

JET, Inc. will offer an "Everyday Writing Skills" course from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Friday. The class will be held at JET's office on College Avenue. To register, call 734-1574.

**In brief**

**Parking restrictions to be imposed**

**BATH** | Parking restrictions will be imposed from 6 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday on the south and west sides of Pulteney Park. The parking restrictions will assist the Steuben County Office for the Aging, which will be holding an annual senior forum and public hearing at the First Presbyterian Church.

**Lush to receive Jefferson Award**

**STATE COLLEGE, PA.** | Weather Observer Henry W. Lush, of Galeton, will receive the prestigious Thomas Jefferson Award. The ceremony will be held at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 26 at the National Weather Service Forecast Office in State College, 328 Innovation Boulevard.

**Steele Library to hold workshop**

**ELMIRA** | The Steele Memorial Library will hold a free beginning genealogy workshop from 1-3 p.m. Thursday. The workshop will focus on how to begin researching a family and how to use research materials available at the library. Registration is required by calling 733-9175.

**Poet to give workshop**

**BIG FLATS** | Poet Michael Czarniecki will give a Palm of the Hand Memoir Writing Workshop from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday and Oct. 8 and 15 at the Big Flats Community Center. The workshop is open to individuals of all writing levels. For details, e-mail poetguy@foothillspublishing.com or call 566-3881.

**Library board meeting slated**

**SAVONA** | The Savona Free Library Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the library. The meeting is open to the public. For details, call 583-4426.

■ Staff reports

**Good news**



PROVIDED TO THE LEADER

**The Chemung County Humane Society and SPCA Inc. has announced that Spud was the winner of the Forever Friends Calendar Cover Contest. Spud, a Terrier mix, was adopted by the Wead Family from the shelter in February. The first ever Forever Friends Calendar will feature Spud on the cover and highlight his happy ending story inside. The SPCA received such an outpouring of entries that it has decided to use the 11 runners up for the remaining 11 calendar months. Photographer Benjamin Thomas, of N.Y. Imagery Fine Art Photography, will take pictures of the animals for the calendar, which will be available for sale in November.**

**Corning Inc.**

**Consolidation causes job cuts**

**BY JEFFERY SMITH**  
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**CORNING** | White-collar job cuts caused by the ongoing consolidation of two Corning Inc. operations are currently under way.

Dan Collins, company spokesman, said the majority of the positions will be eliminated by offering early retirement incentives.

"This week a series of meetings with employees are being held," Collins said Tuesday. "Some employees will be reassigned, others

will be offered early retirement and some positions will be eliminated."

Corning Inc. officials announced in late July plans to merge a pair of operations that build emission control devices for automobiles and large vehicles, leading to the job cuts.

Collins said the job cuts caused by the consolidation are part of the 640 local employees Corning Inc. officials estimated in January would be cut by the end of the year.

The drop in worldwide

automotive sales forced Corning Inc. to merge the two segments to reduce costs and increase manufacturing efficiencies.

"The majority of the people impacted are being offered early retirement plans," Collins said. "The work force reductions will impact salary workers and not hourly workers."

Collins said the number of job losses has not yet been determined.

Corning Inc. officials are

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**Massa blasts Reed over state grant**

**BY JOE DUNNING**  
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**CORNING** | The award of a state grant to Corning Mayor and congressional candidate Tom Reed to renovate a building he owns in Bath doesn't sit well with U.S. Rep. Eric Massa.

Massa, D-Corning, cited a few reasons during a conference call Tuesday why he thinks it's wrong that Reed is receiving \$1.18 million in a Restore New York grant to refurbish the Masonic Lodge in the village.

Massa said elected officials accepting public money to turn a profit creates a conflict and added that Reed also criticized the future use of federal stimulus money after accepting the state grant.

"I have never heard of a case where an incumbent mayor accepts a grant for an economic project that he or she will benefit by," Massa said. "That would be like me using federal stimulus money to repave my driveway."

Reed, a Republican, is challenging Massa in the 2010



**MASSA REED**

election to represent the 29th Congressional District in the House.

Massa initially referred all questions to the state Attorney General's Office when asked his opinion of Reed receiving the state money. Massa said he is unaware if Reed violated laws or if the Attorney General's office was looking into the matter.

"There seems to me there is a conflict here," Massa said.

A call Tuesday to the Attorney General's Office to see if it was aware of the matter or if any laws or regulations had been violated was not returned.

Reed, who also serves as legal counsel for the town of Big Flats, said he has broken

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**Hospitals**

**CORNING HOSPITAL**

**Admitted | 09.14.09**

- Henry Lawrence Cecce, Corning.
- Floyd E. Hilfiger, Beaver Dams.
- Cathy Stephens, Millerton, Pa.
- George White, Jasper.

**Discharged | 09.14.09**

- Eric D. Galligan, Painted Post.
- Robert G. Hollister, Painted Post.
- Corrine Miller Sorge, Painted Post.
- Cathy Stephens, Millerton, Pa.
- Jeanne Swecker, Elmira Heights.

**ST. JAMES | HORNELL**

**Admitted | 09.14.09**

- Daniel Bateman Jr., Hornell.
- Jarad Staton, Almond.
- Ona Wheeler, Wellsville.

**Discharged | 09.14.09**

- Cynthia Ayres, Hornell.
- Barbara Caparulo, Hornell.
- Neil Stoddard, Hornell.

**Police blotter**

**Elmira City NEW OFFICER**

**ELMIRA** | The Elmira Police Department hired Officer David J. Miller, who has been assigned to the department's patrol division. Miller, a native of the Binghamton area, worked for three years as a

police officer in Macon, Ga. He is married and has a 4-year-old daughter.

**Schuyler Sheriff DRUG SALE**

**WATKINS GLEN** | Carolyn J. Watkins, 42, of Montour Falls,

was charged Tuesday with fourth-degree criminal sale of a controlled substance. She allegedly sold prescription medication.

**DWI**

**DIX** | Richard E. Rice, 62, of Corning, was charged Sunday with driving while intoxicated.

**Yates Sheriff AUO**

**DUNDEE** | Albert R. Ellison, 50, of Dundee, was charged Tuesday with third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

**Corning City FAILURE TO APPEAR**

**CORNING** | Zachary R. Gillis, 18, of Ryers Creek Road, Lindley, was charged Monday with failure to appear in court.

**POT POSSESSION**

**CORNING** | Anthony M. Edinger, 21, of Callahan Road, Beaver Dams, was charged Monday with unlawful possession of marijuana.

**DRUG POSSESSION**

**CORNING** | Kaylie A. Shimkanin, 16, of College Avenue, Elmira Heights, was charged Monday with seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and criminal possession of a hypodermic instrument.

**COMPLAINTS | 09.14.09**

**5:05 a.m.** A West First Street woman said she was assaulted by two people.

**12:11 p.m.** A caller said someone stole two bikes from West First Street.

**6:07 p.m.** A caller reported an injured skunk on First Street.

**9:40 p.m.** A caller reported a hit-and-run accident on Cedar Street.

**Births**

**CORNING HOSPITAL**

**Tuesday | 09.15.09**

- A girl to Kerry and Chris Mosher.
- A girl to Shelly and Neil Lafever.

**ST. JAMES | HORNELL**

**Monday | 09.14.09**

- A boy to Elizabeth and Sean Mulford, Hornell.

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