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## Winter phenom plan at the Fort

By Cathy DeDe  
Chronicle Managing Editor

Warren County has made its biggest occupancy tax commitment ever — \$3 million — to “seed” an immersive outdoor winter-themed attraction running from December to March for the next five years on the grounds and ramparts of the fort at the Fort William Henry in Lake George.

It will be organized by the newly formed Warren County Winter Coalition and created by Montreal-based

**Warren County committed \$3M bed tax money; ‘Disney scale’ 5-year outdoor event, December- to-March; Moment Factory of Montreal**



Moment Factory. “Moment Factory blends advanced lighting, video, architecture, music, and special effects to transform venues and events into memorable experiences,” Coalition materials said, for worldwide clients such as “the NFL, Microsoft, Sony, Toyota, Royal Caribbean, and Madonna.”

“This will be a game changer for the area,” the Winter Coalition touts, “allowing year-round employment, improved revenues, consistent cash flows, restaurants filled and improved occupancies at lodging facilities.”

It said the project “supports

the entire county with a long-term, five-year plan”

“The purpose of this attraction is to fill area hotels, restaurants, attractions and events by creating a holiday and winter attraction that is on the scale of a Disney attraction created by one of the top creative developers in the world, with a rich history of creating attractions that draw hundreds of thousands of visitors,” the Coalition’s application said.

They anticipate four to six digital installations, a free-flow pathway lasting 45-60 minutes, accommodating 400-600 guests per hour, from 6-10 p.m. nightly. The Coalition projects attendance of 120,000 in year

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## Qby. wary on FW Webb rezone

By Mark Frost & Zander Frost  
Chronicle Editor & Staff Writer

In the wake of the July 10 public hearing that showed strong opposition and many issues raised, the Queensbury Town Board seems wary on rezoning a 15-acre site on Quaker Road to allow F.W. Webb to build a 96,000 square foot distribution center/retail store on land owned by Robert and Peter Nemer.

Ward 4 councilman **Tim McNulty** told *The Chronicle* Monday, “The comments made and the questions asked have me leaning more toward not granting the change in zoning.”

Ward 2 councilman **Harrison Freer** said, “Based on the inputs we got the other night, there’s really not much appetite to go forward without a lot more consideration of other maybe better alternatives.”

Ward 1 councilman **Anthony Metivier** said, “If I had to vote for that on Monday...I would

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### GEM Fest in Glens Falls

Glens Falls Entertainment and Music Festival goes twice as big. 40 regional bands & musicians. **Friday and Saturday, July 21-22.** Queensbury Hotel, Shirt Factory. *See page 18*

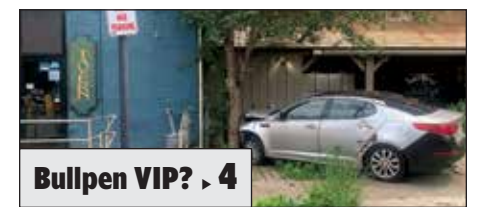
### ‘I have a spinal cord injury,’ can’t find ADA bathrooms she can actually use here

To the Editor:

Hi. I’m writing about ADA bathrooms in Saratoga, Glens Falls and SPAC, which is operated by the state of New York.

All the labeled handicapped bathrooms are unavailable to accommodate power wheelchair users. The toilets are all 16-17 inches off the floor. ADA guidelines are 17-19 inches off

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