



The front entry porch was added by the new owners. See "before photo" below.

Chronicle photo/Sandra Hutchinson

Updating a Glens Falls cape

By Sandra Hutchinson

Chronicle Chief Operating Officer

When Kelly Dempsey and her husband Dan Starr decided to move back to Ms. Dempsey's hometown of Glens Falls from central New York State, they were excited about experiencing anew what they call the "Hometown USA neighborly feel."

Ms. Dempsey had moved to

Hamilton, N.Y. in 2015 to accept a job at Colgate University. Dan was a retired School Superintendent. He was superintendent at Corinth Central School from 2006 to 2010.

Last year, Ms. Dempsey accepted a job with an educational tech start up, working as a remote employee, a decision that seems clairvoyant now, given the

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Photos provided



Jim Underwood and John Strough, on the new bridge over Halfway Brook constructed with the help of community volunteers last week.

link trails in Queensbury and Glens Falls to the planned Empire State Trail from New York City to Buffalo in the west and Canada to the north.

Meanwhile, improvements at the Feeder Canal trail in Kingsbury are adding a tunnel under Route 196 plus two bridges. (See separate story on page 6.)

The Queensbury project included a new bridge over Halfway Brook. The trail goes through Glens Falls watershed from Potter and Aviation Roads south to

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Save the hemlock; he's the expert

By Mark Frost

Chronicle Editor

Mark Whitmore, a forest entomologist at Cornell, is widely regarded as the expert on Hemlock Woolly Adelgid and on how to combat it.

The insect, found this summer on the east shore of Lake George, poses a major threat to the Eastern Hemlock, the lake's dominant tree species and a major presence in the Adirondacks and eastern U.S.

"I started the New York State Hemlock Initiative six years ago and I've been working on adelgids (pronounced, uh-DELL-jids) for 40 years, the hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) for the last 20," Mr. Whitmore told *The Chronicle* in a phone interview from Ithaca on Monday.

He said, "The state a few years ago stepped up when they realized the threat to the hemlock resource and they funded my lab significantly and really made a

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Mark Whitmore

Chronicle file photo/David Cederstrom

Major trail work at Feeder Canal & Qby: Empire State Trail plan

By Cathy DeDe

Chronicle Managing Editor

Queensbury Town Supervisor John Strough and a crew were busy last week prepping for an upgraded 1.2 mile trail at Halfway Brook that will eventually

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