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IN BRIEF

Group to present open-mic night

WATKINS GLEN | The Watkins Glen Writers' Group will present a themed evening open-mic at 7 p.m. today at Storylines Bookstore and Cafe. The evening's theme will be "Hidden Meanings." All individuals interested in sharing or listening to literary, musical, or other artistic work related to the theme are invited to participate. For details, call 546-4703.

Center to hold movie screening

ELMIRA | The Jewish Center and Federation of the Twin Tiers will screen the film "A Life Apart: Hasidism in America" at 7 p.m. today. The film explores the lives of the Hasidim and their customs including matchmaking, yeshiva education and traditional dress. Admission to the film is free. The center is located at 1008 W. Water St. For details, call 734-8122.

Relay for Life kickoff slated

CORNING | The Corning-Painted Post Relay for Life Committee will hold its 2009 kickoff event from 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Southeast Steuben County Library. New and existing teams and any interested community members are invited to attend. The event will provide information about the 2009 Relay to be held June 19. For details, call 734-1553,

Dinner theater auditions slated

CORNING | First United Methodist Church will hold public auditions for the upcoming dinner theater production of "The Reckoning" at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday in the church's Cheney Lounge. "The Reckoning," a humorous look at personal shortcomings, will be staged in the round on Feb. 21 as part of the 2nd annual Mardi Gras celebration. Parts are available for 11 adults, and most parts have fewer than 10 lines. The play will be directed by Rick Sivers. For details, call 962-4608.

Guthrie to offer scholarships

CORNING | The application deadline for Guthrie's 35th annual Health Professions and Guthrie Employee Scholarships is Friday. Applicants for the Health Professions Scholarship must be high school seniors who plan to enter an accredited college, university, hospital-based nursing or allied health program with careers in health professions, including hospital administration or a planned career in medical research, in the summer or fall of 2009. Applicants for the Guthrie Employee Scholarships must be high school seniors who are the children of Guthrie employees and who plan to enroll in an accredited junior college, college, or university in the summer or fall of 2009. Any career interest is allowed for these scholarships, and students may apply simultaneously for a Health Professions Scholarship if all the criteria for that scholarship are met. Students from local districts in New York and Pennsylvania are eligible. Applications are available at school guidance offices, the Guthrie Human Resources Departments, Guthrie Clinic Administration Offices, and the Guthrie Healthcare System Administration Office. For details, call

(570) 882-3004. ■ Staff reports

TODAY'S MEETINGS

School Board

6 p.m. Campbell-Savona Central Campbell-Savona High School, large group

Canisteo-Greenwood Central Canisteo-Greenwood High School, 84 Greenwood St., Canisteo

County Legislature

10 a.m. Steuben

Legislative committee room, Steuben County Office Building, 3 E Pulteney Sq.,

More than 2000 come out for Sorge benefit



The Wings of Eagles Discovery Center in Big Flats was filled to capacity Sunday afternoon with supporters of the Sorge family. The facility hosted a benefit for the Sorge's restaurant, which burned down recently.

Local businesses supplied food, items for event

BY BOB RECOTTA

CORNING | Less than a month ago, the community was stunned when it auction and raffles. They also sold heard Sorge's Restaurant, a community fixture for more than 50 years, had burned to the ground. On Sunday, community members came out to Lando, D-3, who was also on the comshow their support for the Sorge

More than 2,000 people packed the Wings of Eagles Discovery Center Sunday to attend a benefit held for the Sorge family.

The benefit was organized by many it. What an amazing turnout." of the Sorges' fellow restaurateurs, mente's Restaurant and Tommy Pieri Shop for more than 50 years. of Pieri's Central Restaurant.

had to do something. It's a communi- was devastated over their loss.' ty event. It just shows how wonderful

Corning is. People come together whenever someone is in need.'

DeClemente said about 100 local merchants donated items to the silent 2,000 tickets, with people still buying tickets at the door.

Corning City Councilman Hilda mittee that planned the benefit, said more than 200 volunteers from the community helped make the benefit a

"I always knew this was a wonderful community," Lando said. "This proves

Among the community members including Billy Spaulding of Corning who came out for the benefit was Fran Spaulding owner of Corning Catering, Kirk DeClemente of DeCle-Bates, who has owned Fran's Bridal

"My daughter was great friends with "When I heard about the fire, I put Theresa Sorge," Bates said. "They were Restaurant with his brother Mike, said myself in their position," DeClemente in each other's weddings. I've known he was overwhelmed by the outpoursaid. "My livelihood, my life gone. I Joe and Mike Sorge all of their lives. I ing of support from his community.

