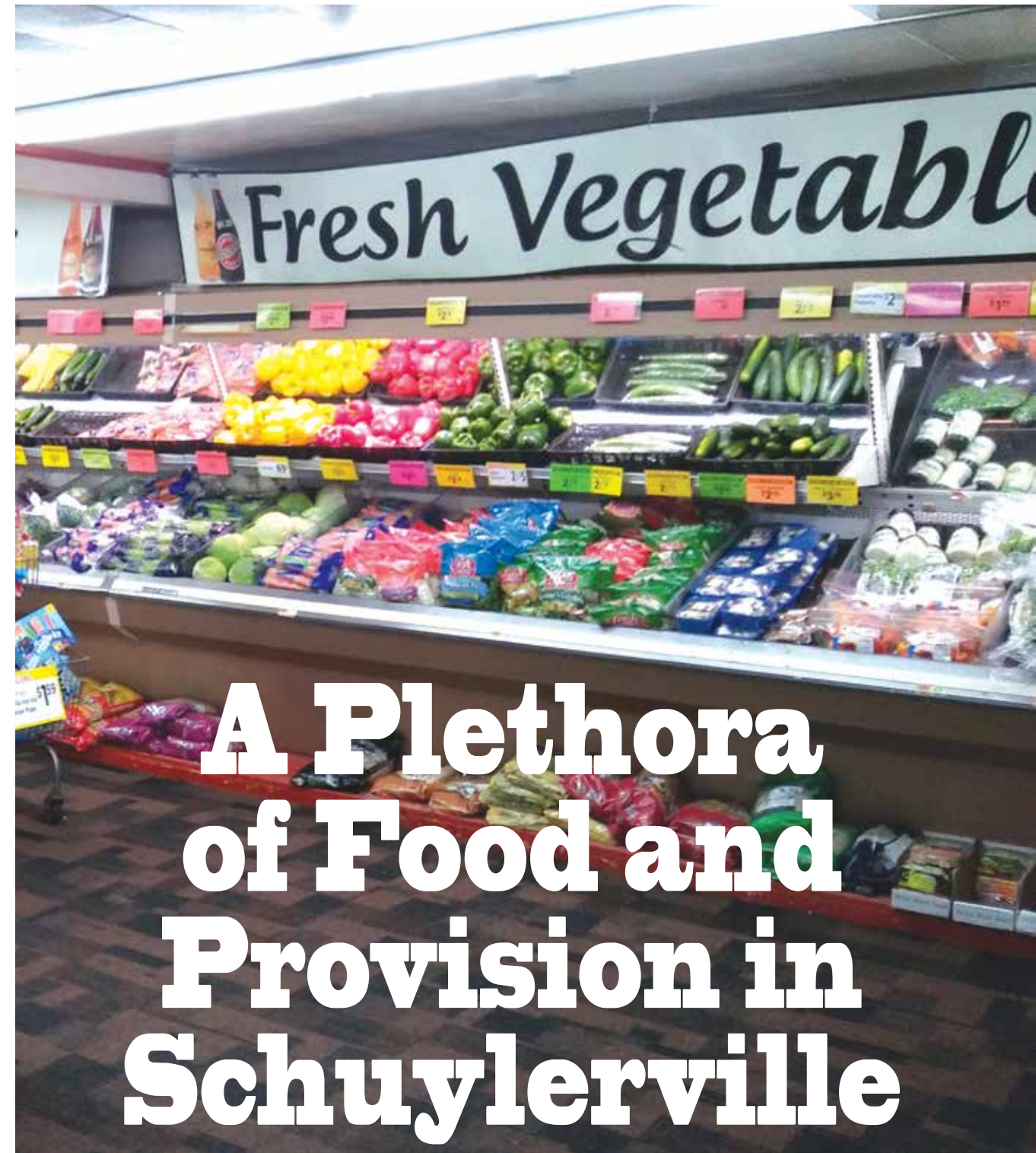


Byron's Village Market may be a throwback to the days of the corner grocer, but the store offers a wide selection, excellent prices and convenient access for the boating community.



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Boaters heading north to view fall foliage along the upper Hudson River and Lake Champlain will be happy to discover the wide range of dining and provisioning options available in or near downtown Schuylerville, easily accessible via the Schuyler Yacht Basin. These great eateries are nestled alongside the interesting shops, art galleries, music studio, wellness center, historic sites and other attractions. You may find yourself never wanting to leave!



