

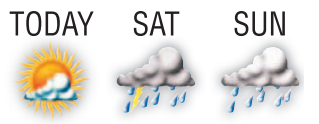
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## STATE



### Museum invites visitors to use 18-karat gold toilet

NEW YORK — A New York City museum is offering visitors a chance to sit on a golden throne, but only in private. As part of his "America" exhibit at the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, Italian artist Maurizio Cattelan replaced the toilet in the museum's fourth-floor restroom with a fully functional replica cast in 18-karat gold. Viewers are invited to use the solid gold toilet just as they would any other facility. It's the first piece Cattelan has exhibited since his 2011 retrospective at the Guggenheim. It opens on Friday. The museum says on its website that the exhibit "offers a wink to the excesses of the art market but also evokes the American dream of opportunity for all." — *The Associated Press*

## LOCAL

### Steuben Democrats back Pelych

HORNELL — Democratic candidate for Hornell City Court Judge Joe Pelych received the endorsement of the Steuben County Democratic Committee on Thursday. "I would like to thank the Steuben County Democratic Committee for endorsing me to run for the position of Hornell City Court Judge. I am honored that they believe I am qualified to be judge," he said. Pelych has over 30 years of courtroom experience, ranging from local court to federal cases in Rochester and Buffalo, supporters point out. **A3**

### 'Making the shift' local Arc

BATH — The Arc of Steuben recently hosted a guest speaker in the agency's latest effort to enhance its person-centered, proactive approach to supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. George Sues, CEO of the Arc of Delaware County, led an all-day training Sept. 7 at the Arc of Steuben's Industrial Park complex. The training was based on his book, "Shift Happens: Making the Shift to Proactive Behavior Management." Sues said he based the book on a philosophy that was developed by Dr. Gerald Burday, the clinical psychologist at the Arc of Delaware County. **A7**

N. HORNELL MAYOR:

# Plaza right place for hospital

Village mayor, others say Hornellsville site has more to offer

By Ryan Papaserge and Neal Simon  
 The Evening Tribune

North Hornell Mayor John Falci tells The Evening Tribune that he is in favor of locating the new St. James Mercy Hospital at the Kmart plaza on Seneca Road in Hornellsville, citing the open space available for a facility to grow and develop.

North Hornell was previously thought to be the likely home of the new hospital, with a location on Bethesda Drive studied for stability. Falci received word of a potential new location "a few weeks ago," he said.

"They were just looking at that time to see the site and availability of the site," Falci said. "They just had to do some work there to figure

out if that's a good site ... I think that there was problems with the soil sample at the Bethesda (Drive) hospital (site) along the highway amid other conditions that might have made them think about maybe moving to the Kmart plaza."

Hospital officials met with the Hornellsville Planning Board earlier this



The former Kmart plaza along Seneca Road is being considered by St. James Mercy Hospital officials as a possible site for a new medical facility. RYAN PAPASERGE/THE EVENING TRIBUNE

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## AMTRAK CONTRACT

# Hornell Alstom ascends

Employees, executives, community celebrate \$2.4 billion contract

By Jason Jordan  
 The Evening Tribune

HORNELL — Anticipation has been building in the Hornell area as Alstom is revving up thanks to a \$2.4 billion contract signed with Amtrak at the end of last month, bringing a two and a half year journey to an end.

Today, employees are rubbing elbows with company executives and high ranking politicians in a big celebration at the plant. Everyone is cheering a game-changing contract, that is now expected to add 650 jobs in Hornell, nearly doubling the current workforce.

On Thursday a group of Alstom employees spent time with The Evening Tribune. They expressed their happiness that the plant will soon be buzzing with new workers as they take on the challenge of finally bringing high-speed rail technology to the public. During the time with employees, The Evening Tribune got inside look at what the new contract will mean for workers and the community.



Alstom welder Ben Bennett explains how he and his co-workers patch rusted and smashed bodies of Green Line cars that are 1980s vintage as they roll through the shop. The experience of dealing with older trains has prepared him well for tackling the upcoming Amtrak contract, building high tech designs from scratch. JOHN ANDERSON PHOTO

## MORE TO COME . . .

For full coverage of Friday's local celebration of the contract signing, read Sunday's special edition of the Spectator, featuring reactions from local officials, a timeline of events, exclusive photos, and an explanation of the ripple affects on the local economy.

