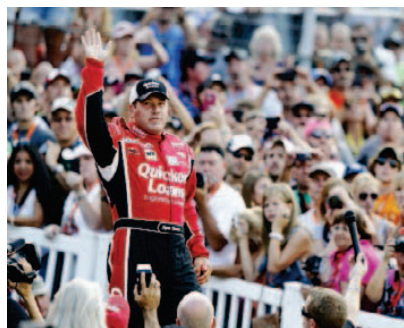


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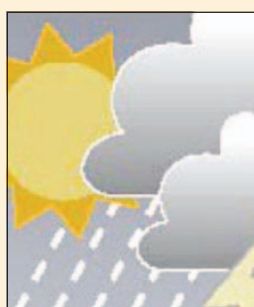
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ELMIRA-CORNING REGIONAL AIRPORT

Direct flights to O'Hare on way

By Jeffery Smith
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BIG FLATS | United Airlines will add non-stop flights from the Elmira-Corning Regional Airport to Chicago's O'Hare International Airport in February.

Chemung County Executive Tom Santulli and Airport Director Of Aviation Ann Crook, announced the twice-daily flights Monday afternoon at a press conference.

Santulli said the direct flight is great news

for members of the business community, who have long been requesting the service.

"Chicago is a key destination for many local companies and O'Hare is one of the country's largest hubs offering business, as well as leisure travelers, connections to more than 160 destinations in United's global route network," Santulli said.

Crook said the nonstop service is the result of years of discussion with the airline.

"I would like to thank

our business partners for providing support and incentives, which will boost economic development efforts for the entire region," Crook said.

The non-stop daily United Express will be operated by ExpressJet using 50-seat aircraft.

Beginning Feb. 13, flights will depart Elmira at 6:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., with return service from Chicago at 2:15 p.m. and 9 p.m. daily.

Tickets are currently

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Chemung County Executive Thomas Santulli speaks to the media as Airport Director Of Aviation Ann Crook and other officials look on Monday. JEFFERY SMITH/THE LEADER

SAVING MONTEREY SHOCK

Hundreds rally against plan to close facility



Hundreds of people attended the Saving Monterey Shock Rally held Monday at the Watkins Glen Community Center. JEFFERY SMITH/THE LEADER

By Jeffery Smith
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WATKINS GLEN | Rick Hughey, a retired Monterey shock facility correctional officer, on Monday asked former inmates to tell Gov. Andrew Cuomo not to close the facility that changed their lives for the better.

Hughey was one of the hundreds of Monterey Shock Incarceration

Correctional Facility supporters who filled the Watkins Glen Community Center Monday at a Saving Monterey Shock Rally.

Cuomo recently announced his plan to close the facility in 2014.

"It needs to stay right where it is," said Hughey. "Working there made me and a lot of others better people."

State Sen. Tom

O'Mara, R-Big Flats, and other officials leaders are critical of the Cuomo administration's decision to close the facility.

Schuyler County Legislature Chairman Dennis Fagan talked about the amount of money governments and not-for-profit organizations would lose.

Town of Orange Supervisor Jocelyn Harrison said her town would lose

\$43,000 annually.

"That amount would have to be replaced by residents' taxes," Harrison said. "We can't afford to lose Monterey."

O'Mara said communities throughout Steuben, Chemung and Schuyler counties will face similar problems financial problems if Monterey is closed.

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STEBEN, CHEMUNG, SCHUYLER

Primary elections to be held today

The Leader staff

County legislature elections in Steuben and Schuyler counties and the Chemung County Sheriff race are among the highlights of primary elections to be held today from noon-9 p.m.

The top races today include:

Steuben County

■ Christine McDaniels and Eric Booth are seeking the nomination for the District 9 seat on the Steuben County Legislature, being vacated by Legislator Tom Ryan.

The District 9 legislator represents Cameron, Canisteo and Thurston. McDaniels and Booth, both of Canisteo, will be facing off in both Republican and Conservative primaries – meaning both could theoretically advance to the November general election, one on the Republican line and one on the Conservative line.

