

Don't peek – Patrick Kelly covers up the “Welcome to Liberty” sign which will greet visitors to the village when they travel through the intersection of Routes 52 and 55.

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Welcome sign is ready for Liberty's Fourth

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LIBERTY — Liberty native Patrick Kelly is getting back to his roots.

Kelly left Liberty to earn both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Syracuse University in landscape architecture.

After starting his professional career in Fairfield, CT, and spending a few years there, Kelly has migrated back to Liberty and started a successful business, Kelly Masonry.

About two and a half years ago Kelly entered the contest the Liberty Community Development Corporation (CDC) put out to the community, designed to inspire talented individuals to create a welcome sign for Liberty. Kelly won the competition.

Kelly designed a stone wall with “Welcome to Liberty” engraved along with a layout for the traffic circle which connects New York State Rt. 52 with Rt. 55.

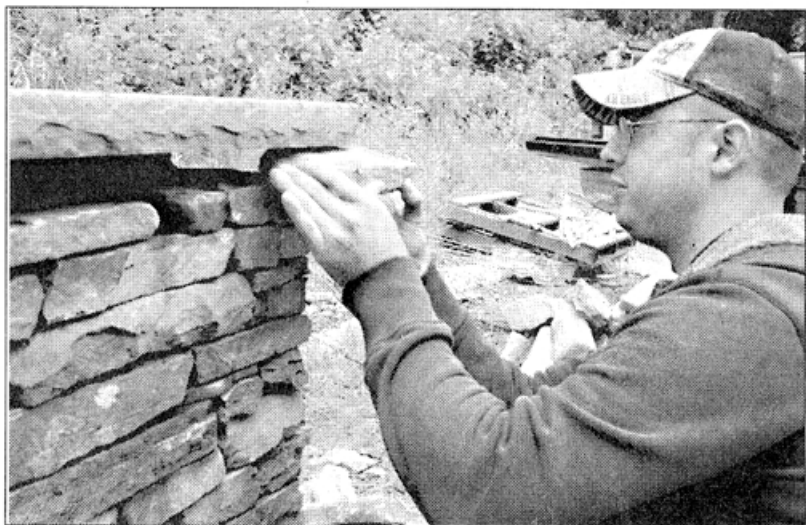
By July 4 Kelly's vision should be complete. The stone wall is nearly done and Kelly's winning design for the traffic circle, which will

include a Flag pole in the center, flowers and red bricks painted with white stars surrounding should all be in place.

Kelly went as far as to create a pattern of white stars on the red brick to symbolize the crown in the Statue of Liberty, appropriate

for a welcome to the town of Liberty.

Kelly, with employees Jason Bajor and Zachary Comstock also donated all the labor free of charge, to ensure that locals or visitors enjoy a beautiful welcome to Liberty.



Patrick Kelly puts the finishing touches on the “Welcome to Liberty” sign at the traffic circle where Routes 55 and 52 meet.

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