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Ellicottville B-and-B sold to West Seneca native

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The Jefferson Inn, one of the oldest bed-and-breakfast operations in Ellicottville, has been sold.

James and Donna Buchanan, the Canadian couple who have owned and operated the historic inn, sold the property to Jean Kirsch, a former West Seneca resident who has lived in New York's Greenwich Village but wanted to return home.

Kirsch paid \$710,000 for the inn.

The Buchanans will be re-locating back to Canada. The deal was brokered by Tina Dillon from **Hunt Real Estate Corp.**'s Ellicottville office.

Kirsch, 44, said it was always her dream to buy a bed-and breakfast operation. She considered several in Vermont and elsewhere in the Western New York region before setting her sights on the Jefferson Inn.

"I used to ski in Ellicottville as a kid, so I knew the town and area," she said.

Kirsch said she came back last October to Ellicottville's annual fall festival and that's when she decided to buy something in the Cattaraugus County resort town.

"I realized just how quaint Ellicottville really is," she said.

The Jefferson Inn, a circa 1865 era Victorian-style house, has five rooms in the main house plus two efficiency units.

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