

## Buckingham Hears Modified RR Bed Energy Proposal, Finishes New Gathering Ordinance

by Sally Zegers

The Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on January 6 at the township offices in Starlight, PA following the organizational meeting. Supervisors Kurt Mueller, Brad Shaffer and Bob Bennett were present.

The prospect of using the former O&W Railroad bed as an energy corridor was raised yet again.

Scott Linde of Linde Corp, who owns a section of the right of way, and who represents a group of investors, last year sought an agreement with the other owners, including Buckingham and Preston Townships, to use it as an energy corridor with high tension power lines moving electricity from a source near Vandling, PA to Hancock. Both Townships turned down the proposal, which would have gained each Township one million dollars (one dollar per foot).

At Preston Township's public hearing last November, residents objected to the aesthetics of the three hundred foot tall towers and the "forever" nature of any contract, while others suggested deleterious health effects from the electro magnetic field from the lines. Others predicted that property

values would plummet if the towers were constructed, and that access to property would be restricted. Others wanted the lines put underground or said the Township should get paid continuously while the line is in use.

At that time, Linde said he would seek to get agreements with private landowners to move the project ahead.

Now, however, plans have changed. Tom Shepstone of Shepstone Consulting and Joe Hunt of JHA Associates attended the Buckingham meeting representing Linde. Both said the project was still "alive" but with a twist.

The new plans are to bury the lines underground, at least 4 to 6 feet deep, encased in concrete. Hunt and Shepstone said they would be hiring an engineering firm with the expertise to design the project and answer all questions from adjacent landowners. The regulations involve protecting the public from electro magnetic fields (EMF). The railroad bed is used as a public road by both Townships.

Getting the electricity to Hancock is critical for the project's success, since NY Governor Andrew Cuomo is paying a premium for "green" energy. The project, originally proposed by

Merchant Hydro Developers, LLC, (a party involved in the Linde proposal) involves digging a huge lake on land near Vandling owned by Linde, pumping that water up to a higher elevation, then allowing the water to plunge back to the lake bed, thus creating hydroelectric power. The process effectively takes ordinary "dirty" energy made from fossil fuels and changes it to "clean" energy from hydroelectricity. That would enable developers to sell it to NYS, which has a stated goal of reducing its use of fossil fuels, and is willing to pay extra for the energy produced.

Hunt and Shepstone told the Board that they will attend the next Preston Township meeting to present their ideas to that Board.

This is at least the fourth time a proposal to use the right of way for energy has been broached by developers.

The Board finished a tentative Gathering Ordinance to replace the one that was rescinded in January of 2019.

The ordinance says that public gathering of people numbering more than 200 for a continuous period of four hours of more,

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## Village Cuts Time for Delinquent Water Bills; Crowe Remains a Two Way Street

At their meeting on Monday, February 10, the Hancock Town Council agreed to change their code when it comes to collecting delinquent water bills.

The council held a public hearing on the rule, which would cut the time given to delinquent water bills from 60 days to 30 days. Under the new rule, for example, water billed on June 1 would be payable by the end of the month. If not paid by July 1, a late notice would be sent out, giving the homeowner 30 days to make payment, in this case by the end of July. If payment is not made, another notice would be sent noting that the water would be turned off in three days. The new law would also change the hook up fee from \$10 to \$50. The new law was agreed to by the Trustees. There was no public comment.

The Board also considered a proposal to change Crowe Street to a one way street, going uphill, citing a difficult turn radius where Crowe Street meets West Main Street. The homeowners on Crowe had been canvassed, and all were believed to be in agreement with the change. It turned out that one homeowner had not been personally asked, and was opposed to the change. The proposal was therefore withdrawn.

The Board also set official work days for Trustee Shaun Shannon and former assessor Donald Gifford. The Village is required to report the days worked to the New York State Retirement System.

The Board received an e-mailed complaint from Maureen Hunt of Crowe Street,

concerning the next door property she had complained about earlier. The house has old appliances and junk items stored on the porch and in the garage, and is reportedly not secured. Now Mrs. Hunt says she is seeing several cats "going in and out of the house." She asked the Village Council to take care of the situation. "I am tired of having a dump next door and now cats all over the place," her e-mail concludes.

The Board agreed to appoint Jeff Skelding as the Village representative to the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway.

## Delaware County Man Charged With Multiple Counts Of Animal Cruelty



Nasir Azmat

active dog fighting activity observed at that location, the traumatic scars and injuries to the canines along with equipment and paraphernalia present at that scene was consistent with the training and conditioning of canines for dog fighting related activities.

On Wednesday night, February 12, Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies arrested and charged 41 year-old Nasir Azmat of Franklin, NY, (formerly of Peekskill, NY) with a total of forty-one counts of violating New York State's animal fighting and animal cruelty laws.

Azmat was charged following an investigation conducted by Sheriff's Deputies in conjunction with members of the Delaware Valley Humane Society, Susquehanna SPCA, Broome County Humane Society and veterinarians associated with those shelters, with guidance from the Humane Society of the United States. He has been charged with twenty counts of possessing dogs under circumstances evincing an intent that such animals engage in animal fighting; one count of owning or possess-

ing animal fighting paraphernalia with the intent to engage in or otherwise promote and facilitate the activity of animal fighting; and twenty counts of overdriving, torturing and injuring animals - failure to provide proper sustenance; all of which are misdemeanor violations of the Agriculture and Markets Law.

Azmat was also ticketed by the Town of Franklin Dog Control Officer and charged with nineteen counts of harboring an unlicensed dog.

Deputies were assisted at the scene and in their investigation by the Town of Franklin Clerk and Dog Control Officers from the towns of Walton, Hamden, Sidney and Franklin, the Village of Sidney Dog Control Officer, and many volunteers from the Delaware Valley Humane Society who assisted in the removal of the dogs from their horrendous living conditions.

Azmat was issued appearance tickets and directed to appear in the Town of Franklin Court at 6:00 p.m. on February 27, to answer the charges.

## Hancock Kindergarten, Pre-Kindergarten Registration Begins

The Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten registration process for the 2019/2020 school year began as of February 14, 2020. Parents and guardians may contact the Registrar at (607) 637-1309 to make arrangements to come in and complete or pick up a registration packet for their future Kindergarten or PreKindergarten. Once the packet is complete, and all necessary documents received, you will be given an appointment time for your future student to have their screening. The kindergarten screening day will be March 11 and 18, 2020. Children eligible to register for kindergarten must be five (5) years of age by December 1, 2020.

New York State law Section 903 requires all incoming kindergarten students to have a physical examination, and dental health examination, prior to entry in the school. Each certificate\*\* shall be signed and stamped by a duly licensed physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner, who is authorized by law to practice in New York State. Each such certificate shall describe the condition of the student when the examination was made which shall not be more than twelve months prior to the commencement of the school year in which such examina-

tion is required. The most current immunization record must be submitted with the physical within thirty (30) days of enrollment.

\*\* Attached form must be used for physical examination.

No other forms will be accepted for the upcoming school year.

Below is a list of the documents that are required for registration:

Proof of student age: Birth Certificate or Passport

Proof of Guardian Identity: Valid, state issued driver or non-driver ID Card, State or military picture ID

Proof of Guardianship (if applicable): Separation

Agreement or Divorce Decree or Custodial Documents or Court Order/Guardianship or Order of Protection/Restraint or DSS-299 (Foster) or Affidavit of Parent and Custodial Individual

Proof of Residency: Completed form from packet, together with Lease, tax bill, drivers license, utility bill, paycheck stub, tax return (two forms must be provided)

NOTE: Proof of Physical Examination\*\*, Proof of Immunization, Dental Health Examination are required within 30 days of enrollment

Please contact the Registrar at (607)637-1309 to arrange your appointment.