A Plethora of Food and Provision in Schuylerville

A short walk from the Yacht Basin leads to the Revolution Café, just steps away from the spot where General Burgoyne's men laid down their arms on October 17, 1777 after their defeat at the Battle of Saratoga. This aptly-named cafe, providing breakfast and lunch in a relaxed setting overlooking the old Champlain Canal, is owned by Cassie Wilusz, a Schuylerville native who returned home after attending college in Oregon and Colorado. "We pride

ourselves on wholesome, affordable small batch fresh food," says Cassie. "Living in one of the strongest agricultural counties in New York we locally source our seasonal vegetables which are hand picked daily." She also appreciates the visits from tourists who come into the area to enjoy the Hudson River. Cassie notes, "The River has proven to be vital to our community's continued success, allowing tourism to flourish in our village."



The Tasting Room at Saratoga Apple adds a great new dimension to this venerable farm, with local brews in a comfortable, country setting.

Just down the street is another great breakfast and lunch spot called Sweeney's. Named after the daughter of owner's Amanda and Ed Bergin, this wonderful diner offers some amazing meals cooked up by chef Courtney Lloyd. The pancakes and French toast are amazing, as are tasty sandwiches and other fare. Says Amanda, "We loved the hometown feel of the community and knew it would be a great place for us to open our first restaurant. We make it a priority to get to know our customers and to be a part of the community."

A new deli has opened up on the same block, just above a local bakery called Cake by Alissa. Owned by well-known area restaurateur Louis Maggiore, Sweet Lou's features meats that are brined, cured, smoked and cooked in-house, plus a deluxe salad bar, homemade soups, unique sandwiches, fresh mozzarella, catering, "meals to go", and more. "Schuylerville is a great part of our country's history," says Lou, "and we are proud to be part of Schuylerville's future!"

Clark's Steakhouse, located at the corner of Broad and Ferry Streets, is one of the most highly-regarded restaurants in the entire Capital Region. Owner Jason Young, a



Eating healthy never tasted so good! Gluten-free, carefully prepared baked goods line the shelves at Saratoga Gluten Free Goods.



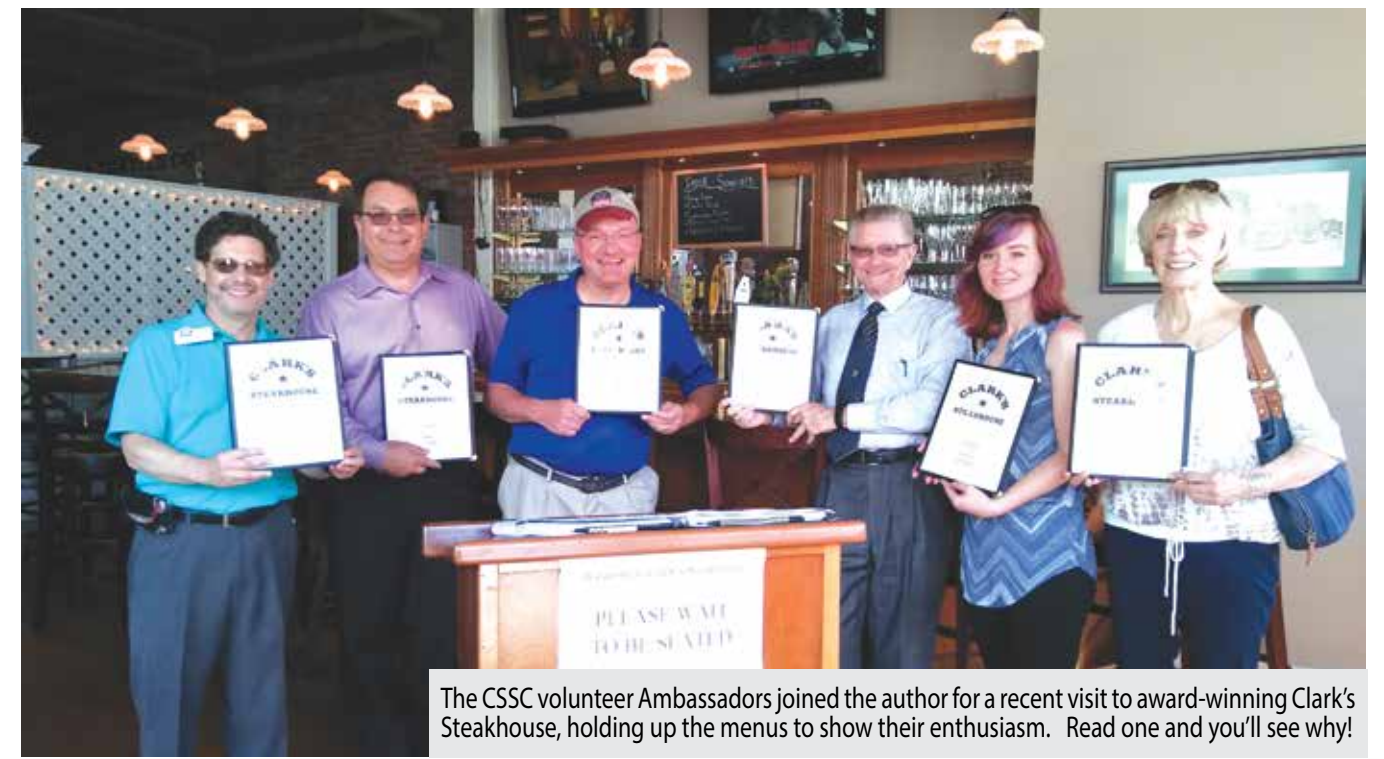
Inside the Revolution Café, a quaint place for breakfast and lunch right across from Fort Hardy Park, the new visitors center (under construction) and just up the street from the Schuyler Yacht Basin.

