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LOCAL

Watkins Glen school budget hearing set

The Watkins Glen School Board will hold a public hearing on their proposed budget at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday in the board room at the high school. District officials said the 2015-16 budget includes total spending of \$25,557,076, and an estimated tax increase of \$0.11 per thousand dollars of assessed value. The plan includes hiring another art teacher and making the district's technology coordinator job a full-time position. The vote on the proposed budget will be held from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. May 19 in the board room at the high school.

Q&A sessions on H'heads school budget set

Question and answer sessions on the proposed 2015-16 budget for the Horseheads School District will be held at multiple locations and times leading up to the May 19 budget vote.
 ■ 7 p.m. Monday at the Erin Town Hall
 ■ 7 p.m. May 13 online Q&A, a link will be available on the district website
 ■ 7 p.m. May 18 at the Big Flats Community Center
 A public hearing will also be held at 6 p.m. May 7 in the multi-media center, and a board of education candidates' forum will be held at 7 p.m. May 11 in the multi-media center. Polls will be open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. May 19.

STATE

No chronic wasting disease found in deer

New York environmental officials say none of the more than 2,400 deer tested for chronic wasting disease during hunting season showed signs of the disease. The highly contagious disease is fatal to deer, elk and moose and is in the same family as "Mad Cow" disease. It hasn't been shown to infect humans.

Sheriff: Killing of bison was correct call

Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple stands by his decision to have 15 runaway bison shot and killed last week, but he says he should have had his own personnel shoot the animals instead of letting others do it. The bison were shot after they escaped from an Albany-area farm. Apple says the animals weren't put down humanely.

CORNING INC. QUARTERLY REPORT

Fiber, Gorilla boost Q1

By Derrick Ek
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CORNING | Demand for optical fiber and the launch of Gorilla Glass 4 helped drive a strong first quarter for Corning Inc., company

executives said Tuesday.

The company saw year-over-year sales growth in four of its five major business segments and posted core sales of \$2.4 billion, core earnings of \$484 million and core earnings

per share of 35 cents in its quarterly report, released Tuesday.

Core sales were up 4 percent, core earnings were up 14 percent and core earnings per share was up 21 percent year-over-year.

The biggest growth came in the Optical Communications business, where core sales were up 18 percent year-over-year and core earnings were up 85 percent.

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Q1 at a glance

Core sales: \$972 million (up 4% year-over year)
Core earnings: \$484 million (up 14%)
Core earnings per share: 35 cents (up 21%)

4 FIREFIGHTERS INJURED



A city firefighter sprays water into the attic roof of a burning three-story home at 213 E. Second St. on Tuesday. PHOTOS BY ERIC WENSEL/THE LEADER

Fire strikes East Second Street home

By Derrick Ek
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CORNING | A fire heavily damaged a home on East Second Street home late Tuesday morning, and four firefighters suffered minor injuries while battling the blaze.

A 911 call was received at 11:36 a.m., and firefighters arriving at the home at 213 E. Second St. saw flames pouring out of the windows in the attic area on the third floor, said Corning Fire Chief Brad Davies.

City firefighters entered the burning home to search for occupants, Davies said.

"We went in and did a quick search and tried to get to the main body of the fire, and then we had to back out," he said.

During the initial sweep, firefighters rescued a Chihuahua that belonged to the homeowner, Jessica Dean, Davies said.

Dean's boyfriend, Reggie Gilliam, was the only

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Firefighters take a ladder off a truck while battling a blaze on East Second Street in Corning on Tuesday.

UNREST IN BALTIMORE RIOT AFTERMATH

2,000 National Guardsmen take up positions

By Amanda Lee Myers and David Dishneau
The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Baltimore was a city on edge Tuesday as hundreds of National Guardsmen patrolled the streets against unrest for the first time since 1968, hoping to

prevent another outbreak of rioting.

Maryland's governor said 2,000 Guardsmen and 1,000 law officers would be in place overnight to try to head off a repeat of the violence that erupted Monday in some of the city's poorest neighborhoods and sent a shudder through all of

Baltimore.

"This combined force will not tolerate violence or looting," Gov. Larry Hogan warned.

In a measure of how tense things were, the city was under a 10 p.m.-to-5 a.m. emergency curfew. All public schools were closed. And the Baltimore Orioles

canceled Tuesday night's game at Camden Yards and — in what may be a first in baseball's 145-year history — announced that Wednesday's game will be closed to the public.

The streets were largely calm all day and into the

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WOMAN OF DISTINCTION

O'Mara to honor diner owner

The Leader staff

The owner and operator of the Wellsburg Diner will be honored next week



by state Sen. Tom O'Mara as a "Woman of Distinction." O'Mara said Linda Thomas of the Chemung County village is exactly the kind of person the Senate's annual recognition was created for.

