

ONTARIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.

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NEWSLETTER – MARCH – APRIL, 2024

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Donna Burolla, President (315) 524-8286

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Board of Directors: (3 year terms)

Brian Natale – term expires 2025

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Ontario Chamber of Commerce, March, 2024 Business of the Month: The Lodge at Shadow Hill. Gretchen (pictured) & Dan Milke, are the owners. Story Page 2.



Ontario Chamber of Commerce, April, 2024 Business of the Month:

BL Design Bass Guitars, owned by Beau Leopard (pictured). Story Page 3.



March 2024 Ontario Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month: The Lodge at Shadow Hill

Set on 50 acres of The Lodge at Shadow Hill @7259 Lakeside Rd, Ontario, NY 14519 is featured by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, Inc. as Business of the Month for March 2024.

Located on a gorgeous wooded private property, the Lodge at Shadow Hill is run by Dan & Gretchen (pictured) Milke, a local Ontario couple committed to creating a stunning space for guests across Western, NY and beyond.

While primarily used for weddings, the venue is also an excellent choice for guests looking to celebrate a family reunion, birthday, anniversary, or corporate event. The Lodge at Shadow Hill is the private, picturesque venue you've been looking for.

The 4,400 square foot timber-framed Main Lodge features an extra 1,000 square feet of deck and an adjoining firepit area and can accommodate up to 192 guests. A state-of-the-art audio-visual system and high-tech lighting system ensure the perfect ambiance throughout your event.

Also on the property is a 1,200-square-foot post-and-beam Sugar House Lodge which includes a kitchen and is the perfect place to relax and prepare for your special day, or to rent on its own for more intimate celebrations and events. Both venues include fully controllable heating, cooling, and ventilation.

Make sure to visit them on the weekends during the month of March for their Maple Syrup Festival! A great event for all ages, visitors can sample the largest variety of maple products in the region, walk the trails through the sugarbush to see how sap is collected, and learn how maple syrup is made!

Learn more by visiting their website @ <https://lodgeatshadowhill.com/>, or give them a call at (315) 524-2190. Alternatively, you can email them at info@shadowhillcorp.com. Don't forget to follow them online to see the beautiful photos taken at the venue as well as any news, updates, and schedule openings at the venue.

<https://www.facebook.com/TheLodgeatShadowHill>

<https://www.instagram.com/lodgeatshadowhill/?hl=en>

Both new and established businesses are recognized by the Business of the Month, in its 24th year in 2024. A yard sign with customized rider provides community recognition along with an announcement in local news media, on the web @ <https://ontarionychamber.org/>, in its bi-monthly newsletter, and on the business development lobby display at the Ontario Town Hall/Public Library @ 1850 Ridge Road. Additional recognition includes a photo/feature plaque for the business and an introduction at the annual awards banquet in September.

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www.howelladvertising.com*

April 2024 Ontario Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month: BL Design Bass Guitars

BL Design @ 6375 Furnace Rd, Suite 160, Ontario, NY 14519 is featured by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, Inc. as Business of the Month for April 2024.

BL Design was founded in 2005 by bass guitar craftsman extraordinaire, Beau Leopard. To date, Beau has made over 50 custom, one-of-a-kind bass guitars. His dream and passion for building instruments dates further back, however, all the way to Beau's childhood. Growing up, Beau was constantly building things with his father, from skateboard ramps to various other woodworking projects. As you can imagine, Beau excelled in shop class in school growing up. At this time, music became a big part of Beau's life as well. After learning to play the bass guitar, Beau quickly unearthed a desire to build his own.

BL Design mainly creates and sells these unique bass guitars locally, however, musicians nationwide and even internationally have sought out a custom bass guitar from BL Design.

