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Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff, center, tours the tornado damage Thursday at the Little Sioux Scout Ranch with Dave Jacobs, right, who said he was in charge of cooking at the camp near Little Sioux, Iowa.

## Scouts praised as heroes after twister hits camp

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BLENCOE, IOWA | When the howling winds finally died down, the Boy Scouts — true to their motto, “Be Prepared” — sprang into action.

Putting their first-aid training to use, they applied tourniquets and gauze to the injured. Some began digging victims from the rubble of a collapsed chimney. And others broke into an equipment shed, seized chainsaws and other tools, and started clearing fallen trees from a road.

Dozens of the Scouts, ages 13 to 18, were hailed for their bravery and resourcefulness

Thursday, the morning after a twister flattened their camp in Iowa and killed four boys.

“There were some real heroes at this Scout camp,” Gov. Chet Culver said, adding that he believes the Scouts saved lives while they waited for paramedics to cut through the trees and reach the camp a mile into the woods.

The 93 boys, all elite Scouts attending a weeklong leadership training session, had taken part in a mock emergency drill with 25 staff members just a day before the twister hit.

“They knew what to do, they knew where to go, and they prepared well,” said

Lloyd Roitstein, an executive with the Mid-America Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Killed were Aaron Eilers, 14, of Eagle Grove, Iowa, and Josh Fennen, 13, Sam Thomsen, 13, and Ben Petrzilka, 14, all of Omaha, Neb. Roitstein said all four had taken shelter in a building that was leveled, and all of them were found near its collapsed stone chimney. The governor said the cause of death had not been determined.

At least a dozen people remained hospitalized Thursday with everything from bruises to spine and head injuries.

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reason why prices have skyrocketed.

“We borrowed \$3 trillion from China to fund the war in Iraq,” Massa said. “We devalued the dollar by 50 percent to be able to repay at

lower valuation. The link between higher prices at pump this summer and the Iraq war is absolute. Now combine that with a portion of the price increase due to obscene profiteering, speculation and price gouging and we have a perfect storm.”

As a solution, Massa called for an immediate reduction

of troops in Iraq, combined with a 120-day freeze on the price of gasoline and a wind-fall profit tax on big oil companies.

He also advocated enacting a federal reserve policy of buying back the debt currently held by foreign countries to stabilize the strength of the dollar.

## IN BRIEF

### Winners of LPGA raffle announced

CORNING | The winners of the LPGA Corning Classic raffle have been announced. Susan Fermer of Corning is the winner of a bronze golf statue entitled “Lady Golfer” dressed in vintage clothing. She had the correct guess of 375 tees at this year’s “Guess the Golf Tees” game, sponsored by Vignettes at Evans Interior. Judi Raker of Horseheads is the winner of a limited edition set of “Putting Around” with Cornelius and Alice Vanderbear by the North American Bear Company, sponsored by Connor’s Market Street Mercantile.

### PP traffic will detour Saturday

PAINTED POST | Due to the Colonial Days parade

Saturday, traffic will be detoured from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Village of Painted Post. Motorists who normally use East High Street, West High Street, Victory Highway (state Route 415), North Hamilton Street and West Water Street should anticipate detours and

make appropriate adjustments to their route. Also, parking will be limited on West High Street, Charles Street, West Water Street, North Hamilton Street, Grace Boulevard, Steuben Street, Fairview Avenue and Keefe Boulevard during this time.

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## JOHN S. CORNELL

SOUTH CHARLESTON, WV | John S. Cornell of South Charleston, passed away Monday, June 2, 2008, at Hubbard Hospice House after a long illness.

He was born May 16, 1931, to Marie Beard and George D. Cornell in Campbell, NY. His parents preceded him in death, as did his brother, Edwin.

John retired from Union Carbide after 25 years of service, where he was responsible for devising a mobile drum-filling unit. After retirement, he had an extensive Christmas tree farm called “Almos 7” and many people in the valley enjoyed his beautiful trees.

He was a graduate of the University of Michigan where he received both a Bachelor and Master degree in chemical engineering. At Michigan, he was a member of the Alpha Chi Sigma and Les Voyageurs. He was a Veteran of the Korean War, serving in Germany.

Surviving are wife, Catherine Taormina Cornell; sons and daughters-in-law, David and Lisa of Gainesville, FL, Dr. Joseph and Jennifer of Pocatello, ID, Dr. John and Meredith of Huntington, and Brian at home; daughter, Lisa

Marie Cornell of Huntington; grandchildren, Hilary, Alexandra, William and Dean Cornell, all of Huntington, Catherine and Holden Cornell of Pocatello, ID; brother, Dr. David Cornell and his wife, Barbara of Nowalk, OH; sister-in-law, Dorothy Manning of Bluff Pointe, NY.

