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News items

Ira Effron to chair Riverside Bank Board

(Oct. 26) - Ira Effron, President of EFCO Products, Inc., was recently appointed to Chairman of the Board of Directors of Riverside Bank. Effron, a founding director of Riverside Bank in 1988 and former Vice Chairman, replaces Ralph V. Ellis, President of Ralph V. Ellis Inc., who recently retired from the Board.

Mr. Effron, who has been very active in the community, has been a past trustee of Dutchess Day School, Temple Beth El, and the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County. He is a past Vice President and board member of Dutchess Golf & Country Club, a board member of the Nation of Flour Distributors, and Secretary and board member of the National Bakery Suppliers Association. He is also Chairman and board member of the Community Foundation of Dutchess County, a trustee of Vassar Medical Center and former secretary to the board. He also served on the board of the Jewish Community Center and is currently on the Board of the American Heart Association, Dutchess-Ulster. At Riverside Bank, he is Chairman of the Executive Committee, Directors Nomination Committee, Loan Committee and is Chairman of the Asset & Liability Committee.

Honors include the Americanism Award from the Anti-Defamation League, the Presidents Award from Marist College, the 2004 Heart Ball Honoree from the American Heart Association and 2005 Family of the Year from Family Services.

Ira is a graduate of the University of Vermont where he played on the football team. He was an assistant coach at Marist College and was a founding board member of Pop Warner Football of the Hudson Valley.

Ira resides in Lagrangeville, with his wife Dana.

Sullivan County Partnership Broadens Scope of Services

Creates two new positions

Monticello (Oct. 24) – The Sullivan County Partnership for Economic Development is pleased to announce an expansion of their staff through the creation of two key positions. With the goals of upgrading its management and supporting Sullivan County's small businesses while continuing to market Sullivan County, the Partnership has hired Steve Wilkinson as Director of Small Business Services and Lori Rubinstein as Director of Communications.

Through his three years of experience developing Main Streets in Livingston Manor as the ground for the Livingston Manor Development Corporation and President of the Livingston Manor Chamber of Commerce, Steve has developed a keen understanding of the small business environment in Sullivan County. "Helping new businesses is something I love doing. So many people have great ideas and concepts. Most of our entrepreneurs need help grounding those dreams into the reality of the Sullivan County business community. They benefit from guidance, planning and research. I can't wait to begin working with such a talented and professional organization," stated Wilkinson.

Ms. Rubinstein-Fleck brings more than 15 years of creativity and public relations work to the table. She is a Public Relations Chair and Board Member of the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce; Secretary of the Wurtsboro Board of Trade; current President of Wurtsboro Renaissance and has taken the lead in developing and implementing upcoming plans for workshops on community planning, visioning and economic development.

Ms. Rubinstein-Fleck will be responsible for internal and external public relations and communications.

"We have begun to put together a professional team of experienced economic development professionals. Steve Baez, President and CEO of the Partnership.

Chazen employees donate to Katrina Relief

Poughkeepsie (Oct. 24) – The Chazen Companies (Chazen) proudly announces that The America's Katrina Relief Fund will now have an additional \$10,065 to help the victims of the Hurricane Katrina. Chazen employees raised the money from personal contributions.

According to Rick Hayes, Chief Operating Officer of The Chazen Companies, "It is just another instance of being impressed and touched by the caring fabric of this company, and proud to be a part of it"

The Chazen Companies portfolio of services spans Engineering, Surveying, Environmental, Planning and Landscape Architecture along with numerous inter-disciplinary services.

More information may be obtained from Rick Hayes at (845) 454-3980.

Three Sullivan County title agencies join forces

Have eye toward service enhancement and technology investment

Monticello (Oct. 17) - Three local title agencies, Tremper-Hiatt Abstract, Southern Tier Abstract and Southern Tier Title Agency have joined forces in a new business venture known as Southern Tier Title Agency, with a stated goal of providing unparalleled customer service and incorporating cutting edge technology in the delivery of title and insurance services.

In forming this new company, the principals of Southern Tier Title intend to create a sophisticated business model that will streamline title and abstracting services and provide for future

expansion possibilities in the region. Not unlike the mortgage and real estate industries, the advancement of electronic document processing and storage, coupled with the increased speed of transmission via broadband internet connections, has created a dynamic which handicaps smaller operations that cannot invest in the latest technology. This consolidation will create an agency of sufficient size for implementation of new technologies that will enhance the prospects of the title industry remaining locally owned and operated, as opposed to being a national branch office of a business run from outside of Sullivan County.



Architect's rendering of new headquarters

The new agency's senior management includes Susan Tremper, Scott Sparling and Monis Brahma Tremper, the Agency's President & COO, has 25 years of hands on experience in the title industry 5 years as an independent searcher, Ms. Tremper formed Tremper Hiatt Abstract Corp. in 1986 and reorganized it into one of the most successful title insurance firms in the area.

The Company plans to construct a 7,000 plus square foot headquarters in the Village of Monticello and expects to be resident in its new headquarters by the summer of 2006.

