

# Hannibal News

## State budget cuts to have effect on village funds

by Christina Parker

New York State's budget problems will have an effect on the Village of Hannibal this year, along with most other municipalities in the state, Mayor Eugene Gauger told the village board at its Monday night meeting. A 10-percent cut in aid per capita will cost the village about \$900, and a 7-percent cut in CHIPS (highway) money about \$378, the mayor said. It was not determined what budget items the trustees will cut to make up the shortfall.

Funds earmarked for recreation for the elderly were cut by 50 percent, Gauger reported. It may be necessary to scrap the recreation program entirely in the 1991-92 budget, he added. (The village's fiscal year begins in July.)

A lack of municipal funding may not stand in the way of private development in the village, however. Area housing developer Harry Fresch expressed an interest in building some senior citizens' housing on land now owned by his mother in the village. Fresch said grant money may be a possibility, because the project could be tied in with a municipal sewage system that would serve the village and the Hannibal schools along with his development. Village board members said they would keep an open mind to the possibility, and Gauger said he would set up a meeting with the Farmers Home Administration to discuss it.

Gauger added, though, that County Legislator Jack Beckwith had queried State Senator John McHugh and Congressman Frank Horton on the possibility of feasibility studies for a municipal water and/or sewer system. Gauger reported that the officials said this would be difficult because of government budget deficits.

In other business Monday, the village board:

- agreed to write to the state Department of Transportation, at Beckwith's request, asking for a flashing warning light to be installed north of the intersection of state routes 3 and 104. (The intersection is in the village, but the warning light would be outside its borders.) Beckwith and other residents say the intersection is dangerous because of a hill that delays southbound traffic on Rte. 104 from seeing the traffic light.

- reported that court action on the board's part has led to the condemnation of a house on the corner of Cayuga and Rochester streets. The village agreed to give the tenants until April 1 to move out, after which the house will be burned or torn down, Gauger said.

- agreed to advertise a village law against snowmobiles and other recreational vehicles being operated on village streets and the private property of others. Gauger said many snowmobilers have been violating the law and may not be aware of it. Trustee Lowell Newvine suggested that signs be put up prohibiting snowmobiles on the streets.

- heard an announcement by Gauger that the Community Players, a dramatics group, had been tentatively awarded a \$550 grant from the state Cultural Advisory Council, pending the completion of some paperwork. The group had asked for \$1,025.

- heard a report that the Hannibal Community Playground Committee has raised more than \$32,000 toward the \$40,000 needed for playground equipment to be built beginning May 29. More fund raisers are planned. There will be an "organization day" Feb. 11, when committee members will meet with representatives of the Leathers architectural firm to make further construction plans.

### Fitness programs planned in Hannibal

Jan. 14 marked the start of two, four week adult fitness programs held at Fairley Elementary School in Hannibal.

These programs are part of the Oswego YMCA Adult Outreach Program.

Fitness 'n Toning and Aerobics in Motion (A.I.M.) are held Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. respectively. Fitness 'n Toning is comprised primarily of calisthenics and floorwork, for the purpose of toning and firming muscle.

Aerobics in Motion is a nationally choreographed aerobic program, designed to improve coordination, endurance and heart/lung efficiency.

Both classes are suitable for any fitness level and are open to men and women.

Exercise modifications are offered for the less advanced.



What life was like

Sharing stories of how technology has changed their lives in this century are (seated from left): Ralph Halstead, 84; Mary Auringer, 83; Isabell Lowden, 91; and Ray Gifford, 88. Standing are: Karl Keydel, student teacher from SUCO; Martha Hyde, activities director; and junior high students Chris Vincelette, Jeremy Cota, Matt Stark, and Willy Hill.

## Elders share technological changes with junior high students

Hannibal Junior High School technology students recently spent a few weeks researching and constructing models of early technological machines and inventions. Through this exploration students gained insights into the pace of technological advancement. Students also found that technology plays an important part in meeting basic human needs and wants.

To reinforce the rapid changes that have taken place, technology teacher Robert Jones invited residents from the Meadowbrook Manor and Dulin Adult Care facilities to speak to his students. The focus of the talks centered around the time when the guest speakers were 12 which was about 1912.

It was hard for students to believe that radio, television, computers, clothes washers and dryers, automobiles, and Nintendo did not exist. Modern plumbing and flush toilets were nonexistent, heat was either coal or wood, and distant communications were done by written letter.

The following are some of the general comments made by the guest speakers about life at the turn of the century. In the early part of the century life was primarily centered around agriculture. Most lived or worked on farms growing and preserving their own food and making their own clothing.

Transportation was horse and buggy, bicycle, or walking on dirt roads. Leisure time was spent playing cards, dominos, marbles,

or hide and seek. Any work that was done was done for fifty cents to a dollar a day. School was typically a one-room schoolhouse and usually contained grades one through six. Most really enjoyed school, even with lots of homework, and had a lot of respect for the hickory stick.

The adults all agreed the technology of today is good. The most important advancements, they feel, have been in the area of medical technologies. Before leaving school their advice to students was to keep away from drugs and do their best in school.

--by Robert A. Jones  
Technology Teacher  
Hannibal High School

### Buxton completes Army basic

Pvt. William G. Buxton has completed basic training at Fort Bragg, NC.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Buxton is the son of William G. and Diane M. Buxton of RD 6, Co. Rte. 85, Oswego.

He is a 1990 graduate of Hannibal High School.

## Milk marketing topic of informational meetings

Eastern Milk Producers and Dairylea Cooperative, together with Cooperative Extension from Cornell, are sponsoring a series of informational meetings throughout the New York-New Jersey Federal Order 2 Milk Marketing Area.

These meetings are public and all area dairymen and interested parties have been urged to attend.

Featured speakers will be Joseph C. Mathis, Eastern milk economist; Cliff Carmen, Dairylea economist; and county agents from the areas where meetings will take place.

Featured topics will include the latest national, regional, and local dairy situations and outlook for 1991; the impact of the new farm bill; a federal order status report; and a review of premiums, RCMA, and so on. There will be a question-and-answer period.

Question regarding these meetings should be directed to the Economics Departments of Eastern Milk Producers 315-463-0781 or Dairylea Cooperative at 315-476-9101.

Included will be meetings planned for Jan. 23 in Cortland; Feb. 1 in Waterloo; and Feb. 12 in Watertown.

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