

Rockwell director honored in NYC

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CORNING | Kristin Swain, executive director of Corning's Rockwell Museum of Western Art, was recently honored in New York City.

Swain received a statewide award for outstanding leadership and advocacy of the arts from NYS ARTS, a non-profit service association for community-based arts and cultural organizations, according to a release from the Rockwell.

Swain was presented with

the award during a banquet Nov. 17 in Manhattan.

A number of awards were presented at the event, which featured entertainment by Broadway performers and jazz musicians. Stephanie Simon, arts reporter for NY1 News, a 24-hour news cable channel, emceed the event.

"The honorees, who have spent much of their lives advancing the arts, are all incredible examples of individuals and organizations that are inspiring future genera-

tions of New Yorkers," said Judith Kaufman Weiner, executive director of NYS ARTS, in a prepared statement.

Swain has been involved with the Rockwell Museum since its establishment in 1976 and oversaw much of its growth over the years. She served as president of the museum's board of trustees and was named executive director in 2002.

Swain also serves on the boards of numerous other arts organizations.

GONE, BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN



Left to right | Anita Woodhouse, Chris Burke, the Rev. Kit Tobin, Congressman-elect Eric Massa and Dix McDonald cut the ribbon Saturday for the official opening of the World AIDS Day 2008 Quilt Display at the Southeast Steuben County Library. The quilt panels commemorate the life of a loved one who has died of AIDS.

Library unveils AIDS quilt

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CORNING | An AIDS memorial quilt was unveiled Saturday at the Southeast Steuben County Library.

Eighteen panels from the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt will be displayed through Dec. 14 as part of an educational event planned by the AIDS Committee of the Corning Vicinity Faith Communities to mark the 10th annual World AIDS Day local-

ly, according to a release.

"The quilt is a powerful reminder that the HIV/AIDS pandemic is still with us," said Anita Woodhouse, who lost her son Danny to AIDS.

The NAMES Project quilt includes 44,000 individual 3-by-6-foot memorial panels, each commemorating the life of someone who has died of AIDS. The panels have been sewn together by friends, lovers and family members. The panels are displayed in

12-by-12-foot sections, two of which are hanging in the library.

"These quilts help bring the pandemic of AIDS to the public consciousness because, unless a person is personally involved with someone who has HIV/AIDS, it is hard to understand the disease," said Dix McDonald, a member of the AIDS Committee of Corning Vicinity Faith Communities.

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Converters necessary for digital TV switch

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One of the biggest changes in television history is about 100 days away.

Folks that rely on free, over-the-air television reception with an analog TV will be at risk of losing their TV signal after Feb. 17, 2009, when television will be switched over to digital cable, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce.

A government program provides two \$40 coupons per household toward the purchase of a converter boxes.

Coupons are available on line at www.DTV2009.gov or by calling (888) DTV-2009. They can be redeemed at retailers such as Best Buy, Circuit City, Kmart, Radio Shack, Sears, Target and Wal-Mart, as well as through online and telephone retailers.

A list is provided on the Web site.

"We urge people to purchase their coupons now, before the end of the year, and to tell their families and friends about this service," said Todd Sedmak of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

St. Joe's invests in new technology

BY BOB RECOTTA
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ELMIRA | St. Joseph's Hospital has recently purchased new technology that will enhance patient safety and care.

The hospital has purchased eight wireless phlebotomy systems, including scanners and printers. Officials said the new technology could help minimize the chances of mistakes at the hospital.

"Primarily, they allow us to

take advantage of the technology we already have in place at the hospital," said Lenny Kaner, director of information services at the hospital. "Previously, the lab techs took labels to the lab to collect specimens. The labels tell them what room, what patients they need to collect from and what they need to collect. The new scanners replace the labels and do it electronically in real-time mode."

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