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LOCAL

Human remains investigation may take months

BATH — It will likely be several months before the Monroe County Examiners Office completes a study to try to identify human remains found Sunday afternoon in the area of Wood Street and Muck Circle, just outside the village.

Bath State Police said the remains were found at about 3:30 p.m. by a hunter who was scouting the land. The body had clearly been at the location for some time, exposed to the weather and there was little human remains.

Free Rabies Clinic

CORNING — A Free Rabies Clinics sponsored by Steuben Public Health will be held from 9-11 a.m. Saturday at the Corning Town Water Building, 20 South Maple St., Corning, and the Mt. Washington County Barn, Bath.

All pets must be restrained, officials said. Bring proof of previous rabies vaccination if available. Remember, state law mandates all cats, dogs, and ferrets received rabies vaccinations by four months of age. A voluntary donation of \$5 per animal is requested.

For more information call 664-2438 or 1-800-724-0471.

STATE

NY to boost rural transportation funds by \$32 million

ALBANY (AP) — New York state plans to dedicate \$32 million in federal funding to improve public transportation in the state's rural areas.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo's administration announced the grants on Wednesday.

They'll go to counties, cities and tribal governments who agree to use the money for intercity bus lines, regional transportation authorities and other public transportation programs.

The Democratic governor says reliable transportation systems are critical to the accessibility and economics of rural New York. He says the money will help connect rural areas around the state to smaller cities.

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CLAYTON MURDER TRIAL

CLAYTON GUILTY



Liz Stage, the mother of Kelley Stage Clayton, tells the media "I believe justice was done here today," after Thomas Clayton was found guilty on two murder charges Thursday. (JAMES POST/THE LEADER)

Thomas Clayton taken into custody following trial

By James Post
Special to The Leader

BATH — Despite more than six weeks of testimony from 75 witnesses and more than 600 prosecution and defense exhibits presented to a Steuben County jury, it took jurors just six hours to convict Thomas Clayton of two murder charges for arranging the brutal murder of his wife, Kelley Stage Clayton, in September 2015.

After nearly a full day of deliberations Wednesday, the jury came back at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, before announcing a verdict at 10:05 a.m.

Emotions in the room were running high, and court officers knew

Thursday's Highlights

Sentencing slated for May 1
Jury deliberations took just six hours
Sentencing of Michael Beard set for 2 p.m. Monday

it — about 10 were on hand to maintain order in the courtroom if needed. Judge Peter Bradstreet warned those observing to "maintain decorum," backed up by a threat of contempt of court charges before the verdict was read.

As it turned out, that wasn't needed, though there was a strong emotional reaction from the family and friends of Kelley Stage Clayton

as the verdict was read.

What was harder to see was any reaction from Thomas Clayton himself.

Clayton was convicted of first-degree murder-for-hire and second-degree intentional murder, both class A-1 felonies.

Clayton, because he was convicted of an A-1 felony, was immediately remanded to police custody after the verdict was read. He's been free on bail for most of the time since Kelley's killing.

As for his attorney, Ray Schlather, he's not saying how his client reacted to the outcome.

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REACTIONS TO CLAYTON VERDICT

Emotions flow following trial

By James Post
Special to The Leader

BATH — "Justice for Kelley."

If you've been in or around the Bath area over the last two months, the signs and purple ribbons have been hard to miss.

For Kim Bourgeois, the sister of the slain Kelley Clayton, it was always more than a slogan — it was a mission.

"I told my sister from the night she was murdered that we would not stop fighting for justice for her," she told the media

after Thomas Clayton was found guilty Thursday.

Over the last year, she became a de facto member of the prosecution team, often seen meeting with the attorneys and investigators during Clayton's lengthy trial.

The group of family and friends has been a consistent presence throughout this trial as well as the trial of co-conspirator Michael Beard.

"We have a strong family, and it has shown through," said Liz Stage, Kelley's mother.

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Prosecutor Weeden Wetmore is interviewed by the media following Thursday's verdict. (JAMES POST/THE LEADER)

CORNING

Molinaro discusses 'Think Differently'

By Stephen Borgna
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CORNING — Dutchess County Executive Marcus Molinaro wants people to "think differently" when it comes to individuals with special needs.

Molinaro, who is considering a run for New York governor in 2018, established his 'Think Differently' initiative in hopes of challenging individuals and communities to consider how they interact with people with disabilities.

The Dutchess County executive visited Corning-Painted Post High School on Thursday to discuss his signature campaign with local leaders and business professionals.

"There's a lot of things government can do to ensure those with special needs have access to the support, the respect, and assistance they need," Molinaro said. "We launched 'Think Differently' really in an effort to get community members to think differently about how we interact with one another, especially interacting with those with special needs."

Molinaro got the idea for his campaign one day when his daughter Abigail, who lives on the autism spectrum, was having trouble tying her shoes, saying she couldn't do it.

Instinctively, Molinaro bent down to help tie her shoes, trying to teach her in a way many other children are taught. His wife interjected with a suggestion.

"Marc, you need to think differently," she said, implying that teaching and helping their daughter would require a different approach.

With that, the idea was born.

"I began to realize the challenges that I know she'll face her entire life," he said.

"Think Differently" aims not only to create opportunities for Abigail, but for all special needs individuals as well.

