

## Ice rinks made in their own backyards

By **Gordon Woodworth**  
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"It's like having another kid," **Jason McCann** says of his backyard skating rink in Queensbury.

"You have to baby it. I'm constantly watching the weather forecast. When it snows, after working a 10-hour day, you've got to come home and not only snowblow your driveway, but then snowblow the ice."

"It's a lot of work but a ton of fun. When you skate, it's all worth it, especially if you have kids."

Even with this winter's fluky

**3 who have them: Tips & why they love them**



"Sometimes we have 15 kids out there," says **Jason McCann** in front of his backyard rink in Queensbury as son **Lucas** (left), daughter **Alexa** and **Addy Nolin** (right) work on their hockey skills. The rink is a neighborhood gathering place. Chronicle photo/Gordon Woodworth

winter weather, backyard ice rinks are in use and very popular. We talked to three people who have them to find out what it takes to build them and how to maintain them.

**Todd Ramsey** of South Glens Falls said he built a backyard ice rink this year because his six-year-old grandson Rowen plays hockey. "And it's a nice way to get the family together

during the winter," he said. He's got a firepit next to his 24-by-35-foot rink, and board signs too.

**Grant Krogmann** of Kingsbury fenced off part of a corral at his girlfriend Nikki Becker's farm; their curious Scottish Highland cattle Caley and Rainey watch their every move. He's got lights on his 76-by-45-foot rink, but says they

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**Nettle Meadow** owners **Lorraine Lambiase**, left, and **Sheila Flanagan** in a promotional photo from 2015.

## Nettle Meadow cheese's big move to Luzerne

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Nettle Meadow Farm in Thurman, which has built a national following for its cheeses made in Warren County's most distant reaches, will move to a far more accessible location. It is buying the log building on Route 9N in Lake Luzerne that formerly housed the Hitching Post restaurant.

"We have simply run out of space," said **Lorraine Lambiase**, who owns and operates the busi-

**Buying former Hitching Post; stone cellar is flavor key, but also accessibility; add beer, wine & more for visitors**

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## Finders Keepers consignment opening 2nd shop, in outlets

By **Cathy DeDe**  
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**Kyleen Wade** is opening a second location of her Finders Keepers Glens Falls consignment shop on the "Million Dollar Half-Mile" in the Adirondack Outlet Mall.

She's planning a soft opening this weekend.

Ms. Wade said **Laura Kohls**, daughter of mall owner **Dave Kenny**, approached her in mid-



**Kyleen Wade** in her downtown Finders Keepers store. Cathy DeDe photo

December about opening a second location at their building.

"They're very trendy. They pay attention to customer feedback and trends," said Ms. Wade. "Recycling and re-use are very big

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## Aviator closes 'til spring'; Chef Denver departs

By **Gordon Woodworth**  
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The Aviator Restaurant at Warren County Airport said Monday that it is closing for the winter.

Contacted for comment, owner **Rich Schermerhorn** said he plans to reopen "right around Memorial Day, when other restaurants up here open for the summer."

**Chef Denver Grover** tells *The Chronicle* she is not staying at The Aviator and that she is looking for another opportunity.

Earlier, Mr. Schermerhorn told

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