

IN BRIEF

Machine ready for disabled voters

BATH | The Steuben County Board of Elections will have a special ballot marker voting machine available for any eligible voter during Tuesday's primary. The voting machine will allow anyone with disabilities to vote without assistance and is located at the Board of Elections office in the Steuben County Office Building. Voting hours are noon-9 p.m. For more information, call 664-2260.

DOG

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Village Mayor David Wallace said he reviewed the court documents, and there is nothing the village board can do. "All I would say is if the owner ever violates the order, leaves the dog outside off the leash or unattended, they should call our dog control officer," Wallace

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"The county spent a lot of money on those," she said. "But we don't have half the images, and the documents are illegible." Olin said she would expand office hours to allow gun registrations five days a week instead of the current three-day schedule. Hunter said she is a good fiscal manager, having oversight of \$14 million in revenues from licenses and fees annually. She said she would expand current projects including digitized land books and reference materials. "We've basically gone from the 19th century to the 21st

KUHL

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brave military is providing, I must disagree," said Kuhl, R-Hammondsport. "The true foundation for all progress in Iraq must be for members of opposing parties to join together to reconcile their differences in order to find a political solution," he said. Kuhl has agreed with

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According to numbers provided by Trice, 25 cases were dismissed in 1999 for failure to timely prosecute. Trice said Wetmore claims 22 of the 25 dismissals occurred in 2000, when Trice took office. "These files and the dismissal orders exist and can be verified through the court clerk's office," Trice said. "By the way, the DCJS reported that there were no speedy-trial dismissals for the year 2000." In 1999, Wetmore was the chief assistant district attorney under former District Attorney Tom O'Mara. Trice, who has worked for the office for more than 20 years, did not work for the office in 1999 because he resigned to run for district attorney. "I find it outrageous that in the year 1999, when Mr. Wetmore was the chief assistant, that 25 cases were not prosecuted in a timely manner, and now he takes me to task," Trice said. "He's accused me of doing exactly what he did." Wetmore said he stands by his data. "John Trice was wrong about safety in our streets. He was wrong about police overtime in Elmira," Wetmore said. "Just like he's wrong about my use of public information from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services concerning the performance of his DA's office. "I find it highly suspicious and bizarre that John Trice is trying to blame 22 alleged dismissals in 2000 on his predecessor when none were reported to DCJS. What is most ironic is that Trice allegedly located 'dismissals' from files kept before he was DA when he says he can't produce the same files from when he was DA." According to Trice, his office has prosecuted approximately 7,000 cases in his

Farm to host pasture walk

HORNBY | A pasture walk will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Don and Deb Borden's Hill Place Farm by Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Finger Lakes RC&D. Participants will tour their market and breeding Boer goat farm, view the improvements, learn about pasture and winter management of the goat herd and the marketing plan. To register, call 664-2300.

said. "Violating a court order is far more serious than anything we can do." Murat has also contacted the state Commission on Judicial Conduct about Watches' decision, in the hopes the ruling will be overturned and the owner ordered to send the dog away. Price was not able to be reached for comment.

century in 12 years," Hunter said. "I'd like to continue that." Issues during the next four years include a possible state requirement for all driver's licenses to be given only with legal proof of identity such as a birth certificate, Hunter said. She said a second concern is the proposal by the state Office of Court Administration to have all legal documents filed electronically. Hunter is a member of the state County Clerks' courts committee and will present local concerns about the proposal to the state. Hunter has also secured the Conservative endorsement, and is guaranteed a line on the Nov. 6 general ballot.

Bush's policy of helping Iraq establish a strong centralized government despite deep divides between Sunni, Shiite and Kurdish factions. But Kuhl has said the Bush administration has erred by not negotiating with neighboring countries, like Iran and Syria, to stop the insurgency and help stabilize the region.

seven years as district attorney. Even if all 195 dismissals are the fault of his office, Trice said that equates to approximately 2 percent of all cases. Beyond the dismissals, Wetmore contends Trice's office ranks 56th out of 62 counties in New York in prosecuting felony drug cases, according to numbers by the DCJS. Trice says the data is flawed because more than 300 case dispositions for 2006 were not reported to the DCJS. According to Trice, his office's conviction rates are approximately 90 percent, ranking Chemung County near the top of the state. Wetmore said Friday he was aware of the missing data and asked Trice's office in August for the missing dispositions. But according to Wetmore, Trice refused to turn over the missing data and directed Wetmore's campaign to the DCJS. "Now Trice complains about the use of the DCJS statistics when he himself directed us to go there," Wetmore said. "The district attorney also denied our request because it was too 'burdensome.'" In addition to the statistical data he says proves Chemung County needs a new district attorney, Wetmore said he is running for the office because numerous police officers have asked him to. He has been endorsed by the Elmira Heights Police Benevolent Association and the Chemung County Deputy Sheriff Association. Trice said he has a great working relationship with the police. He has been endorsed by the New York State Troopers Police Benevolent Association. The men will square off in Tuesday's election primary. Both are running for the Republican and Conservative party nominations. There is no Democratic challenger.