## Post 289 Plans Flea Market

American Legion Post 289 is having a Flea Market on Saturday, February 29, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Contact Ray Wormuth to reserve a table. The Deposit/Hancock girls softball team will be holding a chicken barbecue with take out available at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 for a dinner, \$7 for 1/2.

To place an order, call Coach Kim Makowski or any softball team member. Come out and support the Legion, SAL, and the D-H softball girls.

## B'ham March Meeting Time Changed

The Buckingham Township meeting for March will be held Monday, March 2, at 5 p.m. At the township building in Starlight, PA. *Note the special time of the meeting.*



## Former Mayor Claimed By Death

Residents of Hancock were shocked and saddened by the untimely death of Eugene Morgan, 70, a prominent and well known native son of Hancock, on Friday, February 14, at Delaware Valley Hospital, Walton, of an apparent heart attack.

Prior to his retirement, he was a Criminal Justice Teacher at DCMO BOCES for 27 years and a part-time Police Officer with the Village of Hancock for over 29 years. He was elected to the Hancock Central School Board of Education, serving as Board Vice President and President during his nine years on the Board.

He was Mayor of the Village of Hancock for two terms, from 2015 to 2019. An affable and gregarious man, he had supervised youth athletic programs in the area for decades.

Services are pending at the Henderson-Biedekapp Funeral Chapel. A complete obituary will appear in a future Herald.



Left to right – Evan Persbacker, Matthew Vincente, Chase Pullen, Kingston Pemp, Hunter Whitehead, Pat O'Boyle, Wyatt Persbacker

## 5-9th After School Program Visits Hancock Fire Department, Hancock Ambulance Squad

On February 10, 2020 the 5-9th grade After School Program visited the Hancock Fire Department and Rescue Squad to understand what it takes to get prepared for a fire and what to do in an emergency.

After School student Hunter Whitehead got the chance to

put on a Fireman's uniform and gear and learned from fireman Blaise Bojo and Pat O'Boyle that the uniform and gear weighs 100 lbs.

All of the students had the opportunity to use the fire hose and experience how powerful it is.

Ambulance crew members Adam Kelly and Bob Collarini taught students the correct way to make a 911 call and what information is needed.

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## One Hundred Years Ago

From a 1920 issue  
Of The Hancock Herald  
Another Veteran Answers Last Call

Hiram Geer, a veteran of the Civil War, an old and much esteemed resident of Preston Park, Pa., did at the home of his only daughter, Mrs. Holbert Whitney. He had been ill for three weeks, death resulting from old age.

Mr. Geer was born Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, 1838 at Lake Como, Pa., a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Geer, His wife Ida O. Williams to whom he was married by Re. M. D. Fuller on Oct 14, 1874, passed on several years ago. A farmer by occupation Mr. Geer had resided in Preston Park for the past forty-five years. He was a veteran of the Civil War, serving eleven months as a member of Co. A, 56<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was discharged at Fort Schuyler, NY. His name was on the roll of Lake Como Lodge of Odd Fellows.

Burial in Lakewood Cemetery. Chargeable to High Cost of Living

During the week, circular letter, of which, we herewith reproduce a copy, was sent by S.S. Busfield's secretary to the phone renters of the Hancock Telephone Company:

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hancock Telephone Company after due consideration of the present unusual conditions, caused by the increased cost of all kinds of material, phones, operating expenses, etc., the Board was confronted with the fact that to continue to do business, it would be necessary to increase the rates. Therefore, following is the new schedule of prices, per annum, effective

## Talk Of The Town

By Jill Gorton

I had a nice weekend and saw my family who I get to see less often than I like. There were small doses of sun. It was below zero but the sun shone and there was not too much wind. I liked it a lot. I am enjoying the glimpses of spring and February is almost over. We can do this people! Think Spring.

Sectional play is on for bowling and wrestling with family and friends cheering them on. The boys and girls bowling teams are having a great year. See paper for results and times for future play.

There is basketball right now and the games for the Mini Mac are this week with sectional play starting next week. Good luck to everyone who is competing in whatever sport you are involved in. Remember to always enjoy your time spent with friends and don't worry about the next game. Savor the moment. Too many look too far down the road. One step at a time. I think that's always the prize. There are great moments or memories and it's not the trophy so much. Don't get it wrong, I like trophies too. However, please remember to have fun.

on and after the first day of March 1 1920:

Business, direct wire \$36.00, Business, 4-part wire \$30.00, Business rural line \$27.00, Residence direct wire \$27, Residence 4-party wire \$21.00, Residence rural line \$21.00, Extension phone \$9.00, Switching charge \$6.00 Installing phone \$3.50

East Branch: J. E. Cassidy, who has been station agent here for nearly fifteen years, has asked for a leave of absence for two months that he might look after some other pressing business. Arthur Gordon, who has been operator here for something like eight years, was one of those who put in a bid for Mr. Cassidy's place for the two months and we are glad to say he received the appointment. If Mr. Cassidy does not decide to return at the expiration of his leave of absence, the position will be offered for bid again.

Mr. Bennett of Middletown, the regular relief agent, acting in Mr. Gordon's place as operator, for the present. There has been much talk as to where Mr. Cassidy will live. He owns a feed store here and will be in partnership with the firm of Stuart & Cassidy in both Hancock and Kirkwood He has no intention however, of moving anywhere this fall, and we trust he will decide to stay here indefinitely, as we are very loathe for lose any of our good citizens. At any rate they have no intention of building at Hancock on the same site as the feed store, as has been talked so much. Wherever he may decide to go, we wish him the best of luck and trust that our loss will be his gain.

My granddaughter went ice fishing yesterday and had a great time with her cousin, uncle, father, and others. She caught a fish! I worried about the ice and was reassured that it was thick. Always check.

That's about it. I am doing trivia at the HHH this week to see if my team can compete well. I will cheer them on and hope for the best. I generally know one answer. Just sayin.

## SUNY Delhi Named Military Friendly School

DELHI, NY (02/12/2020) SUNY Delhi has been designated a Military Friendly School for 2020-2021 by Viq-tory, a veteran-owned company that measures an institution's commitment, effort, and success in creating sustainable and meaningful opportunities for the military community.

More than 8,800 institutions nationwide were assessed on their military student support and retention, graduation and career outcomes, financial aid and loan repayment, culture and commitment, and more.

## Through The Years

### Fifty Years Ago

From an issue of  
The Hancock Herald  
Dated February 19, 1970

A Hancock boy and his father have been awarded a settlement in the amount of \$20,000 for injuries the boy sustained on February 13, 1967 when he fell on the playground and suffered a head injury. The boy, Jeffrey Oralls, was six years old at the time of the mishap. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Oralls of Hancock's East Main Street. A court order will be necessary to withdraw any of the settlement prior to the boy becoming of age.

Mrs. Linda Sutliff, the former Miss Linda Travis, one of Hancock Central School's most admired and beloved grade school teachers, has retired from her profession after

35 and a half years of service. She will continue to reside in Hancock. Her two children, Lynn and Anita, also reside locally. Lynn is the manager of the local A&P and Anita is employed at the First National Bank of Hancock. Anita's husband, Herman Wood, is a member of the HCS faculty.

A burglary at Starlight, is being investigated by Honesdale State Police, trooper John Mauro. The property is owned by Charles Munch of Staten Island. It involved the breaking in of a mobile home and two storage sheds. Entrance was gained to the mobile home by breaking a window. Removed from the sheds were four mobile home tires and two grinder motors.

"One of the greatest dangers inherent in the forwarding of unsolicited credit cards is not so much the fact that they may

enough to make the work possible.

