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What's new in the business scene October 3, 2006

NEW BUSINESS

Store can help with kitchen of dreams — Thinking about building a new kitchen? **EKB Kitchens**, at 490 Main St., Beacon, sells kitchens of all prices with an emphasis on local service.

The store serves commercial and residential needs, and offers free in-home measurements and installation, if requested by the customer. EKB Kitchens also sells bathrooms.

"We offer effective quality service at an affordable price, every day," Matthew Wilhelm, president of EKB Kitchens, said.

EKB Kitchens can accommodate those wishing to spend as little as \$1,000 or as much as \$100,000 on their new kitchen.

Since opening, Wilhelm estimates the store has sold about 15 kitchens a week.

The company is able to offer lower prices than many local sellers, Wilhelm said, and prides itself on its efforts to provide more personalized service than the large retail chains it competes with, he added.

Wilhelm said he encourages customers to shop around at competitive companies, adding most find EKB's price is lower "about 95 percent of the time."

EKB Kitchens of Beacon employs eight full-time employees, all from the surrounding area.

The company, which has its corporate headquarters in Middletown, was founded less than two years ago. A third location, in Kingston, is scheduled to open early next year.

The Beacon store, which opened this summer, is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

For information, visit www.ekbkitchens.com or call 845-831-3875.

EKB emphasizes savings and local design, installation

Buy local and save local. That's what it's all about at EKB Kitchens and Bath, with Hudson Valley locations in Beacon, Middletown and coming soon to Kingston.

Owner and president Matt Wilhelm, who hails from Pine Bush, emphasizes the benefits of working with EKB, a locally owned and operated firm. "We give you the opportunity to plan your kitchen first-hand and work with experienced designers and installers to make the entire process as enjoyable as possible, plus we purchase in bulk, so we can even beat the prices of the large box stores," said Matt. "It's the best of both worlds and the consumer is the winner."

Matt received his education in the field by working in custom cabinet shops for 12 years. Main designer Michael Segreto also has 12 years of experience. EKB custom designs and installs kitchens from \$1,000 to \$100,000. EKB averages about 15-20 installations per week and always provides references, free design service

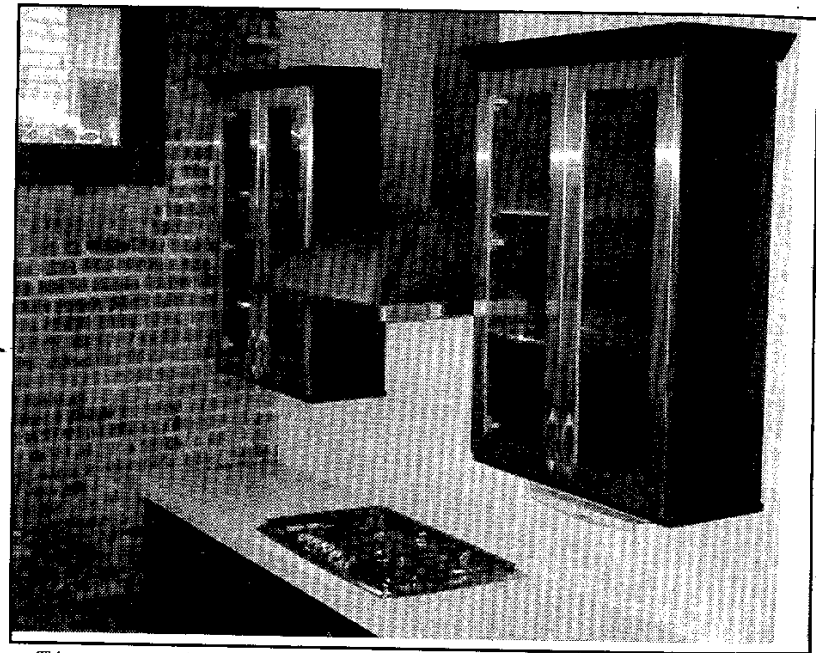
and free estimates.

"We emphasize customer service from beginning to end," said Matt. "We specialize in tailoring the product and service to each particular customer."

He added, "We definitely understand that kitchens and baths are major purchases. Most individuals do it once every 15-20 years. These purchases add tremendous value to the home. We make sure the process is painless and affordable."

Kitchens have always been and continue to be focal points of the home and EKB designs and installs kitchens that are both functional and fashionable. Matt says EKB specializes in styles ranging from extremely traditional to transitional to contemporary and modern.

EKB features cabinets by nationally recognized firms such as Diamond, Decora, UltraCraft and Canyon Creek. They feature countertops in granite, Corian, Zodiaq, Silestone and Caesarstone.



This contemporary design is one of the favorites of customers at EKB Kitchens and Bath.

EKB makes the design, selection and installation process seamless. "We bring the best of the national firms to you and you always deal with us – the local firm," said Matt.

He invites everyone to visit the website at www.ekbkitchens.com to view the designs and learn more about EKB. Visit Matt at 490 Main Street in Beacon or call 831-3875.

Times Herald Record

Community

Sgt. Eddie Ryan's family thanks those who helped

Ellenville — Hundreds of individuals and businesses stepped up to help wounded Marine Sgt. Eddie Ryan.

The donors contributed thousands of dollars worth of labor and materials as well as money to help Eddie and his family.

The former sniper took two bullets to the brain while fighting in Iraq in 2005. The donations allowed the family to expand its Wintish Road home to allow proper care for the veteran. The funds will also assist with his long-term recovery and care.

The outpouring of support has been overwhelming to him and his family, they say.

Among all those who have provided aid, they would like to publicly thank the following:

Damolo Consultants, Thompson Ridge — Patrick Hayes, Kim Peck and Sheila Medina

Premier Homes, Pine Bush — Ed and Kristie Hodas

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Johnson Land Surveying, Pine Bush — Ernie Johnson

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Bethel Woods Center for the Arts Blooms

The site of the famed 1969 music festival that gave its name to a generation is again the setting for the performing arts as a new international cultural destination.

Under the auspices of the Gerry Foundation, Bethel Woods Center for the Arts will open July 1, 2006 as a new state-of-the-art, cultural center located on the original site of the 1969 Woodstock Festival in Bethel, N.Y. Set within nearly 1,700 pristine acres, Bethel Woods will present a variety of artists and performances in its inaugural season, including classical, pop, rock, country and jazz. The Center will open with a gala performance by the world-renowned New York Philharmonic, featuring soloists Lang Lang and Audra McDonald, on the evening of July 1.

By providing artists with the opportunity to play and perform on one of music's most legendary grounds, Bethel Woods is committed to building its status as a must-see cultural destination for music and arts lovers from around the region, the country and the world.

Roberta Byron-Lockwood, President of the Sullivan County Visitors Association, believes Bethel Woods will bring great success to the region, that it will motivate new visitors to come, dine, stay overnight — and return to visit other local attractions. "Bethel Woods is a fabulous new Sullivan County attraction," she said. "It's a showcase with that extra 'sizzle' factor."

David E. Carlucci, President and Executive Director of the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, formerly the general manager of House of Blues Concerts Midwest, also sees something special in the new facility. "This is going to be one of the premiere sites in North America. With its unique assets — a beautiful setting, a newly designed venue, an historic location — combined with the proximity to New York City, Bethel Woods will be one of the top performing arts facilities in the world," he said.

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