



After School Program Works On Gingerbread House STEM Project

Students in the 5-9th grade 21st CCLC After School Program have been busy making gingerbread houses for the Gingerbread Building Contest held on December 20 at the Hancock Elementary School.

This year the students transformed their simple gingerbread houses into engineering masterpieces. Instead of pre-building the houses for the kids, we turned the design planning and building over to them. They loved having the freedom to make their own unique creations. Students researched their houses, measured, and designed them on paper. Next, they made homemade gingerbread from scratch, measuring the ingredients and following the recipe for a perfect dough.

After being refrigerated overnight the students cut out their houses using their own design.

They absolutely loved having the freedom to create the kind of house they wanted. Once the gingerbread was cut, measured and baked the students spooned the royal icing into piping bags and used the icing as "glue" for the gingerbread house. This gingerbread house STEM project was a real hit!

The K-9th Grade 21st CCLC After School Programs is available 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 Kathy Herzog K-4th Grade Site Coordinator or Tina Appley, Program Director at 607-637-1388 during school hours or email tappley@hancock.stier.org.

Pictured from left to right: First row, Chase Pullen, Matthew Vincente, Dante Perillo, Kingston Pemp, Mariam Lavender, Second row: Hunter Whitehead, Dakota Wood, and Julianna Ruiz.

Deputy Kyle Karcher and K9 Eli Graduate From K9 Detector School

Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond had announced that on Friday, December 20, 2019, Deputy Sheriff Kyle Karcher and K9 "Eli" graduated from the K9 Narcotics Detector School at the Orange County Sheriff's Office in Goshen, NY.

Deputy Karcher and K9 Eli spent 8 weeks of intensive training in the discipline of narcotics detection and are now fully certified by NY State to carry on these activities in accordance with their official duties as a K9 Team.

Speaking on the graduation, Sheriff Craig DuMond remarked "Today is a very proud day for Deputy Karcher, K9 Eli and all the members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office. Their professional and dedicated service to the people of Delaware County are a credit to their team and the Office of Sheriff. I have full and complete confidence in their abilities."

Deputy Karcher and K9 Eli will receive additional training in the spring of 2020 in the disciplines of patrol, handler protection and tracking.



Infrastructure Grants Are Christmas Gifts To Local Municipalities

New York State's Regional Economic Development Council awards were announced on December 19.

The Town of Hancock was awarded \$749,875 to complete Phase III of the East Branch Water District water infrastructure project. The existing water district had relied on an open reservoir and was often under a boil water advisory, and with limited water pressure.

Town of Hancock Supervisor Jerry Vernold said the \$749,875 awarded to the town, which will be used to replace the remaining original water

distribution system pipe, is the final step of a three-stage process the town is going through to replace its water system.

Water for East Branch is partially supplied by two springs that were declared to be Ground Water Under the Direct Influence.

This means the groundwater is located close enough to nearby surface water to potentially expose it to contamination. Two wells weren't providing sufficient water supply.

The Village of Hancock also received a grant for \$745,000 which will be used to upgrade

the wastewater treatment plant. That grant was announced in last week's Herald.

Broome County was awarded \$198,818 which will be used to replace and upsize approximately 700 linear feet of closed drainage system in the Village of Deposit, including replacement of catch basins and cross drainage pipes.

This project will address a flooding problem in a heavily developed section of the village due to undersized drainage pipes.



The Village of Hancock crew, along with some Town of Hancock employees, performed "exploratory surgery" at the intersection of Front Street and Wheeler Street on December 26, looking for a leak in the water main.

Unemployment Remains Low

The New York State Department of Labor today released preliminary local area unemployment rates for November 2019. Rates are calculated using methods prescribed by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The State's area unemployment rates rely in part on the results of the Current Population Survey, which contacts approximately 3,100 households in New York State each month.

From November 2018 to November 2019, the State's private sector employment count increased by 109,900. In November 2019, the number of private sector jobs in the State was 8,327,800. The State's private sector job count is based on a payroll survey of 18,000 New York employers, which is conducted by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. In addition, the State's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.0% in November 2019.

The counties in New York State with the lowest unemployment rates in November 2019 include:

Columbia County (2.7%)
Saratoga County (3.0%)
Tompkins County (3.0%)
Albany County (3.2%)
Dutchess County (3.2%)
Nassau County (3.2%)
Queens County (3.2%)
Rockland County (3.2%)
Ulster County (3.2%)

NY State Senator Proposes Ban On Fracking

On the fifth anniversary of the state moratorium on hydrofracturing for natural gas, state Sen. Jen Metzger, D-42, announced the introduction of a bill that would permanently ban the process in New York.

"I can't underscore enough how important it is to put this ban in statute," Metzger said. "With the passage of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act this year, we've committed to shifting New York to a clean

energy economy that doesn't depend on fossil fuels. This proposed legislation furthers goals on that landmark climate legislation."