When you work with Beau at BL Design, you are not only buying a bass guitar, you are getting the experience of having a one-of-a-kind instrument made for you. BL Design provides clients with a guided in-depth process of determining specifications and choosing woods, finishes, electronics, and hardware. The sound, feel, construction, and aesthetic considerations are equally important. Attention to detail is paramount. Beau spends a great deal of time talking with clients about their needs and desires for their custom instrument. During the build, he provides a regularly updated photo gallery of the build process as well as a 3D CAD preview of the finished instrument. When the bass is complete, customers can expect continuous support for whatever questions or needs they may have regarding their new instrument.

Of course, like in any business, there are people that help make it all possible, and for Beau and BL Design, that is the many clients who have trusted him over the years and his wonderful wife Amy. He credits them for helping him realize his passion for making one-of-a-kind bass guitars and furniture.

In the future, Beau plans to one day exhibit at a National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) trade show and possibly expand his product offerings into other instruments such as electric guitars. In the meantime, he is going to continue creating world-class custom bass guitars for anyone looking to stand out from the crowd and sound great doing it.

Learn more by visiting their website @ <https://www.bl-design.us/>, or give them a call at (585) 615-6219. Alternatively, you can email Beau at beau@bl-design.us. Don't forget to follow them online to see what new bass guitar Beau is finishing up as well as any news and updates BL Design may have.

<https://www.facebook.com/bldbass/>
<https://www.instagram.com/bldbass>
<https://www.youtube.com/@bl-design-bassguitars>

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JIMMY'S LAKESIDE DINER PROUDLY CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING AFTER RENOVATIONS



L to R: Ryan, Angela, Donna, Niki, Dee, and Janice



L to R: Ontario Chamber members: Jim Switzer, Sherry Verstraete, Ginny Molino, Niki Amaxopoulos, Brian Natale, Christine LoDestro



On April 4, 2024, the Town of Ontario Chamber of Commerce organized a ribbon cutting to celebrate the stunning renovations of Jimmy's Lakeside Diner. Jimmy's Lakeside Diner is owned by Niki Amaxopoulos.

The jubilant event was attended by many community members, town Officials, residents, Chamber Members and more. The love and support that was shown to Niki and her staff was incredible. Niki and her staff provided a delicious buffet of treats and food for everyone to enjoy.

Jimmy's Lakeside Diner was opened in 2011 by her husband Jimmy. After his passing in 2020 Niki made the courageous decision to keep the restaurant open. The restaurant has recently been completely remodeled and is stunning. Every part of the building, from windows to booths, inside and out was updated and changed. The entire renovation took six weeks to complete.

Niki is humbled and proud of the support of her friends, family, and the community. This is truly a labor of love for her; Niki enjoys working and seeing the community come to the restaurant. Everyone stood by her through trying times and she is eternally grateful. Niki wants to thank her incredible staff, friends, and family. They supported and encouraged her through this journey. Niki says without her staff she would not be able to do what she does. Niki loves her staff and sees them as family.

Jimmy's Lakeside Diner has brought breakfast back to Ontario! The diner is located at 6270 Lakeside Road, on the corner of Route 104. They are open Monday through Thursdays from 7:30 to 2pm for breakfast and lunch. Fridays they are open until 8pm. Saturday and Sundays you can stop in for a wonderful meal between 7:30 and 2pm. Their telephone number is [315-524-3092](tel:315-524-3092). The diner can seat 80 people.

2024 Program Schedule

HERITAGE SQUARE MUSEUM

7147 Ontario Center Road, Ontario,. NY 14519

Info: 315-524-9330

Barn Sale

Thursday, May 9 from 9:00– 7:00

Friday, May 10 from 9:00 – 7:00

Saturday, May 11 from 9 :00– 12:00 (\$5 bag sale,
bring your own bags)

Chicken Bar-B-Que - \$14

Friday, May 31 from 4:00 until gone

Opening Weekend

Saturday, June 1 from 1:30 – 4 :00– Guided Tours (\$)

Sunday, June 2 from 1:30 – 4:00– *Ice Cream Social* (\$) *with Music by Patrick Runne and Cheap Datz*/ **free tours**

Summer Tour Schedule

Weekends from June 1 through September 29

from 1:30 – 4:00 (\$)

Last Tours start at 3:00

Summer Series for Kids, Ages 5 – 10

Thursdays, June 27, July 25 and August 22 from 10:00 – 11:30

An opportunity for elementary school-age kids, accompanied by an adult, to learn about daily life in the 19th Century. The program will include a bit of history, 19th century game, and craft related to the topic of the day. Free but reservations required.

