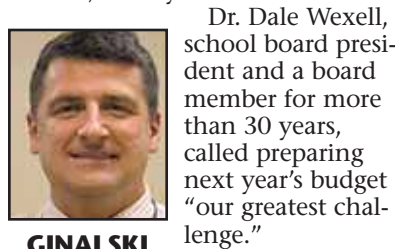


BUDGET

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by the district, the 93.5 positions being trimmed include 38 teachers, 26.6 teaching assistants, 27.5 in support staff, and 1.5 from administration. Aside from the 93.5 jobs cut, the equivalent of another 11.5 positions will be reduced, mostly in administration.



GINALSKI

Dr. Dale Wexell, school board president and a board member for more than 30 years, called preparing next year's budget "our greatest challenge."

The cuts affect most subject areas at both the elementary and secondary levels, and will mean larger class sizes, fewer electives and more responsibilities for remaining faculty and staff, he said.

"I think we've still managed to conserve a respectable core program for education," Wexell said. "There will be many non-mandated programs which will be reduced, such as elementary art and music. There will be less time spent on that."

"At the secondary level, the basic program has been preserved, but class sizes are going to be larger, and there's going to be fewer opportunities for electives for high school students," he added.

Some programs, such as driver education and middle school summer school, will be cut altogether.

CALL

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R-Corning, said it has been increasingly more difficult to recruit and retain volunteers in the Southern Tier for a variety of reasons, but the need for such volunteers is greater than ever.

"Volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel are the backbone of our rural communities," Palmesano said. "In times of emergency, we can count on their protection. There is a great need for volunteers in our communities."

According to a recent study, if the state's volunteer firefighters were replaced by paid professionals, it would cost taxpayers \$7 billion annually, Palmesano noted.

"It is critically important to provide and maintain essential fire services in our communities," said David Jacobowitz, president of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York (FASNY). "To that end, FASNY remains committed to helping out local departments recruit and retain their volunteers – the men and women who are always there to answer the call

TREAT

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by themselves, the bromides combine with the chlorine used in wastewater treatment to produce trihalomethanes, which may cause cancer if ingested over a long period of time.

Bromide levels were so high in rivers during 2010 that they caused corrosion at some plants that were using the water.

But since the spring of 2011 most Marcellus drillers have been recycling the fluids, or sending them to deep underground wells mostly in Ohio.

The gas-rich Marcellus, which lies thousands of feet underground, has attracted a gold rush of drillers who have drilled almost 5,000 new wells in the last five years. But the state also has about 70,000 older oil and gas wells, according to DEP statistics, that target different, shallower reserves.

Researchers say the bromide levels did drop last summer, but they had also expected even more of a decline after virtually all of the Marcellus Shale drillers stopped

START

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others are in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Boston, Chicago, Indianapolis, Atlanta and now, New York City.

The nonprofit was started five years ago in Philadelphia by Anne Mahlum, who turned to running as a teenager to help overcome the devastation of her parents' separation.

Years later, as a college graduate in Philadelphia, she was still running. Each morning, Mahlum passed a homeless shelter.

"The men would joke and ask me if all I did was run all day," she remembered. "And I'd say, 'And all you do is stand there all day?'"

But there was a darker side; some of the men were battling addictions. She suggested to the shelter's



WEXELL

The middle schools, which used to offer two teams in some sports, will combine them into one team per school.

Layoffs will be determined by seniority in the district's unions. The process of notifying those affected will also begin this week, said Superintendent Mike Ginalski.

"It's going to be really tough," Ginalski said. "The sad thing is, all these positions that are being lost all provide value. But as we've been telling our staff since September, the tax cap is an absolute game-changer. I think everyone is going to have to get used to doing a little bit more within the district, and we're going to do everything we can to make sure it doesn't affect the kids."

The situation would have been far worse without the Corning Incorporated Foundation grant, which preserved the equivalent of 55 positions at the secondary level, as well as paid for textbooks, supplies, equipment, staff training and stipends for clubs and activities.

The district also wound up using \$1.1 million from its reserve funds – about the most feasible, Ginalski said – to soften the blow.

It's the fourth straight year of significant cuts for C-PP.

Some of the cuts made this year may have been necessary eventually, when the district's high schools



DERRICK EK | THE LEADER

Horseheads firefighters respond to a fire alarm at Appleridge senior apartments last week.

regardless of the hour or day."

Volunteer firefighters aren't paid but are eligible for some incentives, including tax credits, tuition assistance and death benefits. Some municipalities and depart-

ments offer property tax breaks and government insurance plans.

"For me, it's about giving back to the community," said Capt. Bob Young of the Horseheads Fire Department. "I was born and raised here."

Becoming a firefighter involves taking a basic training class. EMTs are also needed, and there's a separate course for that. Once certified, the firefighters drill regularly, Young said.

Aside from fires, car accidents and medical calls, firefighters also go to local schools for fire prevention education, and take part in community events such as parades, he said.

Over the years, a tight bond develops among firefighters who serve together, Young said. They cook lunches and dinners together and often hang out, even outside of the fire station, he said.

"We're kind of like one big family," Young said.

For more information about becoming a volunteer firefighter, contact your local fire department.

2011 – about 33 percent less than the Marcellus quantity that was raising concerns in 2010, but still a substantial amount. If that rate continues, the conventional wells will send about 150 million gallons of the wastewater to treatment plants that discharge into rivers this year.

Sunday said the agency encourages wastewater recycling, "regardless of the industry involved," and added that the conventional oil and gas drillers don't produce as much wastewater as the Marcellus drillers.