Joseph J. Ranni, Esq. joins Jacobowitz & Gubits, LLP *Special Employment Counsel to the Litigation team*

(Oct. 17) - J & G's Managing Partner, Howard Protter comments, "Over the years J & G has come to know and respect Joe as an attorney and person. To have him part of our team is an important milestone for both Joseph and our firm."

Joe Ranni was a sole practitioner with offices in Goshen and New York City. His primary practice has been dedicated to prosecuting and defending employment discrimination, sexual harassment, Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), civil rights, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), NYSE/NASD matters. He also handles corporate human resource policies, employment contracts as well as preparation or review of severance agreements. Mr. Ranni also litigates insurance, personal injury and disability matters.

Mr. Ranni is a 1984 graduate of the State University of New York at Albany where he obtained his Bachelor's degree in both Economics and Political Science. He received his Juris Doctor Degree in 1987 from Brooklyn College and was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1987. He is also admitted to practice law in the State of New Jersey (1999) and New Jersey (2000).

Starkman, Wolinsky participate in national forums

(Oct. 17) - Mark Starkman, Esq. served on a panel in a national video broadcast series on "American Health Care Crisis: a Tax and Legal Perspective", a continuing professional education series for attorneys and other professionals sponsored by Edward Jones Investments.

Mr. Starkman was invited to participate because of his strong healthcare background as a past Health Care Administrator and current Health Law Practitioner at the law firm of Jacobowitz & Gubits, LLP.

The forum was focused on the new healthcare laws and how they affect small and medium size businesses. It helped shed light on the interrelationship between the national system of Medicare and state Medicaid. Specifically, physicians and other health care professionals face a daunting array of legal liabilities regarding referral relationships, joint ventures, false claims and medical necessity.

Larry Wolinsky was a speaker for the National Business Institute on Land Use Development laws in the State of New York.

Mr. Wolinsky received the highest ratings from attendees on his presentation which discussed Land Use through Subdivision, Annexation, and Zoning laws in New York. The National Business Institute is a Legal Education Provider. Mr. Wolinsky is a frequent lecturer for the Bar Association and other business organizations.

Official groundbreaking for RSB's new location

Kingston (Oct. 17) - An official groundbreaking has taken place for Rhinebeck Savings Bank's new Kingston branch. The Bank will be renovating the interior and exterior of the 27 Main Street building, originally constructed in 1840 as a residence. "We understand how important it is to remain true to the integrity of the building and the area and are working closely with the Historic Landmark Preservation Commission and the Historic Landmark Preservation Commission." says Rosemary Bertelle, Vice President of Marketing for the Bank. Rhinebeck Savings Bank was presented with the Preservation Award in 2004 by the Rhinebeck Historical Society for maintaining historic detail for the renovations of their Rhinebeck branch.

The opening of the Kingston branch will be the first presence the Bank will have in the Kingston and Dutchess County areas. "We are very excited about our move to Kingston," announces the Bank's President and CEO, John Quinn. "Site preparation is now underway and we feel we are well on schedule to complete the renovation by mid-November opening." Upon completion, the 4,500+ square foot branch will offer a full range of services including checking, savings, consumer and commercial lending, and merchant services.

This will be the seventh branch for the Bank, with plans for another to open in East Fishkill in 2006.

Headquartered in Poughkeepsie, Rhinebeck Savings currently has branches in Rhinebeck, Red Hook, and Park, as well as three in Poughkeepsie.

Regional Economic Development and Government Links

The Chamber of Commerce of Orange County, Inc.:
<http://www.orangenyc.com>

City of Beacon:
<http://www.cityofbeacon.org>

City of Newburgh:
<http://www.newburgh-ny.com>

City of Port Jervis:
<http://www.portjervisny.org>

Council of Industry:
<http://www.councilofindustry.org>

Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation:
<http://www.dcedc.com>

Dutchess County Government:

<http://www.dutchessny.gov>

Empire State Development:
<http://www.empire.state.ny.us>

Greene County:
<http://www.greene-ny.com>

**Hudson Valley International
Trade Association, Inc.:**
www.hvita.org

**Hudson Valley Materials Exchange
Community Warehouse**
www.hvmaterialsexchange.com

**Hudson Valley World Trade Center
at Stewart New York International
Airport:**
<http://www.hvwtc.org>

Mid-Hudson Pattern for Progress:
<http://www.pattern-for-progress.org>

**Mid-Hudson Regional Information
Center:**
<http://www.mhric.org>

Orange County Government:
<http://www.co.orange.ny.us>

Orange County Partnership:
<http://www.ocpartnership.org>

Orange County Citizens' Foundation
<http://www.occf-ny.org>

**Putnam Economic Development
Corporation:**
<http://www.putnamedc.org>

Putnam County Government:
<http://www.putnamcountyny.com>

Rockland Business Association
www.rocklandbusiness.org

**Rockland Economic Development
Corporation**
www.redc.org

Sullivan County Government:
<http://co.sullivan.ny.us>

**Ulster County Development
Corporation:**
<http://www.ulsterny.com>

Ulster County Government:
<http://www.co.ulster.ny.us>

Ulster County Workforce Development System
<http://www.wdsny.org/ulster/relalink.htm>

Westchester County Government:
<http://www.westchestergov.com>

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