

## Church Closure Affects Local Community

by Sally Zegers

A meeting at Messenger Hall on February 20 to address the continued operation of the Delaware Opportunities Senior Meal Site, which provides in house dining plus thousands of home delivered meals annually, has revealed a dispute inside a local church.

The former Hancock Baptist Church, a majestic stone structure built in 1902 on Wheeler Street, and which used to number the most prominent and highly respected members of Hancock among its congregation, quietly closed its doors on December 1, 2019, its congregants having shrunk to fewer than the number of fingers on one hand. It had been changed to the Calvary Fellowship Church in 2015. The Senior Meal Site, which is located in Messenger Hall, a building owned by the Church, has stayed open, paying the gas, electric and charges connected to its operation.

Pastor Ken Bascom, who described himself as the Chief Executive Officer of the Board and the owner of the property, had informed the Meal Site operators that the church property might be sold, leading Senior Meal Site Manager Kelly Drake to ask representatives from various community groups to attend the meeting in order to see what could be done in order to ensure the continued operation of the program. Representatives of the Village, the Hancock Rotary Club, the Hancock Community Education Foundation, the Hancock Area Chamber of Commerce and the Hancock Partners were in attendance. Delaware Opportunities was represented by Rick Angerer and Shelly Bartow.

"There are three scenarios," Angerer told the group. "The property could be sold and we could still use the building, it could be sold and we could be kicked out, or we could relocate the program. Our goal is to be able to continue." He said that the group wanted to "get ahead" of any possible change by making plans now.

Mrs. Drake noted that her personal hope was for the ac-

quisition of the building for a senior center.

In response to questions from attorney Leonard Sienko, it was determined that Delaware Opportunities has a yearly lease with the church, which has a clause allowing either side to exit the contract with 60 days notice.

Pastor Bascom told the group that he had come to Hancock Baptist Church in 2013, to be the pastor. At that time, he said, there were only approximately 3 members left. In 2015, the church became the Calvary Fellowship Church, which he said became a "pastor led church" in which "the building was given to the ministry." The bottom line, according to Pastor Bascom: "Everything was turned over to me."

He explained that he had not been paid by the Church for at least four years, an amount that he estimated would be between \$60,000 and \$75,000.

Mrs. Drake said she hoped to find a community based organization to purchase the property, or at least the section of the land housing the hall, and transfer ownership to a non profit, which could then continue to operate the facility. "It could be transferred with the stroke of a pen," she said.

Sienko noted that the first question to be asked should be "Who owns the property?"

Sienko pointed out that the transfer of religious property is covered by the Religious Corporations Law. According to the website of a law practice. "Because religious corporations are recognized by state law, there are rules that states are allowed to set for these organizations to follow. One example of this is that sales of their real property are subject to either approval of the court or the attorney general. The religious entity must establish that the sale was for fair market value with certain exemptions to other related organizations and that the transaction will benefit the religious corporation at the time the sale closes."

Sienko said that every denomination has a different paragraph covering its sale, and that no transfer of church property is

complete without the (literal) stamp of approval of the New York State Attorney General. "It needs to be stamped 'Approved'," he said.

Pastor Bascom said he had followed all the approved strictures, but said that it would be good if the legal questions "could be run to ground." At any rate, regardless of who owns the property, he told the group that he is the elected CEO and will represent the church on any transfer of the property.

The pastor said he would get nothing from the sale except for the salary he had been promised, saying he had hoped for a consensus of opinion to handle the property transfer. If the property were divided and the hall sold, he said, the money could be put back into the rest of the property - the church and rectory. He told the group that another religious entity had expressed interest, but declined to name that party.

"If we have no consensus today, we turn it over to the Attorney General," he said. If that occurred, something he said he hoped would not happen, he would be forced to file a lien against the property for his back wages, and the church, rectory and hall would sit idle until the matter was concluded. He estimated that the process would take approximately three and a half years for the AG to complete - an interval during which the buildings would deteriorate. "That (the time frame) sounds about right," Sienko agreed.

Under questioning, Sienko admitted that he had spoken to some local residents who dispute the pastor's claim to the property, although he had not been formally retained. He also said he did not have enough information to advise them on any possible course of action.

Pastor Bascom said that people who were no longer members of the congregation believed, incorrectly, he said, that they were entitled to direct the future of the building. "They are no longer members of the church."

Sienko told the pastor that he, Bascom, needed to hire an in-



The Calvary Fellowship Church on Wheeler Street, formerly the Hancock Baptist Church, has closed, and its future appears to be in dispute.

dependent lawyer who understood the law involving churches, non profits and other entities. Pastor Bascom later told the Herald that such an expense would only be added to the liens against the property, but it would have to be done. He said he had hoped the people invited to the meeting would instead offer some sort of support for the transfer and future use of the building, in order to help the community.

Despite the disagreement on the ownership of the former Baptist Church, the group expressed complete agreement that the Senior Meals program should continue. Mike O'Brien said that there would be no problem. "We've got your back," he told Angerer and Bartow, pointing out that the program could relocate to either

the Presbyterian Church or the United Methodist Church, and that both churches had good parking lots and were handicapped accessible.

Pastor Bascom said that the Meal site could stay at Messenger Hall, barring a major expense such as the replacement of a boiler, which he might not be able to afford.

Shelly Bartow told the group that Delaware Opportunities didn't want to be caught in the middle of any dispute. She said they would be talking over the situation and would take steps to keep the program sustainable.

Delaware Opportunities offers meals at six sites: Delhi, Grand Gorge, Hancock, Margaretville, Sidney and Walton.

Following the meeting the pastor told the Herald that he had taken student loans to complete his Master's in order to benefit the church, which then became more credentialed, being able to offer free and low cost counseling. He said that the congregation had swelled to 60 in 2015 before falling back to the handful that had been at the church when he arrived.

The church was founded in 1858. The present structure was built following the disastrous fire on East Front Street in 1899 which consumed several buildings, including the original church. "This is the most awful thing a minister has to do," pastor Bascom said. "Close and sell a church."



Messenger Hall

## Bowling Tourney Set In Memory Of Jamie Dibble

Organizers are planning a bowling tournament in memory of Jamie Dibble. Join in the fun at the first Day for Dib's Singles and Doubles No-Tap Tournament at Fox Bowling Center in Hancock

The cost is \$20 for singles or \$40 per team for doubles. Not a bowler? There will be food throughout the day, along with a few raffles, and a 50/50 drawing.

Because Jamie was such an avid bowler and golfer, this year's proceeds will go to the Hancock high school bowling and golf teams.

Anyone wanting a lane marker (\$25) or wishing to donate, contact Dan (Zuke) Wormuth at (607)242-3084.

## Help Plan Upper Delaware Cleanup

NARROWSBURG – Two planning sessions to organize the first-ever, coordinated litter cleanup event centered on land surrounding the bi-state Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River will take place on Wednesday, March 4, at 3 p.m. or 6 p.m., at the 211 Bridge Street office of the Upper Delaware Council (UDC) in Narrowsburg.

Individuals, activists, organizations, agencies, businesses, artists, and educators are invited to pitch in to help plan the clean-up that will take place starting April 22, and leading up to the April 25th celebration of the 50th anniversary of Earth Day.

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## NY's Plastic Bag Ban Goes Into Effect March 1

The State of New York has banned the sale of single use plastic bags, as of March 1, 2020.

Shoppers need to get ready. At the Tops Market in Hancock, store managers tell the Herald that paper bags will be available to shoppers - at a cost of 5 cents each. The store also has reusable bags with plastic liners for sale, with the prices ranging from 99 cents to \$4.99. Shoppers can bring in their own plastic bags, or use boxes and other reusable containers, or can purchase the reusable ones. The ban applies to all stores, not just supermarkets, so shoppers are going to have to be prepared.

Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos has announced the release of final regulations to implement the New York State Plastic Bag Waste Reduction Act, which goes into effect on March 1, 2020. After a thorough review of the approximately 2,500 comments received from stakeholders and communities during the 60-day public comment period and a public com-

ment hearing, these final regulations are scheduled to be published in the State Register on Feb. 26, 2020.

