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POW/MIA ceremony Friday at Bath VA

BATH — The Bath VA Medical Center will host its annual Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Ceremony on Friday at 1 p.m. in Building 92. The public is invited to join in this opportunity to formally recognize our former Prisoners of War and the sacrifices they endured in the name of freedom, while we remember those still missing. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Voluntary Service at 607-664-4965.

City parking lot to be repaved

HORNELL — The City of Hornell Department of Public Works advises the public to remove any vehicles that may be parked in the municipal parking lot between Seneca Street and Church Street before Thursday at 7 a.m. Crews will be paving the lot on Thursday and Friday, weather permitting. Residents should not plan on parking there until Sunday. Those who have questions are asked to call 607-324-1421.

A-State tops the rankings again

ALFRED — Making the U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges rankings for the 10th straight year, Alfred State performed better than ever before in 2016. The publication recognized a tremendous value at Alfred State for the price. For schools with out-of-state tuition below \$18,000, Alfred State is the number one regional college in the north. Another gold medal achievement recognizes that many students are looking for just the right-sized school. US News & World Report notes an 18:1 faculty to student ratio for personalized attention at Alfred State, while also operating a campus large enough to offer students a wide variety of activities and choices for majors. **A2.**

N. Hornell PD looks at equipment upgrades

NORTH HORNELL — Various improvements to North Hornell's police force — including the potential addition of dash cams — were discussed during Monday's monthly Village Board meeting. Meanwhile, a village trustee proposed that the North Hornell Volunteer Fire Department be subjected to an independent audit. Village Police Officer-in-Charge Scott Richardson, at the request of Trustee Frank Libordi, delivered information to the Village Board regarding dashcams that could be used for traffic enforcement. **A3**

HORNELLSVILLE OFFICIALS:

Plaza may house new SJMH

Town officials say Seneca Road site contender to nab new facility

By Neal Simon
The Evening Tribune

ARKPORT — Hornellsville officials say they are optimistic that the new St. James Mercy Hospital will be located in the township, not in the Village of North Hornell as previously planned.

According to Hornellsville Supervisor Ken Isaman and Councilman Dan Broughton, hospital officials, including president and CEO Jennifer Sullivan, met with the town planning board Monday night. The hospital contingent, which included the chief financial officer

in addition to Sullivan, said they are considering locating the new hospital at the old Kmart Plaza on Seneca Road. Isaman said the planning board was told that the hospital is looking into the environmental impact of locating at the site, but if it is selected, the hospital would purchase the

property and use the existing structure. "We had representatives from the hospital (at the planning board meeting). It does look like the new hospital has changed venue and may very well land in our backyard in the Kmart Plaza," Isaman said Tuesday, briefing

other town officials on the development. Isaman said that James Griffin, executive director of the City of Hornell Industrial Development Agency, also attended the Hornellsville Planning Board meeting.

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TOY HALL OF FAME FINALISTS

Rock 'Em Sock 'Em battle



This Aug. 10, 2016, photo provided by The Strong museum in Rochester, shows the 12 finalists for the class of 2016 for induction into the National Toy Hall of Fame: bubble wrap, Care Bears, Clue, coloring books, Dungeons & Dragons, Fisher-Price Little People, Nerf, pinball, Rock 'Em Sock 'Em Robots, swing, Transformers and Uno. The winners will be chosen with input from a national selection committee and inducted on Nov. 10. THE STRONG NATIONAL TOY HALL OF FAME VIA AP

Care Bears, Transformers, robots, nine others vie for HOF

The Associated Press

ROCHESTER — The Fisher-Price Little People and Care Bears will square off against Rock 'Em Sock 'Em Robots and Transformers for a place in the National Toy Hall of Fame.

Whether any or all make it will be announced Nov. 10.

The hall revealed 12 finalists for the class of 2016 on Tuesday at The Strong museum. The list also includes Nerf foam balls, the board

game Clue, the card game Uno, pinball, the swing, Dungeons & Dragons and coloring books.

Bubble wrap rounds out the list. If selected, it would join the cardboard box and stick among unconventional honorees.

To be recognized by the hall, toys must have lasted across generations, influenced the way toys are designed or played with and fostered learning or creativity through play.

Anyone can nominate a toy, and

the hall receives thousands of suggestions email every year. Final selections are made on the advice of historians, educators and other experts.

Last year, the parlor game Twister, the puppet and Super Soaker squirt gun were honored.

