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Mother's Day
is May 12!

Mead's will end its 70 year run

By Gordon Woodworth
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In its 70th year, family-owned Mead's Nursery and Garden Center at 361 Ridge Road in Queensbury announced it will close late this year.

Eighty-nine-year-old founder Dick Mead wrote in a letter to customers, "Madeline and I started this business in 1950 and we thoroughly enjoyed our life's work" Mrs. Mead passed away in November 2014.

Their daughter MaryAnn Pendergrass has worked at Mead's for 39 years and has run the business since her father retired three years ago.

"We all grieve, but it's time," she told *The Chronicle*.

Ms. Pendergrass said Mead's

Family-owned nursery/landscape biz is Qby. mainstay



The Meads' daughter **MaryAnn (Mead) Pendergrass**, front right, runs the business now. **Long-time staffers**, from left, greenhouse manager **Kathy Spring**, shrub yard & nursery manager **Rob Haight** and landscape designer and foreman **Ryan Wolfe**, who is buying Mead's landscape and maintenance divisions and will start Wolfe Landscape Design and Nursery on Jan. 1.

will be open through the full growing season, offering 15% off on all shrubs and trees, without their former one-year guarantee.

"I'm not sure when we will actually close," she said. "It will depend on inventory and how many employees we have."

Ryan Wolfe, Mead's landscape designer and foreman for 19 years, has purchased the landscape and maintenance divi-



Madeline & Dick Mead started Mead's Nursery in 1950 with one greenhouse. It grew to five greenhouses and a full nursery and landscaping business. Mr. Mead is now 89. His wife Madeline died in 2014.

sions. He and his wife Meg will launch Wolfe Landscape Design
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Beethoven 9th: GFSO this Sunday

The Glens Falls Symphony Orchestra climaxes its yearlong celebration of Beethoven and Bernstein this Sunday, May 5, at 4 p.m. at Glens Falls High School with a program that includes Beethoven's Ninth Symphony,

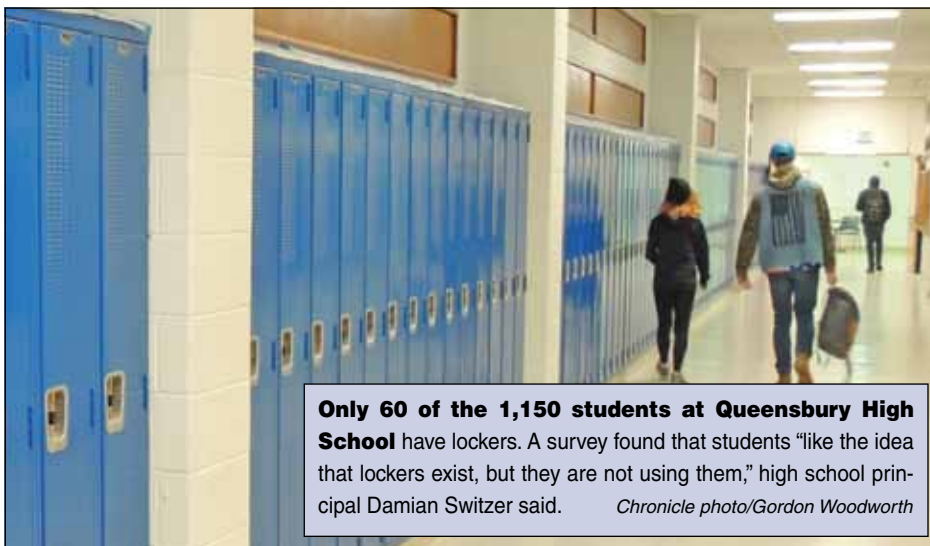
Along with the musicians, more than 180 singers signed on to sing the "Ode to Joy" in the fourth and final movement. Bernstein's Chichester Psalms is also on the program. **Pages 27-28**

Are lockers becoming thing of the past at Qby. High?

By Gordon Woodworth
Chronicle News Editor

So few Queensbury High School students still have a hall locker that many lockers are being eliminated in the school's current

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Only 60 of the 1,150 students at Queensbury High School have lockers. A survey found that students "like the idea that lockers exist, but they are not using them," high school principal Damian Switzer said. *Chronicle photo/Gordon Woodworth*

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