

GOOD NEWS

Holton employee of month at St. Jbe's

ELMIRA | St. Joseph's hospital has announced that Shelia Holton, registration clerk, has been named the hospital's employee of the month for February. According to hospital officials, Holton received the award for her willingness to work on her scheduled days off when the registration department was short staffed. Holton lives in Elmira.

West students compete in Calif.

PASADENA, CALIF. | Four Corning-Painted Post West High School students recently competed in the Barbershop Harmony Society's International Youth Chorus Festival. Michael Roche, Zach Hempstead, Matt DeMartino, and Kedar Shashidhar performed in the festival as members of SLAM. SLAM received the highest score in its age group and also received the 5th highest score overall. All four students also perform as members of the Barbershop Harmony Society's Painted Post Chapter, the Arrowhead Chorus, and the Unaccompanied Minors. They will next compete in the Seneca Land District's Collegiate Quartet Competition to be held April 17-19 in Rochester.

St. Jbe's awarded in respiratory care

St. Joseph's Hospital has been awarded Quality Respiratory Recognition under a national program aimed at helping patients make informed decisions about the quality of respiratory care services. St. Joseph's Respiratory Care Services has received this award for the last six years. To qualify for the recognition a hospital must provide documentation showing that all respiratory therapists employed by the hospital to deliver bedside respiratory care are legally recognized by the state as competent to provide respiratory care or hold the CRT or RRT credential, the hospital has respiratory therapists available 24 hours a day, all other personnel qualified to perform specific respiratory procedures and the amount of supervision required for personnel to carry out specific procedures is designated in writing, and a doctor of medicine or osteopathy is designated as the director of respiratory care services.

IN BRIEF

Keuka ASAP to hold info. session

CORNING | The Keuka College Accelerated Studies for Adults Program at Corning Community College will hold an information session from 5-6 p.m. today at the CCC Business Development Center. The ASAP program allows students to earn an accelerated bachelor's or master's degree. To register, call (315) 694-1666.

Group to host film screening today

ELMIRA | The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will celebrate Black History Month with a screening of the film "Glory" at 6:30 p.m. today at the Steel Memorial Library. The film tells the story of the 54th Massachusetts Regiment, the first black regiment to participate in a major battle. The event is free and open to the public.

■ Staff reports

Adult day care to open in Bath

BY ROB PRICE
The Courier-Advocate

BATH | A new service for area residents suffering from Alzheimer's Disease and other dementia will open March 4 at the Fred and Harriett Taylor Health Center. Called "The Sunshine Club,"

the service will provide social adult day care for people with early to mid-stage dementia from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesdays. The cost is \$45 per day.

The Sunshine Club also is partnering with the Caregiver Resource Center, in the Steuben County Office for the

Aging, to provide some respite for patients' caregivers.

"It frees the caregiver up for the day," said Patricia Baroody, Caregiver Resource Center coordinator. "Anything that gives them renewal and peace of mind we try to provide."

Clients will be able to enjoy a range of activities at The Sunshine Club, including crafts, simple cooking, bingo, card games, physical activities and video games. Additional services may include blood work and personal grooming at a beauty salon. Snacks and a lunch will be provided.

Reservations are required both at The Sunshine Club and at the Caregiver Resource Center, where caregivers are met on a first-come first-serve basis. For additional information, call The Sunshine Club at 776-8650 and the Caregiver Resource Center at 776-7813.

'BLADE' WAVES TO CHILDREN AT FIRST ARENA



JASON COX | THE LEADER

"Blade," the mascot of the Elmira Jackals, waves to children at First Arena between periods as the team hosted the Trenton Devils.

ARBOR DEVELOPMENT

Developer awarded \$298K for rehabilitation of homes

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MASSA

BATH | Maple City Savings Bank and Arbor Development have reached a \$2 million community development funding milestone.

Maple City Savings Bank and Federal Home Loan Bank of New York announced Friday two funding awards to Arbor Development totaling \$298,686.

Arbor Development will use the money to rehabilitate 30 owner-occupied

homes in Steuben County and build seven new homes, according to a news release.

"These affordable housing awards from the Federal Home Loan Bank will serve two important purposes: providing safe, affordable housing, and helping to keep families in their homes. When we are able to do this, we strengthen our communities," said U.S. Rep. Eric Massa, D-Corning.

With these two grants, the total state funding obtained by Maple City Savings Bank to invest in community development through Arbor Development housing projects exceeds \$2 million. "Maple City Savings Bank believes that being a true community bank means being an active member of the community," said Terry L. Bertram, president of Maple City Savings Bank.

N.Y. SENATE LEADER:

Senate lacks gay marriage votes

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALBANY | New York Senate Majority Leader Malcolm Smith said Saturday that his Democratic conference lacks enough votes to legalize gay marriage this year, but he's committed to passing a gay-marriage bill soon.

Smith said in remarks prepared for a Human Rights Campaign event in Manhattan that he strongly supports equal marital rights for gay couples.

"Although we don't have the number of votes at this time needed to pass the mar-

riage equality and gender bill this legislative session, we are committed to pursuing its passage when we have the votes," said Smith, of Queens.