"Linda Thomas exemplifies persevering through tough times, lending a helping hand to those around you, and commitment to community," O'Mara said. "She's proof that our small town traditions and values are alive and well."

Thomas has owned the diner since 1997, but in 2011, it was destroyed by flooding from Tropical Storm Lee.

With support from the community, she was able to reopen months later at a new larger site near the former location.

"No one has done more for her community's hope, pride and spirit," O'Mara said.

He said it's also appropriate to honor Thomas next week, which is also National Small Business Week.

"As a job creator and a lifeline of community action and support, Linda exemplifies everything this nation celebrates during National Small Business Week," O'Mara said. "The Wellsburg Diner is truly a small business making a big, big difference."

Thomas was nominated for the recognition by Sherri Arnold, regional director of the Corning Community College Small Business Development Center.

"The Corning Community College's Small Business Development Center is here to assist small business owners to create and manage their small business, but we don't have any

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person home at the time of the fire. He had escaped by the time firefighters arrived.

"I was just watching Sportscenter, enjoying my day off, when I smelled something," Gilliam said. "I went upstairs and all I saw was smoke."

As Gilliam turned around and ran downstairs, he tumbled down a flight of stairs, he said. He grabbed birth certificates and other important records and fled the home, he said.

City firefighters knocked the fire down, using a ladder truck to reach the attic through a window below the peak of the roof. Assisting at the scene were firefighters from the South Corning, Painted Post, and Forest View-Gang Mills volunteer fire departments.

Four firefighters from several departments suffered minor injuries and were treated at the scene by Rural/Metro Ambulance crews.

Corning Natural Gas and NYSEG shut off gas and electric to the home.

Davies said the home had "extensive damage" but he wasn't sure if it was a total loss or could be repaired. He wasn't sure what may have caused the fire. The investigation was just beginning, he said.

Dean, who has owned the home for about five years, described seeing thick clouds of smoke billowing over the



A city firefighter gets his oxygen tank switched out before heading back into an East Second Street house during Tuesday's fire. ERIC WENSEL/THE LEADER

city's Southside as she crossed the Gibson Bridge on her way home from work in Horseheads. Her two children were at school.

Dean said she'll be staying with family temporarily as she begins the insurance process. The American Red Cross was called to provide assistance to her.

The neighboring homes on both sides are very close,

within 5 to 10 feet, but firefighters kept the blaze from spreading. A woman that lives next door at 211 E. Second St. said she thought her home had minor damage.

The Corning Police Department and the New York State Police also assisted at the scene. The North Corning Fire Department was on standby at the city fire station.

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control over a person's work ethic or integrity," Arnold said. "That's why working with Linda Thomas was an honor — because she had the incredible determination to rebuild her business in a small community where her diner was the focal point."

Wellsburg Mayor Malcolm Coles said Thomas' contribution was especially important to the recovery

of the community after the disastrous 2011 flooding.

"I felt it was critical after the flooding in September 2011 to have the diner up and running to give the residents a place to go where they felt some normalcy after this devastating flood," Coles said.

O'Mara's previous "Woman of Distinction" honorees have been:

■ Carol Berry of Hornell, director of the Dormann Library in Bath

■ Virginia "Ginny" Houseknecht of Watkins

Glen, a longtime Cornell Cooperative Extension educator and leader and founder of the Southern Tier Parkinson's Disease Support Group

■ Beverly "Bev" Stamp, co-owner and operator of Lakewood Vineyards in Watkins Glen and a longtime ambassador for New York's wine and grape industry

■ Lauren R. Snyder, of Penn Yan, who served as Yates County Public Health director for 28 years until her retirement in 2009.

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evening. But police with riot shields lined up shoulder to shoulder and kept close watch over a growing, chanting crowd of about 1,000 people at the corner where some of the worst violence took place the night before.

The real test was expected after dark, with the start of the curfew.

The looting and rock- and bottle-throwing by mostly black rioters broke out just hours after the funeral of Freddie Gray, a 25-year-old black man who suffered a fatal spinal cord injury while in police custody. It was the worst such violence in the U.S. since the unrest that erupted last year over the death of Michael Brown, the unarmed black 18-year-old shot by a white police officer

in Ferguson, Missouri.

Political leaders and residents called the violence a tragedy for the city and lamented the damage done by the rioters to their own neighborhoods.

"The same community they say they care about, they're destroying. You can't have it both ways," Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake said.

Baltimore Police Commissioner Anthony Batts said: "I had officers come up to me and say, 'I was born and raised in this city. This makes me cry.'"

