

## OBITUARIES

**DOUGLAS LELAND HURD**

**CORNING** | Douglas Leland Hurd, age 68, of Hurd Hill Road in Addison died Friday, March 5, 2010 at Corning Hospital.

Doug was born in Bath, N.Y., on January 25, 1942 to Philip and Vesta Hurd. He was a graduate of Addison High School and Broome County Technical College. He served his country in the Air Force from 1962-1966. He had worked for Hurd Electric Service and the Corning Leader. He loved to tinker with electronic equipment and gadgets.

Survived by his mother Vesta Hurd; three sisters, Eleanor (Ralph) Cobb of Spencer, Ruth (Phillip) Fuller of Olean, and Phyllis (Michael) Quinn of Montrose, PA; two brothers, Rev. Richard (Barbara) Hurd of Addison and William Hurd of Spencer; a sister-in-law, Carlene Hurd of Montrose, PA; many nieces and nephews. Doug was preceded in death by his father in 1986 and by his brother Donald in 2003.

Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, March 9th from 10 A.M. until noon at Flint Funeral Home, 10 Wall Street in Addison, where funeral services will follow calling hours at noon with the Reverend Sandra Olmstead officiating. Burial will be in Elk Creek Cemetery in Borden.

Those wishing may make memorial contributions to a charity of your choice.

**FRANK D. BALL**

**COOPERS PLAINS** | Franklin Delano Ball, age 76, of Erie Street in Coopers Plains died Friday, March 5, 2010, at his home.

Frank was born in Lawrenceville, PA, on January 30, 1934, to Herman and Susie (Brennan) Ball. He married Terry Hammond in Lindley, NY, in 1956 after getting out of the United States Army. He worked as a plumber in Rochester for several years before moving back to the area. He worked for Ingersoll-Rand for ten years. He worked as a plumber in Florida for many years before moving back to the area. He enjoyed NASCAR, collecting coins, and going to casinos.

He is survived by his wife Terry; a daughter, Cindy (Jack Wilson, Jr.) Rose of Painted Post; two sons: Franklin (Brigitte) Ball of Sebastian, FL, and James Ball of Sebastian, FL; four sisters: Norma Wilson of Lindley, Beulah (Orvil) Bates of Painted Post, Evelyn (Surrogate) Dibble of Woodhull, and Anna Mae Quail of Elmira; a brother, Raymond (Sharon) Ball of Addison; grandchildren: Franklin Scott Ball, Christopher (Lisa) Ball, Chelsea Rose, Cody Rose,

and Cory Lynn Ball; great grandchildren: Autumn, Justin, and Rachel; several nieces and nephews; special nieces, Barbara Heffner and Kay King Nudd. Franklin was predeceased by his siblings: William, Herman, Donald, June Ball, Bessie Thornburg, Ellen Benza, and Shirley Trautner; and by his daughter, Susie Ball.

Calling hours will be Monday, March 8 from 4-6 pm at Phillips Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 17 W. Pulteney Street in Corning where funeral services will follow calling hours at 6:00 PM with Reverend Tom Bell officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Lindley in the spring.

**IRENE B. BUFFOMANTE**

**CORNING** | Irene B. Buffomante, age 93, of 205 East First St, Corning went to be with the Lord Friday, March 5, 2010 at Founders Pavilion in Corning. Irene was born May 26, 1916 in Corning, NY, daughter of the late William and late Virginia (Dinniny) Brown. She married Angelo A. Buffomante on November 23, 1977 at St. Vincent De Paul church in Corning, and who predeceased her on November 14, 1989.

Irene graduated from Corning Free Academy and from the University of Rochester and the Eastman Dental Dispensary in Rochester. During World War II, Irene worked in Spartanburg, S.C. as a civil servant with the U.S. Army serving as a dental hygienist. Irene was employed by Dr. Angelo Buffomante as a dental hygienist and office manager for over 40 years.

She belonged to All Saints Parish of Corning, was a member of the American Dental Hygienist Association, Hospital Chapter L, and the Business and Professional Womens Organization. She had also been a girl scout leader for several years.

