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FINGER LAKES WINE FESTIVAL

In the end, it's all about the wine

WATKINS GLEN | High spirits, good music and great food were all on tap this weekend at the Watkins Glen International Speedway. But the real reason for being at WGI Saturday poured – white, red, rose and sparkling – into hundreds of glasses from dozens of area vintners as the Finger Lakes Wine Festival frolicked from morning until night.

"When you come here, you don't have to worry about the brand," said Ian Kemp, of Toronto. "What you buy is based on your taste."

It's the second year Kemp and his wife, Karen, have attended the festival, which they say is unlike anything in their home city.

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Right | Representatives from Chateau Lafayette Reneau pour wine for tasters Saturday at Watkins Glen International. Below | Beverly Stamp pours wine at the Lakewood Vineyards booth Saturday at the Finger Lakes Wine Festival.



Town officials consider full revaluation

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SOUTH CORNING | Officials will soon determine if a townwide property revaluation will be held next year. Town Supervisor Peter Marchese said property assessments of parcels throughout the town have dropped to 97 percent of the true market value, creating a need for a revaluation.

The last townwide reassessment was completed in 2002. Marchese said the town is mandated by the state government to be at 100 percent of the true property value. "We receive a certain amount of state funding if we are at 100 percent," Marchese said. "The board will have to internally discuss the needs of having a reassessment next year." Town Assessor Linda Giardina has asked to the



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Town Board to hire a professional appraisal company to aid the reassessment. The board is expected to discuss the issue at its August meeting. The town has received two proposals from private companies to help identify changes in the market and ensure a

uniform assessment rate. Marchese said Appraisal Associates entered a bid of \$90,000, while GAR Associates for Reassessment entered a price of \$142,000. Town Councilman Dan Ginnin questioned the need to hire a firm to help the assessor's office. "Linda (Giardina) said she doesn't think she can do the

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Collins in Hall of Fame

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Nation marks 40th anniversary of Apollo moon landing.

DAYTON, OHIO | An "unassuming" math/science major at Corning Community College was inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame Saturday night.

Elmira native Eileen Collins, 52, was among four nominees who received the honor in Dayton, the city known as the birthplace of aviation.

The first woman to pilot and command separate space shuttle missions was remembered in 2005 as a "shy, unassuming, young woman."

"I never dreamed she'd become an astronaut," Collins' former CCC professor Dan Hoover told *The Leader* in 2005. "She had, however, two things going for her. She had goals set for herself and she had the perseverance needed in her present job."

A 1976 CCC graduate, Col-

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Eileen Collins speaks in June 2006 at the Wings of Eagles Discovery Center in Big Flats.

Reed staffing up for Congress run

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CORNING | Corning Mayor Tom Reed has assembled part of his congressional campaign team that includes a former chief of staff for the Republican National Committee. Reed has hired Michael Hook to run his campaign for the 29th Congressional District. Hook is a founding partner of the Arlington Va.-based Greener and Hook LLC. Reed is preparing to run against freshman U.S. Rep.



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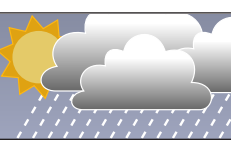
Eric Massa, D-Corning, in the 2010 general election. Reed is in his first term as mayor, the only public office he has held.

Hook ran John Faso's campaign for New York governor in 2006 and has worked for the Republican National Convention, the Republican National Committee, the

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