About this year's finalists: ■ Bubble Wrap. Created by accident in 1957 by two engineers who were attempting to develop a new

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ASSEMBLY PRIMARY

GOP voters honor Nojay

Late assemblyman wins primary, party leaders to select replacement

By Neal Simon
The Evening Tribune

Bill Nojay won the Republican primary for the state Assembly in the 133rd



Nojay

District Tuesday despite committing suicide Sept. 9.

Nojay's posthumous victory, which was attained by garnering a comfortable 60 percent of the vote to 39 percent



Milne

for Honeoye Falls Mayor Richard B. Milne, throws the Republican line in the Nov. 8 general election into uncertain territory.

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AGRICULTURE ASSISTANCE

Drought losses are no small potatoes

Legislators learn extent of damages

By Jason Jordan
The Evening Tribune

AVOCA — While the area's hillsides have sprung back after a dry summer, farmers' crops aren't faring as well, and the area's agriculture industry faces devastating losses this harvest season.

State Sen. Tom O'Mara (R-Big Flats) sponsored an "Agriculture Roundtable: The Impact of the 2016 Drought on Southern Tier and Finger Lakes Farmers"

Tuesday in Prattsburgh.

O'Mara was joined at the forum by New York State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball and State Sen. Patty Ritchie (R-Watertown), chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee, State Assemblyman Phil Palmesano (R-Corning) and Alison M. Hunt, district director for Rep. Tom Reed (R-Corning).

The more than two hour forum served as a brainstorming session on how legislators could better cover the gaps experienced by farmers losing crops to this year's dry weather.

"As I drive across this

district, it's clear how this year's drought has negatively impacted many farms. Although we've welcomed some rain recently, the majority of the growing season has passed and a number of farmers are left with low-performing crops," O'Mara explained.

Current estimates by Cornell Cooperative Extension, who presented at the panel discussion placed losses for Steuben County at more than \$90 million. More accurate loss totals should be available by the beginning of November.

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Farmer John Wallace (foreground) shows State Sen. Tom O'Mara (center) and Assemblyman Phil Palmesano (right) the damage done to his potato field high atop Cook Road in the Town of Avoca on Tuesday afternoon. Legislators are formulating new ways to mitigate crop losses statewide. ERIC WENSEL PHOTO



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OBITUARIES & NEWS

DR. NADENE DENISON HUNTER

DANSVILLE — Dr. Nadene Denison Hunter, 98, of 9930 County Road 46 Dansville, N.Y., died peacefully Monday (Sept. 12, 2016) at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born the daughter of Walcott and Blanch (Babb) Denison on June 2, 1918 in Quincy, Illinois. She graduated from High School in Tacoma, Wash. then attended Washington State for her bachelor's degree and then received her medical degree from Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans.

She retired as medical director at Craig Developmental Center in Sonyea in 1982 after 17 years of service. She then went to work for Livingston County Department of Health as a medical consultant until 2003.

She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Mount Morris, where she served on several boards and councils for her parish and the diocese. She also was a member of the Mary Jemison Chapter of the Eastern Star, Order of the



Amaranth, Kate Jackson Court in Dansville, Advisory Board of the Iroquois Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America, AMA, New York State and Livingston County Medical Society, American Psychiatric Association and the Academy of Family Practice.

She is survived by her eight children, Josiah Wallace Hunter of Colorado, Nadene Hunter of Dansville, Melville (Cynthia) Wallace Hunter of Dansville, Sara (Arby) Swift of Port Crane, N.Y., Rev. James Wallace (Jeanine) Hunter of New Mexico, Helen Voysey of Arizona, Martha (Gerald)

Stranford of New Mexico and Rev. Walcott Wallace (Teri) Hunter of Florida; 16 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Dr. H. Wallace Hunter Sr., MD in 1965; and son, Wallace Hunter Jr. in 2016.

Vigil service will begin Friday at 6 p.m. at St. Michael Episcopal Church, Main Street, Geneseo, N.Y., where funeral services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. Revs. William Daniel and John Andrew officiating. Burial Mt. Morris Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Iroquois Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America, St. Michael Episcopal Church or Christ Episcopal Church of Hornell.

Arrangements by the JOHN W. MARTIN FUNERAL HOME, 37 Chapel Street, (Route 408), Mount Morris. Sign the online registry at www.johnmartinfuneralhome.com.

DROUGHT

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A disaster declaration has been made in 24 New York counties including Steuben, freeing up some federal funds for farmers, but state legislators hope to do more. Following the forum, officials visited three local farms to see the impact of the drought first hand.

The Wallace family has been raising potatoes, kidney beans and corn off of route 415 in the Town of Avoca since the 1970s, and few years have been as bad for their profits that 2016.