■ There are also contested races for the Addison Town Board, Bath Town Supervisor, Prattsburgh Town Board and many others, including for Rathbone Town Supervisor, where incumbent

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SYRIA

Reed still plans 'no' vote on Syria strike

By James Post
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Reed

WASHINGTON | As Congress returned to Washington Monday, U.S. Rep. Tom Reed said nothing has been said to change his "no" vote on intervention in Syria.

"The president has not made the case that our intervention there is required," Reed said.

He said, while he accepts that a chemical weapon attack took place and that Syria

an President Bashar Assad was responsible, the risks of getting involved are too high.

In an interview with CBS television, Assad said

there would be "repercussions" for a U.S. strike in his country.

"You should expect everything," Assad said, noting that a response might come from a third party such as a terrorist group.

Reed said Assad's statements only make clear that the risks to Americans will increase if we become involved.

Last week, Reed met

with constituents to hear their feelings on potential action in Syria.

"We have conducted numerous town halls and received numerous input," he said, noting that the "unique" meetings drew coverage from Al-Jazeera and BBC News.

Reed said despite short notice, more than 70 people attended his first meeting, held at 8 a.m. in Big

Flats. Although Reed seemed inclined to vote against any intervention even before the meetings, he said what he heard last week only solidified his opposition.

He said he's been working with other members of Congress to push the idea of "sanctions and diplomacy" to bring the Syrian

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Rick Hughey, a retired Monterey shock facility correctional officer, addresses the crowd at Monday's rally. JEFFERY SMITH/THE LEADER

RALLY

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"We have to speak up louder and louder," said Assemblyman Phil A. Palmesano, R-Corning. "This doesn't end today, it's just beginning. We will fight this every single day." Palmesano said the

shock camp opened 25-years ago when Mario Cuomo was governor. It was the state's first "shock" facility. There are currently 124 employees there.

"Maybe he can teach his son (Andrew Cuomo) that a good thing doesn't need to be closed," Palmesano said. "Leave Monterey Shock alone."

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available for purchase at www.united.com.

United Airlines will soon begin marketing the flights with the financial help of the several area economic development foundations.

"People don't take the flight if they haven't heard about them," Santulli said. "We want this to be very

successful."

The Chemung and Steuben county Industrial Development Agencies, Southern Tier Economic Growth, Chemung County Chamber of Commerce and Three Rivers Development, provided \$40,000 to help pay for the marketing costs.

For more information on the Elmira-Corning Regional Airport visit www.ecairport.com.

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CRISIS IN SYRIA



US Secretary of State John Kerry touches his head during a joint press conference with Britain Foreign Secretary William Hague at Foreign Office Monday in London. Kerry said Syria's President Bashar Assad could resolve the crisis by turning over "every single bit" of his weapons arsenal to the international community within a week. ALASTAIR GRANT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

US weighs talk of Syria dumping chemical weapons

By Matthew Lee and Julie Pace
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Confronted by the threat of U.S. air strikes, Syria swiftly welcomed the idea of turning over all of its chemical weapons for destruction on Monday, capping a remarkable chain of events that started with a suggestion from Secretary of State John Kerry, followed by a public proposal from Russia and immediate endorsement by the U.N. secretary-general.

The Obama administration tried to play down the significance of Kerry's comments and scoffed at the Russian proposal's prospects for success but ended up saying it would consider the idea. President Barack Obama pressed ahead with efforts to win congressional backing for U.S. military action, and officials insisted that Syrian President Bashar Assad's government must be held accountable for using chemical weapons regardless of what happens to its stocks.

Building his case,

Obama was appearing in six television network interviews Monday evening, and administration officials were briefing more members of Congress as they returned from summer recess. Obama will address the nation tonight.

The White House cast Russia's proposal as a direct result of the pressure being felt by Syria because of the threat of a U.S. strike and warned that it would not allow the idea to be used as a stalling tactic.

"Any positive reaction to the suggestion that they would forsake their chemical weapons by the Syrian government would never have been forthcoming if it weren't for the fact that there is a credible threat of U.S. military action," White House spokesman Jay Carney said.

"We would welcome any development — and would have for some time now — that would result in the international control of and the destruction of Syria's chemical weapons stockpile," he added.