The Kids Don't Want Our Stuff –

Who gets Grandma's Yellow Plate?

Saturday, August 3 from 2:00 – 4:00

Melody Makers Recorder Consort from 1:00 – 2:00

Strategies for sharing your possessions with others
when your kids don't want them

Celebrating Fall with Scarecrow Contest

Saturday, September 28 from 11:00 – 4:00 (\$5/car)

Halloween Happening

Saturday, October 19 from 1:30 – 4:00 (\$5/car)

Wear your costumes and visit all the buildings!

Please scroll below for a listing of businesses that are members of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce that are looking for employees:

Business Name: Pet Passages

Business Location: [348 State Rt. 104, Ontario, NY](#)

Contact Name: Mike Harris

Phone: 585-265-9933

Email: mikeharris@petpassages.com

Full time/ part time/both: Both

Date Posted: 2/18/2024

Business Name: Adventures In Climbing

Business location - 912 State Route 104 Ontario NY 14519

Contact Name - Andrea Porcelli

Phone - 315-333-5003

Email - Jim@adventuresinclimbing.com

Full time/Part time/Both: Both

Business Name: Seniors at Home LLC, dba Home Instead

Business Location: 2 South St. Ste. 309 Auburn, NY 13021

Contact Name: Natasha King, REC

Phone: 315-252-2354

Email: natasha.king@homeinstead.com

Full time/ part time/both: Part-time

Date Posted: 2/19/24

Business Name: Gerber Homes

Business Location: 1260 Ridge Road, Ontario NY

Contact Name: Hannah Gerber

Phone: 315-524-8392

Email: hannah@gerberhomes.com

Full time/ part time/both: full-time, Maintenance Tec

Date Posted: 2/1/24

Business Name: Concord Insurance Agency LLC

Business Location: 6270 Dean Pkwy Ontario NY

Contact Name: Shavonne Glanton

Phone: 585-265-6060

Email: shavonne@concord-ins.com – only accepting resumes via email – no walk in or phone calls

Full time/ part time/both: Full Time

Date Posted: 2/20/24

<http://www.concord-ins.com/news/2024/01/17/we-are-hiring>

CHAMBER NEWS.....

The Ontario Chamber of Commerce and the Business Improvement District wishes to thank Joe Reggio, owner of **Papa Reggio's Engraving & Gifts** 17 West Main St., Webster, NY for the donation of the bench plaque for our park style bench soon to be located in the BID area in Ontario. Thank you Joe! Your generosity is very much appreciated! Business Phone: 585-872-4750; www.papreg.com

Thank You to **Mooseberry Soap Co.**, (www.mooseberry.com) owned by Sara Hafner for donating items to complete our Ontario Chamber basket to be used as an auction gift at the Charity Auction for the Pines of Peace Comfort Home on May 5, 2024 at Sodus Bay Heights Country Club. To purchase tickets go to pinesofpeace.org or call 315-524-2388

Congratulations to **Ryndock Realty, owned by Sylvia Ryndock**, 1250 NYS Rt. 104, celebrating five years in business since March 23, 2019! Call Sylvia for all your real estate needs: 315-333-1272 or email: sylviasellzhomes@gmail.com

Konstantinou's Restaurant, 2030 NYS Rt. 104 is now open for lunch from 11 am – 4 pm on Tuesdays through Saturday. Closed Sunday and Monday. Go to www.konstantinous.com for a full menu or call 315-524-8238. A new party room is also available for rental with a private bar and warm, inviting fireplace.

