

Town Seeks Grants To Raise East Branch Dike; Hires Consultant For River Access Study

by Sally Zegers

The Hancock Town Council met on Tuesday, February 4, at the town Office building on West Main Street.

Town supervisor Jerry Ver-nold reported that at the next visit from State Senator Fred Ashar, they will visit the town of Hancock Eagle Watch site in East Branch. A representative from Congressman Delgado's office will also attend, as will representatives from the Soil and Water Conservation Department, along with a drone. The drone will be used to take photos of the site from the air. The EB Fire Chief will get oral permission from nearby landowners to have the drone fly over their properties.

The board discussed the dike in East Branch, which is one foot too low to be classified as a flood control device, leaving the residents of the hamlet in the unenviable position of having to pay high flood insurance premiums and having their property devalued as a result. Councilman Pat O'Brien is seeking help from Bill Brown of Delaware Engineering and Mark Blauer, the administrator of the grants used to construct the water system in East Branch, for help with a study that would be used to seek grants to get the levee raised.

Delaware County Planner Shelly Johnson Bennett advised O'Brien to have community members and Fire Department members write letters of support for grants for the project.

More discussion was held on the East Branch Water district. Blauer noted that Phase III work cannot be done while Phase II work is going on, even if it seems more workable to the general public. Brown told the Board that the water company operating the old system, and which will operate the new one, has hired a lawyer from the Coughlin and Gerhart firm to help them with the transition from a for profit company to a not for profit entity. It was also noted that the water is in the mains to the reservoir, but not yet to individual homes, but already a water leak was detected, and required emergency response.

The Board agreed to hire Shepstone Management company, Inc. to perform a recreational access study along the main stem of the Delaware river with the Scenic and Recreational River boundaries from the Village of Hancock to Long Eddy. The study will be used to generate a report detailing the steps needed to develop a walking/water trail along the river and upgrade the river access point near the former Becton Dickinson plant. The purpose of the project would be to improve direct access to the river for fishing and boating. The contract calls for remuneration of \$155 per hour plus out of pocket expenses, up to a maximum of \$5,000.

Councilman O'Brien also mentioned an idea he had that might mean solar panels on a par-

cel of 10 or 11 acres, south facing, and owned by the Town, formerly known as the Seltzer property, might be ideal for a solar array, according to O'Brien. He is discussing the idea with NYSERDA. This would go along with the Energy Smart program the Town is working to accommodate.

In other business, the Board discussed ways to help clear a private property in Cadosa of old vehicles; heard that newly installed LED lights in East Branch were much brighter than the old ones; agreed to enter the annual contract with the Delaware County Planning Department for help with planning issues at \$3,500 per year; approved having the ambulance fund tax payments placed in a renewable interest bearing account (at 1.3%) until remitted quarterly to the ambulance company, and to see if other fund balances could be put in such funds; agreed to advertise for bids for equipment, stone and bridge and culvert work; and heard that a public hearing will be held in Johnstown on February 13 on the matter of granting a certificate of need for a race track in Davenport seeking to establish its own ambulance service to be used at the track; and approved the purchase of a zero-turn mower off the NYS General Services Administration Contract.



Mathew Evanitsky, Constantine Soccodato, Jo'siyah Wright, Austin D'Eustachio and Wesley Hunt make a cascade out of magnetic blocks at the Hancock Preschool.

Good Year Reported At Preschool

We have had a great start to the New Year at the Hancock Community Preschool. The kids have been learning about different things such as Snow and Ice, Polar Animals, Patterns, Martin Luther King, Jr. and much more.

The Hancock Community Preschool is for children 3-5 years old and open Monday-Thursday from 8:30 am until 11:15 am. The preschool offers defined learning centers focusing on a variety of subjects like math, science, dramatic play, music and Spanish. The curriculum offered accommodates each child's level of learning.

If you would like more information on enrolling your child you can email Connie Evanitsky conniemevanitsky@gmail.com or call the preschool during hours of operation M-T 8:30 until 11:15 am. 607-637-3146.



Max Wolfe and Michaela (learning about Arctic Animals)



Preschool kids learning patterns.

Charged With Stealing From County Solid Waste

On February 5, 2020 at about 4:38am, Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies arrested and charged Michael Hazen, 43, and Edna Cering, 38, both of Deposit, with a multitude of charges stemming from several reports of burglary incidents at the Delaware County Solid Waste Management Center located in Walton.

Deputies charged Hazen with two counts of Burglary third degree, two counts of

petit larceny, driving while ability impaired by drugs, operating an uninspected motor vehicle, and operating a motor vehicle with an obstructed view. Cering was charged with one count of burglary third degree and one count of petit larceny.

