

Assemblyman Clifford Crouch Will Not Seek Reelection



Assemblyman Clifford W. Crouch (R-Bainbridge) announced today that he will not be seeking re-election in 2020, ending a 25-year career in the state Assembly and 34-year career dedicated to the communities he loves.

Crouch, 74, who represents the 122nd Assembly District parts of Chenango, Broome, Otsego,

Delaware Counties, was first elected to the Assembly in November 1995 and has been a champion of the middle class, the developmentally disabled, veterans, New York's farmers and the second amendment.

"It truly saddens me to announce that I will not be seeking re-election to the Assembly in 2020," said Crouch. "Despite overwhelming support from friends, family, colleagues and community members from around the district, the time has come for me to step away from public service. This has been one of the hardest decisions of my life, as I truly take pride in serving the Southern Tier, but I have reached a point in my life where spending time with family is my main priority."

As a common-sense legislator, Crouch never let party lines get

in the way, as has been known for his kind and welcoming personality and ability to work with legislators from both sides of the aisle. Crouch served a leadership role as Chairman of the Republican Conference, while also serving on the Agriculture; Economic Development, Job Creation, Commerce and Industry; Rules; and Ways and Means Committees.

Crouch graduated from Unadilla High School in 1963, going on to attend Cornell University and graduating in 1965 with an AAS Degree in Dairy Science. Upon graduation he went on to be an owner and an operator of a 350-acre, 180-head dairy farm in the Bainbridge.

Crouch's dedication to the community started in 1982 serving as a Town Councilman for the Town of Bainbridge until 1986. In 1986 he was elected Bainbridge Town

Supervisor, serving as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors in Chenango County from 1993 to November 1995, until his election to Assembly.

"I want to thank all my supporters, colleagues and staff for their dedication and hard work over the years, and I especially want to thank my wife, Barbara, for her understanding and unwavering support over the years," said Crouch. "It truly means the world to me. I will never forget my time in the state Assembly and the honor it has given me to serve you."

Crouch's dedication to his community does not stop at public service. He will remain as an active member of the Bainbridge Local Development Corporation; the Board of Directors; the Bainbridge Lions Club; and a member of the Bainbridge Methodist Church.



HANCOCK HISTORY. Junior guard Laycee Drake had a game-high 33 points Tuesday night, January 28, to become the top scorer in Hancock varsity basketball history. Drake, a three-time All-State selection, passed Section 4 Hall of Famer Jim Wright, whose 1,529 points had been a Hancock record since his 1982-1983 senior season. She stood at 1,539 points after matching her season high to lead D-H girls past visiting Bainbridge-Guilford, 70-45. Photo courtesy of Ann Young

Man Sentenced For Hancock Home Invasion

Delaware County District Attorney John Hubbard announced that on October 21, 2019, Skylar D. Blass, 20, of Cooperstown was sentenced to two concurrent six year terms of incarceration in State Prison and a five year term of parole supervision before the Honorable Richard D. Northrup, Jr. in Delaware County Court. The sentence was a result of his plea to two counts of Rob-

bery in the Second Degree, a Class C Felony related to home invasions in Hancock and Davenport.

On February 28, 2019, Blass and three others entered a residence in Hancock, Delaware County, and brandished weapons, including a machete and displayed what appeared to be a firearm. Blass and the others targeted the residence in the belief there was cash in the

residence. In the early morning hours of March 1, 2019, and immediately after the entry of the residence in Hancock, Blass and co-defendant Trenton Hathaway, age 18 of Oneonta, went to a residence of an acquaintance in the Town of Davenport.

At that residence, Blass displayed a BB gun and stole a small wooden chest containing US currency.

As a result of his role in the Davenport home invasion, the co-defendant Trenton Hathaway pled guilty in Delaware County Court to Attempted Robbery in the First Degree, a Class C Felony. On January 6, 2020, Hathaway was sentenced to a three and one-half year term of incarceration and three years post-release supervision.

Man Dies After Armed Standoff

A six hour standoff in the Town of Deposit resulted in the death of Clint Stevens, 34, on Wednesday, January 29. Stevens was fatally shot by Troopers after he shot towards them.

Stevens, a Binghamton resident who was allegedly suicidal and under the influence of meth, had broken into his parents home on Route 8, Deposit, starting the standoff.

Stevens had been arrested a day earlier under mental health law and taken to Binghamton General for evaluation.

New York State Police Capt. Jeffrey VanAuken said Stevens had made statements saying "he wanted to be shot. He made statements to be shot by police."

The standoff began around 2 p.m. Wednesday, after troopers responded to a call from Stevens' father, who reported a possible burglary in process at their home at 4167 State Route 8 in Deposit.

When they arrived, troopers spotted Stevens inside the house, holding a rifle.

After Stevens pointed the weapon in the troopers' direction, more law enforcement officers were summoned to the scene.

Troopers trained lights onto the residence. VanAuken said Stevens started to break windows and point the rifle outside. According to the Troopers, at 7:37 p.m., Stevens fired two rounds at the Bearcat light from inside the residence. The vehicle was hit by one round near the windshield. At 7:45 p.m., Stevens

emerged from the house, this time with a rifle and a handgun that were aimed toward troopers at the perimeter, and Stevens was fatally shot by troopers. The guns were apparently owned by Stevens' parents, and kept in the house.

An autopsy of Stevens was performed Thursday afternoon at Lourdes Hospital in Binghamton. Toxicology results are pending.



State Senator Fred Akshar with law enforcement officials. Contributed Photo

Area Reps Seek Changes To New NY Bail Reform Rules

(BINGHAMTON, NY) Members of law enforcement, district attorneys and crime victims advocates from four counties joined local officials in Binghamton to push for swift action from Albany to address a litany of public safety issues created by newly enacted bail reform laws. Their message comes on the heels of NYPD Commissioner Dermot Shea highlighting the spike in crimes in New York City in the three weeks since the new bail reform laws went into effect. The NY Daily News reports that overall crime in New York City alone is up 11% from 2019, with a 32% surge in robberies, a 15% surge in burglaries, a 67% surge in stolen vehicles and a 30% jump in shooting victims.

The new law, which eliminates cash bail for the wide majority of misdemeanors and nonviolent felonies, has come under intense scrutiny as courts have released people who would have remained in jail under the old rules.

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Village Department Heads Give Reports

by Jill Gorton

The monthly meeting of the Department Heads for the Village of Hancock was held Monday, January 27 at the village hall. The meeting had only 2 department heads in attendance. Other departments sent a report. The meeting lasted a total of 25 minutes.

The Pledge to the Flag was first, followed by a role call. Charlene Caramore was absent with Trustees Shaun Shannon, Dawn Gotthardt, and Dorothy Picozzi present. Mayor Carolann McGrath presided. Minute taker was Demi Travis, Assistant Village Clerk.

Present at the meeting were Department Head, Bernard Wormuth for Waste Management and Matthew Loftus for Streets and Water. Code Enforcement, Police Department, and Fire Department were absent. The Justice Report is no longer issued.

Code Enforcement was first and the mayor read Pete Hathaway's report aloud to be entered in the minutes. According to the report, a business at 171 West Main Street asked for guidance in filing a

zoning appeal. The Old Bat Factory was issued a temporary C/O. There was no reason given for the temporary status. Hathaway's report stated that 112 East Main is a two family residence, not a three. He also responded to complaints about the placement of the dumpster on Main Street and asked the contractor to move it back as far as they can from the corner. Wheeler Street had poor visibility at the corner was cited. The Year End Building Permit Report is listed under new business and

working on New York State Building Standards report for the year is included in the new business.