"A lot of years have been somewhat like this, and some years are really good. We'll probably survive this one, but if we have another one like this next year, who knows," said John Wallace.

Potatoes are indisputably smaller, which is bad news for growers like Wallace, whose potatoes are sold off to make potato chips.

"They pay a premium for bigger potatoes," Agriculture Commissioner Ball commented.

Many other crops on Wallace's land were a total loss, including one bean field that looked like it had been torched by a flamethrower. Much of his crops are on high hill tops, farther from sources of irrigation or running water. The same is true for most farms in the region.

"You just can't do it, and if you could it wouldn't make sense economically," he said.

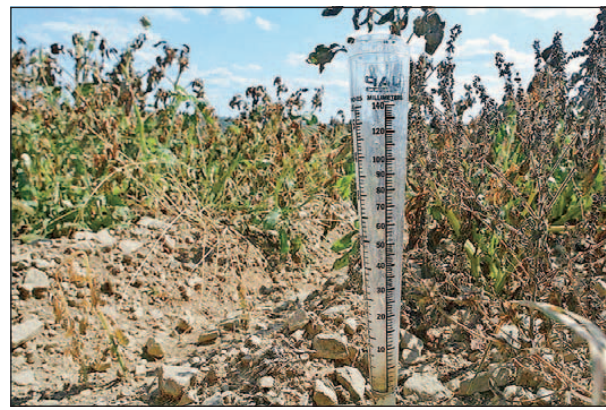
In the coming year, there will be some practical consequences for the Wallace farm.

Wallace chose not to curse the situation. Instead, he reflected on the past few years that yielded a decent profit for the farm. But he described 2016 as the second worst year that he could remember, next to 2011.

"This year we won't be able to update our machinery, and we'll have to shop around for fertilizers and seed corn," the farmer previewed.

However, the drought will likely have even more dire consequences for other area farms.

"A lot more people are



A drought monitor sits bone dry among a field of withering potato plants during a tour state legislators took to assess the damage of this year's severe drought conditions. ERIC WENSEL PHOTO

doing worse than us. At least we'll be able to pay for our expenses this year," Wallace said.

Farms more heavily invested in growing corn will likely do the worst. While stalks looked healthy, ears did not grow or dried out and withered quickly.

"(Our neighbors) have a field of corn, they did terrible," Wallace said.

Farmers face additional pressures aside from the drought, as good help is in fact hard to find, according to Wallace.

"With the potatoes, we only need help in September and October, so it's hard to find part-time help because people with a good job aren't looking for work; and those who are unemployed or on Medicaid, sometimes they show up and sometimes they don't," he said.

Crop insurance has been a help for farmers.

"It softens the damage a little bit, and it's something you contribute to, so it's not a total handout," Wallace said.

Tax credits aren't always a preferable form of aid, because farmers are often required to purchase new machinery to get them.

"If we could save some of that instead of having to buy a piece of machinery just to get your taxes down below 35 percent that might help a little bit," Wallace suggested. "People are looking for grants versus crop insurance because you have to pay into that from your taxes and some people just can't afford it."

Ball asserted that many federal programs just aren't designed for smaller upstate farmers.

"We need some more risk

management tools," Ball advocated. "There is a special block grant program. If it was bigger we could entertain it, but it's not big enough to do that kind of work here."

New York's share of the federal block grant money adds up to just a few million dollars to be shared among the entire state.

However, the conversation about how best to employ aid is moving forward.

"Disaster assistance loans and building more debt on the farm isn't an ideal way to go about it," O'Mara agreed. "We're going to go back and aggressively see what we can find in the way of help."

Help would have to be worked into the next budget, which would not become law until April 1.

"We'll be having those discussions between February and April, but now we're getting to know the full extent of the losses," O'Mara said.

Public awareness is key to building public support for eventually including help for farmers in the coming year's budget.

"A lot of people just go on with their day, and when the purchase their bread or milk or their vegetables they need to remember it's made on the farm," Palmesano said.

"Agriculture is the number one industry in our region and we need to be very vocal and provide assistance for farmers because it benefits everyone."

The legislators encouraged anyone unable to attend the informational event in Prattsburgh to contact their offices for assistance and information that could help in determining their eligibility for assistance.

ROBERT C. MULHOLLEN

CANISTEO — Robert C. Mulhollen, 91, of County Route 119, passed away Tuesday (Sept. 13, 2016) at the Fred & Harriett Taylor Health Center in Bath.

Born in Canisteeo, Oct. 2, 1924, the son of Clayton and Cassie Bourne Mulhollen, he had resided in the Hornell-Canisteeo area most all his life until moving to Mississippi in the early 1980s. He had been employed for several years as a supervisor and heavy equipment operator for the Steuben County Highway Department.

