

# PROJECT

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for I-86 designation. The cost is set at \$12 million. Other projects in Chemung, Schuyler and Steuben counties:

- Latta Brook Road over I-86, Horseheads – \$1,480,350.
- State Route 417 over Bennett's Creek, Greenwood – \$2,119,350.
- Michigan Hollow Road over I-390, Avoca – \$2,843,550.
- I-86 West over Bath and Hammondsport Railroad, Bath – \$3,248,250.

- I-86 East over BHRR, Bath – \$3,248,250.
- I-86 West over BHRR, Bath – \$2,492,100.
- I-86 East over BHRR, Bath – \$3,514,500.
- State Route 36 over Loder Street, Hornellsville – \$2,875,500.
- State Route 417 over Tuscarora Creek, Tuscarora – \$1,288,650.
- State Route 14 from Broad Street to Veteran town line – \$750,750.
- State Route 328 from state line to State Route 14, Chemung County – \$2,250,750.
- State Route 225 from South Corning to Golden Glow – \$2,920,750.

- State Route 13 in Schuyler County, from Chemung County line to Tompkins County – \$220,750.

All the bridges in the list above will undergo deck replacements, and the roadwork consists of pavement-preservation treatments.

Statewide, \$1.2 billion was added to the \$1.6 billion previously allocated for roads and bridges in this year's budget under the "New York Works" initiative, which Cuomo says will create thousands of construction jobs.

"The development of our regional and

statewide transportation infrastructure represents a key economic lifeline for our communities and workers," state Sen. Tom O'Mara, R-Big Flats, said in a statement.

"Transportation will play a key role in turning around the fortunes of upstate New York manufacturing, tourism, agriculture and every other sector of the economy. This year's budget, especially the New York Works initiative, establishes a stronger state commitment to upstate job creation and economic growth."

# JOB

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said some of the increase can be attributed to normal seasonal change. Beyond that, he said the increase may be due to a re-energized unemployment force.

"Statewide and nationwide, we're seeing signs of the discouraged workforce ... feeling more confident about job prospects and moving back into this statistic as they have re-initiated their job search," Harris

said. "This movement is one of encouragement but will bring about an elevation of the unemployment rate in the short- to moderate-term. I think some of that is at play here, and it should become more statistically obvious in the coming months."

Harris said he expects the tri-county natural resource-mining-construction industry to add 900 jobs or more by the summer, but the unemployment rate is expected to remain high for the foreseeable future.

"I anticipate the unem-

## Unemployment rate

	Feb.	Jan.	Feb. '11
Chemung	9.2	9.0	8.5
Schuyler	9.9	9.8	9.6
Steuben	10.7	10.8	10.7
Yates	10.0	8.8	7.8
State	9.2	9.1	8.6

ployment rate to remain above year-ago levels in the short-term before slowly receding in the second half of the year," Harris said.

February was the eighth time in three years the tri-county unemployment rate was at or above

10 percent. The highest unemployment rate was 10.6 percent in February 2010. Prior to February 2009, the local unemployment rate had not been above 10 percent since before 1990. Unemployment data for 1989 and prior was not readily available.

# STEUBEN

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Chapman's department is preparing documents outlining what services outside agencies would be asked to provide. The documents will ask the agencies to submit contract proposals and costs, but don't commit the county to a contract.

Chapman said agencies may offer to provide services in mental health or drug/alcohol rehab, or both. Agencies also will be told Steuben is unique due to its large size and rural nature, he said.

However, Steuben's mental health department should remain the county's oversight agency, controlling case

management and referring people to the proper treatment center, Chapman said.

Preliminary figures by the department's financial officer Karen Monroe show that oversight would cost \$384,737 and includes salaries, benefits and state funding.

Steuben officials have stressed the legislative committee is only looking at ways to cut costs, and no final decisions have been made on mental health, drug and alcohol rehab, or long-term services to the aging.

"There are no easy answers to any of this," said county Legislature Chairman Joe Hauryski, R-Campbell. "We're look-

ing for the best services to benefit our residents and our taxpayers."

Hauryski said the idea of the county maintaining oversight would likely provide efficiency and ensure services are provided to those who need them.

State funding for rehab and counseling services has been a problem for counties for years, due to uncertain funding, changing formulas and requirements and delayed payments from the state stretching back for years.

Monroe told the committee the department will be able to collect \$1 million the state still owes the county. But it could take more than a

year for Steuben to receive it, she said.

County Administrator Mark Alger said the county paid \$1.5 million for unexpected costs and services last year.

So paying \$400,000 for administration could still save the county money, he said.

What really matters is getting a better feel for mental health services costs, through proposed contracts, according to Alger.