Bernard Wormuth presented the Waste Treatment report. He spoke about a float failure. He called in KJ Electric to address the problem. They hauled 11.36 tons of bio solids to the composting facility and answered many alarms due to raw pump control failure. They helped with snow removal as needed. Had generator inspections and Wormuth spoke about new regulations that will make it more difficult to pass DEP inspections. This could result in fines

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Jon Leonard, new president of Leonard Bus Sales.

Leonard Bus Sales Continues Into Third Generation

Leonard Bus Sales, Inc., a school bus manufacturing company based in Deposit, has been sold to the third generation of the Leonard family, according to a video announcement on their website. Jon Leonard announced that his father, Michael Leonard, has sold the business to Jon and his brothers, three of whom who work at the company. Jon Leonard explained in the video that the family has been working on the succession plan for the past two years, and wanted to have "one decision maker." Jon, who has served as Vice President for the past five years, overseeing the day to day operation of the business,

has purchased the voting shares, and will be president of the company. His brothers, Patrick, Ben and Dan will continue in their roles at the business. A fifth brother, Chris, works in construction.

Leonard Bus Sales was started in 1965 by Gerald and Helen Leonard of Hancock. The business was taken over by their son, Michael, who operated the company for the past 47 years. The new ownership "will not change anything about what we stand for," Leonard explains. "Safety is our priority. Do it right the first time."

He ended by thanking his family, employees and customers for their support.

VFW To Meet

The monthly meeting of the VFW Allan Milk Memorial Post #7276 will be held in the Long Eddy Fire House on Friday, Feb., 14, at 7:00 p.m.

Lunch Bunch To Meet

The next Lunch Bunch is scheduled for Feb. 13, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. at the Hancock House in Hancock

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One Hundred Years Ago

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Killed by Dynamite Caps

Edward Robinson, aged 11, was blown to bits and his brother Arnold aged 8, was seriously injured Tuesday afternoon of last week, when a dynamite cap which the boy were playing with at their home. The elder boy had a box of dynamite caps between his legs and the explosion occurred when he struck one of the caps with a hammer. The younger boy, who at first, thought to have been blinded will not lose his sight.

The cap were found by Edward Robinson in a barn owned by Fred Sumner nearly two weeks ago. The barn had not been used by the physician for some time, and he states that he didn't know they were there. The Robinson children were grandson's of Frank Robinson of Hancock.

Ford Automobile Turns Turtle

Mrs. L. D. Baker is in the Binghamton private hospital on Hawley Street as the result of an accident Saturday in which her auto turned turtle pinning her underneath, on the State road about to miles east of Windsor. She is suffering from severe bruises and cuts and a probably fractured hip.

Mrs. Baker was found unconscious under the car last Saturday forenoon by I.B. Swartz of New York, a traveling sales man for the Huyler Candy Co. Mr. Swartz, who was going to Binghamton saw the wrecked car lying by the side of the road and stopped to investigate. He found Mrs. Baker beneath the car unconscious and carried her to his automobile. He drove to that city as quickly as possible and took her to the hospital.

Mr. Swartz is the man who was held up by a bandit on the road near Monticello Thursday. He was some distance from the town on a lonely

stretch of road just at dusk when he saw an automobile standing beside the road and a man in front signaling him to stop. Thinking that the other driver needed help on a broken car, Mr. Swartz stopped. A revolver was pointed at him and a demand made for his money, Mr. Swartz started his car quickly and the bandit was obliged to jump to one side to avoid being run over. He fired several shots at Swartz, but none reached the mark. Mr. Swartz then drove to Monticello, where he reported the hold up to the authorities, but no raced as found of the bandit.

A Hunting Trip

It had rained all day Saturday and had made the hunting for that day one of misery. Hoping Sunday a good day so it would dry the woods. But it was still raining, but Monday was a day of all days for hunting. The air was clear as a crystal and sharp as a knife, which puts lots of pep in a fellow when going to the woods. I started out early taking my dog, a light lunch, my gun and plenty of ammunition. 10 o'clock found me quite a distance from home and not a smell of game. The dog was getting tired as she sniffed her way through bushes and brush pile around, with no better luck than mine. But she was still hunting when I sat down for my lunch.

Was I dreaming or was it really true? The dog had startled a fox. I began to sit up and take notice. The dog was turning the fox around to me where I could get a good shot at it. I heard them coming through the bushes. The dog stopped but the fox kept on coming. I cocked my gun and stood ready to fire. The fox came out. I pulled the trigger. "Click" the hammer fell down on a poor shell and a second later the fox was gone. Upon examining the shells I found they were all poor ones, for I had got them wet Saturday.

Talk Of The Town

By Jill Gorton

I am amazed at this winter and how mild it has been. I am sorry for ice fishermen and ski slope owners. The rest of us are probably liking it. The heating bills might be less this winter. I still warm my car up for a while. I love my remote start. Best Christmas gift ever! I used to have children running around and you could use them as remote starters but not so much now.

It is flu season and I am leery of the people who never get a flu shot but always get the flu. Once, many year's ago, they got a shot and it made them sick or they got the flu anyway. This is a wake up call. Get the shot. It is free at the drug store. Why do you think it is okay to skip it and endanger the rest of us? I have the shot and I might get the flu but it will be milder and it is better than the subsequent pneumonia or bronchitis that usually

follows the flu. Seriously, a green winter makes for a full graveyard. Get the shot if you are still flu free.

What else is new? Everything and nothing. It's an interesting time to be alive and look at the wonder of government. No matter which way you would vote, it is a civics lesson in action and I hope that we learn from it. This is the messy part of democracy and it isn't always pretty but it is still the best game in the world. Get out and vote for what you truly believe in and what is important to you. That's what it is ultimately about. Pick five reasons why you believe one way or another. Get a few facts for each idea and make sure it isn't fake data. I do believe there are a lot of lies out there, so sift it like flour and go for the truest and the best and the brightest.

Through The Years

Fifty Years Ago

From an issue of
The Hancock Herald
Dated February 5, 1970

Officials in Washington D.C. announced Monday that if Congress approved President Nixon's budget the green light would be given to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to proceed with the construction of a permanent dike at East Branch to protect the residents and their property from floods and ice jams. A figure of \$350,000 has been earmarked in the budget for the proposed project.

Thursday, January 29, a local 20 year old of Pennsylvania Side of Hancock, was arrested at the Delaware Inn after she called the local police and admitted to being the person who called in the bomb threat to Hancock Central School. She was arrested for public intoxication and committed to the

Delaware County Jail in Delhi to await arraignment.

Several Hancock merchants have shown their good will toward Hancock Day Care Center by very generous donations. Hancock is one of three communities in Delaware County which runs a Federally sponsored Day Care Center. In order to receive aid, a community must accept part of the burden of financing it. This can be done by donations of cash, volunteer hours, or gifts of useful toys like books, records, etc. These are all credited toward Hancock and Hancock is in turn benefited by more job opportunities and the benefit of a modern Day Care Center.

Mrs. Ruth I. Hunter, Cadosia historian succumbed at the age of 75. A widow of retired NYO&W Railroad conductor Charles A. Hunter, Ruth died

Tuesday, January 27, 1970, in the Smith Nursing Home Walton, where she had been a patient for the past three years. Mrs. Hunter did much for the community and was a well known and highly respected citizen.

