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from which to provide services to the region's natural gas drilling industry. A large fleet of trucks will be based there, and the company will store and distribute hazardous materials, including the chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing

Many area residents are concerned about the facility because of its close prox-

health care. This is a step in

the right direction away

from the congressman's

In the past, Massa has

expressed support for a sin-

gle-payer health care sys-

tem, in which the govern-

ment pays for care deliv-

Under a single-payer sys-

tem, doctors are paid by the

government on a fee-for-

service basis, but the gov-

ernment does not own or

manage medical practices

Medicare is an example

Massa was one of the co-

sponsors of H.R. 676, the

Expanded and Improved

While Massa has said in

the past he still supports a

single-payer system, he also

knows it does not have

He's said he'd rather

focus his effort on propos-

als that have a chance of

becoming law. He did

express regret the Senate

Finance Committee reject-

ed attempts to create a pub-

The lack of a public

option, Massa said, was one

of the reasons he does not

support H.R. 3200, the

health care reform bill cur-

rently in the House of

support

of a single-payer system.

Medicare for All Act.

Congress to pass.

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ered in the private sector.

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proposal."

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Representatives.

and tax revenues.

"It does not meet the criteria the president laid out before the joint session of Congress," Massa said. "Nor does it meet my criteria for reforming the inequalities and inefficiencies in our health care system today. I will not go

imity to an elementary

school, a community sports

complex, homes, day care

centers, aquifers, and wet-

lands which feed into the

Chemung River, Catherine

The primary concerns are

water and air pollution,

and the potential for acci-

Others support the proj-

ect because it will likely

boost the local economy,

providing up to 400 jobs

Creek and Seneca Lake.

lation does." Massa also said he would not support H.R. 3200 if it adds to the national deficit.

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tion and I believe at this

point, that's what this legis-

"We are waiting for the Congressional Budget Office to score this bill and officially tell us how much it's going to cost," Massa said. "All previous estimates show this legislation added to deficit. The president and I both agree, I will not sign a bill that will add to the federal deficit. Right now it's not deficit-neu-

Reed called for Congress to stop arguing and act to bring down health insurance costs.

"I think ultimately what we need to start doing is move forward with the areas we can agree on, liability reform, torte reform, getting rid of the restriction on state-to-state provision of health insurance. That, to me, will open up competition and drive down costs, and that is the ultimate goal."



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classroom. Middle school students will see a performance by the Red Hawk Native American Dance Group, high school students will listen to an hourlong presentation by author Joseph Bruchac, and elementary students will enjoy a visit by the Southeast Steuben County Library's Mad Hatters Storytelling Troupe,

Joseph Bruchac.

stories by Erdrich and

Students will also be able to sample Native American cuisine on their school lunch menus and view the 1998 film "Smoke Signals."

Residents can receive a free copy of the book at the Southeast Steuben County Library while supplies last. Corning Meals on Wheels will distribute copies of the book to interested clients Oct. 27.

For details on the program, call 936-3713.

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other inmates to gauge the program's effects. It's the first study of its kind in the United States.

who will share children's

About 15 percent of New York's prison population representing about 8,000 inmates – is being treated for some kind of mental illness, state officials said.

New York's prison system has shifted its approach to inmates with mental illness in recent years, following the settlement of a lawsuit, said Howard Holanchock, assistant mental health commissioner for the state Department of Correctional Services.

"Before, maybe we were more about care, custody and control," he said, but now, "it's understood that we're trying to have an impact on the population who come into system."

The state's treatment of

mentally ill inmates has improved but still needs work, Beck said. He said the Fishkill program had encouraging potential.

"This population, more than others, needs that sense of how they can take responsibility for their lives," he said.

But he said the prison system's culture needs to shift to make sure whatever gains inmates make aren't negated in day-to-day life.

For the program to have real impact, "it has to be supported" in the prison staff's dealings with mentally ill inmates, Beck said.

"You can't do it in the classroom, then when they get out of the classroom, disempower them every other way," he said.

