

GRAVEL

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Ann Young Kirk, a resident who sold the property to G.O. Hawbaker, spoke in favor of the gravel pit on River Road.

“My father Fred H. Young bought the land in 1948, and used it as a gravel pit,” Kirk said. “I live there and put up with the dirt, traffic and noise. If I didn’t like it I could do what everyone in this meeting could do, move.”

Ron Leonard, a member of the River Road Citizen’s Committee, opposed the permit.

“The traffic from the project would directly affect 20 homes,” Leonard said. “There would be about 177 trips a day.”

Roughly 60 residents attended the meeting Monday night; the crowd seemed divided evenly on the issue.

Residents who opposed the permit said the gravel pit would add traffic to the roads, create pedestrian and bike safety dangers and create additional noise and dust.

Other residents called G.O. Hawbaker a solid firm which would be a positive addition to the town.

The state Department of Environmental Conservation issued a permit for the operation in February, but the com-



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Ann Young Kirk speaks Monday in favor of G.O. Hawbaker receiving a permit from the Lindley Planning Board.

pany needs a special use permit from the town.

Hawbaker won a decision last month in Steuben County

Court that prevents the town from imposing restrictions beyond those required by the state permit.

bring to the floor legislation that will allow responsible deepwater oil and gas exploration to help lower gas prices,” said Kuhl, R-Hammondsport.

The Democrat-controlled Congress, in general, is against new oil drilling as a way to meet the country’s short-term energy needs and instead is pushing for conservation and alternative energy sources. Congress must also lift its ban on offshore drilling before any action can be taken.

Kuhl, other Republicans and some Democrats strongly advocating drilling to reduce the county’s dependence on foreign oil.

In a letter last week to President Bush, Kuhl and other Republicans urged him to “proactively revoke the executive memorandum banning energy production on the United States Outer Continental Shelf and ask that you continue to work the Congress to increase American-made energy production.”

DRILLING

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Bush had called on Congress a month ago to go first, then reversed himself on Monday. He said the country could no longer afford to wait.

“Failure to act is unacceptable. It’s unacceptable to me and it’s unacceptable to the American people,” Bush said in an event held in the Rose Garden.

“Democratic leaders can show that they have finally heard the frustrations of the American people by matching the action I’ve taken today, repealing the congressional ban, and passing legislation to facilitate responsible offshore exploration,” Bush said.

The president’s direct link between record gas prices and offshore drilling glossed over a key point. Even if Congress agreed, the exploration for oil would take years to produce real results. It is not projected to reduce gas prices in the short term. Even the White House routinely emphasizes there is no quick fix.

That did not stop Bush from building his case around today’s prices at the pump.

He said every extra dollar that families must spend on gas is one they could be using to put food on their table or to send a child to school. The

American people, he said, are now “waiting to see what the Congress will do.”

The White House says that acting now on a long-term solution would send a serious signal to the market that more oil supply will be coming on line. That, in turn, could ease oil prices, advocates say. Business groups and many Republican lawmakers applauded the move to expand the energy supply in the U.S.

Democrats were unmoved.

“The Bush plan is a hoax,” responded House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. “It will neither reduce gas prices nor increase energy independence.”

Several Democratic leaders in Congress said oil companies are already sitting on millions of acres of public and coastal lands.

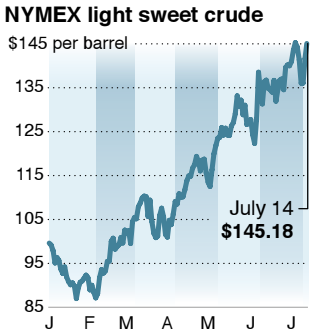
Yet a proposal by Democrats to release oil from an emergency reserve has been rejected by the White House as a gimmick that won’t reduce prices.

So the election-year stalemate remains.

Congressional Democrats, joined by some GOP lawmakers from coastal states, have long opposed lifting the prohibition that has barred energy companies from waters along both the East and West coasts and in the eastern Gulf of Mexico. A succession of presidents, including the current one, has sided with Congress for each of the last 27 years in

Oil above \$145

Prices for August delivery settled just above \$145 a barrel in Monday’s trading on the New York Merchantile Exchange.



SOURCE: Department of Energy AP

barring drilling in these waters.

The main goal has been to protect beaches and coastal states’ tourism economies. But Bush says that with today’s technology, exploration can be conducted along the Outer Continental Shelf in ways that keep the drilling out of sight and protect the environment.

The congressional ban is renewed yearly, typically as part of a spending bill. The White House said it was too soon to comment on a potential Bush veto.

Under Bush’s proposal, states would help decide how drilling would be conducted off their shores. It is unclear how much oil would be available. Bush said it could eventually be enough to produce 10 years’ worth of America’s current oil production.

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urging him to lift the executive ban on offshore drilling.

How much that played into the president’s decision Monday to do just that isn’t known, but Republicans now have placed pressure on Democrats to act on a key issue four months before the general election.