military veteran and ambitious young entrepreneur, has big plans for the restaurant's future, meanwhile he strives to make everyone's dining experience extra special. Clark's will also be the venue for the Chamber of Southern Saratoga County's special-edition October mixer, Tuesday October 17, 2017 at 5:30PM, the 240th anniversary of Burgoyne's surrender which began just across the street.

Old Saratoga Eatery is another brand new Broad Street restaurant. Owner Jamie Tomas brought her culinary expertise back to Schuylerville from Florida, and is eager to participate in this growing community. "We believe the village is on the verge of an economic boom and we wanted to be rooted in the community before that happened," says Jamie. "We also like that the business

community supports one another and is trying to keep the old town feel."

Even for those with food allergies, taste buds will be in for a real treat at Saratoga Gluten Free Goods, a bakery located just north of the Broad Street/Ferry Street intersection. MaryAnna O'Donnell and her family demonstrate daily that tasty food can be healthy too, and her gluten-free recipes ensure that



The CSSC volunteer Ambassadors joined the author for a recent visit to award-winning Clark's Steakhouse, holding up the menus to show their enthusiasm. Read one and you'll see why!

most people can enjoy the delights served up fresh from the oven.

Looking for provisions for the galley? Byron's Village Market is the only family-owned grocery store in the area, a throwback to the old-fashioned general store with hardware, sundries, and other household items in addition to the usual groceries. Owner Byron Peregrim has been a fixture in the Schuylerville and Cambridge communities for decades, and customers have been very loyal despite encroachment of chain stores into the area. Byron's has excellent values, great selection, and some local produce/products on its shelves.

Another locally owned market is along Route 29 heading west towards Saratoga. Old Saratoga Mercantile has a growing lineup of locally sourced products, and some very interesting creations (where else can you find quinoa or sorghum flour, for instance), fresh meats and produce, and organic beauty products. Owner Christina Myers says things are going great at the store, and an official grand opening/ribbon cutting celebration is planned for 11:30 October 8 featuring Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner and the staff and volunteer Ambassadors of the Chamber of Southern Saratoga County (CSSC).

Want to pick your own apples? Saratoga Apple is just outside of town and their 2017 U-pick season stretches from early September to the beginning of November. Just purchase a prepaid bag and head on out to the orchard. There is also a farm store with local produce, apples, cider and other goodies, and an awesome on-premises NYS Craft Beer & Hard Cider tasting room!! The comfortable seating space allows a nice spot to relax, and don't forget to bring your growler to take some home!



Tasty sandwiches like these await visitors to Sweeney's, and Chef Courtney makes sure nobody leaves hungry!

While returning to the Yacht Basin, stop at The Way – a gently used clothing store. The Schuylerville United Methodist Church operates the store to raise money for the needy in the community, and the clothing on the racks represents a real bargain for shoppers. Sometimes the garments even have the tags on! The Way is also a supporter of local community groups as well as the CSSC.

More information on these and other interesting Schuylerville businesses is available at either HYPERLINK "<http://www.southernsaratoga.org>" www.southernsaratoga.org (CSSC web site) or the Schuylerville Area Chamber of Commerce site at HYPERLINK "<http://www.schuylervillechamber.com>" www.schuylervillechamber.com.



<Left: Some of the locally-sourced and unique products available at Old Saratoga Mercantile – fresh vegetables, honey and maple syrup!

Old Saratoga Eatery, on Broad Street, promises some great dining in an intimate, small-town setting.