

IN BRIEF

Farm-City Day slated for Sat.

HOWARD | The annual "Steuben County Farm-City Day" will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at the Robert Palmer Farm on County Route 27 by the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County. There will be tours of the farm, a horse drawn wagon ride, farm animals, a corn maze, a chance to hand-milk a cow, pumpkin picking, games, sampling of local farm products, a chance to see huge farm equipment, and numerous agricultural vendors on hand with displays and exhibits. For more information, call 664-2300.

'Fashions and Tea' planned for Sun.

CORNING | A "Fashions and Tea" will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Emanuel Lutheran Church, 142 W. William St. by Quota International of Corning-Painted Post. Fashions from the Dress Barn, Fashion Bug and Imagine That will be worn by members of the community and Quota Clubs. Guest are encouraged to bring their favorite teacup to use during the dessert tea and to discuss its story. Fancy dresses and hats are welcome. Tickets are \$12 and are available by calling 962-3028.

United Way seeks grant proposals

CORNING | The United Way is seeking proposals from organizations interested in providing basic needs services in the western Steuben/Hornell area from Jan. 1-June 30, 2008. Anticipated services include food, housing, utility assistance and other provisions, as needed, to stabilize families in crisis. For more information or to receive an application form, call Paula or Barbara at 936-3753. Applications are due no later than Oct. 8.

Addison school board to meet

ADDISON | The Addison school board will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, in the high school cafeteria.

Urbana disposal meeting canceled

HAMMONDSPORT | The public hearing originally scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday, to discuss the disposal of the Town of Urbana highway garage on Liberty Street has been canceled.

Rotary, North to close for 3 weeks

CHEMUNG | Rotary Road at the intersection of North Street will be closed for three weeks beginning Monday, Sept. 24. For more information, call the public works department at 739-3896.

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'Kidz Fest' raised bundle

LEADER STAFF

"Kidz Fest" raised \$1,045 for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Southern Tier.

The event was held Sept. 15 at the Corning Credit Union's Main Office on Pulteney Street in Corning.

It featured hands-on educational exhibits from the Ross Park Zoo, Tanglewood Nature Center, Science and Discovery Center, City of Corning police and fire departments and the Steuben County Sheriff's Department. Kids and families participated in activities that included a trackless train, laser tag, a climbing wall and moonbounce. There was a display of CIRT equipment



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and a kids self-defense course by the sheriff's department. Deputies also took more than 300 photo identifications, which provided kids with free Sheriff's ID cards and also provides photo and information on each child for the Sheriff's Amber Alert data base.

Kids jumped, bounced, and slid their way into fun at 'Kidz Fest' while raising \$1,045 for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Southern Tier.

Bath planning board completes first phase of Wal-Mart study

BY ROB PRICE
The Steuben Courier-Advocate

BATH | Engineers consulting with the Bath town planning board on a proposed Wal-Mart supercenter have recommended the town not conduct an economic impact study of the development nor enact a moratorium on "big box" stores.

The recommendation came Thursday as the planning board completed the first phase of an environmental impact study related to the 150,000-square foot store proposed for a 17-acre site on state Route 54.

Engineering consultant Anne Clarke told planning board members a moratorium is not necessary because the project does not appear to conflict with a comprehensive plan currently being prepared for the town.

Moreover, she said, a moratorium enacted in response to a specific construction project that could place the town in legal jeopardy. "Moratoriums are generally about overall

land use," Clark said. "To enact a moratorium in reaction to a specific applicant is very dangerous."

Clark also warned, requiring an economic impact study could lead to trouble for the municipality. In general, she said, the State Environmental Quality Review Act does not call for a general economic impact study of any proposed development. However, she

noted, a fiscal study of a project's impact on municipal services is allowed under SEQRA.

Outside the SEQRA process, Clark continued, a municipality may require a development to abide by local land use regulations; however, Bath has no zoning code that would apply to the Wal-Mart project.

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WE HAVE MOVED...

The Corning office of the Steuben County Veterans Service Agency has relocated to the United Way, above the Corning Library. The office will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, starting September 25, 2007



Schumer concerned for firefighters

BY BOB RECOTTA
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CORNING | Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., wants to make sure that lifesaving equipment used by firefighters actually works.

In a teleconference Wednesday, Schumer said the Personal Alert Safety Systems (PASS) used by firefighters have a spotty record and could fail when firefighters need them most.

A total of 15 firefighters have died in the last 10 years because their PASS has failed.

"The PASS device is used widely by firefighters across the country and New York state to signal that a firefighter is in danger and may need to be res-

cued. If a firefighter stops moving, the device emits large beeping noise so other firefighters can find the individual at risk. When firefighters are injured, trapped or can't move, this is a lifesaving device."

Schumer said the device is integrated into firefighters' oxygen packs.

However, a report issued by the National Institute of Standards and Testing showed the devices could fail, said Corning Fire Chief Stephen Monroe.

Schumer said the test showed the devices often failed when exposed to high heat or water.

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Kuhl frustrated by Congress' slow pace

BY BOB RECOTTA
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WASHINGTON, D.C. | U.S. Rep. John R. "Randy" Kuhl Jr., R-Hammondsport, is fed up with the slow pace of Congress.

Kuhl used much of his weekly teleconference Thursday to vent his frustration over the lack of legislation being passed.

"(The House of Representatives) have only passed 81 bills at this point," Kuhl said. "No budget bills have passed jointly by both houses. The Senate has passed four. We've passed 12. None have gone to conference and been reconciled."

Kuhl said at this pace there's no way Congress will have a budget in place by the Oct. 1.

"It's obvious to me next week

U.S. Rep. John R. "Randy" Kuhl Jr., R-Hammondsport, has added a blog to his Web site, kuhl.house.gov. The blog gives those who visit the opportunity to post comments and questions for Kuhl.

or the week after we'll be doing a continuing resolution that will at this point continue the funding for the government," Kuhl said. "It hasn't been decided when it will go to, whether it will be a month or 'til mid-November."

Because attention will be focused the budget, less time-sensitive bills such as No Child Left Behind may not be addressed until close to Christmas, Kuhl said.

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