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IN BRIEF

School board candidates sought

PAINTED POST |

Nominating petitions for the Corning-Painted Post school board are now available from Karen Dutcher, district clerk, at the administration building, 165 Charles St. To qualify as a candidate for the school board, a person must be at least 18 years old, a citizen of the United States, a qualified voter of the Corning-Painted Post school district and have resided within the district for at least one year immediately preceding the election. The deadline for filing the completed petition with the district clerk is 5 p.m. April 30. The election will be held May 20.

Poet, harpist to visit Gatherings

CORNING | Peaceful Gatherings will hold an event titled Poetry, Song and Silence for Peace from 2-3:30 p.m. Sunday in the community room of the Southeast Steuben County Library. The event will feature poet Edward Dougherty and harpist Maryalice Little.

H'heads school board meets Mon.

HORSEHEADS | The Horseheads school board will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at Ridge Road Elementary School.

14 to graduate from Firefighter 1

ELMIRA HEIGHTS | The Chemung County Fire Advisory Board will be hold a ceremony for 14 graduates of the Spring 2008 Firefighter 1 training program at 6:30 p.m. today in the Thomas Edison High School auditorium.

Civil Service group to meet

ELMIRA | The Chemung County/City of ⊟mira Regional Civil Service Commission will meet at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the secondfloor conference room of the Hazlett Building.

Business leader to speak at MU

MANSFIELD, PA. | Award winning educator and business leader Michael Robinson will deliver a lecture titled "Mansfield University Developing Leaders: Real World Application", at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Laurel Manor B Lounge.

C-S school board to meet Mon.

CAM PBELL | The Campbell-Savona school board will hold a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the board room.

Cemetery group will meet

PRESHO | The Presho Cemetery Association will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the Presho United Methodist Church.

April 6 at 2:30 PM

■ Staff reports

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



More than 400 government officials and employees from Chemung, Schuyler, and Steuben counties spent Thursday learning more about issues impacting the region.

Shared services, wind farms highlight event

BY SARAH GROSSMAN

CORNING | Riverside Mayor William Cornell enjoyed the chance to network Thursday with elected officials and government employees from the area Conference.

and Steuben counties attended workshops at coordinator. Corning Community attracts members at every ing clerks, city planners, justices, highway superintendents, and county legislators.

GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

 $\textbf{PALMYRA} \mid In \ what \ might$

be called a case of destructive

deja vu, a CSX freight train

derailed Thursday morning in

from the site of similar derail-

ment almost five years ago.

"It seemed like a good idea in spections for the DEC," to get everyone together and executive director Southern Tier Regional get emergency numbers." Planning and Development Board.

Also part of the event was during the Southern Tier a trade show where vendors is a chance to share ideas Central Regional Leadership from area companies and state agency representatives More than 400 officials mingle with the government from Chemung, Schuyler employees, said Thomas McGarry,

Topics discussed at this College. The event annually year's conference included shared services, the budget level of government includ- process, the Department of En viron mental Conservation and wind farms.

"I learned a lot about the sions with," he said.

Freight train derails in Palmyra, dumps coal

CSX officials were at the

The company has been

in recent years, including the caution.

the town of Palmyra - not far ments in Western New York near the track as a safety pre-

scene Thursday to investi-

materials, deputies said.

said Ray W. Acomb, highway every year the conference superintendent for the Town grows," said Marcia Weber, of Avoca. "It helped to find out more about spills and to

Acomb has been attending the event since taking office 10 years ago. The conference with others who work in other towns, he said.

Ames R. Crans, deputy supervisor and council member in Town Woodhull, was at the event for the first time.

Crans said he felt it was his duty to attend.

"The conference gives us information to make deci-

In late August 2003, 15 of

Palmyra fire officials briefly

90 cars on a CSX train

derailed in Palmyra.

Massa challenges Kuhl to debates

THE LEADER STAFF

CORNING | Democrat Eric Massa has challenged U.S. Rep. John R. "Randy" Kuhl Jr. to an aggressive debate schedule prior to the general election in November.

Massa wants to face Kuhl, R-Hammondsport, in one debate in each of the eight counties that make up the 29th Congressional District.

"Now that Randy Kuhl has public debates," said Massa, a Corning resident. "I will adjust my calendar to accommodate him so we will not infringe on his schedule." Kuhl said Thursday Massa

is rushing things a bit. While Massa declared a second run at Kuhl last year, the incumbent announced just last month he'd seek a third term.

starting to organize the cam- mat. paign," Kuhl said Thursday. debates, like I have in the at this point."





