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WEATHER

TODAY	TONIGHT	SUN
A passing shower or two	Partly cloudy	A brief shower or two
HIGH 57	LOW 41	64 45

Complete weather, A2



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SPORTS



6th inning rally carries ICC

The Ithaca Crane Riders defeated the Watervliet Cannoneers, 12-8, Thursday afternoon.

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LOCAL



Greenport family left homeless

Flames gut the interior of a mobile home leaving three homeless, but the family cat is rescued

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Extremist group upsets Chatham

By **Natasha Vaughn**
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CHATHAM — A sticker from the white supremacist group Patriot Front was placed on a street sign in the village of Chatham.

The palm-sized sticker, which has since been removed, was seen Thursday at the corner of Kinderhook Street and Park Row and was reported by Hate Watch Report.

The sticker is inscribed with the words “Patriot Front: Life. Liberty. Victory.”

This is the second time this year a sticker from the group has been seen locally, said community activist Michael

Richardson. Hate Watch Report is not a group or an organization but a tool for receiving news of hate or extremist groups and informing the public about them and any activity they have in the area, Richardson said.

“All we know is just what Patriot Front has been doing up and down the Hudson Valley,” Richardson said. “They have been most active in and around New Rochelle, coming all the way around Poughkeepsie. Which makes us think that whoever is out putting up the stickers is trying to use that as a recruiting tool, more than likely

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HATE WATCH REPORT

A Patriot Front sticker was found in the Village of Chatham.

Children star in Hudson photo shoot



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A model sits with a dalmatian puppy on 4th Street.

By **Aliya Schneider**
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HUDSON — A national children’s clothing company took to Warren Street on Friday for a video and photo shoot.

Producer Dwitiya Nwethi declined to reveal which company was doing the photo shoot, but Mayor Kamal Johnson said it is Gymboree, a kids clothing company owned by The

Children’s Place.

Michael Coogan of SEQS LLC obtained a permit from the Hudson Police Department on April 20 for Friday on West Court Street for parking spots for their base camp. The permit cost \$25 and spanned the length of the park in front of the courthouse, along West Court St., according to police Chief L. Edward Moore. About 65 child models between 3 and

6 years old have been participating in the production over the course of the week from Monday to Saturday, according to Nwethi.

Nwethi and Coogan are married and run Brooklyn-based SEQS Productions, overseeing the shoot.

Kids posed in front of the J.W. Hoysradt Firehouse, 515 Warren St., and next to FACE Stockholm, 401 Warren St., on Friday.

The production company also obtained a \$25 permit for the parking spots on 4th Street, Moore said. The company did not need a permit to use the sidewalk as long as they allow pedestrian passage.

The company set up cafe furniture on the sidewalk along the side of the makeup store building on 4th Street. A sign in a window used as part of the set

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New Lebanon eyes full-day Pre-K

By **Aliya Schneider**
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NEW LEBANON — The New Lebanon Central School District is applying to a universal pre-kindergarten program which would allow the district to offer full day preschool.

The Board of Education gave Superintendent Andrew Kourt permission Wednesday to apply for the grant.

The district currently has a half day program with one teacher and one teacher’s assistant. The teacher works in special education in the afternoon and the teaching assistant works in other classrooms.

The current program is fully funded by the district, Kourt said Thursday. The district hopes to have a full day pre-kindergarten program for next school year because of the grant.

The district’s half day

pre-school has been going on for six years, Kourt said. Before that, Questar ran a program in the district and rented out a classroom.

Questar’s pre-kindergarten program was based on socioeconomic status, Kourt said. The district no longer met the criteria for the program.

“Rather than having no program, the district decided to self-fund this program for our community,” he said.

The district can use \$108,000 of federal stimulus money to replace the preschool staff members afternoon roles so the teacher and assistant can work a full day with preschoolers. The grant would sustain a program for three years and then the district can choose to self fund the program, Kourt said. “If we don’t use it, we lose it,” Kourt said. “We don’t get that money back.”



COURTESY OF NEW LEBANON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Walter B. Howard Elementary School is pictured. Superintendent Andrew Kourt is hoping the school gets funding for a full day pre-school.