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#### Mikado builds buzz at new spot

**By Cathy DeDe** 

**Chronicle Managing Editor** 

The Mikado has garnered substantial early buzz since it finally moved on October 5 from its longtime South Street location to Glen Street at the center of downtown Glens Falls.

"It's been really good," says owner Danny Chang. "No complaints. We're pretty busy."

He said they've increased from 10 to 30 employees, including

one new kitchen chef from New York City, and two hibachi chefs.

They went from 70 to 160 seats, including a 15-seat bar where food is also served. In warm weather, they plan to open the garage door-style front windows and add streetside seating.

Mr. Chang said they've been averaging 100-plus dinners on weekdays, and 250-300 on the

weekends, not counting lunch.
They are open seven days,
weekdays to about 9 p.m.
and weekends until about 10,
depending on customers. They
serve lunch daily except Sunday.

"After Thanksgiving until Christmas is usually a tough time for restaurants but we've been doing pretty steady," Mr. Chang said in December. "So far it's been better than we thought.

"It wasn't easy at first but now we've got it going pretty good. It's only been a couple months. I'm looking at six months for everything to settle and run the way I want it to." He said they're still familiarizing new staff with the menu, getting used to running the bar and an expanded restaurant, and working out service.

"We've changed pretty much everything," Mr. Chang says, after 20 years in the same location with the same decor and same menu of sushi, Japanese food and two hibachi tables.

"We have a new style, with more Japanese and Korean food and six hibachi tables, added new sushi rolls," Mr. Chang says. "We have more noodle dishes, more appetizers, expanded a

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Peter Hughes spent 22 1/2 years working for Proctor's Theater in Schenectady. Chronicle photo/Cathy DeDe

#### Park Theater's new chief

By Cathy DeDe

**Chronicle Managing Editor** 

Meet Peter Hughes — the Park Theater's new operating director, who took the helm on January 7.

Mr. Hughes, 40, was born in Schenectady, lives in Colonie, was a theater major at SUNY Buffalo and spent more than 22 years working for Proctors theater in Schenectady, marketing Proctors' growing stable of venues like Capital Repertory theatre in Albany, high-end touring Broadway shows and helping to develop the "It Came from Schenectady" film festival.

"The Park is a beautiful space. It's gorgeous," he says. "We need **Please turn to page 8** 

### Responds: More on Solomon Northup, after 12 Years a Slave

To the Editor:

Ken Perry's letter about some local aspects of the Solomon Northup story [Jan. 10 *Chronicle*] got me thinking about

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# 28 apartments for homeless planned on Cooper St., GF

**Chronicle News Editor** 

With \$9.2-million in state funding, the Warren-Washington Association for Mental Health (WWAMH) plans to build 28 apartments of affordable permanent supportive housing for homeless individuals at 47-50 Cooper Street in Glens Falls. It's the former Mullen Ironworks property.

"Fourteen units will be reserved for those with a mental illness



diagnosis, four will be reserved for homeless youth, four will be for survivors of domestic violence and six will be for those who are chronically homeless," said John Farrell, assistant director of program operations for WWAMH.

He said another four apartments — three two-bedroom and

one three-bedroom — will be for families. Residents will pay 30% of their income per month.

"This is a big deal," WWAMH executive director Andrea Deepe said. "The community has been asking for it, and we're so grateful to get the funds to be able to build

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