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Eagle hires new sales director



Matthew Green

Eagle Newspapers, publishers of more than 30 newspapers in the Syracuse and Albany markets, has hired Matthew Green to be its new corporate director of advertising. Green, a native of East Aurora in Western New York, comes to the Eagle team from the Greater Niagara Newspapers, a group of four daily papers with a combined circulation of about 40,000.

"I'm here to help local merchants get the most out of the Eagle Newspapers, and their sister papers in Albany," Green said. "As a newspaper group, we've been around a long time. We're part of the communities we serve. As long as we don't lose sight of that, our future is bright!"

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*Here is a copy of the Marcellus observer with the story in it about the archives.  
Thank you so much for speaking with me about your experience and the process of preserving newspapers.  
As a newspaper person, I personally thank you. There aren't many people in this world who would go to the lengths you have for historic preservation.  
Best - Miranda Pennock*

The Marcellus department game skill with the hose

### 'Kn' Marcellus

By Miranda

Fabric has uses — clothes days, colorful used as works  
On Sept. 5, the gallery will have art hanging in Oswego may exhibit has throughout the has a very local  
"I am intrigued," said Holly Knott. "There are so many things you can buy now that I painted them."  
In 2001, Knott was in a shop looking at a quilt and came across a book about watercolor quilting. She began playing with ideas and, on the Internet, found more resources for contemporary quilting.  
"Sometimes I don't even like to think of it as quilting," she said.  
Knott's contemporary quilt, "The Lafayette Sycamore," will appear in the show along with pieces from artists who hail from areas south of Buffalo to Albany, said the exhibit's guest curator Pat Pauly of Pittsford, a suburb of Rochester.  
The show's theme, "A Personal Landscape: Contemporary Art Quilts," holds different meaning  
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Holly Knott, a Marcellus resident and quilt artist, stands amid her quilted creations at Skaneateles Artisans. Knott's quilt "The Lafayette Sycamore" is part of an exhibit at SUNY Oswego.

## Putting history on the Web

Historian, hobbyist work to preserve news with searchable site

By Miranda L. Pennock

Births, deaths, marriages ... they are just a few of the editorial items that go into each newspaper, daily and weekly publications.

But what about the newspaper records from 50 years ago? Or even 100 ... or 129 like those from the Marcellus Observer's first editions?

Thanks to a little ingenuity and a lot of work, Marcellus historian Hollis Abbott has now helped to preserve those papers for generations to come by providing microfilmed copies of all the papers to FultonHistory.com hobbyist Tom Tryniski.

Tryniski began scanning postcards and newspapers about 11 years ago and putting the work on the Internet, free of charge, as a form of historic preservation. What is a hobby for him though, is an asset to others.

"It's really impressive to see what he has there," Abbott said of the equipment Tryniski uses. "He's done this sort of thing, newspapers, and of course he has post cards from all over. We're anxious to see how this comes out"

The Marcellus Observer's first edition was printed April 17, 1879 — the pages are aged, worn and brittle, but the text is still readable. Abbott and Marcellus Historical Society President Peg Nolan had it stored like each of the other editions at the Steadman House in a gray acid free box to keep the deterioration to a minimum.

Nearly all editions of the Observer have been preserved by the society, first to microfilm then to compact disc.

"We have copies of many of the newspapers and then we have had microfilm done over the years," Abbott said. "We spent

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## COMMUNITY

### AMH News

#### Volunteers receive recognition

Auburn Memorial Hospital has recognized seven volunteers who have anniversaries in August.

"Our volunteers are tireless workers that are totally committed to AMH," said Judy Santillo, Director of Volunteer Services.

The volunteers whose anniversaries were in August are: Patrick Dunn, three years of volunteering in the Surgical and Courier Services

Mary Kelly, four years of volunteering in Surgical Services

Helen Losani, 11 years of volunteering in Pre-Admission Testing;

Shirley Marchitello, three years of volunteering in The Window Shop

Peggy Pease, one year volunteering at the Information Desk and Laboratory

Doxie Sherman, three years of volunteering in Radiology, One-Day Surgery and Medical Records

Vicki Viccaro, six years of volunteering in Surgical Services

AMH also has announced it has five new volunteers.

Suzanne Rossi, Jean Shutter, Diane Webster and Rena Oleksiw are adult volunteers working in the window shop and Carly May is a junior volunteer who is a senior at Southern Cayuga High School, who will be working in Courier/Transport.

To be a volunteer, contact Santillo at 255-7350.

### Archives

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three years ago, several and to have them put on  
the CDs are PC-comple, the microfilmed copies that Tryniski used in order an the papers' contents for Web site. Throughout the ss, he's also run a word recognition program through the ments so users can search papers more easily, an ele-to research that was not able for users searching the of film and CDs.

The Observer is a week a half away from being d. I'm just finishing the recognition," Tryniski ast week. Once the papers online, anyone who wishes ll be able to search more a century's worth of local ves.

all, Tryniski said he has d between 230 and 240 titles newspapers — to the web estimates that by Christmas ill have scanned more than million pages of New York papers.

It's really quite and op-on. He's really done quite " Abbott said.

Nolan said she thinks it's t that Abbott has had the rtunity to have the scan-done. Having the papers he will also help with her research from home. ven for me working on it at e, to have that stuff at your

PHOTOS BY MIRANDA L. PENNOCK

Marcellus historian Hollis Abbott, below, demonstrates how to use the CD archives of the Marcellus Observer. This is the May 29, 1879 edition. The historical society recently lent its microfilmed copies out to be scanned and posted to the Internet.

At right is the first edition of the Marcellus Observer, then known as the Marcellus Weekly Observer, printed April 17, 1879. Along with this paper, the complete archives have been scanned and will be posted to [fultonhistory.com](http://fultonhistory.com) in the coming weeks.



fingertips..." Nolan said. Tryniski said that doing the work is a hobby for him and

since he has his own equipment he offers the service for free. The payment he receives is in seeing

how much people appreciate what he has done. "They'll bend over backwards to have their history preserved," Tryniski said. "If you think about it, I spend a lot of time on this because the people enjoy it. You wouldn't believe the amount of people who email me."

With the operation up on the Internet, Tryniski is able to see what people are looking at in real time and where they are logging on from. There are many hits from overseas, he said.

To view archives of New York newspapers and the Marcellus Observer from 1879 to 2007, log onto [fultonhistory.com](http://fultonhistory.com).