The First National Bank of Hancock has increased the interest rate on savings accounts from 4% to 4.5% a year according to an announcement made this week by bank officials. The rate increase is retroactive to January 1 of this year. Locally, the weather adopted a warmer trend over the weekend and the mercury reached the 40's on Sunday and again on Monday. Rain fell most of the day on Monday and continued until Tuesday afternoon when it turned to snow. The forecast at noon time was from two to four inches of snow, the mercury dipped to zero or below by Wednesday morning.

Raymond Turner, twin son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Turner of Wheeler Street, received his discharge from the U.S. Army

Reserves last month and enlisted in the U.S. Regular Army. He is currently receiving his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, prior to enrolling in Officer Candidate School.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ferris of Equinunk, on Friday, January 30, 1970, at the Wayne Memorial Hospital in Honesdale.

Albert E. Meagley, 74, a lifetime resident of Cadosia, died Friday, January 30, 1970, with immediate cause of death listed as pneumonia.

Keith G. Houghtalen, 63, Starrucca, died Sunday, February 1, 1970, at his home following a long illness.

George F. Wright, Deposit, died Friday, January 30, 1970, at Read Memorial Hospital in Hancock.

Joseph J. Hormerte, Equinunk, died unexpectedly at his home on Tuesday, February 3, 1970. He was 54.

Twenty Five Years Ago

From an issue of
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Dated February 8, 1995

The trial of Robert Motter of Hamden, accused in the shooting death of a relative and the beating of his mother in December of 1993, began in the Delaware County Court in Delhi last week. Motter, 24, is accused of helping his half brother, James Hendrickson, 28, shoot his mother's cousin, Shirley Fenmore, and then attempting to shoot his mother, Patricia Hendrickson. He is charged with second degree murder and attempted murder. Motter will reportedly testify that he was the victim of abuse by his mother. The trial is expected to last 3 to 4 weeks.

Optometrist Dr. Ronald Meeker has sent a letter to Hancock patients noting that Delaware

Eye Care will close permanently as of April 3. Dr. Meeker had been providing once a week service in Hancock but was unable to make the trip consistently due to Dr. Goodman's retirement from the practice last year. He told the Herald that efforts to sell the business had been unsuccessful leading to the decision to close the Hancock office. Patients' records will be relocated to Vestal Eye Care at 300 Main Street, Vestal.

Residents of Hancock and the surrounding area had to dig their way out following a weekend snowstorm that dumped almost a foot of snow and sent temperatures plunging. A large snowstorm on Saturday, February 4, dumped 10 to 16 inches of snow in the area. It was the first major snowstorm in what had been a remarkably mild winter.

Ralph W. Tyler, 88, Deposit, died Sunday, February 5, 1995, in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Binghamton.

Mary L. Woodmansee, 79, Preston Park, died Thursday, February 2, 1995, at Tyler Hospital, Tunkhannock.

Edwin G. Houghtaling, a lifelong resident of Pine Mill, Equinunk, died Tuesday, January 31, 1995, at Wayne Memorial Hospital, Honesdale. He was 92.

The Narrowsburg Central School Board held a special session to discuss the placement of next year's Kindergarten classes. The district will have 35 students and no room for them at the school. The Board may consider purchasing nearby land from a private owner in the future. Currently the cafeteria and library are being used as classroom space because of the overcrowding.

Whirling disease, the parasitic disease that has infected fish in

some state fish hatcheries, has been discovered in wild fish in at least half of the one dozen major watersheds of NY State. The impact, if any, on wild populations in the affected streams is unknown at this time. The disease does not affect humans who handle or eat the fish. Whirling disease was first detected in rainbow trout. The parasite causes some young trout and salmon to swim erratically or whirl in circles. The disease seems to be most pronounced on hatchery raised rainbow trout. The DEC continues to work with other states to gather additional information about the prevalence of whirling disease in the environment.

Life On The Mountain

By Judith Present

The origins of whiskey can be traced back to the Medieval monks of both Ireland and Scotland, but now, those two countries make their own distinctive styles of their native spirit. So it is with American whiskey as well and though the original concept may have been imported from far away lands, but 300 years later, American whiskey...is a product unto itself.

American whiskey started its life as a raw, un-aged spirit that gave the first colonists the strength and grit to spur on the courage to fight the English. And through the years, whiskey has refined into distinctive American bourbons, ryes, and Tennessee whiskeys that today,

are savored by connoisseurs, sipped by grandmothers, tossed back by barflies, and learned by almost every American as they reaches that magical age of twenty-one.

Beer was probably the first kind of beverage alcohol produced in the early settlements at Jamestown and Plymouth. The early settlers brought quite a supply of ale and spirits with them from England, but when their supplies dwindled, they had no choice but to brew their own beer, using whatever ingredients were close at hand. By the early 1620s, colonists in Virginia were brewing beer that they claimed would "tide them over" until they got used to the water.

The first settlers came with wines, brandy, and fortified wines such as Madeira but they really wanted to become as self-sufficient as possible, and although imported wines and liquors have always held that "if it comes from France, it must be good" image, but the settlers changed that by making all kinds of drinks from the abundant native ingredients. As soon as beehives were located, settlers were producing mead, and once their orchards gave fruit, cider from apples and pears were added to the menu.

Captain James Thorpe, a missionary in Virginia wrote to friends in London that a drink from Indian corn was so good; he often chose it over English beer. Was Thorpe actually distilling corn whiskey at the time? But was more probable that he was making corn beer. Whatever his product actually was, however, was strong enough to get a whole bunch of Native Americans so drunk that they scalped and killed him in 1622.

But still, these early Americans weren't content; they wanted their own liquors. Like the first beers and wines, the first liquors made here used a variety of ingredients--berries, plums, potatoes, apples, carrots, and grain--anything that had the power to attract yeast and then ferment. The spirits they made were probably not the smoothest of potions, mind you, but they were liquor all the same. Two of the more popular American spirits during the first century and a half of colonization were peach brandy, made mainly in the Southern colonies, and applejack, a brandy distilled from cider, which probably originated in or around New Jersey. The first liquor to be made in quantity and to have a major impact on the colonies was, in fact, rum. With sugar and molasses exported from the West Indies to New England the colonists used them to make their very own variety of rum. Of course, settlers in the islands made their own rum, and that, too, was exported to the American Colonies, ready for immediate consumption. In those days, rum was known by many different names: Rumbullion,

rumbustion, rumbowling, kill-devil, rhumbooze, and Barbados water, all common terms for the distillate of sugar cane or molasses.

But by 1873 woman started to have a passionate distaste for the drink and what it does to the men of the household.

So, Eliza Jane Thompson, a woman with a passionate distaste for the drinking classes, led 70 women to drugstores and bars in her hometown of Hillsboro, Ohio, where they stood outside and sang hymns and prayed. After news of the occurrence reached the ears of similar-minded women around the country, over 50,000 promoters of temperance followed suit. The movement became known as the Women's Crusade and led to the 1874 formation of the Women's Christian Temperance Union in Cleveland, Ohio. And I'm sure you all know the rest; "prohibition". The problem being, when you tell people what they can't do, they have to do. And the black market made millions off it.

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The secret to a long marriage is that you and your husband don't decide to get a divorce on the same day...

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DRBC Seeks Advisory Board

The Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) is looking for individuals with relevant expertise to fill several non-reserved positions on its newly-formed Advisory Committee on Climate Change (ACCC).

