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Funciello sells Rock Hill Cafe building to Pattens; 1 eatery will morph into 2

By Cathy DeDe & Gordon Woodworth
Chronicle Managing & News Editors

Matt Funciello signed a contract Friday to sell the 19 Exchange Street building housing his Rock Hill Cafe to Chris Patten and his wife Sara. Mr. Patten, 34, is the South Glens Falls native who is redoing the century-old former hotel building that housed Mikado at the corner of Glen and South Streets in Glens Falls.

Pattens will continue cafe; Funciello will move his bakery from Moreau to GF building next to Shirt Factory, do a vegan cafe

Sara Patten tells *The Chronicle* that she and her husband “will keep all of the Rock Hill favorites, keep all of the products,



From left: Sara & Chris Patten with Matt Funciello at Rock Hill Cafe, which the Pattens have purchased and plan to renovate while keeping “all of the Rock Hill favorites.”

Chronicle photo/Gordon Woodworth

and expand the breakfast menu. We want to have a fun brunch environment.”

Mr. Patten said they’ll apply for a beer and wine license, and plan to serve “one or two fine craft beers, one good quality cider, along with wine and Champagne for different and unique mimosas.”

The Pattens said they will also seek City approval for a 12-by-40-foot addition toward Elm Street, to include a new dining room with an overhead door

and a pair of 2-bedroom apartments upstairs. “We plan to add two new bathrooms, and we’ll gut and renovate the kitchen and add new windows, new siding and exterior facade, new heating and cooling systems, a new roof system and new signage.”

Meanwhile, Mr. Funciello plans to move his Moreau Rock Hill bakery to Glens Falls, at 18 Curran Street in a building owned by Eric Unkauf, around the corner from the Shirt Factory Building at Lawrence and Cooper Streets also owned by Mr. Unkauf.

“We will also have a small vegan cafe,” featuring what Mr. Funciello terms “the real show stopper” — vegan pizza “made

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The plight & fight of GF Hospital

By Mark Frost
Chronicle Editor

Glens Falls Hospital has launched a complicated outreach effort that attempts, on the one hand, to sound an alarm about the hospital’s precarious finances while, on the other hand, building confidence in the hospital’s quality of care and new initiatives.

Hospital CEO Dianne Shugrue told *The Chronicle* in an hourlong interview on Feb. 11, “I think sometimes people think of the hospital as a public utility. It’s always going to be here. You’re always going to have the light company, you’re always going to have the gas company, you’re always going to have the hospital.”

But she says, “Hospitals close. Since 2010, there’s been like 160 hospital closures across the United States, six of them have been in New York State. There are 23 hospitals in the state that

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Met fan’s friendly jibe to Mark about Orioles becomes a condolence

Dear Editor Frost (a/k/a Frosty):
Just today I planned on writing to you to break your shoes regarding the 50th anniversary of the 1969 World Series. Yup, it’s me, the old Mets fan!

Then I saw that Frank Robinson passed this afternoon. So my message is one of condolence rather than tomfoolery. All baseball fans are saddened by this news, but it is particularly tough on a real Orioles fan. He was a great man and a great ballplayer and a historic

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Calls Northam unfit; ‘he condones killing of live, born babies’

Hi Mark,

This is regarding the despicable [Virginia] Governor Northam. I agree that it’s gratifying that polls show that African Americans can see past Northam’s racism. But the “blackface” controversy was manufactured only to push off the front pages the far more disturbing things Northam espoused a few days earlier. I’ve

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