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## LOCAL

### Steuben County man killed in rollover accident

A Steuben County man was killed Sunday in a one-car motor vehicle accident in the Town of Italy.

Edward L. Babcock, 65, of Prattsburgh, was thrown from his 2001 Ford pickup truck after going off Italy Hill Road in the Town of Italy around 5 p.m. Sunday, according to the Yates County Sheriff's Department. The truck rolled three times before coming to rest in a field.

Passersby found the vehicle and reported it to deputies and attempted to assist Babcock at the scene.

Babcock was pronounced deceased at the scene at 5:27 p.m.

The Yates County Sheriff's Department was assisted by Prattsburgh Ambulance and Medic 55.

### Reed back in Washington

U.S. Rep. Tom Reed headed back to Washington, D.C. Monday following an extended stay in his 23rd Congressional District during a Congressional break.

According to Reed during his weekly phone conference with reporters, the district's constituents voiced growing frustration with Washington's "overspending, high taxation and significant regulations."

### Official: Water line mailers not from water district

Mail going out to some area residents offering insurance coverage of water lines isn't from government or water district officials, and isn't notice of a new fee, Town of Corning Supervisor Kim Feehan said. The mailers, from a private company, are offering coverage of repairs for water lines between the district water mains and the residence. Feehan also said such coverage may be unnecessary for many residents.

### NY woman kidnapped, injected with heroin

Authorities say a 28-year-old upstate New York man forced a woman to drive him to the Rochester area to buy heroin, then injected her with the drug against her will and left her unconscious in a parking lot.

Police in Penn Yan in Yates County tell local media that Paul West went to a relative's house on Friday and demanded to be taken to the suburb of Greece to purchase heroin. Officials say West punched a woman and threatened to kill her with a knife if she didn't drive.

She borrowed a car and drove 50 miles to Greece, where police say West bought heroin and forcibly injected her. The woman was treated at a local hospital.

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REPORT:

# Core sales, earnings up in Q1 for Corning



Construction is underway on a 94,000-square-foot expansion of Corning Inc.'s heavy duty diesel plant in Erwin. Company officials credited strong manufacturing performance at the plant with helping to drive a sharp increase in profitability in the Environmental Technologies business. DERRICK EK/THE LEADER

## Revenue grows in key business segments

By Derrick Ek  
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Corning Inc. posted strong year-over-year sales and earnings growth in its first quarter report, released Monday.

Core sales were \$2.4 billion in Q1, a 32 percent increase over the first quarter of 2013. Core earnings were \$461 million or 31 cents per share, an increase of 7 percent year-over-year and slightly better than Wall Street analysts' estimates.

"It was absolutely a great start to the year," said Tony Tripeny, senior vice president and corporate controller. "It was a very strong quarter, better than what the expectations were. It was our

sixth consecutive quarter of year-over-year earnings growth, and I think it was a real good story when it comes to the whole balance of the company today."

Core earnings were down sequentially from Q4 of last year, but Q4 is typically a strong quarter so the year-over-year is a better indicator of the company's Q1 performance, officials say.

Year-over-year comparisons of the company's five major businesses:

- Core sales were \$1 billion, up 58 percent, in Display Technologies, which makes LCD glass for televisions.

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Corning Inc.'s Environmental Technologies segment, which includes the heavy duty diesel plant in Erwin, posted Q1 sales of \$275 million, up 21 percent year-over-year, according to Monday's quarterly report. DERRICK EK/THE LEADER

ATTORNEY:

## Patient got hepatitis C at Corning Hospital

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One of the 236 patients exposed to contaminated syringes at Guthrie Corning Hospital between 2012-2013 has been diagnosed with hepatitis C, according to Ziff Law Firm in Elmira, which is representing the patients in a medical malpractice lawsuit.

The recently diagnosed patient was found to have contracted the disease following his one-year follow-up test. Patients were offered testing over the course of a year, paid for by Guthrie.

