

Dan Ladd's good fishin' ▶ 35  
Readers' letters ▶ 7-9

# The Chronicle

Northern New York's Leading Newspaper • Down to earth and growing • Vol. 30, No. 1329 • April 8-14, 2010

**Free**  
Circulation  
**28,000**  
© Copyright 2010 The Chronicle  
Phone: 518-792-1126

**Health & Fitness**  
next week!



## Stewart's & Time-Warner create in-house TV network

Above, a high-definition screen installed at the Lake George Stewart's. The chain expects to install TVs in all its shops. It will broadcast Time Warner's YNN (Your News Now), with Stewart's having 15 minutes itself to utilize each hour.

*Chronicle photo/Mark Frost*

## The Republican challenger vs. Scott Murphy

By Mark Frost  
Chronicle Editor

Mark Westcott of Queensbury called to offer us a meeting with Chris Gibson, the endorsed Republican challenger in November to first-term Democratic Congressman Scott Murphy. We accepted.

At that point Mr. Gibson still faced a contest for the GOP nomination, but his path was cleared when Patrick Ziegler — the choice of the Warren County Republican Committee — dropped out of the race and endorsed Mr. Gibson on March 31.

When Mr. Gibson arrived upstairs at *The Chronicle* office, the first thing he did was go around to each staffer and introduce himself.

When he sat down next to me at the conference table, I noticed that instead of 3 o'clock, his watch said 15.

He's on military time, having retired from the U.S. Army after a 24-year career that his campaign literature says included four combat tours to Iraq, involvement in a counter-drug operation in the American southwest and command of "the 82nd Airborne Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team for the humanitarian relief operation."

We asked a few additional biographical questions. Mr. Gibson said he was born on Long Island and that as a child his family moved to Kinderhook in Columbia County and that he graduated from Ichabod Crane High School. (His campaign flyer notes that he was the point guard and co-captain of the basketball team.)

He said he earned his bachelor's degree at Siena College (his flyer says he graduated magna cum laude) while also earning an ROTC Commission, and that he went on to earn at Cornell University a masters degree in public administration and a PhD in government.

Mr. Gibson said he's 45 and married with three school age children.

### About the newly enacted federal health care legislation...

Our conversation came a few days after the House, including Rep. Murphy, approved the Democrats' health care legislation. I asked Mr. Gibson how he would have voted.

"I would not have voted for it," he said. "I think what we need to do is focus exclusively on costs. And I think we took on way too much. The bill is entirely too complex. I actually think it's going to increase costs, and I also think its going to, in a time of economic slowdown, this bill is going to put us in the wrong direction."

He said health care reform "should focus on three things" — competition across state lines; caps on malpractice liability; and controls on fraud and abuse.

He said, "If we focus on driving down health-care costs, and then you combine it with a strategy of lower taxes and elimination of onerous regulations, now we have a recipe for economic growth, because you have more disposable income for ordinary



*Chronicle photo/Gordon Woodworth*

**A first encounter & detailed conversation with Chris Gibson, running for Congress**

## Stewart's Shops in overdrive

By Mark Frost  
Chronicle Editor

Saratoga-based Stewart's Shops is the region's second biggest private employer (after Price Chopper) — 4,000 employees in 327 stores in New York and Vermont (15 in Warren County, 11 in Washington, 47 in Saratoga) and 2009 sales of \$1.24-billion.

Employees collectively own 36% of the company through an Employee Stock Ownership Plan. The value of that stock increased 9% in 2009, said Stewart's, notwithstanding the recession. "The company also contributed \$11-million to the employee stock ownership plan" in profit-sharing in 2009, said a press release.

Stewart's is the model of "vertical integration," doing everything from sending 40 trucks and a hundred drivers to pick up 100 million gallons of milk from 44 area farms, to making its own ice cream in Greenfield, to hand-scooping it in a

*Please turn to page 6*

*Please turn to page 12*

**ALL STORAGE**  
1st Months Rent FREE!  
Next to Time Warner Cable (Behind East Field Plaza)  
217 Dix Ave., Glens Falls  
792-9290

**NEMER**  
DODGE RAM  
Commercial Truck Sales & Service  
518-793-2571 • nemerdodge.com

**Buying or Selling**  
call Julie Snyder  
Licensed R.E. Salesperson  
RealtyUSA.com  
518-798-0032 ext 133  
63 Quaker Rd., Queensbury

**PANSIES ARE IN!**  
Meads Nursery and Garden Center  
792-6533 • 361 Ridge Rd • Queensbury

COPIERS Keeping you connected  
PRINTERS FAXES  
COLOR  
gfbm.net 793-7761

**YOU KNOW IT'S SPRING**  
When The Shrubs Arrive at  
GARDEN TIME  
Rt. 254, Quaker Rd., Queensbury • 793-8555

**Versatile Sheds**  
Painted Teahouse Gazebo  
Rt. 9, Wilton  
584-7924

THE GEORGIAN  
RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER  
Directly on beautiful Lake George  
2010 Wedding Dates Available  
Legendary Service & Food have become the Trademark of The Georgian  
Contact Jody Woodin (518) 668-5401 ext. 362

THE OLDE POST GRILLE  
EVERY Saturday & Sunday  
Breakfast Buffet 8 AM  
Rt. 9, Lake George at the Outlets

pyrofax energy  
HEATING OIL  
Heating oil Propane Generators Air conditioners  
494-2428 • 668-2035