

Local Business News

Rensselaer County Welcomes Several New Businesses And Bids One A Fond Farewell

Aunt Bonnie's



Vallis Goodermote holding a bottle of Aunt Bonnie's gummies.

This newest Rensselaer County venture is an online full spectrum CBD store.

Local entrepreneur Vallis Goodermote is on a mission to help people lead more stress free lives through the use of premium and organic hemp-based cannabidiol (CBD) oil. Aunt Bonnie's was created through Vallis' own use of CBD oil, in addition to her desire to help other women enhance the quality of their lives. When Vallis accepted a friend's advice to try a CBD product, she experienced firsthand its benefits. She slept better and had reduced anxiety. Vallis realized how this natural product can go a long way in helping other women.

Striving to live a natural and organic lifestyle, bringing USDA certified organic CBD products to Aunt Bonnie's was a top priority, so they partnered with select USDA certified organic farms. In order to be certified organic from the farm to finished product, every ingredient and processing aid is free of synthetic additives, chemical fillers, fertilizers, pesticides, etc. Aunt Bonnie's USDA certified organic farms grow hemp without the use of harmful pesticides, herbicides or insecticides.

The name Aunt Bonnie's was inspired by a local woman who is in her seventies. Aunt Bonnie prioritizes mental health and self-care. She is a reminder of the importance of self-care for a fulfilled and healthy life. Her days are filled with wellness activities such as hiking, kayaking, reading, gardening and enjoying home grown vegetables... and yes she uses CBD lotion to soothe her aches and pains after a long day.

Vallis hopes to be a resource for people who have questions about the benefits of CBD and grow a community of like-minded women who find relief through natural and organic products. Aunt Bonnie's will continue to look for ways to support small, local and organic farmers. The company's hemp CBD products include oils, supplements, flower, skincare and pet products. The products and contact information are available online at www.AuntBonnies.com.



The Enzien's are joined by their children, family, employees and area officials to cut the ribbon on Wash Boss Car Wash. Photo by Amy Modesti.

Wash Boss Car Wash

Jim and Kim Enzien recently celebrated their new business with a ribbon cutting event at their 529 North Greenbush Road location, near the North and East Greenbush town lines. This establishment offers a state of the art car washing system, free vacuuming and detailing. For each vehicle that uses their service a donation will be made by Wash Boss to a community organization.

"We are very excited" said Kim following the ribbon cutting. The Enzien's is thrilled to bring their business and good will to Rensselaer County.

First New York Federal Credit Union



Charles Smith, President and CEO Lucy Halstead are joined by Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin, Chamber President Kate Manley and many others at the ribbon cutting. Photo by Doug La Rocque.

The area financial institution officially opened their first Rensselaer County location with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, May 21. The Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce helped the Credit Union celebrate its growing membership in the county. This new location at 31 Jordan Road, at the intersection with NYS Rt. 4 in North Greenbush, features two interactive express taller machines. First New York's Chairman of the Board Charles Smith spoke about their aspirations for more locations in the county and a solid financial relationship with the community.

East Greenbush Says Bienvenido To Salsa Latina



A delicious plate of food at Salsa Latina. Photo by Amy Modesti.

Restaurateurs Miguel and Edith Geronimo recently opened the second Salsa Latina in East Greenbush, at the site of the former Greenbush Inn. The first establishment is in Albany.

Salsa Latina Features traditional Latin food with Mexican and South American cuisine.

With long lines on their opening day, Edith Geronimo said "we can feel all the love from the Greenbush community. We're happy to be here." Salsa Latina is open for both lunch and dinner.

Papa's Pizza Says It's Time To Relax

After 17 years in business in Petersburg, Donna Warner closed her shop at the end of May, saying "I need to get off my feet for while." Ms. Warner cannot not even imagine how many pizzas she has made over the years, and admits she will miss the shop, but her customers most of all.

Not much chance of a change of heart here either, as Donna has sold all her equipment to a gentleman who plans to open a pizza shop just over the Vermont border in Pownal.

The Eastwick Press has enjoyed many a pizza there over the years, and we wish Donna and her staff all the best wherever the road may take them.

Donna Warner and her employee Heather Hicks stand in front of the shop on their last day in business. Ms. Hicks has worked with Donna for five years. Not pictured is their delivery specialist for the last three years, Connor Douglas.