Prior to finalizing the regulations, which were released on Nov. 27, 2019, DEC updated the proposed regulations based on the comments received to include minor refinements in keeping with the overriding objective of the Act to reduce plastic bag waste.

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed legislation to ban the sale of single-use plastic

bags in New York State on Earth Day, April 23, 2019.

New Yorkers use an estimated 23 billion plastic bags annually - each for about 12 minutes - and approximately 85 percent of this staggering total ends up in landfills, recycling machines, waterways, and streets. In March 2017, Governor Cuomo created the New York State Plastic Bag Task Force, chaired by DEC Commissioner Seggos. The task force met several times to develop a uniform, comprehensive

and equitable solution to the challenge of plastic bag waste. The final report analyzed the impacts of single-use plastic bags and provided options for legislation that could help develop a statewide solution. In addition, following passage of the New York State Plastic Bag Waste Reduction Act, DEC held a series of meetings with industry stakeholders across the state to invite input from the public and guide the agency's development of rules and regulations to implement the law.



Ginny Gotthardt, Mindy Capparelli and Jeff Pate show some of the reusable bag options available to Tops Market shoppers, who will need them come March 1, when NYS's ban on the sale of single use plastic bags kicks in. Herald Photo by Sally Zegers

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## Life On The Mountain

By Judith Present

On this day in 1633, Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei arrived in Rome to face trial for heresy. He was put on trial for his belief that the Earth revolves around the sun, and the controversy became infamous as a symptom of the rift between science and religion.

The chief inquisitor Father Vincenzo Maculani da Firenzuola, appointed by Pope Urban VIII, began the inquisition of physicist and astronomer Galileo Galilei. The Catholic Church deemed his findings heretical at that time. Standard practice for these trials demanded that the accused be imprisoned and secluded during the trial.

This was the second time Galileo was in the hot seat for refusing to accept Church orthodoxy that the Earth was the immovable center of the universe. In 1616, he had been forbidden from holding or defending his beliefs. Yet in the 1633 interrogation, Galileo denied that he "held" beliefs of Nicolaus Copernicus, a Polish astronomer who put forth the theory that the Sun is the center of the Universe, and that the Earth, spins on its axis once daily and revolves annually around the Sun. But the Church had decided the idea that the Sun moved around the Earth was an absolute fact of scripture that could not be disputed, despite the fact that scientists had known for centuries that the Earth was not the center of the universe.

This time, Galileo's technical arguments didn't win the day. On June 22, 1633, the Church handed down the following order: "We pronounce, judge, and declare, that you, the said Galileo... have rendered yourself vehemently suspected by this Holy Office of heresy, that is, of having believed and held the doctrine that the sun is the center of the world, and that it does not move from east to west, and that the earth does move and is the center of the world."

And the verdict was: "We order that by a public edict the book of Dialogues of Galileo Galilei be prohibited, and We condemn thee to the prison of

this Holy Office by our will and pleasure; and as a salutary penance we enjoy on thee that for the space of three years thou shalt recite once a week the Seven Penitential Psalms."

Galileo agreed not to teach the heresy any more and spent the rest of his life under house arrest. It took more than 300 years for the Church to admit that Galileo was right and to clear his name of heresy. Maybe religion and science is God's way of metering out our knowledge of the universe.

In the 1600's what would people think if you told them we could go to the Moon and it wasn't made of green cheese? Of course without these early scientific findings we wouldn't be where we are today. The scientists of those days left us many of the foundations of our science today.

There will always be those who can't believe in both, yet when they get sick they quickly want some researched or scientific medication. Today if you have cancer there are so many new treatments to keep you alive much longer and with quality of life. Our military equipment comes from science, our computers and phones, our medications and operations, our cars, the heating and cooling in our homes, what our homes and highways are made up of. If Gutenberg didn't make a printing press, there wouldn't be a typewriter or the IBM Selectric typewriter, which was a radical innovation that completely disrupted the business typewriter market. It transformed the speed, accuracy and flexibility with which people could generate the written word, and helped pave the way for the use of typewriter keyboards as the primary method for humans to interact with computers. Discoveries come from science and history.

So if you meet someone from the 1600's don't try to explain your iPhone to them, they won't believe you and will just laugh their butts off and you'll be tried for treason.

## Through The Years

### Fifty Years Ago

From an issue of  
The Hancock Herald  
Dated February 26, 1970

Hancock's Postmaster Emory J. Branning said Wednesday that a new order from Postmaster General Winton M. Blount will mean substantial improvements in mail delivery services. Postmaster General Blount has advised the local postmaster of provisions of a new order making home delivery services available for the first time to four million Americans. To get the new service it is only necessary that those living in the eligible areas ask their postmasters to provide it. Those living less than a quarter mile from the post office will continue to pick up their mail at the post office.

Did you know that by this time of year most of the bucks in the deer population look just like the female deer? At the close of the breeding season each year the bucks shed their

antlers as an outward manifestation of the hormone production within their bodies. Increased daylight appears to be the trigger which inaugurates most periodic activities of wildlife, whether it is bird migration or antler growth. Due to the reduction of testosterone levels in the bucks, their antlers fall off.

Mrs. Joseph Davis of Cadosia received word Sunday evening of the death of a grandson, Romeo Madore Jr., 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. Romeo Madore Sr., (Beryl Simmons) of Hobart. The lad's death occurred in the Community Hospital at Stamford where he had been admitted for treatment of injuries he received when he fell down a flight of stairs in the family home. His death was attributed to a ruptured spleen.

In the past there has been more or less of a traffic problem at the corner of East Front Street and Route 97 when the work shifts at the Bard Parker

### Twenty Five Years Ago

From an issue of  
The Hancock Herald  
Dated March 1, 1995

Robert and Hilda Hartz, owners of Hartz flowers, will be honored by the Hancock Area Chamber of Commerce on March 11, receiving their Commerce Award, formerly titled "Businessman of the Year". The Hartz's operated the only flower shop in Hancock for many years and began "on a shoestring" in 1939. The two have sown and reaped for many many years and have learned the secret of growing beautiful things. They are thrilled to be awarded the Chamber of Commerce award, calling it a lovely gesture for a business established so long ago. It was a happy birthday for Christine Krooss of Poyntelle, on Thursday, February 23, when her name was drawn in the Hancock Herald's giveaway of 4 tickets to the February 27 performance of the Harlem Globetrotters at the Binghamton Arena.

### One Hundred Years Ago

From a 1920 Issue of  
The Hancock Herald

*Very Pleasant (?) Reception Police Attempt to Holdup Optometrist T. J. McConnell as Bootlegger*

Wednesday of last week as stated I the last issue of the Herald Optometrist T. J. McConnell moved to Binghamton. After getting the moving van started Mr. and Mrs. McConnell places a few remaining household articles in their Hudson-six and left for their new abode. The following letter is self-explanatory of their thrilling experience ad reception on entering the city.

Friend Wagner: Just a line to tell you of our reception into the Parlor City last evening. I hardly knew, at first, whether it was planned in honor of our coming,

The Community Bank and Trust Company bid back the Circle E Diner at a foreclosure auction in Delhi on February 22. The bank paid the "upset" price of over \$161,000, according to Attorney Leonard Sienko Jr. The home of Mrs. Elizabeth Possemato was also included in the foreclosure auction. The bank, which held the mortgage for Mrs. Possemato, was the only bidder. The properties will be offered for sale at a future date.

Florence Whiting, who served as Town Clerk for 20 years, died Thursday, February 16, 1995, at the home of her son in Miami, FL. She was 82.

Harley R. Warfield, a well known area resident, died Wednesday, February 15, 1995, in Citra, FL. He was 89. Ronald P. "Vic" Wormuth, Forest City, PA, formerly of Preston Park, died Friday, February 17, 1995, at Community Medical Center, Scranton, after an illness. He was 51.