Hancock postal employees Liese Stein and Janet Gorshack hold a poster made by first graders in Ms. Puzanskas' class at Hancock Elementary School. The children designed and made their own "love" stamps and put them on the heart shaped poster to decorate the local post office for Valentine's Day.

Mountain bike enthusiasts and local innkeepers in Wayne and Susquehanna counties have formed a travel package to promote mountain biking tours through the countryside. A five day self guided tour running Monday to Friday will include all meals, detailed maps, and transportation of gear between four inns. Rides will be through winding dirt roads past lakes, farms, woods, and villages, and along the O&W Railroad bed in some areas. Participating inns are the Inn at Starlight Lake, Jefferson

## Life On The Mountain

By Judith Present

While the west was getting settled and homesteaders were struggling to make a living a German family "the Benders" arrived in Kansas about 1870 also looking to make a living. They settled near the Great Osage Trail, a trail that many going west would have to use. The elder Benders only spoke German, but their younger children spoke both English and German. Pa and son both claimed 160 acres of land adjoining each other. Ma was a spiritualist and healer, who would soon have several customers.

The Bender family built a one-room home equipped with a canvas curtain that divided the space into two areas. The front was a public inn and store, with family quarters in the rear. Travelers on the trail were welcome to refresh themselves with a meal and resupply their wagons with liquor, tobacco, horse feed, gunpowder, and food. Kate the daughter was reportedly very attractive and outgoing, which also drew customers to the inn for her supposed psychic and healing abilities she inherited from Ma. Men usually traveled

alone, and often spent the night.

The trail was a dangerous place, and there were many reasons for travelers to go missing on their way out West—bandits, accidents, conflicts with Native Americans, disease. But over the course of several years, more and more people went missing around the time they passed through Labette County.

Noticing this, Colonel Edward York and Kansas Senator Alexander York led an investigation in Labette County. When questioned, the Benders denied all knowledge of York's disappearance, although Ma Bender "flew into a violent passion," in the words of local newspaper, The Weekly Kansas Chief, when asked about a report of a woman who had been threatened with pistols and knives at their inn. Ma defended herself, "that visitor was a witch. A bad wicked woman that I'd kill if she came through here again."

Around this time, the township held a meeting at the Harmony Grove schoolhouse; both male Benders were in

attendance. The townsfolk decided to search every homestead for evidence of the missing, but luckily for the Benders the weather turned bad, and it was several days before a search could begin. Eventually, a neighbor noticed starving farm animals wandering the Bender property. When he investigated the inn, he found it empty: The Benders had fled.

The volunteers who later arrived for the search noted that the Benders' wagon was gone; little else had been taken from the home besides food and clothing. Though the house was empty, all else seemed normal, until someone opened a trap door in the floor. What they found beneath it was chilling; clotted blood and some small body parts, but no bodies. So they moved the house aside and dug underneath but still no bodies. Then they noticed the vegetable garden where they found the first body, eventually there were nine more bodies, including a mother and child.

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Miss Katherine Zegers has received formal confirmation of an athletic grant from Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY. She was named a member of the Womens' Varsity Lady Red Foxes tennis team after a tryout last fall. Miss Zegers, a sophomore, will use the partial athletic scholarship to help defray educational expenses at the Division I four year liberal arts college. She is the daughter of Arthur and Sally Zegers of Lakewood, Pa., and graduated from Hancock Central School in 1993.

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## BUMPER STICKER AMERICA

CAN AN ATHEIST GET INSURANCE AGAINST ACTS OF GOD?

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# Obituaries



## Mildred Holbert

Mildred Robbins Holbert, formerly of Hancock, and Winterhaven, FL, died on February 10, 2020 at the age of 88 at Good Shepherd Fairview in Binghamton.

She was born on March 15, 1931, in Greenfield, MA, to Charles & Ellen (Steiner) Robbins. Her early years growing up were spent on the farm. When her father died in 1942 her mother moved the family into town to be closer to extended family. She graduated from Greenfield High School in 1949 and entered to United States Air Force in 1950. She proudly served 7 years in the Air Force where she achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant stationed California, Texas, Louisiana, Illinois and Westover AFB in Massachusetts where she met the love of her life Clyde Holbert Jr. She was forecasting the weather and he was in Air Traffic Control.

They married on November 5, 1957, in a private ceremony in Hancock, settled down and raised 4 daughters. She worked at Becton Dickinson for many years and made many lifelong friends. She enjoyed camping with her family, playing softball in her younger years, bowling and shuffleboard in her retirement years and watching just about any type of sports on TV. She was an avid fan of any Boston or New England team, especially the Boston Red Sox. Her brother Dick took her to Boston for her first baseball game at an early age and a lifelong Boston Red Sox fan was born. She returned to Boston many times over the years to cheer on her beloved Red Sox.

After retiring, she and Clyde spent a few winters in Florida before they made the move to full time Florida residents in 1996. They bought a home in Hammocell Campsite in Winter Haven Florida where she said they spent some of the best years of their lives.

She is survived by four daughters: Wanda Holbert (Maryann Gleockner) of Chambersburg, PA, Janet Hadden (Allen Hadden) of East Branch, Ellen Holbert of New Hartford, NY, and Robin Stanton (Robert Stanton) of Sauquoit, NY, 8 grandchildren Dawn Parmeter, Jamie Valentine, Julie Murphy, Bethany Case, Samantha Gotthardt, Amanda Brechko, Robbie Stanton and David Stanton. She was also blessed with 11 great grandchildren whom she adored. She is survived by one sister, Beverly Weston (Alan) of Lake Wales, FL, sister in law, Muriel Robbins Gilmartin of Greenfield, MA, brother in law, Alphonse Holbert, and sister in law, Daughn Linkmover of Hancock, and many nieces and nephews who considered her to be a very special Aunt.

She was predeceased by her husband of 47 years, Clyde Holbert Jr. in 2004, her father, Charles Robbins in 1942, her mother, Ellen York in 1987, a brother, Richard Robbins of Greenfield, MA, 2 sisters, Dossie Sicard and Helen Robbins Gilmartin, also of Greenfield, MA, and a granddaughter, Sarah Eyd of Chambersburg, PA.

Funeral services will held at the convenience of the family at a later date. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, March 15, 2020 at 1:30PM at the East Branch Community Church, East Branch. Interment will be held at a later date in Riverview Cemetery, Hancock.

Arrangements by Henderson-Biedekapp Funeral Chapel, Hancock.



## Patricia Caffrey Baum

Patricia Caffrey Baum died February 8, 2020 at her home in Callicoon.

She was born January 15, 1926 to the late Grant and Lena Adams Caffrey in Bra-man, PA.

She is survived by daughters Valerie Baum Lingeman of McLean, VA, and Willow Baum of Callicoon; son-in-law Christopher Lingeman; grandsons Anton and Adam

Lingeman; step-grandchildren Nicholas, Chloe, Madeleine, and Clayton Lundgren; and cherished nieces and nephews.

She was pre-deceased by her husband, Arnold Baum, and her two sisters, Beatrice Caffrey (Mrs. Virgil) Teeple of Equinunk, PA, and Freda Caffrey (Mrs. Clarence) Stalker, Damascus, PA.

Pat's early education began in the one room school in Manchester Township, Wayne County, PA. Following her graduation from Hancock Central High in Hancock, New York in 1945, she attended Marywood College and St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, Carbondale, PA, graduating in 1948. While serving as a nurse at the Callicoon Hospital, she met Callicoon native Arnold Baum and on August 27, 1951, they married. When Arnold was recalled to active duty during the Korean War, they embarked on a 20-year adventure as an Air Force family. They travelled extensively, and Pat continued nursing wherever their travels took them.