DEATH NOTICES

Paul A. Carpenter

DAWSONVILLE, GA. | Paul A. Carpenter, 67, of Dawsonville, Ga., and formerly of Corning, died Saturday, Aug. 25, 2007. Survivors include his wife, Lynda; four sons, Paul D. Carpenter, Scott Carpenter, and Shonn Carpenter, all of Georgia, and Jon Carpenter of Illinois; two daughters, Laura Kruglucz of Georgia and Lisa Carpenter of Florida; his mother and stepfather, Harriet and Richard Archer of Florida; his stepmother, Joyce Carpenter of Corning; two brothers, David Carpenter of Painted Post and Jon Carpenter of Corning; and two sisters, Joyanne Clark of Corning and Dawn Archer of Michigan. Calling hours are 3-5 p.m. Sunday at Phillips Funeral Home, 17 W. Pulteney St., Corning. A memorial service will be held there at the conclusion of calling hours at 5 p.m. Sunday.

Eugene S. Keener

ELMIRA | Eugene Stanley Keener, 83, of Elmira, died Thursday, Sept. 13, 2007 at St. Joseph's Hospital. He was a retired passenger ticket agent for the Erie Railroad in Elmira and was employed at Southern Tier Hide and Tallow. He was also a tech sergeant in the United States Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. Survivors include his sister, Betty K. Cortright of Horseheads. A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday at Lynch Funeral Home, 318 W. Broad St., Horseheads, the Rev. Dr. Larry L. Appenzellar officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Horseheads.

Patrick E. McCarthy III

CONWAY, S.C. | Patrick E. McCarthy III, 62, of Conway, died Thursday, Sept. 13, 2007 at home after a long illness. He was employed with Corning Inc. in Corning, N.Y., for 18 years and was the owner of the Socastee Barber Shop for 18 years. He was a United States Navy veteran, serving in the Vietnam War. Survivors include his mother, Betty Jane Duffy of Murrells Inlet; wife, Mary Kay McCarthy of Conway; a son, Patrick McCarthy IV; a daughter, Laurie McCarthy Meyer; a brother, Michael McCarthy; a sister, Alice McCarthy Abawi of Canandaigua, N.Y. Funeral services will be held at noon Monday at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Garden City. Arrangements are with Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel, 11528 Highway 17 Bypass, Murrells Inlet.

Leon R. Newcomb

LANCASTER, PA. | Leon R. Newcomb, 87, of Galeton, died Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2007 in Lancaster General Hospital. He was employed with the Civilian Conservation Corps and as a shift supervisor at St. Mary's Carbon Company. He was also a United States Army Air Corps veteran serving in World War II. Survivors include two sons, Dale Newcomb of Galeton, Donald Newcomb of Lancaster; a brother, Milton Newcomb of Ulysses; a sister, Eva Hurd of Grove City. Calling hours are noon-2 p.m. Sunday at the Hess Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Collins Chapel, 14 West St., Galeton. Services will be held there at the conclusion of calling hours at 2 p.m. Sunday.

John A. Patton

CORNING | John A. Patton, 60, of Hilltop Drive, Corning, died Friday, Sept. 7, 2007 at home. He was employed as a property assessor with the Town of Greece and served in the United States Air Force in the special forces in search and rescue during Vietnam. Survivors include his wife, Sharyl Patton; mother, Mary Blake of Palmyra; two sons, Chad Patton and Taylor Hill, both of Endicott; a sister, Roxanne Kachel of Palmyra. Calling hours are 1-4 p.m. today at the Victory Highway Wesleyan Church, 150 Victory Highway, Painted Post. A memorial service will be held there at the conclusion of calling hours at 4 p.m. today, Pastor Paul Piraino officiating. Arrangements are with Phillips Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 17 W. Pulteney St., Corning.

Barbara E. Smith

READING CENTER | Barbara E. Smith, 67, of Reading Center, died Thursday, Sept. 13, 2007 at home. She was a retired school bus driver for Minisink Valley Central School. Survivors include a son, Todd E. Lane of Unionville; four daughters, Tracy E. Martinez of Wayne, Sharon A. Nicholson of Perry, Mich., Wendy B. Atkins of Conway, S.C., Becky J. Richards of Livingston, Mont.; a brother, Albert Eklund of Mesa, Ariz.; a sister, Patty Myruski of New Hampton. There will be no calling hours. Private funeral services will be held at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are with Baird Funeral Home, 36 Water St., Dundee.