Deputies allege the burglaries occurred on January 31 and February 4, 2020. While conducting a security check at the Solid Waste management Cen-

ter at approximately 4am on February 5, Sheriff's Deputies located and stopped a vehicle being operated by Hazen.

Upon further investigation, Hazen and Cering were found to be in possession of stolen materials from the center. Further investigation revealed the driver of the vehicle, Michael Hazen, to be operating a motor vehicle while his ability was impaired by drugs.

Longtime HCS Teacher To Retire In June

The January 13 regular meeting of the Hancock Central School District Board of Education was called to order at 6:58 BOE PM.

According to online minutes, the Board: approved Pamela Rice as a clerical substitute for the 2019-2020 school year worker at \$11.80/hour; declared as junk a popcorn machine; approved overnight Crane Wrestling Tournament on Jan. 17 and Jan. 18, 2020; approved an overnight trip for the DH Wrestling Team to attend the Ichabod Wrestling

Trip funded through the DH Wrestling booster club; accepted a gift of \$5,000 from the Tianaderrah Foundation to be used at the discretion of the Superintendent, and accept a gift of \$10,000 from Ingalls & Snyder: John J. Dougherty to be used at the discretion of the Superintendent.

Also: approved Danielle Gross' request for a personal leave; accepted the shared services agreement between the Hancock Central School District and the Deposit Central School District for the services of a Home and Career Skills/Family Consumer Science Instructor for the 2019-2020 school year at an estimated cost of \$48,302.46 for the year, expenses paid from the General Fund; appointed Pat Winters as a Per Diem Guidance Counselor for the 2019-2020 school year at the rate of \$280/day and approved the tentative agreement dated December 13, 2019 between the Hancock Central School District and the Hancock Teachers' Association in effect from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022. This agreement will be adopted effective July 1, 2020.

The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation of Douglas Turner as a science teacher effective June 30, 2020 for the purpose of retirement and tabled the contract for Clerk of the Works until the next BOE meeting. The Board of Education approved the contract between Hancock CSD and Building Better Futures LLC to provide services for SEL School Climate Survey Evaluation Support at the rate of \$7,200 full inclusive to be paid from the General Fund; approved the contract between Hancock CSD and Delaware County to allow district representatives to participate in a trauma-informed training at an expense of \$500, which will be paid from the General Fund; approved the contract between Hancock CSD and Mark Muller, innovation Consultant to provide services for Micro-Credentialing Development at the rate of \$3,000 to be paid from the General Fund; and approved the contract between Hancock CSD and Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc. to provide services for annual strategic financial planning at the rate of \$186/hour to be paid from the General Fund, and approved the contract between Hancock CSD and Linda Oehler-Marx Improvement" to provide professional development training, "Assessment for Student Learning and School Improvement"; 5 sessions at a cost of \$300/per session. The total cost of \$1,500 will be expensed to the General Fund. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

PA Residents Can Now Use Mail In Ballots To Cast Votes

Recent voting reforms established a new convenient way for Pennsylvanians to vote : mail-in ballots.

Similar to an absentee ballot, you may apply to receive a mail-in ballot in the mail to complete, and return to your county election office. However, unlike an absentee ballot, you may simply request a mail-in ballot without providing a reason. Mail-in ballots will be available starting with the 2020 primary election on April 28.

Registered voters can apply to vote via mail-in ballot for the April 2020 primary election with a valid PA driver's license or photo I.D. from the PA Department of Transportation (PennDot).

Beginning 50 days before an election, voters can download a mail-in ballot application form from votespa.com. Print, complete, sign, and deliver or mail the application to your county election office.

Beginning 50 days before an election, voters can stop by a county election office to apply in person and have your ballot promptly presented to you. Find a county election office near you.

What is the deadline to apply?

From the April 28, 2020 primary election forward, the deadline for your county to receive your application for a mail-in ballot is before

5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the election. After you receive your mail-in ballot:

Fill out your mail-in ballot.

Place your ballot in the secrecy envelope and then put the sealed secrecy envelope into the official envelope. Note: Be sure to sign the form, or your ballot may not count.

Mail or hand-deliver your completed absentee ballot to your county election office by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day for it to be counted.

To learn more about mail-in voting and other voting reforms visit the Pennsylvania Department of State's resource on Act 77 reforms.

Senator Seward Addresses County Chamber

New York State Senator James Seward, representing New York's 52nd Senatorial District, which includes a portion of Delaware County, was the featured speaker at the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce networking event held at the new Discovery Lodge at Belleayre Ski Center on Friday, Feb. 7. Seward praised the chamber's recently launched "Turn Left" campaign which urges Belleayre visitors to explore Delaware County by turning left when

leaving the ski center. The campaign, Chamber President Ray Pucci said, invites skiers to eat, drink, stay and play in Delaware County, which will provide a much needed economic boost to the county.