Irene is survived by a sister; Angeline Moore of Corning, NY; sister in law, Aline Brown and daughter Virginia Withers of Chatham, VA., niece Irene Williams of Horseheads, N.Y., niece Audrey Pane of Painted Post and many dear nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was predeceased by brothers Louis, Arthur, Thomas, Albert and Charles Brown and by sisters Mary Cleveland and Madeline Smith.

Friends are invited to attend a funeral service Monday March 8th at 1:00 p.m. at Carpenters' Funeral Home, LLC, 14 E. Pulteney St. in Corning. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery in Corning. Memorial donations may be made to All Saints Parish, 222 Dodge Ave. in Corning, N.Y. 14830.

## Death Notices

**Anna Chomenko**

**HORSEHEADS** | Anna Chomenko, 86, of Horseheads, died Monday, March 1, 2010. She retired from Hardinge Inc.

Survivors include a sister, Lena Swatsworth; a brother, Maynard Chomenko.

There are no calling hours. Arrangements are with Sullivan's Funeral Home, Horseheads.

**Phillip A. Rossi Jr.**

**BATH** | Phillip A. Rossi, 79, of Avoca, formerly of Elmira, died Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at the Steuben County Health Care Facility.

He was the chief engineer for Hahn Motors and Fire Apparatus in Hamburg, Pa.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Rossi; a son, Phillip A. Rossi III; a daughter, Eileen Rossi; three sisters, Gaetana Huslander, Auror Minter

and Dorene Tronerud. Services were Saturday.

Burial will be in St. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Elmira. Arrangements are with Avoca Funeral Home.

**Julian Sheremeta**

**HORSEHEADS** | Julian Sheremeta, 67, of Horseheads, died Wednesday, March 3, 2010.

He worked for the Elmira Police Department for more than 25 years and was a U.S. Air Force veteran of Vietnam.

Survivors include his wife, Roberta Sheremeta; a son, Mark Sheremeta of Liverpool; a daughter, Kathy Sheremeta of Culpeper, Va.; a sister, Mary Ladd of Scottsdale, Ariz.

Calling hours are 3-6 p.m. today at Sullivan's Funeral Home, East Franklin Street.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday at Sts. Peter and Paul

Church, Elmira.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery.

**Dorothy Teachman**

**CORNING** | Dorothy

Teachman, 82, of Corning, died Saturday, March 6, 2010, at Founders Pavilion.

Arrangements are incomplete with Haughey Funeral Home, Corning.

**Rose S. Welch**

**BIG FLATS** | Rose S. Welch, 75, of Big Flats, died Thursday, March 4, 2010.

She was retired from Thatcher Glass.

Survivors include a son, John Welch Jr. of Millport; two brothers, Glen and Robert; five sisters, Helen, Margaret, Mary Ellen, Jane and Jean.

Services are private.

Arrangements are with Barber Funeral Home, Horseheads.



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**Oscar Rodriguez, 11, talks to Gila River paramedics in his room at Maricopa Medical Center in Phoenix. Oscar, 11 years old, was a passenger on the bus that overturned and was injured in the accident on Interstate 10 Friday. Despite his injuries, the boy helped paramedics on the scene by translating for patients who didn't speak English.**

# 'Hero' boy in bus accident hailed

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**SACATON, ARIZ.** | A bilingual 4th-grader hurt in an Arizona bus accident that killed six people and injured more than a dozen others translated from an ambulance stretcher for busy rescue workers as they hurried to set up a triage center, authorities said Saturday.

Oscar Rodriguez of Las Vegas, Nev., was labeled a hero by firefighters and paramedics for helping them communicate with non-English speaking passengers just after Friday's pre-dawn crash on a busy interstate.

They presented him with gifts and a certificate that reads "Hero of the day" during a visit with him at a Phoenix hospital Saturday.

"This kid stayed calm and was brave more than any other veteran I've worked with," said Kenneth Leslie, a paramedic who with his partner were the first to arrive at the scene.

The bus was traveling from the central Mexican



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**Arizona Department of Public Safety police officers survey the damage of the tour bus.**

state of Zacatecas to Los Angeles.

