

Kuhl to hold town meetings

THE LEADER STAFF

BATH | U.S. Rep. John R. “Randy” Kuhl Jr. will hold his seventh round of town meetings this year beginning this week.

“It has been a priority of mine since I was sworn into Congress, to hold a town hall meeting in all 145 towns in the 29th District,” said Kuhl, R-

Hammondsport. “This year Congress faces numerous challenges and several vital reauthorizations. Town hall meetings allow me to communicate with my constituents on a one-on-one basis. So I can come back to Washington D.C., with a better understanding of what my constituents think on a variety of issues.”

The meetings will last about 30 minutes and be held Friday at:

1 p.m. | West Union Town Hall, Rexville.

2 p.m. | Greenwood Town Hall.

3 p.m. | Hartsville Town Hall.

4 p.m. | Canisteo Town Hall.

5 p.m. | Jasper Town Hall.

National Hurricane Center narrows list of candidates

BY KEN KAYE
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FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. | The National Hurricane Center may have a new director within a month, and at least two names are on the candidate list: acting deputy director Bill Read and senior hurricane specialist Rick Knabb.

Today is the deadline to apply. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration officials, who will ultimately select the director, are tight-lipped about who is in the running.

However, Read on Tuesday confirmed that he has applied and longtime colleagues at the hurricane center said Knabb has as well.

“Those are two first-class acts, in Rick Knabb and Bill Read,” former director Max Mayfield said. “Our nation’s hurricane program would be well served by either of those folks.”

Both have strengths.

Read has been a National Weather Service manager for 15 years, most recently as head of the Houston-Galveston office. That gives him considerably more management experience than Knabb.

Knabb, who recently was named team leader over the hurricane center’s 10 main forecasters, has more hands-on expertise in tropical forecasting.

Based on past history, Read may have the edge. Of the seven hurricane center directors since 1965, when the position was created, four were deputy directors first. Read was asked by weather service officials to temporarily take the deputy director slot in September.

Appointment of a new full-time director will close out a period of extraordinary turbulence at the center, which is in Miami-Dade County west of Miami International Airport.

After Mayfield retired in January, Bill Proenza was installed as his successor. Proenza soon alienated the staff, most of which revolted against him. He was ousted in July, and deputy director Ed Rappaport was promoted to acting director.

Rappaport would have been the clear favorite for the full-time director’s job, but declined to apply for personal reasons.

On Tuesday, Read said he hopes his overall experience will land him the job.

He said as a forecaster in Texas, a state vulnerable to hurricanes, he is familiar with tropical storms and worked on hurricane awareness programs.

“I sell myself on my experience,” he said. “I have focused from time to time throughout my career on issues involving tropical cyclones.”

Knabb, who was out of town, couldn’t be reached to speak about his candidacy. A reliably calm and authoritative voice on television when storms threaten, Knabb joined the hurricane center staff in 2001 and was promoted to become one of the elite hurricane specialists in 2005.

NOAA officials said they intend to select the new director within 30 days. One reason: they want him or her in place before the NOAA Hurricane Conference at the end of November, when policy issues are discussed.

In upcoming weeks, applicants will go through an interview process. A five-member selection panel will then pick a top candidate. NOAA Administrator Conrad Lautenbacher is expected to make the final appointment.

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“I got about one half of what I normally get,” said Hartsville farmer Jeff Carnes while unhitching a hay rake from a truck in his barnyard.

He said he’s been forced to buy more hay and to increase the amount of grain he will feed his beef cows and horses this winter.

“It was a nice cutting, but the amount was down,” said Martha Varney, who owns four horses in Hartsville.

“We got about two-thirds of the normal amount. We didn’t have a second cutting

this year.”

Not all crops are down drastically this year, though.

“Corn has a pretty good year,” Grace added, saying silage is a popular alternative for cows.

With a much smaller supply this year hay will cost more, possibly rising from \$3 to \$5 per bale.

A short supply and high prices for hay could lead to local farmers thinning some of their herds this year, and there very likely will be a small drop in prices at animal auctions and the super-market.

But according to Phil Laug, the manager at the Empire

Livestock Marketing branch in Bath, the region was spared from the worst of the drought.