Seward has long been a friend to Delaware County and to the business community at the legislative level, Pucci said, and on behalf of its members and board of directors, presented him with an Honorary Member award.

Seward, who has spent over 100 hours in state budget hearings since the beginning of the year, detailed his top five priorities during the cur-

rent legislative session, which include: addressing the deficit in the proposed 2020 state budget; increased funding for broadband and cellular phone services; increased capital project funding for the SUNY system; repealing and redrafting recently enacted bail reform measures, and equitable distribution of state funding for schools districts and infrastructure projects.

The state budget needs to be balanced, Seward said, without resorting to new taxes and fees. The proposed budget makes the state's business climate less attractive, Seward said. And, he predicts, more people will be leaving the state.



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Obituaries

Ralph L Wormuth

Ralph L. Wormuth, 89, of Sherburne passed away in the comfort of his own home on Thursday, January 16, 2020.

He was born on January 16, 1931 in Preston, PA; a son of the late Levi and Thelma (Bennett) Wormuth. He spent his young life in Hancock. He married Nellie Mae (Hazen) Wormuth and had a happy marriage for over 50 years until her death in 2013.

Ralph enjoyed fishing, outdoor activities, and working on old cars of all types. If you brought up antique cars you better have some time to listen of all the stories he had. He was a gentle man that had a happy-go-lucky attitude. He was a member of the Norwich American Legion Post 189.

He is survived by his loving children, Sheila (Randy Wilcox) Wormuth and Tim Wormuth; grandchildren, Donny, Melissa, Samantha, Randy Jr. Ralph, Ryan and Danielle; brother, Bernard (Roxi Mosses) Wormuth and sister, Nancy Costello. He is predeceased by his daughter Kathy Gallo.

His services will be held privately and at the convenience of his family in a private cemetery in PA.

In memory of Ralph, donations may be made to Hospice & Palliative Care of Chenango County, 21 Hayes Street, Norwich, NY 13815

His family has entrusted his care to the Johnston & Stanimer Funeral Home in Morris, NY.

Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.johnstonfh.com

Program Covers Social Media Approach For Farms & Food Businesses

This Social Media and Digital Workshop taught by Lisa Wisely of Blue Spark Creative Services.

Thursday, February 13, 2020 11 AM - 4 PM

Session 1

11:00am to 1:00 pm

During this introductory session, we will explore the following:

- The social media platforms to use for your business

- The basic "how to" and "must know" for each platform

- How to best use social media to promote your business

- Identifying and articulating your brand/voice through social media

Session 2

1:30pm to 4:00 pm

During the afternoon session, we will dive a little deeper into social media and advertising

- Using social media to help your community help your business succeed.

- We will learn a few ways to create simple, eye catching messaging and ads

- We will walk through the basics of Facebook advertising with some examples of how farms and food businesses have used Facebook advertising.

- We will review free and low-cost apps and software's for you to use to be successful in your marketing.

- We will look at the current trends in marketing and social media.

The day will end with a Q&A session where the group can ask anything they want about social media, advertising, marketing and more.

There is no fee for Members of Cornell Cooperative Extension Delaware County. Cost is \$20 for non-members.

Snacks will be provided. If you'll be attending both sessions, please plan on bringing a bagged lunch.

To register call 607-865-6531.

For more information please contact Mariane Kiraly at (607) 865-6531 or via email at m_k129@cornell.edu. Snow date will be February 14.

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October Scholar of the Month Jayden D'Elia

Elementary Scholars Named

Congratulations to Jayden D'Elia Scholar of the Month for October 2019. Jayden is in the 2nd grade and was nominated by his teacher, Devin Schmitz. Jayden is the son of Rachel and John D'Elia of Hancock.

Congratulations to Joshua Dunlap Scholar of the Month for November 2019.

Joshua is in the 1st Grade and was nominated by his teacher, Mrs. Kristin Rice. Joshua is the son of Nicholas and Anastasia Dunlap of Hancock.

The Scholar of the Month Program is sponsored by Camp Hilltop and was established by the Hancock Community Education Foundation to encourage parents/guardians, as well as the students, to begin saving as early as possible to prepare for college education costs. The Foundation and its supporters, together with Hancock Central School, believe it is essential for parents/guardians to start a savings program (however small) for the college education of their children. The local fi-

ancial institutions in our area will be glad to assist you in starting a savings program for your child's education.

It is important to us that every child is successful and to this end, the Foundation, the School, and the community are working together towards helping each child achieve the best education possible and to go beyond college to a satisfying and rewarding career. The award of \$100 (in trust) is deposited in the child's student account and will be kept in trust for them until they graduate from Hancock Central School and enter a 2 or 4 year college. The program has had the desired results, 87 % of the students who have graduated and received a Scholar of the Month Award have gone on to college, trade school, or enlisted in the military.