At his request, the body will be cremated and a private family service will be held at a later date.

Good Shepherd Mortuary, South Charleston, is in charge of arrangements.

The family would like to thank his caretakers from Hospice, especially Anaya and Amanda and his caregiver, Carolyn Foster. His final days were eased by the gentle and caring staff of Hubbard House.

Any memorials should be directed to Kanawha Hospice Care, 1001 Kennawha Dr., Charleston, WV.

## ROBERT G. TOWNER

WOODHULL, NY | Robert G. Towner, 84, of Smith Road, Woodhull, entered into rest on Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, Pa. following a brief illness.

Born on January 20, 1924 in Corning, he was the son of

the late Gerald and Margaret Jamison Towner. He left high school on his 18th birthday to enter the U S Marine Corps, serving from 1942 to 1946. He fought in the Pacific Theater of World War II including the battles at Guadalcanal and Peleliu Island, where he earned two purple hearts for the wounds he received at both sites.

On May 12, 1946 Bob married Clara L. Smithyman in Painted Post. They had been married for 61 years when Clara passed away on Aug. 27, 2007. Bob worked for over 35 years as a machinist in the Valve and Regulator Division of Ingersoll-Rand, retiring in 1986.

Bob had been an avid league bowler and enjoyed hunting and fishing. In later years, he enjoyed gardening and woodworking. He became a true craftsman with his woodworking projects. Bob and Clara had attended the Woodhull Community Church for several years.

Surviving are Bob’s sons, Robert G. (Peggy) Towner Jr. of Tega Cay, SC, Richard G. (Ellen) Towner of Covington, La., Roger S. Towner of Beaver Dams, James G. Towner and Joseph L. (Lorraine) Towner, both of Mooresville, NC, his daughter, Deborah J. (William) Crans of Woodhull, 17 grandchildren and 24 great

## DEATH NOTICES

### Irene Morris

GETZVILLE | Irene Morris, 97, formerly of 51 Jane St., Hornell, died Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at the Beechwood Health Care Facility.

She was retired from the F.W. Woolworth Store in Hornell.

Survivors include a daughter, Maryann Hope of Williamsville.

Calling hours are 4-7 p.m. Sunday at Dagon Funeral Home, 38 Church St., Hornell.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Ann’s Church.

Burial will be in St. Ann’s Cemetery.

### Gerald F. Rossettie

PAINTED POST | Gerald F. Rossettie, 93, of 212 Walnut St., Corning, died Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at Absolut Health Care of Three Rivers.

He was a production planner at Corning Inc. for 44 years.

Survivors include seven sons, James F. Rossettie, Richard Rossettie, Michael Rossettie and Stephen Rossettie, all of Corning, John Rossettie of Reading, Mass., Gerald Rossettie of Sands Point, J. Thomas Rossettie of Painted Post; two daughters, Mary A. Khalil of Glastonburg, Conn., Helen Schimizzi of Corning.

Calling hours are 4-8 p.m. Sunday at Haughey Funeral Home, 216 E. First St., Corning.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Mary’s Church, Corning.

### Paul R. Clingerman

ROCHESTER | Paul R. Clingerman Sr., 73, of county Route 78, Prattsburgh, died Tuesday, June 10, 2008 at Strong Memorial Hospital.

He was retired from Monroe Muffler in Geneva and employed at Parent Network in Bath.

Survivors include his wife, Fran; children, Sherry, Wes, Annette, Paul Jr., Char, Dawn, John and Joe.

Calling hours are 1-2 p.m. Tuesday at Townsend-Wood Funeral Chapel, 201 E. Elm St., Penn Yan.

Services will be held there at the conclusion of calling hours at 2 p.m., the Rev. Craig Buckley officiating.

Burial will be in Glenview Cemetery, Pulteney.

### Hayden Luckenbach, Jr.

AVOCA | Hayden “Junior” Luckenbach Jr., 75, of 9180 Wallace Back Road, Avoca,

died Tuesday, June 10, 2008.

He was employed as the highway superintendent for the Town of Avoca, owned and operated the former Agway Gas Station in Avoca, was a self-employed milk hauler, and employed as a salesman for Blair Supply Company in Avoca.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Reinhart

Luckenbach; two sons, Jeffrey Luckenbach of Avoca, James Luckenbach of Dansville; a daughter, Kimberly Taylor of Cohocton; two brothers, Lester Luckenbach of Florida, Donald Luckenbach of South Carolina; a sister, Eleanor Partridge of Avoca.

