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**Rick Dennis,** left, **& Jeff Kroosz own Highlander Brewing Company** in Argyle. They plan to open a tap room as soon as their farm brewery license is approved.

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### Alcohol: Argyle gears up

#### By Gordon Woodworth

**Chronicle News Editor** 

Businesses are wasting no time after Argyle voters on Nov. 5 overwhelmingly approved four initiatives to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages in the long-dry town.

The laws will take effect as soon as the election results are certified, says the State Liquor Authority's Audrey Ruffinen.

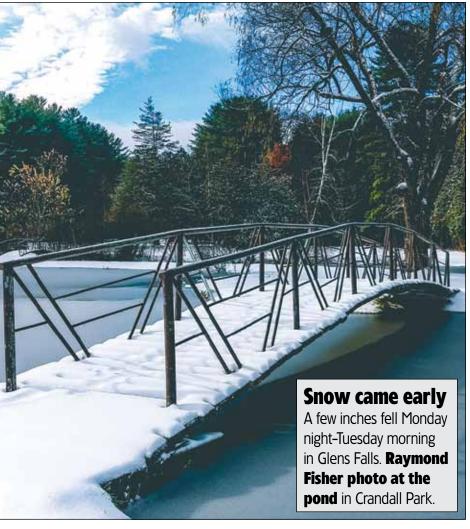
Vote totals should be certified by the end of the month, says Washington County Deputy Democratic Elections Commissioner Mindy Suprenant.

• "The **Stewart's Shops application** for a beer license in Argyle is in the mail!" tweeted company president Gary Dake.

**Stewart's** spokeswoman Erica Komoroske told *The Chronicle*, "We plan to reallocate [cooler] space for Stewart's Mountain Brew and other beer offerings as soon as we have our beer license in hand."

Will they carry Argyle-connect-

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#### Braymer has eye on higher office; talks challenging Dan Stec

Glens Falls Ward 3 County Supervisor **Claudia Braymer**, who won re-election on Nov. 5 swamping Libertarian candidate Nathan Dunn, 473-94, makes no secret of her higher political ambitions.

"I do have aspirations for higher office. I have thought about [running for] Glens Falls mayor, but I think **Dan Hall** is doing a good job...I have more interest on the legislative side, and the next goal would be the State Assembly. I think that's something within reach and I don't rule out challenging **Dan Stec**. I think contested races are a good thing."

Mr. Stec says, "It's not even Thanksgiving yet. We'll worry about all that next year." — **GW** 

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## Hospital finances improve

#### By Mark Frost

**Chronicle Editor** 

Glens Falls Hospital files its 2018 Internal Revenue Service 990 statement this week, and it

shows improved financial performance — an \$11.7-million gain for 2018 after a \$34-million loss for 2017. But those numbers tell little of the story, because they are largely impacted by one-time transactions.

'Almost breakeven'; gets \$8-million from Cerner settlement

Last year, the hospital was deep in the red because of \$39-million in unbilled services in the troubled switchover to an information technology system provided by Cerner Corp.

The year's revenue is boosted by \$8.8-million in "proceeds from

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