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## Kuhl, Massa go head to head

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**CORNING** | U.S. Rep. John R. "Randy" Kuhl Jr., R-Hammondsport, and Eric Massa, his Democratic challenger to represent the 29th Congressional District in

the House,

they want

say

both



to bring jobs to the area. The two men, however, have very different ideas on how to do it. Massa said during a press

conference Wednesday that free-trade agreements like the Central American Free Trade Agreement were driving jobs out of both the area and the

country. "Our free trade agreements, as they are currently being executed, are killing

Massa

said. "I stand against that. The question is whether we will collectively come to our senses and modify the free trade agreements to create a level playing field or whether we're really serious about destroying the middle class of America, which is what is happening with Randy Kuhl's agenda of open-door, burn-downthe-barn free trade.

Bob Van Wicklin, Kuhl's chief of staff, said leveling the playing field is exactly what the free trade agreements do.

"His arguments against CAFTA didn't work before the campaign and they aren't going to work now," Massa said. "Free trade

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### Data show Massa has slight edge over Kuhl

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**CORNING** | Although it's more than a year until the 2008 election, Eric Massa, Democratic challenger for the 29th Congressional District, has posted an early victory over incumbent John R. "Randy" Kuhl Jr., R- $Ham\,m\,on\,d\,sport.$ 

According to a quarterly Federal Election Commission report, Massa has surpassed Kuhl in fundraising from April

through June. Massa raised \$158,451 during that time period, bringing his total war chest to \$178,000. Kuhl, according to the FEC report, raised \$68,393 during the same

quarter. The latest data gives Massa a slight edge in the amount of money raised so far. The Massa campaign reported a total of \$172,528, compared to Kuhl's \$171,241.

The area where Massa really takes the lead on Kuhl is cash on hand. The FEC reports shows Massa with \$153,121, while Kuhl has \$105,326. The disparity is due to \$29,000 in operating expenses Kuhl has incurred

Massa, on the other hand, has only \$7,000 in net operating expenses.

Kuhl narrowly defeated Massa in 2006 where both campaigns spent over \$1 million.

#### **GOOD NEWS**



Margaret Millspaugh, a resident at the Falls Home in Montour Falls, had a visit June 27 with some members of her family. Gathered for a four-generation photo were (left to right) Joan Sadlowski of Cape Coral, Fla., formerly of Corning; Margaret, formerly of Corning; Cheryl Morse of Hornell, formerly of Corning; and Ashlee Morse of Charlotte, N.C., formerly of Corning.

## Girl Scouts troop celebrates anniversary in sing-a-long

during the month of June.

Twenty-five Lions and

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Brownie/Junior Girl Scout Troop 785 of Watkins Glen recently joined 150,000 Girl Scouts from around the country at the nation's capital for a sing-a-long to commemorate the movement's 95th anniversary. Attending were Megan DuPuy, Brittany Taylor and Lucy Oakley and adult chaperones Carleen Hannan, Mary Coykendall, Karen Arnold, Melissa Gascon and Doris Craig.

In addition to enjoying songs led by a variety of performers, the girls exchanged "swaps" with Girl Scouts from 10 different states. Swaps are usually handmade items representing local areas that Girl Scouts exchange when meeting others

While in Washington, D.C., the girls visited the Memorials, Smith sonian Museum of Natural History, the White House Gardens and Grounds, Union Station, the zoo and found the medallion of Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of Girl Scouts, on Washington D.C.'s "The Extra Mile" path.

The Big Flats Lions lived up to their "We Serve" motto with flying colors

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#### TODAY'S MEETINGS

#### Village board

7 p.m. Cohocton Municipal building

Savona Village hall

#### Informational meeting

Gravel mining permit on River Road, Lindley

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Southern Steuben County **Democratic Council** 

7 p.m. Erwin

friends cooked and served a chicken BBQ at Community Days for 140 hours; eight Lions put in 48 hours at the local food bank and pantry; two Lions gave 34 hours to the Big Flats Historical Society; one Lion toiled 39 hours at Steele Memorial library; and two Lions helped 51 hours at Tanglewood Nature Center. Additionally, 15 Lions worked 67 hours for various local community organizations including Meals on Wheels, Red Cross, Office for the Aging nutrition site, Corning Museum of Glass, Big Flats Senior Citizens and Red Cross blood drive. Lion Bill Powell was named "Lion of the Year" and Lion Mary

Anne Balland was honored

Incoming officers were Lion

Patricia McKenzie as presi-

dent and Sue Brinthaupt as

as "Citizen of the Year."

secretary/treasurer.

The Corning Rotary Club granted Elijah Baity a Paul Harris Fellowship at their meeting on June 21.

Baity is managing marketing communications for the Specialty Materials Business at Corning Incorporated. Most of his career has been with Corning Inc. after graduating with a bachelor's degree in Economics from Purdue University. He is very active in the Corning Rotary Club and the community, is past president of the Club and a long standing board member. He sits on the board of the Southern Tier Red Cross, plays the baritone horn and coaches soccer in his spare time.

A Paul Harris Fellow involves a \$1,000 gift toward the international work of the Rotary Foundation while honoring a person whose volunteer career exemplifies the Rotary International motto

# Bath police crack down on conduct BY MARY PERHAM leaderBath@yahoo.com

**BATH** | Bath police plan to crack down on disorderly conduct near Pulteney Square.

Police Chief David Rouse said Wednesday he has ordered patrols to concentrate in the West Steuben Street area after recent complaints about disruptions.

Complaints aired at the Bath Village Board meeting Monday night included vulgar language, congregating in the area and disorderly conduct. Rouse said. Circumstances came to a

head the following night when police arrested Otis J. Jackson in front of Phatz Arcade, 22 W. Steuben St., charging him with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. Jackson had been on parole

less than a week from the Elmira Correctional Facility where he served a sentence for third-degree robbery and second-degree bail jumping.

Police said Jackson was shouting obscenities at pedestrians in the area and continued his tirade after police told him to stop. He was sent to Steuben Jail with bail set at \$1,000 cash and \$2,000 bond. Rouse said officers have

fielded at least half a dozen reports of problems in front of the arcade since it opened June 15. The complaints involve fighting, loud noise and generally disruptive behavior, he said. Arcade owner Joseph

Doyen, of Hammondsport, said police presence in the area is welcome but added his customers should not be unfairly targeted because of their youth.

"It's an arcade young people can come to and keep out of trouble." Doven said. "We

don't make money off this stupid thing, it's not a moneymaking venture. As corny as it may sound, we're doing something to give kids something to do, keep them off the street.'

No alcohol is allowed in the arcade and soft drinks and snacks are served, Doyen said.

The arcade is located across the street from a youth center, which also draws crowds of teen agers. Doyen said one of his

arcade employees called police when Jackson became disruptive Tuesday night. "I don't want hoodlums

hanging out in front of my place but I don't want to have my buns busted (by business owners)," he said. "The kids have a right to stand outside as long as they behave. But they should know if they're loud or vulgar, I'll close it down before I'm bothered with it."

Doyen said patrons will no longer be allowed to take chairs out to the sidewalk to wait for a game to be free for play or smoke. "They shouldn't do that, get

in the way of people trying to walk down the sidewalk," he Doyen disputed police

charges there have been other problems in front of the But Rouse said other police investigations during the last

two weeks include two reports of fights and an assault. Rouse said the patrols will continue in definitely, but citizens also should contact the

police if they see any problems develop. "But I have told my officers

we will have zero tolerance for any problems, zero," he said. "There will be no warnings. Charges will be filed "