For more information go to hancockeducationfoundation.org.



November Scholar of the Month Joshua Dunlap

Caregiver Charged

On Saturday morning, February, 1, Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies arrested and charged Brandi A. Wyckoff, 31, Delhi, with the class E felony crime of Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree and three counts of Petit Larceny, a misdemeanor.

Wyckoff, who was employed as a home health care aide for an ailing, elderly Town of Delhi resident between August and October, 2019, was arrested following an investigation by Sheriff's Deputies into the theft of the elderly victim's credit card and a number of subsequent credit card transactions, totaling in excess of \$1000, that Wyckoff made with the stolen credit card during September, 2019.

Wyckoff was arraigned at the Town of Delhi Court where she was released on her own recognizance pending further court action.

Sheriff Craig DuMond strongly encourages those seeking private home health care assistance, along with their families, to thoroughly research and vet prospective individual care providers, request a list of references from care provider and then spend time talking with those references prior to deciding on employing a particular care provider.

Additional guidance and resources are available through the Delaware County Office for the Aging by calling (607) 832-5750.

Police Notes

On Wednesday, February 6, 2020, members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division arrested 32 year-old Ryder Terpak of Unadilla, and charged him with one count of Harassment in the Second Degree, a Violation.

On Tuesday, 02/04/2020, Terpak, an inmate at the Delaware County Correctional Facility was involved in an incident in which he spit in the face of a Correction Officer.

Terpak was issued an appearance ticket, directing him to appear for arraignment in the Town of Delhi Court at a later time.

On Tuesday February 4, 2020, Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies arrested 40-year old Christopher J. McCoy, of Afton NY, on one count of Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a motor vehicle in the 2nd degree following a tip received from the DCMO BOCES Harrold Campus that an unlicensed driver, possibly intoxicated, would be driving onto the school campus to pick up a student upon student dismissal. Sheriff's Deputies were able to identify and subsequently locate McCoy on the BOCES Campus, and further investigation revealed McCoy's privilege to operate a motor vehicle in New York State was in fact revoked due to a previous conviction of an alcohol related offense. McCoy was later released on a traffic summons to appear at Masonville Town Court at a later date to answer the charge.

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IDA. Pictured, from left: Vice-Chairperson Scott White, Secretary George Bergleitner, Director Michael O'Brien, Chairperson James Thomson, staff members Tabitha Byam and Glenn Nealis, Director Florida Santa and Treasurer Bruce Dolph. Missing from photo is Director Andy Matviak. Contributed Photo

Delaware County IDA Organizes for 2020, Elects Officers

DELHI - The Delaware County Industrial Development Agency seated 2020 officers at its annual organizational meeting held on Jan. 24. Appointed for one year terms are: James Thomson of Delhi as chairperson;

Scott White representing the Bank of Cooperstown as vice-chairperson; George Bergleitner of Stamford as secretary and Bruce Dolph of Walton as treasurer. The officers remain unchanged from last year.

Glenn Nealis will continue in his role as chief executive officer and executive director of the IDA while concurrently holding the executive director position for the Delaware County Department of Economic Development.

Tabitha Byam was re-appointed as chief financial officer; Heather Ross as internal controls officer and Evan Bowker as investment and procurement officer.

Other appointments and designations include:

- Mostert, Manzanero & Scott, LLP, as accounting firm;

- Hodgson Russ as public authority compliance, bond, PILOT agreement and general counsel;

- Carly Walas as loan, PILOT agreement, property acquisition and disposition and general counsel;

- Community Bank and the Bank of Cooperstown as depositories;

- Scott White and George Bergleitner as members of the governance committee;

- Bruce Dolph and Andy Matviak as members of the audit committee;

- Scott White and James Thomson as members of the finance committee.

ment Agency" and video will be archived on the IDA's YouTube channel "Delaware County IDA."

The IDA offers opportunities for small business development including: state tax and funding incentives which ensure a competitive business location; various low-interest loan programs to assist eligible businesses with gap financing needs; access to job creation/retention based grant funding and workforce development programs to ensure able and ready labor.

The IDA strives to meet the needs of new and existing businesses through expertise, financial assistance and continued support. The IDA offers a variety of programs and performance based incentives to encourage businesses to expand or locate within Delaware County and create new jobs.

For more information about the Delaware County IDA and how it can help your business, call 607.832.5123 or email glenn.nealis@co.delaware.ny.us.

The next regularly scheduled meeting, open to the public, will be held on Friday, Feb. 28 at 11 a.m. at the Delaware County eCenter in Delhi.