Ontario Golf Course is now anticipated to open April 22, 2024. Call 585-495-4653 to reserve your tee time or go to www.ontariogolfclub to check out what improvements have been made and other special events at the club

June 13, 2024 (Thursday) – Save The Date – A **business tour of K2 Brewery**, 4230 Canandaigua Rd. is being planned by the Ontario Chamber. The tour will begin at 4 pm. Watch your emails for further updates. This is the former Freewill Elementary school that has been re-purposed into a brewery.

May 18, 2024 –(Saturday) CLEAN SWEEP – Business Improvement District. The community is invited to participate in “spring cleaning” our business district. Windows will sparkle and sidewalks will be swept plus much more. Call Jason at 315-524-2300 to find out all the details.

May 31 to June 1, 2024 – RIDGE ROAD RUMMAGE RUN – Bring your collectibles, antiques, crafts, and more to display on Ridge Road from County Line Road, east to Fisher Road. Lets hope for good weather!

Dear Pines of Peace Contributor,

I am contacting you on behalf of Pines of Peace, a Comfort Care Home for the terminally ill in Ontario, NY. We are a nonprofit organization funded solely through charitable contributions. Pines of Peace is asking for support from local communities through our fundraising efforts to continue the care that started over 25 years ago. We have served 587 residents in all those years! The Pines of Peace is pleased to announce that we have served 27 individuals and their families since the writing of this letter last year.

We are reaching out to ask if you would consider being a primary event sponsor, donating quality goods, gift baskets, gift certificates, cash gifts, or potential experiences towards our annual fundraisers (ex. dinner, B&B stays, spa packages, etc.). Your support is essential in ensuring successful events. We will follow up with you in the coming weeks and would be delighted to come to you to retrieve your donation. Donations may be used at any of our events unless event specific. We prefer all donations to be received by April 15, 2024. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

1. The highly celebrated and anticipated *Pines of Peace 23rd Annual Charity Auction* is back for 2024! It is scheduled for the first Saturday in **May 05/04/2024 at Sodus Bay Heights Country Club**. Needed:

Items are needed for both *Silent* and *Live Auctions*. Individual items or premade baskets are accepted!

If you don't have the time or the inclination to create a basket but wish to contribute, please send us the funds and we will do the shopping for you!

Tickets go on sale Monday April 1, 2024. Ticket pricing TBA. Please check our website pinesofpeace.org or call The Pines of Peace for tickets starting April 1st – April 26th. Tickets will go fast as seating is limited. All tickets must be paid for and reserved ahead of time. No walk-ins.

2. The 26th Annual Charity Golf Tournament. It is scheduled for the first Sunday in **August 08/04/2024 at Sodus Bay Heights Country Club**. Needed:

Items such as gift certificates, themed baskets and men's and women's leisure/sport items for our bucket raffles are appreciated.

A lunch sponsor to help offset the cost for food and a nonalcoholic beverage for each golfer.

A big-ticket raffle item. Past items included a grill, apple watch, two \$500 gift certificates to Tops.

Titleist Hole Sponsors and Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze sponsors with your name on a sign at the golf course.

Call The Pines of Peace for details.

3. L.W. Emporium, 6355 Knickerbocker Rd. Ontario, NY. Please visit our booth on the lower level.

We are in need of carefully re-chosen items such as farmhouse, primitive, rustic antiques, wood & metal signs, and collectibles. **Please call the Pines of Peace with donations year-round to help stock our booth.**

On behalf of all of us at The Pines of Peace, thank you for your outstanding generosity!

Feel free to e-mail me with any questions.

