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LOCAL

Sheriff's Office to hold neighborhood meetings

The Chemung County Sheriff's Office will hold a series of neighborhood crime and safety meetings throughout the county. The meetings will provide residents with information on how they can help reduce crime and keep their neighborhoods safer, according to the Sheriff's Office. Residents will also be able to ask questions and hear about some of the latest technology being utilized by the Sheriff's Office. The meetings are set for 7 p.m. Feb. 25 at the Big Flats Town Hall, 476 Maple St.; 7 p.m. March 30 at Southport Town Hall, 1139 Pennsylvania Ave., Elmira; and 7 p.m. April 20 at Horseheads Town Hall, 150 Wygant Rd.

**Woman charged with \$10K in welfare fraud**

A Penn Yan woman has been charged with collecting \$10,700 in public assistance benefits. Francesca R. Robinson, 25, of Penn Yan was charged with third-degree welfare fraud, a class D felony, and first-degree offering a false instrument for filing, a class E felony, following an investigation by the Yates County Sheriff's Department and Department of Social Services. She will appear in Penn Yan Village Court on Feb. 29.

STATE

Senate confirms Garcia to NY's top court

The state Senate has confirmed the nomination of former U.S. Attorney Michael Garcia to the remaining vacancy on the state's highest court. Garcia, most recently a partner at a New York City law firm, was the top federal prosecutor in Manhattan from 2005 to 2008. He's the pick of Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo, but has promised senators that he would be independent.

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HEROIN CRISIS

Homicide charges for heroin dealers?

State legislators eye A-1 felony charge for overdose deaths

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ALBANY | Heroin dealers could face a homicide charge - and up to 25 years in prison - if one of their customers dies of an overdose under legislation

proposed in the state Senate and Assembly.

The legislation would create a new charge of homicide by sale of an opiate-controlled substance, a Class A-1 felony punishable by 12 to 25 years in prison. That's the same level felony and sentencing guidelines as second-degree murder.

Right now, those found to have sold heroin to a person who dies of an overdose can only be charged with criminal sale of a controlled substance, which typically carries much lighter sentences.

The proposed legislation is a response to a growing heroin epidemic and a

spike in overdose deaths, lawmakers say.

"Awareness and education, prevention and treatment are fundamental responses. But so are tough laws and law enforcement, especially when it comes to heroin traffickers and

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NORTHSIDE REVIVAL

New craft breweries set to open on Bridge Street



Local businessman Joe Carey stands inside the brewpub he plans to open this spring on Bridge Street in Corning. ERIC WENSEL/ THE LEADER

New hotel, street project also coming this spring

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CORNING | Two new craft breweries are expected to open on Bridge Street this spring are among a handful of projects expected to enhance the business district.

Joe Carey, owner of Carey's Brew House, at 58 Bridge St., said

the two-story building will include a full-service bar, a comfort food restaurant and a large upper-floor banquet facility.

"We're just anxious to open," said Carey, who also owns two other Bridge Street businesses, The Site Cyber Bar & Grill and Corning Computer Repair Service. "It will be great opening the doors

for the first time this spring."

Carey, who purchased the building in December 2014 for \$515,000, said the Brew House will employ about 15 people and be open seven days a week.

"Joe and Tammy Carey are long time business owners, who are

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INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS

Cities call on state for help

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CORNING | City leaders say a lack of state mandate relief combined with the property tax cap makes them unable to fix deteriorating municipal infrastructure.

Corning City Manager Mark Ryckman testified last week in Rochester before a state Assembly committee in Rochester on infrastructure issues facing cities. The committee is chaired by Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, D-Bronx. "I appreciate the Assembly committee taking testimony," Ryckman said. "It gives cities a chance to explain our issues directly to the state Legislature."

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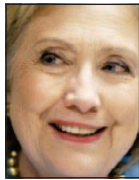
For the Clintons, New Hampshire is the opportunity for 2nd chances

By Kathleen Hennessey and Lisa Lerer  
The Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H. | For nearly 25 years, New Hampshire has been the backdrop for some of the most memorable Clinton comebacks, pleas, denials,

hustle, glory and drama. Now those ghosts of primaries past are trailing Hillary Clinton as she tries — perhaps, one last time — to pull off another one for the history books.

Trailing by double digits, according to some polls, the Clinton campaign is



Hillary Clinton

finding it can't escape the expectations and the limits of that "special bond" between the Clintons and voters of New Hampshire on the cusp of

Tuesday's primary.

"It still exists," said Dayton Duncan, a New Hampshire-based historian and Clinton supporter. "But time passes."

As polling in the final days found a possible tightening in Clinton's contest with Vermont Sen. Bernie

Sanders, it was hard not to hear the faint echoes of history. Could this be the beginning of a third storied Clinton comeback in New Hampshire? Could she come close enough to make the claim?

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