Retiring to Callicoon in 1970 to their first permanent home was a dream fulfilled. They were happy to re-establish roots here: their daughters attended Delaware Valley Central School and forged lasting friendships; they planted and harvested flower and vegetable gardens, and being part of a stable community became a reality.

Right up to her death at 94, Pat was curious, energetic, and enterprising. Duty and responsibility were core values. She believed one should never ask another to do a task you are unwilling to do yourself. As a citizen, she believed we have a responsibility to shape our society through our words and actions. During her Air Force years, she was a charter member of a business and professional women's association, and held leadership positions in Officers Wives Clubs here and abroad. Though she left the nursing profession behind when her children were born, she continued to use her nursing skills as she single handedly cared for her dependent mother-in-law for over 10 years.

Pat developed business interests and civic pursuits compatible with family life. She became a licensed broker of real estate and securities, managed family real estate holdings, and was active in the United Methodist Church, where she served as Parish Treasurer, Sunday School teacher, and Superintendent. She also served as long term advisor and Trustee of the Hortonville Cemetery Association. Concerned about the lack of medical research focused specifically on women's health issues, Pat participated for over 30 years as a research subject for the Harvard Nurses Health Study, the longest and most comprehensive study of women's health issues ever conducted [www.nurseshealthstudy.org/about-nhs/history](http://www.nurseshealthstudy.org/about-nhs/history). She made her opinions on civic matters known over the years by writing (and ghost-writing, for Arnold) many letters to the editor. She and Arnold also established a dedicated investment fund for the Hancock Community Education Foundation, supporting their "birth to college" mission.

Although Pat had lived in or visited some of the world's most cosmopolitan cities, she was happiest at home, cooking a great meal for family and friends, reading, playing pinochle, rejoicing in the changing seasons and small town life, and creating a warm and welcoming home for her family.

She is already deeply missed but her bright spirit lives on, in the hearts of many who love her.

A Celebration of Life will be scheduled at a future date. In lieu of flowers, Patricia would welcome a donation in her memory to two community organizations she supported: The Hancock Community Education Foundation, 10 West Main St., Hancock, NY 13783 [www.hancockeducationfoundation.org/donate.php](http://www.hancockeducationfoundation.org/donate.php), or the Delaware Youth Center, P.O. Box 354, Callicoon, NY 12723 (<https://www.delawareyouthcenter.org/donations/>).

## Bovina History – Presentation And Book Signing

Join the Delaware County Historical Association at 2pm on Saturday afternoon, February 22 for a book signing and talk delivered by author, archivist and historian Ray LaFever. Ray will be introducing his new book History of the Town of Bovina, Delaware County, New York. Ray will be available to sign copies of his book, priced at \$25.00.

Ray has been writing his town's history since 2003. Retirement in 2010 gave him an opportunity to put a more concentrated effort into the book. Last year, Wray Rominger from Purple Mountain Press agreed to publish the completed history.

While remembering the town's distant and not so distant past and its traditions, the book also celebrates the

town's changing present and its hopeful future. In the nineteenth century, Bovina was noted as one of New York State's leading dairy towns. As its dairying heritage faded in the latter twentieth century, farmers have diversified, and the town became a noted vacation destination. Ray explores Bovina's early and later settlers, how they made their livelihoods, educated their children and entertained themselves.

The "Bovina Stories" include the story of the Reluctant Rev. Graham, the demise of the old Scott Bridge, Bovina's first automobile, and the 1892 Bovina cow census.

As well as maintaining the Bovina NY History blog, Ray writes regular articles on Bovina history for The Reporter (Walton, NY). He is the author of Owned by the Members We Serve: A History of the Delaware County (NY) Electric Cooperative and co-author of Images of America: Delaware County and Picturing the Catskills: The Photography of Bob Wyer, 1938-1978.

Ray will share a number of images and some of the stories from his most recent book during his DCHA presentation.

## ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE RC CHURCH

The second Precept of the Church is: "You shall confess your sins at least once a year." We confess what we know we have done wrong in order to improve our relationships with one another and with God, and to break, with God's help, the destructive habits we get into, hurting ourselves, others, and God. Confessing also ensures there are no serious sins that would prevent us from receiving the Eucharist worthily. Of course, partaking in the Sacrament of Reconciliation more often is encouraged, but once yearly is the minimum. The more often we experience the gift of the Father's mercy, the more we are apt to be merciful as He is merciful. Indeed, the regular confession of even our venial (less serious) sins helps to form our conscience, to be healed by Christ and to progress in the life of the Spirit.

The third precept of the Church is: "You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season". Having prepared ourselves by confessing our sins, we are encouraged to participate in the Paschal feast by the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood, a precious and personal gift, receiving the Lord, the creator of all life, into our own bodies. The Church encourages frequent reception of the Eucharist (Communion) while at the same time requiring it only annually. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our life, because participating in it is participation in the Lord's Last Supper and in his sacrifice on the Cross. Let us stay in a state of grace and receive Jesus in the Eucharist often!


## The Hancock Community Children's Center Opens Its Closets to Local Families

Are you in need of clothing for your children? The Hancock Community Children's Center has stocked clothing closets, sizes birth to 4t and some limited larger sizes, all free to area families.

There is also a stock of coats, hats, socks and shoes. The

Children's Center, located at 316 West Main Street, is open M-Th 8:30-11:15, just drop in any time during those hours. Call Children's Center Director, Tracy Resti at 637-3146 with any questions.

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## Hancock Central School

### Kindergarten Registration

Children who will be five years of age before December 1, 2020 and reside in the Hancock Central School District are eligible to attend Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 year. Kindergarten screening appointments will be arranged for March 11 and March 18, 2020. For more information, and to pre-register your child, please call the Registrar at (607) 637-1309.

### PreKindergarten Registration

Children who will be four years of age before December 1, 2020 and reside in the Hancock Central School District are eligible to attend PreKindergarten for the 2020-2021 year. For more information, and to pre-register your child, please call the Registrar at (607) 637-1309.

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## Buckingham Township...

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may create hazardous conditions relating to traffic, solid waste disposal, excessive noise and disorderly or lewd conduct.

The ordinance prohibits gatherings without the acquisition of a permit and provides for a fine of \$6,000 together with any costs.

Some of the highlights of the proposed 9 page ordinance include the following:

No permit will be granted for longer than 72 hours duration without express approval in advance;

No applicant shall be under the age of 21;

No permit may be transferred or assigned;

A diagram of the proposed site must show sites for entertainment, proposed parking area, sanitary facilities, and more;

Certificates of insurance must be shown in the amount of \$5 million for personal injury and \$100,000 for property damage, with the Township named as additional insured; Payment of fees - \$250 for 200 to 1,000 people; \$3,000 for 1,001 to 3,000 people and \$5,000 for gatherings over 5,000 people;

Additionally, the Township may require a bond in amounts ranging from \$5,000

for the smaller gathering to \$50,000 for the largest; Applicants must demonstrate that plan is in place to keep attendees from adjacent property, and certified by the Township Constable;

Plan in place for medical services;

Plan for parking which includes providing ingress and egress;

No illegal activities;

No entertainment or use of sound amplification between the hours of 11 p.m. and 9 a.m. at any site less than 500 feet from an inhabited residence or public road;

Any applicant with more than 10 percent proprietary interest in the fathering required to be in attendance

In other business, the Board noted that the Township is waiting for a status report on the Lake Hamilton dam situation.

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## Buckingham Board Organizes For 2020

The Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors met on January 6 at 9:30 a.m. in the Township building in Starlight, Pa.

According to minutes provided by Township secretary Laura Travis, all three Supervisors, Kurt Mueller, Brad Shaffer and Bob Bennett, were present.