Carney sidestepped

"Any positive reaction to the suggestion that they would forsake their chemical weapons by the Syrian government would never have been forthcoming if it weren't for the fact that there is a credible threat of U.S. military action."

Jay Carney

questions on whether the U.S. and Russia had coordinated Monday's proposal, saying only, "There are ongoing conversations on this matter at the highest level." Still, he called the Russian proposal "a potential avenue."

The proposal from Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov came just hours after Kerry told reporters in London that Assad could avoid a U.S. attack and resolve the crisis surrounding the use of chemical weapons by surrendering control of "every single bit" of his arsenal to the international community by the end of the week.

The State Department sought to tamp down the potential impact of Kerry's comments by calling them a "rhetorical" response to a hypothetical question and not "a

proposal."

Kerry spoke by phone with Lavrov shortly after making his comments in London, and officials familiar with the call said Lavrov had told Kerry that he had seen the remarks and would be issuing a public statement. Kerry made clear that his comments were rhetorical and were not meant to be a proposal, according to the officials. They added that Kerry told Lavrov that the U.S. was not going to "play games," but the U.S. would be willing to review a serious proposal. They stressed that he made clear that Lavrov could not present the idea as a joint U.S.-Russian proposal.

The officials commented only on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to describe the information publicly.

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regime in line.

Reed said sanctions could include Syria's allies — even Russia, if it might convince them to end their support for Assad's government.

He also said he's concerned about efforts by the U.S. and its allies to

support rebels battling the regime, citing reports that they're also being supported by groups tied to al-Qaida.

Reed said arming the rebels could end with Syria chemical weapons in the hands of terrorists.

He said he's still interested in hearing what the president says in Tuesday night's address to the nation on the subject, but doesn't expect

to hear anything that would change his position.

"It's time to put America first," Reed said. "It's time to stop being the world's policeman."

Reed said while Syria is first on the agenda for Congress, there's still plenty of other business on the table.

He noted the need for the House to pass its own version of the food stamp, or SNAP, authorization,

which they separated from the farm bill earlier in the year. That's necessary before the legislation can be reconciled with the Senate farm bill in the conference committee.

Plus, Congress will likely have to pass a continuing resolution to continue funding and avoid a government shutdown.

"We have a packed agenda for this fall," Reed said.

ELECTIONS

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Dan Farrand faces Carla Barney.

Farrand faced allegations of wrongdoing related to his 2011 election, but special prosecutor Chemung County District Attorney Weeden Wetmore concluded that Farrand and other candidates' conduct was "reprehensible and ethically problematic, but not

criminal."

Chemung County

■ Sheriff Christopher Moss faces a challenge from 26-year veteran Chemung County deputy Art Lauray. Moss is seeking his third term. He joined the department in 1989 and was first elected in 2005.

■ Otto Campanella, Peter Finnerty, and Paul Barton are involved in Republican, Conservative, Working Families and Independence primaries

for Elmira City Judge.

■ Other races include Teresa Dean and Edward Fairbrother for Big Flats Town Supervisor, and races for the Big Flats Town Board, Elmira Town Board, Horseheads Town Board and others.

Schuyler County

■ Candidates are vying for two open seats on the Schuyler County Legislature: Republicans Glenn Larison and Barbara Halpin for the District 1 seat,

and Republicans Tom Gifford and James Howell Jr. for the District 4 seat.

■ There are also races for the Cayuta Highway Superintendent, Dix Town Supervisor and Tyrone Town Board.

For polling places and other questions, contact the Steuben County Board of Elections at 664-2260, the Chemung County Board of Elections at 737-5475 or the Schuyler County Board of Elections at 535-8195.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today
P. cloudy, hot, humid; chance of storms
High | 90 Low | 57

Wednesday
M. cloudy, hot, showers and storms
High | 89 Low | 65

Thursday
M. cloudy, scattered showers
High | 79 Low | 67

Friday
Partly cloudy, cooler
High | 64 Low | 53

Saturday
Sunny
High | 63 Low | 41

National forecast
Forecast highs for Tuesday, Sept. 10
Sunny Pt. Cloudy Cloudy

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