Ellen Middelstaedt, Equinunk, PA, died Saturday, Feb-

ruary 25, 1995, at Wayne Memorial Hospital, Honesdale. She was 88.

The skyrocketing cost of newsprint, the paper used for newspapers across the country to look into ways to conserve their stock. Many paper mills went out of business during the last decade and due to environmental controls, the cost of opening a new mill can be hundreds of millions of dollars. The Los Angeles Times is now leaving its Sunday magazine out of 100,000 copies. Two newspapers in Milwaukee are merging. The Miami Herald plans to eliminate 40 jobs in all departments to compensate for the rising costs. The Wall Street Journal recently laid off 100 employees and other large newspapers are reducing staff and lowering the number of pages in their newspapers.

Hancock Central School senior Katrina Couse ended her school league bowling run with a couple of strikes. Miss

Couse has been named a Susquenango Association All Star, and holds the top girls' average in the league, an impressive 173. She bowled the second highest series in Class C Sectional play, 554; and the second highest game, 214. In the Sus Tournament, she rolled a high series of 586; and a high game of 223. Hancock bowling coach Karol Mech will be sorry to lose the competitive senior.

Martin Kreesse of Lake Como, PA, was sentenced in Wayne County Court, Honesdale, for his part in the kidnapping of a camp counselor in Buckingham Township last summer. He abducted a Camp Wayne counselor at gunpoint, forced the counselor into a car, drove him away from the camp, then let him out after taking his wallet. Kreesse said the gun was not loaded. Kreesse was sentenced to five to ten years in prison.

Then he turned to me and said, "Next time you are ordered to stop, you want to stop."

"Not on my life," I said, "unless I know who wants me to stop. Say, what's the idea anyway?"

"Bootleggers," said he. So the joke was on us both, as he had held up the next car behind us and chased us into the City feeling sure we were running the blockade.

*Valuable Papers*

The valuable papers that were taken from the sale at time of the robbery of the story and post office, at this place, were found in a sluice by Harry McCullough, while he and several other men working on the road about three miles from here, on the Long Eddy Road. The papers were wrapped in a window curtain and with not much damaged.

While thus telling of our narrow escape from two highwaymen who shot at us, a big husky looking fellow rushed in the store and grabbed the receiver out of my hand, and said, "This is \_\_\_\_\_ Sergeant, it was me that held this man up, but he would not stop. Everything is all right Sergeant."

the 15 NY towns and PA townships to make this event as fun, safe, effective, and efficient as possible;

- Notifying the UDC of which stretches of roads and waterways you will choose to clean up during the April 22-25 dates, with materials and collection sites to be provided;

- Offering donations of monetary sponsorships, goods, services, promotion, and ideas for coordinating litter-related artistic and educational outreach projects.

Please contact the UDC's cleanup project coordinator Dan Paparella, founder of the Upper Delaware Recreation Project, at paparelladan15@gmail.com or (570) 468-3904 with any questions.

Remember to start carrying large totes for groceries. The plastic bag ban starts soon. I think an entrepreneur should do designer and personal totes for the area. It would be a winner. Just sayin.

Sectional play starts this week. See you at the games. Go Eagles!

### Cleanup..

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Opportunities to contribute to the Upper Delaware Watershed Litter Clean-up include:

- Attending the March 4 meeting to share tips, resources, and insights from existing litter clean-up initiatives in the region;

- Volunteering to serve as local community organizers among

## Talk Of The Town

By Jill Gorton

Yesterday, I overheard someone say Bernie Sanders should send Trump a thank you note. It seems that Biden's big popular lead evaporated as the Hunter Biden inquiry in Ukraine was mentioned in the media. Bernie surged. I want to see decent and fair come back into style. I am still waiting. No bad names please.

The D/H Girls won the MAC and are Champs. The Girls' Bowling Team had a wonderful run and the Boys' Bowling Team is moving on in sectional competition. It is so nice to see the kids all excited and happy to participate. They announced all stars. See the paper for other info. The journey continues and

next week spring sports will be starting for some athletes.

The sap must be running and I have seen a few lines already. It has been an unusual winter. People out on the ice this year alarm me but I see where they were at Nathaniel Cole Park on the ice. Some of the lakes must still be frozen pretty solid.

I went to Trivia at the Hancock House and then on to a Murder Mystery at the Inn at Starlight. I had a relative win at Trivia and I had the right murderer but the reason was wrong, so I did not get a prize. Oh well, I had a great time at both events. It helps shorten February and that's a plus.

## BUMPER STICKER AMERICA

What was written on the dentist's tombstone?  
*He's filling his last cavity....*

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# Obituaries



## Eugene David Morgan

Eugene David Morgan, Hancock, died Friday, February 14, 2020 at Delaware Valley Hospital, Walton, NY.

He was born November 7, 1949 in Hancock, NY, the son of Harold and Inez Hess Morgan.

He graduated from Hancock Central School, Sullivan County Community College and attended

Central Connecticut State and received his teaching certificate from Oneonta State University. He taught Security & Law at DCMO Boces for over 25 years and also worked part time for the Village of Hancock Police Department. Gene was working as a trainer for Securitas Security, Johnson City, NY at the time of his death. He was a coach for many of the youth sports in the area and former director of Hancock Youth Rec., he was past president of the Hancock Central Board and Mayor of Hancock for 4 years.

Eugene was also a member of the New York State and New Jersey National Guard and was a member of American Legion Post 289, Hancock.

He was united in marriage to Beth Chernesky on November 12, 1973 in Lakewood, PA.

He is survived by his wife and children Michelle (Manuel) Pelaez of Burbank, CA and Nancy (Jason) Burrows of Hancock; grandchildren Maya and Mina Pelaez and Darren, Damian and Jeremiah Burrows; brother Robert Morgan of FL. He was predeceased by brothers Harold, Carl and James.

Funeral services will be held at a later date. Arrangements were made by Henderson Biedekapp Funeral Chapel, Hancock.

## Donna Guthrie

Donna R. (Wormuth) Guthrie, a resident of Hancock, passed away on February 20, 2020 at the age of 77 at Lourdes Hospital.

She was born on December 27, 1942, in Hancock, NY, to Howard and Georgeanna Wormuth. Donna graduated from Hancock Central School in 1960 and entered the work force as a secretary which she continued until she retired.

Donna married Van Guthrie on November 3, 1978 in Hancock.

Donna was predeceased by her parents, Howard and Georgeanna Wormuth and her husband, Van Guthrie.

She was a long time member of the American Legion Post 289 Ladies Auxiliary.

Survivors are her sisters, Juanita Macknik, Jean Whitmore (Nelson), Barbara Zupa (John), Robin Ignatovich (Paul), and brothers, Ronald (Barbara), Raymond (Marilynn), Gerald (Mary), Maurice (Sherry), Russell, Charles (Sarah), Lyndon, Kevin (Judy), and Scott (Jodi). She is also survived by a special niece, Chiara, and nephew, Cooper, as well as many other nieces and nephews.

The family invites all to join them in a celebration of Donna's life on March 7, 2020, from 5-7PM at the American Legion in Hancock.

Donations in Donna's memory may be sent to the Hancock Community Education Foundation, P.O. Box 819, Hancock, NY, 13783. The family also encourages everyone to donate to local blood drives and to reach out to members of your community who are battling cancer. These families are often in need of help with transportation, meals, and a friendly ear.

Arrangements by Henderson-Biedekapp Funeral Chapel, Hancock.



## Sheriff DuMond Attends National Sheriff's Conference

Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond recently attended the National Sheriff's Association Winter Conference in Washington DC February 7-11, 2020. Attended by Sheriffs from across the United States, Sheriff DuMond attended many continuing education seminars and operational updates in areas of Homeland Security/Global Policing Affairs, Human Trafficking, Corrections, School Safety and Security, Narcotics Enforcement, Animal Cruelty and Abuse, Traffic Safety, Fraud Tracking, and Emerging Technology in Law Enforcement.