After the diagnosis, attorney Adam Gee of Ziff Law Firm filed a new lawsuit against Corning Hospital, Guthrie and an unidentified

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STATE SENATE

## Bill to up penalties on meth passes

By James Post  
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ALBANY | As the state Legislature returned to session after a month-long recess, a bill to increase penalties for those convicted of making methamphetamine passed Monday in the state Senate, though its fate in the Assembly is uncertain.

The proposal, sponsored by state Sen. Tom O'Mara, R-Big Flats, would raise the classifications of several crimes related to the creation of the drug.

The bill previously passed in the Senate in 2013 but failed in the Assembly.

"Meth and heroin are the twin drug plagues facing the Southern Tier and Fingers Lakes regions. Meth labs pose unacceptable

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BATH

## Redistricting plan fails in Steuben Legislature vote

By James Post  
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BATH | A plan to reorganize legislative districts failed to pass Monday in the Steuben County Legislature.

Every 10 years, after the U.S. Census, the Legislature is required to consider redrawing legislative districts to reflect shifts in population.

The last census was in

2010, and Steuben County officials have been mulling the issue since then.

The proposal voted on Monday would have shifted the Town of Erwin, currently a district unto itself with a single legislator, into a district with the towns of Addison and Tuscarora. The new district would have had two legislators.

The Town of Lindley, which is in a district with Addison and Tuscarora,

would have shifted to a district that includes the towns of Caton, Corning (excluding the city) and Hornby. That district would also have two legislators.

But despite the consideration of a number of possible maps - Deputy County Manager Jack Wheeler said there were more than 100 - before presenting this one for a vote, the majority of legislators were still unhappy with the plan.

Legislature Chairman Joseph Hauryski, who represents the towns of Bradford, Campbell and Wayne, descended from the chair during Monday's meeting to speak in favor of the plan.

"(It) goes a long way in setting us on the path to equal representation," Hauryski said. "Is (it) perfect? No, it isn't."

Equal representation is central to the issues at

play in the redistricting proposals.

The county's 17 legislators currently each get a weighted vote to account for differences in population between districts.

Hauryski noted that with the shifts in population throughout the county, the Legislature could soon reach a point where only eight legislators - a minority

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nurse Monday in the Chemung County Supreme Court on behalf of the man who tested positive for hepatitis C.

"This person has contracted hepatitis," Gee said. "(The lawsuit) is to specifically allege that and the damages that flow from that, as far as their health and all the medical expenses that are going to go along with contracting this disease."

The man was also added to the lawsuit filed in 2013 on behalf of nearly 80 plaintiffs who had been exposed to hepatitis C, hepatitis B and HIV after a nurse - who was fired - reused saline syringes on as many as 236 people between Oct. 15, 2012 and

Jan. 29, 2013, according to Guthrie.

The lawsuit is pending in Chemung County Supreme Court, Gee said.

According to Gee, his firm went public with the information to urge those involved to continue having follow-up tests done, even if previous tests came back negative.

"We heard through the grapevine that maybe some people got their first test and then second and everything looked good so they didn't bother to go back," said Gee, who accused Guthrie of downplaying the risk of infection.

The disease's extended incubation period - from the time of initial contact to the onset of the disease - is cause for concern, according to Gee.

While Guthrie offered to provide testing for patients

exposed to the contaminated syringes for up to a year after the exposure, that time period is coming to a close. Gee hopes that Guthrie will consider extending the testing time period.

"If you read the medical literature, there's certainly documentation to establish that it can show up much later than (one year)," Gee said. "We want to urge everyone who was affected by this to make sure that you get all of your testing and to consider, even if Guthrie won't pay for it, to have it done yourself for beyond that year to make sure that you're healthy and that you're not at risk of getting sick and possibly spreading it to your loved ones."

Guthrie spokeswoman Carolyn Handricks declined comment, citing the ongoing litigation.

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- from populous districts could control the agenda.

He also expressed concern that if the Legislature fails to address redistricting, a court could step in to do so in response to a legal challenge.

