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No business like family business

amily-run businesses have long served as the backbones of our society. While there are many ways to keep track of a community's history, they help to tell its story.

Each year through this special section, we strive to highlight and give respect to some of these family businesses that have long contributed to the fabric of our county.

We take a great deal of pride in producing this section.

Why you ask?

Because the **Sullivan County Democrat** is a family business.

As the oldest and most trusted news source in Sullivan County, our paper has been informing readers since it was founded in 1891.

The **Democrat** has been independently owned by the Stabbert family since 1927.

In fact, current Publisher, Fred Stabbert III's father, Fred Jr., and his aunt, the late Anne Stabbert Robisch Foland, who for many years penned a column called "Long Ago ... But Near at Heart," were both born in the very building that still houses our newspaper on Lower Main Street in Callicoon.

The first Fred Stabbert served as Publisher from February 27, 1927 until 1963, when son Fred Stabbert Jr. took the reins. Stabbert Jr. ran the paper until 1994 when son Fred Stabbert III was named Publisher. Stabbert Jr. remained heavily involved with the paper as Publisher Emeritus until he passed away in 2009.

Today, the Stabbert family thumbprints are still very much engrained in the pages of the **Democrat**.

In addition to Stabbert III serving as publisher, his sister Kathy Werner and daughter Claire Stabbert both have columns that appear every Friday.

Stabbert family aside, our small family business has a staff featuring several employees who have been with the paper for over two decades, and have most certainly played important roles in our paper's success.

In fact, our current Business Manager, Sue Owens, recently celebrated her 40th Anniversary at the Democrat

The Stabbert family and entire staff know the dedication and hard work she puts in every day to help the company prosper.

Having worked at corporation-owned newspapers before my tenure with the Democrat began in 2016, I can tell you that things are very different. At old jobs I rarely interacted with the publisher or other departments than the one I was assigned to.

At the **Democrat**, my peers are not just coworkers. They accepted this transplant from the South and have morphed into surrogate mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters and friends.

We certainly have our fair share of disagreements, like any family does, but despite our differences we are united in our goal to put forth the best possible newspaper and continuing to serve as a valued community resource.

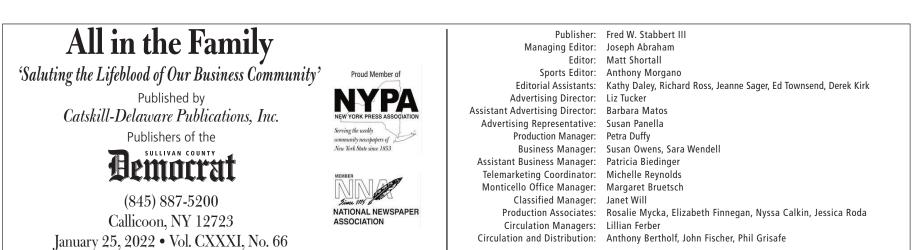
I've always had great respect for family businesses and the admiration has only become stronger as I've watched them struggle during the pandemic.

Their resilience is inspiring, and sometime family businesses are unable to succeed, but not before they've exhausted every option.

While some business owners may have something to fall back on, for most family businesses, they don't. That business is their livelihood, so failure is not an option.

We encourage readers to patronize these family-owned businesses, and in general, shop local.

Their success is reflected in our community. If they start to perish, we too will lose what makes our county uniquely its own.





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Youngsville Garage has a long family history

STORY BY SAMANTHA MONTAGNA



The Youngsville Garage Team/Family, from left, Bruce Snedeker, Paden Roser, Jason Lowe, Roy Poltersdorf, Kevin Sender, Juliete Gaebel, Scott Gaebel and Kevin Schumacher.

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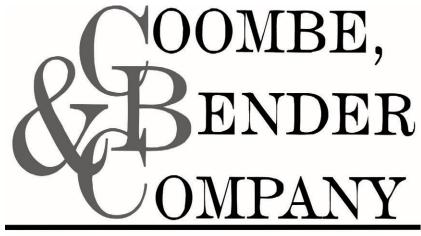
oungsville Garage's family business has been dedicated to the community dating back to 1925. Scott Gaebel, the current

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owner, told the **Democrat** that Youngsville Garage was originally owned by his great-grandparents in 1925. Gaebel's father went on to buy the business where Gaebel started working when he was eleven or twelve years old. "It's the only job I have ever had," Gaebel said. After fifteen years, in 1995, Gaebel decided to buy the busi-

ness from his father and has been running it ever since with his wife, Julie.

