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Harvest Restaurant sold

By Zander Frost
Chronicle Staff Writer

The Harvest, the mainstay Queensbury restaurant and pizzeria at the corner of Bay and Cronin Roads, has been sold.

Charlie Hoertkorn and his family purchased it from Phil and Linda Hart, who opened The Harvest 52 years ago and ran it ever since.

Charlie is a Queensbury grad, class of 2004, who already operates The Horseshoe Bar & Grill in Saratoga.

"The Harvest is such a Queensbury staple, such a well-oiled machine, that I'm honored and blessed to have the opportunity to purchase this place. It means a lot to me," Charlie told *The Chronicle*.

"I respect the owners. I respect the business so much."
"I don't want to change any-

After 52 years, Hoertkorn family buys it from Harts

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The Hoertkorn family bought The Harvest. From left: Krystal, Michael & Catherine DelSignore, and Kelly & Charlie Hoertkorn. Kelly and Catherine are Charlie's sisters. Not present for the photo, Charlie's wife Kelli. Chronicle photo/Zander Frost

thing," he emphasized, joking, "If I change the light bulbs, I'm going to be carried out with a pitchfork. People told me, don't change the pizza, don't change the wine pour."

It will stay a family business. Charlie's wife Kelli is involved, and Charlie's sister Kelly Hoertkorn will manage the front of house. His other sister Catherine and her husband Mike DelSignore are partners.

"This opportunity...was something we wanted to do as a family," said Charlie, whose mother Mary owns McDer-

mott's Harley Davidson on Rt. 4 in Kingsbury.

Kelly spent years as a Corinth school teacher and coach of the successful girls basketball team there. She now works with Charlie at The Horseshoe. "She's got serious discipline from being a coach," Charlie said, adding that she used to work at his and his father's restaurant 20 years ago. "She's been in and out of the industry for her whole life."

Charlie said his restaurant career began in 2007, "three
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Basil & Wick's to close in North Creek
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South High Marathon Dance!

By Cathy DeDe
Chronicle Managing Editor

The 48th South High Marathon Dance is this weekend at South Glens Falls High School. It starts Friday at 7 p.m. and closes dramatically from 7:30 to 10:20 p.m. on Saturday.

"This dance is what makes South Glens Falls special. No other school, no other community does what we do," senior **Addisyn Buckley**, in her second year as a student co-chair, tells *The Chronicle*.

Complete coverage pages 13-25!



Correction: Father Scott returned from Italy as scheduled

Dear Mark,
I am an office volunteer at St. Mary's Church in Glens Falls and I recently returned from a nine day parish trip to Italy — it was amazing!

I am writing to correct a comment made in last week's *Chronicle* in which it was reported that our priest, Fr. Scott VanDerveer, returned early from our Italy trip to preside over the funeral of

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Joe Gross plans 400 apartments geared to families, off Exit 21 LG

By Zander Frost
Chronicle Staff Writer

Joe Gross, owner of Gross Electric, seeks to build 400 apartment units geared to families at the site of the former Ramada Inn on Route 9N, just off of Exit 21 in Lake George. He owns the property.

He told *The Chronicle* his plan is to make a "beautiful complex" of 1- 2- and 3-bedroom apartments and townhouses.

He said they considered a va-

riety of options for the roughly 31-acre property, including a hotel. "I don't think it's necessary, there's enough hotels in Lake George," he said.

"So I did some research, and what they are short on is housing, affordable for families and children."

Mr. Gross said, "Apartments render affordable living to families trying to raise their family. They're not quite there, ready to buy a house all the

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