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O'MARA

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York’s identity theft protections by enacting laws to restrict the ability of employers to use an employee’s personal information and to allow identity theft victims to obtain restitution equal to the value of the time they spend fixing the damage, which is substantial.

It takes an average of 14 months for an identity theft victim to discover that his or her identity has been stolen.

Victims then spend hundreds of dollars and devote more than 175 hours of their own time to clean up their credit reports, according to the federal General Accounting Office.

Additionally, identity theft victims have been subject to other complications, including denial of loan applications and false criminal records.

In short, recovering from identity theft is costly and

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time-consuming.

The first line of defense for every consumer is awareness – to be aware of how identity theft is committed and to know the ways to protect against it.

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Information is also available on the New York State Division of Consumer Protection website: <https://www.dos.ny.gov/consumerprotection> (click on “Identity Theft/Privacy” at the top of the home page).

Remember: Identity theft can happen to anyone. There are steps everyone can take to prevent it. Learn how.


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**Today**
Cloudy, light showers possible
High | 47
Low | 35



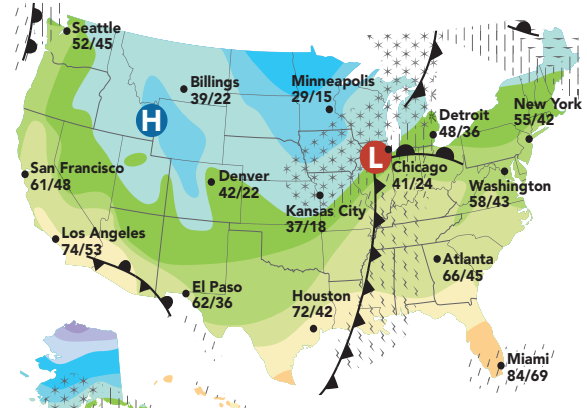
**Monday**
Cloudy, rain to snow
High | 44
Low | 30

**Tuesday**
M. cloudy, snow showers possible
High | 38
Low | 26

**Wednesday**
M. cloudy, chance snow showers
High | 35
Low | 29

**Thursday**
M. cloudy, flurries possible
High | 38
Low | 28

Forecast for Sunday, November 25, 2018
Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



Pressure
High Low
Shower Rain T-storms Flurries Snow Ice
Cold Warm Stationary

MOON PHASES
First Full Last New
DEC.15 DEC.22 NOV.29 DEC.7

SUNRISE | SUNSET
Sunrise today 7:11
Sunset today 4:40
Sunrise Monday 7:12
Sunset Monday 4:39

ASYLUM

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and escape poverty and violence. By reaching the accord, the Trump administration has also overcome Mexico’s historic reticence to deepen cooperation with the United States on an issue widely seen here as America’s problem.

The White House had no immediate comment.

According to outlines of the plan, known as Remain in Mexico, asylum applicants at the border will have to stay in Mexico while their cases are processed, potentially ending the system Trump decries as “catch and release” that has until now generally allowed those seeking refuge to wait on safer U.S. soil.

“For now, we have agreed to this policy of Remain in Mexico,” said Olga Sánchez Cordero, Mexico’s incoming interior minister, the top domestic policy official for López Obrador, who takes office Dec. 1. In an interview with The Washington Post, she called it a “short-term solution.”

“The medium- and long-term solution is that people don’t migrate,” Sánchez Cordero said. “Mexico has open arms and everything, but imagine, one caravan after another after another, that would also be a problem for us.”



In this Nov. 22 photo, U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents stand on a roof during operational readiness exercises at the San Ysidro port of entry on the U.S.-Mexico border. [RAMON ESPINOSA/ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

While no formal agreement has been signed, and U.S. officials caution that many details must still be discussed, the incoming Mexican government is amenable to the concept of turning their country in to a waiting room for America’s asylum system.

While they remain anxious the deal could fall apart, U.S. officials view this as a potential breakthrough that could deter migration and the formation of additional caravans that originate in Central America and cross through Mexico to reach the United States. They have quietly engaged in sensitive talks with senior Mexican officials, attempting to offer a diplomatic counterbalance to President Donald Trump’s threats and ultimatums.

Alarmed by Trump’s deployment of U.S. military forces to California, Arizona and Texas, and his threats to close busy border crossings, Mexican officials were further

determined to take action after migrants traveling as part of a caravan forced their way onto Mexican soil last month, pushing past police blockades at the border with Guatemala.

The prospect of keeping thousands of Central American asylum seekers for months or years in drug cartel-dominated Mexican border states – some of the most violent in the country – has troubled human-rights activists and others who worry that such a plan could put migrants at risk and undermine their lawful right to apply for asylum.

“We have not seen a specific proposal, but any policy that would leave individuals stranded in Mexico would inevitably put people in danger,” said Lee Gelernt, an ACLU attorney whose team has won several legal victories against the Trump administration’s immigration initiatives.



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BUDGET

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for years, with little or no public attendance.

For the third straight year, Steuben’s proposed 2019 spending plan calls for a slight decrease in the county tax levy and tax rate. Actual property taxes will depend on the equalization rate of the town in which property owners reside.

If approved by the county Legislature Monday (Nov. 26), the proposed 2019 budget’s tax levy of \$49,989,115 will be down \$8,797 compared to the 2018 levy of \$49,997,912.

The tentative 2019 average tax rate of \$8.25 per \$1,000 assessed value is \$0.19 less compared to the 2018 average tax rate of \$8.44, according to county officials

Key elements in the budget include:

- The addition of two county deputies to combat the abuse of opioids and other illegal substances and state-mandated staffing at the jail will drive public safety costs up by roughly 7 percent.

- Resources for addicted individuals also will create additional costs in community health programs.

- Other expected increases in 2019 will be due state-imposed programs, notably the Raise The Age (RTA) law and an older court settlement by the state to improve access to public defense.

The public hearing on, and adoption of, the county’s 2019 budget will follow the regular legislative session.

The regular session agenda includes:

- Authorizing a transfer of \$90,000 from the Contingent Fund to the Sheriff’s Budget.

- Authorizing the acceptance of the New York State Office of Mental Health 2018 Cost of Living Allocation.


- Authorizing the distribution of semi-annual mortgage tax receipts.

IN BRIEF

171 Cedar Arts Center to display art exhibition

171 Cedar Arts Center, in collaboration with West End Gallery, will display the “Luminous Lakes” exhibition by Brian S. Keeler beginning Nov. 30 at the center, 155 Cedar St., Corning.

171 Cedar Arts Center will kick off the exhibit from 5 to 8 p.m. Nov. 30 during Corning’s Urban Arts Crawl. 171 will offer hors d’oeuvres, beverages and live music provided by Zingology.



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