

OBITUARIES**Lee E. Russ**

Corning | Russ, Lee E., age 79, and longtime resident of Willow St. in Big Flats, passed away at home surrounded by his family on Sun. May 31, 2015. Lee was born in Corning, NY to Earl and Cecile (Stowell) Russ.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Anna V. (Voorhees) Russ; Son, Karl Russ also of Big Flats; Grandchildren, Brittany Russ and Joshua Russ of Geneva; Several other extended family members and friends.

Lee was a retired machinist having owned and operated his own machine shop, Russ Machine Co. in Big Flats. He was also a buyer for Corning Inc. and former proprietor of Browns Liquor Store in Elmira. He was a dedicated family man and friend to many.

Service with Barber Funeral Home is private and will take place at the convenience of his family. Those wishing may remember Lee with memorials to CareFirst (Southern Tier Hospice), 3805 Meads Creek Road, Painted Post, NY 14870 Condolences and remembrances at www.barberfuneralhome.com

**Urban****Charles E. Urban**

Hector | Charles E. Urban, 94, of Hector and formerly of Millport, passed away on Monday, June 1, 2015 at Robert Packer Hospital. He was born in Corning on January 14, 1921, the son of the late Michael and Susanna Urban.

He graduated from Corning High School. On October 9, 1944, he married the former Helen Podleski in Corning. Mr. Urban was a machinist and foreman at Shepard Niles Hoist & Crane for over 41 years, retiring on April 1, 1983. He was a communicant of St. Mary's of the Lake Church in Watkins Glen, and a member of the Mechanics Club and Elks Club. Charlie, as he was known to his many friends, was an avid sportsman, enjoying hunting and fishing and life at his 'Castle' on the lake. He loved to regale his family and friends with tall tales, card games and practical jokes. On a more serious side, he was a man who was active, vibrant, and full of life and strong in his faith. He had a proud career in the crane and hoist industry and assisted with all types of mechanical and technical support to those who sought him out. He held a great

passion for all his family and a special love towards animals. A member of the "Greatest Generation," he was proud to have served his country in the Navy during WWII. Life is an immeasurably better place because he was here. Charlie is survived by his daughter, Patricia Giulino of Arlington, MA; his son, Gary (Judy) Urban of Hector; five grandchildren, Jennifer Kelleher, Erika Cannon, Michael, Katherine and Erin Urban; four great grandchildren, Jordan and Braeden Cannon, Natalia and Giovanna Kelleher. He was predeceased by his wife of 64 years, Helen in 2009; a son, Michael in 2011; and sisters, Mary Close in 2009 and Helen Minchie in 2006.

Relatives and friends are invited to call on Saturday, June 13, 2015 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at Vedder and Scott Funeral Home, 122 N. Genesee St., Montour Falls. A service will follow at 2:00 pm with Rev. Steve Lape officiating. Burial will be in Seneca Union Cemetery in Valois at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the ARC of Schuyler or St. Mary's of the Lake Church. To leave the family a message of condolence, sign a guest-book, or to light a "Candle of Remembrance," please visit www.vedderandscott-funeralhome.com

Eleanor J. Lamphier**Lamphier**

GREENWOOD | Eleanor J. Lamphier, 75, of Jackson Hill Rd. passed away Wednesday (June 3, 2015) at Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, Pa. following a brief illness. Eleanor was born July 21, 1939, in North Hornell, to William and Edna (Crozier) Atherton. On June 16, 1962, in Greenwood, she married Harley W. Lamphier who survives and resides in Greenwood. In addition to her parents she was predeceased by a granddaughter Alison Lamphier and a sister Lucinda Atherton. Eleanor was a graduate of Jasper Central School and the Genesee State Teachers College where she earned her elementary teaching degree. She started her teaching career at the former Lincoln School in Hornell then continued teaching in the Greenwood Central School District retiring in 1997 after 35 years.

She was a member of the Greenwood United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday school

for many years. She also volunteered many hours to the Greenwood Vol. Fire Dept. and helped her husband with the Greenwood area Boy Scouts.

In addition to her husband of nearly 53 years, Harley Lamphier of Greenwood, Eleanor is survived by a daughter: Melinda (Earl) Brown of Essex Junction, VT. a son: Steven (Darlene) Lamphier of Colchester, VT. Three wonderful grand children: Benjamin Brown, Samuel Lamphier and Hannah Lamphier. She is also survived by a brother: Sheldon (Sue) Atherton of Jasper and a sister: Catherine (Robert) Carretto of Scottsville, VA., and several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 6-8 pm Tuesday at the H.P. Smith & Son, Inc. Funeral Home, 29 East Main St. in Canisteo where a memorial service will take place immediately following calling hrs. at 8:00 PM. with the Rev. Daniel Knopf officiating. Burial will be at the convenience of the family in Greenwood Cemetery, Greenwood, N.Y. Memorial contributions in Eleanor Lamphier's name may be made to either the Greenwood United Methodist Church, c/o Darold Coddington, Main St. Greenwood, N.Y. 14839 or to the Greenwood Vol. Fire Dept. c/o Melissa Waters, 751 Andover St. Greenwood, N.Y. 14839. Online condolences and memories may be made through hpsmithandson-funeralhome.com.

