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Two Hornell men face hate crime charges

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Two Hornell men face multiple felony charges, including three hate crime counts, for allegedly stealing an Israeli flag from a Maple City business and burning the flag.
Hornell police arrested Declan P. Banko, 31, and Cormac T. Banko, 28. Both were charged with:

- Petit larceny as a hate crime, a class E felony
 - Two counts of fourth-degree criminal mischief as a hate crime, a class E felony
 - Fifth-degree arson, a misdemeanor
 - Tampering with physical evidence, a class E felony
- Hornell police said the men were arrested at about 7:30 a.m. on Aug. 22 after the police department investigated

the theft of an Israeli flag from a flag pole outside a Park Drive business.
The suspects are also accused of destroying the flag some time later at a residence in Hornell.
Both Declan Banko and Cormac Banko were transported to Bath, where they were scheduled to appear in Steuben County Centralized Arraignment Court, police said.
Their next court date was not immediately available.

Former Hornell city clerk receives civic honor

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Bernard “Bernie” McAneney received the Key to the City of Hornell during the Hornell Irish Festival on Aug. 15, recognizing decades of civic involvement, public service and community leadership.
The honor was presented by Mayor John J. Buckley, according to a community announcement. McAneney, a longtime Hornell resident, was recognized for contributions that span local government, veterans organizations, youth sports and Irish cultural activities.
Born in Philadelphia in 1932 to Irish immigrant parents Thomas and Catherine (Campbell) McAneney, McAneney relocated to Hornell in 1973. He and his wife, Esther, raised eight children and later welcomed numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
A graduate of LaSalle College and a U.S. Army veteran, McAneney spent 40 years working at SKF Industries before retiring.

Decades of public service

McAneney served eight years as Fifth Ward alderman and later spent 16

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New pier project breaks ground in Urbana

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A \$2.8 million project to replace the Champlin Beach Pier on Keuka Lake has broken ground, bringing new public access, additional docking space and upgraded waterfront amenities to the Town of Urbana and Village of Hammondsport.
New York Secretary of State Walter T. Mosley announced the start of construction Aug. 20, according to a community announcement. The project combines a \$1.35 million NY Forward grant with \$1.47 million from the state’s Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, known as LWRP.
The existing pier will be removed and replaced with a new Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant dock system that includes a gazebo, tour boat access and other waterfront features.

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Route 21 reopens as culvert works nears end

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Hornell-area motorists have one less construction-related road closure to navigate as summer winds down.
The New York State Department of Transportation has reopened state Route 21 in Hornellsville even as work continues on a \$2.2 million culvert replacement project.
The culvert is located immediately past the Route 21 intersection with county Road 66. The stretch of roadway between county Road 66 and the village of Almond had been closed since June 29, with traffic detoured to Interstate 86.
Route 21 is now fully open, but some construction work remains in the area, DOT said. Over the next two to three weeks, construction crews will

complete final items, including road striping, seeding, guide rail installation and site restoration, DOT said.
Construction activities are weather dependent and subject to change based on conditions.
With work crews still at the site, motorists are reminded to slow down and drive responsibly in the work zone. Fines are doubled for speeding in a work zone. Convictions of two or more speeding violations in a work zone could result in the suspension of an individual’s driver license.
For up-to-date travel information, call 511, visit www.511NY.org or download the free 511NY mobile app.
Route 21 construction and road closure coincided with the first phase of the long-awaited Hornell Gateway Corridor transformation project on state Route 36, which remains ongoing.



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