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Homicide charge filed in crash

Pa. accident kills Elmira woman

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JACKSON TOWNSHIP, PA. | A Texas man is facing a vehicular homicide charge in connection with Friday morning's crash in Tioga County that killed an Elmira woman.

Brandon C. Davidson, 32, of Perryton, Texas, is charged with homicide by vehicle while driving under the influence, a felony.

He is also charged with driving under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances, a mis-

demeanor; as well as numerous traffic violations, including reckless driving and not wearing a seat belt.

Davidson is being held in Tioga County Jail on \$75,000 bail and is scheduled to appear in district court in Elkland, Pa. on

Thursday.

The crash killed Lauralee M. Widmer, 36, of Elmira.

According to Mansfield-based Pennsylvania State Police, Davidson was driving north on Bailey Creek Road in Jackson Township, about a mile

from its intersection with State Route 549, when the accident occurred shortly before 8 a.m. Friday.

The site is near Jobs Corners, about 20 minutes south of Elmira.

Davidson lost control of a 2011 Dodge 2500 pickup truck and went onto the right shoulder of the road, swerved back into the road, crossed the cen-

ter line, and struck a 2011 Toyota RAV 4 driven by Widmer.

Widmer – who was wearing a seat belt – was pronounced dead at the scene by Tioga County Deputy Coroner Brian Keck.

Davidson, who suffered minor injuries, was

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Corning's business district bustling as holidays approach

Sometime around Thanksgiving, the new Tommy Hilfiger outlet store is expected to open on Market Street.

The addition of a major retailer – just in time for the holiday shopping rush – is good news for downtown Corning's business district.

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Despite a tough economy and some turnover, Market Street's storefronts have an occupancy rate above 90 percent, according to Dawn Burlew, business development manager for Corning Enterprises.

"That's pretty remarkable for a small city," Burlew said.



The renovation process has gone slower than anticipated, but when it's done, the Hilfiger outlet store will occupy a prime location at the corner of Market and Cedar streets, at 43-45 E. Market St.

"We wanted a major anchor, and there were very few triple storefronts available," Burlew said.

There are 123 buildings on Market Street, and a total of 142 storefronts. Of those

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Above | The Tommy Hilfiger outlet, under renovation at the corner of Market and Cedar streets in Corning, is expected to be open in time for the holiday shopping season.



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Left, below | Local developer Chip Klugo shows one of his Market Street apartments.



Far left | The city is gearing up for its annual holiday events.

Presidential Citizen Medal Local woman reflects on D.C. experience

BY GWEN CHAMBERLAIN
Penn Yan Chronicle-Express

Two days after receiving one of the nation's highest civilian honors, Milly Bloomquist is back home, reflecting on the experience of a lifetime, but also reflecting on the community that she says can claim the honor of the Presidential Citizen Medal that was handed to her by President Barack



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Milly Bloomquist and President Barack Obama.

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O'Mara: Honor 'well-deserved'

State Sen. Tom O'Mara, R-Big Flats, released the following statement on President Obama's awarding of the Presidential Citizens Medal to Camilla "Milly" Bloomquist of Yates County:



"What a well-deserved and well-earned honor for Milly Bloomquist, and for her family, friends and fellow volunteers. Milly has quietly been a force for good in Yates County across the past three decades. She's been a steady and amazing source of comfort and caring for so many children and families in need. She's made all the difference in their lives. Now she's a beacon of good citizenship for the world and we couldn't be prouder. On behalf of the residents of the Finger Lakes and Southern Tier, I'm pleased to extend our best wishes and deep gratitude."

Taxes could decrease in Town of Corning

BY JEFFERY SMITH
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SOUTH CORNING | Residents of the Town of Corning could see their taxes decrease if the board adopts the proposed budget next month.

The tentative \$1,896,643 budget includes a 1.3 percent tax decrease, said Supervisor Kim Feehan.

The tax rate is expected to be \$4.32 per thousand, Feehan said. The current

tax rate is \$4.74 per thousand assessed property value.

A public hearing on the 2012 spending plan will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Town Hall at 20 S. Maple St.

A town-wide property revaluation completed in early 2011 increased the town's taxed property value by about \$34 million to \$403,603,754, said

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