

especially since the hotel has been closed for the last 12 or 13 years."

The \$6 million price tag is only slightly less than the assessed value of the property and is about equal to the debt that forced the Min family, who bought the hotel in 1993, into bankruptcy. Sullivan County, which is owed about \$800,000 in past due taxes, will receive all of the money that it is owed.

Grossingers Associates LP, the buyer, is a limited partnership created for the express purpose of buying the hotel, Cohen said. The primary partners are the Louis Cappelli family, a Westchester-based developer, and members of the Rechler family, of Long Island, who own Reckson Associates, a real estate investment

auction of the Concord Resort lasted only about 10 minutes and only two organizations entered the auction.

Now that Grossingers has been sold, five of the county's former resort hotels are in the hands of new owners, all with plans to once again develop the properties into resort hotels or condominiums.

In addition to Grossingers, the Concord Hotel, the Pines Hotel, the former Stevensville Hotel and the site of the Laurels Hotel, on Sackett Lake, are all in the hands of developers who plan to renovate or develop new hotels. The old Stevensville Hotel, now called the Swan Lake Hotel, is scheduled to open in late March or early April.

# Dwyer Dumps Job Week After Starting

By John Emerson

MONTICELLO — The Village of Monticello is once again hanging out a help-wanted sign for the village manager's slot less than a week after agreeing on a contract with the new village manager.

Jay Dwyer, who took over the position on January 28, announced Friday he was resigning to take a private sector job within easy commuting distance of his Middletown home. Dwyer's salary of \$49,000 per year was not established until a meeting of the Monticello Village Board on February 1. Dwyer will stay on until February 19.

"This is really hard to believe," said Trustee Michael Levinson. "When we had the meeting [last Monday] and went through the agreements, he never said anything about having applied for another job. This is embarrassing."

Levinson was one of two trustees on the board who had reservations about appointing Dwyer as the village manager. One of Levinson's primary concerns was Dwyer's position as an elected official on the Middletown City Council.

"I asked him point blank to his face if there was something going on that

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**A GIFT:** WSUL's American Heart Association is bringing down donation amounts to see the owner Bill Reynolds, with Mike, are years of service to the annual fundraiser Sommers. The event was held Saturday.

## WSUL Heart-

By Dan Hust

MONTICELLO — Once again, Sullivan County residents rose to WSUL's call during the Monticello radio station's 21st Annual Heart-a-Thon Saturday at Kutsher's Country Club.

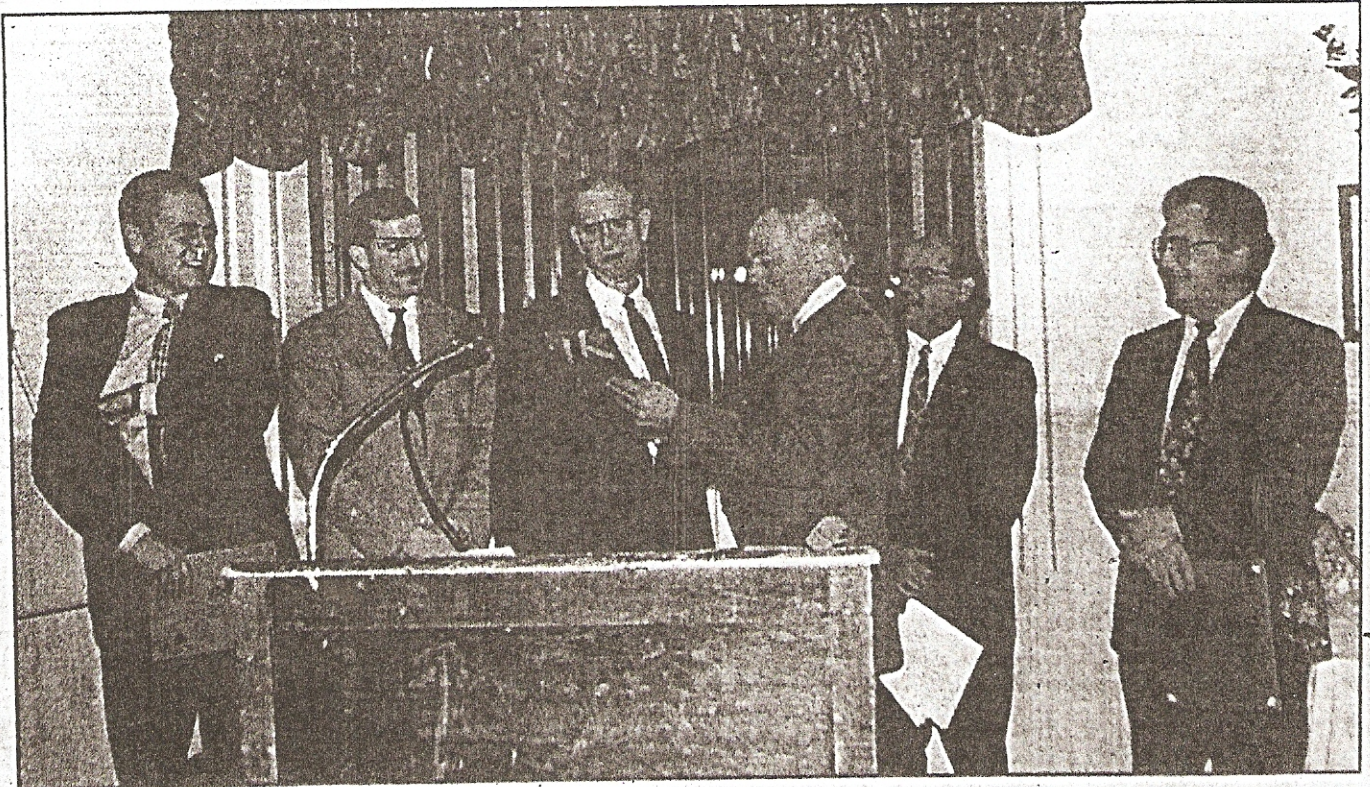
Listeners tuned in to 98.3 FM got to hear WSUL personalities Josh Sommers, Ray Myers, Bill James and owner Bill Reynolds from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. pitching their cause: the eradication of heart disease in Sullivan County.