Gov. Andrew Cuomo issued a ban on natural gas hydrofracturing five years ago through the Department of Environmental Conservation. Metzger said that her legislation would ensure permanence of the ban and deter loopholes companies have tried to find.

Hydrofracturing is a drilling method to extract oil and natural gas from underground rock formations in which a fluid mixture of water, sand and fracking chemicals is injected at extreme pressure to fracture the rocks and release the oils and gas they hold. It is considered essential to release gas and oil from shale formations that exist in the Northeast, including the Marcellus and Utica Shales.

2019 Was Remarkable Year

2019 was a remarkable year, with the arrest of a local man for a homicide in Lakewood, Pa., numerous emu sightings, storms, a runaway cow and a local hero's return to Hancock.

January

The year started with a crash at the infamous Solitude Dip on Route 17, with a trailer going over the bank, leaking 100 gallons of diesel fuel. The Hancock fire Department held its inaugural coyote hunt. The Hancock Town Board passed a partial exemption for Cold War veterans. The Garden club presented flowers to Kristin burden, owners of newly opened Kaybirds gift shop.

The Hancock community Education Foundation welcomed new teachers at the Preschool: Connie Evanitsky and Lorena Soccodato. Kelsey Young and Sierra Francisco were selected for Girls State by the American Legion Auxiliary.

The PA DEP moved for changes at the dam of the lake at the former Girl Scout Camp above Equinunk. A sudden breach at the dam would devastate the hamlet of Equinunk. The Village Board agreed to take out a bond to jumpstart the water infrastructure project.

A sudden snowstorm on January 19 dumped one foot of snow across the area. That, plus water main breaks, led to a state of emergency in the Village. Main Street was reduced to one lane while the repair was made. Sue McIntyre was named the County commissioner of Public works following the resignation of long time DPW head Wayne Reynolds.

Laycee Drake sank her 1,000th point. Police made arrests in a plot hatched in Greece NY to attack the local Muslim community of Islamberg. Four young people, including three teenagers, were arrested for having explosive devices. HCS hired a new Principal, Deborah Darling.

Deaths: Jeffrey Drumm, Thomas Keel, David Wormuth, Ingrid Hower, Wilma Sprague, Theresa DaBrescia, Gertrude Corbett, Betty Edwards, Charlotte Parmley, Bryan Felner, Sr., Arthur Horton, Esther Ebert, Kathleen Jones, Daisha Kane

February
A Pleasant Mount man with extended family in Hancock was arrested and charged in the shooting death of Suzette Bullis of Lakewood, Pa. Cole Dufton was taken into custody by a swarm of PA State Troopers after evidence linked Dufton to a gun mentioned on his Facebook page. Drugs appeared to be the motive for the shooting.

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Best wishes to our readers and advertisers for a year filled with success and fulfillment.
—The Hancock Herald

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, Jan., 10, at 7:00 p.m.

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Talk Of The Town

By Jill Gorton

So much to say and so much to do.

I really thought that there would be a slow down in the town prior to the holidays and just a couple of busy days. I am amazed at how busy it is and how many activities there are to participate in. New Years is knocking at the door and the Leap Year will be here before we turn around.

Elections will dominate a lot of the conversation and it will be a bit uncivil as opposing sides try to get your vote. I think you should ignore all of the Facebook chit chat and copy and paste stuff. Do a Joe Friday from Dragnet days. When anyone states what they call a 'fact'. Check it out. I have seen a lot of cherry picking on the information. They take one sentence out of context and turn it into a truth. I am trying to pick someone who genuinely cares about us and the future of the country. Just sayin.

There was a wonderful gathering at our house for Christmas Breakfast and gift dispensing. We ate and we had a good time picking on one another. The gifts were nice and it looked like everyone had something they were happy with. I got clothes that seem to fit. That's a good thing because I must be holding the line at my new weight or as the people on television say, MY NEW NORMAL. "Bah Humbug," I say.

My wishes include increased prosperity for everyone. Some manageable health care plans for America. I want everyone to have the opportunity to get insurance they can afford and the ability to have their children grow up in a safe environment. I don't do New Year's resolutions but I try to be a better listener and a better friend.

See you in 2020 and let the chips fall where they may. Happy New Year!

Statement From Senator Fred Akshar on "Green Light" Law Taking Effect

The so-called "Green Light" Law to hand out driver's licenses to undocumented and illegal immigrants takes effect, and it's a harsh reminder to all New Yorkers about the consequences of One Party Rule.

Multiple scientific polls conducted on this law have shown time and time again a clear, statewide opposition from the majority of New Yorkers. In our own 52nd Senate District, we released a public Community Voice Survey on the "Green Light" Law, and of the thousands of responses we received, 85% of respondents opposed issuing driver's licenses to illegal immigrants.

