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Ken Johnson, along with partner Jeff Roberge, is planning to open Wheel Works Brewing Co. in Shortsville on Sept. 15. PHOTOS BY MIKE MURPHY/CANANDAIGUA DAILY MESSENGER

Tick-borne illnesses surging

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A year after Canandaigua City Council took on the issue of ticks and the prevalence of tick-borne illnesses in Ontario County, the numbers of cases remain on the rise.

Tick-borne illnesses have increased from 62 in 2017 to 337 in 2025, with the numbers trending 40% more this year to date than last, according to Matt Hanggi, communicable disease coordinator for Ontario County Public Health and member of a City Council ad-hoc committee. The committee is tasked with bringing the issue to the attention of residents and studying long-term strategies to reduce tick populations and exposure risks to residents.

“The problem is not going away,” Hanggi said during a presentation before Council’s environmental committee on Aug. 10.

His statement is backed by Rachel

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TRANSFORMATION

Historic site to open as new craft brewery in September



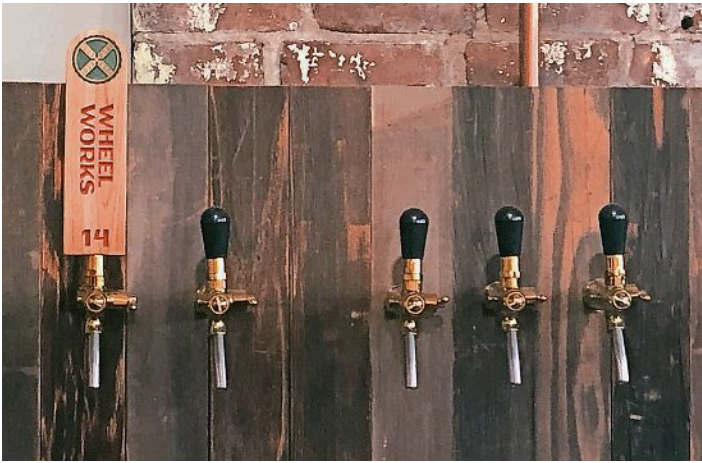
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SHORTSVILLE — Ken Johnson knows he and his partners have one opportunity to make a good impression.

If all goes well, customers will get that first impression of the ambitious Wheel Works Brewing Co. in Shortsville when it’s scheduled to open Sept. 15.

That would spell the symbolic end of the lengthy transformation of an old, crumbling building with historical significance to this Ontario County village, and the start of a new chapter in local history.

Ken Johnson, who owns the Leonard’s Express trucking business, and his home-brewing friend and partner, Jeff Roberge, who co-owns the Sweet Times



Soon, the taps will be flowing at Wheel Works Brewing Co. in Shortsville.

Bakery in Victor, are a touch nervous but more excited, especially as the last-minute details are crossed off what has been a lengthy to-do list.

“When you look around the place, you realize how big the project is,” Johnson said. “Even on weekends, rarely was there a day when I came by that something wasn’t being done. The effort was always there.”

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Cyclosporiasis cases top 900 in New York

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The New York State Department of Health has reported an additional 41 confirmed cases of cyclosporiasis in the state since Aug. 12, bringing the total number of cases this year to 973 through Aug. 17.

The New York State Department of Health is posting weekly updates on confirmed cyclosporiasis cases every Wednesday through the end of August.

Here is what to know.

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