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Poll: 88 percent of NYers support medical pot

ALBANY, N.Y. — A new poll finds 88 percent of New York voters support the legalization of marijuana for medical use, and 57 percent also favor legalizing recreational use. The Quinnipiac University poll released Monday finds only 9 percent oppose legalizing medical marijuana. Maurice Carroll, director of the poll, says a narrow majority doubt that legalizing marijuana will lead to harder drug use, and about half say marijuana is no worse than alcohol. The poll surveyed 1,488 New York voters by phone on Feb. 6-10 and has a margin of error of plus or minus 2.5 percentage points. Gov. Andrew Cuomo has said he'll launch a limited hospital-based medical marijuana program. Sen. Liz Krueger has introduced a full legalization bill, which the Cuomo administration opposes.

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HORNELL

SJMH to open "Express Care" clinic

From Staff Reports

HORNELL — St. James Mercy Hospital (SJMH) is pleased to announce the opening of a new walk-in "Express Care" clinic that will offer primary care services at its medical building located at 20 Elm St., Hornell (in the former SJMH Family Practice lower level suite).

The Center for Express

Care is scheduled to open for business on March 10 and will be staffed by physician assistants Cynthia Marino and David Krohn, who are well known to the Hornell community through their work at SJMH.

The Center for Express Care will be open from noon to 10 p.m. seven days a week. Services will be similar to those in a primary care office

including diagnosis and treatment of common illnesses, health care monitoring, examinations, prevention and wellness services, and referrals to other health care services.

Dr. John Robshaw, SJMH physician, will supervise the clinic.

"Cindy Marino and Dave Krohn are highly qualified professionals and well-versed

in all aspects of primary care," he said. "They have been providing care to the Hornell community through SJMH's 'fast track' process and so are familiar with community residents and the nature of local health care needs."

"We are excited about opening the Express Care clinic to address community need," said Jennifer Sullivan, interim president and CEO.

"Local residents have wanted greater access to primary care services, especially during evening and weekend hours. With The Center for Express Care, SJMH is meeting that need."

SJMH Express Care will provide convenient, non-emergency care for treatment of conditions such as:

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TALKING TO AN OLYMPIAN



St. Ann's students and teachers sit down for a chat with former Olympian Skier Tracy Evans. PHOTO COURTESY OF PENNY GRAY.

St. Ann's Academy students had a skype interview with Tracy Evans

By Sean Curran
The Evening Tribune

HORNELL— The St. Ann's Academy students have been working on projects about Olympic athletes, and to go along with those projects, they conducted a Skype interview Thursday with former USA Freestyle Skier Tracy Evans.

Evans was born in Hornell, and competed in three different olympic games in 1994, 1998 and 2002. St.

Ann's board member and organizer Penny Gray knew Tracy from volunteer work. She was able to talk to Evans to get her to speak with the students.

Evans sat down with students to tell them all about the Olympic experience, and the hard work and dedication it takes to get there.

"She told the kids all about the Olympic process," said Gray. "Her talk went along really well with the project that the students are currently doing."

Evans talked to the students for nearly an hour. She spoke and answered any questions. According to Gray, the students were really interested to know if Evans had won a medal.

Evans explained to the students that while she had not won a medal, that did not take away from the experience. Evans stated she had worked hard just to be there.

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HORNELL GOP'S LINCOLN DAY DINNER

Paladino to give keynote speech

By Jeff Cole
The Evening Tribune

HORNELL — Buffalo businessman and 2010 gubernatorial candidate Carl Paladino will serve as the keynote speaker for the Hornell GOP Committee's 72nd annual Lincoln Day Dinner.

City GOP Chairman and 9th Ward Alderman John Buckley said Hornell Republicans had endorsed Paladino's bid for governor prior to him earning the the party's nomination for the office in 2010.

"The Hornell GOP endorsed Paladino before the primary that year and he ended up defeating Rick Lazio," Buckley said. "We were one of the first committees, if not the first committee, to endorse Carl back then, so having Carl come to our dinner was a natural fit."

The dinner will be held Feb. 28 at the Hornell Country Club, 473 Seneca Road, with social hour beginning at 6 p.m. with a cash bar and dinner starting at 7 p.m. Buckley will be the master of ceremonies.

The list of confirmed guests includes U.S. Rep. Tom Reed; State Sen. Tom O'Mara; Assemblymen Bill

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SCHUMER:

Grape growers need emergency federal aid

Bitter cold inflicting damage on Finger Lakes vineyards

By Derrick Ek
The Leader

HAMMONDSPORT - Experts say this bitterly cold winter is shaping up to be the worst in two decades for Finger Lakes vineyards, and U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., made a stop in Hammondsport on Monday to call for federal aid for grape growers.

