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Corning returns to LPGA schedule in 2027



An aerial view of the clubhouse at Corning Country Club, which will welcome back the LPGA in 2027. PROVIDED BY CORNING

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The Corning Classic is back. One of the longest-running events in LPGA history – 31 years – will return to the tour’s schedule in 2027 after an 18-year absence.

It will be the same town, same course, same sponsor – only different.

“This is not your grandmother’s Corning,” said Corning executive Lewis Stevenson.

Forget cookware; today’s Corning develops everything from cell phone cover glass that won’t scratch or break to the

optical fiber that’s delivering the call. In June, Corning and Amazon announced a multi-billion dollar deal for Corning to deliver the optical fiber needed to expand U.S. data centers. In May, Nvidia announced a new partnership with Corning that will create upwards of 3,000 new jobs in the U.S. In January, Corning announced a multiyear partnership with Meta that’s worth up to \$6 billion to build out its data centers.

“We are at the epicenter of doing AI from an infrastructure standpoint,” said Stevenson.

As Corning celebrates 175 years, the company has decided to get back into the business of hosting the best players

in the world in Corning, New York. The event, now simply called “The Classic,” will be held May 27-30, 2027 and feature a stout purse of \$5 million purse, among the highest of non-major events.

A beloved LPGA stop for decades, past champions include some of the greatest to ever play the game – JoAnne Carner, Betsy King (twice), Patty Sheehan, Pat Bradley, Beth Daniel and Annika Sorenstam.

The last player to win the event in 2009 was, fittingly, five-time major winner Yani Tseng, who is in the midst

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An exterior view of the new Latitude 42 Taphouse at 467 Old Ithaca Rd. in Horseheads. PROVIDED BY LATITUDE 42 TAPHOUSE

Pints for a Purpose supports affordable housing

Event set for Aug. 8 in Horseheads

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Chemung County Habitat for Humanity will host “Pints for a Purpose,” a fundraising event supporting affordable housing programs from noon to 4 p.m. Aug. 8 at Latitude 42 Taphouse in Horseheads.

The event will take place at 467 Old Ithaca Road, according to a community announcement. Attendees can purchase a pint or build a custom flight from 24 self-pour taps featuring beer, wine, ciders, sours and non-alcoholic beverages while helping support Habitat for Humanity’s work in Chemung County.

Advance tickets cost \$20 and tickets purchased at the door are \$25. Admission includes a pint or flight and entry into a gift basket drawing. More than a dozen prizes donated by local businesses are scheduled to be awarded during the event. Refreshments are sponsored by Margeson Insurance and homemade cookies will be

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Home Central acquires Corning Building Co.

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Home Central, a third-generation, family-owned business, recently purchased the Corning Building Company located on Park Avenue in South Corning.

Ownership at Corning Building Company, which served the Corning community for 179 years, said it is honored to pass the torch to another family-owned business that shares the same values, commitment, and passion for serving local communities.

Home Central, which has locations in Owego, Vestal and Candor, is owned by Ben Whittemore and Aaron Gowan.

“I think in a nutshell, the most important thing is that the store is going from a family-owned company that cares about

the community to another family-owned company that cares about the community,” said Ryan Rennells, general manager. “Everything from the management to the entire team is still in place. It’s still under the same management, and it’s still being operated by the same team of people and I think that matters.”

Rennells said the only change is that Home Central will be offering a better selection of products at more competitive prices.

The new Corning Home Central location will be open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and closed on Sunday.

Rennells said Home Central, which opened its first store in Owego in 1973, looks at purchasing the former Corning

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A look at the former Corning Building Company building off Park Avenue in South Corning, which was recently purchased by Home Central. JEFF SMITH/CORNING LEADER

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