"What we need is fixed costs," he said. "Our frustration is in not being able to determine a fixed cost. What we need to know is how much will it cost on a year-to-year basis. We can pay that."

# Death Notices

## Leroy E. Fenton

**CAMERON MILLS** | Leroy E. Fenton, 73, of Cameron Mills, died Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at home.

He was a retired farm worker, and formerly worked for the Steuben County Highway Department.

Survivors include his wife, Betty J. Fenton of Cameron Mills; four step-children, Ronald Daily of Addison, Donald Dailey of California, Sue Ann Ellis of Campbell and Paula Campbell of North Carolina; four sisters, Viola Horton of Jasper, Linda of Louisiana, Stella McClesney of Painted Post and Denis Inman of Dansville.

Calling hours are 1-2 p.m. at H.P. Smith and Son Funeral Home, Woodhull.

Services will be held there at the conclusion of calling hours at 2 p.m., the Rev. Daniel Knopf officiating.

## Jack W. Kirkendall

**GALETON, PA.** | Jack W. Kirkendall, 80, of Galeton, died Monday, April 2, 2012.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Kirkendall; two daughters, Kathi Eskesen of Mansfield and Patti Kirkendall of Horseheads, N.Y.

Calling hours are 2-3 p.m. Friday at First Presbyterian Church, Galeton.

Services will be held there at the conclusion of calling hours at 3 p.m. Friday.

Arrangements are with Olney Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Ulysses.

## Charles H. Nelson

**PAINTED POST** | Charles H. "Chuck" Nelson, 98, of Addison, died Sunday, April 1, 2012 at Absolut Care at Three Rivers.

He was a farmer.

Calling hours are 1-2 p.m. today at Carpenter-Flint Funeral Home, Addison.

Services will be held there at the conclusion of calling hours at 2 p.m. today, Pastor Morris Gridley officiating.

Burial will be in Elk Creek Cemetery, Borden.

## Lorene M. Webster

**WELLSBORO, PA.** | Lorene M. Webster, 79, of Wellsboro, died Monday, April 2, 2012.

She worked as a cook for the Penn Wells Hotel in Wellsboro and for the Tyoga Country Club.

Survivors include three sons, Kevin Webster of Elmira and Kirby Webster and Kerry Webster, both of Wellsboro; five daughters, Valorie West of Mansfield, Marceil Cooney of Wellsboro, Lori Fuss of Middlebury Center, Beth Anne Morway of Sinking Springs and Lisa Groff of Wilmington, Del.; a brother, Bud Parsons of Streeter, Ill.; a sister, Elaine Fischler.

Calling hours are 7-9 p.m. Sunday at Tussey-Mosher Funeral Home, Wellsboro.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Peter's Catholic Church, the Rev. John Chmil officiating.

Burial will be in St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery.

# OBITUARIES

## HOWARD L. UPRIGHT

**WARSAW** | Howard L. Upright, age 95, of Warsaw, passed away Sunday, April 1st, 2012 at his residence in Warsaw. He was born in Eagle, NY, October 9th, 1916, the son of the late David and Myrtle Furnal Upright. A resident of Warsaw for the past 20 years and previously of Gainesville, Howard graduated from the University of Rochester. He worked as a self-employed chicken and dairy farmer in Lamont, NY, later retiring from Mallory Timers after 10 years. Howard enjoyed flower and vegetable gardening, camping, senior dinners and assembling jigsaw puzzles. He was also a C.B. enthusiast and looked forward to his annual Florida vacations and the trip there with his sister. Howard was predeceased by a sister, Arlene DeLude. Survivors include a sister, Marian Balcom of Florida; a nephew, Robert (Laura Sines) DeLude of Addison, NY; 2 nieces, Beverly (Louis Pfeiffer) Pedraza of Warsaw and Sue (Clair) Shoemaker of Campbell, NY; and several grandnieces and grandnephews. Friends of Howard may call Wednesday, April 4th, 2012 from 2pm to 4pm and 7pm to 9pm at the Weeks Funeral Home, 123 N. Main St. Warsaw, NY 14569. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home Thursday, April 5th, 2012 at 1pm with Pastor Randy Bell of the First Baptist Church of Attica as celebrant. Burial

will take place following the service in the Warsaw Cemetery. Please visit [www.weeksfuneral.com](http://www.weeksfuneral.com) to offer online condolences. Memorial contributions may be made in Howard's name to The Cloisters, 171 North Maple St. Warsaw, NY 14569

## SUE HERMES ROCK

**WAMEGO, KS** | Sue Hermes Rock, a reporter at The Leader from 1966 to 1970, died on March 17 at a nursing home in Wamego, KS, of complications related to Multiple Sclerosis. Born in Norwalk, OH, she received a BA in journalism from Bowling Green University. Eventually settling in Versailles, KY, she began a career in real estate which spanned 32 years.

