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**Lenten luncheons**  
The Church of the Resurrection kitchen staff is busy preparing for the Wednesday Lenten lunches to be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays from Feb. 28 to March 28 at the church, 120 W. Fifth St. in Oswego. Takeouts will be available. Phone 343-3501 to order or for additional information.

## Get ready for high school

Oswego High School (OHS) is hosting an eighth-grade parent-student program that will allow Oswego Middle School students and parents to become more aware of the opportunities that are available. The first session was held Monday. The sessions will provide an opportunity for incoming ninth-graders to meet the principal and counselor. Information will be provided on graduation requirements, course offerings and school policies. Parents and students can also ask questions, tour the school and choose courses (child must be present).

The following sessions are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. in the OHS Ralph M. Faust Theatre for the Performing Arts: House 2 — (Fo-OI last names), today; and House 3 — (OM-Zi last names), Wednesday.

## Meet your Assemblyman

Assemblyman Bob Oaks will be holding office hours beginning at 3:30 p.m. March 8 in Oswego County at the Minetto Town Hall, 6 Community Drive. To ensure an office hour meeting, call Oaks' district office to schedule an appointment at 946-5166.

The Minetto Town Hall is accessible to people with disabilities.

## Photography class begins Wednesday

Mark Knopp, photographer for *The Valley News*, will give classes in film and digital photography techniques and basics, starting Wednesday for six successive Wednesdays at the Hannibal Free Library, Oswego Street, Hannibal. Classes run from 6-8 p.m. There is a small fee.

The first week's class will be about the basics. Registrants should bring their cameras and user's manuals.

Potential subjects might include (but are not limited to) the photography of nature, scenery, sports, and nighttime views; working with people; choosing equipment; creating portfolios; and using corrective techniques. Participants will pick the topics to be discussed, with an emphasis on learning by doing.

For questions, call Knopp at 564-6962, or register by calling the library at 564-5471.

## Council makes city's nuisance law 'more logical'

By COLIN KENNEDY  
Staff Writer

The Oswego City Common Council Monday approved a resolution by a vote of 7-0 that will amend the city's Nuisance Abatement Ordinance on the basis that it "makes it more logical," according to Oswego City Police Chief Michael Dehm.

The ordinance is a tool used by city authorities to force property owners to keep their properties clean and under control.

Under the new language, property owners will be assessed six points for felony charges, four points for a misdemeanor, and three points for a violation. Perpetrators will be notified, and possibly fined, if accumulations total 12 or more

points within a 6-month period, or 18 or more points within a 12-month period.

With the amendments, the chief of police or his or her designee is given discretion when determining whether points should be awarded. The law will not apply to any federal, state or local government buildings, schools, or health care facilities. Also, it states that when more

than one violation occurs during a single incident, the total number of points awarded shall be equal to the violation with the highest point value.

"We've had incidents where a party has had several noise complaints and we don't even have time to notify them of one before we

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Harrison Wilde photos  
Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton stands with Permolux president Doug MacKenzie, center, and Oswego County Legislature chairman Russ Johnson during a visit to the Northeast Biofuels plant in Volney Monday. Before going to Volney she greeted people at Caroline's Airport Diner. Below, at left, she says hello to 10-year-old Maureen McCann of Fulton. Below right, she discusses policy with the Rev. David Nethercott of Fulton's First United Church.



## Hillary campaign touches down here

By ADELE DELSAVIO

Staff Writer

Senator Hillary Clinton swung through Oswego County Monday afternoon, meeting with local leaders and constituents at the Oswego County Airport and at Volney's almost-finished Northeast Biofuels ethanol plant.

She shook hands, greeted children, and signed copies of her book, "Living History," at Caroline's Airport Diner, then announced new energy legislation at Northeast Biofuels.

Rev. David Nethercott, pastor of First United Church in Fulton, went to the diner to greet Clinton.

He said he supports her presidential candidacy because he believes she'd provide "continuity" with the policies of her husband Bill's administration.

"The last six years were very disappointing. My son is potentially going to Iraq and that heightens my interest," he said.