Musical luminaries to perform at NYC King memorial concert

BY NEKESA MUMBI MOODY  
AP Music Writer

NEW YORK | Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds has won Grammys and worked with megastars like Eric Clapton, Madonna and Mariah Carey, but the singer-songwriter still remembers a time when he was blocked by racial barriers. "When I was a child, there was an amusement park that I couldn't go to - they would open up only one day a year so blacks could go," the 49-year-old recalls. So when organizers asked him to participate in "The Dream" concert to raise money for a national memorial for Martin Luther King Jr. in Washington, D.C., Edmonds was quick to say yes. "I don't think you have a right to say no," says Edmonds. "It's a major event and something that I wouldn't want to miss." A host of other performers have the same sentiment. Usher, Aretha Franklin, Garth Brooks, Stevie Wonder, Carlos Santana, John Legend and

Ludacris are among those scheduled for Tuesday's concert at Radio City Music Hall. So far, about \$82 million has been raised for the memorial on the National Mall, where monuments to George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and the troops who died in the Vietnam War stand today. A sculptor has already been selected for the three-story King structure. Organizers are hoping the concert will help get them closer to their \$100 million goal. Tickets for the event range from \$150 to \$1,000. Russell Simmons was approached about the King monument project by designer Tommy Hilfiger years ago, but admits he wasn't interested. "I had no interest in building a shrine," he says, adding that he was more interested in his other charities, specifically for underprivileged children. But one night as he was talking to friends about how the United States could better promote peace and understanding, a friend told him: "That's why you have to help us with the Martin Luther King memorial."

Now, Simmons, like Hilfiger, is a co-chair of Tuesday's event, and one of the projects most vocal supporters. The rap mogul says it's crucial to have King's image at the National Mall, where he gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech in 1963 during the March on Washington. "The idea that King is next to those presidents and those war memorials is so important," he says. "Martin Luther King exudes the kind of consciousness that we need in our country today, and kids need an image like his on the mall today, besides the presidents and memorials about the wars." Simmons also called folks like Ludacris, Robin Thicke, and Usher to participate in the concert when organizers fretted there weren't enough young performers on the bill. Wyclef Jean was one of the people Simmons called. The singer and producer feels that Martin Luther King Jr. Day is not enough of a tribute to the civil rights leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner.

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referral from their doctor or optometrist to STAVI. The organization sends vision rehabilitation therapists to patients' homes for a consultation. They talk to the patient about the difficulties they're having and what they're currently doing to cope and often provide training on daily living skills, such as preparing meals and managing finances. They often set up patients with adaptive equipment such as "talking phone books" or tactile markings on thermostats and appliances. The therapists make a written evaluation and may schedule an appointment at the low vision center with one of three specialists - Bleiler, Dr. Ed Cordes, and Dr. Russell Cranston - who look at the therapists' evaluation, conduct an examination and may then prescribe any of a wide array of vision aids, such as magnifying devices. "Some of these devices can work wonders," Bleiler said. "I had one woman who was looking at a photograph, and she could actually see her grand-



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The Corning Senior Center is open from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For details, call 962-8000. For more about STAVI, which also operates a low vision center in Elmira, call 734-1554. children, and there were tears streaming down her cheeks." Unfortunately, the devices are often not covered by insurance, but STAVI works to provide affordable solutions, Hertlein said. While the examinations are by appointment only, the waiting room area has a number of magnifying devices resembling a television screen that can be used for things

Arnot to host NICU reunion

ELMIRA | A reunion for parents, siblings and graduates of Arnot Ogden Medical Center's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) will be held from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday at the Arnot Ogden Medical Center Greenspace. The NICU, the region's only Level III facility serving Chemung and eight neighboring counties, cares for more than 360 premature or critically ill infants each year. There will be activities by Bobby K, face painting, cupcake decorating and music. For more information and to make reservations, call 737-4221.

School group to meet Tuesday

ELMIRA | A "Chemung County School Readiness Project" will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Ernie Davis Community Center Board Room by Donald Keddell, retired associate superintendent for instruction at the Elmira City School District and Ellen Wohl, retired director of Child Care Council. The project involves several local agencies and school districts in preparing children for entering school with a goal to cut in half the percentage of Chemung County's children who are unprepared to begin kindergarten. For more information, call Liz at 426-2299 or 733-2609.

OBITUARIES

CARL F. BACON, JR.

ROCHESTER, NY | Carl F. Bacon, Jr. age 52, of Alexander Street in Rochester, NY died Thursday, September 13, 2007. He was born in Corning on October 8, 1954 to Carl and Lena (Thompson) Bacon, Sr. Carl attended West High School, RIT, and Monroe Community College. He had been employed in the Rochester area as a contractor and in maintenance departments. He is survived by his father Carl Bacon, Sr. of Painted Post; two sisters, Eldona (David) Sowersby of Corning and Carrol (Wally) Marribitt of Painted Post; four nieces, Michelle (Paul) Miles, Melissa (John Cole) Orcutt, Gail (Venu) Yama, and Paula (Charlie) Hicks; a nephew, Michael (Stephanie) Gross; several great nieces and nephews; several cousins. Carl was preceded in death by his mother Lena in 1975. Services will be held at the convenience of the family at Phillips Funeral Home & Cremation Service in Corning. Burial will be in Chapel Knoll Cemetery.

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