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What's next after the supervisor's resignation

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Mike Brenning will serve as Interim Corning Town Supervisor after Jenniffer Tuttle resigned from the position, according to town officials.

Tuttle, formerly known as Jenniffer Mullen, pleaded guilty in Steuben County Court on June 30 to one count of offering a false instrument for filing, a felony. She resigned as Corning Town Supervisor following the guilty plea.

Steuben County District Attorney Brooks Baker said if Tuttle pays \$1,008 and obeys the law for the next year, the offense will be reduced to a misdemeanor. Tuttle will appear in Steuben County Court June 29, 2027.

Tuttle was arrested June 3, 2025, for allegedly receiving benefits from the New York State Department

of Labor that she was not eligible to receive.

Brenning said he will serve as Interim Corning Town Supervisor through the end of 2026, and a special election will be held in November 2026, to decide who will fill the position in 2027.

"I believe that I will serve one year as Town Supervisor, and it will be on the ballot in November for a one-year term," Brenning said. "I just want to do what's best for the town."

Brenning said he will likely run for the position in the 2026 election.

"Mullen's four-year term ran until the end of 2027. I'm going to be in that position until the end of the year and I told the Corning Town Board, if need be, I will stay at the position until the end of 2027," Brenning said. "My goal has always been when my term runs out in 2027, I'm all done. I've been on the board since 2010."

Lane restrictions planned on state Route 352 in East Corning

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The state Department of Transportation is giving motorists in the Corning area a heads up about an upcoming road project that will have an impact on travel this summer.

State Route 352 in the hamlet of East Corning will be reduced to a single lane in both directions between the Gibson Bridge and Guthrie Corning Hospital, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, starting Wednesday, July 16, the Department of Transportation said.

The lane restriction will be put into place to accommodate a pavement project, and the work is anticipated to be completed by mid-August.

Motorists should anticipate travel delays during this time and are advised to seek alternate routes if possible, transportation officials said.

The Department of Transportation urges motorists to slow down and drive responsibly in work zones. Fines are doubled for speeding in a work zone, and convictions of two or more speeding violations in a work zone could result in the suspension of an individual's driver's license.

For up-to-date travel information, motorists can call 511, go to 511NY.org or download the free 511NY mobile app.



Vietnam vet was 'a real hero'

John Spencer, a Vietnam veteran and longtime owner of Spencer's Restaurant in Corning, died at 81 on June 26, at Bampa's House in Corning. PROVIDED BY SPENCER FAMILY

Former Spencer's Restaurant owner honored

Jeff Smith

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John French Spencer was known to many as the owner of Spencer's Restaurant, a popular former Corning eatery. He was also a decorated Vietnam veteran who was honored for his courage under fire, but to his family and friends, he was known simply as a good man.

Spencer, 81, died June 26, 2026, at Bampa's House in Corning with his family at his side.

"My dad is the nicest person that I have ever known," said Kenzie Spaulding, his daughter and current Corning Police Chief. "His family meant more to

him than anything, but he also believed in being generous to everyone he knew and to give back to the community. People were better just having known him. He loved and supported us his whole life, and I wouldn't be where I am today if it weren't for him."

John Spencer was born on July 7, 1944, in Washington, D.C. He married his predeceased wife, Linda J. Quattrini, in Corning on Dec. 12, 1970. He graduated from Dover High School in 1963 and Pfeiffer University in 1967, before his distinguished military career in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

Dennis Wolfe, Sr., director of the Elmira Vietnam

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Victim in fatal Schuyler County crash IDed as New Jersey resident

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All of the occupants in one of two vehicles involved in a fatal crash early Sunday morning in Schuyler County — including the passenger who was killed — were from out of state.

New York State Police on Tuesday, July 7 released the names of people involved in the Town of Cayuta crash after notifying next of kin.

State police identified the person who was killed as Prasanna Atlur, 31, of New Jersey. Atlur was seated in the rear of the vehicle at the time of the crash and was later pronounced dead at Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre.

The crash occurred shortly before 5 a.m. Sunday at the intersection of state routes 224 and 13 in the Alpine Junction area, state police said.

The preliminary investigation determined a 2023 Tesla, operated by 25-year-old Madhu Mala, of New Jersey, was traveling north on state Route 224 when it failed to stop for a red light and entered the intersection.

The Tesla was struck by a 2023 Dodge Charger driven by Bryan J. Woodworth, 52, of Elmira, who was eastbound on Route 13 with a green traffic signal, troopers said.

Mala was initially taken to Guthrie Corning Hospital and was later transferred to Robert Packer Hospital and is in stable condition. A passenger was listed as stable and the other passenger wasn't on the patient list.

Woodworth was taken to Arnot Ogden Medical Center in Elmira with non-life-threatening injuries after the collision. He was treated and later released.

The investigation into the crash is continuing. The State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, and Forensic Identification Unit responded to assist with the investigation.

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