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In brief Court advocates sought for kids

CORNING | CASA of the Southern Tier Inc. is offering the CASA 101 Independent Study Advocate training. CASA Advocate volunteers are trained members of the community who advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in family court. Training will be held from 5-9 p.m. Oct. 4 in the second floor conference room of the Southeast Steuben County Library, 300 Nasser Civic Center Plaza. Application, an interview and background checks are required. Applications can be downloaded at www.casasoutherntier.org. The independent study will require at-home work and group debriefing sessions. Anyone interested in participating should call Kristie Kinney at 936-CASA (2272) to schedule an interview prior to the start of class.

Lawmakers in Bath tonight

BATH | Sen. Tom O'Mara, R-Big Flats, and Assemblyman Phil Palmesano, R-Corning, will meet with constituents this week in Bath and Corning. The state legislators will speak with residents at 5:30 p.m. today at Bath Town Hall, 110 Liberty St. They'll also be at Corning City Hall, 1 Nasser Civic Center Plaza, at 5:30 p.m. Thursday. The meetings will be informal and give residents a chance to share concerns and ask questions. O'Mara and Palmesano will also be discussing issues to be addressed in next year's legislative session, which begins in January.

Grant available to flood victims

CORNING | The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) is offering grants for those who had appliances ruined by the flooding caused by tropical storms Irene and Lee. Grant applications for the program will be available at www.NYSAccipacerebete.com. Residents also may call (877) 697-6278 for more information. The grants will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis until funds run out.

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TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 20 | 2011

O'Mara to lead efficiency task force

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ALBANY | Sen. Tom O'Mara, R-Big Flats, was named co-chairman of the state Senate Task Force on Government Efficiency.

The task force was formed to help renew efforts to uncover waste, inefficiency and mismanagement throughout the



O'MARA

state bureaucracy. The nine-member task force will be co-chaired by down-state Sen. Jeffrey Klein, D-Bronx.

"As we continue to shrink government spending and reduce taxes, it's critically important that we uncover and stop any and all waste, excess and abuse of taxpayer dollars," said Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, R-Rockville Centre. "This bipartisan task force, led by Senators O'Mara and

Klein, will spearhead this effort in the Senate."

O'Mara said government spending is the state's number one reform challenge.

"If we can't get our own house in order, we can't cut taxes for working families, create a better business climate for employers to create jobs, or do the

thousand other things it takes to turn this state around," O'Mara said. "It all starts with getting government spending under control."

O'Mara said the Senate's task force will complement other ongoing efforts to reform the state's

SEE FORCE | 5A

Good News



PROVIDED TO THE LEADER

From left | Colleen Rennie, Marybeth Stein, Rite Aid Manager Mark MacPherson, Jen Reagan, Sandy Voorhees and Alene Goodman of Arnot Ogden Medical Center-Children's Miracle Network.

Rite Aid raises \$3K for Arnot

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ELMIRA | Rite Aid's Pennsylvania Avenue store recently presented the Arnot Ogden Medical Center with \$3,446, money raised during the store's annual paper Miracle Balloon Campaign.

Customers were asked to donate by "purchasing" paper Miracle Balloon icons for \$1 each. The Pennsylvania Avenue store was the local leader during the

spring campaign.

Store manager Mark MacPherson credited the success to his associates and their dedication.

"When Rite Aid joined Children's Miracle Network Hospitals in 1994, it immediately proved its strength as a fundraising partner," said John Lauck, president and CEO, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

"Rite Aid employees and customers have demonstrated their commitment to children's health year after year, raising an impressive \$50 million since that time. These efforts have benefited the lives of countless children and their families, and for that reason, we are proud to call Rite Aid a partner."

Nationally, Rite Aid has raised more than \$50 million for children's hospitals since 1994. More than \$165,000 directly benefited Arnot Ogden Medical Center.

Workshops to share saving energy tips

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County Office Building, 3 E. Pulteney Square, Bath.

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Oct. 25, Southeast

Steuben County Library,

300 Nasser Civic Center,

Corning.

All classes will be held from 6-8 p.m. except for the Oct. 20 workshop,

which will be held from 5:15-7:15 p.m.

Each participant will receive an assortment of free energy-saving items.

To register, call 664-2300.

Police blotter

Steuben Sheriff

PROBATION VIOLATION

BATH | Harry M.L. Green,

48, of Liberty Street, was

charged Monday with vio-

lating probation. He was

sent to Steuben County

Jail. He will appear in court

at a later date.

Painted Post State

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ADISON | State police

are investigating the theft

of a 2007 Yamaha Grizzly

700 ATV and an air mat-

tress from a cabin off

Cranes Road. The crime

took place in the last 30

days, according to police.

Anyone with information

can contact the Painted Post State Police at 962-6865.

Corning City

COMPLAINTS | 09.18.11

■ 1:05 a.m. A fight at Maley's was reported.

■ 5 a.m. A Delevan

Avenue woman said a sil-

ver SUV was blocking her

driveway.

■ 11:53 a.m. A Steuben

Street woman said some-

one stole jewelry from her

residence.

■ 3:31 p.m. A Third

Street caller said a dog was

barking for several hours

on Third Street.

■ 9:31 p.m. A Meadow-

brook Apartments resident

said people were smoking

pot behind his residence.

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- non-invasive ultrasound of the carotid arteries
- ultrasound of the abdominal aorta
- evaluation of leg circulation

If you are age 60 or over; or age 50 or over and have a positive history of diabetes or smoking, you can have a free vascular screening.

You must register for seminar and screening time by calling Health on Demand at **607-737-4499**.



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