Sara Kennedy
Executive Director
directorpop@gmail.com (Ph: 315-524-2388)





WAYNE CENTRAL TO OBSERVE 75TH ANNIVERSARY

On April 29, 2024, the Wayne Central School District will observe the 75th anniversary of the centralization of 21 common and union free school districts within the Towns of Ontario, Walworth, Macedon and Williamson in Wayne County and the Towns of Webster & Penfield in Monroe County.

With approval of voters on April 29, 1949, an order of centralization was adopted. 19 common school (rural) "schoolhouses" and the Ontario and Walworth Union Free schools (high schools) were formally joined to create the Wayne Central School, according to retired school district clerk (33 years) Jim Switzer.

When the former districts were joined as Wayne Central School District, the "original" boundary lines of the rural district school houses were combined, which is why the boundaries of the school district now extend into all of irregular portions of roads and townships.

The original school district encompassed 72 square miles in the northwestern corner of Wayne County and northeastern corner of Monroe County.

In 1972, six (6) square miles of the original school district were ceded – by public referendum - to create approximately 50% of the "new" Gananda Central School District.

With approval of a similar "cession" vote by voters of the (then) neighboring Palmyra-Macedon Central School District, the boundaries of the school district changed again to the territory now served by the 3 districts.

With the first graduating class of the newly centralized Wayne Central School District in April of 1949, the 1949-1950 school term was the first official school year. As a result, the district will also mark the 74th annual commencement (graduation) with the Class of 2024 in May, 2024.

(Article by Jim Switzer)

**ONTARIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

The Ontario Chamber of Commerce is open to membership for all businesses and residents. You do not need to be a local business or resident to join. There is only one level of membership at \$50.00. Some of our **business support projects** include:

Business of the Month; National Small Business Week Appreciation; Ribbon Cutting and Ground-Breaking Ceremony; and support for our Business Improvement District.

Community projects include: Support for the Ontario Food Pantry; Christmas Tree Lighting Event; Scholarship to a Wayne Central Graduate; Annual Community Awards Banquet; Annual Holiday Craft Show; Tribute Bench Program; and Distribution of Welcome Packages to New Residents. For more Information about additional projects visit our website **at** <http://www.ontarionychamber.org>.

Please consider joining us and becoming part of our team to support businesses and our community. Your membership and participation would be welcomed!

ONTARIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership Dues: \$50.00 annually. Please make checks payable to Ontario Chamber of Commerce, Inc. and mail to PO Box 100, Ontario, NY 14519-0100

BUSINESS NAME: _____

NAME OF OWNER: _____

TYPE OF BUSINESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

(No. and Street)

(Post Office Box) (City, State, Zip)

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

(No. and Street)

(Post Office Box) (City, State, Zip)

HOME PHONE: _____

BUSINESS PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

WEBSITE ADDRESS: _____

FAX NUMBER: _____

*PERMISSION TO ADD TO ONLINE BUSINESS DIRECTORY **(circle one)**

YES NO

*(We depend on members to provide updated information as it occurs.)

Delivery Tips

FEDEX

Outdoor box

Advantage Auto Supply

2045 NYS Rt. 104, Ontario, NY

Phone (store) (315) 524-2691

Daily Pickup @5 pm

Monday thru Friday

None on weekends/holidays

WESTERN UNION

Dollar General, Ontario Plaza

1250 NYS Rt. 104, Ontario, NY

Send & Receive

Money/Messages

Walgreens – FedEx & Western Union

6296 Ontario Ctr. Rd., Ontario, NY

S.E. corner @ NYS Rt. 104

Phone (store) (315) 524-2511

UPS (UNITED PARCEL SERVICE)

Secor Hardware (within store)

Tops Plaza, S.E. corner of NYS Rt. 104

and Furnace Rd., Ontario, NY

Available during regular store hours

Phone (store) (315) 524-4052

Advance Auto Parts Store (within store)

1971 State Route 104

Ontario, NY 14519

U.S. FLAG DISPOSAL – Ontario Fire

District #3, 6714 Lakeside Road

2024 Chamber Meetings

January 9

February 20

March 18

April 15

May 20

June 17

July 19

August 19

September 16

October 21

November 18

December – No Meeting

Meetings are held at 3:30 P.M.

