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MARVELOUS MURAL



Parents, educators and students gathered at the Oak Street School in Basking Ridge on Friday, March 5, for the dedication of a colorful mural that winds through the school hallways. Designed by Basking Ridge artist Caren Frost Olmsted, the project took six weeks to complete. In honor of the school's 70th year, and the township's 250th anniversary, it features landmarks in the community. Attending the ceremony, above, are, from left, Christine Ziegler, president of the school Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) with sons Jordan and Jared; Olmsted and her son, Benjamin; Mayor Scott Spitzer; Principal Jane Costa; and Christine Corrigan of the PTO. On the right, Olmsted, her son, Matthew, and her grandmother, Ruth Frost, pose near a painting of the great oak tree located at the Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church.

Photos by Debbie Weisman



A home at last?

Trilogy Repertory seeking to renovate an old barn at county park for theater

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BERNARDS TWP. — After a decade-long search, the Trilogy Repertory Theater Company of Basking Ridge may have finally found a permanent home.

The non-profit community theater group and Somerset County have reached a tentative agreement in which Trilogy would renovate a barn at the county-owned Ross property on North Maple Avenue into a theater, and convert a stable/cottage into offices.

The historic Boudinot-Southard house on the property is not involved and would remain vacant for the foreseeable future.

A public hearing on the proposed licensing agreement is scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, March 22, at the Environmental Education Center (EEC) at 190 Lord Stirling Road.

"We're very thrilled," Hank Barre, Trilogy's treasurer and development team head, said on Sunday. "We've been looking for a home for a number of years."

A series of steps still remain, said Barre, a longtime township resident. The deal has yet to be formally signed, and even then, state approvals are needed.

In addition, Trilogy must fund

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the cost of adapting the barn to theater uses, which will require it to draw up plans and launch a campaign to raise at least a few hundred thousand dollars.

"It could take five to nine years," Barre said. "We would like to get it done in two to three years but we'll have to wait for the (donor) response. It's a tough economy to launch a fund-raising drive, no matter how worthwhile."

"We're hopeful it will be in a shorter rather than a longer period of time," he added.

Active In Community

Trilogy dates back to 1980 when it was founded to bring to

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