Schumer, in a press conference hosted by Pleasant Valley Wine Company/Great Western Winery, says he is

pressing the U.S. Department of Agriculture to ready emergency assistance for growers in two ways.

The senator wants to use the Tree Assistance Program, included in the recently passed Farm Bill, to help owners of vineyards where damage to trunks and vines - inflicted by this winter's polar vortex and drastic temperature swings - will make it necessary to replant grapevines.

The Tree Assistance Program allows a 65 percent

federal reimbursement of the cost of replanting grapevines, as well as 50 reimbursement of pruning and removal costs.

"That's pretty significant - and that's a grant, not a loan," Schumer said.

The extent of trunk and vine damage won't be fully known until this spring and early summer, when the grapevines begin growing - and the damaged plants begin to wilt.

But it's a significant loss,

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Some grape growers in the Finger Lakes have suffered bud damage on more than 50 percent of their grapevines due to this winter's extreme cold, experts say.

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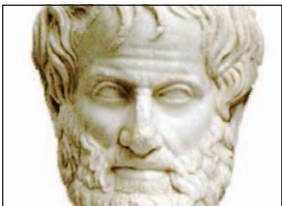
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QUOTE OF THE DAY



"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."

-Aristotle

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Nojay and Phil Palmesano; and Steuben County Sheriff Dave Cole. Rev. Sean DiMaria will be a special guest speaker for the evening and Anton Flint will provide live music during social hour.

The cost of the dinner is \$30 per ticket. Seating is limited and reservations are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information, contact Buckley at 607-661-4234 or at [aldermanbuckley@yahoo.com](#).

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BELMONT

BOCES dog bathing Friday

FFA students grooming dogs for fundraiser

By Kathryn Ross
Daily Reporter

BELMONT — Philosophers say there is nothing like the outside of a dog for the inside of a person, but it is always nice if the outside of the dog is clean.

Students in the Animal Science Department at BOCES in Belmont, who are also members of the Future Farmers of America, will help make not only the outside of dogs clean, but also trimmed, for a small fee Friday. Registration for the dog clean-up is needed and can be made by calling BOCES at (716) 376-8325 or by e-mailing Carly Neumann, the instructor, at [Carly_Neumann@caboces.org](#). Even though school is out for the week, she will be checking her e-mail.

Members of the chapter came up with the idea to help people clean up their dogs to raise funds so the members may attend the annual state FFA Convention in May at Medina Central School, north of Buffalo. The three-day conference costs \$25 per chapter and \$15 per student. The BOCES FFA chapter consists of about 20 junior and senior students



Gizmo gets the treatment from BOCES students Katelyn Cornelius and Brittany Merry, both of Wellsville, who will be helping out Friday bathing, trimming and clipping dogs to help raise funds for Future Farmers of America students to travel to the May state FFA Convention. KATHRYN ROSS/DAILY REPORTER

in Animal Science, Natural Resources and Power Equipment.

"We will be doing a dog grooming fundraiser on Friday while the schools are on break," said Neumann. "We are taking appointments for bathing and clipping (limited number of appointments for clipping) from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m."

Bathing costs \$10 for dogs under 50 pounds and \$15 for dogs over 50 pounds and includes shampooing, conditioning, blow drying, nail trimming, and ear cleaning. Clipping includes all parts of the bath as well as clipping or trimming

and costs \$20 for a dog under 50 lbs and \$25 over 50 pounds. For dogs that require a flea bath, \$5 will be added to the cost of their service. All dogs must have a valid rabies certificate.

Two of the students who will be participating in the event, Katelyn Cornelius and Brittany Merry, both of Wellsville, say they are looking forward to not only the fundraising event, but also heading for the convention in May. Along with guest speakers and a career show at the convention, students will have the opportunity to explore a career show, attend leadership and career workshops, or travel

on several tours. There will also be skills events where students may observe or demonstrate their talents, aptitude and skills. Many of the events serve as qualifiers to the National FFA Convention In Louisville, Ky., at the end of October.

"Our students have attended conferences, planned and participated in service projects and enjoy competition such as Dairy Judging and Ag Skills at Alfred State College," said Neumann. "They are also looking forward to competing in District Leadership contests on March 4th in public speaking, job interview and more."

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- Coughs, colds and earaches
- Flu symptoms and sore throats
- Urinary tract infections
- Allergies and skin conditions
- Minor lacerations and minor burns
- Strains and sprains
- Minor injuries and suture removal
- Animal and insect bites
- Minor eye problems and nose bleeds

Other available services include school and sports physicals.

