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Wash. County aims to cut 20% tax jump

By Cathy DeDe

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Washington County is facing about a 20% tax levy increase, Finance Chair Brian Campbell of Hartford tells *The Chronicle*.

That is more than the 10 to 15% he warned of in *The Chronicle* last month, before budget workshops began — but he says it is far less than the 40 or 45% increase that loomed after the initial round of budget meetings.

The 2025 tax levy was about \$37,900,000. Mr. Campbell says that for 2026, the County was looking at a tax levy of \$55,000,000 — about a \$17 million increase.

Why the jump? The 2025 budget included \$3.8-million applied from the county's fund balance, which the Board did to avoid overriding the tax cap, Mr.

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From left: Partners Justin Prescott of Carnivore Brothers BBQ and Heather and Kris March of Slickfin Brewing will open 'Fire Mission' Oct. 22.

Texas BBQ set in Glens Falls

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Slickfin Brewing and Carnivore Brothers BBQ are partnering to open Texas-style barbecue joint "Fire Mission Smokehouse & Taproom" at the corner of Glen and Park Streets, former site of Go Play With Your Food in downtown Glens Falls. It's set to open on Oct. 22.

Kris and Heather March own Slickfin, which they opened in March 2019. It will continue to

brew and operate on Broadway in Fort Edward. Fire Mission will be a Slickfin taproom.

Justin Prescott has operated Carnivore Brothers BBQ food truck for three years. He built a fan base through events like the Shirt Factory Food Truck Corral, and at breweries like Slickfin and Dancing Grain.

All three partners are military veterans — Heather and Kris were in the Marine Corps. Justin was in the Army.

"Justin was a forward ob-

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Dixon & Strough vie for Qby. Supervisor

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Six-term Democratic Queensbury Town Supervisor John Strough and first-term Ward 3 Republican Councilman Mike Dixon face off this November in the race for Town Supervisor.

Both are Queensbury natives. This is Mr. Strough's first contested election since Rachel Seeber's challenge in 2017.

Mr. Dixon, 60, started his career in the radiology department at Glens Falls Hospital, after a brief time at then-Adirondack Community College. He was trained through an in-house hospital program and says he soon moved into management. After 26 years at Glens Falls, he's in a similar position at Saratoga Hospital.

If he wins for Supervisor, Mr. Dixon said he plans to retire from the hospital.

Mr. Strough, 74, attended then-Adirondack Community College and SUNY Buffalo. He first hoped to be a pilot but in-

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NYS Special Olympics here this weekend

Special Olympics 2025 State Fall Games brings 900 athletes and coaches to Glens Falls Oct. 17-18. Opening Ceremonies featuring a parade of athletes are

at City Park Friday, Oct. 17 at 7:30 p.m. Athletes compete in bocce at the Adirondack Sports Complex, cross country running at Cole's Woods, cycling at

the Warren County Municipal Center, soccer at the Morse Athletic Complex, equestrian at the Skidmore College-Van Lennep

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