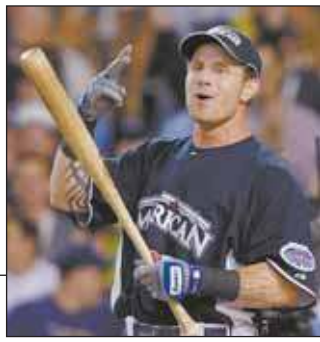


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## C-PP board declares year a success

BY BOB RECOTTA  
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**BIG FLATS** | The Corning-Painted Post school board had a fairly successful year based on the benchmarks district officials set for the 2007-08 school year.

During the first day of the board's two-day retreat, it compared progress made toward goals it set a year ago. Those goals are based on the district's master plan.

Of the 20 measurable goals set in 2007, the district met or exceeded 15 of them.

One of the goals met for the 2007-08 school year was that 76 percent of secondary school students would pass all their core classes.

Student performance on the state math and English tests, the performance of special education students on state tests, preparedness of pre-kindergarten students for kindergarten and participation

in extra curricular activities also met or exceeded set goals.

However, the district did not meet its goals for students graduating with Regents diplomas, advanced Regents diplomas and an International Baccalaureate degree.

A total of 83 percent of students graduated with a Regents diploma, two points short of the goal.

The district missed by 7.5 percent the 47 percent mark of those receiving an advanced

Regents diploma.

For the IB program, 8 percent received an IB degree, one point shy of the district's goal.

The district also fell short in its goal of having 9 percent of sixth- and eighth-graders receive the highest possible score on the state English exam. Only 4 percent actually reached the goal.

Elementary special education students also missed the goal for performance on the

state English exam. The district goal was for 32 percent of elementary special education students to pass the exam. The actual number was 28 percent.

The district also set a goal for reducing its drop-out rate from 2.8 percent in 2007 to 2.5 percent, but the data was not available to determine whether the district met that goal.

Today's session of the retreat will focus on the district's aging facilities. The board will study the past improvement plans and

### IF YOU GO

**What:** Corning-Painted Post school board retreat

**When:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today

**Where:** Corning Community College Airport Corporate Park, Big Flats.

develop a process for addressing the lingering need, said board President Bill Carlson.

The session is open to the public.



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Mary Lentzen, Lindley Planning Board Chairman, said the board will vote on a permit for G.O. Hawbaker Monday.

## Residents divided over gravel pit

### Lindley Planning Board to vote on Monday

BY JEFFERY SMITH  
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**LINDLEY** | Town residents spoke both for and against a mining and excavation use permit for G.O. Hawbaker during a planning board meeting Friday night at the Lindley Fire Department.

Mary Lentzen, planning board chairman, said the board will vote on the permit for G.O. Hawbaker at 7 p.m. Monday at the Lindley Town Hall.

"(The town planning board) will consider everything discussed tonight before the vote," Lentzen said.

If approved, the State College, Pa., firm would operate a 68-acre gravel pit on River Road near Presho for about 15 to 20 years.

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Adam J. Schultz, a lawyer representing G.O. Hawbaker, responds to residents' concerns during the meeting Monday night.



## Bush lifts ban on offshore drilling

BY BEN FELLER  
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**WASHINGTON** | President Bush on Monday lifted an executive ban on offshore oil drilling and challenged Congress to follow suit, aiming to turn the enormous public frustration about gasoline prices into political leverage. Democratic lawmakers rejected Bush's plan as a symbolic stunt.

With gas prices topping \$4.10 a gallon nationally, Bush made his most assertive move to extend oil exploration, an energy priority of his presidency. By lifting the executive prohibition against coastal drilling, Bush rescinded a White House policy that his own father put in place in 1990.

The move will have no practical effect unless Congress acts, too. Both executive and legislative bans must be lifted before offshore exploration can happen.

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### Kuhl, GOP get response on oil

THE LEADER STAFF

**WASHINGTON** | U.S. Rep. John R. "Randy" Kuhl Jr. and his Republican colleagues sent a letter to President Bush last week

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

President Bush walks out of the Oval Office heading to the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington Monday to make a statement on outer continental shelf exploration.

### POLICE

## Knife-wielding man arrested in Arkport

BY DERRICK EK  
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**ARKPORT** | An Arkport man was arrested Monday after allegedly swinging a butcher knife and a cleaver at sheriff's deputies, then barricading himself inside his house.

According to the Steuben County Sheriff's Office, the incident began shortly after 1 p.m., when deputies went to the residence of Raymond T. O'Keefe,

73, on West Avenue in Arkport.

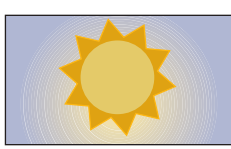
The deputies went to O'Keefe's residence at the request of the Steuben County Department of Mental Health.

As the deputies approached, O'Keefe allegedly became enraged and shouted verbal threats at them. A short time later, O'Keefe came out of his front door and allegedly swung a butcher knife and cleaver at deputies.

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