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## LOCAL

### Elmira presents community forum

ELMIRA - Dr. Stephen Coleman will present a community forum on gangs, drugs, violence and death in Elmira at 7 p.m. June 7 at Steele Memorial Library.

Coleman, founder of the Political Pundit Night series, will be joined by Elmira Mayor Dan Mandell, former police chief and current city councilman James Waters, as well as current Elmira Police Chief Joseph Kane.

The event is free and 80 seats will be available. Public input is encouraged.

## SCRIPPS NATIONAL SPELLING BEE

# Local makes it to Round 5

## Painted Post's Lahiri drops out on Greek-rooted medical term

The Leader staff

WASHINGTON | Painted Post's Nikhil Lahiri made it into Round 5 of the final day of the Scripps National Spelling Bee before he was tripped up by a medical term.

Lahiri failed to correctly

spell 'coloboma,' a congenital defect of the eye.

He qualified for the final day of the Bee with his written test score, along with correctly spelling words in three prior rounds.

In Round 2, he got 'guayabera,' a lightweight open-necked Cuban or

Mexican shirt with two breast pockets and two pockets over the hips.

In Round 3, Lahiri correctly spelled 'cautionary.' And in Round 4, he spelled 'outarde,' a French-based word used to refer to a Canada goose.

Lahiri, an eighth-grader at the Alternative School for Math and Science in Corning, bested the competition through 14 rounds at the regional Spelling Bee held at

Corning-Painted Post High School in March.

Lahiri sealed the regional win against 56 fellow competitors after correctly spelling 'decamerous,' an adjective meaning "divided into 10 parts."

Thursday night's national final included a field of 15 students.

The results of that competition, airing on ESPN 2, were not available at press time.



Painted Post's Nikhil Lahiri competes in March at the Regional Spelling Bee in Corning. [THE LEADER FILES]

## STATE

### Cuomo: NY will abide by Paris accord regardless of Trump

ALBANY (AP) — New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo says his state will continue to abide by the Paris climate accord regardless of President Donald Trump's decision to pull out of the landmark 190-nation agreement to reduce carbon emissions.

The Democrat said Thursday that the Republican president's decision is "reckless" and harmful for the nation and the planet.

He says he will use executive orders to ensure the state does not abandon its efforts to boost renewable energy while reducing emissions tied to climate change.

### NY county to pay \$7.5M in student's Superstorm death

RIVERHEAD (AP) — New York county officials have agreed to pay \$7.5 million to settle lawsuits involving the accidental death of a 21-year-old college student during Superstorm Sandy.

Stony Brook University student Vishwaja Muppa, of Edison, New Jersey, was killed in the 2012 storm. Officials say a Suffolk County police car crashed into their vehicle at a darkened intersection in the hamlet of Port Jefferson Station on Long Island.

The settlement was announced Tuesday. Newsday reports (http://nwsdy.li/2sfpEnD) the county legislature will decide a proposal to borrow \$3 million for the settlement.

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## FOOD BANK OF THE SOUTHERN TIER

# Food bank takes top honor



Natasha Thompson, President and CEO of the Food Bank of the Southern Tier, announces the Food Bank won the Feeding America Member of the Year Award, the highest recognition a food bank can achieve, Thursday morning at the Food Bank in Elmira. [PHOTOS BY ERIC WENSEL/THE LEADER]

By James Post  
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ELMIRA | "I really think the Food Bank represents what the Southern Tier is all about," Assemblyman Phil Palmesano said Thursday at the Food Bank of the Southern Tier. "Looking out for a neighbor, being a partner, helping those who are less fortunate."

Feeding America, the parent agency to more than 200 food banks, seems to agree.

This year, it named the Food Bank of the Southern Tier Food Bank of the Year.

"Feeding America's Food Bank of the Year award is the highest recognition that a food



Natasha Thompson, President and CEO of the Food Bank of the Southern Tier, displays a joint resolution honoring the Food Bank from the state Legislature Thursday during the press conference. With Thompson are state assemblymen Christopher Friend and Phil Palmesano and state senators Fred Akshar and Tom O'Mara.

bank can achieve," said Food Bank President and CEO Natasha Thompson at a press conference Thursday.