The nine non-reserved members will represent the following stakeholder categories:

- Academic or Research Institutions
- Watershed or Environmental Organizations
- Business or Industry
- Water or Wastewater Utilities

The members will be appointed by the DRBC's Executive Director; preference shall be given to individuals actively working on climate change impacts, preferably in the Delaware River Basin.

If Interested in a Non-Reserved Member Position on the ACCC:

Please submit your resume and a letter of interest by Friday, February 29, 2020.

For questions and to submit resumes, please email Kristen Bowman Kavanagh, P.E., committee liaison.

Full details are available at https://www.nj.gov/drbc/home/newsbytes/approved/20200129_acc.html.

Preston School Honor Roll

David Jagger, Principal of the Preston Area School, has announced that the following students have made the honor roll for the second marking period.

8th Grade

High Honors – Zoey Figura
Honors – September Andersen, Alexis Bolster, Brianna Brown, Stasia Todd, Chloe Moore

7th Grade

High Honors—Trysten Evanitsky, Ava Francisco, Lillian Tyson
Honors – Gary Milk, Natalie Woodmansee

6th Grade

High Honors – Gus Deron, Zane Habig, Gwyneth Nebzdoski, Dakota Skidmore, Stevie Woodmansee
Honors – Nicholas Bialecki, Vanessa Bolster, Katelin Croisette, Autumn Dohanic, Grace Evanitsky, Liam Kelly

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The "Precepts of the Church" are five expectations set forth by the Church as the absolute minimum requirements for the faithful to perform and still be counted among the faithful, in communion with the Church. They are intended to foster and encourage a moral life and prayerful life and love of God and neighbor. The First Precept is "You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor." This requirement to celebrate and commemorate the day of Christ's resurrection is a continuation of the Third Commandment, to keep holy the Sabbath day. We also participate in Mass on those feast days the Church deems important enough to require attendance (Christmas, etc.) We avoid work on these days to enjoy the celebrations. We are reminded that we don't simply "work for the weekend", but our day of rest with God energizes us to go out and accomplish His mission and ours for the rest of the week.

Cabin Fever Thrift Sale Set In Roscoe

Roscoe Presbyterian Church 1955 Old Route 17, Roscoe.

Sale Days and Hours:

Thursday, February 13 - 10 am to 5 pm

Friday, February 14 - 10 am to 5 pm (lunch available 11-1:15)

Saturday, February 15 - 10 am to 1 pm

Saturday is Bag Day-Fill a bag for \$3 to \$5

Shop our large selection of winter apparel and accessories, books, games, and handy household items. Plus SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCH

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(free will offering will be accepted)

For additional info, call Julie at (607) 498-5215

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PUZZLERS. The winner of the puzzle contest at Louise Adelia Read Memorial Library was the team shown above: Valerie Bennett Hunter, Fr. Dan Quinn, Bill Gross and Laurie Gross. They finished the 500 piece jigsaw puzzle before the other teams, to take the coveted top spot. Eight teams were entered in the contest. Bill confidently predicted his team would win next year's competition, as well, which sounds suspiciously like a dare. Contributed Photo

After School Activity Center Weekly Calendar

After School Activity Center Weekly Calendar February 3 -7

Monday- Cooking Club Air Fryer Donuts

Tuesday -Cornell Cooperative Extension Cooking Class Chicken Fingers

Wednesday - Talent Show Practice

Thursday- Library Club at Louise Adelia Memorial

Friday Fun Day- Glow Bowl and Pizza Party at Fox Bowling Center Pick up at 5:50 PM

The After School Programs are Located at Hancock Elementary School/Hancock Mid-

dle 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.

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Friday, 2/7-Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk.

Monday, 2/10-Chicken Fajitas w/Toppings, Rice Pilaf, Corn, Fruit, Milk.
Tuesday, 2/11-Popcorn Chicken Bites w/Dipping Sauce, Roll, Garden Salad, Fruit, Mashed Potatoes, Milk.
Wednesday, 2/12-Hot Dog on Bun, French Fries, Baked Beans, Garden Salad, Milk.
Thursday, 2/13-Hot Turkey Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk.
Friday, 2/14-Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk.

Monday, 2/17-NO SCHOOL. Tuesday, 2/18-NO SCHOOL. Wednesday, 2/19-Tacos, Rice Pilaf, Corn, Fruit, Milk.
Thursday, 2/20- Ham Sandwich, Chicken Noodle Soup, Fruit, Pasta Salad, Milk.
Friday, 2/21-Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk.

Monday, 2/24-Chicken Alfredo over Pasta, Cheesy Breadstick, Garden Salad, Fruit, Broccoli Florets, Milk.
Tuesday, 2/25-Hamburger of Cheeseburger on Bun w/Toppings, French Fries, Fruit, Baked Beans, Milk.
Wednesday, 2/26-Chicken Patty on Bun w/Toppings, Green Beans, Fruit, Mashed Potatoes, Milk.
Thursday, 2/27-Chicken Fajitas w/Toppings, Rice Pilaf, Corn, Fruit, Milk.
Friday, 2/28-Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk.

Two Students Place At Debate Tourney

Congratulations to Hancock sophomore Zach Middleton and senior Emmi Rubera, who earned second-place finishes Saturday, January 25, at Mount Markham's Speech and Debate Tournament! Zach's first time competing resulted in a runner-up finish in the Extemporaneous category. Emmi continued her standout season with a second in Congressional competition.

Register To Vote

In this critically important presidential election year, it's vital that everyone who is eligible to vote is properly registered and ready to go to their polling place on primary day, April 28. The presidential campaign is on everyone's mind, but we can't forget that in addition, we will be electing our Congressman, our PA Attorney General, and PA Auditor on November 3. The LAST DAY to register to vote in the primary is April 13, but don't wait until the last moment. To make it simple to register, there will be several opportunities in our area in February. Volunteers will be ready to assist new voters at The Cooperage on Feb. 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Callicoon Farmers' Market on Feb. 16, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and at the Hawley Silk Mill Campus on the 18th and 19th, from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. If you can let a newly eligible prospective voter know about these opportunities, there won't be a last minute panic at missing the registration date. (FYI: the registration cut-off for the general election will be in October.) PA residents may also register online by going to www.VotesPa.com. Don't wait!

Take a moment to think about whom among your family and friends is now eligible to vote: new high school or college graduates, new residents in our community, new citizens? Who else? Please encourage them to register so they will not be in danger of squandering their hard-won right to participate in the election process. For more information, call 570-224-0223 or 570-224-8500.

Cold Spring Chapel Kitchen Reopens In March

To all our friends and neighbors throughout the county: We will see you in March for lunch. Inclement weather reigns for the moment. We will be closed for the month of February to reorganize the kitchen facilities to better serve you when we reopen. We ask your patience and hope to see you in March. Blessings from all of us at the Community Kitchen-Patti, Donna, Jane, Terry, Don, Sally H., Sally S., Jeanne, Judy, Arleen, Marilyn, Carol and Mary.

Thanks For the Memories

Effective March 1, 2020

We would like to thank all Cadusia Valley property owners who allowed us to hunt your property over the years. Due to lack of membership and participation in the club, there will be no more gun raffle and Club. Anyone who may want to continue hunting must contact the property owners for terms. Thank you.

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EXCAVATING

Bail Reform...

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While other states like New Jersey, California and Illinois have limited the use of bail, New York is one of the few states to abolish bail for many crimes without also giving state judges the discretion to consider whether a person poses a threat to public safety in deciding whether to hold them.

