



# Barry Ballard & Family

## COVER STORY

By Jenna Caputo | Photos by Super Source Media and the Ballard Family

Barry Ballard's life seemed to start falling into place for him at a very young age. Growing up on a small farm next to the Saratoga Battlefield in Schuylerville, NY, Barry started driving the tractors by around eight years old. His father originally owned an excavation business, then later switched and started building houses.

Barry spent many hours growing up helping his father and learning what would eventually be his own business as well.

When he was about 12 years old, his cousin brought her best friend, Kate, over to visit, and it was love at first sight. Barry ended up taking Kate to his prom and then eventually to the altar when they married. Kate is now a speech-language pathologist at the

Ballston Spa School District.

Barry first took a job as a pool installer before working with J&J Service out of Cohoes, providing soda machines for local McDonald's restaurants. In 2011, he decided to go back to his roots and start his own business – Ballard and Son Construction, Inc. Specializing in egress windows, he also pours concrete patios and sidewalks as well



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as excavation work. He loves how this business has helped him meet new people and allowed him to assist them with their projects and dream visions

for their homes. He is also a member of the Capital Region Builders and Remodelers Association.

After they married, Barry and Kate moved to Clifton Park to raise their family in a good spot that was also located between both of their extended families. Their family now includes their three children – Talia (14), Stella (5) and Clayton (3), as well as their dog, Willow, and cat, Gracie. Stella and Clayton enjoy being involved with gymnastics at Spendwood Gymnastics in Cohoes, and Talia spends her time cheering both for Shenendehoah and Cheer Intensity in Albany.

Barry loves to keep busy. “My wife says I can’t just sit and do nothing. I have to stay busy. I try and do something seven days a week – even around the house.” He loves going to the area parks with his kids and also enjoys spending time at museums and antique shopping. His most recent

excursion was to the Henry Ford Greenfield Village in Dearborn, MI.

For 2019, they are looking forward to time spent together camping, motorcycle riding and taking a trip to Disney. Professionally, Barry is excited to grow his business and be able to help more residents in the Capital Region improve their homes throughout the upcoming years.

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