

Website of the Week: Troyer Farms

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My assignment for *The Beacon* was to find a website that interested me and write an article about it. Being the investigative reporter that I am, I went straight to the source. I sat on my bed in my room, munched away at a potato chip to my favorite website on potato chips.

I found Troyer Farms website at www.troyerfarms.com. It greeted with seven icons. "New" tells you what new snacks foods Troyer Farms will be coming out with soon. "Country.com" is like a store where you can purchase items. It also tells you who the owners Troyer Farms are.

"Snackertainment" you can play the game "Snack Jacks." It's a high-tech version of jacks, only with pretzels. If you're looking for recipes, click on the icon labeled "Crunch Kitchen/Desserts." When I was looking for recipes, I found one for "Potato Chip Cookies" (I thought I would see the words "potato" and "cookie" together).

Looking for a few health facts? Click on the "Zelle Gym" and you'll find some information on nutrition. For those of you who can't make it over to Waterford, PA to take a real tour of Troyer Farms, I recommend clicking on "Crunch Cruise." In here, you can take a virtual tour of Troyer Farms. I enjoyed looking through the different things on www.troyerfarms.com. Of course, you can't actually eat the potato chips.

www.troyerfarms.com

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This past Monday in Reed 117, the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and The Mary Behrend Fund sponsored the showing of *La Ceremonie* which is a French film that was directed by Claude Chabrol. Dr. Kathryn Wolfe, associate professor of French, introduced the film. This film was part of the foreign film series here at Behrend.

Claude Chabrol is one of many notable directors to emerge from the French New Wave of the late 1950s. Chabrol is often referred to as the "French Hitchcock" because of his reputation with his class-conscious suspense thrillers. Dr. Wolfe said, "Chabrol works like a chess player: he assembles a group of characters, each of whom has come from afar and turns out to have a guilty secret to hide, plunks them down in a remote region of Brittany in northwestern France, and then moves them like pawns, so that their interactions slowly transform the innocuous banalities of everyday life into the perfect setting for a ritualistic setting when they are violated."

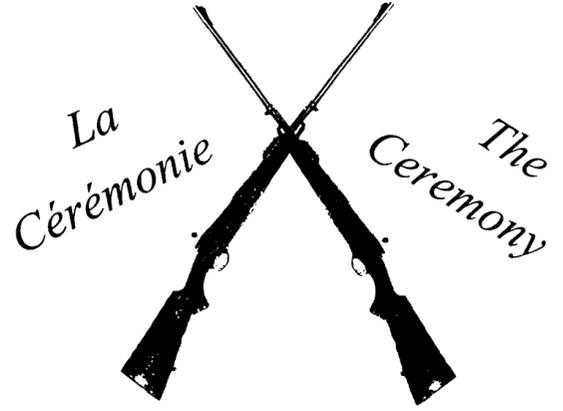
The title of the film, *La Ceremonie*, refers to the word that

French gangsters used for the structured ritual of events leading up to an execution by the guillotine. About the film itself, Dr. Wolfe said, "*La Ceremonie* came out in 1995 and is Charol's take on *Crime and Punishment*." From beginning to end the film constitutes a "ceremony." Therefore, there is a structured investigation into what is the crime that is committed, who is the criminal, and what becomes the punishment of the criminal. However, throughout the film, the phrase "no one could ever prove anything" arises. Through this it is possible to think that the criminal will get off free.

The film *La Ceremonie* is based on the novel *A Judgment in Stone* by Ruth Rendell. In the film, the main character is Sophie. Sophie is a self-assured, but emotionless young housekeeper who is hired by the Lelievre family.

Throughout the film, Sophie tries to hide the fact that she is illiterate from her new employers. She eventually becomes friends with the post office worker, Jeanne. Together they get into some mischief which involves the town church as well as the Lelievre family. Toward the end of the movie, the daughter of the Lelievres discovers that Sophie is illiterate. Almost simultaneously, Sophie discovers that the daughter is pregnant. After trying

to blackmail the daughter, Sophie is fired. In a shocking ending to the film, Sophie and Jeanne return to the home of the Lelievres and execute the entire family. Soon after the pair murder the family, Jeanne dies in a car accident. However, after cleaning the house of fingerprints, Sophie gets away with murder.

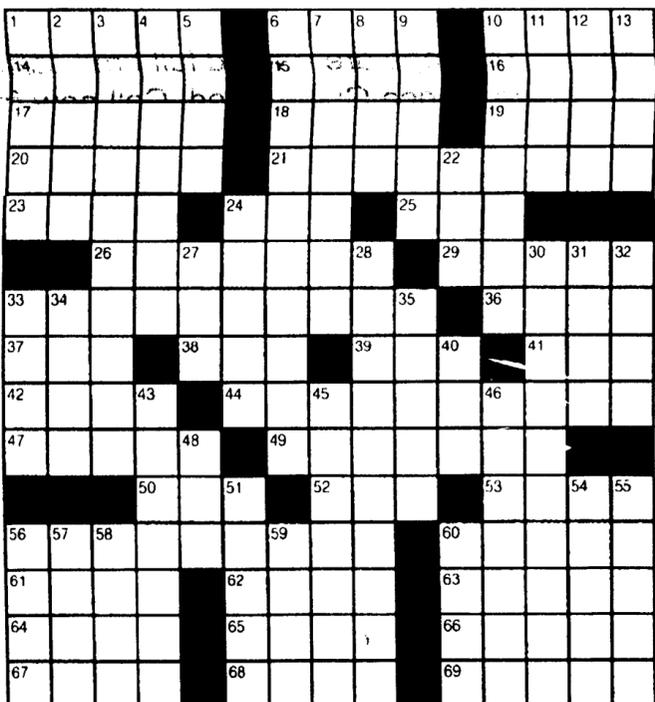




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The Waterfront Restaurant: Charm with a view

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I recently visited the Waterfront restaurant located at the very bottom of State St. here in Erie. If you are going on a date and you want to make a good impression, this is definitely one of the places you should go. We were seated in the lounge and it had a very pleasant atmosphere, it also boasted some of the most original window art I've seen. The restaurant commands a beautiful view of Presque Isle as it is located right on the water. The Waterfront has recently proposed to the Port Authority that they take over the building next to theirs, so soon they may be doubling in size. The first thing I was happy to see was an extensive wine list. Although it was a little overpriced, there

were so many excellent wines it would have been almost impossible to make a bad choice.

The restaurant's specialty is seafood, and the seafood bisque was truly excellent. For an appetizer, we enjoyed the Mushroom Rockefeller. These are mushrooms stuffed with spinach, bacon, parmesan, and feta cheese. These were good, but I thought the taste of spinach was a bit overpowering. I have heard wonderful things about their steaks so I had the New York Strip, and it was exceptional. It was as close to perfect as any steak I've had. My date had the Apricot Glazed Shrimp. This dish is a masterpiece. The glazed shrimp are placed on a bed of buttery rice served with boc choi. The flavors blended so well that I am determined

to go to the Waterfront a second time and have this dish myself. For dessert, the Cherries Jubilee Flambe is something I would recommend, but their dessert menu was so large that there is certainly something for everyone.

All in all there were a couple of things I wasn't ecstatic about. One thing: we seemed to be a little crowded at our table. Between the serving plates already on the table when you are seated and the main course there is hardly room for a glass of water. Two: some of the items were a little pricy, but they are so good that this establishment can get away with it. The Waterfront is definitely one of the best restaurants I've been to in Erie.



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