

## St. James Mercy gets 3 grants

THE LEADER STAFF

**HORNELL** | St. James Mercy Health System announced it has received three grants totaling \$123,000 for maternity and dental services.

The money will be used next year to buy equipment for the maternity department and to develop a pilot program to better serve dental patients.

The equipment includes an electronic fetal monitoring system that allows staff to safely interpret a baby's heart rate while the mother is in labor. Also, the hospital will buy a newborn hearing screening device to determine hearing loss.

The grants will also fund a pilot program to help disadvantaged patients get better access to services at the St. Rene Dental Clinic.

The grants were awarded by St. James Mercy's parent company, Catholic Health East.

## VA to hold flu vaccine clinics

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**GANG MILLS** | The Bath VA Medical Center will hold a series of flu vaccination clinics in communities throughout the Twin Tiers over the next several weeks.

Brandon Gardner, Bath VA public affairs officer, said vaccinations are available for eligible veterans currently enrolled for care at the VA's.

Veterans not currently enrolled should bring their DD214 and 2007 income information with them to determine eligibility.

If veterans are unable to attend the flu shot clinics at the announced times, the VA will schedule an appointment.

Gardner said if a veteran requires this service, they should call their assigned primary care team.

Clinics will be held:

■ Oct. 21, at Coudersport, Pa. American Legion | 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

■ Oct. 22, at Corning VFW | 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

■ Oct. 28, at Dundee American Legion | 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

■ Oct. 29, at Elkland, Pa. Moose Lodge | 9 a.m.-noon.

■ Oct. 29, at Mansfield, Pa. VFW | 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

■ Oct. 30, at Montour Falls Schuyler County Human Services Complex | 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

■ Nov. 4, at Hornell VFW | 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

## PD Chief injured in motorcycle accident

**CHARLESTON TOWNSHIP, PA.** | The chief of the Wellsboro Police Department was injured Tuesday when the motorcycle he was riding struck a deer. Thomas A. Young II, 51, of Wellsboro, suffered minor injuries when he was thrown from his motorcycle after striking a deer around 5:30 a.m. on Mills Hill Road. State police said Young was taken to Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital.

■ Staff report

### TODAY'S MEETINGS

#### School board

7 p.m.  
Hammondspoint  
High School library

#### 6 p.m.

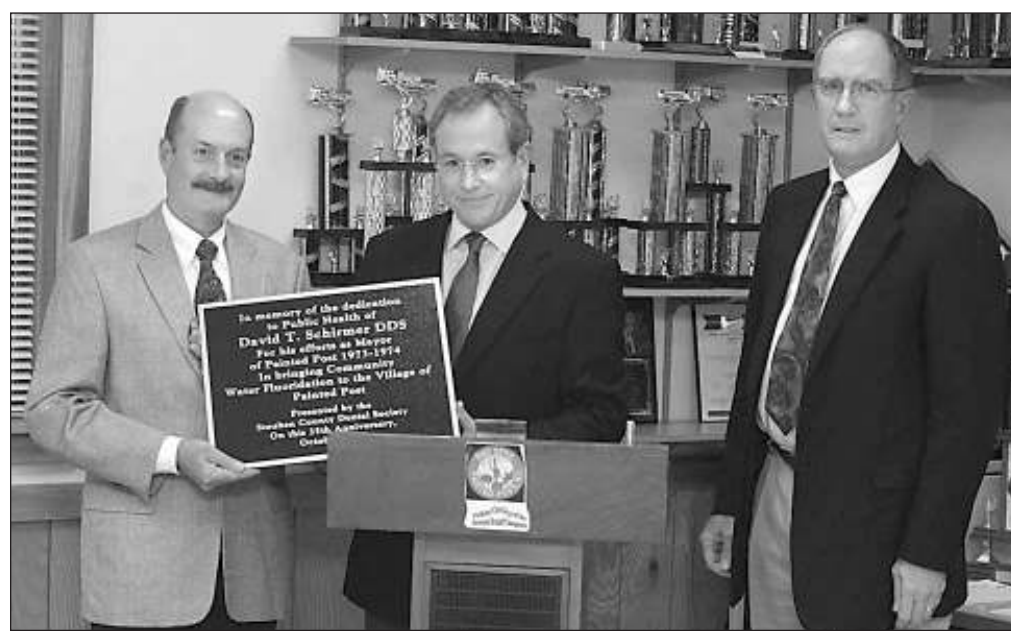
Bath  
District office, 25 Ellis Ave., Bath

