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‘All smiles and rainbows’



The Mug Shotz owner Tracy Sparks and employees Jessica Troccia and Jeremy Getman stand in front of the mug shot area at the new restaurant in Corning. The Mug Shotz will offer customers a chance to have a mug shot taken as part of a customer rewards program. JEFF SMITH/THE LEADER

New Mug Shotz restaurant is open late, plans fun events

“Talking with local Door Dash drivers, they say people working late shifts or others just looking for a place to eat late at night are looking for a place other than fast food restaurants.” Tracy Sparks The Mug Shotz owner

Jeff Smith Corning Leader USA TODAY NETWORK

A new Corning restaurant, The Mug Shotz, has opened at 37 E. Pulteney St. offering the city an early-morning and late-night spot for breakfast, lunch, dinner, Door Dash and call-ahead pickup options. Tracy Sparks, owner of The Mug Shotz, said the restaurant, which had a soft opening on July 11, is a place where customers can pick up items like pizza

slices, bake trays, homemade pasta with vodka sauce, along with breakfast sandwiches, bubble waffles, panini sandwiches, smoothies, gelato and a wide range of donuts daily. “We will be open Wednesday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m.,” Sparks said. “On Sunday, we will be open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and we’re closed Mondays and Tuesdays.” Sparks said The Mug Shotz serves breakfast from 6-11 a.m., lunch and

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TIOGA COUNTY DEFAMATION LAWSUIT

Moulton awarded \$2 million

Jillian McCarthy Binghamton Press & Sun Bulletin USA TODAY NETWORK

A jury has awarded a former Tioga County undersheriff \$2 million in a defamation and false accusation case against the county and the sheriff’s office. Wayne Moulton, former Tioga County undersheriff, filed a complaint in 2022 against the county, the Tioga County Sheriff’s Office, Tioga County Sheriff Gary Howard and Tioga County Sheriff’s Department Captain of Operations Shawn Nalepa claiming they violated his First Amendment and due process rights after making false statements to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. In the lawsuit, Moulton claims Howard and Nalepa falsely accused him of misconduct in order to prevent him from running for sheriff. In verdict documents filed in the Northern District of New York U.S. District Court on June 23, jurors unanimously decided in Moulton’s favor, finding those included in the lawsuit guilty of violating his First and Four-

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The Tioga County Sheriff’s Office in Owego is shown on June 26. JILLIAN MCCARTHY/PRESS & SUN-BULLETIN

Golf fundraiser surpasses \$1 million

Jeff Smith Corning Leader USA TODAY NETWORK

Corning Incorporated’s 22nd annual community golf tournament in support of United Way of the Southern Tier hit a fundraising milestone July 11, surpassing \$1 million in net proceeds since the event began in 2004. “We are incredibly grateful to Corning

Inc., the dedicated golf tournament committee, and the many sponsors, players and volunteers whose commitment and generosity made this milestone possible,” said Maleaha Smith, President and CEO of United Way of the Southern Tier. “More than \$1 million raised through this tournament means thousands of lives touched, from young children who start school ready to learn, to seniors who can age safely at home.”

Corning Inc. employees plan, organize and volunteer at the annual tournament, and businesses from around the region and across the country support the event through sponsorships. “Corning Inc. has always believed in the power of community, and we’re proud to support United Way of the Southern Tier in their mission to uplift and serve our neighbors,” said Millicent Ruffin, Corning Inc. Division Vice Presi-

dent, Corning Community Impact. “Surpassing the \$1 million milestone is more than just a number, it’s a reflection of our community’s dedication and generosity, and our long-standing commitment to making a meaningful difference where we live and work.” The first tournament in 2004 was organized by Corning Inc.’s IT department

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