Despite this widespread opposition from the public and from organizations like the New York Association of County Clerks, the all-democrat led Senate, Assembly and Executive Branch again chose to steamroll over the will of the people and reward those who break the law.

Having a driver's license is a privilege, and this misguided and poorly-written law is a slap in the face to law-abiding New Yorkers, as well as to new Americans who have taken the appropriate steps to become citizens legally.

This law also leaves the door wide open for voter fraud, allowing any standard driver's license applicant to simply "check a box" and automatically register to vote in our elections. No safeguards are in place to ensure only eligible U.S. citizens check that box to automatically register to vote. In fact, I believe that these safeguards were deliberately left out.

Elections have consequences, and whether it's driver's licenses for illegal immigrants or free college for illegal immigrants, this "new" New York under One Party Rule continues to show its allegiance lies with downstate, far-left political interests rather than with hardworking, law-abiding middle-class families.

Five reasons not to be a Unitarian Universalist!

January 5, 2020, 10.15 a.m.

Video: In an age where more than half of Americans no longer worship, Rev. Dr. Daniel Kanter who serves as Senior Minister of the First Unitarian Church of Dallas, TX, has a provocative sermon that looks at five reasons why one shouldn't be a Unitarian Universalist! Kanter is the author of the book: Faith for the Unbeliever, and is recent past Chair of the Clergy Advocacy Board at Planned Parenthood Federation of America. Kanter was also a Harvard Divinity School Fellow in 2017.

All are invited to the one-hour service, sponsored by the Upper Delaware Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, which will be held in Room 102 of the Narrowsburg Union, Narrowsburg, NY. Directions can be found at www.uduuf.org.

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Through The Years

Fifty Years Ago

From an issue of
The Hancock Herald
Dated January 1, 1970

The local area breathed easier Sunday following a three day blizzard type storm which left an accumulation of two or more feet of snow. The storm made traveling impossible due to the falling snow and high winds. Several persons visiting the area for the Christmas holiday were delayed in returning to their homes. Fortunately, no serious mishaps or injuries were reported. The storm began Christmas evening and continued into Saturday.

Clarke (Eddie) Seymour who operates a large dairy farm in Sands Creek, had his barn collapse under the weight of the snow that blanketed the area over the past couple days, trapping 16 head of cattle. Thomas Kulikowski Jr., was in charge of the farm operations at the time of the incident and he and two others were able to free all but 4 of the cattle. Later on, a section of a wall was torn down which

freed the remaining cattle. Mr. Seymour plans to restore the damaged barn. He owns a herd of 58 Holsteins.

During the height of a blizzard type storm last week, a truck and its tanker loaded with highly flammable methanol overturned on Route 17 Expressway near Fishs Eddy. Fortunately, the contents of the tanker did not explode nor catch on fire and the driver escaped with a cut on his right index finger. According to troopers on the scene, the tractor trailer was approximately 200 yards from the east branch of the Delaware River but none of the escaping methanol seeped into the stream.

Hancock residents received information Sunday evening of the sudden death of Willis Hankins, local blue stone dealer, who was fatally injured in a two car crash in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. At the time of the tragedy, Mr. Hankins, his wife, and her mother, were enroute to Fort Myers, Florida, where they

doesn't believe any comments on her sanity are in order just yet.

Retired Air Force Major Arnold Baum of Callicoon has been named to fill a vacated seat on the Hortonville Town Board. Baum and his wife, Patricia, who is an Equinunk native, live in Callicoon. He will serve on the board until December 30 of 1995, when the term expires.

Doreen Sampson, Pleasant Mount, died on Sunday, December 25, 1994. She was 32. She was born in Hancock, a daughter to Thomas A. and Alice M. (Stephens) Sampson Sr. She graduated from Hancock Central School and had served four years in the United States Air Force.

Betty S. Evanitsky, a homemaker, died Tuesday, December 27, 1994 at the home of her daughter following a four year battle with cancer. She was 65. She graduated from Preston High School and married John Evanitsky in Hancock on February 7, 1948.

If run and gun is your thing when it comes to basketball, you missed a dilly at Hancock

are having a new home constructed. Mrs. Hankins and her mother were hospitalized but later discharged. A complete obituary will be published at a later date.

A son, Daniel Edwin, was born Tuesday, December 23, 1969, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Koch (Jean Holland) of Deposit.

A son, Roger John Jr., was born Saturday, December 27, 1969, to Mr. and Mrs. Roger J. Brainard Sr., (Clara Davis) of Fishs Eddy.

A daughter, Michele Caroline, was born Sunday, December 28, 1969, to Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Scheer (Donna Everett) of Lordville.

Mrs. Mary Jane Hoffman, 90, of Hancock, passed away on Tuesday, December 23, 1969, at Read Memorial Hospital.