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The business has always been known as Youngsville Garage and for its quality auto repair work. Since the garage's infancy in 1925 (and the automobile industry's beginnings), the garage has grown and developed over the years, building a reputation for being honest, dependable, and personalized repairs and service. Gaebel explained that the garage can perform general automotive repair, but the shop does not perform body work. They provide services like brakes, tires, oil changes, inspections, and anything mechanically necessary.

Gaebel started as a mechanic but has now taken on a management role and oversees eight employees including him and his wife. Julie Gaebel handles most of the office work and customer relations, but Gaebel explained that they share tasks and "wear whatever hat is needed." Gaebel said

JOSEPH ABRAHAM | DEMOCRAT Owner Scott Gaebel stands next to a dealer plate once belonging to his great grandfather Paul.



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146 Jefferson Street Monticello, NY 12701 Monday-Friday 8am-5pm he still assists in the shop when he is needed.

For Youngsville Garage, there has been a need since the Covid-19 pandemic hit. The shop has seen slow and steady growth over the years, but once Covid hit, many new people moved up to the Youngsville area. This meant a large increase in business for Gaebel. Gaebel described the shop as now "extremely busy." Luckily, Gaebel explained that Covid-19 has not affected his employees too much, and he has been able to maintain his staff to keep his busy garage going. While there are a couple new employees, Gaebel described his new and long-time staff as a "work family."

With his employees, Gaebel hopes for "continued growth" even though he does not have plans to hand down his business to the next generation. Gaebel has three daughters, but they are on their own paths, Gaebel said. Despite this and despite Covid, "we [will] just keep doing what we do," he stated. He also hopes to continue providing service to the community through the garage and out.

Aside from their work at the garage, Gaebel and his wife are both heavily involved in the community. Julie is on the school board, is involved with Saturday Youth Basketball, and their church in Callicoon. Gaebel added that his children are grown, but he and his wife used to coach youth basketball as well. Gaebel is also a councilman on the Callicoon Town board.

Gaebel described himself as oldfashioned since Youngsville Garage does not have a Facebook page or website. So, if anyone is interested in bringing their vehicle to Youngsville Garage (4015 Rt. 52, Youngsville, NY), Gaebel highly recommends calling (845) 482-5151 for an appointment.

Walk-ins are rarely accepted due to how busy the shop is, so an appointment is much preferred, Gaebel explained. The garage is open for service from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 7 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

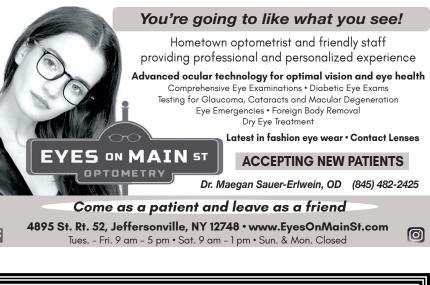
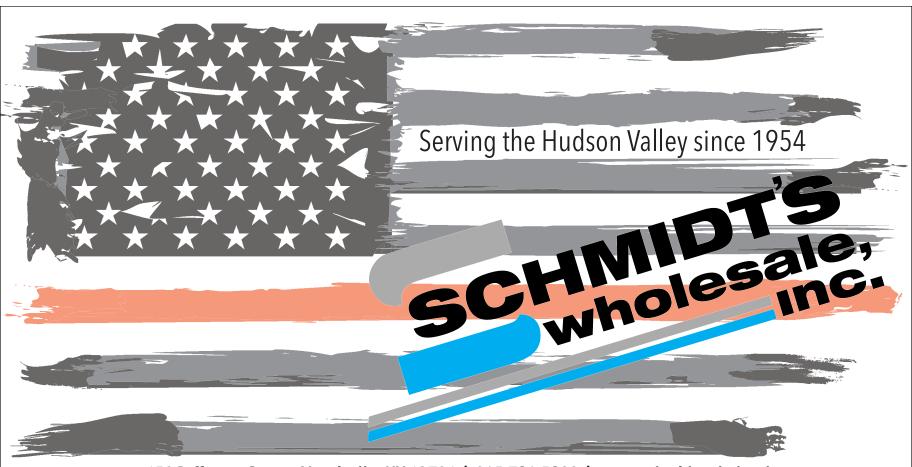


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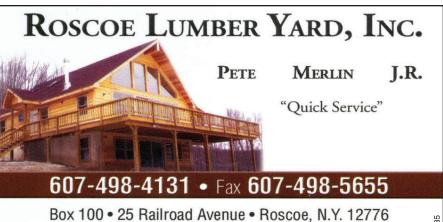
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Raimondo's serving up family favorites



Members of the family, from left, Charlie Aiello, Mike Aiello, Nina Di Vita and Fortunato Di Vita pose for a photo in front of their pizza oven.



