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State funding has boosted county roads

City eyes grant for home with rich history



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CORNING — The City Council is expected to apply for a \$1 million state grant Monday to help fund the rehabilitation of a West Third Street residence with a rich history into nine market-rate apartments.

The council will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at City Hall.

Steve Dennis, city director of planning and economic development, said the council must apply for the State Restore New York Program funding by Dec. 15.

“We anticipate some kind of answer in the spring of 2018,” Dennis said. “That’s our hope.”

If the city is successful in obtaining the state funding, the developer, Corning YG Development LLC, would have to pay for the rest of the project. The timeline to start and complete the work is currently unknown.

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A road crew clears back the sides of Powderhouse Road in Corning in the spring. [PHOTOS BY ERIC WENSEL/THE LEADER]

Funding has nearly doubled since 2012

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BATH — There are two big reasons the condition of many Steuben County roads have dramatically improved in the past decade — an increase in state funding and the work of the county crews.

Steuben County Commissioner of Public Works Vince Spagnoletti said state funding has greatly increased in recent years.

“Between 2008-12, (Steuben County) averaged about \$3.7 million in state funding,” Spagnoletti said. “From 2013-16, the average



Drainage pipes being replaced on Powderhouse Road in Corning last spring.

increased to about \$4.6 million, and from 2017-18 it was about \$6.4 million, which is really a significant increase.” Spagnoletti said state

Assemblyman Phil Palmesano, R-Corning, and state Senator Tom O’Mara, R-Big Flats,

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2017 Road Projects

Route#	Town Miles
5 Addison	1.4
119 Cameron	5.7
40 Corning	2.75
46 Dansville	6.5
65 Hornellsville	2.1
68 Hornellsville	3.4
Total cost:	\$2,849,000
Route#	Town Miles
105 Avoca	2.5
16/20 Bradford	0.6
4 Campbell	0.7
17 Campbell	1.1
36 Cohocton	0.5
42 Hornby	2.4
69 Howard	2.4
75 Prattsburgh	6.4
127 Woodhull	3.9
60 West Union	4.5
Total cost:	\$2,942,000

Israeli strikes kill 2 Hamas men after Gaza rocket attack

By Fares Akram and Aron Heller
The Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli airstrikes killed two Hamas members early Saturday following a rocket attack on Israel, in the latest fallout from President Donald Trump’s decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel’s capital — a development that has roiled the region and the larger Muslim world.

The Israeli military said it targeted four Hamas facilities in response to rockets fired the previous night, including one that landed in the town of Sderot without causing casualties or major damage.

The military said it struck warehouses and weapons manufacturing sites, after which Hamas said it had recovered the bodies of two of its men.

Israel considers Hamas responsible for all rocket fire emanating from Gaza, which is home to other armed groups.

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C-PP looks to ‘take the lead’ on mental health issues

[*Editor’s note: The second of a two-part look at The Corning-Painted Post School District’s plan to step up its response to mental health issues in the district.]

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Corning-Painted Post School District officials are aware that a positive mental health environment requires

the support of families and the community along with the school — but they’ve decided to double down on their role in order to advance the process.

“We are attempting to bring mental health needs out of the shadows and for it to be safe to talk about these issues openly,” said Superintendent Mike Ginalski. “We are, in essence, trying to take the lead in the C-PP community to bring these issues to

the forefront in an effort to provide support to kids and families.”

The effort starts with increased training for both faculty and staff.

Beyond just classroom teachers, teaching assistants, bus personnel and custodians are receiving training through the Family Service Society on how to spot warning signs and

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Local Impact

THE ISSUE: The Corning-Painted Post School District is taking steps toward a more coordinated, hands-on approach to the mental health-related issues they see every day in their halls and classrooms.

THE IMPACT: District’s efforts range from training for faculty and staff to seminars for parents to the creation of a leadership committee that encompasses a range of stakeholders in the district.

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how to talk to students about those issues.

"This is where the relationship comes in," Ginalski said. "Meaning that relationship with that one individual who a student confides in, the relationship with a family who has the confidence to trust the school with personal information and the ability of our staff to see behaviors which may indicate that there are issues."

"The reality is that we have built a culture where we speak openly regarding the fact that every single person plays a role with students and in my own experience, some of our most important people have been classroom teachers, teaching assistants and bus personnel," he added. "Kids connect with people on different levels for different reasons and I recognize that anyone in the district, regardless of role can be a resource for a student."

The key person conducting the training for the district has been Renae Carapella-Johnson, LMHC, NCC, of Family Service Society.

"Suicide Safety for Teachers is one of a series of school-based suicide prevention offerings of the Suicide Prevention Center of New York (SPCNY) funded through the New York State Office of Mental

Health," Carapella-Johnson told The Leader. "The training content has been chosen carefully to reflect the current knowledge in the field of youth suicide prevention from the perspective of school personnel."

Elements of the training include: Reviewing the importance of suicide prevention; describing characteristics of at-risk students; outlining educators' limited but critical role; clarifying building referral procedures; and identifying school and community resources that are available to students.

"The training is presented in-person to teachers and other ancillary staff (teaching assistants, bus drivers, custodians, etc.)," Carapella-Johnson said. "To date, over 200 staff at the Corning-Painted Post School District have received the training with several more trainings scheduled throughout the months of December and January."

The district has also been increasing the opportunities for parents to learn about these issues.

"We have already had a training for high school parents back in September relative to suicide prevention provided by Family Services," Ginalski said. "The high school and middle school went through a training last month on the development of suicide prevention plans through the New York State Suicide Prevention Center. Middle School parents will receive the same training as high

school parents later this month."

There are also more informal presentations being offered in the district.