“It’s been a lot worse down south and west,” Laug said.

He added ranchers in those areas will have to sell off some of their animals so they can feed the rest of their herd.

“They’ll be taking them out of pastures in Texas, in North Carolina and selling them,” he said. “You’ll be seeing a drop in prices in a few weeks, but only by a few cents a pound.”

Locally though, Laug said the prices will be pretty stable.

DEATH NOTICES

Robert A. Boehlecke

ST. LOUIS MO. | Robert A. Boehlecke, 96, of St. Louis, Mo., and formerly of Horseheads, died Friday, Oct. 19, 2007.

A World War II veteran who also served with the Army Reserves, he was an agriculture specialist with Chemung County’s Cornell Cooperative Extension and later was associate director of university development at Cornell University.

Survivors include a son, Robert Boehlecke Jr. of Ithaca, N.Y.; and two daughters, Kathryn Fairbrother of Spencerport, N.Y. and Barbara Kurzen of Columbia, Ill.

Calling hours are noon-1 p.m. Friday at Barber Funeral Home, 413 S. Main St., Horseheads.

Services will be held there at the conclusion of calling hours at 1 p.m. Friday, the Rev. David Gerhardt officiating.

Burial with military honors will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery Elmira N.Y.

Flora D. Cook

ZEPHYRHILLS, FLA. | Flora D. Cook, 70, of Zephyrhills, formerly of Addison, N.Y., died Monday, Oct. 15, 2007 in Zephyrhills Hospital.

Survivors include her husband of 51 years, James Cook of Zephyrhills; a daughter, Penny Wakefield of Addison, N.Y.; five sisters, June Dennis of Cameron, Louise Davis of Savona, Cora Curren of Avon, Bonnie Guiles of Geneseo, Vickie Stoddard of Hornell; three brothers, Ted Dieter of Cameron, Ricky Dieter and Dwight Dieter, both of Hornell.

Calling hours are 1-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. today at Flint Funeral Home, 10 Wall St., Addison, N.Y.

Services will be held there at the conclusion of calling hours at 7 p.m. today.

Burial will be held at the convenience of the family.

Marion A. Burdick

ELMIRA | Marion A. Burdick, 87, of Elmira Heights, died Monday, Oct. 22, 2007 at St. Joseph’s Hospital.

Survivors include four daughters, Bonnie Burdick and Vicky, both of Owego, Cynthia Aldrich of Elmira, Darlene Burdick of Elmira Heights; two sons, Robert Burdick Jr. of Horseheads, Mark Burdick of Dover, Ohio.

Calling hours are 3-6 p.m. today at Barber Funeral Home, 413 S. Main St., Horseheads.

Services will be held there at 10 a.m. Thursday.

Burial will be in Woodlawn National Cemetery.

Albert D. Clarke

ELMIRA | Albert D. Clarke, 87, of Absolut of Three Rivers, Painted Post, formerly of Hammondsport, died Friday, Oct. 19, 2007 at Arnot Ogden Medical Center.

He was a retired teacher at Hammondsport Central School and a retired administrator with Steuben-Allegany BOCES. He was also a United States Army veteran serving in World War II.

IN BRIEF

Feed dealer seminar offered

HORSEHEADS | The 2007 New York Feed Dealer seminar will be held from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 1 at the Holiday Inn. Guest speakers will be Larry Chase and Tom Overton of the Department of Animal Science at Cornell

Survivors include his wife, Ruth E. Clarke; three sons, David Clarke and Richard Clarke, both of Painted Post, James Clarke of Caton; a daughter, Elizabeth Galpin of Florida; a brother, Donald Clarke of Penn Yan.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. James Episcopal Church in Hammondsport, the Rev. Sandra Curtis officiating.

Burial will be in Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Hammondsport.

Arrangements are with LaMarche Funeral Home, 35 Main St., Hammondsport.

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Madeline L. Harrison

PAINTED POST | Madeline L. Harrison, 98, of Painted Post, died Monday, Oct. 22, 2007 at Absolut of Three Rivers.

She was a retired teacher from Corning Free Academy and taught in the Corning and Painted Post School Districts with 37 years of service.

Calling hours are 7-9 p.m. Thursday and 10-11 a.m. Friday at Phillips Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 17 W. Pulteney St., Corning.