On the Net: **Center for Urban Community Services:**

http://www.cucs.org/



Somali President Sheik Sharif Sheik Ahmed talks with a reporter at his hotel room Sunday in St Paul, Minn. Ahmed is meeting with members of Minnesota's Somali community to build support for a stable government in his country. After Minnesota, he'll head to Chicago and Columbus,

Somalia president condemns terror recruiting in Minn.

BY AMY FORLITI

ST. PAUL, MINN. | The president of Somalia on Sunday denounced the recruiting of young men from Minnesota's huge Somali community for terrorist activity in his warravaged homeland, and said he plans to work with the U.S. government to bring those still alive back home.

President Sheik Sharif Sheik Ahmed spoke with The Associated Press while visiting the Minneapolis area, where authorities believe as many as 20 young Somali men - possibly recruited by a vision of jihad to fight – returned to the impoverished nation over the last two years.

At least three have died in Somalia, including one who authorities believe have pleaded guilty in the to terror-related U.S.

wrong action, that these young men were wronged, they were robbed out of were wronged," Ahmed told the AP through an interpreter. "The laws of the United States were violated. The security of Somalia was violated. So we condemn (them) without reservation."

of the largest Somali poputries to bring peace to the Horn of Africa country nation of 7 million people has not had a functioning government since 1991, when clan-based warlords overthrew a dictator and then turned on each

Somalia's parliament in January, but his governgroup called al-Shabab, ties to al-Qaida, has taken over most of Somalia and near-daily battles in Mogadishu, the country's

Many of the country's former leaders, scholars "We believe this is a and other dignitaries relocated to the Minneapolis and St. Paul areas. Many were educated and started their life. Their parents successful businesses in the region and send millions of dollars back to Somalia.

The Somali community in Minnesota numbered 35,000 in 2007, according to the Census.

Ahmed told the AP that rorism, Bihi said.

Ahmed was in the the young men who left Minneapolis area – home the area "were stolen and taken without the knowllation in the U.S. – to build edge of their parents and support as his government imams." He said he met with imams from area mosques and "we agreed that has been plagued by that they were really sorry violence for decades. The with what happened, which tarnished their image and that of our religion."

He said the Somali government agrees to work with state and federal governments, as well as Ahmed was elected by imams and parents, to prevent more recruiting.

When asked what the ment has little control. A Somali government could do to help, he said "we which the U.S. says has hope to reach out to these young men and explain to them how wrong what boosted its numbers with they are doing is, and that foreign fighters. There are they should return to the safety of their families."

Ahmed met Sunday was the first American suicide bomber. Three others sands of civilians have some of the young men who died. They told him about their sons and what had happened to them.

"He gave us very hearty condolences," said Abdirizak Bihi, a community leader and uncle of one of the boys. "We feel much better."

Ahmed told Bihi that he thinks about nephew, 18-year-old Burhan Hassan, every day and is reminded of the tragedy of young lives lost to ter-

Mullen, author of "Unfriendly Fire," dies

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LA PORTE CITY, IOWA Peg Mullen, an author and former Iowa farm wife who hounded the U.S. military to find the truth about her son's death in Vietnam, has

died. She was 92. Mullen's daughter-in-law Jeanne Mullen said Sunday that Mullen passed away Friday at a nursing home in La Porte City.

Peg Mullen wrote the 1995 book "Unfriendly Fire: A Mother's Memoir" after her son Michael died at age 25 when a U.S. artillery shell fell short and killed him on Feb. 18, 1970, near the South Vietnamese village of Tu Chanh.

"This is the first book you've got from the family side of a Vietnam story, Mullen told The Associated Press in a 1995 interview before the book was released.

"All you've read everywhere is the blood and the guts," she said. "But you haven't had anything coming out of what went on as far as the family, as far as brothers and sisters and mothers and dads."

Almost from the day Mullen and her husband, Gene, who died in 1986, learned that Michael had been killed, she tried to get more information about their son's death from the U.S. military.

Her full-page ad in The Des Moines Register protesting the war and her marches in anti-war demonstrations put her on par with more notable protesters of the day.