Nethercott's son, Joel, is a Marine stationed in North Carolina.

"It's frustrating to see how difficult it is to get President Bush to look at the war the way everybody else does," he said.

Hillary and Bill Clinton, both Democrats, advocate withdrawing troops from Iraq.

### FEMA assessment

Clinton joked with the crowd about the area's recent heavy snowfall. "I'm glad to see you all dug

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## And then there was one ...

County Legislature focuses in on search for new county administrator

By SARAH McCROBIE

Staff Writer

Members of the Oswego County Legislature have spent months sifting through applications for the county administrator position and now, just one applicant remains for consideration.

The position has been vacant since Steve Lyman left the office Jan. 1 after working as county administrator for nearly four years.

Legislature Chairman Russ Johnson said Monday that the search committee, made up of himself and legislators Mike Kunzwiler, D-Oswego; Greg Osetek, R-Oswego; Daniel Chalifoux, R-Minetto; Barry Leemann, R-

Amboy; and Jack Proud, R-Mexico, has narrowed its choice to "one person in particular."

Members of the search committee cited confidentiality reasons for not releasing the identity of the candidate. However, one of the names that has been circulating as being the finalist is James Marquette, a county administrator in Poughkeepsie. When reached at his home

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— Legislature Chairman Russ Johnson

Monday afternoon, Marquette would not discuss the issue. "It's a personnel matter. I'm not going to answer," he said.

While the identity of the finalist remains quiet, Johnson did say that the potential future administrator has excellent credentials. "The candidate is certainly qualified," Johnson said. "We want to put qualified individuals in the positions for government offices, and this candidate is very capable."

The search committee will announce the finalist during a March Finance and Personnel Legislature Committee meeting, Johnson said. After committee approval, the full Legislature will vote whether or not to approve the selection.

## Scriba Town Board accepts bid for trash collection service

By PATRICK D. STELLA

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Although the contract for trash pick up between the Town of Scriba and Butler Disposal had expired at the end of 2006, the trash was still being picked up. At Wednesday's Scriba Town Board meeting, after rejecting the original 2007 contract bid from Butler, the town passed a resolution to accept the revised bid.

In 2005 the town accepted a two-

year contract with Butler for approximately \$186,000 per year. At the beginning of this year the town board was shocked to receive a bid from Butler for \$231,900. The Butler bid was the only one received by the town.

"The amount is more than we had budgeted for," said Scriba Town Board member Brian Koehler.

The board rejected the bid in hopes of attracting a lower bid and possibly other bidders. This week

Scriba Town Board Supervisor Kenneth Burdick reported that Butler's bid was the sole bid and that the re-bid cost had gone down minimally to \$218,180 for one year.

"We have one bid and there we are," said Burdick. "We are not going to send it out a third time. It is what it is."

Town board member Norma Canale said, "I guess I will accept it under duress."

The board passed the resolution

to accept the bid for a one-year contract.

The board also passed a resolution to join in with many local legislators and organizations to oppose the state's proposed closure of A. L. Lee Memorial Hospital in Fulton. The Berger Commission report released late last year made recommendations across the state including the closure of Lee Memorial's

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**Iraqi VP narrowly escapes assassination**  
BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq's Shiite vice president narrowly escaped assassination Monday as a blast ripped through a government meeting hall just hours after it was searched by U.S. teams with bomb-sniffing dogs. At least 10 people were killed.

Adel Abdul-Mahdi was slightly wounded in the explosion, which splintered chairs, destroyed a speakers' podium and sent a chilling message that suspected Sunni militants can strike anywhere despite a major security crackdown across Baghdad.

**Cheney warns of al-Qaida regrouping**  
ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Underscoring growing alarm in the West at how militants have regained ground in Afghanistan and Pakistan, Vice President Dick Cheney on Monday sought Pakistani aid to help counter al-Qaida's efforts to regroup, officials said.

However, President Gen. Pervez Musharraf insisted his forces have already "done the maximum" possible against extremists in their territory — and insisted that other allies also shoulder responsibility in the U.S.-led war on terrorism.

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