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Carmella Hoffman is dedicated to her family, friends and community, which is evident in everything she does. Ms. Hoffman produces some of New York State's finest artisan cheese as the owner and operator of Sunset View Creamery in Odessa.

Ms. Hoffman and her husband, Ron, operate the 415-acre Hoffman Dairy in Schuyler County. The Hoffman family first settled on this Finger Lakes farm in 1905, and since 2004, Ms. Hoffman has built the farm's Sunset View Creamery from the ground up.

The farm and creamery are currently operated by the fourth and fifth generation Hoffmans, with the sixth generation currently learning the ropes of farming and cheese making! The farm milks approximately 50 to 60 cows every day, and no hormones or antibiotics are used in their milk or cheese production. Approximately 200 to 230 pounds of cheese are made twice a week, an amount expected to increase this year.

Ms. Hoffman serves as the Town Clerk/Collector and Court Clerk for the Town of Catharine, further distinguishing herself through professional excellence and continuing her lifelong commitment to civic and community service. She selflessly devotes her time and leadership to numerous groups, causes and organizations, including the Odessa Fire Department, Schuyler County Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Watkins Glen Area Chamber of Commerce, Girl Scouts and 4-H. She has contributed greatly to the quality of life in the greater Schuyler County community and has received numerous community, civic and business awards and honors for her dedicated service.

Ms. Hoffman remains a driving force behind the Finger Lakes Cheese Alliance, with Hoffman Dairy serving as the host farm for one of the Finger Lakes region's most anticipated events – the annual Finger Lakes Cheese Festival!