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## New CEO at Finch Paper

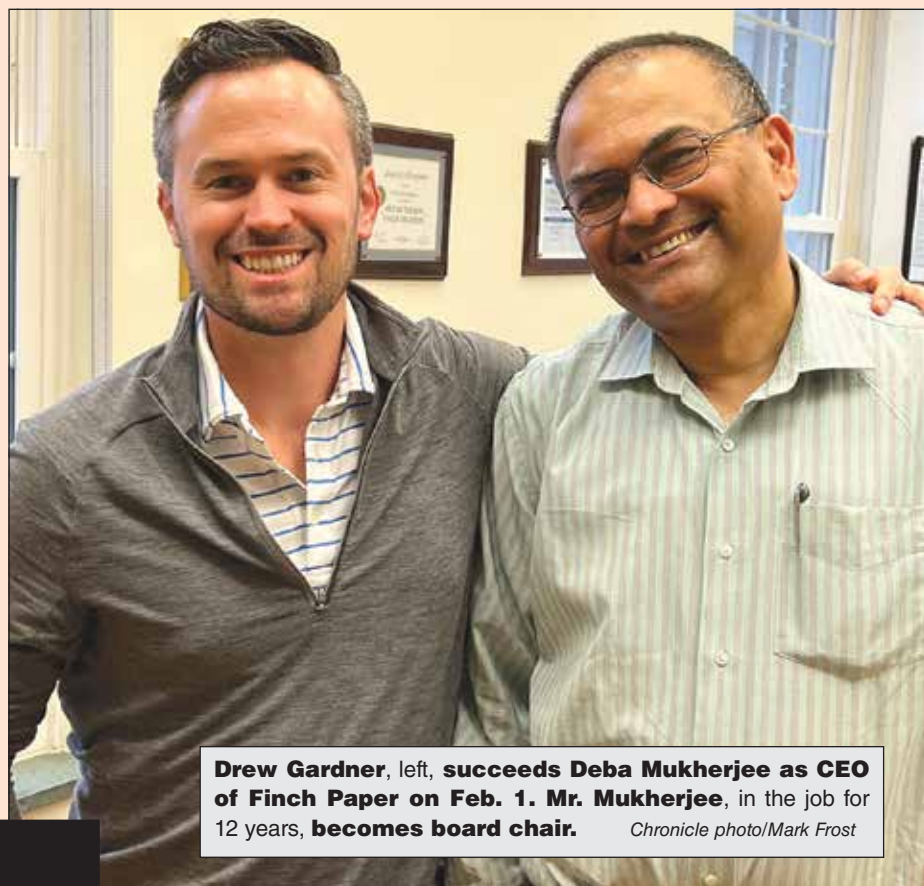
By Mark Frost & Zander Frost  
Chronicle Editor & Staff Writer

Finch Paper, the Glens Falls cornerstone that dates from 1865 and employs 600 people, will have a new CEO as of Feb. 1. After 12 years, Debabrata "Deba" Mukherjee hands the reins to Drew Gardner and will become board chairman.

The Chronicle conducted an exclusive interview with the two men on Monday.

"It's been a hard journey, but a very rewarding journey, because Glens Falls still has

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Drew Gardner, left, succeeds Deba Mukherjee as CEO of Finch Paper on Feb. 1. Mr. Mukherjee, in the job for 12 years, becomes board chair. Chronicle photo/Mark Frost

its primary employer, sustainable, profitable, doing well," said Mr. Mukherjee, 55, the native of Calcutta, India whose PhD is from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy.

Mr. Gardner, originally from the Philadelphia area, is a Pennsylvania State University grad, in engineering and finance. He arrived at Finch Paper in 2023 and most recently has been President

and CFO. He previously worked for Atlas Holdings, Finch's parent company, and before that for Blackstone and General Electric. "Deba has been mentoring me for a long time," said Mr. Gardner, who declined to reveal his age. "I knew when I was going to take this on that it was going to be really, really challenging.

"But I also knew the position that Finch has in the market, and the team that we have

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ANOTHER CHRONICLE EXCLUSIVE



Lamar Jackson leads the Ravens. Josh Allen leads the Bills.

## The show-down

By Mark Frost  
Chronicle Editor

It's not so much who's going to win the NFL Division Playoff game between the Baltimore Ravens and Buffalo Bills this Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

It's about which team and which superstar quarterback will suffer crushing elimination making the season worthless.

One team moves on, likely to play defending champion Patrick Mahomes's Kansas City in an equally all or nothing Con-

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**Bastard Restobar**, offering cuisines from around the world, **opened on Saturday** at 72 South St. It's owned by Fort Ann couple Philip Hume and Shannon Hart-Hume.

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### Restaurant openings in Glens Falls



**Tres Mijas** opened on Dec. 12 at 21 Bay St. "The support has been overwhelming," said **Executive Chef Paul MacPherson**, with arms crossed, with **Sous Chef Jack Filion**.



**Signs are up for Bowled**, an acai bowl franchise set to open at 140 Glen St. across the hall from Kru Coffee.

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