

GRANTS

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• Pinky's Restaurant, 14 Castle St., \$15,773 for a facade facelift. Owner Frank Cecere will spend \$9,388 of his own money.

• The adjoining buildings at 19-27 East Castle St., \$27,342 for facade and window improvements. Owner Bob Stivers will spend \$25,000 of his own money.

• The former Comedy Club at 20 E. Castle St., \$22,680 for facade work to make it ready for a new restaurant tenant. Owner David Bunnell will spend \$14,000 of his own money.

• The Dusenbury Building, 492-494 Exchange St., \$13,440 for facade and interior work to ready it for a new quilting and fabric business. Owner Stivers will invest \$42,000 of his own money.

• Cam's New York Pizzeria, 476 Exchange St., \$10,000 for facade work. Owners Crisanti Enterprises will invest \$4,125 of their own money.

• KidVenture Dome, 499 Exchange St., \$10,000 for marquee and facade improvements. Owner Conrad Zurich will spend \$12,837 of his own money.

"The decision process was difficult because there were 18 strong applications, all worthy of this funding," Gerling said. "The selection committee did a very thorough review of each application and the city is pleased to continue contributing to the revitalization of our uniquely

urban downtown."

The property owners will be investing their own money in order to obtain the grant money.

"It's an involved process with oversight from the state Historic Preservation Office," Gerling said.

"We were looking for unique designs that make downtown different, not a cookie-cutter approach," Koczent said.

Of the \$200,000 awarded the city, \$185,000 will go toward the specific projects and \$15,000 will be used for administration of the grants.

In addition, the LDC and Geneva Industrial Development Agency each contributed \$25,000 toward the program to make \$225,000 available for the projects. Another \$5,000 will go to pay for design services for the applicants by InSite Architecture of Geneva.

City Manager Matt Horn said the recent inclusion of the downtown into a separate historic district also will provide for additional enhanced scrutiny of the work being done in terms of historic standards.

Gerling said the work must be completed by the end of 2015.

The property owners must front the project cost and then apply for reimbursement from the Main Street program, which will pay 42 to 61 percent of the project cost.

In other action at Wednesday's LDC meeting:

• **DEMOLITION:** Horn

said the demolition of the vacant building at 2 N. Exchange St. is being delayed until asbestos abatement can be done. He said that should take about two weeks.

Horn said the actual demolition will take place in the early morning hours of Sunday, July 20, to limit traffic disruption and other impacts on the neighborhood.

Once cleared, the site will be seeded, a marketing sign installed and the city will seek a buyer for a new development on the site. The project is a joint venture of the city, the LDC and IDA.

• **HOUSE:** Efforts are continuing to sell the LDC-renovated house at 223 William St. Gerling said there has been an "uptick" in the number of people viewing the house and those clicking on the website to check out the property.

She said the price has been reduced to \$94,900.

Gerling said a new person has enrolled in the LDC's "Live Where You Work" program, which offers incentives for a renter or person living outside the city who works in the city to buy a house in the city. The new person works at Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

• **BREWERY:** Gerling said Lake Drum Brewing at 16 E. Castle St. should be open July 23. That is part of the LDC's "Race for Space" downtown rental incentive program.



Submitted photo

Chad McQuon and Brian Ike pack totes for Trevor's Gift. The men are volunteers from Seneca Meadows Landfill who come monthly to put the food into totes to be delivered to schools.

Backpack program will carry on through summer

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WATERLOO — More than 22,000 packages of food were placed in the backpacks of needy Waterloo school children this past year as part of the fourth annual Trevor's Gift program.

Staff in each of the school district's four buildings received and distributed the food to an average of 140 children each week.

Now, a donation from the Seneca County Youth Bureau will provide funding to feed 200 more children at these locations:

• Skoi Yase Primary School summer reading program, 65 Fayette St.

• The Waterloo Youth and Community Center, 3 Oak St.

• The Waterloo Library, 31 E. William St.

Food packages will be available at each site on Thursdays. Then the program will gear up for its fifth year starting in September.

"It is extremely important to make Trevor's Gift available to children in the summer when they don't have access to the breakfast and lunch program at school," said program co-chairwoman Kaaren Gerlach.

Co-chairwoman Doris Wolf said the program was

Program details

WATERLOO — The summer food service program at the Waterloo Memorial Youth & Community Center will be sponsored by the school district's school lunch program.

Free meals will be available to all children 18 and under and those 21 and under who are mentally or physically challenged.

No application is necessary.

The food will be available from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays, starting July 17 and ending Aug. 8.

Lunches also will be provided for Friday field trips at the community center.

For more information, contact Brian Corey at 539-1556 or brian.corey@waterloocsd.org.

aided this past school year by:

• Donations made in memory of a deceased family member or friend.

• Volunteer workers from Seneca Meadows Landfill to box and lift the food.