The Center for Express Care is not designed to treat emergency conditions such as chest pain, said Sullivan.

"Our Express Care clinic will not replace the emergency room or your regular primary care provider," she said. "But it will help fill the gap when your primary care provider's office is closed or if you need other non-emergency care." The clinic is also ideal for patients who do not have a primary care physician, she added.

"We are pleased to see the Express Care clinic open," said Dr. Bruce MacKellar of Canisteo Valley Family Practice. "There are individuals

who need regular medical attention but do not have easy access to a provider. The Express Care clinic will help address the primary care needs we currently have in our community and improve the health and well-being of community residents."

With the opening of The Center for Express Care, SJMH will discontinue its "fast track" process at the hospital.

"SJMH will continue to triage patients in the emergency department, and in most cases individuals with the most severe conditions will be treated first," said Sullivan. Sullivan stated that an Express Care visit will be similar in cost to a primary care office fee, and most insurance plans will be accepted.

"Patients who are not insured are welcome to use Express Care," she said. "SJMH has financial assistance available and flexible payment options, as well as resources to help patients obtain health insurance."

Located in the lower level of 20 Elm St. in Hornell, the phone number for SJMH Express Care will be 607-324-0490. An appointment is not necessary to utilize the clinic and patients are served on a first-come, first-served basis.

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because it can take three to four years after planting for a grapevine to begin producing grapes, said Hans Walter-Peterson, a viticulture expert for Cornell Cooperative Extension who spoke at Monday's press conference.

Schumer is also calling for the USDA to be prepared to issue a disaster declaration this spring for growers whose vineyards have suffered severe bud damage.

If the damage is limited to the buds, the grapevines likely wouldn't have to be replanted and growers wouldn't be eligible for the Tree Assistance Program, but it could greatly impact this year's harvest.

A disaster declaration by the USDA would make growers eligible for low-interest emergency loans that they could use to buy juice to make

up for crop losses and produce enough wine for their 2014 vintage, Schumer said.

Walter-Peterson said surveys done by Cornell Cooperative Extension showed bud damage ranging from 20 percent to well over 50 percent of the grapevines in Finger Lakes vineyards.

"It's a very localized kind of phenomenon in many ways, and it depends on the varieties, too," Walter-Peterson said. "There are growers in the Finger Lakes and around Keuka Lake who grow varieties that are based on American species that are better adapted to these conditions - Concord, Catawba, Niagara - that seem to have some damage, but it's not as bad."

"But when we get into some of the varieties that have a European background, the ones the Finger Lakes has really been receiving a lot of accolades for recently - like Riesling, Chardonnay,

Cabernet Franc - those aren't as well adapted to these cold conditions, so that's where we're starting to see more damage," he added.

Jim Trezise, president of the Canandaigua-based New York Wine and Grape Foundation, says it's the worst winter for growers since 1994.

That year, growers in New York State lost 1,331 tons of wine grapes which equated to about \$42 million in lost wine production, according to Cornell Cooperative Extension studies. Growers also had to replant about 358 acres of vineyards, according to the studies.

Because of the growth of the state's wine industry in recent years, the losses could be much greater this year than in 1994, Schumer said.

"This is not just the Finger Lakes - western New York, Hudson Valley and Long Island all have the same damage to our grapes," he said.

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"She told the kids that as long as you do your best you won't regret anything," said Gray. "Tracy really did a great job explaining values such as hardwork, sportsmanship and teamwork."

Evans used the example of current olympian Shaun White. Evans emphasized that even though White did not medal, he was still a good sport in his loss.

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"A lot of the kids are fans of Shaun White," said Gray. "Tracy told us that he was still gracious even though he was probably disappointed in his performance."

According to Gray, the student's Olympic projects also turned out well. The students presented their findings to classmates via Power Point or poster.

"They were wonderful," said Gray. "The interview was definitely worth our time and we are so glad Tracy was able to donate some of her time as well."

After Evans' run at the Olympics, she became involved in a lot of philanthropic work. She has even been named Female Athlete Philanthropist of the Year. As

a result, the St. Ann's students have decided to help Evans in her quest to help others by sponsoring a child from Evans foundation, Kids Play International.

"The child is from Africa and we would be able to sponsor him through Tracy's organization," said Gray. "We provide things like medical insurance, school supplies and school uniforms."

According to Gray, St. Ann's might even be able to organize another Skype interview with the children they are sponsoring.

"Tracy said that the volunteer in Africa has a computer," said Gray. "We may be able to organize a Skype interview with them, which would be amazing."



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