The loan interest rate for 2020 was set at 4 percent, a reduction from 4.5 percent in 2019.

The Delaware County IDA will meet the fourth Friday of each month at 11 a.m. at the Delaware County eCenter, located at 5 1/2 Main Street in Delhi.

Monthly meetings will be live-streamed on the IDA's Facebook page at "Delaware County Industrial Development Agency."

After School Activity Center Weekly Calendar Feb. 10-14

Monday- Cooking Club Air Fryer Vegetables- Walking trip to Fire House

Tuesday - STEAM Activities, Robots

Wednesday - Talent Show Practice

Thursday- Sleigh Riding and Walking Trip to Post Office

Friday February 14 - NO After School Program due to the

Valentines Day Mother- Son and Father -Daughter Dance at Emory United Methodist Church from 6:00PM -8:00 PM.

The After School Programs are Located at Hancock Elementary School/Hancock Middle School and run Every Monday- Thursday 2:30 PM until 5:30 PM.

Every Friday is FUN DAY FRIDAY with a FUN Field Trip or Activity. Self-transport home

on Fridays pick up times vary!

Children do not have to attend all 5 days they can sign up and attend from 2- 5 days each week and be picked up earlier than 5:30 each day with prior written notice.

If you would like to join the FUN call Tina Appley at 607-637-1388, email Kathi-KHerzog@hancock.stier.org. or download the application from our website at hancockeducationfoundation.org under forms.

Daily- Robotics, Woodshop, Cooking, STEM, Tutoring (5 certified teachers on staff), Healthy Snacks and Dinner are provided every day



Elected Officials Decry Bail Reform

Assemblyman Cliff Crouch poses with Sen. Fred Akshar at the podium following a repeal bail reform rally in Albany. From left to right Assemblyman Phil Palmesano, Assemblyman Joe Giglio, Assemblyman Chris Friend, Assemblywomen Marjorie Byrnes, and Sen. Thomas O'Mara.

Assemblyman Clifford W. Crouch (R-Bainbridge) attended a rally in Albany yesterday with over 250 law enforcement officials, legislators and district attorneys from around the state calling for a repeal of the bail reform

legislation passed last year. Crouch and the Assembly Minority have been vocal on the issue since implementation in January. As of right now there has been no movement by the Assembly or Senate Majorities to make changes to the reforms.

"Day after day we see stories on the news of criminals being set free who should never see the light of day before their trial," said Crouch. "We have seen multiple examples of individuals with past criminal history being set free and committing crimes yet again or harming someone after

their release. It's not only a nuisance and waste of time for law enforcement, but a waste of resources that taxpayers are paying for. We can all agree that there must be changes to cash bail, but New York Democrats went too far with the reforms they passed last year. There needs to be a level of danger assessment included."

Assemblyman Clifford W. Crouch represents the 122nd Assembly District, which represents Broome, Chenango, Delaware, and Otsego Counties. For more information, please visit Assemblyman Crouch's Official Website.

Stourbridge Line Expands Schedule

The Stourbridge Line is excited to announce the addition of several new and exciting rail excursions for the 2020 season. Starting the season with "The Love Train to Nowhere" a special fundraiser for The Wayne County Public Library on Feb. 14 & 15 and continuing with the first of our Ride and Learn series to be held on our Winter Wonderland Excursion. "Martha Jefferson" will be on board as she speaks about the third President of the United States and her husband Thomas Jefferson.

The following weekend is a real celebration! What's better than the bayou, closer than the French Quarter, and safer than Bourbon St.! The Mardi Gras Express, departing February 22 at 12:00 p.m. from the Honesdale Station with live festive music by "Dixieland All-Stars" as we travel to Cora's 1850 Bistro in Hawley for a creole lunch buffet featuring classics like Crawfish Etouffee, Chicken & Andouille Jambalaya, Pork BBQ, King Cake and more.

Stay tuned for even more exciting news with upcoming "Meet the Generals", "St. Patty's Express", "Wine Tasting Express", "Rails & Ales", "Movie Train Express", "Pumpkin Patch Express", and our first ever "Santa Christmas Tree Express"

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Hancock Town Planning Board will hold a public hearing, pursuant to section 276 of the town law on the application of Timothy and Jodi Newman for approval of a minor subdivision. Said subdivision is located at the intersection of State Highway 97 and Newman Road. SAID HEARING will be held on the 20th day of February 2020, at the town offices at 7:20 p.m., at which time all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

By order of the Planning Board
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Hancock Town Board: First Tuesday - 7:00 p.m. Town Hall.

East Branch Fire Dept.: First Tuesday - 7 p.m. at the East Branch Fire Hall.

The Knitting/ Crocheting Group: every other Wednesdays 2:00 p.m. at the library.