Calling hours are 1-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. today at Avoca Funeral Home, 22 N. Main St.

Services will be held there at the conclusion of calling hours at 7 p.m. today, Pastor Sande Thomas officiating.

Burial will be in Valley View Cemetery.

### Evelyn A. Bartoo

SAYRE, PA. | Evelyn A. Bartoo, 88, of 1044 Spruce St., Sabinsville, died Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at Robert Packer Hospital.

She was a homemaker.

Survivors include a son, Ronald G. Bartoo of Honeoye Falls; three daughters, Judy Moyer, Verla Patterson and Catherine Bartoo, all of Sabinsville; three sisters, Mona Lombardi of Bethlehem, Beverly Graff of Liverpool, N.Y., Kay Trowbridge of Lingle, Wisc.; brother, Vaughan Stebbins of Messina, N.Y.

Calling hours are noon-3 p.m. Monday at Kenyon Funeral Home, 222 W. Main St., Westfield.

Services will be held there at the conclusion of calling hours at 3 p.m. Monday, Pastor Lewis Young officiating.

Burial will be in Sabinsville Cemetery, Sabinsville.

### Everett D. Wells

TAVARES, FLA. | Everett Don Wells, 88, of Tavares, formerly of Lindley, N.Y., died Monday, March 3, 2008.

He was a retired supervisor with Ingersoll-Rand after 34 years of service.

Survivors include two sons, Phillip W. Wells of Tavares, Jeffrey D. Wells of Altamonte Springs, Fla.; two daughters, Donna Sue Santella of Portland, Ore., Cathy A. Berry of Turin, N.Y.

Arrangements were with Harden/Pauli Funeral Home, 1617 S. Bay St., Eustis.

### Shirley I. Engler

CORNING | Shirley I. Engler, 85, of Corning, died Saturday, March 29, 2008 at

Founders Pavilion.

Survivors include her two sons, Ronald Engler of Henderson, Nev., Russell Engler of Oswego; a daughter, Dianne Bavisotto of Corning.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at the Coopers Plains Cemetery.

Arrangements are with Carpenter’s Funeral Home LLC, 14 E. Pulteney St.

### Catherine A. Bart

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. | Catherine Ann “Kitty” Bart, 79, of Daytona Beach, formerly of Corning, N.Y., died Sunday, March 23, 2008.

She and her husband were the owners and operators of the Sportsman’s Inn on Waneta Lake, Nick and Ed’s of Corning, and the Centerway Motel and the Lions Den Cocktail Lounge in Corning.

Survivors include two daughters, Barbara Hoose of Benson, N.C., Diane Martin of Corning, N.Y.; a son, John Bart of Bath, N.Y.

Calling hours are 11:30 a.m.-noon Saturday at Haughey Funeral Home, 216 E. First St., Corning, N.Y.

A memorial service will be held there at the conclusion of calling hours at noon Saturday.

Burial will be in St. Mary’s Cemetery, Corning, N.Y.

### Robert G. Towner

SAYRE, PA. | Robert G. Towner, 84, of Smith Road, Woodhull, N.Y., died Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at Robert Packer Hospital after a short illness.

He served with the Marine Corps during World War II and was retired after 35 years as a machinist at Ingersoll-Rand Co. in Painted Post, N.Y.

Survivors include five sons, Robert Towner of Tega Cay, S.C., Richard Towner of Covington, La., Roger Towner of Beaver Dams, N.Y., and James Towner and Joseph Towner, both of Mooresville, N.C.; a daughter, Deborah Crans of Woodhull, N.Y.; two sisters, Sarah Youngs of Bath, N.Y., and Martha Myers of Burt, N.Y.

Calling hours are 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Saturday at H.P. Smith Funeral Home, 1607 Main St., Woodhull, N.Y.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home, the Rev. Brian Diffenbacher officiating.

Burial will be in Hope Cemetery in Corning, N.Y.

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grandchildren. His sisters, Sarah Youngs of Bath and Martha Myers of Burt, NY and several nieces and nephews also survive.

He was preceded in death by his wife Clara, his brothers, Jerry Towner and Maynard Towner and his sister, Nancy Towner Clark.

Friends may call on Saturday from 2-4 and 7-9 PM at the H.P. Smith & Son, Inc. Funeral Home, 1607 Main St. Woodhull. Funeral services will be conducted there on Monday at 11 AM with Rev. Brian Diffenbacher officiating.

Burial, with military hon-

ors, will be in Hope Cemetery, Corning.

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