But the rioting also brought out a sense of civic pride and responsibility in many Baltimore residents, with hundreds of volunteers turning out to sweep the streets of glass and other debris with brooms and trash bags donated by hardware stores.

Blanca Tapahuasco

brought her three sons, ages 2 to 8, from another part of the city to help clean up the brick-and-pavement courtyard outside a looted CVS pharmacy in the hard-hit neighborhood where Gray was arrested.

"We're helping the neighborhood build back up," she said. "This is an encouragement to them to know the rest of the city is not just looking on and wondering what to do."

CVS store manager Haywood McMorris said the destruction didn't make sense: "We work here, man. This is where we stand, and this is where people actually make a living."

As the day wore on, police fielded rumors of would-be rioters gathering at various places in and around Baltimore, but as of late afternoon, only a few scattered arrests were reported.

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That was driven by two major factors, said Tony Tripeny, senior vice president and corporate controller: Telecommunications companies continuing their push to bring fiber — and ultra-fast Internet — to homes; as well as companies using fiber and related

products for major data centers.

"When people refer to the 'cloud,' they're referring to these data centers, and there's tremendous growth in the cloud, and growth in data centers, and we have a lot of specialized products there," Tripeny said.

One of Corning Inc.'s four acquisitions in Q1, California-based fiber optics company TR

Manufacturing, bolstered sales in Optical Communications, which had core sales of \$697 million and core earnings of \$72 million, Tripeny said.

Tripeny also pointed to a 20 percent spike in demand for Gorilla Glass in the wake of the launch of the newest version, Gorilla Glass 4, late in 2014. Gorilla 4, said to be thinner and more damage-resistant, has

already gained a foothold in the consumer electronics industry, he said.

One example is the new Samsung Galaxy S6 smartphone, which is encased in curved Gorilla 4 glass, front and back.

"It's a slick-looking device, and it's having a lot of success in the marketplace," Tripeny said. "Across the board, we've had some good successes with Gorilla Glass 4, and we feel good about the introduction. We still sell a lot of Gorilla Glass 3, but we sold more Gorilla Glass 4 in the first quarter than we expected, which is indicative that our customers are seeing the value of Gorilla Glass 4."

Overall, the various versions of Gorilla are now used in roughly 1,500 models of consumer electronics devices by more than 30 major brands.

Gorilla helped push core sales in the Specialty Materials business up 4 percent, to \$272 million, with core earnings of \$46

million, despite weakness in advanced optics, another subset of Specialty Materials.

In Corning Inc.'s biggest business, Display Technologies — which makes LCD glass for flat-screen televisions — the company posted core sales of \$972 million and core earnings of \$294 million in Display Technologies, with both figures up slightly year-over-year. The company credited "increased volume, slower price declines and cost reductions" in the LCD glass business in the Q1 report.

Core sales and earnings in the Environmental Technologies segment were also up slightly at \$282 million and \$48 million, respectively, behind strong demand for the company's products for emissions systems in heavy duty diesel engines. Corning Inc. is expanding its diesel plant in Erwin largely to meet demand in China, which is tightening its air quality

regulations.

Life Sciences, which makes products used in medical research, had sales of \$197 million in Q1, down 6 percent year-over-year. Earnings were \$19 million, down 10 percent.

Overall, Q1 exceeded the company's own expectations as well as Wall Street analysts' predictions, said Dan Collins, vice president for corporate communications.

"We've had an objective for a number of years, and (CEO Wendell Weeks) has spoken about it regularly, to become a more balanced company across our businesses, and to be able to say that four out of our five businesses grew and grew strongly is a really important message," Collins said. "It is a ratification of Wendell's pledge that we would become a more diversified business entity. We're not finished, but we are certainly making significant progress in that regard."

Weeks will deliver a "state of the company" talk at Thursday's annual shareholders meeting at the Corning Museum of Glass. Also scheduled to speak is Clark Kinlin, executive vice president for the Optical Communications segment, who will discuss the company's outlook for its fiber business.

Shareholders will also elect the company's 14 directors to one-year terms. There are two new directors on the board: Donald Blair, executive vice president and CFO of Nike, and Daniel Huttenlocher, vice provost and dean at Cornell University. Shareholders will also vote on executive compensation.

Corning Inc. stock closed at \$22.07 on Tuesday, down 31 cents. The company's employment in the Corning area stands at roughly 5,200, and 34,500 worldwide. Corning Inc. ranks 343rd, which surpassed \$10 billion in annual core sales for the first time last year, currently ranks 343rd on the Fortune 500 list.

The company focuses on core sales in its reports, which are adjusted to exclude the impact of foreign exchange rates and other items that don't reflect ongoing operations. By GAAP measures, Corning Inc. had sales of \$2.2 billion, earnings of \$407 million and earnings per share of 29 cents.

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