

Skeletal remains identified

Doh Soe was reported missing in 2011

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Someone put a Burmese refugee living legally in Rochester in a culvert on state Route 36 in Dansville, Steuben County. He was reported missing by friends in June 2011.

Skeletal remains, which were discovered Dec. 13, 2021, are now publicly identified as Doh Soe by Steuben County District Attorney Brooks Baker and State Police investigators at a press conference Wednesday, Oct. 1. Their hope is to generate more leads to solve this cold case.

“We need to find out who,” Baker said. “People are missing him and want justice.”

Doh Soe had connection to Allegany County

Doh Soe, who worked as a chef at the Wegmans Next Door Bar and Grill in Pittsford, was a Burmese refugee born Dec. 21, 1987. He immigrated to the U.S.

and settled in Rochester in 2008, according to Baker.

Soe, who was further described as being 5 feet 4 inches tall and weighing about 120 pounds, drove a 2000 Chevrolet Lumina, although he also was known to ride around in a 1999 Ford F250 and 2005 Chevrolet Impala.

Soe was an important part of both the LGBTQ+ community and Burmese immigrant community in Rochester, Baker said. He was known to have visited the former 140 Alex Bar & Grill and TiLT Nightclub in Rochester as well as had a connection to the Jones Pond men's only campground in Angelica, not

far from where his remains were found, Baker said.

Investigators are hopeful that such details may provide a spark in those who knew or knew of him and help them provide closure. Baker, who said his family is overseas, shared that friends considered Soe a hardworking, happy young man who was a “bright light in the world” and loved by everyone he met.

Friends and family set up a memorial to him near where the remains were found, Baker said.

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A cornucopia of fall produce adds a touch of autumn to Hornell's Maple City Festival. PHOTOS BY MADONNA FIGURA SIMON/HORNELL EVENIGN TRIBUNE

Food, live music, kids activities highlight festival

Maple City event to take over downtown Hornell

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A Hornell event that has grown in popularity and participation each successive year is right around the corner.

The 2025 Maple City Fall Festival takes over downtown Hornell from noon to 6 p.m., on Saturday, Oct. 11.

Hornell's sixth annual fall festival, organized by Hornell Partners for Growth, will feature live music, free children's activities and more than 100 vendors, including dozens of food and craft booths.

The autumn event is becoming a well-entrenched tradition in the Maple



Young festival-goers looks up in anticipation as their friends descend from an inflatable slide at the Maple City Fall Festival.

Some counties will reach peak fall foliage this week

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The early days of October mean peak fall foliage in some parts of New York.

New York's 2025 fall foliage report shows significant change across the Southern Tier, with some counties up to 100% change and peak conditions.

Here's how the leaves in Broome and surrounding counties have changed from Oct. 1-7, according to New York foliage field observers.

New York's 2025 fall foliage report through Oct. 7

• **Broome County:** Significant change continues through Broome County, with a 45% change reported in

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Fainting Goat Island Inn is 2025 best haunted hotel

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If you're looking for a lodging establishment that also offers some supernatural entertainment, one of the best in America is in New York state's Southern Tier.

USA TODAY's 10Best Readers' Choice Awards voted Fainting Goat Island Inn, located at 1311 W. River Road in Nichols, Tioga County, the Best Haunted Hotel for 2025.

Guests of Fainting Goat Island Inn, a former railroad hotel built in the 1800s, have reported numerous ghostly encounters, like being awakened in the night by voices, or seeing two

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