

# OUR SCHOOLS

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## Poverty group sponsors camp scholarships

The Chemung County Poverty Reduction Coalition at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chemung County is starting a Summer Scholarship Fund for Chemung County youth.

It will provide camping opportunities for children who could not afford it. The scholarship application form can be found at [chemung.cce.cornell.edu](http://chemung.cce.cornell.edu) and click on the Community tab. Application period ends May 20. For questions, contact Estefania Trujillo at (607) 734-4453 or email [ept26@cornell.edu](mailto:ept26@cornell.edu).

Anyone wishing to donate cash to the Summer Scholarship Fund can do so by mailing a check to CCE, 425 Pennsylvania Ave., Elmira, NY 14904. Be sure to indicate "Camp Scholarship" on check memo.

## Japan 5K Run/Walk will debut May 30

The inaugural Jogging To Japan 5K Run/Walk will take place at Thorne Street Park in Horseheads at 9 a.m. May 30.

The noncompetitive fun run has been organized by middle school and high school students who previously traveled to Nakagawa, Japan, through the Horseheads Village Sister City Exchange Program, student race director Cameron Murray wrote.

The run/walk will go through the Village of Horseheads and end under a pavilion where students will share Japanese treasures, games, origami, kanji and more.

Registration and race information: [facebook.com/events/1404455639876753/](http://facebook.com/events/1404455639876753/)

## Elmira gives back unused snow days

Elmira schools will be closed May 21 and May 26 because the district did not use



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Andy Lutz, center, principal of Cohen Elementary School in Elmira Heights will be honored at a May 21 banquet in Owego as Region 9 Administrator of the Year by the School Administrators Association of New York State. Earlier this month, students, school staff and officials and the Elmira Heights mayor surprised Lutz with a proclamation, song and slideshow. Here, he poses with students outside the school.

two of its allotted snow days this school year.

## Register for Summer of Innovation programs

Academies will be offered on a wide range of topics, including fishing, cooking, criminal justice, digital media arts, cosmetology, animal science, robotics and aviation this summer through Summer of Innovation programs.

It will be offered to elementary and secondary school students at the GST BOCES campuses in Horseheads, Coopers Plains and Hornell, Wings of Eagles Discovery Center in Big Flats and other school and college sites.

Space is limited and participants will be registered on a first-come, first-served basis. To see courses or register, visit [gstboces.org](http://gstboces.org)

## Horseheads budget session, roundtable

Horseheads Superintendent Ralph Marino, Jr. will hold a monthly Superintendent's Roundtable at 10 a.m. May 18 at Horseheads Village Hall to hear information on the district and education.

There also will be a question-and-answer session for the public at 7 p.m. May 18 in the Big Flats Community Center on the school budget vote and board election. The election will be held 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. May 19 at Big Flats and Ridge Road elementary schools and Horseheads High School.

## State OKs aid for technology purchases

The New York State Education Department has announced federal approval of New York's plan to distribute \$15.6 million in unspent Race to the Top funds to local school districts to buy technology equipment such as laptops and tablets and to upgrade regional technology infrastructure.

Funds will be allocated on a per-pupil basis to all school districts in the state.

Money came from the August 2010 award of \$697 million in federal aid to New York in Race to the Top funds designed to help implement the state's education reforms. Federal rules require distributing all unspent funds by Sept. 30, 2015.

The allocation will be part of New York's Smart Schools



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World War II veteran Casimir Krolak, center, recently visited the sixth-grade classrooms of Rachel Hogue and John Durr at Horseheads Intermediate School to speak about his experiences in the service. Krolak, 91, who lives at Bethany Village in Horseheads, is a close friend of sixth-grader Sophie Kartzman, who spearheaded the collection of more than 13,000 holiday cards for U.S. military as part of the Red Cross Holiday Mail for Heroes program. Sophie and her parents visit Krolak every week. "War is horrible," he told the students. But he also saw some beautiful places, he said, including the Alps, Italy, the Black Forest, Paris and Shakespeare's home.

Bond Act, which authorized issuance of \$2 billion in general obligation bonds to support improved educational technology and infrastructure.

Amounts awarded to area school districts: Corning, \$26,823; Elmira, \$33,830; Elmira Heights, \$5,914; Horseheads, \$22,344; Odessa-Montour, \$4,141; Spencer Van Etten, \$5,321; Watkins Glen, \$6,092; Waverly, \$8,462.

## Elmira school board reschedules meeting

The Elmira school board has rescheduled its June 3 meeting to 7 p.m. June 4. It will be held in the Elmira High School cafeteria, 777 S., Main St.

This is a change from the normal meeting place, which is Ernie Davis Academy.

## Grant will help Pre-K math program

A \$3,600 grant has been awarded to the Regional Science & Discovery Center by

the Community Foundation for South Central New York. The money will be used for the center's Tioga County Pre-K math program and is from the foundation's Stephen J. and Betty E. Purtell Fund.

The program introduces pre-kindergarten students to math concepts and vocabulary. The "Math Goes to Pre-K" program was field tested from 2013-15 through a pilot program in four counties.

The grant will let the center deliver two 45-minute hands-on math lessons to 228 pre-kindergarten students at the following schools: Nathan T. Hall Elementary (Newark Valley); Tioga Elementary (Tioga Center); Lincoln Street Elementary (Waverly); Spencer Van Etten Elementary; St. Patrick Elementary (Owego); Owego Middle School; and Tioga County Head Start in Owego, Newark Valley and Waverly.

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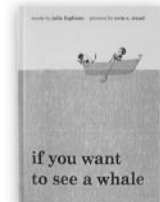
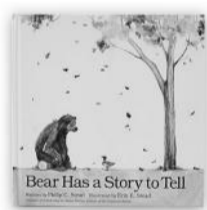
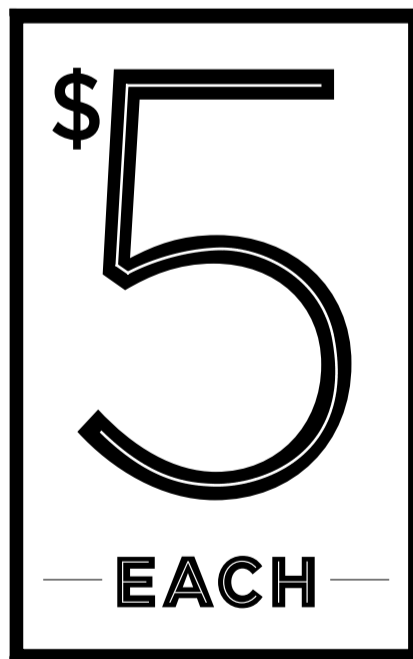
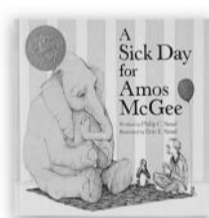


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