### Making History

Benjamin Bennett and the welding crew are excited to do more from scratch fabrication.

"It will be more tighter tolerances and more precise," he said, allowing him to put his college training and trade math skills to work.

Bennett was also struck by the historic nature of the work they will be undertaking.

"Of all the places, it's right here in Hornell. It's really cool having grown up right in this area," he said. "I'm going to look back on it and tell my kids that I was part of the first high-speed in America right here in Hornell and in New York."



### Market Revolution

For Deondra Randle, a mechanical systems engineer specializing in breaking and air supply systems, the contract is an opportunity to advance the company's reputation for safety and customer satisfaction.

"The company trusts me and knows I'm one of the best men for the job I do right now. I'm excited that high-speed is coming to America. For Alstom to be the one revolutionizing this market is a good thing," he said.

In the planning phases, Randle and his colleagues engage in granular thinking to address any problem that might arise.

"We have to work as a team to make sure my piece works with the air supply, and the air supply works with the piping underneath and that none of our wires are going to touch," he said.



After Friday's celebration it will be eyes focused forward for Alstom and its employees in preparation for the company's third largest contract ever.

### Hornell workers will get the job done

"It's really exciting for me to be involved with my team on this adventure," said Project Director Didier Cuadrado.

He gave a ringing endorsement of the local workforce, which was key in successfully negotiating a contract with Amtrak.

"I've seen what the people in this city can do. I know they will deliver a premium train for Amtrak. I have no doubt about it," Cuadrado said.



### Confidence

"There's a lot of challenges now to get back to where we were, but we have before and I think we can do it again," said Elizabeth Hurley, Logistic Engineer.

"They're investing in us and investing in Hornell, and that's a good feeling."

In her job, Hurley has seen workers invest more of themselves as well.

"The Amtrak contract has been something coming in on the horizon, and now that it's here, it's exciting and refreshing to know that we have a lot of work coming. It makes you more confident in the work you're doing every day," she said.



### Made in Hornell

Mike Luppelstat, a Logistic Engineer, is excited to be a part of a new generation of American manufacturers.

"A lot of people don't know that America still builds trains and rail cars. The fact that Amtrak is coming in and has a high speed and technical level to it, it's very easy to make that pitch and bring students in," he said.

Luppelstat enjoys seeing "Made in Hornell" stamped on rail cars in places like Boston, New York, Washington D.C., Chicago and Atlanta.

"My sister rides an Alstom train every single day," he said.



## CAMPAIGN 2016

# Clinton: Offering 'ideas, not insults'

Reflective nominee returns to the trail after pneumonia

By Julie Pace and Lisa Lerer  
 The Associated Press

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Back on the campaign trail, a reflective Hillary Clinton said Thursday her three-day, doctor-mandated break gave her new perspective on why she's running to be president. She vowed to close her campaign against Donald Trump by giving Americans "something to vote for, not just against."

Clinton made no apologies for keeping her pneumonia diagnosis from the public until a video emerged showing her stumbling and being supported by aides. She also repeatedly sidestepped questions about when her running mate Tim Kaine was informed.

An upbeat Clinton walked onstage at a rally in North Carolina to James Brown's song, "I feel good." She said that while sitting at home this week was "pretty much the last place I wanted to be," the time helped clarify how she wants to close her campaign against Trump.

"We're offering ideas, not insults," she said in a jab at her Republican rival. "A plan that will make a real difference in people's lives, not prejudice and paranoia."

The rally marked Clinton's first public appearance since Sunday, when she abruptly left a 9/11 memorial service after getting dizzy and dehydrated. She had been diagnosed with pneumonia Friday, but the campaign informed the public only after the video of an ill Clinton emerged.

The incident prompted fresh questions about both candidates' openness regarding their health. Trump released a new letter from his doctor Thursday detailing his blood

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