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## Note to Dems & GOP: Beware!

**By Mark Frost**  
Chronicle Editor

A year from the election both sides presume they're going to win big next November, and they both have apparent reason for optimism.

Democrats see President Trump likely to have been impeached even if the Republican-controlled Senate doesn't remove him from office.

Republicans presume an enor-

**Analysis/  
opinion:  
Tide could  
turn the  
other way**

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## Push begins to convert North Creek rail to hike & bike trail

**By Cathy DeDe**  
Chronicle Managing Editor

The Warren County Board of Supervisors on Friday, Dec. 20, will consider seeking "abandonment" of its 55-mile rail line from Corinth to North Creek.

"That would allow us to consider other options for the line, including creating a recreational trail," says County Board chairman Ron

**Backed by  
DPW panel;  
would need  
U.S. okay;  
long process;  
Gene Merlino  
'not so fast'**

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**Railroad lines eyed for possible recreational bike-hike trail**



**Sara Montgomery**  
says that after  
\$17-million in  
upgrades, they're  
finally at a point  
where West Mtn.  
can hit its groove.



West Mountain photo

## West Mountain: Now the fun starts

**By Patrick Daley**  
Chronicle Staff Writer

"To be able to operate and not be managing projects is huge," says Sara Montgomery, co-owner with her husband Spencer of West Mountain Ski Area in Queensbury.

"For me, that's probably my number-one stress — managing projects on top of staffing. It's been six years of seven-days-a-week, 24-hours-a-day managing."

Since taking over in 2013, the couple reports having invested \$17 million in infrastructure.

West, launched in 1962 by the Brandt family, operated well into the 21st century with vintage equipment and outfitting.

Now it sports five modern lifts for its 31 trails; full mountain lighting for night skiing, and, for the first time, full snowmaking

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Chronicle photo/Mark Frost

## Contractor to buy 178 Maple Street, plans apartments

**By Gordon Woodworth**  
Chronicle News Editor

Tim Moriarty, Jr., a 37-year-

old Ballston Spa contractor and real estate investor whose father grew up in Glens Falls, is under contract to buy the former Leland Paper building at 178 Maple Street at the corner of Cooper in Glens Falls.

"My primary focus is to convert the upstairs into apart-

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