Services will be held there at the conclusion of calling hours at 11 a.m. Friday, the Rev. Richard Hubbard and the Rev. Dan Barner officiating.

Burial will be in Coopers

University. The cost is \$25 per person and includes lunch and proceedings. For more information or to register, call 664-2300 by Oct. 29.

Greek Peak to have ski sale, Swap

VIRGIL | The 46th annual Greek Peak Ski Club Ski Sale and Swap will be held from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 27 and 28 and Nov. 3 and

Plains Cemetery.

Doris E. Irvin

WILLIAMSPORT, PA. | Doris E. Irvin, 86, formerly of Galeton, Pa., and Wellsboro, Pa., died Monday, Oct. 22, 2007, at the home of her daughter.

She retired from Galeton Production Company after 35 years of service.

Survivors include four daughters, Judy Lampman of Wellsboro, Pa., Jennie Pekarski of Coudersport, Pa., Janice Rachiele of Williamsport, Debbie Hurlbert of Bristol, Pa.

Calling hours are 6-8 p.m. Friday and 10-11 a.m. Saturday at Hess Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Collins Chapel, Galeton, Pa.

Services will be held there at the conclusion of calling hours at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Eloise L. King

PAINTED POST | Eloise L. King, 84, of Green Meadows, died Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007 at Absolut Care of Three Rivers.

She is retired from Corning Inc. in the accounting department with more than 50 years of service.

Survivors include one sister, Dorothy Phillips of Painted Post.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in Hope Cemetery, Corning, the Rev. Richard R. Hubbard officiating.

Arrangements are with Acly-Stover Funeral Home.

Cecilia L. Lawlor

CORNING | Cecelia L. Lawlor, 83, of Corning, formerly of East Third Street, died Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2007 at Founders Pavilion.

Survivors include a son, Louis Lawlor of Corning; a daughter, Mary AlRoy of New York City.

Calling hours are noon-1 p.m. Thursday at Haughey Funeral Home, 216 E. First St.

Services will be held there at the conclusion of calling hours at 1 p.m. Thursday, Deacon Ray Defendorf officiating.

Burial will be in Bath National Cemetery, Bath.

4 at the Greek Peak Mountain Resort. Over 14 ski shops in the region will offer thousands of new and used skis, snowboards, poles, boots, helmets, clothing and other ski gear at greatly discounted prices. Admission to the swap is free and for a small fee, families with equipment to sell may register their own items for sale. For more information, call 351-2233.

SUSIE E. YAWGER

SAVONA, NY | Susie E. Yawger, age 83, went home to be with our Lord on September 29, 2007.

She had last resided at the Steuben County Health Care Facility. Susie was born February 29, 1924 in Bath, NY, the daughter of Arlyn and Viola Bates. A graduate of Campbell School, she had been married to Calvin Yawger for 48 years.

At Susie’s request, there will be no calling hours. There will be a “Celebration” of her life held at the Savona Federated Church on October 27, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. Donations may be made in her memory to: The American Diabetes Association, 356 North Midler Ave., Syracuse, NY 13206; The American Heart Association, Hearts Gifts Processing Center, PO Box 3049, Syracuse, NY 13220; The National Kidney Foundation, 165 Genesee St., Suite 102, Buffalo, NY 14203, or to a charity of one’s choice. A private graveside service will take place at the convenience of her children.

Susie is survived by sons, Thomas (Barbara) Yawger of Savona, and Michael (Cheryl) Yawger of Fayetteville, NC; daughters, Arlita Hall of Savona, and Cheryl (Thomas P.) Wheeler of Penn Hills, PA; grandchildren, Roxanne

(Christopher), Kimberly (David), Geoffrey, Jeremy (Rebecca), Tyson, William (Diana), Danielle, Alicia, James, Christopher (Tiffany), Dawn (Jeremy), and Bryan; great-grandchildren, Casandra, Rebecca, Kyle, Stephen, Jonathan, Juliann, Ciera, Smantha, Eliza, and Jeremy; brothers, Richard (Frances) Bates of Corning, and Joseph (Marie) Bates of Endicott; sister-in-law, Winifred Brown of Canandaigua; aunt, Donna Shugars of Bath; nieces, Denise, Celeste, Candace, Corrine, Lisa, Jonita, Nancy, Kathy Bergeron, Beverly, Kathy Brown, Joyce, Roxann, Sheila and Theresa; nephews, John, Jeffrey, Irving, Barry, Terry, Robert, David, Timothy, and Walter; as well as very special friends, Eunice Jackson of Elmira, and Shirley Anglehart of NC.

