NEIGHBOR BRIEFS

HISTORY AND MUSIC

HOPEWELL

Fundraising pancake breakfast for basketball

A fundraising pancake breakfast to support St. Mary's Saints Basketball Program will take place from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at Applebee's, 4207 Recreation Drive. Seven teams, from fifth grade to the varsity level, will sell tickets and serve pancakes to raise money to support the CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) Basketball Program at St. Mary's Church.

This year, because of increased enrollment, the program has added a JV and Varsity level to their program.

Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased from any player, at the main office of St. Mary's school, from the office of John Polimeni at 540 South Main St., Canandaigua, or at the door.

VICTOR

New draw lab station opens this week

The Laboratory Department at F.F. Thompson Hospital announce the opening of a new lab draw station in Victor on Friday, Feb. 1.

The new station is located at 6532 Anthony Drive, Suite B, just east of the village of Victor. Services include blood

19th century organ comes back to life



Members of the Parson Organ Builders of Bristol and others at the recital celebrating the arrival of the restored organ and improvements to the Sanitarium Chapel at the Spa Apartments in Clifton Springs. From left, Parsons employees Duane Prill, David Bellows, Joel Morehouse, Peter Geise, with Jonathan Hall, featured organist; Keith Bigger, curator of organs at The New Baptist Temple in Brooklyn; Ethan Fogg, director of community relations and foundation at Clifton Springs Hospital and Clinic; and Matt, Ric Parsons and Tim Parsons of Parsons Organ Builders. LES MOORE/THE SPRINGS INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE CENTER & SPA

drop-off.

Orders from any healthcare provider on any type of requisition are welcome. All samples drawn at the Victor site will be sent to the newly expanded stateof-the-art laboratory at F.F. Thompson Hospital for analysis.

Hours for this new location are: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 7 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

Once open, the draw station can be reached at (585) 924-3199. In the interim, call Thompson's Client Services Manager at (585) 396-6540 for more information or visit www.ThompsonHealth. com for a complete list of the draw stations, hours and locations.

CLIFTON SPRINGS

Networking event with Thompson Health

Thompson Health welcomes candidates experienced in health care to explore career opportunities at a networking event from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, at Warfield's Restaurant, 3 Coulter Lane.

Thompson Health is currently seeking candidates who can bring confidence and compassion to every healthcare experience such as director of rehabilitation services, sleep lab tech. occupational therapist and more.

 For a full listing of job descriptions, requirements, benefits and em-

Big crowd on hand to watch a renowned organist play the instrument in restored chapel at the Spa Apartments in Clifton Springs

By Laurel Wernett messenger@ messengerpostmedia.com

On a recent Friday evening, the Sanitarium Chapel at the Spa Apartments in Clifton Springs was filled with the sounds of a newly restored late 19th century tracker-style pipe organ.

The instrument, rescued in 2012 from near oblivion in a Brooklyn Church, now has a place of honor alongside the chapel's stainedglass windows and its wellknown feature, a mosaic of the Last Supper. That large iridescent artwork, stretching along the wall behind the chapel's altar, was fabricated at the New York studios of Louis Comfort Tiffany. Like the organ, it has now been completely refurbished.

"A two-year labor of love," is how Ethan Fogg, standing in front of the illuminated image of Christ and his apostles, described the floor-to-ceiling improvements to the chapel.

Local artisan John Lord began by restoring six windows stained-glass along the walls before tackling the mosaic, first dedicated in 1902 to memorialize Dr. Henry Foster, the founder of the Clifton Springs Sanitarium Company.

Fogg, the Clifton Springs Hospital foundation director, credited Lord as the people stood on the front first to suggest that the porch of the five-story San-



John Lord works on the Tiffany Mosaic in 2012. The restoration of the mosaic and stained-glass windows (not by Tiffany), as well as other restorations in the chapel, was completed by Lord of Waterloo. The mosaic was purchased by friends of Dr. Henry Foster, founder of Clifton Springs Sanitarium, and installed in the chapel in his honor in 1902. COURTESY CLIFTON SPRINGS HOSPITAL AND CLINIC

Jan. 18 event, a date which Apartments, a senior housprovidentially happened to be the anniversary of Foster's birth 192 years ago.

"It made me realize how historic the chapel was," said Denise Morphy, organist at the First Congregational Church in Canandaigua and a Clifton Springs resident who performed a it back to life. pre-Christmas Concert on December.

She was among the over 160 hospital dignitaries; Clifton Springs residents, employees of Parsons Pipe Organ Builders of Bristol, among others, who gathered for the rededication event. They were reminded by Fogg that in 1972,

ing facility. The building was not the only thing saved.

"The organ (from Brooklyn) survived because it was left alone," explained Ric Parsons, president of Parsons Pipe Organ Builders, the company that brought

Parsons described the orthe organ after it arrived in gan as "the only example we know of this particular builder," a reference to the William & Charles Pilcher Company. "We went to great length to not impose a modern standard," explained the specialist, who said the instrument would sound as it would have in 1901 when it was first played.



Jonathan Hall, a world-renowned organist and an educator from the New York-New Jersey area, plays the newly restored organ with an assist from Denise Morphy, organist at the First Congregational Church in Canandaigua and a Clifton Springs resident. She performed a pre-Christmas Concert on the organ after it arrived in December. By the way, Hall takes his shoes off ó another practice typical of organists ó so it is easier to play the pedal board. LES MOORE/THE SPRINGS INTEGRA-TIVE MEDICINE CENTER & SPA

would lead to this night," said Hall recalling how five years ago Keith Bigger, curator of organs at The New Baptist Temple in Brooklyn, told him about an organ languishing in a small Brooklyn church. Hall first viewed the instrument "hiding behind folding tables, chairs and potted plants."

The guest organist, in a light-hearted pre-recital The main event on Jan. demonstration, performed tal Chaplain, the Rev. Gail

electricity.

The music selected by the organist demonstrated the range of the instrument. Reviews from those present were enthusiastic. The last selection, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," brought the audience to its feet to sing words set to the music of Beethoven.

"I'm excited about the resurgence of this space," said Clifton Springs Hospiployment information, visit www.thompsonhealth.com and click on Career Opportunities.

room could benefit by the itarium, then considered 18 was a much-anticipated the tune, "For He's A Jol- Conners, who oversaw the addition of a pipe organ. out-dated as a medical fa- recital by Jonathan Hall, a ly Good Fellow," while Big- rededication. Conners per-That observation set in mo- cility, to protest its threat- world-renowned organist ger, also present for the forms funerals and serviction the process to locate ened demolition. Two years and an educator from the re-dedication, manually es in a modern chapel-in an appropriate instrument. later the building where New York-New Jersey ar- pumped the handle on the the hospital, but said she The chapel make-over was people once came to rest, ea who researched the or- side of the organ case to would like to see the Spa privately funded and has relax, and bathe in the vil- gan before its restoration show how the instrument Chapel used for more mu-"breathed new life" into lage's highly sulphured by Parsons. could be played as it would sical concerts to draw in the space said Fogg at the water, opened as the Spa "I had no idea that it have been in 1901 before the community.