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What went viral!

By Zander Frost
Chronicle Staff Writer

The Chronicle smashed all our social media records this year. Every post in this list — and beyond — racked up over 200,000 views on Facebook.

At the high end — individual **posts reached 500,000, 700,000 and even 1-million views**. For the year, *Chronicle* Facebook posts were viewed over 17.5-million times. Wow! As always, **those numbers are organic.** We've never paid to boost a post...this success percolates up on its own.

Unfortunately, **some of the biggest posts this year involved tragedy.** Our community saw high profile deaths — on Lake George and in Glens Falls — and more recently, fires that destroyed iconic local institutions. But **lots of good news went hugely viral too.**



There were more than 1-million views of the video we posted of the Adirondac tour boat aflame.

Here are *The Chronicle's* most viral posts of 2025.

1. LG's Adirondac boat fire

December 8: The video of Waterfront Hospitality's **Adirondac tour boat engulfed in flames** was the year's **most viral Chronicle post** — with **more than 1-million views**. The 115-foot vessel suffered calamitous upper decks damage.

Waterfront Hospitality owners Katie and Will Carson, who bought the former Shoreline Cruises in 2022 from Katie's father Denis Quirk, are carrying on. They'll continue their annual New Year's Day "Frostbite Cruise" on land this year from noon to 6 p.m. And they've launched The Adirondac Legacy Circle, "a once-in-a-generation opportunity to rebuild a Lake George icon."

2. July 4 drowning on LG

A pontoon boat passenger drowned and another was injured on the 4th of July at Harris Bay on Lake George. Police said that while the boat's five occupants were swimming, it drifted. The drowning victim slipped beneath the surface and the driver tried to back the boat up to her. "That lurch from a rapid acceleration ejected two females from the vessel, one of which struck her head on the boat causing a laceration." The driver was charged with alleged boating while intoxicated.

3. Fire at Sticks & Stones

A massive overnight fire on **Nov. 29** destroyed popular Sticks & Stones restaurant in

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As the search for the drowning victim went on, The Chronicle was on-scene — **Zander Frost took the image we posted on Facebook**



Chronicle photo/Ben Westcott

Beaver 'Bo' came to Moreau ▸ 11

Doug Beaty: Cut here!

Editor's note: On Jan. 1 Doug Beaty **rejoins the Warren County Board of Supervisors** as a Queensbury At-Large Supervisor. In advance he listed 13 spending cuts he'll seek.

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To the Editor:

With Warren County facing daunting rising costs, questionable past decisions causing financial uncertainty, and the 2026 budget breaking the tax cap, it has created a climate of angst for the taxpayers.

I have compiled a starting list of issues that need to be addressed to save money.

1. REDUCE county supervisors pay by 5% IF county breaks 2027 tax cap. Fiscal accountability must be prioity #1.

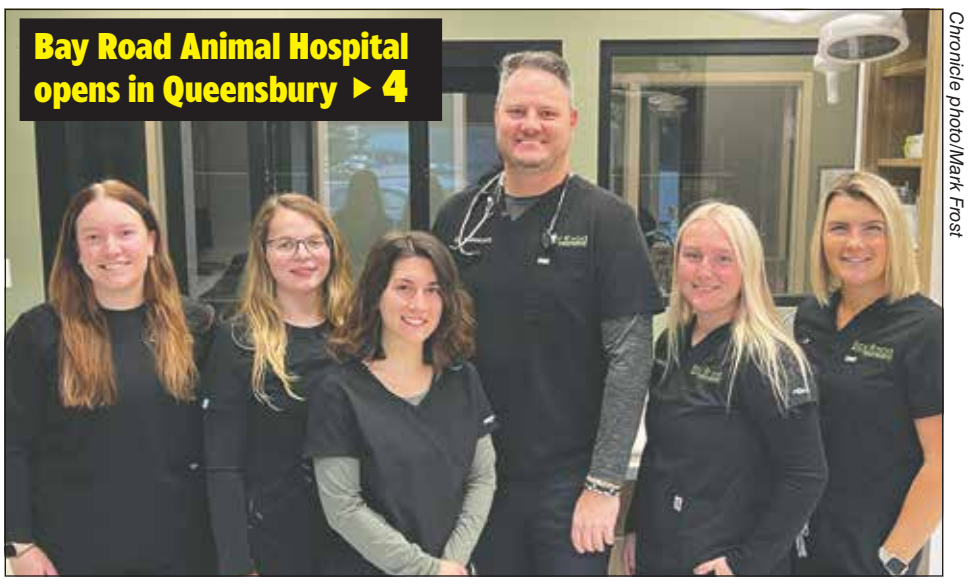
2. Each town should pay for mileage for their supervisor to attend county meetings. NOT a county responsibility.

3. Have elected County treasurer take lead in creating the

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Glens Falls swearing in at Heritage Hall

The **swearing in of Mayor Diana Palmer** and other City of Glens Falls elected officials **takes place Thursday, Jan. 1, at 12:30 p.m. at Heritage Hall** in the Harding Mazzotti Arena. Mayor-Elect Palmer told *The Chronicle* the shift was made from City Hall's renovating third floor courtroom because "on Tuesday of last week it was not looking like it would be ready in time."



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