

## Lanza's hopes to run on GOP line denied at appeals hearing

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A State Supreme Court Judge Thursday ruled against an appeal from local attorney Salvatore Lanza to validate his petition for the GOP line in the race for Oswego County district attorney.

In his decision, Supreme Court Justice Norman Seiter Jr. said he would not overturn a determination made by Oswego County Board of Elections commissioners William Scriber and Donald Wart, which affirmed that close to 800 signatures on Lanza's petition were invalid.

Petitions must contain at least 1,000 signatures in order to be deemed valid. Both Scriber's and Wart's decision, made last week, left Lanza with 944 and 905 valid signatures, respectively.

Lanza said he will forego further appeals within the state court system due to time constraints and will instead proceed to the federal court level.

"My slot at the state level would be very difficult," said Lanza.

However, Lanza is optimistic that a federal court would rule in his favor to overturn a set of signatures considered invalid due to a location discrepancy. In their separate decisions, Scriber and Wart ruled that 116 and 118 signatures, respectively, were invalid because the individuals wrote down their mailing address rather than the exact town or city in which they reside. By state law, this would make the signatures invalid. Yet, the federal case *Molinari v. Powers* has previously ruled that the town/city matter deprives people of their constitutional rights.

"I've chosen to proceed to federal court because of the federal court case that says requirement of listing a town or city on a petition is unconstitutional," said Lanza.

Although he ruled against him, citing the state law that confirms the town/city point, Scriber urged Lanza in his decision to appeal. "Mr. Lanza should take us to federal court and have this overturned," he said, noting that the town/city law was originally intended to find a voter's loca-

tion before election boards switched over to computerized systems.

Currently, Lanza is running on the conservative ticket, but said he would rather run on the Republican line since he is a registered Republican.

Either way, incumbent District Attorney Donald Dodd, who was unavailable for comment Friday afternoon, said last week that he would appeal Lanza's conservative petition as well since he believes many of the signatures are invalid. Other than the town/city issue, Dodd said that some signatures are written from people in differing party affiliations and that multiple signatures seem to be signed by one person, or at least appear to be in the same penmanship.

Lanza hopes he will be able to challenge Dodd on the Republican line as the Sept. 18 primary approaches. "People should have a choice," said Lanza. "This is what it's all about; making a voter a franchised voter, not a disenfranchised voter."

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### Reunion planned

From left are Col. Frank Payton, Capt. Corinne Hayes, and Maj. George Payton. The Paytons, along with their brother Lt. Col. Ernest Payton, will be returning to Oswego Sept. 22 and 23 for a special reunion event the Oswego Salvation Army is hosting entitled, "I'm so Glad I'm Part of the Family of God." For more on this and other religion news, turn to page 9A.

### 'Crossing the River' meeting

The Greater Oswego-Fulton Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a "Crossing the River" meeting from 7-8:30 p.m. Aug. 29 at the Oswego Armory.

All Oswego businesses are invited to attend.

The chamber asks that everyone bring ideas and concerns in order to brainstorm to help all who will be affected by the bridge closure in 2008.

For more information, contact the chamber at 343-7681.

### Some meetings

- The Hannibal Central School board of education will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at the high school board room.

- A representative from Congressman John M. McHugh's office will be available from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday to meet individually with area constituents who wish to discuss any issue or problem involving the federal government. The meetings will be held in the Oswego County Office Building/Legislative Chambers, 185 E. Seneca St.

Contact the county clerk at 349-8385 for further information.

- A special meeting of Fulton's Fire and Police Commission will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the mayor's conference of the Municipal Building, 141 S. First St., Fulton.

- The Auburn/Cayuga Community College Alumni Association will hold its annual meeting at 7 p.m., Sept. 11, in the faculty/staff dining room at the Auburn campus.

## Kingsford House kicks up interest in famed architect

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You have probably driven by it. You may have walked by it. The house at 40 W. Oneida St. may simply look like a large, old home. But behind those doors lies a world rich in the history and culture of an Oswego gone by.

The home is the Kingsford House, which was built for the infamous Kingsford family, where the patriarch, Thomas Kingsford, invented a way of better refining corn starch. The current owners of the house, the Soogrees, recently put the Kingsford House on the market. The house is listed with Realty World. According to Lauren Comerford, owner and broker of Realty World, she ran an ad for the Kingsford House in a Rochester newspaper.

This advertisement sparked interest in a former art teacher from Rochester and a professor of design from Philadelphia. They both traveled to Oswego to see the house. Carolyn Swanton and Dr. Eugenia Victoria Ellis are intrigued by the Kingsford House because they both have a vested interest in Claude Bragdon, the architect who designed and built the home.

The pair is currently working on a book about Bragdon. According to Ellis, the main focus of the book will be about the architectural theory behind Bragdon's buildings. Swanton has written a biography on Bragdon and also teaches a course on him once a year at the Rochester Museum and Science Center. Swanton will provide the oral his-

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Carolyn Swanton of Rochester, left, and Dr. Eugenia Victoria Ellis of Philadelphia stand outside the Kingsford House. The women are writing a book on Claude Bragdon, the architect who built the house.

## Local residents announce candidacy for public office

### County Legislature — 22nd District, Fulton

James L. Karasek has announced that he will run for the Oswego County Legislature for Fulton and part of Granby.

Karasek is a member of the Republican party and has lived in the 22nd district for the past 19 years. Karasek is a native of Iowa and is familiar with politics. "I grew up in the Iowa caucus system and strongly believe the voice of votes carry weight," said Karasek.

Karasek currently works for Penn Traffic as the accounts payable manager and also manages the company's research team for accounting. Before Penn Traffic, Karasek has worked opening Payless Shoe stores, served as a highway program coordinator and also was the district supervisor for the Rescue Mission Alliance of Syracuse (for two

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### County Legislature — 23rd District, Granby

Morris Sorbello announced that he will seek election to the Oswego County Legislature in District 23, which encompasses the Town of Granby. Sorbello, a Republican, is an Oswego County native who currently resides on County Route 14 with his wife Barbara.

A former legislator, Sorbello has served as chairman of the legislator and has been a member of many of the legislature's standing committees. One of Sorbello's greatest accomplishments was leading the legislature in the tough decision-making that led to the financial recovery of county government. Those decisions resulted in the property tax reductions that have been achieved to date.

Sorbello owns and operates Sorbello and Sons, Inc., a family

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### City of Oswego — 6th Ward alderman

William H. Sharkey has announced his candidacy for 6th Ward Alderman in the City of Oswego. He has been endorsed by both the Republican and Conservative Parties.

Sharkey, 47, is a lifelong resident of Oswego. He has been employed as a grocery manager at the Oswego P&C Foods for 27 years. He is a member of UFCW Local 1 as well as a member of the city's Republican Committee.

Sharkey feels that if elected he will be an asset to the 6th Ward and the City of Oswego with his dedication, accessibility, strong work ethic and many years of experience in business.

Among his many goals for office are improving the financial state of the city, quality of life and economic development to ensure a promising future for Oswego.

### Highway Super. — Town of New Haven

Brian J. Stevens has announced his candidacy for the Republican candidate for the Town of New Haven, highway superintendent

As a lifetime resident of the New Haven community, he has deep respect for "our" town's elected officials. When elected, the right people can insure a strong and prosperous community. He has no conflicts of interest which might limit or detract from his ability to perform the job of highway superintendent of New Haven. He will come into the office with a fresh and positive attitude with realistic expectations for his goals.

He graduated from MACS in 1974. During that time (1973-1974) he attended and graduated from Oswego County BOCES in the machine-trade course. He has

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