But legislator Gary Roush, who represents the Town of Erwin, said the proposal failed to take into account the differences and similarities between towns when aligning them into districts.

Roush said the plan would have put

rapidly-developing Erwin into a district with the very rural towns of Addison and Tuscarora - potentially putting the two legislators from the new district in opposition to each other with very few interests in common.

"It really doesn't accomplish the intended purpose," Roush said.

The proposal would have set up a vote by county residents on whether or not to accept the new district map.

Voting against the plan were: Eric Booth, Dan Farrand, Michael Hanna, Aaron Mullen, William Peoples, Gary Roush, Brian Schu, Randy Weaver and

George Welch.

The City of Corning's other legislator, Hilda Lando, was absent from Monday's meeting, but county officials said her vote wouldn't have swayed the outcome.

Steuben County Manager Mark Alger said last week he wasn't concerned if the plan failed, because there's no official deadline for the county to address redistricting.

Alger's new title and responsibilities under the county charter passed last year were also codified in the Legislature's rules of procedure Monday by unanimous vote.

# METH

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risks to our neighborhoods, threaten the safety of police officers and first responders, and burden local systems of health care, criminal justice and social services," O'Mara said.

He also serves on the Senate Task Force on Heroin Addiction.

Under the bill, first-degree unlawful manufacture of methamphetamine would be categorized as a class A-1 felony, which would carry up to 20 years in state prison, up from 9

years under current law. Other A-1 felonies include murder and arson.

The new definition would mean anyone who had already been convicted of making meth in the previous five years would be eligible for the first-degree charge and stiffer sentence.

The bill would also make manufacturing meth in the presence of a child under 16 a felony.

O'Mara's proposal also bumps up a number of other meth-related charges to higher-grade crimes, with higher possible sentences, including raising one charge, second-degree criminal possession of methamphetamine manu-

facturing material, from a misdemeanor to a felony.

"These actions would make it easier to prosecute meth crimes and impose tougher criminal penalties for manufacturing, possessing and selling meth," O'Mara said. "We also hope tougher anti-meth laws will act as a stronger deterrent among our young people at risk of falling prey to this cycle of addiction and tragedy. We need to keep sending a stronger message that we're not going to tolerate it."

O'Mara's office said he would push hard to make sure the measure gets to a vote in the Assembly this time.

# POLITICS

## Education a new defining issue for 2016 GOP class

By Thomas Beaumont  
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Raising U.S. educational expectations through national goals was a priority for Republican President George W. Bush. But many of his would-be successors in the GOP are calling for just the opposite of government-set rules, and it's splitting the party as the GOP class of 2016 presidential hopefuls takes shape.

Just six years after Bush left office, Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul referred last week to a set of state-created standards, called Common Core, as a national "curriculum that originates out of Washington." That kind of statement stokes outrage among grass-roots conservatives, who are still incensed with the Obama administration over the 2010 health care law.

It also happens to be untrue: Forty-four states voluntarily participate in Common Core standards developed in part by Republican governors. And some other potential GOP presidential candidates support the standards and are objecting to the red-meat rhetoric designed to fire up the party's most fervent supporters.

"We cannot expect our children to compete with the best in the world when we have no standards or

dumbed-down standards," former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, the former president's brother, said at an education conference in Arizona last week.

In the meantime, education is rising as a GOP priority, if only as a proxy for a larger internal party debate over government's proper scope.

"This is a microcosm of the heart and soul of the Republican Party," said Chad Colby, a former top Republican National Committee spokesman who is now with the pro-Common Core group Achieve. "High education standards are too important to our economy and international standing to be derailed by ideological purists with no alternative plan."

Five years ago, a bipartisan group of governors and staff of the National Governors Association began collaborating with the Council of Chief State School Officers on shared higher standards, as a political alternative to the Bush administration's No Child Left Behind law.