Serving on the Domestic Violence, Drug Enforcement and Government Affairs Committees, Sheriff DuMond is an active member of the National Sheriff's Association and works within the Association to advance the interests and well-being of law enforcement and the betterment of our communities, here and across the country.

Speaking on the conference, Sheriff DuMond remarked, "It is truly an honor to serve within the National Sheriff's Association and a privilege to advance the interests of the Office of Sheriff and well-being our communities."

## ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE RC CHURCH

The Catholic Catechism lists the fourth precept of the Church as, "you shall observe days of fasting and abstinence established by the church." For Catholics there are only two days each year where fasting is required: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In Luke, Jesus tells us "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself take up his cross and follow me." Fasting and abstinence are meant to bring our hearts and minds closer to God. The emptiness in our stomach reminds us of the true need in our hearts which can only be filled by Christ. Fasting and abstaining helps us train ourselves to seek what is above, to be filled with the very life of God, living within us. He fills all our needs, if we just let Him.

## Post 289 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.

Send Town of Hancock Ambulance donations to PO Box 733, Hancock NY 13783

## 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.*

## Read Across America

On Friday, February 28, the Hancock Community Education Foundation will host their annual Read Across America Event at the Hancock Elementary School from 5:00PM to 6:00PM. This event is free and open to all area children and families!!! You are invited to join them for fun activities, story time, and cake to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss!!!!

## Emory Hosts Friday Lenten Soup Suppers

The Friday Lenten Soup Suppers are being held at Emory United Methodist Church this year. These simple suppers of homemade soup, salad and bread have been held annually during Lent for the past 20 years, according to the best recollections of the participants.

The suppers are offered to everyone in the community at no cost and run from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. The first supper this year will be on February 28 and continue every Friday during Lent, not including Good Friday. Members of the Presbyterian, Catholic and Methodist churches make the soups with each week serving up a delicious selection of two or three varieties of meatless soups and homemade macaroni and cheese. Take-out containers are also available.

The proceeds from the free-will offerings given at the suppers are used for community missions. This year the money will be used for the summer lunch program providing lunches for the children enrolled in the Summer Enrichment program. The churches hope that the community will come out each Friday for a wonderful time of fellowship and delicious homemade soups.

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## After School Activity Center Weekly Calendar

February 24-28  
Monday - 4 -9th Making Pizza at Little Italy  
Tuesday - Cooking Class -Wocket in My Pizza Pocket Snacks  
Wednesday- Read Across Hancock  
Thursday- Green Eggs and Ham  
Friday - Read Across America Activities @ Hancock Elementary School - ASP pick up 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.

## Promoted To Specialist

LATHAM, NY (02/18/2020) -- Major General Ray Shields, the Adjutant General for the State of New York, announces the recent promotion of members of the New York Army National Guard in recognition of their capability for additional responsibility and leadership.

Phoenix Macrabie Groat from Sidney, and assigned to the Forward Support Company, 204th Engineer Battalion received a promotion to the rank of Specialist.

Army National Guard promotions are based on overall performance, attitude, leadership ability, and development potential.

These promotions additionally recognize the best qualified Soldiers and attract and retain the highest caliber Citizen Soldiers for a career in the New York Army National Guard.

For more information about the New York Army National Guard, visit [www.dnma.ny.gov](http://www.dnma.ny.gov) or [www.1800goguard.com](http://www.1800goguard.com)

The New York National Guard (New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs) is the state's executive agency responsible to the Governor for managing New York's Military Forces, which consists of nearly 20,000 members of the New York Army National Guard, the New York Air National Guard, the New York Naval Militia and the New York Guard.

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Perfect Attendance

## Hancock Elementary School Second Quarter Awards

2nd Quarter Perfect Attendance:	Addie Furlong
Karynn Appley	Jada Furlong
Nora Bartholomew	Trenten Gill
Ariana Blakeslee	Elaine He
Kaden Conklin	Justin He
Arianna Hunt	Arianna Hunt
Arissa Crawford	Preston Johnston
Bryleigh Drumm	Braidynn Marino
Xavier Esolen	Braylee Marino

Cole Mazepa  
Madison Norton  
Sophia Prescott  
Emma Saul  
Steven Saul  
Philip Wahl  
Gavyn Westbrook  
Chanel Wignall  
Luke Wormuth

Gage Zazeckie  
Jayden D'Elia – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

2nd Quarter Honor Roll:

MERIT: Nora Bartholomew  
Kaden Conklin  
Aubree Cornell  
Courtney Gorton  
Madalyn Jennings  
David Newman  
Jake D'Elia  
Landyn Robinson  
Adelaide Roenfeldt  
Gavyn Westbrook  
Lacey White

HONOR:  
Kadyn Appley  
Ayden Dix  
Tripp Rosengrant  
Steven Saul  
Kayden Swartwout  
Olivia Tarbox  
Cherish Wright  
John D'Elia  
Xavier Esolen  
Madilynn Gustin  
Elaine He

HIGH  
Cole Mazepa  
Cameron Thomas



William Harris shows the awards he recently received.

## William Harris Honored By Fire Police Assoc; Has Long Standing Ties to Hancock

William Harris of Fayetteville NY, who serves as Fire Police Captain of the Fayetteville Fire Dept, and has been a member for 28 years, was recently honored.

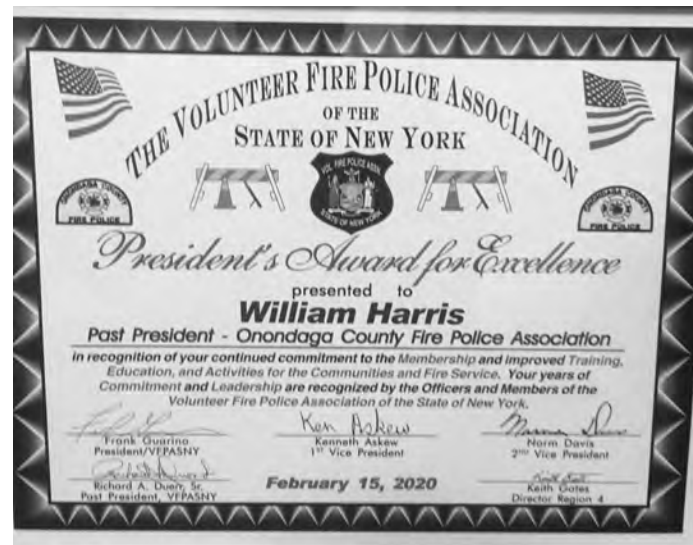
He was awarded the following awards at the Onondaga County Volunteer Fire Police Assoc. OCVFPA Installation Banquet on Saturday, February 15. He was President of the OCVFPA for 3 years. He received three awards: "Outstanding Fire Police Officer of the Year" Award, "The Don Ammerman Award" for his many years of participation and support in the OCVFPA Association and Fire Service and "The President's Award for Excellence" from President Frank Guarino of the Volunteer Fire Police Assoc. State of New York. VFPASNY

Harris' connection to Hancock was to spend every Summer from 1946 until 1958 with my Grandparents, Mildred and Howard Pierson, who lived at 47 Leonard St across from the

Buckleys and the Karchers. He look forward to reading the Hancock Herald every week as it brings back wonderful memories of spending my Summers in Hancock - playing in the Summer HHS Band, the Hancock Fire Dept. Band, swimming at Somerset Lake etc.

In addition to his Fire Service activities, he retired as Principal Trombone of the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra in 2009 after 49 years. He is also Professor of Trombone at the Syracuse University Setnor School of Music, serving for 50 years, and Professor of Low Brass (Trombone, Euphonium and Tuba) at Onondaga Community College, serving there for 51 years.

He also served in the United States Military Academy Army Band at West Point from 1963 to 1966. Harris has many friends here in Hancock.



President's Award For Excellence was received by Harris on February 15. Contributed Photos



Honor and Merit Roll students

## March Activities For No. Wayne Library

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STEAM Programming is Every Tuesday Night 3:00 to 5:00  
We will be on a rotating schedule with all aspects of S.T.E.A.M Programming. Thank you to a grant received through the Mee Foundation for making this possible. Events will include cooking, hands on projects, creating, researching and building projects, etc. Students participating in these programs will need to provide a permission note to the school allowing them to be escorted to the library by a staff member of the library. For more information please contact the Northern Wayne Community Library at (570)798-2444

Toddler Time Programs  
1st Friday of the Month 10:00 am to ??