William M. Brocka, 54, of East Branch, died unexpectedly at his home Sunday, December 28, 1969, having suffered a coronary occlusion.

Edgar J. Begeal, 88, of Roods Creek, died Friday, December 26, 1969, at Read Memorial Hospital.

Louis A. Skinner, 77, a resident of East Branch, died Sunday, December 28, 1969, in Robert Packer Hospital, Sayre,

where he had been a medical patient for a week.

Mrs. Mabel Johnson Curtis, 83, Orson, died Friday, December 26, 1969, at her home after an illness.

The number of roadside stands that specialize in selling vegetables, fruits, or other farm commodities is increasing in New York State. Prof. Philip A. Minges reports that roadside marketing is becoming an increasingly important outlet for NY grown vegetables. The number has increased from an estimated 480 in 1964 to about 750 in 1969.

Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz has filed a complaint with the State Division of Human Rights against South African Airways for alleged racial discrimination in the operation of the airline. The complaint alleges that black Americans who have attempted to fly South African Airways from New York to South Africa were advised by the airline that it would not carry any passenger who had not been issued a valid visa by the government of the Republic of South Africa.

Thursday night. The host Wildcats connected on nine three point field goals, six by John Rajoppi, but still fell to visiting Roscoe 90-85. Rajoppi connected on four of his treys in the final quarter to cur the lead to four with 17 seconds left. That's as close as Hancock could get to its Section Nine rival. Rajoppi finished with a career high 29 points while Pat Simmons added 22 and Joe Reynolds 16.

Approximately 150 people turned out for the Christmas Open House at Equinunk Historical Society on December 4. It was a time of visitation with old and new friends, complete with good cheer, food, fine Christmas music (provided by Dorothy Ray and Ruth Kille), and lots of talk about the old Alexander Calder House. Richard Reagan, Executive Director of Norcross Wildlife Foundation, presented the society with a check for \$10,000 which will be used to make repairs on the 154 year old building. The goal is to replace the roof, windows and

sills, remove asbestos siding, replace the front door, and refinish or replace the hardwood floors and re-plaster the interior walls. The Calder house has had many owners and residents. It has had a "hard life." The \$10,000 gift will be put to good use in restoring the Calder House to its original appearance.

The Hancock Area Chamber of Commerce selected the Delaware Valley Garden Club to judge and select the best Christmas lighting in the Hancock area. The Hancock Elementary School placed first, Craig Thorne of La-Barre Street placed second, and Jeff Drumm of East Front Street placed Third. Honorable mention went to Charles Crisman of West Main Street and Most Original went to the Henderson Biedekapp Funeral Chapel on East Main Street. The Chamber's treasurer, Cheryl Evanitsky, will distribute the prize awards to the lucky winners. Tracey Wadson, Chamber President, thanks the Garden Club for their assistance.

Life On The Mountain

By Judith Present

Several factors coincided to produce a broad acceptance of greeting cards as a popular commodity, such as a higher literacy rate and new consumerism stemming from increasing levels of discretionary income. But postal reform and advances in printing technologies were the two factors that really pushed Christmas cards into the mainstream.

Yet Christmas big celebrations didn't gain momentum until the mid-1800s. In 1843, the same year that English author Charles Dickens created A Christmas Carol. A prominent English educator and society member, Sir Henry Cole, commissioned the very first Christmas card. Even with an impressive print run of 1,000

cards, full-fledged manufacturing remained only a sideline to the more established trade in playing cards, notepaper, envelopes, needle-box, linen labels and valentines, says Samantha Bradbeer historian for Hallmark Cards, Inc. It took several decades for the exchange of holiday greetings to catch on, both in England and the United States.

The Victorians put a darkly humorous and twisted spin on their season's greetings. Some of the more popular subjects included frogs, bloodthirsty snowmen and dead birds. "May yours be a joyful Christmas," reads one card from the late 1800s, along with an illustration of a dead robin. Another card shows an elderly couple laughing maniacally as they lean out a second-story window and dump water onto a group of carolers below. "Wishing you a jolly Christmas," it says beneath the image. The Victorian era was filled with morality and a strict code of social conduct, which embodied the time period of Queen Victoria's reign (1837-1901), yet the Victorians still had their fair share of questionable practices. They thought nothing of posing with the dead or robbing graves and selling the bodies. Their holiday customs evolved with just as much curiosity. Clowns, insects and even the Devil himself had a place in early holiday fanfare. The first mass printing of Christmas cards occurred in

the 1860s, and by 1870, when printing could be done for as little as a few pennies per dozen, hundreds of European card manufacturers were producing cards to sell in England and to the American public. German immigrant Louis Prang is credited with popularizing the Christmas card in the United States through his Boston lithography business.

As the popularity of Christmas cards grew, Victorians demanded more novelty. So by 1885, unique and even bizarre cards with silk fringe, glittered attachments and mechanical movements were popular, but the more common Christmas card motifs related to flora and fauna, seasonal vignettes and landscapes.