"The law as currently written is a slap in the face to law-abiding citizens across the state," said Akshar. "It's created a revolving door that indiscriminately shuffles violent, non-violent, and repeat criminals in and out of the justice system as their crimes continue to multiply. This misguided law has effectively stripped judges of their discretion to prevent violent criminals, domestic abusers and sexual predators from being immediately released back into communities before they can answer for their crimes."

Across the 52nd Senate District, dozens of individuals

have been granted immediate release due to the bail reform changes, including those charged with endangering the welfare of a child, strangulation, assault with intent to cause physical injury with a weapon, unlawful imprisonment, aggravated driving while intoxicated, burglary and criminal possession of narcotics with intent to distribute.

Across the state, bail reform changes have led to the immediate release of a individuals charged with:

- manslaughter in the strangulation-and-stabbing death of a woman in Albany;

- predatory sexual assault, rape, and endangering the welfare of a child in Seneca County;

- driving drunk and killing a pedestrian in Harlem;

- driving illegally, accidentally killing a 35-year old mother of three and fleeing the scene of the crime in Rockland County;

- multiple attacks and alleged hate crimes, including slapping three Jewish women while screaming anti-Semitic tirades in Brooklyn;

committing strings of burglaries within hours of release on Long Island in New York City; and many more.

"This bail reform has dumped the rights of the victims," said Broome County Sheriff David Harder. "It has also added more work to our already burdened courts, they have demoralized law enforcement who are trying to do their job. They have stuck the law enforcement with unfunded mandates. There was no input by courts, District Attorneys and law enforcement."

"The Governor and Legislature must own up to the undisputed fact that the list of very violent crimes included in their flawed bail reform package must be amended," said Delaware County Sheriff Craig S. DuMond. "These crimes since January 1st have already involved scores of victims, some who have lost their lives to allowing these violent criminals to run free in our communities. Failing to act and right this wrong in unconscionable and

a complete dereliction of duty. Our law abiding citizens and victims of crimes deserve much better from our elected representatives."

Public safety concerns extend beyond the mandated release of individuals arrested for violent crimes, and include new changes known as "Discovery Reform," which have created a litany of new issues for those charged with prosecuting criminals statewide.

Under the new law, district attorneys are required to turn over all evidence within 15 days of arraignment or be subject to sanction by the Court. This means they must obtain, review and provide the defense all police reports, witness statements, medical records, body cams, surveillance video, expert witness information, 911 and radio calls, photographs and more in every case.

The Broome County District Attorney's office alone handles 15,000 felony cases and several thousand misdemeanors or cases each year, but was recently informed by the New York State Police Crime lab

that due to evidence backlogs, they cannot comply with the new timeline requirements, which will likely result in the dismissal of many pending cases.

In addition, Grand Jury testimony and witness contact information must immediately be provided to the defense, creating safety concerns for witnesses in cases yet to go to trial.

"Enough is enough," said Akshar. "While we may all agree that the bail system before these so-called 'reforms' needed tweaking, it's clear that actual changes passed by One Party Rule and signed by the Governor have been an utter failure to public safety and to the very concept of law, order and justice. We need those same leaders who voted to pass these ill-conceived 'reforms' to come to the table and either make the necessary changes or repeal this law entirely. Anything less is a disservice to the safety of law-abiding citizens and their families."

While Akshar does support a full repeal, he has also intro-

duced legislation to fix key parts of the bail reform law, including a bill (S.7146) to restore bail for the violent and dangerous crimes, including manslaughter in the 2nd degree, criminally negligent homicide, reckless assault of a child, facilitating a sexual performance by a child, aggravated vehicular manslaughter, menacing, unlawful imprisonment, arson, criminal possession of a weapon on school grounds, failure to register as a sex offender, aggravated cruelty to animals, animal torture, stalking, burglary, robbery, hate crimes, patronizing a person for prostitution in a school zone, money laundering in support of terrorism, and aggravated assault.

Akshar also introduced legislation (S.7205) to remove the option of cashless bail if the arrested individual has been convicted of a felony in the past 10 years and cosponsors legislation (S.7133) to require affirmative consent for disclosure of contact information of witnesses to a defendant.



Walton Coffeehouse Features Selections From Classic Hollywood

February's Coffeehouse at the Theatre will take place on February 16 and will feature the Kimberly Hawkey Trio in a program titled "Selections from Classic Hollywood." Coffeehouse performances take place on the second floor of the Walton Theatre, Walton, NY, at 6:00 p.m.

Kimberly will be joined by John Colonna on piano and Even Jagels on bass. Kimberly is a multi-genre vocalist, instrumentalist and bandleader based in the Catskill mountains

of New York. She has been described as "a delightfully fresh-voiced treat" (BroadwayWorld.com), with "exceptional musicality and one fun surprise after another" (Cabaret Scenes). Kimberly sings with the top trad jazz and swing bands in NYC and has performed in well-known venues as both a soloist and collaborator. She is the recipient of the Johnny Mercer Award, the American Traditions Vocal Competition Gold Medal and is

a two time winner of NYC's Cabaret Showdown.

Kimberly made her Walton Theatre debut in November 2018 with "The Elvanelle Orchestra: Song of the Catskills," a 9-piece show band honoring the tradition of Catskill mountain entertainment during the Grand Hotel era. She is the bandleader of The Swingeros, which has enjoyed sold-out runs and has been called "awesome in every way" and "one of the most entertaining shows you will see" (BroadwayWorld.com). Kimberly has been teaching music for over 10 years and conducts jazz and vocal workshops in schools across the country. She has recorded and produced two albums as a bandleader. For more information, see www.kimberlyhawkey.com.

Coffeehouse events are sponsored by Music on the Delaware and are free with donations gratefully accepted. Coffee, tea and desserts will be available.

Remaining coffeehouse performances include Patrick Reynolds and Friends on March 15; Mike Herman on April 19; and Ira McIntosh on May 17.

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SOUP TO GO. Emory United Methodist Women held a soup sale on Friday, January 31, with several different kinds of soup - all of which were deemed delicious. Above: Joan Dermond and Kathy Ingalls were the Soup Ladies. Herald Photo by sally Zegers

Police News

On January 30, 2020, Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies arrested William Merrill, 23, of Delhi, for Overdriving, torturing and injuring animals, a class A misdemeanor in violation of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law. Merrill is accused of cruelly and brutally beating a dog December of 2019 in the Town of Meredith. In accordance with the new bail reform laws, Merrill was released with an appearance ticket where he will appear in the Town of Meredith Court at a later date.

Commenting on the incident, Sheriff DuMond remarked "It sickens me to see these cases where innocent victims, including animals who are incapable of defending themselves, end in an appearance ticket only to provide the offender the opportunity to continue prey on the innocent. Completely disgusting as far as I'm con-

cerned and an absolute miscarriage of justice."

On the 25 day of January 2020, at approximately 11:20 PM, Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies arrested and charged Trent T. Wade, 19, of Rochester, with one count of Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the 3rd degree, as well as other traffic violations consisting of Operation of a Motor Vehicle with Improper plates, Speed not Reasonable and Prudent, and Operating a Motor Vehicle without Insurance.

The arrest occurred as result of a Motor Vehicle Accident on County Highway 14 in the Town of Meredith. Wade was later released on tickets, and is scheduled to appear before the Town of Meredith Court at a later date to answer the charges.

