

AUDIT

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purchases. One village official said he doesn't think an audit would find anything illegal about the project. "I think that in terms of the state audit, I don't think there is anything done that was shady," said Trustee Mike Sweet. "I'm not overly concerned. I really don't think it will bear any fruit in terms of anything that was done illegally, that's for sure." Von Hagn said the only work that will occur at the plant is required to meet the standards of the Chesapeake Watershed Cleanup Initiative. That work, which is funded by a state grant, will reduce nitrogen and phosphorus discharge levels. "Everything else has been put on hold," von Hagn said. Sweet said the creation of a resource recovery hub is very positive for the Bath area. The hub, once complete, would allow BEGWS to turn sewage and other waste into

electricity, officials have said. "We're interested in utilizing that technology," Sweet said. "I think the utility commission wants to make sure they're getting the best value and still be able to achieve the goal of a resource recovery hub. It's do-able and going to give the best return." The return on investment concerns von Hagn, who said the initial project report indicated a return on investment in 7-9 years, but then it increased to 10-15 years. Then, an analysis by the state Department of Environmental Conservation estimated the hub would make only \$7,000 a year once it was up and running and that it would take the village 1,272 years to see a return on investment. The DEC's analysis, which it cited when denying a permit for the project in February, also questioned the estimated maintenance and replacement costs, the basis for assumption of methane production and the project's cost breakdown. At the time, von Hagn said

the DEC calculations were "ridiculous" and that the village would submit another permit application. Meanwhile, the project's estimated cost has increased from \$15.5 million in January 2014 to almost \$21 million today. "I have major concerns about this project," von Hagn said. "I have had many sleepless nights over this. I thought the risk was very high and I expressed my concerns." Hallgren said he is not surprised costs have increased. "Some asbestos abatement and structural deficiencies have been found, which raised the overall price," Hallgren said. Von Hagn said the state Comptroller's Office has yet to make a decision on the audit request. "The timetable has not been determined," von Hagn said. The Bath Electric, Gas & Water Systems Utilities Commission will meet at 4:30 June 7 at 144 E. Morris St.

UPGRADE

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Also, the heating and boiler system needs to be replaced. "The heating system and boilers are a biggie here," DioGuardi said. "They're decades old and need to be replaced as soon as possible." Renovations to the high school auditorium are also being discussed. The second phase included a two-story addition at the middle school, STEM and art labs, a new events center, a new eight-lane track and renovations to the baseball/softball fields at Tuscarora Elementary. "We haven't had a home track meet in literally over 20 years," DioGuardi said. Phase three would be funded much the same way as phase two, he said. "Most of it was through building aid; we get well over 90 percent building aid on all eligible work for construction," DioGuardi said. "Between the building aid from the state and from our



Tuscarora Elementary's new track was constructed as part of phase two of a massive project to renovate the Addison School District's facilities. STEPHEN BORGNA/THE LEADER

capital reserve fund, the combination of those two things really funds this project 100 percent." "We didn't ask the taxpayer for an extra nickel on (phase two)," DioGuardi said. "And we did the same thing in phase one." The next step for phase three includes additional meetings with village and district officials, parents, and various other community members. "We're really narrowing things down to get to a final

scope of work," DioGuardi said. "The committee will recommend a final scope of work to the board, and the board's going to have to adopt that plan." "We're hoping to have all of that happen hopefully by the end of the summer," he added. After the board adopts a proposal, they'll put it before voters in December. If the project is approved, it would likely be at least another year before preliminary construction begins.

GLASSFEST

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Judy Wilding said. This year they brought their grandson, Jacob Holmes, 11. "We bought him a fox pelt," Judy Wilding said as she pulled it from the bag.

"His mom may not be too happy about that." George Laszlo and Eileen Sullivan, of Manhattan, came early for the music. They were busy setting up chairs in a prime spot in Riverfront Centennial Park for Saturday night's DSB performance. The concert wasn't set

to begin until 8:15 p.m., but they're really big fans of the Journey tribute band. "Our cousin Henry O'Neill is the keyboardist," Sullivan said proudly. Emily Rummel, of Hornell, made a second stop at the tent selling jerky. "I like it all, but the Buffalo sticks are really good,"

she said. "I had one of those earlier." Others were enjoying the sunny skies and the holiday weekend. "We needed a day out," said Angela Ventra of Watkins Glen, as her niece Aleah Ventra, 6, proudly held a flower balloon. Cold drinks and snow

cones were big sellers. Dan Wilcox, manager of Mooney's Sports Bar and Grill, was well-prepared. The restaurant, which doesn't open on Market Street for a few more weeks, has a tent outside its future location this weekend. "We've got macaroni and cheese and hog wings.

And water. Lots of water," Wilcox said. "I bought 25 cases and will probably go get more." Things will cool off only slightly today, with temperatures expected to be in the high 80s, as GlassFest celebrates its final day with more glass, art, music and activities.

COURAGE

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on the greatness of a nation built on the sacrifices of the soldiers who fought for the underlying dreams of their homeland: freedom and peace, compassion and decency, and democracy. In remembering, we


reaffirm our pride in this nation's servicemen and servicewomen and, of course, turn enduring thoughts and prayers to the young soldiers, the heroes, whom we've lost. We honor our wounded warriors. We salute all of the veterans living in New York State and the millions more across the nation. And we support the

men and women serving in harm's way at this very moment. They are shining examples of the bravery, courage, conviction and honor on which the American way of life has been built and remains strong. Because of our veterans, we will look into the eyes of young people this Memorial Day, the faces of the future, and have faith that they,

too, will be instilled with the devotion to keep America great. To keep believing that the American way is a good, decent, worthwhile way. In the end, this may be the greatest victory for all of the missions flown, the foxholes dug, the hills taken and the battles fought. Our soldiers - America's soldiers - have made and will continue to make the

ultimate sacrifice to keep America free, so that she can lead the way to a more free world. The sacrifices of our soldiers will keep alive America's promise, so that people throughout the world will look to her for inspiration. Our soldiers will keep America strong, so that other nations will draw courage from her strength.

For as long as we remember and keep our soldiers alive in our hearts, we will stand as we do - free in a land of opportunity and promise. - State Sen. Tom O'Mara represents New York's 53rd Senate District, which includes Steuben, Chemung, Schuyler and Yates counties, and a portion of Tompkins County.



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