

Loon Lake's O.P. Frederick's rolls on under new ownership

By Gordon Woodworth

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O.P. Frederick's has been a Loon Lake staple in the Town of Chester for 23 years.

This spring, retired State Trooper George Stannard and Minerva school teacher Bruce Hodgson bought it from founders Bob and Vivian Frederick.

"We're the Cheers of the North Country," said Mr. Stannard.

The entrance brings you right into the cozy bar where you get the feeling everyone knows everyone.

The new owners have kept things much the same. Long-time waitresses Sue Schloss (22 years) and Soula Braynack (18 years) were greeted with hugs by several large groups of diners when I was there on a busy Friday night this summer.

Cook Ray Dower was the first person hired by Mr. Frederick back in 1992 and he's still there 23 years later. Head chef Ed Benham is in his sixth year.



George Stannard (left) and Bruce Hodgson bought O.P. Frederick's last spring and plan to add a brewery on-site next year.

Prep chef/soupmaker Donna Jackson, who was the head chef for years, is back.

The interior decor is likewise much the same, save for new flat-screen TVs in the bar, a re-finished hardwood floor and the mounted head of a 12-point buck shot on Mr. Stannard's property in 2012 by his uncle George. The woodstove in the dining room is

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O.P.'s popular duck burrito

Bar manager **Amy Della Volpe** displays the **duck burrito** served on rice with chili corn sauce, **perhaps O.P. Frederick's most popular item.**

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Inside a LG classic camp up for sale

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Tapawingo, an Adirondack camp built in 1914 by Emmett and Effie Harris on 1.26 acres on Lake George's Kattskill Bay, is on the market for \$2.495-million. Linda Boden of Leavitt Realty has the listing.

On a small peninsula, the seasonal 3,500-square-foot main camp has eight bedrooms, including second-floor sleeping porches, five bathrooms and an original stone fireplace.

There's also 338 feet of lakefront, a renovated 2-bedroom guest house, boat house with a Japanese-style

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Century old on Kattskill Bay yours for \$2.5-million

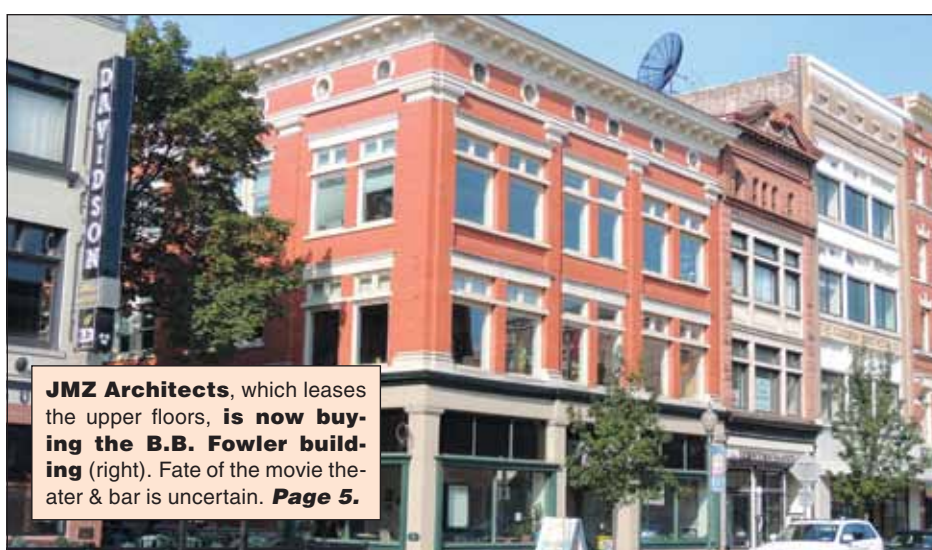
Skateboard park taking shape at Wood Park, LG

By David Cederstrom

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The new skateboard park in the Charles Wood Park in Lake George should be completed by the third week of August, but it won't be open for use probably until October because of adjacent work still underway on walkways

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JMZ Architects, which leases the upper floors, is now buying the **B.B. Fowler building** (right). Fate of the movie theater & bar is uncertain. **Page 5.**



Lake George Music Fest is in high gear

From casual classical music 'jams,' as pictured above, to chamber concerts, festival events continue to August 27. **► 28**

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