Onalee M. Robertson**Robertson**

SAVONA, NY | Onalee M. Robertson, 88, passed away on Friday June 5, 2015 at Corning Hospital surrounded by her loving family. She was born on May 17, 1927 in Galeton, PA., the daughter of the late Clarence and Susie Burrows Decker. She graduated from Wellsboro High School. She retired from Ira Davenport Memorial Hospital. She was a member of the Eastern Star, many years member of the Savona Federated Church. She was married to Ernest Robertson for 44 years and he predeceased her in 1990.

She loved flower gardens. She always looked forward to the weekly coffee hour at the Savona Diner. She will be sadly missed by Willy. She loved spending time with her family. She was predeceased by

her parents, husband and a brother Bill Andregg. She is survived by her children Darlene (Davis) Howe of Ft Myers, FL., Ginger Robertson of Savona, NY., Quylia (Rick) Hamilton of Cumberland, MD., Ron Robertson of Lamoka Lake, David (Suzanne) Robertson of Pittsford, NY., 8 grandchildren Shelly Ogden, Chris Howe, Lori Morgan, Jason Hamilton, Brian Robertson, Danny Robertson, Ewan and Conor Robertson, 9 great grandchildren. Calling hours are being observed TODAY Sunday June 7, 2015 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm at the Bond-Davis Funeral Home of Bath. He Funeral Service will be held on Monday June 8, 2015 at 11:00am at the Savona Federated Church with Neil Strong Officiating. Burial will be in Seaman Cemetery Savona, NY.

Helen Van Hassent

Ellenton, FL | Helen Van Hassent, 90, of Ellenton, FL and formerly of Campbell, NY, passed away, Wednesday, February 18, 2015, at Manatee Memorial Hospital in Bradenton, FL.

Helen was born March 26, 1924, in Corning, NY, the daughter of Elmer and Clara (Flasphaler) Drumm. On August 19, 1945 she married John Van Hassent who predeceased her August 1, 2010. Helen retired from from The Campbell Central School where she was employed as a library clerk. She was a member of the United Church of Painted Post and the Tuscarora-Woodhull Chapter 273 O.E.S. Helen was a past matron of Savona Chapter O.E.S. and had served as District Deputy Grand Matron of the Steuben District in 1979. Helen had accumulated over 18,000 hours of volunteer service by knitting hats for new born babies for the Arnot Odgen Medical Center.

She is survived by a Son, John Thomas (Valerie) Van Hassent of Parrish, FL; Daughter, Anne Short of Ellenton, FL; Brother, Dick (Wilma) Drumm of Campbell; Granddaughters, Lauren (Rick) Upchurch and Lane Van Hassent, both of Maryland; and five great-grandchildren. Also survived by sisters-in-law, Bev Drumm of Campbell, Dorothy Schoonejongen of Ellenton, FL; Trudy (Chet) Hendricks of Horseheads; and Dorrie Van Hassent of Hornell; and several nieces and nephews. She was also predeceased by a brother, Fred Drumm; and son-in-law, Bill Short. The family will receive friends at Acly-Stover Funeral Home on Saturday, June 13, 2015, from 12-3 p.m. An O.E.S service will be held at 3 p.m. followed by a Memorial Service with Pastor Glenn Kennedy Officiating. Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

WEEKLY COLUMN | SEN. TOM O'MARA**No common-sense purpose in today's economy**

Earlier this year, Unshackle Upstate characterized the state's regulatory reform efforts this way, "Economic growth and development across New York State has been hampered for decades by a convoluted patchwork of rules and regulations with no common-sense purpose in today's economy."

"No common-sense purpose in today's economy." That phrase alone gets to the point pretty effectively. In fact, to say that New York's regulatory burden lacks common sense is an understatement. It's a burden many of us have been harping on for years. And one of the most common places we confront it is within the "economic development versus environmental protection" arena, which produces some of the most difficult, divisive and, yes, partisan conflicts imaginable. If there's a hot-button conflict in state government today, a flashpoint, this is more often than not where you'll find it.

But it's wrong to believe that there's zero chance for finding common ground. It was refreshing recently to see New York State deliver at least one small signal that, yes, this balance can be struck in better ways, that badly needed common sense can be injected into stubborn bureaucratic policymaking, and, maybe most importantly, that unnecessary regulations can be revisited without bringing down the whole house of cards. I'm referring to a series of recently announced initiatives that will streamline New York's regulatory burden on farmers. More specifically, these reforms will ease the state's pesticide registration and certification processes for farmers without diminishing existing environmental standards. That's right – we're taking steps to strike a better balance between economic activity, in this case within the agricultural industry, and environmental protection.