• Many boxes of cereal donated by extreme couponer Tammy Brockway.

• Benefit fundraising events.

• Food donations from Wadhams Trucking and Rite Aid Drug Store.

• The American Legion Riders.

• Children at the Recreation Center who donated proceeds from their penny carnival.

• Waterloo Rotary Club Interact Club members at Waterloo High School.

• The Waterloo Fire Department Auxiliary.

• Volunteer drivers Don Peters, John King, Caren Cleveland and Jim Patsos.

"We are so grateful to the businesses, organizations and people of Waterloo who faithfully provided the funds to feed our children. The incredible generosity of the people of Waterloo never ceases to amaze us," Wolf said.

The bags of food are purchased from Foodlink in Rochester for \$5 per bag. It costs \$20 to feed a child for a month and \$200 to feed a child for the school year.

Linda Wadhams of the Waterloo Education Foundation volunteers as treasurer of Trevor's Gift. Tax deductible contributions may be sent to the Waterloo Education Foundation, Main Street Shop Center, Waterloo, 13165.

CHEERS

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"It's going to make it easier to do business," he said. "Less paperwork. The ability to sell wine by the bottle and the glass is going to be huge, because when people come to these regions and they want to have a glass of wine, in the past many places haven't been able to sell it."

He believes the Craft Act is a big step toward updating antiquated laws.

"At some point, you have to get the bad ones off the books, and so they've been working for years just to do this for the craft beverage industry," he said. "During that time, a lot of distilleries and a lot of craft brewers have opened up, and those laws needed to be updated for the 21st century."

Treize said the state's original 1976 Farm Winery

Act allowed wineries to make only 50,000 gallons a year.

The latest increase brings the limit in line with a federal standard.

"The federal government has a tax-related measure called the small producers exemption," he explained. "If you make under 250,000 gallons of wine, you are exempt from an increase in the excise tax that was put into place many years ago. ... So now New York is consistent with the federal government."

Few farm wineries currently produce enough wine to take advantage of the new cap, but Treize believes that will change.

"Over time, it's going to affect a lot of them, [and] there are a couple that have bumped up against the previous limit," Treize said. "It's good in a lot of

ways. One is it gives more flexibility to those wineries to make even more New York wine. ... It's good for the grape growers. It's good for the wineries."

Treize said the policy changes included in the bill emerged at Cuomo's Wine, Beer, Spirits & Cider Summit.

Not everything on the industry wish list was included, however. Treize said wineries hoped the state would allow them to ship products from other wineries to consumers. That would allow them to create new products, such as wine trail samplers, featuring wines from across the region.

Nonetheless, Treize praised the Craft Act.

"This was a very significant bill, and it's another example of Gov. Cuomo listening, promising and delivering," he said

CONCERT

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Ruby Shooz will headline the benefit with a performance beginning at 8 p.m.

Other bands planning to participate include Dirty Jameson, Knight Patrol, Johnny Smoke, Stone Soul Foundation and Buster Crab.

Baker said organizers decided to donate the proceeds to Arc because of how much damage it suffered and because it's not eligible for some of the government aid to businesses and homeowners that has been made available.

Arc's North Street building flooded twice the week of May 11.

"They are such an integral part of our village and just the community," Baker said. "They're kind of wiped out."

Tickets cost \$15 pre-sale and \$20 at the gate. Children under 12 will be admitted free.

They are available in Penn Yan at Carey's Rental Outlet, Fingerlakes Entertainment, Long's Cards and Books, Nothnagle Realtors, the Penn Yan Diner, Pinckney

Hardware, O'Leary's, Village Drugs and Wise Guys Pizzeria and Subs.

They are available in Canandaigua at Icon Salon.

They are available in Dundee at the Water

Street Pharmacy.

Tickets also are available at all Trombley Tire & Auto locations.

For more information and concert updates, visit #PYSTRONG2K14 Flood Aid on Facebook.

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Family Fun Carnival in Waterloo

WATERLOO — The Waterloo Library and Historical Society will host a free Family Fun Carnival from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 12.

The carnival will be on the grounds of the library, 31 E. William St. The entire family can enjoy games, crafts and prizes.

The carnival will also mark the start of the library's summer reading

program.

"Fizz, Boom, Read" is for children ages 2 to fifth grade and will incorporate age-appropriate science-based activities in conjunction with books read aloud.

Teen and tweens are invited to "Survive the Zombie Apocalypse," and adults will have monthly book conversations.

Sign-ups for these pro-

grams are available at the circulation desk. The library will also host a magic show at 1 p.m. July 31 and the Auburn Merry-Go-Round Playhouse production of "Alice in Wonderland" at 1 p.m. Aug. 17.

For more information, call 539-3313, e-mail at waterloolib@gmail.com or check the website www.wlhs-ny.org.

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