On January 25, 2020 at around 08:08 PM, Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies ar-

rested 20-year-old Michael J. Bryden of Delhi, New York for one count Petit Larceny and one count Criminal Mischief- fourth degree. The arrest occurred following a continued investigation into a Larceny report in the Town of Delhi. Bryden was released on appearance tickets and is scheduled to appear in the Town of Delhi Court at a later date to answer the charges.

On Saturday, January 25 2020 at around 09:00 Pm, Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Cheyenne Strong, 25, of Sidney New York, on an arrest warrant issued by the Delaware County Family Court for an unspecified violation of the Family Court Act. Strong was arraigned at Sidney Village Court and was remanded to the Delaware County Correctional Facility without bail. Strong is scheduled to appear at the Delaware County Family Court at a later date to answer for these charges.

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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. Ms. Coley will lead us through our book of the week and dancing. Ms. Lorena will then lead the toddlers in hands on activities followed by a snack.

Saturday, February 8th
9 to 2

Dessert Walk/Soup Sale/Book Sale

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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.

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Children's Movie Night

Last Friday Night of the Month 3:00 to 5:00 Free snacks and refreshments

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Saturday, February 29 Snow Date Sunday, March 1
Doors open at Noon Game Play Beginning at 1:00
Event will take place at the Northern Wayne Fire Hall Lakewood, PA
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4th Grade Students working on their clay animated film- Kaden Conklin, Kadyr Appley and Cole Mazepa

Lights, Camera, Action: After School Students Become Budding Filmmakers

From January 29-31, 73 students enrolled in the After School Activities Center participated in a Stop Motion Animation workshop series with Rand Whipple of Box of Light, a company from Bloomsburg, PA, who is immersed in teaching technology and digital arts for students.

Stop motion animation is a filming technique in which objects (such as clay models) are photographed in a series of slightly different positions so that the objects seem to move.

The initial process was presented in a half hour introduction of stop motion animation after which the groups began creating their very own videos.

Throughout each workshop the students participated in an

array of artistic stop-motion animation techniques that included sculpting, drawing, photography and storytelling. They learned that the primary difference among these techniques is the type of object used to create the animation.

Students also learned the process of animation that involves taking photographs of their sculpted characters, creating backdrops, moving them slightly, and taking another photograph. When they played back the images consecutively, the objects or characters appear to move on their own.

The After School Students Videos will be available for viewing at <https://www.boxoflight.org/your-videos> by the 2nd week of February.

This project is made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the

support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and administered in Delaware County by the Roxbury Arts Group.



After School Students working on their Lego animated Film- Airana Blakeslee and Bailee Ellis. Contributed Photos

Village Meeting...

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and required updates to the forty-year-old facility. "Streets and Water is helping, when they can, with a few updates," Wormuth reported. The mayor read police report into the minutes. There were 17 traffic tickets issued; 61 calls for service; 93 property checks; 18 assists to other agencies; 10 fire/EMT assists; They helped with a lock-down drill at the Hancock Central School and patrolled during a Christmas Concert.

They were present at various basketball games as well. The force was also on patrol at the live Nativity Event on December 14. Sergeant Peterson showed up for the Executive session, which was called at 9:25 AM.

The Fire Department Report was added to the minutes. They responded to 1 fire, 3 haz mat situations, 13 auto accidents, 35 EMT assists, and 23 hazardous conditions. They had 3 incidents in the village and 44 in the Town of Hancock. They

responded to 10 calls to Buckingham Township. One call to Scott Township and 3 mutual aid calls were received.

Streets and Water was last on the list and Matt Loftus presented his report. The good news appeared to be that the major leak was found and the bad news was that it was under a storm sewer so they were unable to hear the break because the storm sewer was loud as well. The leak was on West Front Street. They did business as usual otherwise and Loftus spoke about his desire to acquire a pipe cutter that would work on larger pipes. "It would be very helpful in time and labor," he stated. The mayor asked him to get quotes on pricing and put it in the next budget request. Loftus had stated that there was no funding for it in this year's budget. The logging is

complete and the bridge is out of logging area.

Loftus' report included, "The crew installed a new American Flag and Spotlight at the Clerk's office." The T-6 needed a new power steering pump. He met with the Department of Health for a class D certification. They repaired a ring break with a wrap of an 8-inch pipe. The rest of the report dealt with day to day maintenance.

The reports were accepted as read. The final agenda item was about the Scenic Byways Representative. Nancy Furdock had been the representative but the mayor thought she was moving, so they will need to get a new representative. Gerald DaBrescia is the current alternate, so he would be the first to be asked. The meeting then went into Executive Session at 9:25.

Buckingham Buys Truck; Raises Taxes

The Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors met on Monday, December 4, 2019, with the following actions reported.

An appeal notice was received from the Wayne County Assessment Office noting that the results of a recent appeal hearing for Camp Morasha. Their appeal was rejected. Roadmaster Brad Shaffer reported that he had found a truck with cab and chassis only, and will have the rest built. Once it is received, in March, the two other trucks will go out for bid.

Russell Warner, sewage Enforcement Officer for the

township, resigned. The township will seek a replacement.

Supervisors discussed the sample Jackson gathering ordinance and will continue to work on it.

The Board held a special budget meeting on December 23. It was agreed to have a tax increase of .3 mills (total 1.9). This will raise \$30,000 in additional revenue for the Township.

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Tammi Wadeson

District Clerk

SUMMARY OF BOND RESOLUTION

A Resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the Hancock Central School District, Delaware County, New York (the "District") on January 27, 2020 authorizes a capital improvement project (the "Project") consisting of certain renovations, additions, alterations and improvements to the District's Middle High School building and campus, Elementary building and campus, Public library and campus, bus garage and campus, all to include site, access, parking and playfield improvements, demolition, hazardous materials abatement, utility, mechanical, plumbing and electrical improvements, the acquisition of original furnishings, fixtures and equipment and payment of professional fees and all other necessary costs incidental to such work, and expend therefore a total sum not to exceed \$8,000,000, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and to pay for the Project by using (i) any available funds, including State building aid, (ii) \$611,000 from the Reserve Fund approved by the District's voters in May of 2015, \$500,000 from the Reserve Fund approved by the District's voters in May of 2017, \$628,000

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HCS BOWLING NEWS

by Coach Bill Gleim

Wildcat Bowlers repeat as MAC League Champions

Girls:

The girls finished off their season by rolling over Unadilla Valley and Deposit in their last week of regular season play. High games for the week include Micky Norton 182 185. Kenzie Worzel with a 195 197. Lana Evanitsky with a 215 and 561 series. Brenna finished off the season with the high average in the league. Her games of 200, 201, 223 and her 614 series firmly es-

ablished her at the top with a 205 average.

The girls went undefeated in the second half to finish with an Incredible 46-2 record and earn their second straight MAC title! The post season starts Tuesday Feb. 4th at Sunset Lanes in Kirkwood with the MAC League Championship Tournament.

Boys:

The boys only lost one game in the second half as they bowled their way to a second straight MAC title! They finished off their season with their best scores of the year. Shooting a 3177 scratch team total. Peyton Johnson and Ronnie Ellis

both had a 210. Shane McAndrew had a 200. Anton Leonard who is second in the league in average with 205 added games of 207, 220, 210, 214, and a 644 series. Nick Hazen had everyone on the edge of their seat by starting a game with 9 strikes in a row. He came up a little short in his bid for perfection, but his 10th ball was a great shot leaving the 4 pin. His 276 gave him a 670series. Tyler Allen finished off his season by averaging 226 for his last 6 games 202, 234, 233, 245, and 265. His monster 743 series is high for the league by over 40 pins.