The Board approved the following appointments and policies:

Chairman - Kurt Mueller; Vice Chair - Bob Bennett; Roadmaster - Brad Shaffer; Assistant Roadmaster - Bob Bennett; CDL contact persons - Shaffer and Travis (for Shaffer); Secretary/ Treasurer - Laura Travis at \$19,500 annually and \$60 per meeting; Office hours - Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Assistant Secretary - Brad Shaffer; Act 511 Tax Collector - Michelle Hunt at 5 percent of taxes collected; meetings - first Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Discussion ensued about changing the time to evening meetings, but discussion was tabled until the February meeting.

Also: Treasurer's bond - \$300,000; Solicitor - Mike Lehotsky; engineer - hired as needed; Professional Planner - hired as needed; Depositories - Wayne Bank and PL-

GIT; Official newspaper - Tri County Independent, with the Hancock Herald as back up; Employee - Tyler Shannon at \$16.50 per hour (rate reflects fifty cent per hour raise); benefits: two weeks paid vacation, overtime equals comp time, eight paid holidays, two personal days, coverage in township health insurance (single), inclusion in pension plan, if desired, and \$300 clothing allowance.

Also: part time help at \$15 per hour, a fifty cent per hour increase; SEO - James McDonald at \$35/hour with meeting pay of \$30 when attending, plus reimbursement for supplies, copies and mileage; Alternate SEO - Russ Warner; Vacancy Board - Joe Davis; Emergency Management Coordinator - Brad Shaffer at \$50 per class plus mileage; State Convention delegate - Brad Shaffer, with the Township paying all reasonable expenses; Mileage rate: Fifty cents per mile; lawn care - Billy Bekanich/Dan Gales - cemeteries; Board of Auditors - Mary Coccodrilli, Sherri Resti Thomas and Nathan Woodmansee; CPA - Brian T. Kelly and Associates on a five year contract signed in 2019.

## After School Activity Center Weekly Calendar

Monday- No School Presidents Day

Tuesday - No School  
Wednesday - 2:30 -3:30 PM Talent Show Practice and STEM Lamps

Thursday- Drum Line Practice and 6:00 PM Mandatory Talent Show Practice at the Hancock High School

Friday February 21- After School Pizza Party and Community Talent Show at 6:00 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

## Students Honored At SUNY Oneonta's Fall Commencement

ONEONTA, NY (02/11/2020)-- More than 300 graduates were recognized at SUNY Oneonta's Fall Commencement on December 8, 2019. Students who completed the requirements for bachelor's degrees, master's degrees and certificates of advanced study in the Dewar Arena of the Alumni Field House.

Suzanne Ghersi of Delhi -Bachelor of Science in Early Child/Childhood Ed (B-6) Educational Psychology Magna Cum Laude

Kayla Johnson of Delhi -Bachelor of Arts in Intl. Development Studies Magna Cum Laude

Emily Pattison of Downsville -Bachelor of Science in Family & Consumer Sciences Ed Magna Cum Laude

Laressa Tuch of Andes -Bachelor of Science in Digital & Studio Art

Hope Dunlap of Hancock -Bachelor of Science in Business Economics

Brandon Hitchcock of Sidney -Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry Cum Laude

Jolene Krom of Sidney Center -Bachelor of Science in Business Economics Magna Cum Laude

Megan McNamara of Walton (-Bachelor of Science in Early Child/Childhood Ed (B-6) Summa Cum Laude

Makayla Klinger of Walton -Bachelor of Science in Business Economics Magna Cum Laude

Katie Bowker of Walton -Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

SUNY Oneonta is a public, four-year college in Central New York, enrolling about 6,000 students in a wide variety of bachelor's degree programs and several graduate certificate and degree programs. The college is known as both an exemplary residential campus that values inclusion, service and sustainability, and a nurturing community where students grow intellectually, thrive socially and live purposefully. Visit <https://suny.oneonta.edu/>

## Successful Life Lessons Program Set For Feb. 27

Thursday February 27  
6:00 PM- 7:00 PM  
Hancock High School Cafeteria

Please join former HCS teacher/coach Tim Law in this informative 1-hour workshop that will provide you with some useful tips on how to help your children succeed in school and beyond. Tim will cover the following during this 1-hour power packed workshop!

- 1) The importance of pushing through quit points to improve our children's work ethic.
- 2) Positive modeling for our children
- 3) Coaching our children on quality of life and how to move in that direction with:
  - a) Delayed Gratification
  - b) Persistence
  - c) Taking actions, physically, mentally and emotionally
  - d) Long term thinking vs short term instant gratification and short-circuiting success
  - e) Understanding how important it is to have GRIT in our lives, which is PASSION and PERSEVERANCE.

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The cost of the workshop is \$10.00 PP or \$20.00 for your entire family. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Hancock Community Education Foundation. Registration Required please email [hcef@hancock.net](mailto:hcef@hancock.net), find us on Facebook or call 607-627-5262.

## Upper Delaware Council Seeks Nominations For 32nd Annual Awards by March 16

NARROWSBURG – The Upper Delaware Council, Inc. (UDC) is accepting public nominations through March 16 for its 32nd Annual Awards Ceremony to be held on May 3 at Central House Family Resort in Beach Lake, PA.

"These awards are intended to honor the contributions that individuals, organizations, communities, and government agencies have made to enhancing the quality of life or protecting the resources in the Upper Delaware River region," said UDC Executive Director Laurie Ramie. "We would like the entire river community to be involved in the nomination process."

Nine categories are available, in addition to the Oaken Gavel Award traditionally given by the Council to the past year's chairperson. Nomination forms and a list of past award recipients are available on-line at [www.upperdelawarecouncil.org](http://www.upperdelawarecouncil.org) or upon request.

The Sunday, May 3, ceremony will take place at the Carriage House facility of Central House Family Resort located at 81 Milanville Road in Beach Lake.

Festivities will begin at 3 p.m. with an hors d'oeuvres and cash bar reception. A buffet dinner will be served at 4 p.m. The keynote ad-

dress and the presentation of awards will follow.

The public is welcome. Tickets are \$28. Reservations with advance payment are required by April 24. Nominations are sought for the following award categories:

Distinguished Service Award – Given to an individual who has acted with distinction in support of the goals and objectives of the River Management Plan for the Upper Delaware Scenic & Recreational River. This is the UDC's highest honor. Robin M. Daniels Memorial Lifesaving Award – Given to individual(s) who, through an act of selfless heroism, saved the life of a person or persons in imminent peril in 2019.

Community Service Award – Given to the individual, community, sportsmen's or conservation group, or other entity that took action in 2019 to protect the river corridor, or one or more of its valuable resources.

Cultural Achievement Award – Given to the organization or individual whose work promoted, enhanced, or interpreted the cultural resources of the Upper Delaware River Valley.

Recreation Achievement Award – Given to an organization or individual that made an outstanding effort

to educate river users about such subjects as water safety, conservation, litter control, river etiquette, and property rights.

Outstanding Community Achievement Award – Given to a municipality to recognize significant action in 2019 to protect the river corridor.

Partnership Award – Given to a government agency or regional entity instituting new programs or policies, or engaging in cooperative ventures, in support of the River Management Plan.

Volunteer Award – Given to the individual or organization who contributed significant time and energy in 2019 in service of the Upper Delaware River Valley.

Award(s) of Recognition – Given to those who have made

year to improve the Upper Delaware's quality of life and resources.

Nominations will be evaluated by a UDC subcommittee. The list of this year's honorees will be announced in late March.

For more information on nominations and reservations, please contact the UDC at P.O. Box 192, 211 Bridge St., Narrowsburg, NY 12764, phone (845) 252-3022, fax (845) 252-3359, or e-mail [laurie@upperdelawarecouncil.org](mailto:laurie@upperdelawarecouncil.org).