We will be working on numbers with our toddlers. Activities will be S.T.E.A.M. based which includes; Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math Projects. This is a great opportunity for moms to get together with their toddlers to talk and interact while Ms. Lorena teaches your child about our number of the month.

Make and Take/Educational Programs Easter Bunny  
Wednesday March 11 Noon to 8:00

Join us as we create a wooden Easter Bunny Plaque Display. This cute bunny will be painted on a stained board measuring 12 x 30 inches. You will be instructed through this project step by step teaching you how to paint using brushes and sponges, and how to do shading to give your project character. This adorable bunny is perfect for decorating your home through the Spring months. The suggested donation for this project is \$7.00. To ensure that you have a seat for this event please contact the library through Facebook or by calling (570)798-2444. To see a finished example of this project please stop by the library or check out our Facebook page. This project is perfect for crafters of all levels, hope to see you at the library.

Ms. Sheryl's Playgroup  
2nd and 4th Wednesday of the Month 3:30 to 5:30

This program is geared towards children birth through 6, but open to all ages. It is a family-oriented program with hands on activities, games, snacks, etc. Ms. Sheryl's program is made available by the Honesdale Family Center and is free of charge.

Open Technology Help  
3rd Tuesday of each month 9:30 to 5:00

Having problems with your electronic devices? Come to the library to receive FREE one on one help from an experienced technology person. No question too big or too small. Offering one on one help with your I pads, Cell Phones, Laptops, etc. Take advantage of this great opportunity. Provided through a grant received by the WLA.

Children's Movie Night  
Last Friday Night of the Month 3:00 to 5:00 Free snacks and refreshments

Yoga Classes  
10:30 to 11:30  
We will be offering a few different Yoga Classes. The 1st Friday of each month Yoga will take place during our Toddler Time Program from 10:30 to 11:30. Parents can enjoy Yoga while your little one is participating in the Toddler Time. The 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month 10:30 to 11:30 we will be offering Light Yoga and Chair Yoga (open to all ages) Please dress accordingly and bring a yoga mat or beach towel. These classes are being offered free of charge...however, if you would like to donate an item that the library needs please feel free. Suggested items paper towels, toilet paper, Clorox wipes, tissues, case of water, garbage bags, etc.

You and Me Unicorns  
Saturday, March 21 10:00 to 12:00  
Suggested donation of \$10.00 is being asked to cover the cost of activities for one adult and one child. Each additional child will be a \$5.00 donation. Activities include 12 x 12 Canvas Unicorn Painting Project. Making homemade bath fizzes, sugar scrubs, and bath salts, fingernail painting. Drinks and cookies will be provided.. To reserve your seat and guarantee your spot please contact and drop off the suggested donation to the library by Friday, March 13th. To check out a picture of the finished painted project look up our page on Facebook

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## Holiday Dinner

Hancock Central School will be having a Holiday Dinner on March 19, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. The holiday meal is free to all Senior Citizens, Hancock Rotary and Retirees of the Hancock Central School district.

If you are interested in attending please call 607-637-1320 by March 10, 2020 for a reservation.

## BINGO

Basket/Gift Certificate Bingo  
Sat., Feb. 29 (Snow Date March 1)

Doors open at Noon  
Game Play Begins at 1:00  
Event takes place at Northern Wayne  
Fire Hall, Lakewood, PA

\$15.00 entry package includes: regular play board, one board for each of the special games. Additional boards can be purchased for \$1.00 each. Raffle Basket Tickets \$5.00 an arm's length. Food/drinks also available for purchase!

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4th Grade After School Students made homemade pet toys to take to Heart of the Catskills Humane Society

## K-4 After School Center Students Are Having a Blast!

The After School Activities Center had an excellent start to 2020! Students have been enjoying learning opportunities through exploration, as they discover and create through various activities. Students have started a new cooking program, so they have become "amateur" chefs using different cooking methods and a variety of foods, from stuffed grilled cheese to air fried vegetables.

Some of our Friday Fun Day adventures have included a visit to the Heart of the Catskills Humane Society in Delhi, where students were able to interact with some of the animals; and

even trips to Skate Estate and Planet 3 Extreme in Vestal. In January, we also had the Box of Light Organization visit our site. Students were able to create animation projects using clay or Legos with digital technology. These projects can be found at the Box of Light Website <boxoflight.org>.

This was a great learning opportunity for our students, as they utilized technology in a new way and worked cooperatively with peers to complete their projects.

More fun and exciting learning opportunities are planned for the remainder of the year and

we hope to see more children enroll to enjoy these wonderful opportunities.

In 2017, the HCEF was a recipient of a 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant that expanded the After School Programs to 5 days each week from 2:30 PM until 5:30 PM.

The 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 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.

If the children do not require transportation home, they may be picked up prior to 5:30 with approval by the program director.

If you would like to enroll your child please contact Tina Appley, Program Director at 607-637-1388 during school hours or email [tappley@hancock.stier.org](mailto:tappley@hancock.stier.org).



## NPS Corrects Name On Historic Farm

"What's in a name?" asked William Shakespeare. "That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet."

After research uncovered historical inaccuracies, the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River's canal era property in the Town of Lumberland, NY known throughout the National Park Service's quarter-century of ownership as Corwin Farm will now be named Cowen Farm.

A decision was finalized in December 2019 to correct the name based upon newly discovered documentation that it was Joseph Cowen who constructed the farmhouse on the property around 1838.

The Cowen family remained associated with the property through the existence of the Delaware and Hudson Canal, which ceased operations in 1898. A closer inspection of 1865 D&H Canal survey maps revealed the name "J. Cowin". Due to Corwin having been a common name in the area during that time period, the misspelling was assumed to have been Corwin instead of Cowen.

The name Joseph Cowen, first realized during a chain

of title search for the property, was confirmed through census records and is referenced in John Willard Johnston's 1901 book, *Reminiscences*.

Further analysis of the 1865 survey maps that were obtained by the D&H Transportation Heritage Council primarily through the dedicated efforts of member Kerron Barnes revealed a second misinterpretation. The belief that the farmhouse belonged to a lock tender was found to have been an error. On the D&H Company maps, it can be easily seen that the lock tender's house was actually on the north side of the property line, near the lock that was filled in many years ago, and not on the National Park Service property.

Instead, the lower level of the farm house was used as a small store front that opened up to the canal towpath to sell goods to those traveling on the canal. The terrace on which the Cowen Farmhouse sits was created by the construction of the Delaware and Hudson Canal which left behind raised levels of easy-to-plow soil to plant crops and gardens. The 1850 Agricultural Census shows that Cowen grew potatoes, buckwheat, and hay, and produced 150 pounds of butter, which were likely sold on the regional market. Johnston describes the farmstead in *Reminiscences*:

"The little farm, cleared and regulated by Joseph Cowen in his active years, is maintained in its former productive condition and made to yield the principal vegetable for family consumption; a small surplus for market, and the requisite keeping of a single horse and 2 or 3 cows. Small fruits such as strawberries, raspberries, blackberries of the choicest selection, and early vegetables of first quality are raised from the garden lands and sold to the public in considerable quantities. A profitable number of fowls, of carefully chosen stock is also maintained; and by a rare exhibition of judgement, skill and attention, the farm and garden lands are sources from which an ample supply for the household is derived, or nearly so; and thus showing how conspicuously a small area of land under approved management, will re-

ward the hands of industry and care."

Joseph and his wife, Phoebe, lived on the property until their deaths in 1864 and 1890 respectively. Before their deaths, the property had already been passed down to their daughter Caroline, who married Albert Stage, a lumberman merchant, teacher, and member of the Sullivan County Board of Supervisors. The Stages continued to live in the farmhouse and retained use and management of the farmstead until Caroline passed in 1914 just before Albert died in 1915. The property was owned by several other families prior to the National Park Service purchased the land in 1995, most significantly the Strenz family from the 1920s through the 1960s.