No Child Left Behind, Bush's signature domestic policy achievement won congressional approval with bipartisan support. It requires annual testing, publication by districts of performance data of student subgroups, and increasingly tough consequences for schools that don't meet the bar.



Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky. speaks April 25 in Cambridge, Mass. Battling 'the soft bigotry of low expectations' with national education goals was former Republican President George W. Bush's campaign mantra. But many of his party's would-be successors are calling for just the opposite of government-set rules, splitting the party over education policy as the GOP class of 2016 presidential hopefuls takes shape. Jeb Bush, who supports a national education policy, and Paul, who abhors the idea, personify the divide. Forty-four states voluntarily participate in standards developed in part by GOP governors. STEPHAN SAVOIA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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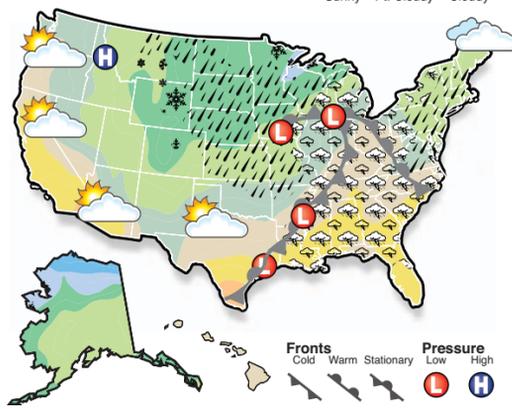
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High | 67 Low | 46

**Friday**  
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High | 58 Low | 39

**Saturday**  
M. cloudy, sct. showers  
High | 61 Low | 38

### National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, April 29



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Tripeny said the increase was driven by the company's recent acquisition of Corning Precision Materials, its former joint venture with Samsung Display that makes LCD glass in South Korea. The deal increased Corning's manufacturing capacity and added 4,000 employees, bringing the company's global workforce to 34,000.

Core sales were \$593 million in Optical Communications, up 26 percent, driven by carrier network sales. The business makes optical fiber, cable, hardware and equipment for telecommunications networks.

"We saw very strong growth in North America and Europe," Tripeny said. "A lot of it is fiber to the home, and a lot of it is data centers, which are really critical to cloud computing, a very big trend from an industry standpoint."

Core sales in Environmental Technologies - which makes ceramic substrates and filters for emissions control devices in cars and trucks - were \$275 million, up 21 percent.

Net income was up 59 percent in Environmental Technologies, due to several factors, including increased demand due to new air pollution regulations in China and Europe.

The trucking industry in North America has also been picking up, creating more demand for heavy duty diesel products.

"Also, the manufacturing performance in that business, particularly here in our facility in Erwin, was really outstanding, and we saw that from a profitability standpoint," Tripeny said.

A 94,000-square-foot expansion of Corning Inc.'s heavy duty diesel plant on the Addison Road in Erwin is still on track to be finished this year and become operational in 2015, officials said. Once the expansion is done, the company expects to add about 250 jobs at the plant in phases.

Core sales in Specialty Materials were \$261 million, a slight increase from Q1 2013. The segment is driven by Gorilla Glass, the cover glass widely used in consumer electronics which is also expanding into other markets, such as automotive and architecture.

Production of Gorilla Glass will soon be shifting from Japan to the newly acquired facilities in South Korea.

Sales in Life Sciences, which makes products for drug research, were \$240 million, also a slight increase.

Corning Inc. focuses on core earnings in its financial reports, which exclude "items that do not reflect the underlying fundamentals and trends in the company's operations."

By GAAP measures, the company's net income and earnings per share dropped by 39 percent year-over-year, but that was largely due to one-time accounting items related to the acquisition of the former Samsung joint venture, Tripeny said.

Corning stock closed at \$20.97 on Monday, up 23 cents.

Corning Inc. CEO Wendell Weeks will speak at today's shareholders meeting in Corning, which will also include a presentation by James Clappin, president of Corning Glass Technologies, on the company's portfolio of advanced glasses, such as Willow, Eagle, XG Slim and Gorilla.

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