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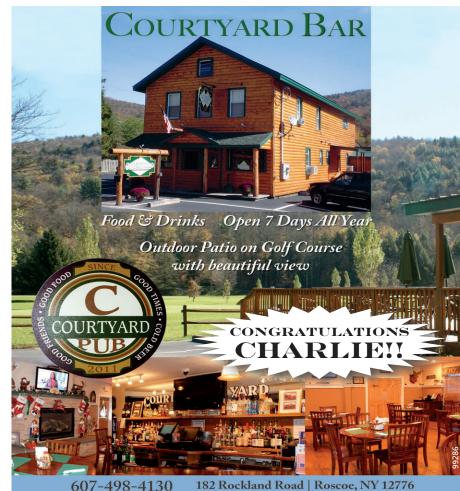
Situated on the corner of Stewart Avenue and Old Route 17, when you get off exit 94, you're bound to see the brick building towering next to the only stoplight in Roscoe. From pizza, to dinners made using classic family recipes, Raimondo's is a great place to stop for a meal.

The pizzeria has been on that same corner since it was bought in 1980. The late Raimondo Aiello would travel up to the Catskills to hunt and saw the perfect building to turn into a pizzeria. Having learned the skill of making pizza as a side job, Raimondo and his wife Maria decided to make it a career as they moved to Roscoe. They opened their doors for the first time over 42 years ago, and have become an integral part of the community, with several members of their family involved in the business.

Like many of the places in Roscoe, the bulk of the traffic is during the summer months when tourists come through in droves. However, to sustain a business for so long, having a close relation-

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Fresh desserts at Raimondo's in a display case near the counter.







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ship with locals is a key, and it's something that Raimondo's prioritizes.

"We've built many personal relationships with people in the community over time," Nina Di Vita, Raimondo's daughter, noted. "We like to contribute to things going on in town, if someone asks for a gift card we try to donate one."

Keeping the restaurant open during the initial Covid-19 shutdown was difficult, but Raimondo's pushed through and continued to get back up whenever they got knocked down. They tried new ways of keeping the business going, including a fivemile range for delivery.

"We are blessed and lucky to have made it through, and we appreciate all the business, and everyone who would stop by just to see how we were doing and if we needed anything," Nina explained.

Âlthough the restaurant has been family owned and operated

since 1980, that family has expanded through the various employees that have worked at the restaurant.

"When we can help young kids save up money to go to college, or come back during the summer to work, it is a really nice feeling," Nina said. "Young people need jobs that are strict enough to help their work ethic grow, but also understanding."

When asked what sets Raimondo's apart from other restaurants, Nina said, "There is always someone from the family here. We never leave the restaurant in the hands of a manager, someone is always here to make sure that everything runs smoothly. This place is like our baby."

Supporting the family in their ventures is something else that makes Raimondo's stand out. From renovating a room dedicated to larger groups and parties into a boutique, or supporting Raimondo's granddaughter and Nina's daughter, Marinella Di Vita, run for Rockland Town Clerk, to

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which she was elected, the family believes in providing strong support.

"We're very proud of her and we know that she is going to be good for the town," Nina said. "We always want the kids to be able to go out and walk on their own two feet, but we are here if they need us."

The same can be said for the employees that have moved on

from Raimondo's to pursue other careers. Nina said, "We always support the kids as they grow into something better. We tell them, 'If you're going to leave it has to be to do better for you.'" 'However, to sustain a business for so long, having a close relationship with locals is a key, and it's something that Raimondo's prioritizes.'

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Working with family means a lot to small business owners. Tamblyn shares that sentiment along with the many people who have worked to pass down their deeds, live and work honestly with those held close, and keep it all in the family.

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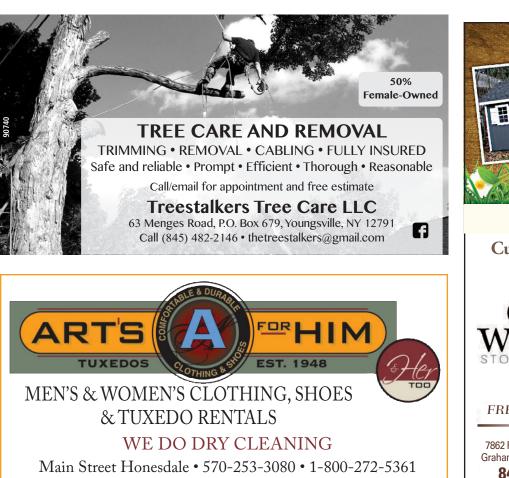
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