To learn more about Cowen Farm, Joseph and Phoebe Cowen, and Caroline and Albert Stage, keep an eye out this spring on the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River website, [www.nps.gov/upde](http://www.nps.gov/upde), for new pages that tell the story of Cowen Farm.

There will also be an opportunity for the public to stop by the property located at 2995 State Route 97, Pond Eddy, NY 12770 and speak with a ranger about its history and current use during the Sullivan County Sneak Peek event on May 16 and 17 between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

As more details about the Sneak Peek weekend develop, they will be announced on Facebook

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## Important Information About Lead In Village of Hancock Drinking Water

Recent drinking water quality monitoring conducted by Village of Hancock Water Department has found elevated levels of lead in drinking water in some homes buildings in the Village of Hancock. Although the primary sources of lead exposure are lead based paint and lead contaminated dust or soil, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that 10 to 20 percent of a person's potential exposure to lead may come from drinking water. The Village of Hancock is concerned about the health of their residents because lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters your body from drinking water or other sources, especially for pregnant women and children 6 years and younger. It can cause damage to the brain and kidneys and can interfere with the production of red blood cells that carry oxygen to all parts of your body. Scientist have linked the effects of lead on the brain with lowered IQ in children. Adults with kidney problems and high blood pressure can be affected by low levels of lead more than healthy adults. Lead is stored in the bones and it can be released later in life. During pregnancy, the child receives lead from the mother's bones which may affect brain development. During the June - September 2019 routine testing, elevated lead levels were discovered at two residences. As we believe that the elevated levels are due to corrosion, we have increased the amount of zinc orthophosphate, which is a corrosion inhibitor added to our water system. There are steps you can take to reduce your exposure to lead in your water: Run your water to

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[bpwsp@health.state.ny.us](mailto:bpwsp@health.state.ny.us). For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home/building and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's web site at [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead), or call the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD.

## Genealogy Group to Meet

The Wayne County Genealogy Group meets at 4:30pm on Thursday, February 27, at the Wayne County Historical Society, 810 Main Street, Honesdale. The topic this month is "Cherchez la Femme - Tracking Your Female Ancestors." Beginners and experienced researchers are welcome. For more information, call 570-253-5468.

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Bids will be received by the Town Board at the Town Clerk's Office, 661 West Main Street, Hancock, New York until 7:15 pm Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at which time the bids will be opened.

The Town Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. All bidders shall comply with Section 103-D of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York as it relates to non-collusive bidding. Non-collusive bidding certificate forms and bid specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk.

Dated: February 8, 2020

Ann L. Green  
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Dated: February 5, 2020

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Monday, 3/9-Chicken Fajitas with Toppings, Rice Pilaf, Corn, Fruit, Milk. Tuesday, 3/10-Hot Dog on Bun, French Fries, Baked Beans, Garden Salad, Milk. Wednesday, 3/11-Rotini with Meat Sauce, Broccoli, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk. Thursday, 3/12-Chicken Nuggets with Dipping Sauce, Whole Wheat Roll, Garden Salad, Fruit, Mashed Potatoes, Milk. Friday, 3/13-Cheese or

Pepperoni Pizza, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk.

Monday, 3/16-Baked Breaded Chicken, Dinner Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk. Tuesday, 3/17-Cheeseburger or Hamburger on Bun with Toppings, French Fries, Baked Beans, Fruit, Milk. Wednesday, 3/18-Chili with Cheese, Garlic Toast, Garden Salad, French Fries, Fruit, Milk. Thursday, 3/19-Hot Turkey Sandwich with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk. Friday, 3/20-Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk.

Monday, 3/23-Tacos, Rice Pilaf, Green Beans, Fruit,

Milk. Tuesday, 3/24-Rotini with Meat Sauce, Broccoli, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk. Wednesday, 3/25-Chicken Patty on Bun with Toppings, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk. Thursday, 3/26-Sloppy Joe on Bun, French Fries, Fruit, Garden Salad, Milk. Friday, 3/27-Cheese of Pepperoni Pizza, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk. Monday, 3/30-Chicken Fajitas with Toppings, Rice Pilaf, Corn, Fruit, Milk. Tuesday, 3/31-Popcorn Chicken Bites with Dipping Sauce, Whole Wheat Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk.

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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 at the library.

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

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# Eagles Win Mini Mac Games

by Coach Ben Diemer

The Deposit/Hancock Eagles finished their regular season with a pair of mini-MAC games as part of the 5-8 bracket.

The Eagles first traveled to Unadilla Valley to take on the Storm on February 14. The Eagles got off to a slow start but quickly turned things around and took a 34-24 lead into the half. The teams traded baskets in the third scoring 19 points apiece and the Eagles maintained their lead by a score of 53-43. In the final period the Eagles pulled away and recorded the victory 72-56. Caleb Walker scored 24 points to lead all scorers. Christian Sokol and Jacob Dobromirescu each chipped in 12 points. Wyatt Jacobs scored eight points and pulled down 12 rebounds.

The win set up a trip to Walton to take on the Warriors on February 17. The teams started the game off trading runs and the Warriors

held a 15-13 lead at the end of the first quarter. The teams continued to play even in the second quarter and Walton maintained a 30-29 lead going into the half. The Warriors added to their lead in the third quarter and took a 45-40 lead into the final period. In the fourth quarter, D/H finally slowed Walton's scoring holding them to five points while putting in 15 of their own winning the game 55-50.

Walker once again led the Eagles in scoring with 16. Jacobs added 15 and pulled down 8 rebounds. Tyler Santamaria chipped in 10 points. Sokol pulled down 11 rebounds in the effort.

The Eagles now travel to Union Springs on Tuesday, February 25 for a first round sectional game. If they win that game, they will play on Friday, February 28 against the winner of Watkins Glen versus Sidney.



ELLA SIMMONS (#52) scores from down the base line. Photo courtesy of Terry Ryan



YOU CAN'T STOP HER. YOU CAN ONLY HOPE TO CONTAIN HER. League MVP Laycee Drake goes up for two of her 34 points at the BU Arena on Friday, February 21. Photo courtesy of Terry Ryan



CALEB WALKER (far right) is chosen for MAC LEAGUE Second Team All Star award on February 21 at SUNY Binghamton. Honorable Mention went to Tyler Santamaria and Christian Sokol. Photo courtesy of Mary Ryan



D-H LADY EAGLES celebrate getting MAC Championship plaque. In photo left to right: Avery Ostrander (clapping), Ariel Kellam, Haleigh Weyrauch (back), Laycee Drake, Ella Simmons (back), Kelsey Young, and Mac Coach of the Year - Scott Young. Photo courtesy of Terry Ryan

# Lady Eagles Win The MAC

Eagles get the Crown over Unatego 54-50

by Jill Gorton

The Championship Game held in the BU Arena on Friday had the number one seeded Eagles in white and hosting the number two seeded Unatego Spartans. The first quarter saw the Eagles out of the gate quickly with Drake putting in 10 of the 15 for D/H as Unatego closed the gap with a last second shot to get within range of the Eagles, putting 11 on the board. Unatego picked up 9 in the second and D/H had 11 to edge ahead a little more. Drake had 9 and Haleigh Weyrauch dropped in 2. Score at the half was 26-20.

Drake picked up her fourth foul in the third and had to sit as the Unatego Spartans tried to get back into contention. They went to the line multiple times and were cold. In the third quarter they missed 4 and made 4. The game tightened up with Unatego taking a small lead but missed foul shots continued to keep success at bay. Eight missed free throws with 3 made shots helped the Eagles stay in the game. The Unatego main scorer fouled out in the fourth and Drake was 7-10 in the fourth as the Spartans were playing catch up and getting 16 points in the fourth. The Eagles had 18 with timely scoring from Drake and Haleigh Weyrauch who put in a timely three. Weyrauch had 11 on the night with Drake garnering 34. Ariel Kellam had three and Sierra Francisco had two, with Kelsey Young getting 2.