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## UDC Holds Organizational Meeting

NARROWSBURG – Town of Cocheton Representative Larry H. Richardson took his oath of office to serve as 2020 chairperson at the Feb. 6 meeting of the Upper Delaware Council, Inc. (UDC). The Honorable Steven Sauer, Town Justice for the Town of Cocheton, officiated at the swearing-in ceremony held at the UDC's Narrowsburg office.



Along with Richardson, UDC Representatives Jeffrey R. Dexter of Damascus Township, PA, and Alan F. Henry of Berlin Township, PA, were elected vice-chairperson and secretary-treasurer, respectively, at the non-profit organization's Jan. 2 annual meeting.

This is Larry Richardson's fourth stint as UDC chairperson, having previously served in 1993, 2001, and from May 5-Dec. 31, 2011. He succeeds Town of Delaware Representative Harold G. Roeder, Jr. in the leadership position.

Richardson has a long history of public service beyond his UDC participation, which al-

so includes chairing the Operations Committee this year and continuing as a member of the Project Review Committee and Personnel Subcommittee.

Jeff Dexter will serve as the UDC vice-chair for the fourth time (2012, 2016, and 2019) after being elected as chairperson in 2013 and filling the secretary-treasurer office in 2015. He is a member of the UDC's Project Review and Operations Committees, and the Personnel Subcommittee.

Al Henry was appointed by the Berlin Township Board of Supervisors as its UDC delegate on Jan. 3, 2012.

About the UDC The Upper Delaware Council works in partnership with the National Park Service to oversee implementation of the River Management Plan for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River. Visit [www.upperdelawarecouncil.org](http://www.upperdelawarecouncil.org) for more information.



Front to back – Wyatt Persbacker, Chase Pullen, Dante Perrilo, Kingston Pemp, Hunter Whitehead, Aladino Ruiz, Tyler Persbacker, Aiden Noble, Matthew Vincente

## After School Program Visits HFD...

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The children were given a chance to perform CPR, and go inside the ambulance to see the equipment.

At the end of their tour, students were given a ride back to school in the firetrucks.

A BIG Thank you to the Hancock Fire Department and the Hancock Rescue Squad for this great experience!

The K-9 After School Program provides healthy snacks, FUN activities, weekly field trips and dinner each day before the students go home. Daily activities include; tutoring, gardening, art, field trips, community service and NEW this year, Robotics Club and Drone Club.

Students K-9 are eligible to enroll in the program at any time during the school year and may attend a minimum of 2 days or can attend all 5 days! Transportation is provided by HCS Monday-Thursday and every Friday is "Friday Fun Day" offering a fun activity or field trip.



TRY OUT. Hunter Whitehead gets decked out in HFD gear by Blaise Bojo

(Fridays are self-transport home) If your children do not require transportation home, they may be picked up daily prior to 5:30 with approval by the program director.

Please contact Tina Appley (607)637-1388 or [tappley@hancock.stier.org](mailto:tappley@hancock.stier.org) to register your child!

## Sullivan Residents Complain About NYSEG Outages

Monticello, NY – In response to residents' and businesses' deep concerns about ongoing power outages in the towns of Highland and Tusten, local officials met this past Tuesday, February 11, with top regional representatives of NYSEG to discuss solutions.

"Constituents in my district have told me how incredibly disruptive and dangerous these repeated outages have become. More than 100 power failures have occurred in 2019 alone," Sullivan County Legislature Chairman and District 1 Legislator Rob Doherty stated. "NYSEG has to take action, and I initiated this meeting with them to ensure that happens. We can't let this continue any longer."

"It's a huge inconvenience to everyone, especially those working from home or dependent on electrically powered medical equipment," agreed District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajsz, who represents a portion of the Town of Highland. "Considering the impacts on our health and economy, it's imperative NYSEG expedites a fix to this ongoing problem."

NYSEG representatives told the officials (including Highland Supervisor Jeff Haas and Tusten Supervisor Ben Johnson) that what's known as the Yulan Circuit is aging and prone to failures. They are planning to replace that infrastructure once a rate increase is approved by New York State. In the meantime, they are increasing the ranks of linemen and have already embarked on an aggressive forestry management program, cutting away branches and trees which threaten to take down powerlines.

"NYSEG does have a rate increase in front of the NYS Public Service Commission, for which they are in hearings currently. But it seems like our repair schedule will be altered if they do not receive the increase," related Highland Supervisor Jeff Haas of what he was told during the meeting. "This is a much-needed, 10-year project upgrade for the Yulan area, which currently has the worst circuitry in NYSEG's NYS district. Our infrastructure is 1930s-vintage – we deserve better."

## Annual FUDR One Bug Dinner 2020 Is Coming

When: Friday, May 1, 2020 from 6:00 PM to 11:30 PM EDT

Where: Hancock Firemans Field, 12-14 Park St, Hancock,

FUDR's 13th Annual One Bug Event on the Upper Delaware River will be held on the weekend of May 1-3, 2020. The One Bug has become the signature kickoff event for the recreational season on the Upper Delaware River.

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## Around Town

**Hancock Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary** - First Monday - 7 p.m.

**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:** first and third Wednesdays 2:00 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.

**Hancock Rotary Club:** Every Thursday, 12:10 p.m. Messenger Hall.

**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 - 6 p.m. Legion Hall.

**Parkinson's Support Group:** Second Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. American Legion Hall.

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

**Village Planning Board** - third Thursday, 4:30 at the Village Clerk's Office

**The Upper Delaware River Tailwaters Coalition and The Upper Delaware River Tailwaters and Tributary Communities' Task Force** - third Thursday - 6:30 PM FUDR Office, 158 East Front Street. Call 607-832-5432.

**Delaware Valley Garden Club:** Third Thursday - 7 pm. For meeting place call 607-637-2950.

**Village Departmental Meeting:** Fourth Monday - 10 a.m. Village Hall.

**Senior Club:** Last Friday. 12:30 p.m. Messenger Hall.

## Police Notes

On the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020 at approximately 02:40 AM, Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies arrested and charged Mohamed A. Mursal, age 40, of Minneapolis, Minnesota with one count of Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, as well as traffic violations for operating a motor vehicle with inadequate head lights and operating

a motor vehicle in excess of the allowed gross vehicle weight.

The arrest occurred as a result of an investigation into disabled Commercial Vehicle on Rathbun Hill Road in the Town of Davenport. Mursal was arraigned at the Town of Kortright court and was released on his own recognizance. Mursal is scheduled to appear before the Town of Davenport Court at a later date to answer the charges.

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Dated: February 8, 2020

Ann L. Green  
Town Clerk

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Dated: February 5, 2020

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The Proposed work includes: The work includes remove existing pavement, grade and prepare the roadway sub-base and apply 2,531 square yards of super pave 19mm at a depth of 3" and top with 2,531 square yards of super pave 9.5mm at a depth of 1 1/2 inches. Waste material will be dumped at the Township yard at 1515 Crosstown Highway.

Bid packages including specifications, drawings, and contract documents are available at the Municipal Building located at 1515 Crosstown Highway, Lakewood, PA 18439 or by contacting the Municipal Secretary at 570-798-2114.

A certified check or bank check payable to the Preston Township Supervisors or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable Surety in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the bid shall be submitted with each Bid.

Bids will be publicly opened at the Board meeting to be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 2nd 2020.

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## Irish History Celebrated In Shohola

Believe it or not, St. Patrick never walked around with the Staff of Jesus, dressed all in green, surrounded by shamrocks and snakes. That image began to evolve from 1370, and is all the invention of artists. The earliest paintings known to be him show a clean-shaven man carrying a triple armed cross.