An English legend popular during the Victorian era said that St. Nicholas recruited the

Devil to help with his deliveries. Together, they determined which children had been naughty or nice. The Devil, who appeared under various guises, kidnapped the disobedient kids and beat them with a stick. Santa is the creepy antihero on a variety of Victorian-era holiday cards, where he can be seen peeking through windows and spying on children.

Today, despite the rise of electronic communication and Social Media, billions of Christmas cards are bought and exchanged around the world each year. They are relics of popular culture, revealing graphic, literary and social trends and they provide both visual pleasure and important historic information about who we were in a different time.

BUMPER STICKER AMERICA

A blind person who sees is better than a seeing person who is blind...

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Did You Know?

There is a McDonald's in every continent except Antarctica.

The television was invented only two years after the invention of sliced bread.

Obituaries



Evelyn J. (Myrick) Milk

Evelyn J. Milk, 89, went to be with the Lord on December 18, 2019 at the LeRoy Village Green Nursing Home LeRoy, NY.

She was born Sept. 22, 1930 to the late Floyd and Frances Myrick in Cohocton, NY. She graduated from Hancock HS, Hancock, attended Zion Bible School in Providence, RI, and nursing school in Binghamton. She had a twenty-five-year career as a respected LPN at Wilson Memorial Hospital in Johnson City.

She enjoyed her time as a Sunday school teacher, member of Women and Mission groups at church, and arts and crafts teacher for Vacation Bible School. Along with piano playing, knitting, and baking, she'll always be remembered for her loving, kind nature.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband of 57 years, Stewart L. Milk. She is survived by her children, Gregory (Patricia) Milk and Laurie (Michael) Cocco; Brothers, Floyd (Doris) Myrick, Kenyon (Barbara) Myrick, Richard (Beth) Myrick; Sisters, Dawn Sparks and Rev. Katherine Myrick; sisters in law, Gwen D'Agati and Shirley Fletcher; grandchildren, Jonathan (Kasie) Milk, Leslie (Steve) Stubna, David (Sarah) Milk, Jacqueline (Brian) Welsch, Jennifer (Alexander) Rybczak, Jessica (Douglas) Paulin, Elisabeth and Nathan Milk; great grandchildren, Charlie, Henry, Jack, Vito, Jensen, Josephine, Louie, Lena, Adeline, Ingrid, Elnora, Quinn, and Lisbet, as well as many beloved nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were held at Maple Lane Assembly of God Church, 1 Maple Lane, Deposit, on Friday, December 27, 2019 at 10:00 AM. Burial at Riverview Cemetery Hancock.

Memorials can be made to the Maple Lane Assembly of God Church, 1 Maple Ln, Deposit, NY 13754 or the LeRoy Village Green Nursing Home, 10 Munson Street, LeRoy, NY 14482.

Arrangements by Hennessey's Funeral Home, 78 Second St., Deposit.

Denton Edwards

Denton Robert Edwards of Starrucca, Pa passed away Tuesday, December 17, 2019, in the Wayne Memorial Hospital. He is married to Cindy Priebe Edwards.

Denton was born November 14, 1951 the son of the late Denton and Ella Green Edwards. He graduated from Damascus High School, class of 1969. Denton entered the United States Navy for two tours during the Vietnam War. After serving in the Navy he moved back to Abrahamsville area and married his wife Cindy on November 15, 1975. For Many years he worked as a sawyer, logger, and logging truck operator. Denton served as a deputy for the Pennsylvania Game Commission for many years. He was a member of the Abrahamsville United Methodist Church.

In addition to his wife he is survived by his sons, Harold Edwards and his wife Beth of Camp Hill, Pa and Lloyd Edwards of Washington, D.C.; brother, Bruce Edwards and his wife Jean of Starrucca, Pa; sister Patricia Olver and her husband Jeff of Beach Lake; grandchildren Audrey Anna Edwards, Ethan Gabriel Edwards, and Rhys Van Edwards; mother and father in law, Mary and Richard Priebe; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Tim Edwards.

A memorial service will be held at a time to be announced. Memorial contributions can be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are attended by the Arthur A. Bryant Funeral Home, 1228 Main Street, Honesdale, Pa.

Make Quitting Smoking Your New Year's Resolution

Harris, NY – Catskill Regional Medical Center's Community Health Department and Sullivan County Public Health, in conjunction with New Hope Community, will host a 7-week, 8 session 'Freedom from Smoking' Workshop from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The sessions will begin on Tuesday, January 7, 2020, and end on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, with one additional class to be held on Thursday, January 30, 2020. The workshop will be held at New Hope Community located at 5 Community Lane in Loch Sheldrake, NY 12759. The workshop is free but space is limited and pre-registration is required by calling 1-855-321-2762.