KUHL opponents. If that happens, there would be only two months in which to schedule

Massa also criticized Kuhl announced his intention to for changing the format of run for re-election, he owes it his public town meetings to the voters to join me in that begin today. Instead of holding public forums at town halls, Kuhl is inviting constituents to speak with him in a more personal, confidential manner.

appearances, Kuhl said.

Kuhl said his staff will be on hand to assist residents in what will be more of an office-like atmosphere. He said numerous residents "At this point we're just requested the change in for-

"It's quite unfortunate that "I look forward to the Randy Kuhl has decided to hide behind his staff by holdpast. It's much too premature ing closed-door meetings rather than having an open Kuhl also said both he and and transparent dialogue Massa could face primary with the public," Massa said.

Police: Liquor store owner chases down rum thief

THE LEADER STAFF

BATH | The owner of a West Steuben Street liquor store thwarted an attempted theft Wednesday, chasing the and leading to his arrest.

noon with petit larceny.

owner of Sherwood's Wine and Liquor, said she was store when she saw Ordway Ambulance garage. walk into the shop.

Sherwood said Ordway the took a bottle of rum from a shelf and fled the building.

and took off after him," Sherwood said.

Ordway then ran down West Steuben Street toward the Steuben County Office Building as bystanders tried to stop him.

"He slipped and fell on the perpetrator from the store bottle and broke it,' Sherwood said. "Then he got Steven J. Ordway, 29, was up and walked away. I stood charged Wednesday after- on the corner and watched him walk up Steuben Street, Marlea Sherwood, the then I called the police on my cell phone.'

Village police arrested talking to a friend at about Ordway a couple of blocks 12:10 p.m. in front of her away near the Bath

Ordway was taken from scene bу Bath Ambulance to the Ira Davenport Hospital where "I grabbed a pricing gun he was treated for cuts he suffered when he fell with the bottle in his hands.

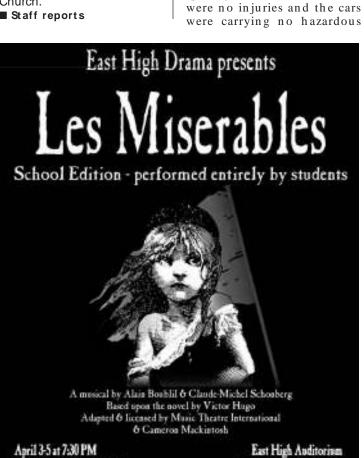
TODAY'S MEETINGS

Village board

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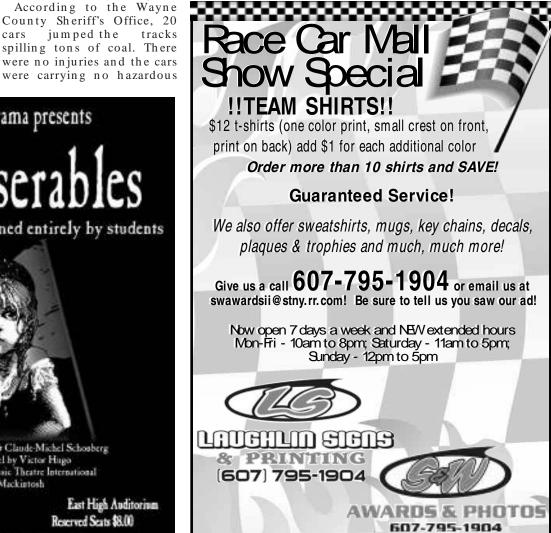
School board committee

7 a.m. Bath District office



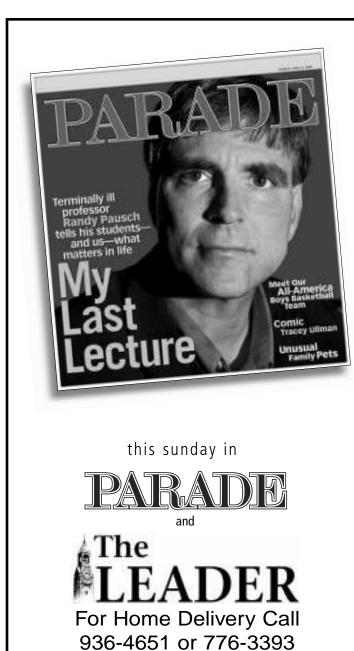
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