Hancock Fire Dept.: First Thursday - 7 p.m. Firemen's Club Rooms.

Senior Citizens: Card & Game Party First Friday - 12:30. Legion Hall..

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Am. Legion Post 289: First Tuesday -7 p.m. Legion Hall.

Hancock Village Board: Second Monday - 7 p.m. Village Hall.

HCS Board: Second and fourth Monday. Superintendent's Office, 7 p.m. - Room 202.

American Legion Aux.: Second Tuesday - 7 p.m. Legion Hall.

Parkinson's Support Group: Second Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. American Legion Hall on West Front Street

The Book Club: third Thursday - 2:30 p.m. at the Read Library.

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Bowling Results

Fox Youth 2/1/20

Ethan Dennis 119; Holden Dufton 130; Olivia Johnston 100, 145, 110; Alex Mosher 468, 125, 175, 168.

Friday Couples 1/31/20

Deposit Sanitary 42-14, Bass & Sons Logging 38-18, I'm Lovin' It 36-20, Card Logging 34-22, Two Sisters Emporium 32-24, Couse Logging 32-24, Moo's Drop Inn 32-24, Goin' Postal 3-26, Fox Bowling Center 26-30, Team Brandon 26-30, Dirig Construction 24-32, Conklin Logging 22-34, MicBree's 18-38, BYE 0-56.

High Scores: Jeremy Barnes 612, 224; Andie Rose Bullis 198; Dale Conklin 206; Howard Couse Sr. 600, 223; Carl Davis 217; Shane R. Dirig 686, 221, 239, 226; Janet M. Ellis 524, 195; Scott Ellis 214, 214; Gino Jones 201; Dan Koch 625, 241, 203; Lisa Koch 185; Mindy McElroy 508; Brianna Meres 594, 190, 203, 201; Rick Mills 214; Jen Smith 194; Kathy Smith

507, 182, 192; Alea Tiffany 183; Scott Wahl 226; Dan Wormuth 628, 203, 244; Jay Wormuth 203.

Independent 2/5/20

Double D Ranch 20-4, Evanitsky Logging 19-5, Scott's Auto Body 16-8, Fox Bowl #2 15-9, Mad Log Ale Farm 15-9, Buddenhagen Ford 14-10, Fox Bowling Center 8-16, Price Graphics 6-18, CL Repair 5-19, BYE 2-22.

High Scores: Audy Boice 201; Papa John Brienza 203; Al Bullis Sr. 221; Andrew S. Bullis 213, 205; Shane Dirig 608, 202, 222; Craig A. Gehrig 213; Ben Green 625, 246; Pete Green 211; Rob Johnson 642, 208, 235; Dan Keesler 632, 247; Jerry C. Kulakosky 200; Scott Lacy 222; Dick Layton 205; Donnie Marino 605, 221, 207; Mitch Persbacker 224; Bob Sobas 223; Zuke Wormuth 623, 246; Scott Wormuth 214, 210.

Sunday Mixed 2/2/20

Good-O-Boyz 24-8, Wilbur & Bowk 20-12, Team DUH 18-14, Brian & Dick 18-14, Paul & Ginny 18-14, Marino's Store 10-22, A&A Pin Crushers 10-22, Lenore & Reva 10-22.

High Scores: Mike Bowker 211; Ashley Hanstine 500, 182; Don Marino 616, 226, 227; Wilbur McAdams 230; Garry Mills 211.

Thursday Night 3 2/6/20

Cornwell Construction 44-12, Jenson Logging 34-22, Conklin Logging 34-22, Fox Bowling Center 30-26, Dirig's Hammer 28-28, S&S Auto 28-28, Conklin Construction 28-28, S and S 1 20-36, Patche's Place 20-36, BYE 6-50.

High Scores: Dale Conklin 206; Ray Cornwell 612, 210, 211; Jake Curtis 208; Shane Dirig 235; Bill Gleim 685, 222, 236, 227; Dan Keesler 247; Ed Milk Jr. 667, 225, 244; Rick Mills 221; Scott Winans 203; Dan Wormuth 627, 215, 213.

HCS BOWLING NEWS

by Coach Bill Gleim

Wildcat Bowlers repeated as MAC League Championship Tournament Winners.