"Thompson has

assembled a terrific staff that we consider best-in-class," said Feeding America CEO Diana

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## CORNING

# Student falls off of Brisco Bridge

By Jeffery Smith  
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CORNING - A male Corning-Painted Post High School student suffered serious injuries after he intentionally fell off the east side of the Brisco Bridge at about 8:55 a.m. Thursday, temporarily halting traffic.

The student suffered head and back injuries, received treatment at the scene and was later airlifted to an area hospital for further care.

Police Chief Jeff Spaulding said patrolmen arrived at the scene at about 8:40 a.m., moments after receiving calls from 911 and C-PP of two students standing on the other side of the Brisco Bridge railing.

Patrolmen had about 15

minutes of dialogue with the two students before the male subject let go of his grip and fell into the shallow Chemung River. The female student then decided to come over the bridge railing towards police.

Emergency personnel rushed from the nearby Corning Fire Department property to help the male student get out of the river to a nearby ambulance. He was later airlifted to an area hospital.

The Brisco Bridge was closed to traffic for about a half-hour and the C-PP High School was temporarily under a "hold in place" order, which restricted student movement in the school for about 90 minutes.

## BATH

# Steuben Dairy Festival is set for Saturday

By Stephen Borgna  
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BATH - The 61st annual Steuben County Dairy Festival kicks off Saturday morning in Bath.

The morning will begin with food, flea and craft vendors, including North Cameron Grange and others. A display of tractors and other agricultural implements will open at 9 a.m., along with a car show. Awards for the car show will be given out at 3 p.m.

The parade on Liberty Street will begin at 10:30 a.m., rain or shine, followed by several more events at noon.

At noon, the Steuben County Sheriff's Office will hold a K-9 demonstration near the sheriff's pavilion. There will also be Bath Grange Chicken BBQ available at the fairgrounds, as well as several free dairy products to try.

The samples include milk courtesy of Upstate Farms, yogurt courtesy of Crowley Foods, and cheese courtesy of Kraft Polly-O and Cabot Creamery Cooperative.

Live music by G-P-S will be held from 1-3 p.m.

A youth bicycle giveaway will begin at 2 p.m. There's no entry fee to participate

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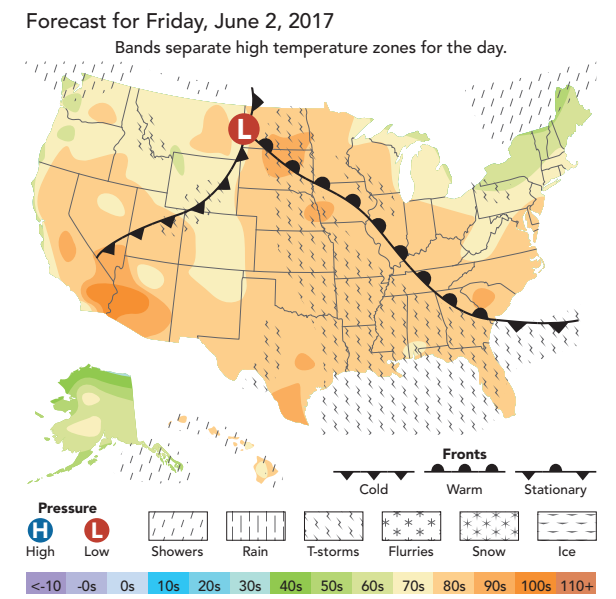
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 Low | 41