It entered the United States at El Paso, Texas, and was headed to Phoenix to change drivers when it hit a pickup truck, veered onto the left shoulder of the road, overcorrected and rolled. The roof of the bus was crushed and its windows were knocked out.

Rodriguez, 11, was one of 22 passengers aboard the bus when it crashed at on the Gila River Indian Reservation, some 25 miles south of down-

town Phoenix.

Rodriguez and 15 others suffered injuries, including broken spines and pelvises and head injuries. More than a dozen people remained hospitalized Saturday, including the bus driver who was among nine listed in critical condition at area hospitals.

Maricopa Medical Center hospital spokesman Michael Murphy called Rodriguez "a real trooper" and said he was in good condition. He didn't offer specifics on Rodriguez's injuries.

## ROADS

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agreement between the county and developer First Wind in the town of Cohocton, according to county Public Works Commissioner Vincent Spagnoletti.

Spagnoletti told the committee EverPower will pay for the county to survey the two roads to determine their condition. After construction is completed, EverPower will pay the county to restore the sections to their previous condition.

Unlike the Cohocton project, the county will

require EverPower to post a bond for repair costs before work begins.

Developer First Wind, in Cohocton, was required to provide the county with letters of credit to pay for repair, largely because of the uncertain economy at the time the project was going forward.

EverPower is one of three developers considering sites in Steuben, although the others — E.On in Hartsville and Ecogen in Prattsburgh — have encountered strong local resistance. The 50-turbine First Wind project

in Cohocton began

According to EverPower's Web site, construction is expected to begin in May and completed by the end of the year.

However, key items have not been approved, including a payment-in-lieu-of-taxes (PILOT) agreement through the Steuben County Industrial Development Agency. The PILOT would provide regular payments to the county, town and school districts and would defer full taxation on the project for 15-20 years.

## In brief

**Woman's Club sets card party**

**CORNING** | The Corning Area Woman's Club will hold its semi-annual card party at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Radisson Hotel Corning. Members are encouraged to bring a guest for games and dessert. Proceeds from the party will benefit club scholarships and community programs. The party will be preceded by a short business meeting at 12:15 p.m. For details, call 868-3207.

**School to mark 35 years**

**WATKINS GLEN** | The Chemung Valley Montessori School will hold a 35th anniversary gala from 6-11 p.m. Saturday at the Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel. The event will include live music by Michael DuBois and Nik Lite. Tickets are \$75 or \$700 for a table of ten. For details, call 562-8754, Ext. 110.

**2300° to mark St. Patty's Day**

**CORNING** | The Corning Museum of Glass will host 2300 Degrees: St. Patrick's Day from 5:30-7:30 p.m. March 18. The event will include live music by The Town Pants, refreshments and beverages, and glassmaking demonstrations. Admission is free, but there is a cost for refreshments. For details, call 974-4084.

**DUNNING**

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topics and genuinely felt comfortable being around people — whether they supported him or not.

His interviews with our editorial board were epic. They'd last for hours and Massa's answers were often very detailed and intense. Massa would get so worked up sometimes that it looked like he was ready to come over the table. I always thought it as amusing, but some in the room were downright intimidated.

But his agenda and demeanor didn't translate well in Washington. As a freshman congressman who often broke ranks, he ruffled the feathers of the Democratic leadership. He'd openly explain how senior party members would often take him behind closed doors and bawl him out for casting a dissenting vote. And it seemed he took great pride in the fact that he was called to the White House four times to meet with President Obama, exasperated that Massa would not support health care reform and other policies Democrats were fighting hard for.

Each time, Massa said, the president did not offer him a refreshment or invite him to sit down. And each time, Massa stood in the center of the room and held his ground before quickly being dismissed.

Suffice to say, Massa was not a team player in Washington. It's not that he wanted to be contrary, he just couldn't agree with everything his party was promoting and wouldn't allow himself to be pushed around.

"I always felt there was something more important as a member of Congress than getting re-elected," he said Friday afternoon.

Clearly, what's most important to Massa now are his health and his family, two things he admits he neglected while on the job. I wish him well.

## Obituary and Death Notice Policy

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- The deadline for death notices is 8 p.m. daily. They may be faxed to 936-9939. Death notices will only be accepted from funeral directors.
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