Congratulations to both teams and good luck in the post season.



SENIOR NIGHT - Girls Basketball. Amy, Kenzi, Scarlett & Troy Mead; Scott, Kelsey and Ann Young; Jim, Ariel & Tammy Kellam; Sheila, Sierra and Tim Francisco. Contributed Photo



SENIOR NIGHT - Bowling at Fox Bowling Center as the Wildcats Host Unadilla Valley. Emmi Rubera and her mom Vicki, Lana Evanitsky with Bridget and Randy; Brenna Gleim with Bill and Beth Gleim. Contributed Photo



Bowling Results

Fox Youth 1/25/20

Ethan Dennis 123; Landon Fuller 125, 124, 106; Olivia Johnston 118, 134; Alex Mosher 146, 129; Landyn Robinson 109.

Friday Couples 1/24/20

I'm Lovin' It 36-12, Deposit Sanitary 34-14, Bass and Sons Logging 32-16, Card Logging 32-16, Moo's Drop Inn 32-16, Goin' Postal 30-18, Team Brandon 26-22, Two Sisters Emporium 24-24, Couse Logging 24-24, Fox Bowling Center 18-30, Conklin Logging 16-32, MicBree's 16-32, Dirig Construction 16-32, BYE 0-48. High Scores: Jeremy Barnes 614, 210, 201, 203; Andy Bullis 654, 247, 224; Shawn Card 233; Dale Conklin 218; Howard Couse Sr. 216; Carl Davis 215; Shane R. Dirig 656, 245, 216; Janet M. Ellis 513; Scott Ellis 640, 213, 237; Linda Ferris 557, 201; Paul Fritz 205, 202; Dennis Leonard 227; Chris Meres 214; Scott Morgan 222; Tia Robinson 529, 206; Jen Smith 501, 191; Kathy Smith 184; Natasha Viera 200; Dan Wormuth

697, 235, 213, 249; Jay Wormuth 219; Jeremy Wormuth 211.

Independent 1/29/20

Double D Ranch 16-4, Scott's Auto Body 16-4, Evanitsky Logging 16-4, Mad Log Ale Farm 14-6, Buddenhagen Ford 13-7, Fox Bowl #2 12-8, Fox Bowling Center 5-15, CL Repair 4-16, Price Graphics 3-17, BYE 1-19. High Scores: Doc Bolduc 669, 201, 222, 246; Papa John Brienza 222; Al Bullis Sr. 212; Andrew S. Bullis 219; Tim Cobane 207; Carl Davis 200; Frank Dicostanzo 678, 256, 223; Shane Dirig 612, 227, 204; Brian A. Drumm 200; Randy L. Evanitsky Jr. 606, 203, 227; Bill Gleim 221, 210; Ben Green 659, 201, 232, 226; Pete Green 601, 231; Rob Johnson 215, 207; Dan Keesler 624, 229, 213; Jerry C. Kulakosky 227; Wayne McClenon 626, 213, 205, 208; Mitch Persbacker 233; Dick Price 603, 223, 202; Jason Scofield 610, 213, 222; Bob Sobas 600, 224; Scott Wahl 201; Roger Widmann 205; Zuke Wormuth 643, 233, 217.

Sunday Mixed 1/26/20

Good-O-Boyz 16-8, Paul & Ginny 16-8, Brian & Dick 14-10, Wilbur & Bowk 14-10, Team DUH 12-12, Lenore & Reva 10-14, A&A Pin Crushers 8-16, Marino's Store 6-18.

High Scores: Mike Bowker 204, 201; Reva Jones 184; Don Marino 650, 228, 245; Wilbur McAdams 257; Dick Mills 201; Garry Mills 216.

Thursday Night 3 1/30/20

Cornwell Construction 38-10, Conklin Logging 32-16, S&S Auto 28-20, Jenson Logging 26-22, Dirig's Hammer 26-22, Fox Bowling Center 24-24, S and S 1 20-28, Conklin Construction 20-28, Patche's Place 20-28, BYE 6-42.

High Scores: Ray Cornwell 202; Shane Dirig 663, 236, 204, 223; Bill Gleim 663, 248, 213, 202; Gino Jones 208, 202; Dan Keesler 640, 219, 228; Ed Milk Jr. 205; Rick Mills 201; Dick Price 200; Mike Robinson 212; Natash Viera 596, 224, 192, 180; Scott Wahl 216; Scott Winans 227; Dan Wormuth 608, 209, 207.



99#, Kyle Mead (D-H) lost by decision 7-12 to Holden Church (WDA)



152#, Connor O'Boyle (D-H) won by major decision (12-3) over Jacob Stevens (UVU)



120#, Hunter Couse (D-H) lost by pin (5:27) to Noah Sovocol (WDA)



#430 = 170#, Jesse O'Donnell (D-H) won by decision (9-3) over Travis Knapp (UVU) Photos by Dwayne Lobdell

Wrestling Report by Dwayne Lobdell

Walton- Delaware Academy 78 - Deposit-Hancock 0

January 29, 2020 at Walton-Delaware Academy
 099 Holden Church (Walton-Delaware Academy) dec Kyle Mead (Deposit-Hancock) 12-7
 106 Garrett Copeland (Walton-Delaware Academy) fft
 113 Xander Davies (Walton-Delaware Academy) pin Ethan Payton (Deposit-Hancock) 2:43
 120 Noah Sovocol (Walton-Delaware Academy) pin Hunter Couse (Deposit-Hancock) 5:27
 126 Ty Robinson (Walton-Delaware Academy) fft
 132 Cody Merwin (Walton-Delaware Academy) fft
 138 Peyton Tweedie (Walton-Delaware Academy) fft
 145 Dustin Copeland (Walton-Delaware Academy) fft
 152 Nick Lamoreaux (Walton-Delaware Academy) dec Connor O'Boyle (Deposit-Hancock) 5-0
 160 Will Pettit (Walton-Delaware Academy) fft
 170 Kaiden Vernold (Walton-Delaware Academy) dec Jesse O'Donnell (Deposit-Hancock) 12-9
 182 Ty Lambrecht (Walton-Delaware Academy) dec Ben Parkison (Deposit-Hancock) 10-9
 195 Alex Pichi (Walton-Delaware Academy) fft
 220 Scotty Barnhart (Walton-Delaware Academy) fft
 285 Kalieb Stanton (Walton-Delaware Academy) fft

Unatego 57 - Deposit-Hancock 13

January 31, 2020 @ Unatego
 099 Wyatt Meade (Unatego) fft
 106 Henry Barnes (Unatego) pin Kyle Mead (Deposit-Hancock) 3:12
 113 Courtney Brandenburg (Unatego) dec Ethan Payton (Deposit-Hancock) 9-3
 120 Hunter Couse (Deposit-Hancock) fft
 126 Josh Meade (Unatego) fft
 132 JD Stockert (Unatego) pin Luke Stuart (Deposit-Hancock) 5:30
 138 Tyler Thayer (Unatego) fft



145 Jerome Stanton (Unatego) fft
 152 Connor O'Boyle (Deposit-Hancock) maj dec Jacob Stevens (Unatego) 12-3
 160 Jarrett Thayer (Unatego) fft
 170 Jesse O'Donnell (Deposit-Hancock) dec Travis Knapp (Unatego) 9-3
 182 Samuel Cole (Unatego) fft
 195 Chris Price (Unatego) fft
 220 No Match
 285 No Match

