

## Big Flats shop to close after 5 years

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**BIG FLATS** | Catherines Plus Sizes will soon go out of business after five years in Consumer Square.

The woman's clothing store, at 830 County Route 64, will close Dec. 22, said Gayle Coolick, director of investor relations.

"We have been there through the initial lease term and the store is not meeting our financial objectives," she said.

On Dec. 16, the store will hold a customer appreciation day with sales in addition to current specials.

Coolick said the next closest Catherines store is in Vestal, but shoppers can also go to [www.catherines.com](http://www.catherines.com) for a store catalog.



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The family of the late Leland Flint looks on as the Addison Community Center is dedicated in his memory Friday evening. From left are Flint's sons, Thomas Flint and Leland James Flint; his wife, Carolyn Flint; his son Stephen Flint, and his daughter Lyneece Flint.

## Addison dedicates center in memory of Flint

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**ADDISON** | Dozens gathered Friday to honor a community leader, the late Leland Flint, for his many contributions to the village of Addison.

The village's community center was dedicated as the Leland D. Flint Addison Community Center during a ceremony Friday evening.

Flint owned Flint Funeral Home for 30 years and served four terms as Addison's mayor in the late 1980s and 1990s.

He died July 29 at the age of 65.

The community center was one of many projects that Flint was involved with during his eight years as mayor. Located just off Front Street, it hosts everything from wedding receptions and family reunions to yoga classes and a food pantry.



KUHL

Walch, a longtime friend of Flint's and former village trustee.

It was Flint's "pride and joy," Walch said.

Flint help plan the facility and worked with U.S. Rep. John R. "Randy" Kuhl—who was serving as a state senator at the time—to secure funding.

Kuhl, who spoke at Friday's ceremony, called it "a celebration of (Flint's) life, his accomplishments, and his dedication to the community."

But it was far from the only project Flint had a hand in, as Walch pointed out.

He was also involved with the establishment of a primary health care center, run by Arnot Health, which is part of the same complex as the community center. It is the only health care facility in Addison, Walch said.

Flint was also active in the Kiwanis Club, Little League and First Baptist Church, among other endeavors.

"His accomplishments are everywhere in this village," Walch said.

A new sign for the community center, bearing Flint's name, was unveiled at Friday's ceremony as his family looked on.

Flint recognized that the people of Addison had a real need for such a gathering place, said his wife, Carolyn. And he worked hard—although certainly not without help—to bring his vision to fruition.

"Leland would be very humbled by this," Carolyn Flint said.

## Hornell tries to shoo crows from downtown

BY JEN CARPENTER  
GateHouse News Service

**HORNELL** | Hornell officials are attempting to discourage flocks of crows that are roosting in trees in the downtown area.



HOGAN

Hornell Mayor Shawn Hogan said swarms of crows hanging out in city trees and on city buildings continue to be a nuisance. However, the city may have some answers.

Hogan said the city started efforts to scare the birds away earlier this week. He said the police department took a car to the area of Olive Place, where the crows are often seen, and sounded off the siren and turned on the lights. He said this seemed to scare some of the birds away.

Hogan said the crows come in from nearby fields at night.

"The sky is almost black with crows," he said. "Until we find a permanent solution

we'll continue to make life a little uncomfortable for them as they've made it for the residents."

Hogan also met with state Department of Environmental Conservation Officer Tom Flaitz earlier this week. Officers from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will come to the area and do a pyrotechnic display and distress calls to scare the crows away, Flaitz said.

"This is becoming more and more of a problem throughout New York state," Flaitz said.

Hogan also suggested shooting blank bullets at night may scare the birds off.

Hogan said crows often flock to cities, where temperatures are generally 5 to 10 degrees warmer than outlying areas. He said the largest trees, which make great roosting spots, are normally found in urban settings.

Hogan said great horned owls, a natural enemy of the crow, are not as common in urban areas. He said artificial light also assists crows in keeping an eye out for owls and other predators.

## Church to serve free Christmas dinner

**CORNING** | The First Presbyterian Church of Corning will serve its 33rd annual Christmas Day dinner beginning at noon on Dec. 25. The meal is free, and open to

anyone who might otherwise be alone on Christmas. Arrangements for transportation can be made. Reservations are requested by 5 p.m. on Dec. 14, and can be made by calling 937-5419.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Woman's Club to meet Tuesday

**CORNING** | The Corning Area Woman's Club will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Radisson Hotel, Corning for their annual Christmas tea. A holiday program of Christmas music will be presented by students of the Alternative School. Members are reminded of their donations to the Salvation Army, Meals on Wheels and Head Start. For more information, call 962-6934.

#### Internet safety program set

**ELMIRA** | An Internet safety program will be held from 9 a.m.-noon Tuesday at the YWCA, 211 Lake St. for community members and agencies. The workshop will cover ideas to help keep children safer on the Internet, an overview of the state of safety awareness among Elmira children, ways to monitor and limit home computer and internet use and resources to report dangers and learn more. The program will be facilitated by Tom O'Hara, supervisor of technology at the Elmira City School District. For more information or to register, call 733-5575.

#### La Leche League to meet Tuesday

**CORNING** | The Chemung Valley La Leche League will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Corning Parent Resource Center, 300 Civic Center. Topic of discussion will be "The Steps to Weaning." The event is open to all women interested in breastfeeding. Babies, toddlers and fathers are welcome to attend. For more information, call 732-1835 or 562-3135.

#### Forum for zero waste set for Wed.

**ELMIRA** | A forum for discussion of the Zero Waste Movement will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Steele Memorial Library auditorium, 101 E. Church St. by The Finger Lakes Group of the Sierra Club. Keynote speaker will be Lynne Pledger, one of nine members of the Sierra Club's National Zero Waste Committee, who will discuss because time is running out on climate change, individual lifestyle changes for reducing waste are not enough and that the production of waste is a sign of inefficiency, causing great loss of time, value and resources. The event is free and open to the public.

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#### Savona to host decoration contest

**SAVONA** | A village home decorating contest is being held in the Village of Savona by the Savona Fire Department Auxiliary. Ballots are available at King's Grocery

on East Lamoka Avenue and the Flying H Mini Mart on Main Street and is open to all village of Savona residents. Winners and prizes will be announced Dec. 16 at the Holiday Magic Celebration at the Village Hall.

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