In the beginning of the 12th Century, writers started to claim that St. Patrick banished the snakes from Ireland. Artists picked up on that, and by the 1600s images of him with a snake were commonplace. After the Reformation, artists started drawing Saint Patrick in the common clerical garb of the day, and this is about the same time St. Patrick got his beard.

A "Celebration of Irish History" will set the record straight on St. Patrick, as well as honor the accomplishments of Irish poets and writers, like Oscar Wilde, George Bernard Shaw, and William Butler Yeats. (Dublin is the birthplace of more Nobel Prize Winners in Literature than any other city.)

And there will be an exhibit of artwork by classical Irish artists, including James Barry, Hugh Douglas Hamilton, and Augustus Joseph Nicholas Burke. It's all happening on March 7, 2020, from 4 - 6 PM, at the Artists' Market Community Center, 114 Richardson Avenue, Shohola, PA. Complimentary refreshments will be provided at this free event. And, of course, Irish music.

"Celebration of Irish History" is sponsored by the Barryville Area Arts Association, and made possible by grants from the Richard L. Snyder Fund, administered through the Greater Pike Community Foundation, and through a grant from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

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## Crouch Blasts Green Light Bill

Assemblyman Clifford W. Crouch (R-Bainbridge) revisited the controversial issues with New York State's "Green Light Bill," which passed last year, after conflict with the federal government about New York residents applying for the Trusted Traveler Program. The Green Light Bill allows illegal immigrants access to driver's licenses and raised Homeland Security concerns, moving the federal government to bar New Yorkers from enrolling in or signing up for programs such as Global Entry, NEXUS, SENTRI and FAST.

Current enrollees in the Global Entry program can continue to use their passes until they expire, and TSA's Pre-Check Program will not be affected. It is estimated that

150,000 to 200,000 New York residents will lose the service following its expiration, with about 50,000 New Yorkers already in the application process not receiving final approval.

"Once again, the governor is letting his radical, progressive agenda force the federal government to intervene in New York's affairs," Crouch said. "The Cuomo Administration is causing legal residents to lose privileges while illegal immigrants are gaining them. The governor and state democrats are choosing illegal over law-abiding citizens and this is unacceptable. I voted against this legislation last year, and I support a meeting between the governor and the president in hopes of finding common ground."

## Deposit, Hancock Girls Softball Teams Merge

Contributed Article  
By HCS

Deposit and Hancock have merged for the 2020 high school softball season as the neighboring Delaware County school districts look to ensure the future of the sport while cutting costs.

"This is about opportunity, sustainability and stability," said Hancock Central School District Superintendent Terry Dougherty, who also serves as president of Section IV Athletics. "We're thrilled to have another opportunity to collaborate with Deposit."

The districts have shared services related to athletics and academics since 2012 and announced their joint initiatives for the 2019-2020 school year

this past November. Already working together on a code of conduct, coaches' handbook and official logo for their combined sports programs, Deposit and Hancock will now share the softball diamond as the Deposit/Hancock Eagles.

"When our athletes come together, they have proven to be an unstoppable force," Deposit Central School District Superintendent Denise Cook said. "We're happy that our combined success continues to allow us to offer solid athletic experiences for our students and community."

The combined softball squad will have the benefit of two experienced coaches in Deposit's Dan Briggs and Hancock's Kim Makowski. Briggs will serve as the Eagles' head coach after

leading the Lumberjacks to the Class D state title last season. Deposit won four state championships over the last five seasons, including three in the last four years under Briggs.

He will be assisted by Makowski, Hancock's head coach from 2007-2019. The Wildcats never made it to the state tournament, going 0-5 in sectional title games. Makowski's 2012 squad came the closest, suffering a 5-4 loss to Deposit in the sectional final.

The Eagles will don new uniforms while competing as a Class C program in the Mid-state Athletic Conference. Their season starts April 2 at league-rival Unatego (schedule online at <https://www.schedulegalaxy.com/schools/124/teams/45271>).

The softball merger leaves one Hancock-only athletics program as boys and girls still can bowl for their respective districts. Merged D/H teams that have had recent success include the 2018 Class D state baseball champions and the 2019-2020 Class C girls basketball team, which finished this MAC season in a three-way tie for first place.

In reference to the girls basketball program, Cook recently tweeted: "Together we are stronger. The power of merged teams is amazing. Two towns...one dream!"

## Hancock Bowlers Section IV Champs - Again!!

by Coach Bill Gleim

The Section IV Bowling Championships were held at Midway Lanes in Vestal this past weekend, February 14-15. 35 schools in classes A-D were in attendance. Both the Hancock Wildcats' boys and girls team won the Class D title for the second straight year. The three games bowled also count toward State Championship Qualifying. The wins put them in a good position to contend for a spot at the State Championships in Syracuse next month.

The Girls team won their third championship in four years and second in a row by defeating the 10 teams in their class and their closest competitor by over 130 pins. Their 2654 total pin fall was the 5<sup>th</sup> highest score bowled out of the 35 schools represented. Brenna Gleim shot games of 238 221 214 and a 673 series.

Her scores won her medals for high series and second high game. McKenzie Worzel rolled games of 232 and 211. Her 593 was the third highest triple for the day and earned her the bronze medal for series and her and her 232 was the fourth highest game.

The Boys also won their second straight Sectional Championship. Their 3006 total pin fall was the fourth highest out of all the teams bowling and good enough for almost a 200 pin win in their class. Tyler Allen pounded out a first place 688 series with games of 243 236 and a 209. Anton Leonard rolled 220 and 223 for the fourth highest series of 642. Peyton Johnson added 2 games of 200 on the nose and Nick Hazen shot 201.

These two teams continue to dominate their class and post scores that compete with the best teams in the Section. Both

teams would have finished second in class B and won class C out right. That's an additional 20 teams along with the 10 teams in their class. We're talking some schools with an enrollment of over 550 students. Hancock is listed with the smallest student population of the 35 teams with 99 kids (grades 9-12). It's hard to express in words how good these student athletes really are, so come and see for your self at Valley Lanes in Waverly, NY as these two teams continue to roll deeper into the post season. Boys bowl Friday, February 21, at 9:00 am in a grueling 6 game tournament and the girls bowl their 6 games the next day at 9:00 am.



BOYS SECTIONAL CHAMPS! LtoR Ronnie Ellis, Peyton Johnson, Anton Leonard, Tyler Allen, Shane McAndrew, Nick Hazen, Coach Gleim. Contributed Photo



## Named Student Of the Month For December

Congratulations to Logan Westbrook Scholar of the Month for December 2019. Logan is an eighth grade student at Hancock Central School and is the son of Amy and Jared Westbrook of Fishs Eddy.

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 financial 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](http://hancockeducationfoundation.org).



McKenzie Worzel and Coach Gleim getting 3rd high series medal.



Brenna Gleim being awarded High Series and second high game medals.

