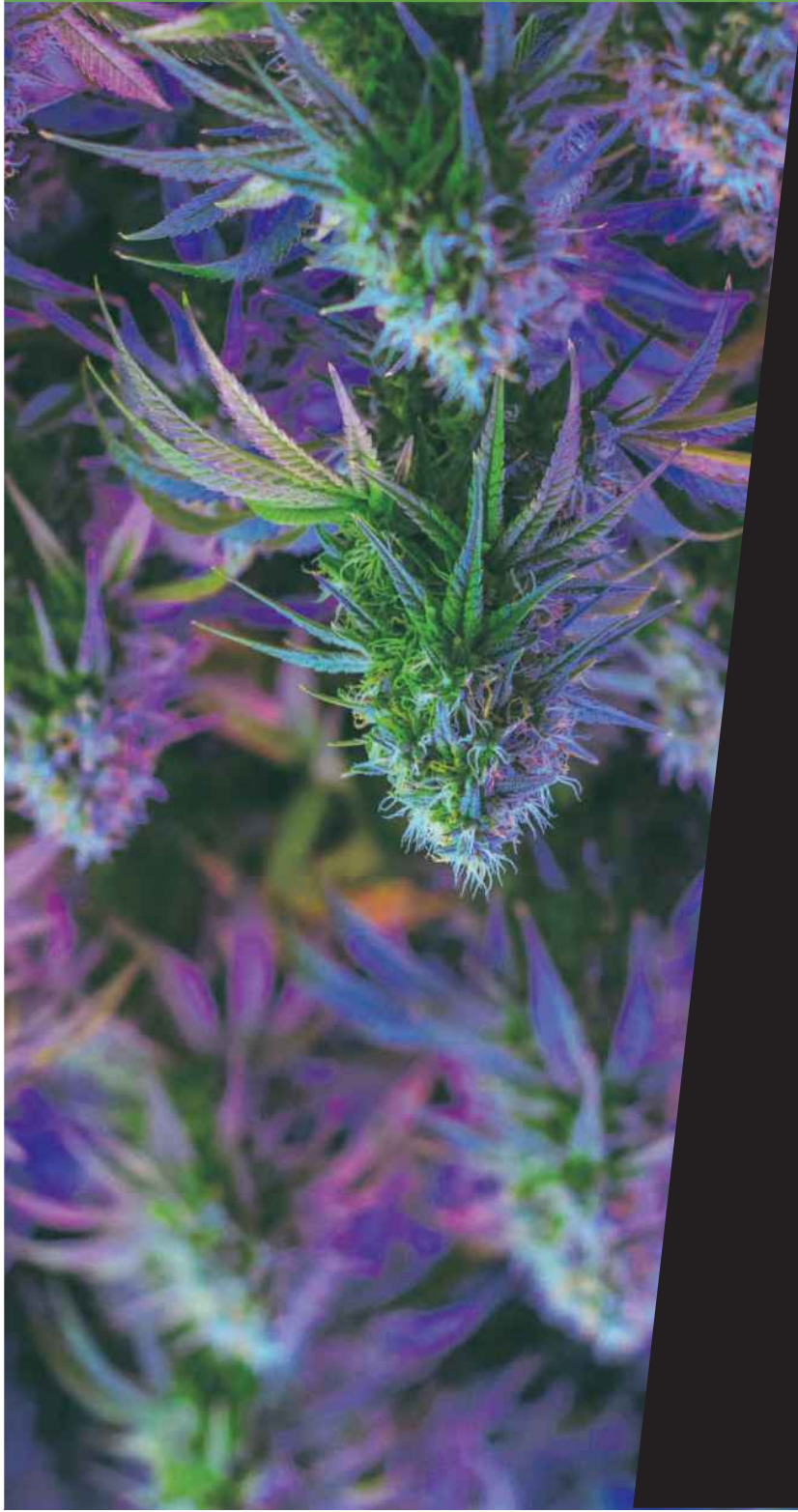
New COVID-19 cases in New York



**Under new state rules, NBT Stadium can increase its capacity to 33% from 20%.**  
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dropped on Sunday to their lowest level in over five months. The state confirmed 3,039 new infections Sunday and reported another 126,953 new cases in a day was in early November. Hospitalizations also continued to decline on Sunday. They fell 24 to 3,174 and are down 609 over the last week, according to Cuomo's office. A total of 729 people were in New York intensive care units with the coronavirus Sunday, down 13, and 454 were intubated, down six. Both hospitalizations and new cases started dropping again in recent weeks after an extended plateau earlier in the year.

Another 41 people in New York died from the statewide death toll to 41,849. The statewide percentage of people testing positive for the virus Sunday was 2.39% and the positive test rate's seven-day average was 1.28% on Sunday, down from 1.35% the day before. More than 44% of New Yorkers have received at least one dose of a COVID vaccine and 31.4% have received all required doses.



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