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### CORNING TOWN GOVERNMENT

## Mike Brenning takes over as interim supervisor

Jennifer Tuttle resigned following a guilty plea

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Corning Leader  
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Mike Brenning will serve as Interim Corning Town Supervisor after Jennifer Tuttle resigned from the position, ac-

ording to town officials.

Tuttle, formerly known as Jennifer 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

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**"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. I just want to do what's best for the town."**

**Mike Brenning**

## Victim in fatal Schuyler County crash IDed

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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.

In the meantime, the state Attorney General's Office is investigating the crash because the driver of the other vehicle is a state parole officer.

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.

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## 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. PHOTO PROVIDED BY SPENCER FAMILY

### Former Spencer's Restaurant owner honored

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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 un-

der 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."

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## Road project to impact state Route 352 in East Corning

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Corning Leader  
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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

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