Congrats to the HCS Boys and Girls bowling teams for bringing home two more MAC League Tournament Championships!! Lana Evanitsky had her best day ever with a 638 series good for 2nd High Series, for the Tournament and 2nd high game, and won trophies for most pins over average for game and series. Her high game was 258 with 203 added in. Brenna Gleim took high game honors with a 259 and 3rd high series of 633. It was a solid team effort as the girls beat out a strong Oxford/ Greene team by 30 pins

The boys shot a 3106 team series as the boys rolled to 150 pin win. Anton Leonard bowled his season best series of 741 with a high game of 266, both scores taking first place for individual honors. Tyler Allen added a 655 good for third in series. Shane McAndrew threw a 610 with games of 205 and 215. Nick Ha-



zen add a 210 game. Peyton Johnson shot a 199 and Ronnie Ellis had 190. Regular Season League Champs! Now League

Championship Tournament Champions!! Sectionals are next.... keep it rolling!

D/H Lady Eagles Hang On, Best Unatego 46-40



ARIEL KELLAM (#4) hits the go ahead shot for 2 points late in the game with 36 seconds left. Photo courtesy of Terry Ryan



LAYCEE DRAKE scores first making 3 points on a jump shot vs. Unatego. Photo courtesy of Terry Ryan



by Jill Gorton

The featured game last week was definitely the much-anticipated meeting between unbeaten Unatego and the Lady Eagles, both with only 1 loss.

The game was in Unatego on Saturday, February 8. The Eagles jumped out to an early lead but neither team scored well in the first quarter. The Spartans missed a few foul shots and Ariel Kellam had a couple of free throws after the first quarter while Drake had three field goals. The score stood at 8-4 after one. Coach Hertzog stated that the Eagles kept changing up the defensive strategy to keep Unatego off balance.

Laycee Drake had a three and an additional 5 points in the second. Additional scoring from her teammates left the score at 23-14 at the half. After the half, Unatego came out with a different offensive set. They gave the ball to the shooter with the hot hand. Faulkner poured in 13 points for the Spartans and the rest of the team added 4 to give Unatego a 17 point third quarter. D/H had 12 with Drake putting in 6. Madison Dawson added a couple of field goals (4 points) and Avery Ostrander threw in a three. Score favored the Eagles but the Spartans closed the gap. After three it stood at 35-31.

Unatego managed to get close in the fourth but the determined Eagles persevered and Madison Dawson played a key role in the transition game as she scored on an assist from Drake to put the Eagles back up by 4. Hertzog commented that she was the catalyst in the game, helping on defense and turning it into offense. D/H was up by 2 but time was running out as the Spartans were forced to foul. The Eagles made three out of four of foul shots in the fourth and Unatego gave way to the Eagles. Kellam had 4, Drake had 4 and Dawson had 3 in the fourth but it was enough to hold the Spartans at bay.

D/H scored 11 and Unatego had 9. Drake led all scoring for the day with 24. Faulkner from Unatego ended the day with 21. Kellam had 12, Dawson had 7, and Ostrander had 3.

Both Coaches Hertzog and Scott Young were pleased with the defense of the Lady Eagles and as Hertzog commented, "The many defensive looks helped keep the Unatego team off balance." He had praise for Dawson who played her strongest game of the year.

The Eagles are home in Deposit this Tuesday night.

Left: MADISON DAWSON (#12), right, sets a screen for Laycee Drake, left, moving with the ball on February 8 vs. Unatego. Photo courtesy of Mary Ryan

Six D-H Wrestlers To Compete At Broome Arena

Photos and Info by Dwayne Lobdell

The following are results from D-H wrestling at Sectional Qualifier B in Waverly on Saturday, February 8. D-H qualified 6 wrestlers to compete at the Broome County Arena next Saturday, February 15.

Section IV Class B Results for Deposit-Hancock HS

Divison 2 Class Sectionals 99 Kyle Mead's place is 4th and has scored 13.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Kyle Mead (Deposit-Hancock HS) received a bye () (Bye)

Divison 2 Class Sectionals 113 Ethan Payton's place is unknown and has scored 0.0 team points.

Divison 2 Class Sectionals 120 Hunter Couse's place is 4th and has scored 12.0 team points.

Divison 2 Class Sectionals 152 Connor O'Boyle's place is 5th and has scored 15.0 team points.

Divison 2 Class Sectionals 160 Steven Lord's place is unknown and has scored 0.0 team points.

Divison 2 Class Sectionals 170 Jesse Odonnell's place is 5th and has scored 12.0 team points.

Divison 2 Class Sectionals 220 Logan Barnes's place is 4th and has scored 13.0 team points.

Divison 2 Class Sectionals 285 Evan Kenyon's place is 2nd and has scored 22.0 team points.