The American Lung Association's 'Freedom from Smoking' Workshop is a smoking cessation program designed to help participants overcome tobacco addiction so they can enjoy the benefits of better health, extra money in their pocket and healthier relationships. The series will

be facilitated by Lisa Ryman, RN-BC, CRN, CCAP; Catskill Regional Medical Center

Diagnostic Imaging and Cathie Paci, BS, Ed; Sullivan County Public Health Services Public Health Educator & Rural Health Network Coordinator. Ongoing support and counseling are vital if participants are going to be successful in maintaining their freedom from smoking.

By the end of the workshop, participants will know how to prepare for Quit Day, manage stress better, avoid weight gain and develop a new self-image. As an incentive to attend all 8 sessions, participants will be qualified to receive free Nicotine Replacement Therapy (lozenges & gum) valued at approximately \$50.

For more information about the workshop, contact Catskill Regional Medical Center's Pulmonary Rehabilitation Manager, Elyse Carroll, BSRC, RRT, CTTs, at 845-333-2015. To register for the workshop, please call 1-855-321-2762.

First Friday Is January 3

The Equinunk Historical Society is scheduling the initial First Friday of the new year on Jan 3, 2020. Doors will open at 6:30, music starts at 7:15.

Musicians, if you would like to perform for this most appreciative audience, please contact Pat at 570-224-0223. Plan for three songs or about 15 minutes of performance time. Acoustic only, please. - the room is intimate. Light refreshments are available for purchase. Call 570-224-8500 for information or directions. First Fridays run from Nov. to April. Come join the fun.

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Sat., Jan. 4, East Ararat UMC, 7-11am. All you can eat! Adults \$9, Children \$3 (age 6 to 12).

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Police Notes

On Saturday, December 21, 2019 at approximately 10:20pm, Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies arrested 29-year-old Margaux Malekian of Dobbs Ferry, New York on one count of Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd Degree following a traffic stop on Meredith Street in the Village of Delhi. Malekian was additionally issued tickets for Unlicensed Operator, Speed in zone, and Drivers view obstructed. Malekian was released on an appearance ticket and is scheduled to return to the Delhi Town Court at a later date to answer the charges.

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Catholic Social Teaching is an essential part of the Catholic faith, starting with the principle of Human Dignity. Every human being is created in the image of God and redeemed by Jesus Christ, and therefore is invaluable and worthy of respect as a member of the human family. Just being human affords us dignity. Every person from their conception to their natural death has dignity and a right to life. Catholics see human life as sacred. Every person, regardless of race, sex, age, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, employment, economic status, health, intelligence, or achievement, is precious to God. Given this dignity, the human person never ought to be treated merely as a means to an end, but always an end in themselves.

Bill Would Lower Out Of Pocket Drug Costs

WASHINGTON, DC — The U.S. House passed legislation introduced by Representative Antonio Delgado (NY-19) that would lower out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs for seniors and individuals with disabilities under Medicare. The Enhancing Retirement Security for Medicare Beneficiaries Act of 2019 was passed as part of H.R. 3, the Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act. H.R. 3 would generate an estimated \$500 billion over the next 10 years by allowing Medicare to negotiate prescription drug costs directly with drug manufacturers and by extending those negotiated rates to the commercial insurance market. Additionally, it would cap annual out-of-pocket drug costs for seniors on Medicare at \$2,000 and would reinvest the bill's savings in life-saving medical research. The provision championed by Rep. Delgado would exclude covered retirement accounts from counting as income for the purposes of determining eligibility under the Medicare Part D low-income subsidy (LIS) program.

"As I hold town halls across NY-19 and hear about the issues facing seniors, skyrocketing prescription drug costs are at the top of the list," said Rep. Delgado. "I am proud to vote for legislation to lower the cost of prescription drugs and my Enhancing Retirement Security for Medicare Beneficiaries Act of 2019, which will help low-income seniors remain eligible for subsidies toward prescription drug costs while accessing their hard-earned retirement savings. This is a critical change that will lower out-of-pocket costs for millions of Americans who rely on life-saving prescription drugs. Saving for retirement

shouldn't jeopardize low-income subsidies for Medicare Part-D beneficiaries. I urge the Senate to take up this legislation right away to address the soaring cost of prescription medication and allow our seniors to retire with dignity."

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Rep. Delgado's bill would help incentivize savings and provide more out-of-pocket protection for Medicare beneficiaries by excluding covered retirement accounts for the purposes of determining assets for LIS program eligibility, and would exclude disbursements from those accounts in income calculations for prescription drug plan years beginning 2022. Covered retirement accounts would include: individual retirement accounts, individual retirement annuities, certain qualified trusts, and annuities purchased by not-for-profit organizations or public schools.