And their words were heard — \$61,198 was raised for the benefit of the Sullivan County chapter of the American Heart Association.

Lori James and Dick Martinkovic co-chaired the event, and a host of volunteers — including the entire staff of WSUL, which created this event — came together to answer phones, speak out on heart disease prevention and funding, and cheer every time a new donation came in.

Free blood pressure checks were offered, and heart-healthy literature was in abundance, as were observers and fundraisers.

"It was a spectacular event," remarked James. "The outpouring of support from Sullivan County was



Lindsley read a letter from a pastor of an area church praising the program. The letter noted that scores of families in that location received venison meals during the holidays.

As Lindsley finished reading the letter, he concurred with the pastor in that the program "has great merit."

"Thank you very much, I'm very

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Senator John Bonacic (left) shakes hands with Conservationist of the Year Carl Lindsley. In the background are Brian Brustman and Moneesh Bakshi.

pleased to receive this award," Lindsley commented.

The keynote speaker for the evening was Senator John Bonacic, who praised the work of the Conservation District and the honorees.

"I've worked closely with the agriculture industry and I'm determined to keep the agriculture industry strong," said Bonacic, who also spoke of some of his goals to improve the economic future of Sullivan County for farmers and all county residents.

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had to do with his job in Middletown and something that he needed to do for Monticello and they were happening at the same time where he would go," Levinson said. "He told me that he would go to the Monticello event. He was supposed to be at a joint meeting

of the village board and the [Thompson] town board on Tuesday. I'm told he didn't show up because he had something to do in Middletown. That promise didn't even last 24 hours. Obviously he's not a man of his word." Mayor Gary Sommers, who could

not be reached for comment by press time, said when he was announcing Dwyer's appointment, "I don't think we could have found a finer candidate for this office."

Dwyer is just the latest in a growing list of short-term village managers who have held the job in the last five years. In that time, the village has gone through four other village managers and a long-time village employee, George Panchyshyn, who served as acting village manager while still doing his regular job as a department head in the village.

"This is a very responsible position and it's difficult for a small village to provide for someone with the right qualifications," said Village Attorney Michael Davidoff. "I think it would behoove everyone involved to take a look at the position and re-evaluate it."

Levinson said he will urge fellow board members to delay appointing a new village manager until after the upcoming village elections in March. He said it would not make sense for the current board to appoint anyone to the position because the makeup of the board will change.

Sommers is running for re-election to a one-year term as mayor and trustee Evelyn Vandermark is not seeking election.



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**A CYO DONATION:** Holy Cross/St. Patrick's Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) President Mariah Gillow, left, presents a check to Interfaith Outreach United's Rev. Martha Bonwitt. Looking on are fellow IOU members Florraine Bauernfeind (behind Gillow and Bonwitt), Herb Bauernfeind and Rev. Bill Bonwitt. "Souper Bowl Sunday," a charity organization formed a few years ago, sponsors a nationwide food drive each year on Super Bowl Sunday to collect cash donations as well as cans of food for the homeless. Nine days ago, the Holy Cross/St. Patrick's CYO collected 350 cans of soup to be given to Tom's Soup Kitchen in Monticello and \$524 for the IOU in Callicoon.

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