99# Quarterfinal, Kyle Mead (D-H) won by Fall (4:46) over Audriana Butts (Moravia)



120# Quarterfinal, Hunter Couse (D-H) won by Major Decision (13-4) over Tyler Hasbrouck (Oneonta)



285# Quarterfinal, Evan Kenyon (D-H) won by Fall (0:43) over Trent Skeens (Waverly)



170# Consolation semi-final, Jesse O'Donnell (D-H) won by Major Decision (10-1) over Mateo Goodhue (Oneonta)



285# Semifinal, Evan Kenyon (D-H) won by Fall (0:41) over Jeramiah Morris (Oneonta)

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Brenna Gleim signs the official letter of intent for entry to Division One Duquesne. Herald Photo by Sally Zegers

Brenna Gleim Signs Letter Of Intent; Will Bowl At Division One Duquesne

HCS Senior Brenna Gleim signed a letter of intent on February 5, to attend Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pa., next year, and will bowl at the Division I school.

Brenna, a four year MVP for the Hancock Girls bowling team, is the daughter of Bill and Beth Gleim of Equinunk, Pa. She is a member of the Hancock Chapter of the National Honor Society.

She said she loved the Duquesne college, which has its own campus, but is in the city itself. An overnight stay helped

her become familiar with the coach and the other players on her team. "I liked them," she said. "They were a great bunch of girls." The Dukes are ranked tenth in the country.

College level bowling is different from high school, her parents said. "She will bowl for a ten hour day," Bill said. "Standing all day." She has not been guaranteed any starting position, but will work hard to earn a spot on the team.

Brenna received \$10,000 scholarship for bowling, plus an additional amount for her

academic achievements. She will study early childhood education, and her mother pointed out that a cut in tuition means that her daughter will graduate without the back-breaking student loan debt carried by many current graduates across the country. Another plus is that Brenna has family members within minutes of the



FAMILY SUCCESS. Left to right: brother Billy Gleim, mother Beth Gleim, Brenna and father Bill, who coaches the Hancock bowling team. Herald Photo by Sally Zegers

college - a built in support system often needed when starting college so far from home.

Some High School stats for Brenna:

- High Average Mac League - 4 years
- High Game - High Series MAG - 4 years
- High Average - Section 4 - Junior & Senior year
- Holds Mac League record for Average - High Game - High Series

- Hancock Wildcats MVP - 4 years
- 3 Trips to NYSPHAA State Championship - 2017/2018 - 2018/2019 - 2019/2020 Southern Tier USBC
- Junior Travel League - High Average - 3 years
- 2017/2018 High Game - 279; High Series - 701
- 2018/2019 High Game - 290; High Series - 741

- 2019/2020 High Game - 279; High Series - 768
- Section 4 NYSPHAA Sportsmanship Award Junior year
- Section 4 Character Counts
- Varsity Sweater Award
- 2019 & 2020 Southern Tier Youth Championship Doubles
- Western NY Youth Challenge Tour - 2nd Place

Eagles Win Final Two Regular Season Games

by Coach Ben Diemer

The Deposit/Hancock Eagles finished regular season MAC play last week winning their final two games. The first game was played in Oxford on Tuesday night against the Blackhawks. The Eagles came storming out to start the game knocking down four three point baskets and led 19-6 after the first quarter. The teams played even in the second quarter scoring 11 points apiece and D/H took a 30-17 lead into the half. In the third, the Eagles put the game out of reach outscoring the Blackhawks 22-9 in the quarter and held a 52-26 lead going into the final period. In the fourth, D/H managed their lead and won 54-41. In the win, Caleb Walker scored 19 points and Jacob Dobromirescu scored 18 off six three pointers.

The second game of the week was a rematch of the championship game from the tip-off tournament with the Sidney Warriors. Prior to the game, the Eagles recognized senior Christian Sokol. Once again the Ea-

gles game out strong to start the game knocking down five three pointers and outscoring the Warriors 21-9. The Eagles scoring slowed in the second quarter and their lead was cut to seven as they held a 27-20 lead. In the third, D/H regained control of the game outscoring Sidney 20-10 and took a 47-30 lead into the fourth. In the final period, the Eagles shut down the Warriors holding them to two points and won the game 60-32. Leading the Eagles was Walker with 18 points. Tyler Santamaria chipped in 15 in the effort. Santamaria and Dobromirescu each knocked down three of the Eagles nine three point baskets.

The wins brought the Eagles record to 11-7 overall and finished 5-5 in the MAC. The team will next play Friday, February 14th in the 5-8 mini MAC tournament. With games still to be played by other teams, the Eagles opponent is not yet determined.



CHRISTIAN SOKOL (#21) is fouled as he goes to the basket at Oxford.



CHRISTIAN SOKOL (#21) is recognized at Senior Night in Hancock on February 6. In photo above: Glen, Christian, and Tammie Sokol. Photos courtesy of Terry Ryan



CALEB WALKER (#3) drives the baseline to score vs. Oxford on February 4. Photos courtesy of Terry Ryan



JACOB DOBROMIRESCU hits a three point shot early in the game vs. Sidney at Hancock on February 6.

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