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Apartments nearly ready at Sandy's, 36 **Elm, Hot Shots**

By Cathy DeDe

Chronicle Managing Editor

Who's moving into Club Sandu? The apartments on the upper floors of the former, once beloved and/or notorious Sandy's Clam Bar and Hotshots Bar on South Street, as well as "The Incubator" building at 36 Elm Street, are nearly ready for occupancy.

In all, there are 18 apartments in the upper floors of the three downtown Glens Falls buildings that make up Phase 1 of developer Sonny Bonacio's South and Elm Street projects.

"We've had a lot of interest," from potential tenants, Larry Novik, president of Bonacio Development, tells The Chronicle.

They expect to have folks moving in as soon as the beginning of the year.

Bonacio Project Manager Steve Licciardi said apartment rentals are "at market rate, \$1,100 to \$2,200, over a lot of different size units.".

The apartment breakdown: **Above Sandy's** at 41 South Street: Four 3 bedroom apartments. Above Hotshots at 45 South: Four 2-bedroom apartments. Above the former 'In-Please turn to page 15

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Wash Co. budget: 16.97% hike, cut 63 jobs

By Ben Westcott

Chronicle Staff Writer This is the most somber budget I've ever had to present," said Washington County Budget Officer Brian Campbell, introducing the county's tentative 2026 budget.

It includes a tax levy increase of 16.97% while cutting 43 full-time and 20 part-time county employees.

"I can understand if no one is happy," said Mr. Campbell, the Hebron town supervisor. "We aren't always prepared for these situations. Governing is harder than most think. The hard decisions sometimes must be made.

"No one will be happy with this tentative budget as a percentage of increase. I'm certain that some people want to have deeper cuts. My concern here is that taxing too low is maybe worse than taxing too high for the future of our Washington

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Omitted Portnoy pizza pick: 'Number 1' in LG

I enjoy reading your digital version when I am not in Lake George for the summer. In this week's story on Dave Portnoy's one bite review, Number 1 Pizza in Lake George was omitted. It actually received a 7.9 rating, the highest in the area. I stumbled upon this place a couple years ago and I always thought it was the

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Calls Chronicle guilty of 'yellow journalism' in 'day spender' coverage

To the editor.

Yes, there is a problem with homeless people and drug users in the park, but to sensationalize it the way you did will only make it harder to actually address the problem.

The quotes from Drew Gerster about what he sees and does seemed to me to be outlandishly exaggerated, and Please turn to page 8

NYS mandates solar be taxed at 1/3rd its value; assessors fight for full

Mark,

I would like to reply to Edward Pugh's letter regarding taxing of solar farms. NYS mandates that the assessor is REQUIRED to use a Solar Assessment Module they created to assess solar farms. Using this module produces assessments that are about 1/3 of the actual value of the solar

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