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## Lake George Brewing: New thrust of former Davidson's on Rt. 9, Qby.

By Cathy DeDe

Chronicle Managing Editor

The Lake George Brewing Company will be the new name of the former Davidson's Brewery on Route 9 in Queensbury, south of The Great Escape.

It was purchased last year by Northern Eagle Beverages, an Oneonta beer distributor, which currently uses it to make and bottle Davidson's various ales.

Separately, the original Davidson Brothers Brewery and Pub in downtown Glens Falls — still owned by the Davidson brothers — continues to brew its own beers for on-site consumption.

The Queensbury brewery — next to The Fun Spot — also makes and packages all of the ales marketed by Cooperstown Brewing Company, which Northern Eagle also owns.



Sign of things to come — From the brewery's Facebook site.

Northern Eagle is owned by Lou Hager, who's described as a direct descendant of the Busch family of Anheuser-Busch.

Bob Craven, who is now managing the Queensbury operation, said Northern Eagle plans to invest significant capital here.

He said it will launch a new line of traditional craft beers under the Lake George Brewery name, and will upgrade the tap-tasting room as a tourist destination.

Mr. Craven has 20-plus years in the local microbrew business, much of it with the Saratoga Springs brewery most recently known as Old Saratoga Brewing Company. He was with Schmaltz

Brewery in Clifton Park when Northern Eagle hired him.

### Licensed Davidson's brand

Northern Eagle has licensed the Davidson's Brothers brand, including recipes, logos and distribution, Mr. Craven said. Any bottled or kegged Davidson's product is now made by Northern Eagle in Queensbury, with the Davidson brothers receiving a royalty.

"John and I couldn't be happier with this," Rick Davidson told *The Chronicle*. "It opens a lot of new markets for Davidson beers that we would not have necessarily even sought out. They have a tremendous amount of

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## LG island cabin auction on 2/22 draws interest

By Mark Frost

Chronicle Editor

The Lake George listing went up on the Zillow real estate website Tuesday:

The bold type said: "**14 Mile**

**Is[land]...4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 962 sq ft... For sale by owner \$300,000."**

With that heading, interest was big and instantaneous — including at *The Chronicle*.

Willie Bea McDonald of McDonald Real Estate in Bolton Landing was the first Realtor cited by Zillow to "Get More Information."

We called her. "It got a lot of people's attention," she told us Tuesday afternoon. "We've gotten a number of e-mails."

She said some "people don't read down" and miss significant details. The first paragraph explains "the price showing in this listing is ARBITRARY NUMBER and NOT AN OFFER."

The details announce there will be an "!!!!AUCTION!!!! 2/22/17" .... "at 10:00 am at the front entrance of the Warren County Municipal

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**14 Mile Island camp: Zillow listing said \$300,000! But read the details**

## Gordon's complaint: No guideline for the \$10-million

By Gordon Woodworth

Chronicle News Editor

It's great that Glens Falls is getting \$10-million — \$9.7-million, actually — to revitalize downtown. Kudos again to Ed Bartholomew. But I'm amazed at the flawed process the City has to go

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### West Mountain peaking ▶ 31

Sunday's biggest storm of the season was "a game changer" for the Queensbury ski mountain, said Spencer Montgomery.

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