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**Churchbell Creative, LLC. Releases Independent Documentary Showcasing Barns  
Built by Wheatland, New York Natives J.T. Wells & Sons**

***Still Standing: The Barns of J.T. Wells & Sons* premieres on May 13 at 9 p.m. on WXXI-TV**

**(Pittsford, New York) April 13, 2024** – Churchbell Creative, LLC. announced today its completion and broadcast premiere date of its independent documentary entitled *Still Standing: The Barns of J.T. Wells & Sons*.

Strategically highlighting the history, heritage, and present-day plight of Western New York's agriculturally and architecturally significant Wells barns, this television documentary, produced by Churchbell Creative's Owners Katie Andres and Jillian Kuchman, creatively explores ways that remaining barns can regain their relevance through adaptive reuse while fostering community engagement in their preservation before these barns disappear from the landscape entirely due to development, decay, and obsolescence.

Breaking away from post and beam construction, John Talcott Wells, Sr. defied barn-building tradition to create an ingenious truss system - patented trusses (1889) specifically designed to balance outward and inward forces while creating soaring, open interior storage spaces for hay and grain.

Committed to protecting, preserving, and promoting the history of Wheatland, New York, the Wheatland Historical Association under President Kip Finley served as Churchbell Creative, LLC.'s fiscal sponsor, supporting producers with their goal of securing grant funding for production of their independent television documentary.

Grant support for this project came from the Lloyd E. Klos Fund at Rochester Area Community Foundation to support historical preservation, education and information. This documentary is also made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.

WXXI Public Media will broadcast the documentary's premiere on WXXI-TV on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 9PM.

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