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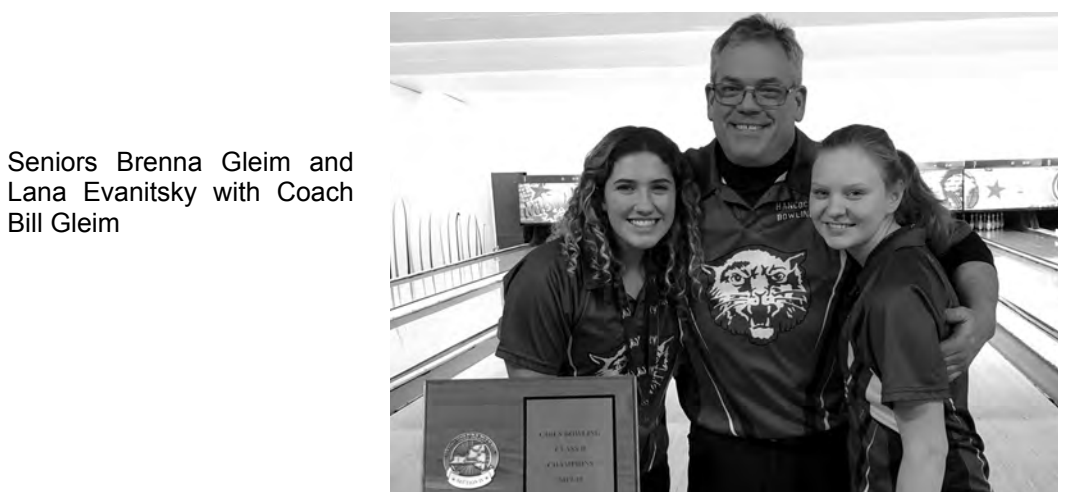
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Seniors Brenna Gleim and Lana Evanitsky with Coach Bill Gleim





KELSEY YOUNG (#22) tips the ball to Laycee Drake (lower right) on the tip off for a fast break and a quick 2 points on February 11. Photo courtesy of Mary Ryan



LAYCEE DRAKE (#2) cuts down the lane for 2 points vs. Sidney. Photo courtesy of Terry Ryan



ARIEL KELLAM (#4) ends a court length fast break with a basket vs. Sidney. Photo courtesy of Terry Ryan

## D/H Has Comfortable Win Over Sidney 75-41

by Jill Gorton

The Lady Eagles had an easy win over Sidney on February 11 as they hosted Sidney.

The girls jumped out to an early lead and never looked back. Once again, Laycee Drake led the scoring and had a blistering first quarter. She had 3 field goals, 2 threes and made 2 foul shots. She put 14 on the board in the first 8 minutes of the game and was on her way to a final tally of 34 for the night.

Ariel Kellam had 16 with one three. The rest of the team got on the board as well. Ella Simmons put in eight and Kelsey Young had 4. Other scorers for the team included Kaitlyn Macumber with 4, Avery Ostrander had a 3, Madison Dawson was 2-4 from the line and had a field goal for 4 points, and McKenzie Mead had 2. Drake scored most of her points in the first half of the lopsided game.

Deposit/Hancock has the number 1 seed in the Mac tourna-

ment and will face number 4 Greene at Deposit on Monday. The winner will play atinghamton University on Friday. Losers are tentatively scheduled to play Thursday.

There were three teams that finished tied for first in league play. The Eagles were the winners of a positional seeding draw for the tournament. Unat-

ego and Delhi will square off against one another on Monday as well. The winners will play for the championship on Friday at BU. Consolation games will occur on Thursday. This is subject to change, depending on availability of facilities and officials. Check with your school. Laycee was also the Athlete of the week on WBNG (12) televi-

sion this week. Drake had her thousand point game this year and with a year of playing time left and division I scouts looking at her, Drake's skills on the court and her good marks in the classroom should lead to a win for her and her future goals. We wish you continued success Laycee.

## Deposit-Hancock Had Two Place At Wrestling Sectionals

Story and photos by Dwayne Lobdell

Deposit-Hancock Had 2 place-winners at Sectionals:  
170#; 9th grader Jesse O'Donnell = 6th  
285#; 12th grader Evan Kenyon = 5th

Others competing for Deposit-Hancock (Sectional Win-Loss record):

99# = Kyle Mead (0-2)  
120# = Hunter Couse (0-2)  
152# = Connor O'Boyle (0-2)  
170# = Jesse O'Donnell (2-3)  
220# = Logan Barnes (1-2)  
285# = Evan Kenyon (2-2)  
D-H as a team placed 20th out of 25 teams.

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McKENZIE MEAD (#1) hits on a long jump shot for 2 points at Deposit vs. Sidney. Photo courtesy of Terry Ryan

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170# Wrestlingback quarterfinals; Jesse O'Donnell (D-H) won by decision 11-4 over Trevor Meyers (Waverly)



285 Quarterfinal, Evan Kenyon (D-H) won by fall (1:21) over Quinton Sangsounthone (Marathon)



285# Consolation for 5th, Evan Kenyon (D-H) won by fall (3:58) over Garrett Bidwell (Windsor)

## Bowling Results

**Fox Youth 2/8/20**  
Ethan Dennis 111; Landon Fuller 133, 104, 115; Davis Herzog 135, 100; Olivia Johnston 119, 116; Alex Mosher 147, 168; Carter Wormuth 157, 125, 102.

**Friday Couples 2/7/20**  
Bass & Sons Logging 44-20, I'm Lovin' It 44-20, Deposit Sanitary 44-20, Two Sisters Emporium 38-26, Moo's Drop Inn 38-26, Card Logging 36-28, Fox Bowling Center 34-30, Couse Logging 32-32, Conklin Logging 30-34, Goin' Postal 30-34, MicBree's 26-38, Dirig Construction 26-38, Team Brandon 26-38, BYE 0-64.

High Scores: Andy Bullis 647, 204, 232, 211; Shawn Card 617, 255; Melinda Conklin 181; Mike Dufton 265; Dan Koch 605, 248; Dennis Leonard 211; Julie Martin 191; Brianna Meres 611, 199, 223, 189; Rick Mills 201; Tia Robinson 520, 194; Jen Smith 569, 210, 205; Brian Tiffany 210; Scott Wahl 617, 223, 224; Dan Wormuth 658, 247, 221; Jay Wormuth 602, 223, 202; Jeremy Wormuth 627, 204, 230.

**Independent 2/12/20**  
Evanitsky Logging 23-5, Double D Ranch 20-8, Scott's Auto Body 20-8, Fox Bowl #2 18-10, Mad Log Ale Farm 15-13, Buddenhagen Ford 15-13, Fox Bowling Center 10-18, CL Repair 9-19, Price Graphics 8-20, BYE 2-26.

High Scores: Audy Boice 214; Doc Bolduc 219; Al Bullis Sr. 200; Andrew S. Bullis 607,

214, 213; Carl Davis 612, 228, 203; Shane Dirig 204; Brian A. Drumm 620, 236; Randy L. Evanitsky Jr. 616, 224; Craig A. Gehrig 220; Bill Gleim 643, 231, 214; Ben Green 200; Rob Johnson 637, 229, 239; Dan Keesler 210; Jerry C. Kulakosky 219, 213; Scott Lacy 206, 224; Donnie Marino 619, 201, 223; Wayne McClenon 209; Mitch Persbacker 233; Dick Price 211; Jason Scofield 210; Scott Wahl 253; Zuke Wormuth 692, 216, 253, 223.

**Sunday Mixed 2/9/20**  
Good-O-Boyz 32-8, Paul & Ginny 26-14, Team DUH 24-16, Brian & Dick 20-20, Wilbur & Bowk 20-20, Lenore & Reva 18-22, Marino's Store 10-30, A&A Pincrushers 10-30.

High Scores: Reva Jones 514, 190; Don Marino 203; Rick Mills 215.

**Thursday Night 3 2/13/20**  
Cornwell Construction 52-12, Jensen Logging 40-24, Fox Bowling Center 38-26, Conklin Logging 36-28, Conklin Construction 34-30, Dirig's Hammer 30-34, S&S Auto 28-36, S and S 1 26-38, Patche's Place 22-42, BYE 6-58.

High Scores: Ray Conwell 712, 258, 244, 210; Shane Dirig 210; Gino Jones 601, 204; Dan Keesler 614, 214, 212; Rick Mills 216; Dick Price 201; Dan Wormuth 618, 232

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