These important streamlining actions come from the "Strategic Interagency Task Force on Lessening Obstacles to Agriculture," which is a bureaucratic way of saying "cutting red tape for farmers." The task force met five times during the past year – bringing together bureaucrats from across the state-agency spectrum with farmers and farming industry representatives – to share ideas, hash out long-simmering frustrations and, ultimately, develop workable solutions. "Easing the regulatory burden helps open new opportunities for expansion within our agricultural economy," the state's agriculture commissioner said. "We have found a common ground on improvements that will go a long way in helping farmers do the work they love that maintains a commitment to our environment." A representative of the New York Farm Bureau called it a "valuable

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opportunity for farmers, industry leaders and state officials to talk about regulatory burdens and look for common sense solutions."

When's the last time common sense won the day in Albany? These changes may represent only a few minor victories within New York's vast and deep-rooted regulatory structure, but they're victories nonetheless. We can hope they stand as at least small signs of better things to come.

We're told that additional changes are on the way.

A series of Senate regulatory reform hearings two years ago examined the impact of state overregulation on a number of New York's key economic sectors, including agriculture, small business, tourism and, at a forum I sponsored in Corning, manufacturing. Our goal was to identify 1,000 regulations for revision or outright elimination. We ended up finding more than 2,000 specific rules, regulations and practices that put New York's job creators at a competitive disadvantage.

So I'm pointing to these new regulatory reforms in farming as proof that New York could stand a good deal more of this inter-agency examination. I'll share another example. There's a developing crisis in rural public transportation. It's occurring for a variety of reasons, but it's mostly the direct result of state-level actions.

Legislation I'm sponsoring would initiate an "Interagency Coordinating Committee on Rural Public Transit" to encourage counties and appropriate state agencies to collaborate on rural transportation solutions. I'm convinced that this effort, similar to the recent interagency effort on agriculture, would produce revitalized, more efficient and cost-effective transportation plans in rural, Upstate counties where they're being diminished but are so badly needed for families, workers and others. New York State employs a vast bureaucracy that operates, largely, out of tower buildings in Albany. This bureaucracy risks losing touch with how its actions affect everyday lives in our cities, counties, small towns and villages. It needs direct feedback from the local, grassroots constituencies it impacts day in and day out – often in fundamental, quality of life ways. It needs to be able to take a fresh look at what are often decades-old programs, policies and ways of doing business.

I'm willing to bet that any number of common-sense solutions to what have long been intractable problems are there for the making if there's a push or a willingness to get started.

IN BRIEF**At few companies, 1 family holds sway**

NEW YORK — It's hard to keep control of a large company, but a few families have maintained ownership of their companies for generations — in a few cases, more than a century.

On Friday, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. handed its chairmanship to Greg Penner, the grandson-in-law of company founder Sam Walton, marking a third generation in the family to hold that job since the first Wal-Mart opened in 1962.

Here are some more of the best-known and longest-running family-run or family-controlled

public companies:

FORD MOTOR CO.

Ford Motor Co. has been run by the Ford family for four generations. Henry Ford started the automaker in 1903, and his great-grandson, William Clay Ford, Jr., is now its executive chairman and previously served as CEO. Edsel Ford II, another great-grandson, is a board member. The company is controlled by a Ford family trust run by William, Edsel, and two other relatives.

NORDSTROM

Nordstrom Inc. was co-founded in 1901 by John W. Nordstrom. His family has run the department store operator for four generations

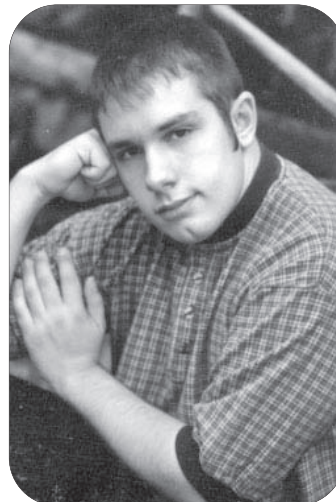
with multiple family members often sharing power. Blake Nordstrom has been president of the company since 2000, and last month the company said his brothers Erik and Peter Nordstrom would become his co-presidents. The three are great-grandsons of the founder.

TYSON FOODS INC.

Meat processor Tyson Foods Inc. was founded by John W. Tyson in 1935. His son Donald later ran the company, and another son, Randal, was an executive. Members of the Tyson family own about 70 percent of Tyson Foods. John Tyson, the founder's grandson, has been chairman of the company since 1998.

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*They say there is a reason,
They say that time will heal,
But neither time nor reason,
Will change the way we feel,
For no one knows the heartache,
That lies behind our smiles,
No one knows how many times,
We have broken down and cried,
We want to tell you something
So there won't be any doubt,
You're so wonderful to think of,
But so hard to be without.
Love, Mom, Dad & Family*