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Patterson Bridge Council won't challenge DOT plan

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CORNING | The City Council will not ask the State Department of Transportation to consider changing its \$32 million plan to replace the

aging Patterson Bridge. The council voted 6-3 Thursday to reject a resolution seeking the DOT to alter the current bridge plan.

Councilman Frank Coccho, D-6, submitted a resolution asking the DOT

to build a new Patterson Bridge adjacent to the existing bridge to eliminate the need to detour traffic around and through the city.

The current bridge would remain in use until the new span was com-

pleted and opened to traffic, under Coccho's recommendation.

Under the DOT's plan, the near 50-year-old bridge will be closed for a majority of the project, forcing commuters to find alternate routes, many

through the city.

The Gaffer District Board unanimously adopted a resolution Thursday morning asking the DOT to proceed with the current plan.

"The project has received all the necessary

approvals ensuring that the project funding is preserved and is not at risk of being reallocated," said Rick Maxa, Gaffer District Board of Directors vice-president. "We feel

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'A role model to all'



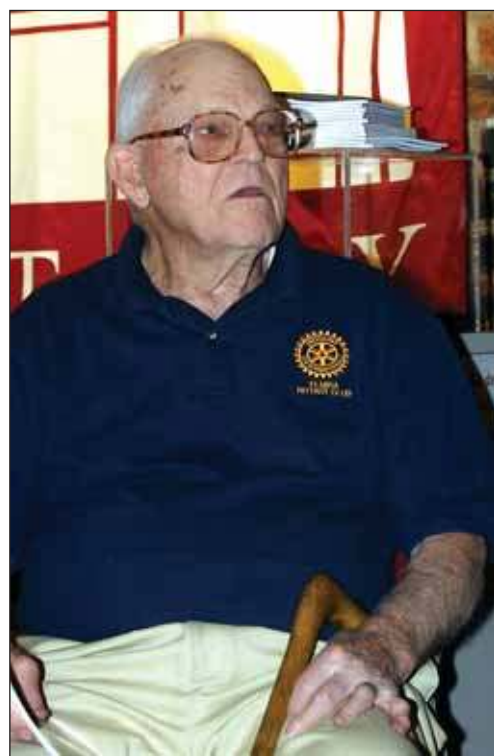
Kieffer joins Veterans' Hall of Fame

BY JOHN ZICK
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ELMIRA | Chemung County's longtime historian was inducted this week into the New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame.

J. Arthur "Archie" Kieffer was inducted into the hall Tuesday, and a local ceremony was held Thursday at the Chemung Valley History Museum. He was one of 55 people statewide to be inducted in 2012. Since the hall was opened in 2005, approximately 185 people have been inducted.

The late Connie Milliken, a longtime chairman of the county Legislature, nominated Kieffer for the award last year. In his nomination, Milliken said, "J. Arthur 'Archie' Kieffer is the definition of what it is to be



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Top | J. Arthur "Archie" Kieffer, center, was inducted this week into the New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame. On Thursday, a local induction ceremony was held at the Chemung Valley History Museum. Sen. Tom O'Mara, left, and Chemung County Executive Tom Santulli spoke at the ceremony.

Above | Kieffer is presented with a framed picture commemorating his induction.

Man charged with criminal sex act Hoke was volunteer coach

BY SCOTT PUKOS
 Messenger Post

CANANDAIGUA | A Canandaigua man was charged May 24 after volunteering as a sports coach for local schools and allegedly enticing young boys back to his residence, said New York State Police.

According to police, Leslie W. Hoke, 37, of



HOKE Canandaigua, also volunteered at fire departments in order to meet

younger or junior firefighters to allegedly attempt to get them back

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Sheehan to oversee East, West schools

BY JEFFERY SMITH
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CORNING | An executive principal will soon oversee both high schools in the Corning-Painted Post school district.

Current West High principal Robin Sheehan has been named to the position effective July 1.

East High Principal Joe Tobia is retiring at the end the school year.

C-PP Superintendent



SHEEHAN Michael Ginalski recently announced the plan after receiving a variance from the state Education Department allowing the school to name one principal to lead both buildings. "I've put a lot of

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On a mission Biker raising awareness about deadly disease

BY JEFFERY SMITH
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CORNING | A cross-country bicycle ride to raise awareness about a deadly illness that primarily targets children arrived Thursday afternoon in Corning.

The 3,250-mile trek, led by Greg Crawford, dean of the College of Science at the University of Notre Dame, is also raising funds to find a cure for



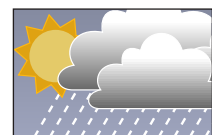
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the disease, called Neimann-Pick type C.

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