**Saturday**  
 Chance early shwrs, mostly sunny  
 High | 72  
 Low | 44

**Sunday**  
 Cloudy, rain returns  
 High | 72  
 Low | 57

**Monday**  
 M. cloudy, showers around  
 High | 71  
 Low | 53

**Tuesday**  
 M. cloudy, chance showers  
 High | 66  
 Low | 50



**MOON PHASES**

First	Full	Last	New
JUNE 12	JUNE 20	JUNE 27	JUNE 4

**SUNRISE | SUNSET**

Sunrise today	5:34
Sunset today	8:39
Sunrise Saturday	5:34
Sunset Saturday	8:40

# Afghans mourn, a day after bombing killed 90

By **Rahim Faiez and Amir Shah**  
 The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghans mourned the loss of family members, friends and colleagues on Thursday, a day after a massive truck bomb exploded in the capital, killing at least 90 people and wounding more than 450 in one of the worst extremist attacks since the drawdown of foreign forces from the

country in 2014. The city's acting mayor said the explosion was so strong that it damaged property as far as 2.5 miles from the blast site. Scores of people waited in hospitals to learn the status of their family members and friends wounded in the attack. Funeral processions took place throughout Kabul on Thursday. In Wednesday's attack, the suicide truck bomber drove

into Kabul's heavily guarded diplomatic quarter during the morning rush, leaving behind chaos and destruction. Most of the casualties were civilians, including women and children, but the dead also included Afghan security guards working around the many embassies in the area. The explosives were hidden in a tanker truck used to clean out septic systems, according to Najib Danish, deputy spokesman for the interior

minister. The trucks are a very common sight in Kabul, a city of nearly four million people with no sewage system that mostly depends on septic tanks, and where open sewers are common. The blast gouged a crater about 15 feet deep near Zanzaq Square in the Wazir Akbar Khan district, where foreign embassies are protected by their own security personnel as well as Afghan police and National Security Forces.

## FOOD BANK

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Aviv in a press release. "Their programs as well as their efforts to increase the amount of food and groceries they provide to their community are exemplary." According to Food Bank officials, the facility distributed 9.8 million meals through 165 partner agencies in 2016.

The Food Bank also engages in some direct distribution activities, such as the Mobile Food Pantry program, something Feeding America highlighted specifically in honoring the Southern Tier organization, and the Backpack Program, which provided more than 101,000 packs of food in 2016 to children in all 41 school districts in the Food Bank's service area.

Among the food distributed was 2.2 million pounds of fresh produce, something that's often hard to acquire for food banks. State Sen. Tom O'Mara, also present for the event,

said he hopes recent legislation can grow that number even more.

"We were able to pass, on the third try, the Farm to Food Bank legislation that will help encourage farmers to donate even more, particularly fresh produce, which is so much needed," O'Mara said.

Assemblyman Christopher Friend broke down the numbers.

"Of the 9.8 million meals served, 5 million of those were in Chemung County, 3 million were in Tioga County, 780,000 were in Broome County," Friend said. "Sixteen thousand meals served (weekly). That's huge."

It's especially impressive considering the organization's humble beginnings more than three decades ago, said Tony Barbaro, Associate Diocesan Director for Catholic Charities.

"At its beginning we had a small rented facility in Elmira, we had two staff and a handful of volunteers, and a rented truck," Barbaro said. "(Now) our food bank



The Food Bank of the Southern Tier won Member of the Year from Feeding America, the highest recognition a food bank can achieve. [ERIC WENSEL/THE LEADER]

is the best food bank in the country for 2017. That's an amazing accomplishment." The Food Bank of the

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in the giveaway, but youth must be present to win. Tickets will be distributed at the festival.

The bicycles are courtesy of Wheels Unlimited and Wilkins RV of Bath.

The Outlaw Tractor Pullers show will begin at 5 p.m. with a \$10 admission fee. The gates will open at 3 p.m. The festival will conclude

with the tractor rally Sunday morning, with registration beginning at 7 a.m.

According to the Bath Police Department, Liberty Street from Washington Street to Steuben Street will close at 8 a.m.

Southern Tier serves Broome, Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga and Tompkins counties.

Saturday. Liberty Street will remain closed until the parade is over.

The dairy festival has been held each year since 1957 to celebrate America's dairy industry.

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- How old is your dad?
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- What does Dad do at work all day?
- What does Dad do when you're not around?
- What is Dad really good at?
- What is Dad not really good at?
- If Dad had a million dollars, what would he buy?
- My Dad is the best Dad on the planet because....



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