Mullen received many letters, phone calls and notes from other parents who had lost sons and combat veterans who told her they knew and had served with her son.

The book includes 40 letters from her son, along with an account of her conversation one night in 1989 with the man who told her he had fired the fatal shell. It also lambasts Norman Schwarzkopf, the Persian Gulf War general who was Michael's battalion commander in Vietnam.

The autobiography was a follow up to "Friendly Fire," a book by C.D.B. Bryan and a television movie of the same name that starred Carol Burnett and Ned Beaty.

According the to University of Iowa library's Iowa Women's Archives, Mullen was born in 1917 in Pocahontas, about 140 miles northwest of Des Moines. She was inducted into the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame in 1997.

Choir to begin rehearsals

CAMPBELL | The

Campbell Community Choir will begin rehearsals for its annual Christmas Cantata, "Hope Has Hands," at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday at the Campbell United Methodist Church. The choir is directed by Pamela DeWolf. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Auxiliary to hold luncheon

CORNING | The Corning Hospital Auxiliary will hold a CSI: Corning Luncheon from 12-2 p.m. Wednesday at the Radisson Hotel

Corning. Dr. Herb MacDonell will present "60 Years of Forensic Investigation," a program highlighting some of the highprofile cases he has worked on in his career. Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased at the hospital gift shop or Brown's Cigar Store. Proceeds from the event will benefit the hospital. For details, call 937-7455.

HRATT to hold conference

CORNING | The Human Resource Association of the Twin Tiers and the Corning Community College Human Resources Department will hold their annual fall conference, "Leading in an

Environment of Change and Adversity," Wednesday at the college. The event is open to all leaders, managers, HR professionals, and management and human resources students. Registration is \$125 for **HRATT** and **SHRM** members and \$150 for nonmembers. For details, visit www.hratt. org or call 562-7103.

Library to host musician

BATH | The Dormann Library Chapters Cafe will host singer-songwriter Bob Demonstoy at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. Demonstoy performs a wide variety of original and cover tunes on guitar, bass guitar and

banjo. The event is free and open to the public. For details, visit www.myspace .com/dormannlibrary.

Museum to offer lecture Thurs.

ELMIRA | The Chemung Valley History Museum will offer a lecture on Elmira College at 7 p.m. Thursday. Elmira College Archivist Mark Woodhouse will discuss the history of the college, founded in 1855, and explain why it is known as "the mother of women's colleges." The program, part of the museum's fall lecture series, is free and open to the pubic. For details, call 734-4167. **■ Staff reports**

OBITUARIES

KEVIN M. WAIGHT

Kevin M. Waight, 26, of 1990 St. Rte. 36, Jasper, died Friday evening, October 2, at St. James Hospital in Hornell as the result of a motor vehicle accident in the Town of Troupsburg.

Born in Hornell on March 10, 1983, he was the son of Danny P. and Sandra M. Harvey Waight. Kevin was a 2001 graduate of Jasper-Troupsburg Central School and had attended

Alfred State College where studied Electrical Technology. He lived and worked in North Carolina for 3 years where he was a natural gas transmission pipeline inspector for Services Laboratories. He recently moved back to Jasper and was employed as a contractor for the Natgun Corp., a water storage tank refur-

Kevin was an avid hunter and fisherman and was a great fan of NASCAR racing and playing horseshoes.

Preceding him in death were his father, Danny Waight on Oct. 1, 2000, his maternal grandfather, Ernest Harvey and his paternal grandparents, Dale & Velma Waight.

Surviving are his mother, Sandra Waight of Jasper, his brothers, Todd Waight (Ashley Smith) of Wayland, NY, Eric Waight of Jasper, Paul Sims of Norwich, NY and Jason Sims of Jasper, his grandmother, Patricia Harvey of Canisteo and many aunts, uncles and

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, October 6, from 5-8 PM at the H.P. Smith & Son, Inc. Funeral Home, 1607 Main St. Woodhull. Funeral services will follow there at 8:00 PM.

Burial will be in Jasper Cemetery.

Acly-Stover Direct Cremation \$1,393.00 936-9531

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