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Addison bus crash sends 5 to hospital



EMTs check over children exiting a school bus involved in an accident Tuesday in Addison.

Official: Students had neck, back pain

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ADDISON | An accident involving two school buses sent five Addison students to the hospital Tuesday.

None of the injuries were believed to be serious, said Joe DioGuardi, superintendent of the Addison Central School District. The students were taken to Corning Hospital after complaining of things such as neck or back pain, he said.

The accident occurred around noon, just after school had let out for the day. Addison students had a half-day Tuesday because of a staff development program in the afternoon.

A school bus headed down Front Street had to brake suddenly to avoid a car that was turning into Dollar General. When the bus driver hit the brakes, another school bus rear-ended it, DioGuardi said.

The buses were filled with students ranging from pre-K to high school.

Eight ambulance crews from Addison and surrounding communities responded to the scene, and each student was checked out by EMTs and school nurses before being released to their parents or taken home



Above | Parents wait for their children following the accident.



Left | A tow truck carries one of the buses involved in the accident.

on other buses.

It was a fairly hard collision and the students were thrown forward, said a young girl who was aboard one of the buses.

"My neck hurts a little bit," she said.

The girl's sister was crying because one of her

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Below | Backboards rest against a school bus.

Decker receives 15 days in jail

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CORNING | A former Corning East High health teacher who traded sexually explicit text messages with a student last winter was sentenced Tuesday to 15 days in jail.

Teri Decker, 40, of Elmira, will begin serving her term Sept. 28 at the Steuben County Jail. She was also sentenced to three years of probation by Corning City Judge Robert Cole. However, she will not be required to register as a sex offender.

Cole's decision to sentence Decker to jail was unexpected; as part of her



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Former East High health teacher Teri Decker, left, was sentenced Tuesday to 15 days in jail for having an inappropriate relationship with a student. Here, she enters the courtroom with her attorney, David M. Parks.

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O'Mara, Palmesano discuss Marcellus

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BATH | The environment is the hot button topic at a town hall meeting held by local state representatives Tuesday evening in Bath.

State Assemblyman Philip Palmesano, R-Corning, and state Sen. Tom O'Mara, R-Big Flats, met with about a dozen area residents in the Bath Town Hall to discuss topics of local concern.

The most spirited topics ranged around the timeline for future Marcellus Shale natural gas drilling and the ability of the

If you go

WHAT | Tom O'Mara and Phil Palmesano meeting
WHEN | 5:30 p.m.
Thursday
WHERE | Corning City Hall

state Department of Environmental Protection to monitor the looming industrial boom.

Steuben County Land Owners Coalition representative Neil Vitale, of Woodhull, asked Palmesano and O'Mara if there

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Bath Electric Gas and Water Systems Board reviewing draft for commission

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BATH | The Bath Village Board is reviewing a draft proposal for a new Bath Electric Gas and Water Systems Commission.

The draft, prepared by Trustee Bill vonHagn, the board's BEGWS liaison, calls for a diverse commission that includes members with business, engineering and financial backgrounds.

The draft, which the Village Board received Monday night, is based

on a July 6, 2010 resolution that calls for BEGWS commissioners to be village residents. Membership would be limited to two five-year terms with terms staggered throughout the first five years of the commission, according to the earlier resolution. Commissioners would not be paid.

Staggering the terms means the first commission would include board members appointed for

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