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## Publisher John Celestino dies

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Publisher John Celestino  
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John Celestino, regional executive for CNHI newspapers in New York , Massachusetts and New Hampshire, died Friday. He was 63.

Celestino, who lived in Lewiston, died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound, according to Lewiston Police Chief Frank Previte. Police received a call at 11:35 a.m. from Artpark regarding an unresponsive person in a parked car in one of the venue's parking lots.

Celestino oversaw newspaper operations of three New York newspapers: The Niagara Gazette, the Lockport Union-Sun & Journal and the Plattsburgh Press-Republican.

He also served as regional executive and group publisher for CNHI's North of Boston Group: The Eagle-Tribune in North Andover, The Salem News, Gloucester Daily Times, Newburyport Daily News, Andover Townsman, Haverhill Gazette and Derry, New Hampshire, News.

A native of the Philadelphia area, Celestino's media career included advertising, circulation and marketing executive positions at the Philadelphia Inquirer and The Daily News, Philadelphia Metro, the Press of Atlantic City and Brainworks Software in Sayville, New York.

He joined CNHI in May of 2017 as publisher of the Gazette and US&J.

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