Sunday also said that the agency has created a new, revised permit to encourage recycling of waste. Ten facilities have applied for the new permit, and if all are approved, that would double the number of such facilities in the state.

David Sternberg, a spokesman for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, didn't directly answer a question about whether there was any scientific justification for treating the non-Marcellus waste differently.

"I have watched the power of running at work in many ways," says Mary Wittenberg, the organization's president and CEO. "What brings me to tears is to watch their jubilation and excitement as they take their first steps into a better life."

Wittenberg says her organization will include some of the homeless runners in its races.

Back on My Feet, she added, "is running as a tool to move forward together, it's a group hug that is bigger than yourself."

Truth is, running alone doesn't do it.

"Running is just the first step we take to create a brand new identity for people," says Mahlum. "You acquire the persistence and responsibility that allow you to start again."

and middle schools merge in 2014 after the \$97.4 million facilities project slated to begin construction this spring.

The budget woes have absolutely nothing to do with the facilities plan, district officials stressed at the last meeting. The project is largely paid for by state funds specifically earmarked for capital projects.

The cuts made for 2012-13 will make the district much leaner and should help stabilize its finances, Ginalski said.

"Our deficits will be smaller in the years to come," he said. "We'll reach a point here in the next couple years where there won't be any deficit."

A public hearing on the proposed budget is set for 6:30 p.m. May 8 at the Administration Building.

The budget goes before voters on May 15.

Since it stays within the state property tax cap and only raises the levy 1.78, it only needs 50 percent approval. If the district had tried to generate more revenue by exceeding the cap, it would have needed 60 percent.

Should the budget fail to get 50 percent, C-PP can put it up for vote one more time in June. If it fails twice, a contingency budget with a zero percent tax levy increase would automatically be adopted, but that would mean nearly \$2 million in additional cuts.

Death Notices

Cynthia J. Woodard

WAYLAND | Cynthia J. Woodard, 85, of Bath, N.Y., died Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at the Vincent House, Wayland, N.Y.

She was a homemaker. Survivors include four sons, John Woodard of

Lititz, Pa., Scott Woodard and Lon Woodard, both of Corning, and Peter Woodard of Savona; a brother, Richard Jenks of Wellsboro, Pa.

Burial will be in Bath National Cemetery at a later date.

Arrangements are with Carpenter's Funeral Home, 14 E. Pulteney St., Corning.

OBITUARIES

LEONORA YOUNG DECKER

BATH | Leonora Young Decker of Bath, formerly of Hammondsport, passed away very unexpectedly at Ira Davenport Hospital on Sunday, April 15, 2012.

Leonora was born December 18, 1922 to Erwin and Viola Young. She married Jesse Decker on September 15, 1940. He predeceased her in 2006.

They raised three daughters, Judy Golk and Sharon Vetter, both of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., and Sue (Alan) Edsall of Hammondsport.

Leonora had been active during her lifetime. She was Past Matron of Vine City OES, was a 4-H leader, had a sewing business including dress design and slipcovers.

She was Honorary member and past President of Hammondsport Woman's Club, past President and held all offices of the Hammondsport Thursday Nites.

She was past Chairman of Office of Aging Advisory Council, board member of Steuben Senior Services Fund. She also volunteered at Hammondsport Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry and at American Red Cross Blood Banks.

She was a member of the Bath Area Republican Club and Bath Bubbles Red Hat Society.

For 15 years she owned Meadowview Kennels in Hammondsport and raised English Bulldogs. She was a former member of the Elmira Kennel Club.

Leonora's passion was reading, traveling and playing bridge. Her great sense of humor and her love of life will be long remembered. She will surely be fondly remembered and missed by those who knew her.

Along with her daughters, she is survived by her sister, Arlene Santus of Painted Post, 9 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Leonora requested that no flowers be sent but rather a memorial in her name to either Hammondsport Loaves and Fishes Pantry, PO Box 76, Hammondsport, N.Y., or Steuben County SPCA, Bath, NY.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, April 18 at LaMarche Funeral Home in Hammondsport from 2-4 p.m. with interment at the convenience of the family.

FRANCES M. BARNES

ELMIRA, N.Y. | Frances M. Barnes, 73 of Bath, NY, died Thursday, April 12, 2012 in the Arnot Ogden Medical Center, Elmira, NY.

Born December 31, 1938 in Hornby, NY, she was the daughter of the late Truman A. and late Genevieve (Rumsey) Robbins.

Fran worked as a homemaker raising eight children. She was a lover of animals and country music. She especially enjoyed being outdoors: camping, fishing and gardening. She was known for her "green thumb" and spunky disposition.

She is survived by four daughters: Genevieve N. (Bill) Mills of Knoxville, PA, Kathleen A. (Rich Clark) Hostetter of Corning, NY, Lisa M. Smith of Lakeville, NY, Theresa M. Smith of Howard, NY and four sons: Morris F. (Charlotte Hallett) Smith of Beaver Dams, NY, Michael J. (Janet) Smith of Savona, NY, Harold E. Smith of Bloomsburg, PA, Gerald T. (Chris Taft) Smith of Bath, NY. Several grandchildren and great grandchildren and one sister, Beatrice Mills of Georgia. Also several nieces and nephews.

It has been Michael's privilege to take care of his mother, Fran over the past several years.

There will be a private burial in Fairview Cemetery, Osceola, PA at the convenience of the family.

The family asks that memorial donations be given in Frances's name to the: American Heart Association, PO Box 417005, Boston, MA 022417005 or to the American Lung Association-Finger Lakes Region, 1595 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620.

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