She was predeceased by her parents; her husband; son, Kevin Yawger; brother, Arlyn Bates, Jr.; and nephew, Christopher.

Susie was a member of the Savona Federated Church (active in the Twentieth Century Women’s church group), a past Matron of the Savona chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, a member of the Savona Fire Department’s Women’s Auxilliary, an active member of the Savona P.T.A., a found-

ing member of the Savona Rod and Gun Club, a Cub Scout Den Mother in Savona, and most importantly, a “Neighborhood Mom” to the friends of her children and the children of her friends.

Susie worked as a lab technician for Corning Glass Works prior to and during early marriage, also for Westinghouse, W.T. Grants, and last as an operator of an automatic canning machine for the A&P food processing plant in Horseheads, from which she retired.

We, the family of Susie, would like to say a heartfelt “Thank You” to the staff of North 1, Nicole Walker, and Linda Nelson of the Steuben County Healthcare Facility and to Jill, Jan, and Amy at Ira Davenport Memorial Hospital for all the tender care given to our Mom over the past 12 months.

RANDALL W. TYLER

HAMMONDSPORT, NY | Randall W. Tyler, 57, of 3 Myrtle Ave., passed away Friday, October 19, 2007 at the Taylor Health Center.

Graveside services for Randy will be held Saturday, October 27, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

After the services, everyone is invited to a luncheon at the Hammondsport American

Legion, Route 54, Hammondsport. Arrangements are by LaMarche Funeral Home, Hammondsport.

EDWARD L. MATTISON

HORNELL, NY | Edward L. Mattison, 79, formerly of Troupsburg, NY, passed away Monday, October 22, 2007 at St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, NY.

Born in Galeton, PA on April 24, 1928, he was the son of Wallace and Carrie Haner Mattison.

A 1946 graduate of Troupsburg Central School, he served in the Army Air Corps, and was a retired machinist at Ingersoll Rand Company of Painted Post.

He married June Kimble on June 19, 1948; she preceded him in death on May 28, 2000.

He is also preceded in death by his sisters, Hilda Crawford and Ruth Crawford; his brother, Dean Mattison; and his grandchildren, Gary Mattison, Jr., and Cami Gunn.

He is survived by sons and daughters-in-law, Edward L., Jr. and Joan Mattison of Troupsburg, NY, Gary and Carol Mattison of Campbell, W. Scott Mattison of Greenville, SC, and Robert W. and Sandra Mattison of Jasper,

NY; his daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra and Jerry Gunn of Troupsburg, NY, Debra and Raymond Gausline of Elkland, PA, Lori Hoyt (Mark Prete) of Arkport, NY, and Patti and Walter Beard of Osceola, PA; his brothers, Clair Mattison of Wellsboro, PA, Ernest Mattison of Holly, NY, Dale Mattison of Rochester, NY, and Ted Mattison of Kendall, NY; his sisters, Velma Graczyk of Hamlin, NY, Gloria Foster and Jane Cook of Rochester, NY, Carolyn Mollard of Kendall, NY, Lynda Snow of Woodhull, NY, Donna Sanderson of Waterport, NY, and Anita Kyle of Morton, NY; 29 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Friends may call Thursday, October 25, 2007 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00

p.m. at the H.P. Smith & Son, Inc. Funeral Home, 1607 Main Street, Woodhull, NY.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, October 26, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at the East Troupsburg Church.

The Rev. Donald Hulbert will officiate. Burial will be in Chenango Cemetery, town of Troupsburg.

Memorials may be made to the Troupsburg Betterment Committee, c/o Joyce Burdick, PO Box 44, Troupsburg, NY 14885 or the Chenango Cemetery, c/o Betty Williams, 4641 Jordan Rd., Woodhull, NY 14898.

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