"There are huge barriers," Molinaro said. "Small steps, like ensuring restaurants and businesses are accessible, making sure there are employment opportunities in the government sector, making sure that the maze of bureaucracy isn't so much

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SISTER CITY VISIT



Corning-Painted Post student pause for a picture during their tour of the IVV Glass Factory during their Sister City visit. The students then had lunch with Paolo Ricci, who was the key person in developing this program 11 years ago. [PROVIDED]

BRIEFLY

Catholic Charities of Chemung and Schuylar Counties to host violence initiative

The First Step Victim Services Department of Catholic Charities of Chemung and Schuylar Counties will host a No More awareness initiative March 5-11.

Community members are encouraged to visit featured locations to receive information about domestic violence and sexual assault. A photo station will be available for participants to create their own No More statement.

The initiative is in conjunction with the No More Week

of Action, a national grassroots activation to make domestic violence and sexual assault awareness and prevention a priority year-round.

For location and activity information, visit cs-cc.org. For questions, contact Bethany Worrey, victim services and housing supervisor, at 607-535-2050, ext. 205, or BWorrey@dor.org.

Arts Council for Wyoming County accepting exhibitor applications

The Arts Council for Wyoming County is accepting exhibitor applications for the

42nd annual Letchworth Arts and Crafts Show and Sale through March 15.

Applications are juried by a panel of artists and master craftspersons.

The panel will consider the quality of work, innovative use of media and craftsmanship of the artists.

Accepted categories include decorative painting; fiber arts and leather; glass; jewelry; metal; mixed media; painting, drawings and graphic art; photography; pottery and ceramics; toys and dolls; woodworking; and culinary and consumables.

The show will be held Oct. 7-9, and the theme will be "Close to Home." For more

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

DHS chief: No use of military for deportations

By Josh Lederman
The Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Seeking to tamp down growing unease in Latin America, U.S. Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly pledged Thursday that the United States won't enlist its military to enforce immigration laws and that there will be "no mass deportations."

Only hours earlier, President Donald Trump suggested the opposite. He told CEOs at the White House the deportation push was a "military operation."

Kelly, speaking in Mexico's capital, said all deportations will comply with human rights requirements and the U.S. legal system, including its multiple appeals for those facing deportation. He said the U.S. approach will involve "close coordination" with Mexico's government.

"There will be no use of military forces in immigration," Kelly said. "There

will be no — repeat, no — mass deportations."

Yet while Kelly and U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson tried to alleviate Mexico's concerns, Trump was fanning them further, with tough talk about "getting really bad dudes out of this country at a rate nobody has ever seen before."

"It's a military operation," Trump said Thursday while his envoys were in Mexico City. "Because what has been allowed to come into our country, when you see gang violence that you've read about like never before and all of the things, much of that is people who are here illegally."

It was an altogether different message from Kelly and Tillerson, who traveled here to meet with top Mexican officials at a time of intense turbulence for U.S.-Mexico relations. Indeed, Trump acknowledged he had sent his top diplomat south of the border on a "tough trip."

WEDNESDAY'S LOTTERY RESULTS

NEW YORK
Daily Numbers | 0-8-9 | 4-5-1
Lucky Sum | 17 | 10
Win 4 | 3-8-5-8 | 4-5-7-3
Lucky Sum | 24 | 19
Take 5 | 1-14-25-29-38
Lotto | 15-17-21-38-40-42
Bonus | 46
Powerball | 10-13-28-52-61 | 2
Powerball Plus | 2
Pick 10 | 2-7-8-9-13-18-24-25-26-27-28-29-32-36-42-44-50-57-63-73

PENNSYLVANIA
Pick 2 | 4-3 | 7-1
Pick 3 | 8-8-2 | 4-4-4
Pick 4 | 7-1-9-6 | 0-6-3-3
Pick 5 | 8-2-3-2-6 | 2-2-1-3-7
Cash 5 | 17-21-38-42-43
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Dutchess County Executive Marcus Molinaro. [STEPHEN BORNGA/THE LEADER]

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that people can't find their way to service, and that we create parks, playgrounds, streets, sidewalks and transit systems that are accessible to everyone of every ability."

Local lawmakers agree on the importance of the campaign's mission.

"We're talking about our most vulnerable New Yorkers," Assemblyman Phil Palmesano said, who sponsored the day's presentation with Sen. Tom O'Mara.

"It's a way to help coordinate all of these different community providers and the individuals involved to think twice about how you interact with people with disabilities," O'Mara said.

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Area Agency on Aging to host health, wellness program

The Area Agency on Aging for the Counties of Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna and Tioga will host the "Strength, Hope, Courage-Finding a Healthier You" workshop from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Thursdays, April 6 through May 11, at the Mansfield Senior Center, 1101 S. Main St., Mansfield.

The free event is open to all ages with health problems, family members and caregivers.

Participants will learn about healthy eating, exercise techniques, managing symptoms, pain and fatigue, relaxation techniques, setting goals to improve health and how to communicate with family, friends and health professionals.

Reservations are required by March 29. For more information or to register, call (800) 982-4346.

Area Agency on Aging seeking Ombudsman Program volunteers

The Area Agency on Aging for the Counties of Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna and Tioga's Ombudsman Program is seeking volunteers to make sure the needs of people living in long-term care settings are met.

The program provides training to individuals who help a resident and their families with the complexities of long-term care issues. The ombudsman also investigates concerns about the quality of care and treatment provided by long-term care facilities.

Volunteers will be reimbursed for mileage.

For more information, call (800) 982-4346.

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The Great Wall (PG13) [1:00, 3:20] 5:40, 8:00
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