But his confirmation that he lacks enough votes is likely a disappointment for gay rights advocates, who had hoped gay marriage would pass after Democrats took control of the Senate in the November elections.

Democrats won a 32-30 majority after more than 40 years of GOP rule in the chamber. But initially four, then three dissident Democrats threatened to side with

Republicans if they didn't get the lucrative leadership positions they sought or attention to their top legislative issues.

Fire Chief Monroe elected president of association

BY JEFFERY SMITH
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MONROE

CORNING | Corning City Fire Chief Stephen Monroe has been elected president of the Career Fire Chiefs' Association of New York State.

Monroe will succeed Cortland Fire Chief Dennis Baron, who served as president since the association's inception in 1995.

"I'm proud to be elected to the position," Monroe said. "It's an honor."

The association provides support and information to fire

service professionals and chiefs.

Brian H. Wilbur, association secretary, said the group has about 65 members statewide.

Monroe has been employed by the Corning City Fire Department since 1984. He has served as chief for nearly nine years.

Prior to his time at the department, he served as a volunteer fireman and was self-employed.

BATH

Veterans Association to hold an open house

BY JEFFERY SMITH
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BATH | An assortment of veterans benefits will be displayed and available at an open house Wednesday.

An open house will be held from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Charles E. Wescott American Legion Post, West William Street, Bath.

Counselors will answer questions about education, medical care, disability, veterans' tax exemptions, employment assistance, pension and burial benefits.

Personnel will also be on hand to process applications for care and flu shots.

Several national, state and

local agencies and organizations will also be at the open house.

Officials from the state Department of Labor, Office of the Aging, Southern Tier Hospice and the Social Security Administration will attend the session.

Veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars may have earned Veterans Administration medical care benefits.

The application period for those benefits expires five years after separation from active duty.

Discharge papers and 2008 financial information should be brought to the open house for accurate benefits counseling.

IN BRIEF

'Skate with the Jackals' night set

CORNING | The City of Corning Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a "Skate with the Jackals" night from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday. Jackals players will be on hand for skating and to sign autographs. The cost is \$2 per person.

■ Staff report

PHARMACY TODAY
by Michael Steed, R.Ph.

VIAGRA ALTERNATIVE MAY POSE SAME RISK

If you suffer from erectile dysfunction (ED) and have been told that Viagra, Cialis, and Levitra are not suitable treatments, you should know that turning to herbal alternatives instead is not a good idea. Some "all-natural" products with herbal ingredients that are touted to remedy impotence actually contain unregulated versions of the pharmaceuticals found in the prescription medications. As a result, they pose the same danger to men who take nitrates to lower blood pressure and regulate heart disease as the prescription ED medications. This means that men prescribed nitrate medications are in danger of stroke and even death if they were to take Viagra, Cialis, Levitra, or one of the herbal impotency pills with similar ingredients.

Consult with your doctor before taking any ED drugs, whether prescription or herbal. If you have further questions, speak with our pharmacists here at GEROULD'S PHARMACY, 98 West Pulteney St., Corning, (607) 936-3233, and other convenient locations in Horseheads and Elmira. We are focused on and committed to the health needs of our customers. Open every day of the year. In addition to prescription medicines, we carry many health-related products, such as vitamins and herbal supplements, skin care products, first-aid items, and home medical aids and supplies.

Hint: While Viagra and other prescription medication used to treat ED have undergone extensive testing prior to release to the public, herbal remedies are considered to be "dietary supplements," which are far less regulated than pharmaceuticals.

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TODAY'S MEETINGS

School Board
5 p.m.
Campbell-Savona Central Board room, Campbell-Savona Central School.
6 p.m.
Canistota-Greenwood Central Canistota-Greenwood High School auditorium, 84 Greenwood St., Canistota.
7 p.m.
Horseheads Central School District | budget workshop
Veteran Town Hall, 4049 Watkins Road, Millport. 739-5601, Ext. 4260.
Library Board

6 p.m.
Fred and Harriett Taylor Memorial Library
Keuka Room, Fred and Harriett Taylor Memorial Library, 21 William St., Hammondsport.
Town Board
7 p.m.
Hornby
Hornby Town Hall, Hornby Road, Beaver Dams.
County Legislature
7 p.m.
Chemung
Hazlett Building, 203 Lake St., Elmira.

FREE SHOWING

FIREPROOF
NEVER LEAVE YOUR PARTNER BEHIND.
Sunday, February 15, 2009
6:00 PM
Grace Lee Memorial Wesleyan Church
2075 Chambers Road
Beaver Dams, New York
Childcare available by reservation:
962-3225

CORNING INCORPORATED RETIREES GROUP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2009 • 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
At Corning's Corporate Headquarters - Riverfront Café!
Elise Johnson-Schmidt
MARKET STREET - ABOVE & BELOW
Join us for a PowerPoint presentation of change!
Learn about developments along Market Street above and below street level, what's been done and what may yet be in store!
"Urban Living in Downtown"
The coffee programs in the Riverfront Cafe at the company Headquarters are open to all Corning Incorporated retirees, spouses and their friends. For more information, contact John at (607) 936-3745 or go to the retirees' website at www.cirgretirees.com.

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