"We had a national speaker in last week by the name of Mike Veny who spoke about the need to talk openly about mental health," Ginalski said. "Since last week, I have heard directly from two different families seeking help for one reason or another. This is just the latest example. We are hearing more from parents, kids are reporting more and our staff is definitely more aggressive in reporting things they are seeing."

The district has also formed a committee, the Student Mental Health Action Team, to provide direction and leadership on these issues.

"This is a committee of 58 people with every collective bargaining unit represented," Ginalski said. "I had more than 300 people ask to be part of this committee so this demonstrates that the issue is really resonating with our staff. We are well-represented with administrators, school counselors, social workers, psychologists, board members and various members of our support staff and parents. We also have representation from All Saints, Clinical Associates, Care First and Family Services."

He recognizes that a 58-person committee might seem unwieldy at first glance.

"The committee is large initially because they will break into subcommittees as we dig deeper into the issues and potential work," Ginalski said. "Once we have the goal statements written, we'll regroup to a more manageable number, probably no larger than 25."

But that's not the end of the process.

"The second phase of this is to develop a committee made up of students to work alongside this committee," Ginalski said. "I believe students are an underutilized resource and they can be great help to the decision makers going forward. Who knows better what students are dealing with than students? I plan on putting kids to work in this area as well. Kids learn best from other kids and I plan on leveraging that going forward."

Carapella-Johnson said the community should be aware of the following resources as well:

- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention: www.afsp.org
- Suicide Prevention Center of New York: www.preventsuicideny.org
- The Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide: www.sptsusa.org
- Steuben County Community Mental Health Center: www.steubencony.org Main: 607-664-2255 Crisis Line: 607-937-7800 after hours
- Family Service Society: www.familyservicesociety.org
- www.211helpline.org

WARNING SIGNS OF SUICIDE

- Talking about wanting to die
- Looking for a way to kill oneself
- Talking about feeling hopeless or having no purpose
- Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain
- Talking about being a burden to others
- Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs
- Acting anxious, agitated or recklessly
- Sleeping too little or too much
- Withdrawing or feeling isolated
- Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge
- Displaying extreme mood swings

The more of these signs a person shows, the greater the risk. Warning signs are associated with suicide but may not be what causes a suicide.

WHAT TO DO

If someone you know exhibits warning signs of suicide:

- Do not leave the person alone
- Remove any firearms, alcohol, drugs or sharp objects that could be used in a suicide attempt
- Call the U.S. National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-TALK (8255)
- Take the person to an emergency room or seek help from a medical or mental health professional

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have been instrumental in getting the road funding increase.

"Palmesano lobbied the state Assembly and O'Mara lobbied the state Senate," Spagnoletti said. "Then they went to Gov. Andrew Cuomo and got him on board. The results of those two guys, along with Cuomo, have made a

huge funding difference. It's been a big help."

Palmesano said he and O'Mara are both proud to be a part of increasing the amount of funding municipalities receive from the state Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program.

"We continue to work to build and grow support for local infrastructure through CHIPS," Palmesano said. "What we've seen from that effort is every municipality has received anywhere from

50 to 55 percent more than they did five years ago. It's very important."

O'Mara said he and Palmesano are already working to increase the CHIPS funding that municipalities receive in the 2018 state budget.

"We've been extremely successful in the past four or five years and we are working to continue," O'Mara said. "It's work done using state funding that would otherwise be paid for by (Steuben) county residents."

"It's make a huge difference for us," Spagnoletti said. "In 2014-15, we upgraded about 40 miles of roads, in 16-17 we're up around 48 miles of blacktop recycle and reconstruction."

Spagnoletti said the eight miles of extra roads upgraded each year has made a big difference in cutting the amount of poor roads in Steuben County, which has 689 miles of county roads.

In 2014, about 105 miles of Steuben County

roads were "poor to fair," Spagnoletti said, but by 2017 that number lowered to about 42 miles, meaning Steuben County's state ranking for road quality is likely to improve.

Spagnoletti said in 2017 crews have recycled and blacktopped slightly more than 22 miles of roads, and reconstructed and paved more than 25 miles.

In 2016, Steuben County roads were rated 25 percent better than the state average and 36 percent better than the U.S. Department of Transportation's national average for rural roads.

Officials said 36 percent of Steuben County's roads were rated "poor to fair"

compared to 48 percent in the statewide category, and 55 percent nationwide for of all rural roads in the U.S.

Spagnoletti credited the county's Five-Year Road Plan and the county's road crews for the systematic improvement of roads in Steuben.

Legislature Chairman Joe Hauryski, R-Campbell, said the county has seen the benefits of road improvements, notably in terms of economic development opportunities.

"One consistent comment in those economic studies during the past few years is the quality of our roads," Hauryski said.

Team solutions...



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FIVE-DAY FORECAST



Today

Few snow showers, otherwise m. cloudy

High | 32

Low | 22



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Flurries through day	Blustery, 1-2" of snow possible	Cold, areas of M. cloudy, few flurries	flurries	flurries
High 34	High 35	High 20	High 26	High 26
Low 24	Low 14	Low 10	Low 12	Low 12

Forecast for Sunday, December 10, 2017
Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



Pressure: High (H), Low (L)

Fronts: Cold, Warm, Stationary

Weather icons: Showers, Rain, Tstorms, Flurries, Snow, Ice

Temperature scale: <-10, -0s, 0s, 10s, 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, 100s, 110+

MOON PHASES

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DEC.26 JAN.2 DEC.10 DEC.18

SUNRISE | SUNSET

Sunrise today 7:26

Sunset today 4:36

Sunrise Monday 7:27

Sunset Monday 4:36