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Grant Will Aid ATV Club In Developing O&W RR Bed

HARRISBURG – Rep. Jonathan Fritz (R-Susquehanna/Wayne) announced today that Northeast PA Snow Trails Inc. will be receiving a \$54,400 state grant from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), which will go towards preparing a trail study for the development of approximately 13 miles of the former Ontario &

Western Railroad corridor for ATV use.

"I am pleased that in the near future we will be using existing assets to enhance the amount of recreation opportunities here in the northeast," said Fritz. "This is an exciting method of observing our natural beauty and experiencing all that our diverse terrain has to offer."

DCNR's ATV grant program can help to buy land; develop plans and surveys; construct and maintain ATV trails; buy equipment; and conduct educational programs relating to ATV use.

The use of the railroad bed in controversial, since many adjacent landowners do not want the ATVs near their homes, citing noise and dust from the machines, especially during summer months, when homeowners normally open their windows.

Police Notes

On December 22, 2019 Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Sebastian Swift, 18, of Franklin, New York for Driving While Intoxicated following a motor vehicle accident where Swift struck a parked vehicle on Center Street in the Village of Franklin. Further investigation into the accident revealed that Swift was operating a vehicle in an intoxicated state.

He was processed and released with appearance tickets made returnable to the Town of Franklin Court at a later date.

January Activities Northern Wayne Community Library Lakewood, PA 18439 570-798-2444

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. 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.

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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



Congratulations to the Penny War winners from Hancock Elementary School and Hancock Middle/High School! Third- and fourth-graders combined to bring in the most pennies among HES classes for a top total of \$58.17. Grades 7-8 led the MS/HS classrooms with \$74.17 in pennies. Overall, the District raised \$511.10, which will all be donated to the American Cancer Society. Photos courtesy of HCS



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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: first and third Wednesdays 2:00 at the library.

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

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

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

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

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

HCS Board: Second and fourth Monday. Superinten-

dent's Office, 7 p.m. - Room 202.

American Legion Aux.: Second Tuesday - 6 p.m. Legion Hall.

Parkinson's Support Group: Second Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. DeSerio Center

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

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

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

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

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Shuttle buses will be making their rounds every 15 minutes throughout the evening. Be sure to arrive early if you want to have a delicious chicken and biscuit dinner at the Light-house Community Church or for a lighter fare, visit the First United Methodist Church for soup and sandwiches and top it all off with the chocolate fountain at Acclaim Insurance Agency. Of course, there are a variety of snack foods throughout the event, so you shouldn't get hungry.

This event is funded by the wonderful sponsorships we have been fortunate enough to obtain in order that we can keep the event free of cost so all can enjoy the programs and events. Special thanks to Calpine Inc. DBA Bluestone Wind Farm, Coughlin Gerhart, Adams Cable, Visions Federal Credit Union, Williams Energy, Leonard Bus Sales, and the Windsor Lions Club for all their help financially. Please be sure to support our sponsors! I don't want to forget to remind you to thank our numerous volunteers who give selflessly of their time and talents to make this event a success!

If you arrive before the parade, you can create spectacles at the Presbyterian Church, decorate hats or have your face painted by Melissa Hill at the United Methodist Church. Wear your new creations or come as you are to march in the parade. To participate or volunteer to carry our larger than life puppets in the parade, please join us at the Town Hall parking lot at 6:45 pm. There are smaller hand held items for young children to participate as well.

We are pleased to announce that our carnival with Chee Chee the Clown will once again be hosted by Our Lady of Lourdes Church and the Knights of Columbus with many games and prizes for the children along with an indoor snowball fight. We are also pleased to bring you a portable planetarium from Kopernik Observatory with shows every half hour from 8 – 11 pm, see a Marionette Show or jump in the Bounce House at the Bible Baptist Church.

Jeremy the Illusionist will be dazzling attendees with his magic at the Presbyterian Church. Catch up with Will, the amazing juggler who will perform at several locations. Play Bingo or Trivia at the Community House or just sit and mingle with your friends and neighbors.

All these events and more are certain to bring smiles to young and old.

As the evening winds down, join us at the Village Community House for First Knight cake and coffee, free noisemakers, a bonfire, s'mores and more.

For a full schedule of events, please check our website: www.firstnightwindsor.org or LIKE us on Facebook. All of our venues, volunteers, sponsors and donors look forward to your visit! Happy New Year!

HEAP Program Dates Released

Beginning November 12, 2019, regular benefits for HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program) were available for lower income families in Delaware County to help supplement their home heating expenses.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM DATES

Regular Benefit: November 12, 2019 – March 16, 2020

Emergency Benefit: January 2, 2020 – March 16, 2020

Clean & Tune Benefit: November 4, 2019 – September 30, 2020

Heating Equipment Repair & Replace: November 4, 2020 – September 30, 2020

Applications for those persons receiving food stamps/SNAP benefits and/or public assistance will be processed by the Delaware County Department of Social Services, 607-832-5300.

