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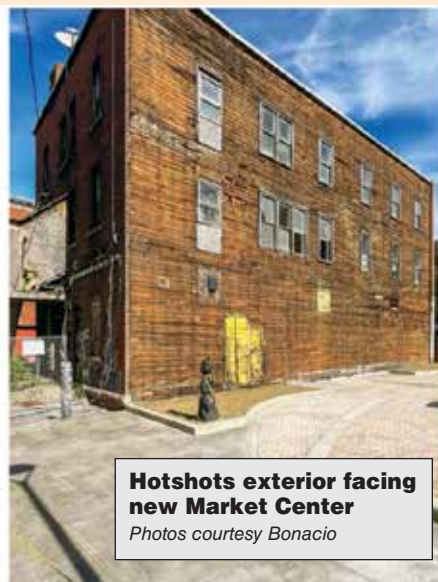
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Former Hotshots interior.



Hotshots exterior facing new Market Center
Photos courtesy Bonacio



Sandy's window revealed



Michelle McFarren, right, with daughter Harley McFarren, was found dead after a fire was extinguished in a clothes collection bin behind Talk of the Town.

She perished in clothes bin fire ▶ 6

Bonacio update: Sandy's Clam Bar, Hotshots, 'Incubator'

By Cathy DeDe
Chronicle Managing Editor

The City of Glens Falls and Bonacio Development and Construction offered updates in two public meetings last week on renovation of the so-called "Incubator" building at 36 Elm Street plus the former Sandy's Clam Bar and Hotshots buildings at 41 and 45 South Street.

It's all part of Phase 1 of developer Sonny Bonacio's portion of the South Street overhaul partially funded by the City's \$10-million Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) grant

from New York State.

Steve Licciardi and Mike Gestwick, Project Managers for Bonacio Development and Construction, respectively, shared pictures and descriptions.

"We began in October-late September of 2024," Mr. Licciardi said. "Currently we're nearing the end of the stabilization phase. We've done all the hazardous materials mitigation — asbestos, lead, mold — just really stripping back the years of time, and really just got back to the structurally sound clean slate.

"Now the fun begins with putting it all back together with a target of early fall of 2025," earlier for the part of the incubator building that ties into the Market Center due to debut on May 16.

"Bonacio is no stranger to difficult, complex, involved projects," Mr. Licciardi said. These three buildings "fall into each of those categories. Each creates its own identity, has their own story to tell."

He labeled a first set of slides "challenges," laughing: "Oh my

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Pair of eateries eye Ft. Edward

By Ben Westcott
Chronicle Staff Writer

Two established local restaurants — Grumbellies from Fort Ann and Kerrie's from Queensbury — are in the process of moving to Broadway in downtown Fort Edward.

Both came before the Fort Edward Planning/Zoning Board Tuesday night.

The board unanimously approved the Grumbellies plan. Nasrene Haj, Doreen Rabine and Bernard Taylor all

Grumbellies gets the OK, Kerrie's Northway Diner seeks it

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Romeos buy Ford & Subaru dealerships in Saratoga

By Zander Frost
Chronicle Staff Writer

Romeo Auto Group has acquired two more dealerships — Saratoga Ford and Saratoga Subaru, just off Northway Exit 15 — from Mackey Auto Group. They are the 10th and 11th "rooftops" in the Romeo dealership portfolio.

Mike Romeo will serve as dealer principal for the two dealerships. "It came across our plate at a funny time with

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South St. eatery push, March 20

An event dubbed "How to Get to South Street" is planned on Thursday, March 20, to boost "the seven restaurants in this corridor affected by recent construction projects," said a press release that arrived Tuesday just before press-time.

Diana Palmer, Ward 3 Common Council Member, was credited as the organizer.

"The goal of this event is to bring attention to South Street restaurants that have been impacted by the ongo-

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'Editor, you should have watched Trump speech'

To: Mark Frost

It seems to me, that a newspaper man would want to hear what the president of this country had to say. Your claiming to be too busy to watch, or listen to what a new president had to say, I find ironic. Most homes are now set up to record anything that we might not be able to see in real time. As a matter of fact, I enjoy sitting back with a glass of red, or bourbon/coke and watching something

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