“Now it is up to the Democratic leadership to

ARKPORT

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O’Keefe then barricaded himself inside the residence for approximately three hours, according to deputies.

The standoff ended shortly

after 4:30 p.m., after O’Keefe approached a window and was held in place while deputies and state police entered the residence and took him into custody.

He was taken by Hornell Ambulance to St. James

Mercy Hospital in Hornell for observation. Sheriff’s deputies are consulting with the Steuben County District Attorney’s Office, and criminal charges may be filed.

The investigation is continuing, deputies report.

SEVEN-DAY FORECAST

WETM 18 Storm Team
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Today
Mostly sunny

Wednesday
Mostly sunny

Thursday
Mostly sunny

Friday
Partly cloudy

Saturday
Partly cloudy

Sunday
Partly cloudy, iso. t-storms

Monday
Partly cloudy, iso. t-storms

High | 82
Low | 52

High | 88
Low | 50

High | 90
Low | 55

High | 92
Low | 60

High | 89
Low | 60

High | 86
Low | 62

High | 87
Low | 59

National forecast
Forecast highs for Tuesday, July 15

Sunny Pt. Cloudy Cloudy

Fronts
Cold Warm Stationary

Pressure
Low High

-10s -0s 0s 10s 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80s 90s 100s 110s

	YESTERDAY			TODAY			TOMORROW		
	Hi	Lo	Prc	Hi	Lo	Otlk	Hi	Lo	Otlk
Albany	80	68	.72	82	59	Clr	88	57	Clr
Boston	84	69	.07	83	67	Clr	81	66	Clr
Buffalo	76	62		80	55	PCldy	85	61	PCldy
Chicago	84	62		92	63	Clr	92	69	Clr
Cincinnati	83	57		86	60	Clr	90	62	Clr
Cleveland	80	60		84	58	Clr	86	62	Clr
Columbus, Ohio	82	60		87	60	Clr	90	63	Clr
Denver	97	63		94	59	PCldy	95	62	PCldy
Detroit	80	60		84	59	Clr	90	67	PCldy
Honolulu	88	75		89	76	Clr	90	75	Clr
Houston	100	78		95	74	PCldy	95	74	PCldy
Las Vegas	97	80		100	82	PCldy	104	83	PCldy
Los Angeles	84	66		83	65	PCldy	84	65	PCldy
New Orleans	91	79	.34	92	74	PCldy	94	74	Clr
New York City	81	68	.47	87	66	Clr	88	69	Clr
Orlando	92	74	.02	87	75	Rain	89	73	Rain
Philadelphia	83	68	.15	89	67	Clr	91	67	Clr
Phoenix	96	74	.46	102	83	PCldy	105	84	PCldy
Pittsburgh	79	59		83	55	Clr	87	57	Clr
Portland, Ore.	89	60		79	58	PCldy	77	56	PCldy
Providence	87	72		84	65	PCldy	86	64	Clr
Raleigh-Durham	79	72	.53	88	66	PCldy	89	66	Clr
Rapid City	90	50		95	60	PCldy	92	64	PCldy
St. Louis	90	66		90	67	Clr	94	70	Clr
St. Petersburg	89	80	.01	86	77	Rain	88	78	Rain
San Jose, Calif.	93	67		96	64	PCldy	91	70	PCldy
San Antonio	98	75		97	76	PCldy	96	74	PCldy
San Diego	76	69		76	64	Clr	76	64	Clr
San Francisco	70	59		71	58	Cldy	74	56	PCldy
San Juan, P.R.	89	79		87	76	Clr	88	77	PCldy
Santa Fe	83	55		85	57	PCldy	87	58	PCldy
St. Ste Marie	63	53		74	51	PCldy	78	56	PCldy
Seattle	81	57		75	55	PCldy	74	54	PCldy
Shreveport	87	73	.22	94	69	PCldy	96	70	Clr
Sioux Falls	92	54		93	66	PCldy	91	71	PCldy
Spokane	88	62		87	59	Clr	81	58	Clr
Syracuse	78	62		81	56	Clr	88	55	Clr

NEW YORK

Today will be mostly sunny with highs in the mid-80s.

Tonight will be mostly clear with lows around 50.

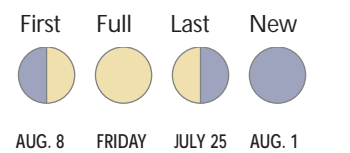
Wednesday will be mostly sunny with highs around 90.

Wednesday night will be mostly clear with lows in the mid-50s.

WEATHER HISTORY

In 1983, Big Thompson Creek in Colorado flooded for the second time in seven years, claiming three lives, and filling the town of Estes Park with eight to ten feet of water.

MOON PHASES



SUNRISE | SUNSET

Sunrise today	5:46
Sunset today	8:42
Sunrise Wednesday	5:47
Sunset Wednesday	8:42

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