In retrospect, the intangibles were the most effective. The degree of hustle by everyone on the floor, the smothering defen-

sive style that forces the opposition to make mistakes, and the Eagles' determination to get a hand on any loose balls make for an good defensive team. They are always looking to transition and fresh legs get quality minutes of rest for the starters. Everyone on the team knows if she is open, she will get the pass.

"Drake is constantly working on her game and is very laid back," stated Coach Todd Hertzog. "I was glad we were able to secure the win." Unofficial stats indicated that Drake had a double-double in the game with 34 points, 17 rebounds and missed the triple double with a mere 8 assists.

After the presentation of the trophy, the girls had their picture taken and they stuck around to watch the boys' game. An All-Star announcement for girls took place at halftime of the boys' championship game between Delhi and Greene. League MVP went to Laycee Drake while Ariel Kellam was named as first team all star. Sierra Francisco was a second team selection, with honorable mention going to Kelsey Young and Madison Dawson. Coach Scott Young was named Coach of the Year. Sectional play for girls will start on Wednesday, February 26. The Eagles have the number 1 seed and will host the opening round and face Candor at Hancock.

# Bowling...

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McKenzie Worzel averaged 201 for all 9 games and almost joined Brenna Gleim on the All-Star team, missing by only 13 pins.

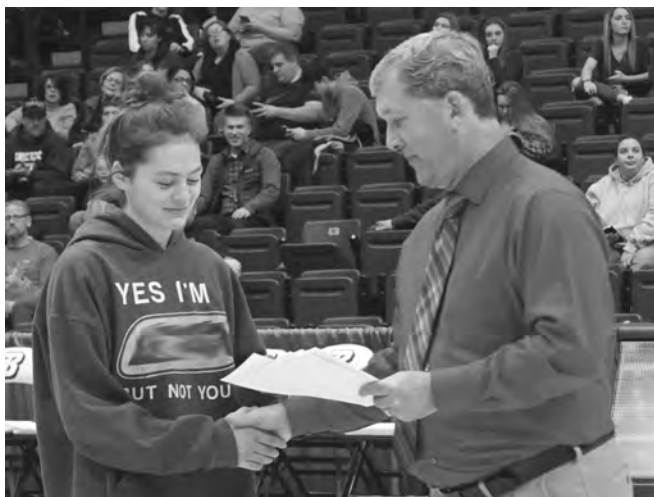
Brenna Gleim won first place honors for high series and high game. Her 696 triple and 258 game helped her once again qualify for the girls Section IV All-Star.

This will be Brenna's 4th straight appearance on the team as a starter. A feat that is incredible and almost unprecedented. To put it in perspective Brenna has only had one other girl be a starter with her for a second time, let alone all four years.

It was an amazing season for the Wildcat bowlers with championship after championship rolling in. Good Luck! at the States!!!



Brenna Gleim receiving her medals. Contributed Photo



ARIEL KELLAM receives MAC First Team Award from Dave Gorton. Kelsey Young and Madison Dawson also received Honorable Mention awards. Photo courtesy of Terry Ryan



LAYCEE DRAKE receives MAC League MVP award from Dave Gorton (left) and Terry Raymond (right). Photo courtesy of Terry Ryan

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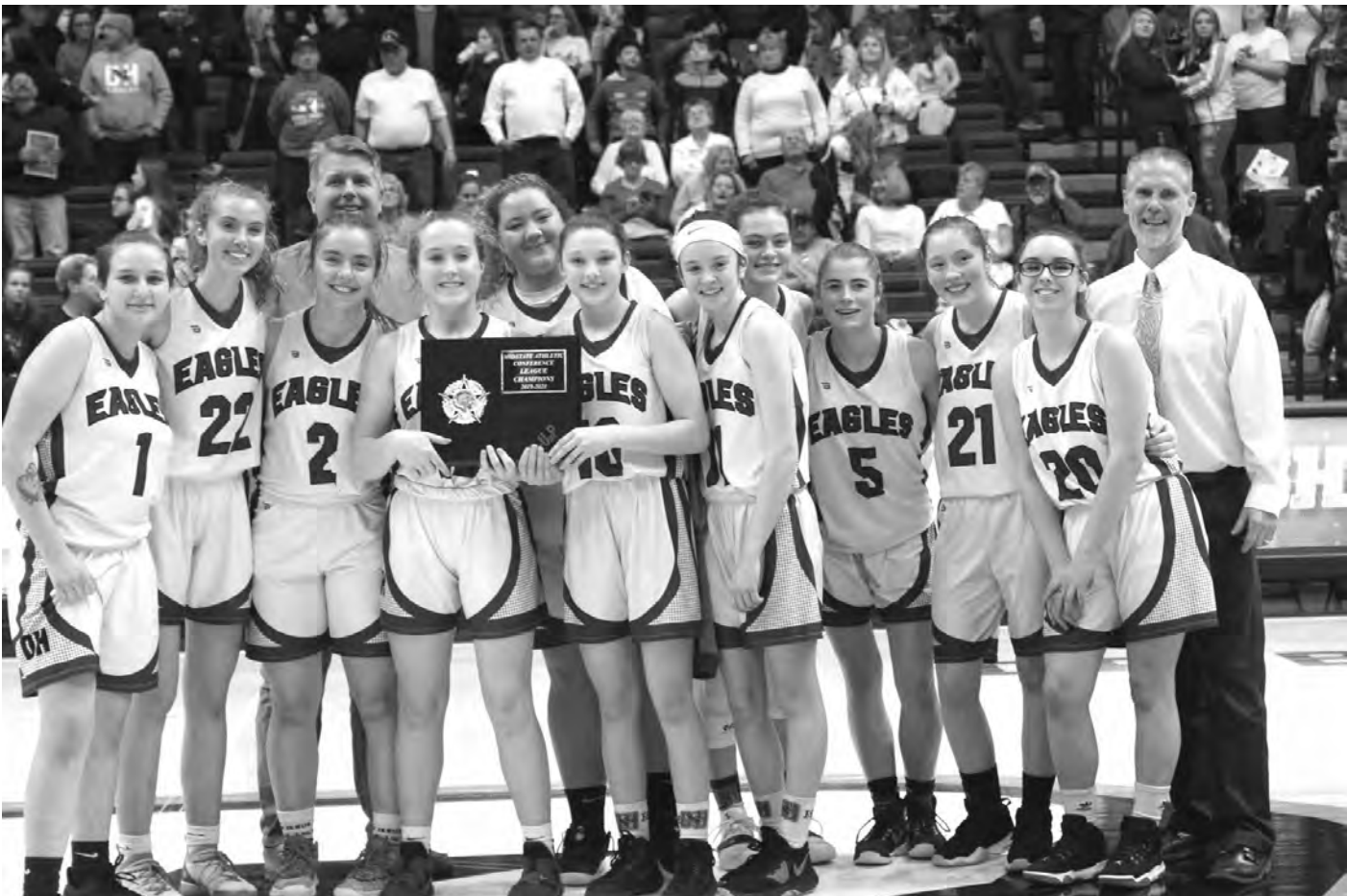
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DEPOSIT-HANCOCK MAC CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS with their plaque pictured (left to right): McKenzie Mead, Kelsey Young, Laycee Drake, Scott Young - MAC League Coach of the Year (back), Madison Dawson and Kaitlyn Macumber with MAC Championship plaque, Ella Simmons (back), Avery Ostrander, Ariel Kellam (back), Sierra Francisco, Haleigh Weyrauch, Sara Spence, and Todd Hertzog - Assistant Coach.

## Bowling Results

### Friday Couples 2/14/20

Bass & Sons Logging 52-20, I'm Lovin' It 50-22, Deposit Sanitary 50-22, Two Sisters Emporium 42-30, Card Logging 42-30, Moo's Drop Inn 42-30, Fox Bowling Center 36-36, Couse Logging 34-38, Team Brandon 32-40, Conklin Logging 30-42, Goin' Postal 30-42, MicBree's 28-44, Dirig Construction 28-44, BYE 0-72.