Joe Sorge, who co-owned Sorge's



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Joe Sorge, right, who co-owned Sorge's Restaurant thanks Bill Catering Inc. who helped organize the benefit.

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2 from Hornell diagnosed with MRSA

BY DERRICK BALINSKY The Evening Tribune

HORNELL | Two members of the Hornell community were diagnosed with Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus – a drug-resistant staph infection - last week, including a female student-athlete at Hornell High School.

"We've become aware of the first cases of it in Hornell. One of those cases is with an athlete and the other case is with an individual who has no direct relation to the athletic program at all," Gene Mastin, director of athletics at Hornell High School, said Friday.

Linda Blauers, a spokesperson for St. James Mercy Hospital, said she was not aware of any cases of MRSA currently being treated in the hospital.

Gail Wechsler, Steuben County Public Health coordinator, said no cases of MRSA were reported in the county last year.

Mastin said that in both cases, the MRSA initially appeared as a small red patch with a dot in the center and were mistaken to be a spider bite.

"Within a day or two, each of these areas grew bigger and warmer on each of the people who contracted it. They were both referred to family physicians who took cultures and it is now being treated with antibiotics," Mastin said.

MRSA occurs most often in people with weak immune systems, but it can also be present with healthy people. A MRSA infection wil usually look like a pimple or boil and can be red, swollen, painful and have puss or fluid drainage. A more serious infection may be present if MRSA infections cause pneumonia, blood stream or surgical wound infections.

"MRSA is what we call a drug-resistant organism because, basically, it's a bacteria that does not respond to historical routine treatment, but we do have antibiotics that we can use," said Mary Ann Mitchell, an interim infection control preventionist at St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell.

SCIDA to assist in brownfield development, OKs 10% match

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BATH | Local economic development groups are willing to redevelop nearly 500 acres of unused land in Painted Post, Erwin and Riverside, but the question remains whether the state will have the money to fund the project.

The state's Brownfield Opportunity Area grant,

which pays for the cleanup and redevelopment of contaminated sites, is in jeopardy of not being funded in the next fiscal year.

That didn't stop both the Steuben County Industrial Development Agency and the Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board to go ahead Thursday and apply for brownfield funding.

SCIDA board members

approved without hesitation appropriating \$10,000 as the required 10 percent match of local funds if the grant application is approved.

Later that day, regional planning board members followed that pledge for a local match by agreeing to hold public reviews before submitting plans to develop several acres in Erwin, Painted Post

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SCIDA, Urbana to conduct water study for businesses to join municipal supply

BY MARY PERHAM leaderbath@vahoo.com

URBANA | Plans to connect two wineries to the Hammondsport municipal water supply have been resurrected following an agreement to study the plan.

The Steuben County Industrial Development Agency has agreed to split with the town of Urbana the \$10,000 cost for the study, which will examine the impact of running water lines to several businesses along state Route 54A, including Bully Hill and Heron Hill wineries.

The idea was initially raised in 2005, but gained little momentum. The project recently received support from U.S. Rep. Eric Massa, D-Corning, who has



Massa said Friday 'strongly supported" water districts in Urbana as a way to help the

al officials.

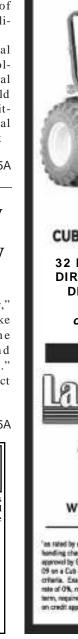
met with loc- industries and residents. "It's my No. 1 priority,"

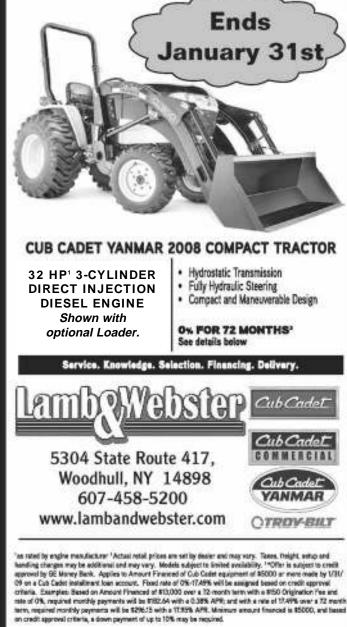
Massa said. "I never make any guarantees but only the one that I will work around the clock for my district." Massa said the water district is among local projects he

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