He was predeceased by his parents; his wife, Dorothy Craig Mulhollen; his son, Michael Mulhollen; and three brothers, Bourne Mulhollen, Rodney Mulhollen and Jack Mulhollen; and an infant sister.

He is survived by his



daughters, Diane Kent of Hornell and Theresa (Jeff) Hosmer of Canisteeo; his step-daughters, Carolyn (Larry) Campbell of Canisteeo and Donna McCormick of Mt. Morris; his son, Patrick Mulhollen of Hornell; his brothers, Richard (Marilyn) Mulhollen of Hornell, William (Joanne) Mulhollen of Painted Post and Berry (Alberta) Mulhollen of North Carolina; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

To send a remembrance to the family, please visit www.brownpowersfuneralhomes.com. The family is being assisted by Gerald R. Brown, Director at Brown & Powers Funeral Home of Canisteeo.

The family will be present to receive friends on Thursday from 2 until 4 p.m., at the Buena Vista Wesleyan Church, 6034 County Road 69, Canisteeo, N.Y., where funeral services will follow calling hours at 4 p.m. Burial will be in Cedar Lawn Cemetery, Jackson, Mississippi.

Friends may make memorial contributions to: The Chair Fund of the Buena Vista Wesleyan Church, 6034 County Road 69, Canisteeo, N.Y., 14823; or to the Guthrie Cancer Center at Corning Hospital, 2 Guthrie Drive, Corning, N.Y., 14830.

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One condition of the AFG Grant is that the village is responsible for a five percent share, coming out to \$3,198.

Robbins noted he planned to look into policies regarding emergency response when it comes to lift assists after recent developments.

"We had a lift assist up to the trailer park the other day," Robbins said. "The reason we went to the lift assist is because apparently now Hornell is telling 911 and the hospital they're no longer doing lift assists outside of the city. This is a lady that came back from the hospital after she'd be gone by ambulance earlier in the day for an issue. (The hospital) called Hornell and said she needs help back to her house."

"I don't know if that

violates their contract, I haven't looked into it yet. I also want to make sure we're covered as far as doing these without ambulance people there to tell us what we're doing right or wrong. Granted, we want to help people if they need help but we also need to make sure we're covered as far as that goes."

The fire chief would take a look at the ambulance contract and then get in contact with the village's insurance providers for specific answers.

Later in the meeting, Trustee William Coleman proposed that the fire department be subject to an independent audit.

"What I suggest is that in addition to the village we had an independent

standalone audit in regards to our finances," Coleman said. "I know you guys do your internal audits but nothing externally that anyone can think of in the recent past. I'd like to entertain the idea of an independent audit ... I think it's our due diligence to do that as it should be yours."

The Village Board currently plans to vote on going forward with an audit during the next monthly meeting scheduled for Oct. 10.

In other news, trustees voted to set this year's Halloween trick-or-treating hours for Monday, Oct. 31 from 6-8 p.m. The decision was made to approve the hours so it would appear in an upcoming village newsletter.

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NOJAY

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Steuben County Republicans showed overwhelming support for the late assemblyman. He won the county with better than 73 percent, beating Milne 2,736-1,763.

Milne, 55, won in Monroe County, according to unofficial election results, 653-606. In Livingston County, it was Nojay over Milne 1492-886. There were a total of 4,541 votes cast.

The Republican Party chairmen of the three counties in the 133rd District — Rusty Smith of Steuben, Bill Reilich of Monroe and Lowell Conrad of Livingston

— must choose a candidate within 10 days of Nojay's death, which in this case is Sept. 19. Officials said the party leaders will use a weighted system based on votes by county in the 2014 Assembly district election.

Nojay had also earned three minor party lines for the general election: Reform, Independence and Conservative. Election officials said state leaders of those parties will have the responsibility of choosing replacement candidates.

There were calls Tuesday night for the chairmen to select a candidate with similar conservative credentials as Nojay.

"Now it is our hope that Conservative and Republican Party leadership can

come together to identify a candidate that will carry on in the spirit of Bill Nojay," said Livingston County Chairman Jason J. McGuire.

Nojay, a two-term state lawmaker who lived in Pittsford, was reportedly facing a federal indictment for fraud when he died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound in a Rochester cemetery.

Local political observers have pointed out that while it's not extraordinarily unusual for a candidate to die during an election campaign, Nojay's death four days before the primary appears to be unprecedented in the region.

The Democratic candidate in the Republican-leaning district is Barbara Baer.

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