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H'heads man dies in Alfred fight

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ALFRED | A senior at Alfred University died early Sunday morning after a fight outside a home on North Main Street in Alfred.

Thomas Argentieri, 21, of Horseheads, was taken by ambulance to St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell after the fight, where he was pronounced dead, according to Alfred Police.

Alfred Police were called to the home, located at 57 N. Main St., at 3:30 a.m. Sunday.

No charges had been filed as of Sunday evening, and police are not releasing the name of the individual, also a student, that Argentieri fought with before his death. The student was questioned and released.

"There was a 911 call reporting an unresponsive male, who was in the kitchen by the time the ambulance

got there," said Allegany County District Attorney Terrence Parker. "It was alleged there was an altercation (involving) the now-deceased. It was alleged (Argentieri) struck another person with a beer bottle, and then struck him a second time which caused him to have a cut to his face.

"After he was cut in the face, he grabbed a hold of (Argentieri), who struck him," Parker continued. "There was a struggle, they went to the ground, he struck (Argentieri) a couple times."

At this point, Parker said the fight was broken apart and the student who was struck by the bottle was bleeding.

"The kid who got the cut was told, 'You're hurt, we need to get you inside and stop the bleeding,' and as they went inside, they noticed (Argentieri) did not get up," Parker said. "When they realized this, they got (Argentieri) into the kitchen and

called 911."

Argentieri's body was sent to the Monroe County Medical Examiners' Office in Rochester for an autopsy.

Parker said a preliminary report will be completed by Tuesday, but more tests, including toxicology results, will be needed before he can consider charges.

Parker said the person who fought with Argentieri is from downstate, near New York City.

The role alcohol may have played in Sunday's incident has yet to be determined, Parker said.

An empty beer can was visible in front of 57 North Main St. on Sunday, and a bottle of wine was sitting on the front porch. Also visible from the road were several beer cans and bottles inside the front window on a counter.

The home where the incident

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This residence on North Main Street in Alfred was the site of a fight that led to the death of a Horseheads High School graduate.

ORCHESTRA OF THE SOUTHERN FINGER LAKES



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Above | The Chorus of the Southern Finger Lakes performs Sunday at Notre Dame High School.

Right | Canadian tenor John Jay Hébert joins The Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes on stage.

Below | The Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes, under the direction of Marietta Cheng, and the Chorus of the Southern Finger Lakes, under the direction of William Cowdery, came together at Notre Dame High School for a performance of the oratorio "Elijah." The concert benefitted the Food Bank of the Southern Tier.



Twin Tiers hit with wintry mix Several accidents slow traffic

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CORNING | Sleet and freezing rain caused a slew of accidents on area highways Sunday, and a winter weather advisory issued by the National Weather Service was to remain in effect until 7 a.m. today.

Police, fire departments and ambulances responded to multiple accidents, including several that slowed traffic on Interstate Highway 86 in Painted Post and Corning early Sunday evening. Accidents were also reported on Interstate 390 in Avoca and Cohocton, according to the scanner, and on several other secondary roads in the area.

No details were available Sunday evening from authorities on any possible serious injuries or fatalities.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

WETM 18 Storm team is predicting a wintry mix this week, with flurries expected Friday. For the full seven-day forecast, turn to page 8A.

A mixture of sleet, freezing rain and snow fell Sunday across the Southern Tier, creating a light coating of ice on roads and sidewalks, according to the National Weather Service.

The nasty weather was expected to continue late Sunday night and early this morning. The National Weather Service is urging motorists to leave themselves extra travel time and to use extreme caution this morning.

Steuben agrees to share services

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BATH | A new shared services proposal between Steuben County and four rural towns could result in financial benefits for all five.

The county Legislature's Public Works Committee has agreed to buy a share of a stone crusher jointly owned by the towns of Cameron, Jasper, Tuscarora and Woodhull.

The proposal marks the first formal public works shared service contract between the county and towns, said county Public Works Commissioner Vincent Spagnoletti.

"Before, we've done a lot of informal stuff, on a handshake," Spagnoletti said. "The town needs a piece of equipment, we need some road crew, stuff like that."

Steuben also made an agreement this year with Schuyler and Yates counties to use a paving striper.

The four municipalities



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Kuhl, R-Hammondsport. The towns split the remaining cost, paying \$45,000 each for the equipment.

Under the new agreement, Steuben County will pay \$36,000 to be split equally among the towns. The county will also store and maintain the crusher, and provide and pay for an operator at an estimated cost of \$20,000.

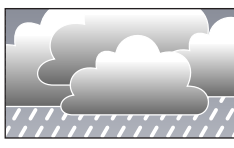
The proposal calls for each town and the county to pay \$4,000 annually for 80 hours of use plus \$25 per hour for additional use. The annual payments will be put in a reserve fund for the towns' share of repairs and future purchase of a new machine.

"One of the problems was

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