#### Planning Board

6 p.m.  
Campbell  
Town Hall

#### Town Board

7 p.m.  
Thurston  
Town Hall



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Painted Post Mayor Edward Franklin J. received a bronze plaque, awarded during a ceremony to former Painted Post Mayor, the late David T. Schirmer. The plaque was given to Franklin to be placed in the Village Hall. The award was granted for the former mayors leadership in bringing the fluoridation of village water in 1977. The award was originally accepted by David C. Schirmer, on behalf of his father from Steuben County Dental Society Member John Gunselman.

## Plaque dedicated to David T. Schirmer

BY JEFFERY SMITH  
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**PAINTED POST** | A bronze memorial plaque was dedicated Tuesday afternoon to the late David T. Schirmer, a dentist and former Painted Post mayor who helped bring water fluoridation to the village.

The memorial was presented at the Painted Post Village Hall by Steuben County Dental Society member John Gunselman to David C. Schirmer, who

accepted the honor on behalf of his father.

The elder Schirmer was honored because while he served as village mayor in 1973 and 1974 he encouraged the Painted Post Village Board to authorize fluoridation the village water supply.

"In the years that followed the Hurricane Agnes Flood he guided so many aspects of the rebuilding of the village's infrastructure,"

SEE PLAQUE | 5A



David T. Schirmer

## County budget Workshops to continue

BY MARY PERHAM  
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**BATH** | It's too early to tell how the 2009 Steuben County budget will balance out even though legislators spent four hours Tuesday reviewing items and proposing changes.

Tuesday's meeting was the first of three budget workshops scheduled this week, with the county Legislature's Finance Committee set to meet again at 10 a.m. today.

The third workshop, on Thursday, will be held if needed, according to committee Chairman Patrick Donnelly, R-Bath.

Officials said it was too early

to determine final budget figures, with no word yet on third quarter sales tax revenues. The sales tax report is expected at the end of the month.

"There are a lot of unknowns," said county Administrator Mark Alger. "We need to be as flexible as possible so we will be able to adjust later."

Projected expenditures for next year range across the board.

So far, one of the largest jumps is in the special needs Early Intervention program, which anticipates a 38 percent increase in costs next year, from \$1.5 million this year to \$1.7 million in 2009.

### REPUBLICANS GATHER TO ENDORSE ORDWAY



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Local Republicans from left, Corning Mayor Tom Reed, State Assemblyman Jim Bacalles, State Senator George Winner and Steuben County Republican Chairman Bill Hatch gather in Corning Tuesday afternoon to endorse Republican candidate for Sheriff Jbel Ordway at a press conference.



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## VFW endorses Massa

BY THE LEADER STAFF

**CORNING** | Eric Massa, Democratic candidate for the 29th Congressional District, received the endorsement Tuesday of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Political Action Committee.

"As a retired Navy commander, I am deeply honored to receive the endorsement of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Political Action Committee," Massa said. "As just one of three Democratic challengers around the county to receive the VFW

Committee's endorsement, I am especially humbled. Our veterans deserve more than just Washington rhetoric and I will fight to be their voice."

Massa had previously been endorsed by the Communication Workers of America, the New York State AFL-CIO, New York State United Teachers, and the United Steel Workers Local 1000.

Massa is running against incumbent U.S. Rep. John R. "Randy" Kuhl Jr., R-Hammondspoint. Kuhl is seeking his third term in Congress.

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