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Lois Askew at 100: What an Alabama-Glens Falls tale to tell

By Mark Frost
Chronicle Editor

Lois (Whaley) Askew of Glens Falls turns 100 years old this Saturday. There will be a big party at the Queensbury Hotel, more than a hundred guests, Mayor Bill Collins proclaiming it Mrs. Lois Askew Day, and “a lot of love in the room,” says Lois’s daughter Elaine Oates.

Fortunately Lois remains a live wire and terrific interview. Get her talking and she tells stories that amaze, her memory triggered by what Elaine terms their “plethora” of photos. “We are picture-taking people,” says Elaine.

Lois says, “I lived in Alabama — Montgomery, Alabama — and I had to walk to school because I didn’t want to go to the school that I was supposed

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April 15, 1947, James Caswell Askew wed A. Lois Whaley in Montgomery, Alabama.

The next year they settled in Glens Falls and soon moved into the Broad Street home where they raised three children & Lois still lives 70 years later.



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At 22, her baking biz is buzzing

By Zander Frost
Chronicle Staff Writer

Twenty-two-year-old Taylor Suprenant says her new Flour Child Bakery at 128 Glen Street feels “impossible.”

Why? “Because I’ve dreamed of this forever...I’ve always known that I wanted to open a business.”

The 2019 Fort Edward grad opened in February at the former home of Abby’s Cookie Jar.

It all began when “I was still

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Fort Edward grad Taylor Suprenant started on social media, now a shop at 128 Glen

LG grad Brittany Townsend builds new biz around rise of AirBnBs

By Cathy DeDe
Chronicle Managing Editor

As AirBnB and other short term rentals become an increasing part of the economic landscape, a support system is growing around them too.

Lake George grad Brittany

Townsend is among those building a small business in sync with the short term rental biz.

At 33, Ms. Townsend projects as ambitious, sharp and enthusiastic in her efforts to suss out what’s needed, what’s value-added, and what she can offer that’s new — from cleaning units between rentals to curating resort-like amenities for a 360-degree get-away experience.

“My business is Calendula Properties LLC,” Ms. Townsend tells *The Chronicle*.

We met her on a tour of the

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