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## Golden Monkey Lounge to open, 58 South Street

By Zander Frost  
Chronicle Staff Writer

Business partners Gregg Singer and Larissa Ovitt said their Golden Monkey Lounge at 58 South Street will "soft-open" Friday, October 20.

The duo purchased the building for \$325,000 in February and said they've invested around \$100,000 to create an "elevated cocktail lounge"

Most recently, the space was home to Glens Falls Bagels.

"We're scotch, gin, rum forward. There's a little bit of an

**Duo bought, redevelop Irish Pizza building; rent to new Taco Kings Jalisco; plan 4 upstairs apartments**



Gregg Singer is here by way of Saratoga and New York City. Larissa Ovitt is a Lake George High grad. They've become business partners.

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Indian, Caribbean vibe," said Ms. Ovitt.

"Sharable plates" is the food focus. "We're taking very basic foods, for example, olives, eggs, cheeses, things that you would have at a party, and raising the experience," Ms. Ovitt said.

Mr. Singer said, "We want people to focus on socializing, playing a game on a table, eating some food together, trying a drink. You're not coming here to get a really expensive cocktail at a fancy wine place, or play pool and watch a game. It's a different feel, and we're pushing people to try different

drinks, different food types."

The partners say they have a "vision" for their building and South Street. The said the city sees it as the "event block." The new Market Center building is planned across the street.

They've leased the former Irish Pizza space to Taco Kings Jalisco, opening Monday, Oct. 16. Mexico City native Juan Ramirez, 30, will serve breakfast burritos and tacos, 10 to 9.

Upstairs, Mr. Ovitt and Mr. Singer plan four luxury rentals. "They're going to run short-term kind of like a boutique

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Carrie Black, left, and Emily McCabe McCarthy, right.

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## Rattlesnake rescue

**Editor's note:** This report was written by William S. Brown and Mathew G. Simon. It is a draft article they entitled "Minnie The Mousetrap Snake." We reached out to Bill, a retired Skidmore College biology professor, after reading of the rattlesnake in the *Lake George Mirror*.

Over the Labor Day weekend of 2022, a Timber Rattlesnake took advantage of an opening in a private summer house (or "camp") in the southeastern Adirondacks.

The snake apparently entered the camp through a crack in a wall, and, once inside, managed to consume a favored prey species, a White-footed Mouse.

Rather than a normal predator-prey encounter, however, the mouse was in a snap-trap that had been set the previous night (Friday, 2 September) by the camp owners.

Checking their mousetraps in the morning but not finding one of their traps, they noticed a rattlesnake quietly coiled under

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## Says police must be 'proactive' on crime, & assisting victims

Dear Mark,

So the Glens Falls Police Chief Jared Smith doesn't know what is going on with an assault on two citizens by three youths (at least one youth) late at night. He claims that he has 7-8,000 calls so far this year (Chronicle - Labor

Day edition) and only hears about the "the bigger ones."

How can this be? Most executives of large organizations deal with more problems than one person can handle and yet they accomplish it. One answer is to break the problems down into categories. For example, the Chief can tell his staff that he wants to see all calls dealing with youths downtown and he wants them further divided

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## Council members say headway being made vs crime

By Zander Frost

Chronicle Staff Writer

"The police are dealing with this," said Ward 2 Councilman Robert Landry when contacted Tuesday. Is Glens Falls safe? "I

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