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Jaryn Ashe of Argyle studies over-the-counter flu remedies Monday as she holds her sick 2-year-old daughter, Quinn. She appreciates the Argyle Dollar General because she would otherwise have had to spend half an hour driving to and from a store in Hudson Falls to get medication.

Dollar General: Hated and embraced

Area residents have strong opinions on fast-growing chain

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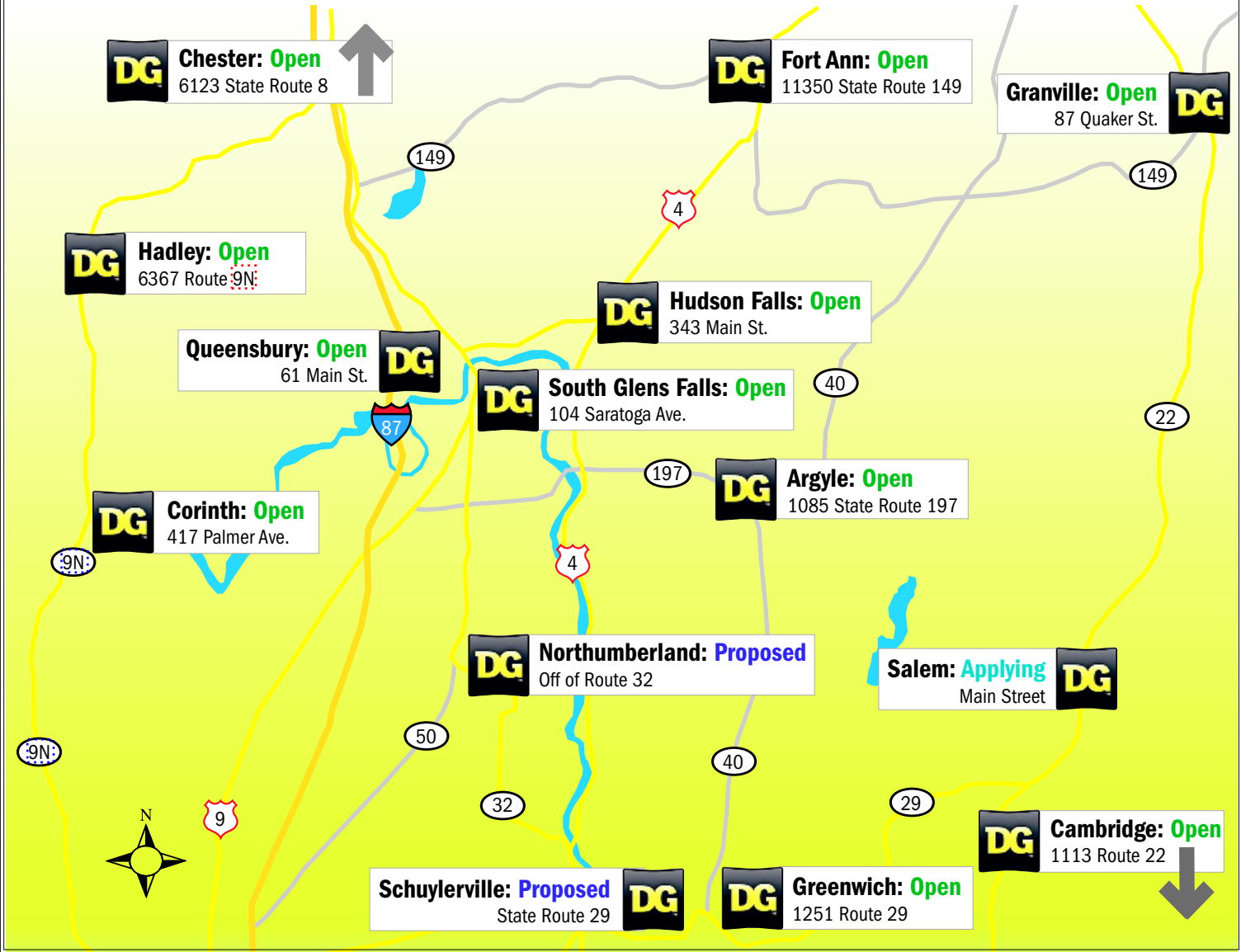
Call it love at second sight. As Dollar General has expanded into small towns throughout the region, it has

encountered opposition nearly everywhere. Residents complain that they want mom-and-pop stores more suitable to the small-town atmosphere. And many say they hate the idea of a dollar store full of cheap, plastic things from China. But some staunch opponents have thawed after a Dollar General opened in their town. “Yeah, I was one of them,” said

resident Danielle Sill of Argyle, thinking back to her town’s opposition effort a year ago. She thought it would be a “cheap” place, full of useless things that she would, at best, enjoy laughing at if she set foot in the store. But now she’s there weekly, she said. “It’s actually really nice. It’s actually really organized,” she said. Recently, she’s been there

to buy brand-name candy for a friend’s birthday and to pick out a nice Valentine’s Day card for her mother, as well as the traditional box of chocolates. In other words: The store has all the normal things she would have bought elsewhere. Others have also embraced it because it has everything they need, closer to home.

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Business leaders OK with two-way trade agreement

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The region’s economic development strategy for the past two decades has focused on taking advantage of increased trans-continental trade as a result of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Economic development officials promoted communities along the Northway and the Canadian Pacific rail line as ideal locations for manufacturing and warehouse operations along a north-south shipping route. President Donald Trump’s intention to renegotiate NAFTA, the trade agreement between the United States, Canada and Mexico that went into effect in 1994, has brought uncertainty in that strategy. “Certainly over the last several months, those of us who understand the crucial importance of the U.S.-Canadian economic partnership have had very good reason to be concerned on a bipartisan basis about this

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