High Scores: Jeremy Barnes 204; Andy Bullis 604, 222, 214; Shawn Card 202, 212; Howard Couse Sr. 611, 209, 205; Shane R. Dirig 218; Janet M. Ellis 502, 195; Scott Ellis 626, 242, 214; Paul Fritz 212; Brianna Meres 559, 182, 196, 181; Rick Mills 202; Tia Robinson 540, 193; Andi Sedlock 237; Jen Smith 538, 180, 211; Kathy Smith 541, 203, 182; Tim Smith 665, 236, 246; Dan Wormuth 622, 257; Jay Wormuth 205; Jeremy Wormuth 611, 209, 214; Michelle Wormuth 201.

### Independent 2/19/20

Double D Ranch 24-8, Scott's Auto Body 24-8, Evanitsky Logging 24-8, Fox Bowl #2 20-12, Mad Log Ale Farm 17-15, Budenhagen Ford 15-17, Fox Bowling Center 13-19, CL Repair 12-20, Price Graphics 9-23, BYE 2-30.

High Scores: Audy Boice 212; Doc Bolduc 219; Al Bullis Sr. 617, 224, 211; Andrew S. Bullis 689, 234, 260; Carl Davis 204; Brandon Drumm 247; Brian A.

Drumm 202, 209; John Fish 215; Bill Gleim 615, 222, 212; Paul Gordon 232, 203; Ben Green 224; Pete Green 601, 202, 214; Rob Johnson 619, 229, 226; Dan Keesler 610, 212, 215; Jerry C. Kulakosky 617, 234, 200; Donnie Marino 608, 227; Jason Scofield 254; Bob Sobas 215; Scott Wahl 222, 204; Roger Widmann 212; Zuke Wormuth 609, 229; Jay Wormuth 200; Scott Wormuth 632, 222, 218.

### Sunday Mixed 2/16/20

Good-O-Boyz 36-12, Team DUH 32-16, Paul & Ginny 30-18, Brian & Dick 28-20, Wilbur & Bowk 20-28, Lenore & Reva 18-30, A&A Pin Crushers 16-32, Marino's Store 12-36.

High Scores: Dick Layton 209; Rick Mills 203, 205.

### Thursday Night 2/20/20

Cornwell Construction 54-18, Jenson Logging 46-26, Fox Bowling Center 44-28, Conklin Logging 38-34, Dirig's Hammer 36-36, Conklin Construction 36-36, S&S Auto 34-38, Patche's Place 30-42, S and S 1 28-44, BYE 6-66.

High Scores: Dale Conklin 201; Matt Conklin 203, Ray Cornwell 600, 221; Shane Dirig 661, 221, 225, 215; Gino Jones 227; Dan Keesler 209, 219; Scott Wahl 204; Dan Wormuth 698, 255, 247.

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## Hancock Boys Bowling Team Division 2 Team Champs; Off To State Bowling Tourney Along With Brenna Gleim

### by Coach Bill Gleim

Congratulations to Hancock's boys bowling team, which won the Division 2 team championship at the Section IV State Qualifiers on Friday at Valley Bowling Center in Waverly!

Junior Nick Hazen, sophomore Shane McAndrew, and freshmen Tyler Allen, Ronnie Ellis, Peyton Johnson and Anton Leonard won the D2 boys team title (classes B, C & D) with 9,520 pins. All six qualified for the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Championships, which run March 13-15 at Strike 'N Spare Lanes in Syracuse.

Hancock's total pinfall started with 3,006 pins that carried over from the Section IV class tournaments last weekend at Midway Lanes in Vestal, where the Wildcats won the Class D sectional crown. They followed with 3,159 pins in the three-game morning session Friday and a whopping 3,355 pins in the three-game afternoon session. That triple was one of the highest totals ever recorded at the qualifier and was only 90 pins short of the state record.

Hancock's student population of 99 kids in grades 9-12 is the lowest population of the 35 teams that started this tournament last weekend. Their 9,520 pins marked the highest total of any Section IV team at the State Qualifiers, which featured Division 1 (600 student enrollment or higher 9-12) and Division 2 (599 or less) The D1 winners (classes AA & A) amassed 9,366 pins.

Anton Leonard rolled the high series and high game during the State Qualifiers once again



Section IV State Qualifiers Division 2 Team Champions! Congratulations to Nick Hazen, Peyton Johnson, Ronnie Ellis, Shane McAndrew, Anton Leonard, Tyler Allen and Coach Bill Gleim

for both divisions. His spectacular 803 series and 289 game came in the morning session. Nick Hazen had the second-highest series with a 752, highlighted by a 277 game. Ellis, Allen, McAndrew, and Johnson all added series of 600 or better. The team averaged an incredible 211 per person for the entire 45 game set!!!

The girls' team of McKenzie and Regan Worzel, Lana Evanitsky, Micky Norton, Julie Roloson, and Brenna Gleim almost matched the boys finishing in second place behind Maine-Endwell. They outscored the Maine-Endwell team in 3 of the 6 head to head games they bowled, but the ME team was just a bit stronger and held off the Cats in the end.

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Freshman Anton Leonard (left) led all boys bowlers at the Section IV State Qualifiers with an 803 series and 289 game. Junior Nick Hazen (right) had a 755 for the second-best series and a 277 game!

## BB Tourney Set For March 7

The annual Rumble On 22 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament will be held Saturday, March 7 at the Hancock Central School Elementary gymnasium. sign ups: 7:30 - 8:00 a.m. Games: 9:00 a.m.

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D-H WINNERS of the Girls' Varsity Basketball Playoff Game: Front Row (left to right): Avery Ostrander, Sierra Francisco, Kaitlyn Macumber, Laycee Drake; Back Row: Coach Scott Young, Ariel Kellam, Madison Dawson, Kelsey Young, Ella Simmons, Haleigh Weyrauch, and Assistant Coach Todd Hertzog. Photo courtesy of Mary Ryan

## Lady Eagles Win the MAC D/H 52-46 over Greene in Semi Final

### by Jill Gorton

The Lady Eagles were unstoppable as they faced two highly competitive teams last week on their way to the League Championship. On Tuesday, the number one-seeded Eagles hosted the number four seeded Greene Trojans in Deposit on Tuesday. The game was close as both teams battled for rebounds and the Greene defense tried to limit Laycee Drake's ability to score. The double team defense of Greene worked for a time but

a shortened Greene bench got in foul trouble and tired. Drake continued to make many good decisions on the floor and her team was the beneficiary of some outstanding passes from the point guard.

Greene was able to finish the first quarter with a 3-point lead leading 13 to 10 over the Eagles. Drake had 2 as did Ariel Kellam and Haleigh Weyrauch had a 3 while Kelsey Young had 2.

Madison Dawson had one on a free throw.

The second quarter saw an adjustment as Drake started to throw in bombs. She had 2 regular field goals and a couple of long distance threes. Kellam scored frequently (9) with Drake garnering assists. The score at the half was 29-26 with the Eagles in the lead.

The third quarter, Drake had 6 with Young getting a couple of points and Ella Simmons dropping in 2 goals for 4 points. 12 points for the Eagles versus 11 for the Greene squad kept the game close. The game entered the fourth with the Eagles ahead by a small margin.

Again, Drake impressed with downtown shots as she put up fade away threes and scored



Kelsey Young (22) controlled the tip off in the game against Greene. Herald Photo by Jill Gorton

twice on regular field goals. She appeared slightly tired on the line going 2 - 5 in the fourth. She had 10 of the 11 points scored in the fourth for the Eagles when Greene, forced to foul, put Drake on the line. Both teams were indifferent on the line. D/H went 6-19 and Greene was 6-15.

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KELSEY YOUNG (#22), Madison Dawson (#12) and the rest of the team celebrate after the victory of the Playoff game vs. Greene on February 17. Photo courtesy of Mary Ryan

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