BGAH 53 UNATEGO 27

BGAH 53 - Unatego Unadilla Valley 27
 January 31, 2020 @ Unatego
 099 Darren Florance (BGAH) tf Wyatt Meade (Unatego) 18-3
 106 Joey Florence (BGAH) pin Henry Barnes (Unatego) 1:09
 113 Jose Bivar (BGAH) pin Courtney Brandenburg (Unatego) 0:29
 120 Jacob Terpstra (BGAH) fft
 126 Josh Meade (Unatego) pin Garrett Kiehle (BGAH) 0:17
 132 JD Stockert (Unatego) pin Devon Rowe (BGAH) 3:46
 138 Dylan Decker (BGAH) pin Tyler Thayer (Unatego) 4:24
 145 Brody Oleksak (BGAH) pin Jerome Stanton (Unatego) 1:12
 152 Brady Buttice (BGAH) dec Jacob Stevens (Unatego) 4-0
 160 Jarrett Thayer (Unatego) pin Zach Gardepe (BGAH) 2:52
 170 James Craig (BGAH) dec Nate Ackerley (Unatego) 10-5
 182 Samuel Cole (Unatego) fft
 195 Chris Price (Unatego) dec Cooper East (BGAH) 4-0
 220 Rocco Arduini (BGAH) fft
 285 Dalton Griffith (BGAH) fft

The Underground Railroad Along the Susquehanna

The Greater Oneonta Historical Society presents a program on the Underground Railroad on Saturday February 8 at 2:00 PM at the Oneonta History Center, 183 Main Street. Harry Bradshaw Matthews will speak on "The Underground Railroad Along the Susquehanna River: The Freedom Journey from Harford County, Maryland, to Otsego County, New York". Matthews is Associate Dean and Director of the Office of Intercultural Affairs and Founding President of the U.S. Colored Troops Institute for Local & Family History at Hartwick College.



MADISON DAWSON (#12) comes down with an offensive rebound then goes back up to score vs. B-G. Photo courtesy of Terry Ryan



LAYCEE DRAKE scores on a 3 point shot January 28. Photo courtesy of Terry Ryan



SIERRA FRANCISCO scores from the lane vs. B-G. Photo courtesy of Terry Ryan

Lady Eagles Beat B-G 70-45

by Jill Gorton

The Lady Eagles hosted the Bainbridge Bobcats on Tuesday, January 28. The Eagles jumped out to an early lead as Laycee Drake scored 10 in the first period, with Madison Dawson and Kelsey Young getting a basket each. At the end of one period of play, the Eagles had a 14 to 10 lead. Drake had 2 three point shots drop as well as a couple of field goals. Bainbridge-Guilford stayed in the game thanks to their threes as well. They threw up 3 in the first quarter.

The next quarter saw the Bobcats get 4 three pointers as well

as a field goal to stay in contention. Drake had 9 (one @3) and other scoring was evenly distributed with Ella Simmons getting a basket as did Haleigh Weyrauch. Additional scoring came from Kaitlyn Macumber and Dawson with 2 apiece. At half time the Eagles were up 31-25.

The Eagles came out with a more aggressive defense in the second half as they tried to limit the B-G girl's chances for the three point shot. The Bobcats had a couple of threes but lost ground to an aggressive Eagle offense as

well as defense. The Eagles put 20 on the board and B-G had 10.

The game heated up for the Eagles with Ariel Kellam scoring 8 to keep pace with Drake who had 8 as well. Simmons and Sierra Francisco had 2 each to round out the quarter scoring. The game was in the hands of the Eagles in the fourth. The team continued its scoring with Young getting 4 and Simmons 2. Weyrauch contributed 4 as well. Francisco had 2 and Drake had 6. Macumber had a free throw for the Eagles.

Final was 70-45. Coach Todd Hertzog commented on the quick start that the Eagles had. "The BG coach had to call time out, after the Eagles had a 7-0 lead early in the game." He went on to comment on the defensive shift in the third that helped establish a good run for the Eagles. "It limited the looks B-G got."

The scoring was led by Drake with 33 and Kellam with 8. Young, Weyrauch and Simmons had 6 each. Both Dawson and Francisco had 4 with Macumber completing the scoring with 3. The team plays in Unatego on Saturday. It promises to be a good game.



KELSEY YOUNG (left) applies defensive pressure on B-G backed up by Laycee Drake (right) on January 28 at Hancock. Photo courtesy of Mary Ryan



WYATT JACOBS beats B-G defenders to the basket to score on January 29 at Deposit. Photo courtesy of Mary Ryan

D-H Beats Bobcats At Home

by Coach Ben Diemer

The D/H Eagles won their only game this week at home in Deposit against the Bobcats of Bainbridge-Guilford.

The game started off with the teams trading baskets through the first quarter, particularly three point baskets of which each team made four. The Eagles took a 20-16 advantage into the second quarter and after making some defensive adjustments took over the game. Tyler Santamaria and Caleb Walker led the charge into the second quarter scoring 10 and 8 points respectively. The Eagles made four more three pointers in the second to outscore the Bobcats 24-5 and took a 44-21 lead into the half.

D/H continued the onslaught in the third outscoring B-G 22-10 behind scoring from six different players. The Eagles held a 66-31 lead going into the final period and the game was all but over. The final score of the game was 77-43 in favor of the

Eagles. Leading the team in scoring were Walker with 22, Santamaria with 19, and Jacob Dobromirescu with 16.

The Eagles made 13 three point baskets in the game made by Dobromirescu with five, Santamaria with four, Walker with three, and Erik Yunga with one. The previous record for Deposit for made threes in a game was ten set by the 94-95 team.

The win snapped a four game losing streak and brought the team one win closer to qualifying for sectional play. The Eagles will next travel to Oxford on Tuesday, February 4, and then play their final regular season game against Sidney on Thursday, February 6. The game against Sidney will also be the game in which the team's only senior, Hancock's Christian Sokol, will be recognized.



MIKE MAKOWSKI (#5) scores on a lay-up on January 29. Photo courtesy of Terry Ryan



CALEB WALKER gets to the hoop on a fast break to score vs. B-G. Photo courtesy of Mary Ryan

Oxford Goes Down To D/H 69-54

The much improved Oxford Blackhawks gave the Lady Eagles a wake up call when they got out of the gate in red hot fashion. The Eagles were slow to react and seemed to be 'ice cold' when it came to shooting. The Blackhawks jumped out to a lead, held on to through the first quarter, and held a slim lead of 20-17 over the Eagles after one.

Laycee Drake carried the Eagles into an explosive second quarter scoring 12. The rest of the team responded and added an additional 14 Ariel Kellam and Kelsey Young had 4 each with additional scoring coming from Madison Dawson, Sierra Francisco and Ella Simmons who added a field goal each. D/H had 26 in the second to

outpace Oxford's 6. The score at the half was 43-26.

In the third quarter Oxford had another good offensive spurt, adding 18, but the Eagles had 10 points and kept the game out of reach for the Blackhawks. After 3 quarters, the score sat at 53-44. Drake had 8 of the ten scored by the Eagles in the third with Young putting in a goal as well. The fourth saw Drake drop in an additional 10 with 3 others putting a deuce on the board. Kellam, Kaitlyn Macumber, and Dawson had a bucket each. Final tally was 69-54.

Drake led the scoring with 37 and Young had 10. Other scoring came from Dawson with 4, Kellam with 6 and Simmons had 8, while Francisco and Macumber had 2 each. The Eagles still have only one loss with some key games coming up soon. Stay tuned.

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