The 3rd Monday of each month

(unless noted above) at Casey

Park, Office Building 6551

Knickerbocker Rd. Ontario, NY

14519. All chamber members are

invited to attend as well as the

general public. For information,

contact Donna Burolla at email:

dburolla@gmail.com

WELCOME BACK RENEWING CHAMBER MEMBERS!

***Thank You For Being So Prompt With Your Dues
Your Continued Support Is Appreciated***

FAMILY HEALTH NP IMMEDIATE CARE PLLC, 6280 Furnace Rd., Patricia Venniro & Denise Ruiz, 315-791-0050
PROFETTA ENTERPRISES, Dana Profetta, 6362 Dean Parkway, Ontario, 14519
TOBIN CENTER LLC, David & Pam Tobin, PO Box 482, Ontario, NY
SHIRLEY K. LOCKWOOD-KUSHALL, 7713 Tamarack Lane, Ontario, NY 14529-9713
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DEIDRE'S HAIR DESIGN, 1781 Ridge Rd., Ontario, 315-524-8049
LW EMPORIUM, Geroge Bernhard, Mgr. 6355 Knickerbocker Rd., Ontario, 315-524-8811
EMPIRE WRECKING Co. Inc., Julie Steffen DiLella, 6372 Knickerbocker Rd., Ontario, 315-524-4099
BIRTHRIGHT OF ONTARIO, INC. Nora Craft, Exe. Director, 2003 Ridge Rd., 315-589-5004
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SHORES EDGE ELECTRIC, INC., Sean Baker, 803 Red Fox Circle, Ontario, 585-755-0176
CAM'S PIZZERIA, Jason Benton, 2002 Ridge Rd., Ontario, 315-524-2300
CONCORD INSURANCE AGENCY, LLC, Tom & Shavonne Glanton, 6270 Dean Pkwy,, 585-265-6061
CAVALLARO-NEUBAUER CHEVROLET, INC., Rick Neubauer 3740 NYS Rt. 104, Williamson, 800-481-8825
ONTARIO GOLF PARTNERS, LLC, Sean Fico, 2101 Country Club Lane, Ontario, 585-495-1653
AP ENTERPRISE PROPERTY SERVICES OF WEBSTER,LLC, Sean Fico, 486 Timothy Lane, Ontario, 585-216-2080

Welcome New Members to the Ontario Chamber!

THE LETTERING LOUNGE, Sarah & Todd Jacobs, 6160 NYS Rt. 21, Williamson, NY. 14589, email: theletteringlounge@yahoo.com; business phone: 315-589-4145

RON CAM ENTERPRISES,INC., Ronald Campbell, 1807 NYS Rt. 104, Ontario, NY 14519, email: mmayo12@aol.com; business phone: 315-333-1028

SMT MOBILE NOTARY, Susan Tripp, 6103 LaFrank Dr., Ontario, Bus. Phone: 585-478-8371

FAMILY FIRST NY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, May Chiccino, Branch Mgr., 850 Ridge Rd., Webster,585-586-8225 x109

Welcome Package Materials Needed

If you would like your marketing materials distributed to new residents in Ontario, please deliver 50-100 items to Edward Jones Investments, 6323 Knickerbocker Road, Ontario, NY 14519, Attention: Aileen Hurlimann. Approximately 12-15 packages are delivered each month. Acceptable items include brochures, pens, pencils, note pads, sticky notes, key chains, any marketing items or business flyers, and business cards. This is an opportunity for you to reach new customers and advertise your business. Thank you to Edward Jones for coordinating this program and the volunteers of the Masons Lodge #416 delivery of the packages. For further information about this program, contact Donna Burolla at email: dburolla@gmail.com. Please call Edward Jones prior to delivering your items at 315-524-3130.