She is survived by former husband Kenneth Rock of Versailles, children Samuel Rock of Atlanta, and Kendra Rock Breiner, son-in-law Clay Breiner, and grandson Kennan Breiner, all of Wamego, KS, sister Donna Sisson of Milan, OH, a niece, a nephew and several great-nieces and nephews. Sue Rock was 68 years old.

## CLARENCE G. DAY, JR.

**BATH, NY** | Clarence G. Day, Jr. 89 of County Route 89, formerly of Wayne passed away Monday April 2, 2012 at his home.

He was born June 23, 1922 in the Town of Wayne, the son of

Clarence G. and Lela Crookston Day, Sr. Clarence was a life-long farmer.

He is survived by his nephews Richard E. (Jean) Day of Rochester, Ralph H. (Roberta) Day of Hammondsport, Kenneth W. (Arlene) Day of Hammondsport, Howard M. (Brenda) Day of Perry. Also surviving are nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. He was also pre-deceased by his brothers Lloyd, Francis, Harold and Lynn.

Friends may call Friday April 6th from Noon until 2pm at the LaMarche Funeral Home of Hammondsport. A graveside service in Pleasant Valley Cemetery officiated by Rev. Paul J. Rowley will follow the calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made the the Wayne Vol. Fire Dept. or the American Heart or Cancer Societies.

Clarence came to stay with us at Cairn Cottage FTHA on Oct. 1, 2006. Through the years I came to learn how much Clarence loved his family. Clarence never married and had no children of his own. He had 5 nephews that he loved dearly, His family was everything to him. He remembered their birthdays and most of the time their anniversaries. He even knew his nephews children and grandchildren.

Clarence was an avid hunter in his younger years. Even after he came to stay with us, he kept

the foxes and raccoons away from the ducks and chickens. his biggest thrill came when a black bear came up on our deck and looked in the kitchen door while we were eating breakfast.

He had nicknames for all of his nephews and through the years he gave me a few "choice" nicknames. One morning I came into the kitchen with my hair in a ponytail, on that day I was the old gray mare. If I wore a full apron like my grandmother wore, I was Aunt Bea. Clarence came to be the joy of my life. He made me laugh every day.

Clarence was kind, gentle and generous. He will be missed by everyone.



## MARY C. SARDINIA

**PAINTED POST, NY** | Mary C. Sardinia, age 81, of Painted Post, NY, passed away on Saturday, March 31, 2012 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse. Born in Corning, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Ruth (Johnson) Clark. Mary was predeceased by her husband, Spencer Martin.

Mary is survived by two sons: Spencer "Ted"

(Nancy) Sardinia, Jr. of Charlotte, NC, and Alex (Carolyn) Sardinia of Midlothian, VA; one daughter: Michele (Eric Barker) Sardinia of East Syracuse; and several grandchildren: Spencer "Marty" Sardinia III of Charlotte, NC, Alex "Michael" Sardinia, Jr. of Jersey City, NJ, Marybeth Sardinia of Augusta, GA, Kyle Sardinia of State College, PA, Patrick Sardinia of Charlotte, NC, Elyse Sardinia of Midlothian, VA, Luke Sardinia, of Midlothian, VA and Elena Barker of E. Syracuse. She is also survived by two sisters, Ednah Adubato of Randolph, NJ and Lynda Welty of Manchester, TN, and by several nieces and nephews.

Mary graduated from Painted Post High School and attended SUNY Geneseo where she studied Education. She met her husband Spencer in Mt. Morris, NY while battling TB. Most of her life was spent caring for her family and enjoying her grandchildren. She enjoyed music, was a fabulous pianist and was well-known for her Italian cooking and sharp mind. Her friends and family

will miss her infectious smile, determination to live and ageless beauty. She was a member of All Saints Parish and Catholic Daughters. Family and friends may call at Carpenter's Funeral Home, LLC, 14 East Pulteney Street in Corning on Saturday, April 7, 2012 from 12:00PM - 2:00PM. A Catholic funeral service will immediately follow there at 2:00PM. Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Corning.

Condolences may be offered to the family at [www.carpentersfuneralhome.com](http://www.carpentersfuneralhome.com). In lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to Southern Tier Hospice & Palliative Care, 11751 East Corning Road, Corning, NY 14830.

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- Paid obituaries may also be faxed to 962-0782.
- To e-mail obituaries: [c\\_service@the-leader.com](mailto:c_service@the-leader.com)