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Contact: Jessica Bene

Tri-Gal 4-H Club Releases Year Report

Channing Rutledge
Club News Reporter

It is hard to believe that it is almost the end of December and we began our new 4-H year in October.

Our club has been working hard on many community service projects the past few months.

We made thank you cards for veterans following our business meeting in October. Our collection of candy to send to military personnel stationed throughout the world also began. At the November meeting, the collection ended with a haul of over twenty pounds.

We made three Thanksgiving baskets in November. One basket went to a long time 4-H family who recently lost their father. The second basket went to a family involved in a serious car accident and the third was donated to the first annual "Friendsgiving" sponsored by Pastor JR and Elsa Rodriguez of the Damascus Charge Churches. We also donated forty eight pairs of gloves to the "Ugly Quilt" mission at the Damascus Manor United Methodist Church. This mission provides basic items to the homeless for protection from the winter weather. At Wayne County Achievement Night held on November 15, our club was named a Gold club with many members receiving record book awards. Paige Fiume was named County Intermediate Member of the Year and Emma Modrovsky received County Secretary of the Year with a perfect book score. All members who attended made donations to the Wayne County Food Pantry, a community service contest sponsored by Teen Council. December began with our club level awards night. All members received a certificate of completion for their years in 4-H with a few



members hitting milestone year. First year members: Andrew Freidenstine, and Cora Freidenstine (Cloverbud). Five year members: Rhett Boyce (aged out member), Willie Houghton, Peter Modrovsky, Abigail Price, and Channing Rutledge. Ten year member: Brooke Rutledge and Eleven year member: Brea Rutledge (aged out member). Four members were honored for having perfect attendance: Macey Rutledge, Channing Rutledge, Kassie Diehl and Katie Diehl. The following members were named with top honors as Outstanding Members of the Year- Beginner – Andrew Freidenstine, Claire Goldstein and Channing Rutledge; Intermediate- Emma Modrovsky, Peter Modrovsky, Olyvea Burke and Paige Fiume; Senior – Brooke Rutledge and Brea Rutledge. Honorary Outstanding Members: Beginner-Kaiden Yattaw, Intermediate-Elektra Kehagais, Gillian Goldstein and Natalie Goldstein; Senior- Katie Diehl, Kassie Diehl and Macey Rutledge. We officially welcomed our new members: Carter Hawley, Owen Hawley, Dylan Patzuk and Maggie Herbert.

The following leaders and members in training were recognized with their years of

service in parenthesis. Jessica Freidenstine (1), Alana Goldstein (1), Marissa Diehl (4), Melissa Rutledge (10), Natasha Brown (12), Jen Rutledge (14), Dan Rutledge (15), Amy Smith (15- retiring leader) and Rich Brown (25!!! and retiring). Our leaders in training for 2020 are Rozalyn and Michael Burke.

Our completed community service projects for December include: Holiday cards for the veterans at St. Francis Commons in Scranton, donation drive and holiday cards for the veterans at the VA Hospital in Wilkes-Barre (pictured), adopted a family of 4 through the Angel Family program, made a Christmas dinner basket for a deserving family (we wish the best of health in 2020) and also Christmas Cheer for a Child project. Merry Christmas, Caleb and may you continue to thrive!

We will not be holding meetings during the months of January and February. Meetings resume in March as we prepare for the spring season of community service and planning for the Wayne County Fair. For more information about the 4-H program in Wayne County call (570) 253-5970 ext 4110.

Happy holidays to all from the members, leaders and parents of Tri-Gal 4-H Club!

Years In Review...

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The County Chamber sponsored an information session on growing hemp, the latest next big thing. Preston Township agreed to determine the status of long abandoned roads following questioning by a resident. Ann Elwood, formerly of Hancock, turned 90 years old. Deposit residents Marlon Graham and Johnna DeGraw were indicted on federal drug charges.

Owen Wormuth was named an Akshar all Star for his academic work and extra curricular activities. Brenna Gleim and Anton Leonard represented the area at the NYS Bowling Championships in Syracuse. Lifestyle maven Martha Stewart visited Downsville, and got a free ride in a police car after a motor vehicle accident damaged the vehicle in which she was riding, leading to her rescue by law enforcement.

Deaths: Pearl Todd, Donald Ferris, John Costanzo, Amanda Kille, Eugene Secord, Keith Seconde, Craig Anderson, Richard Martin, Richard Donohue, Andrew Ott, Anthony Ferro

March

High winds in late February knocked down a gas pump at Mirabito, and signs across the

area, as spring kicked up a notch. Notice was given to the area that much of the Village of Hancock would be auctioned off as Maria Lease liquidated the holdings of her late husband, John. Eight properties were listed for sale, including two anchor buildings in the center of the Village at 11 W. Main and 125 Wheeler.

A tractor trailer crash closed one late of route 17 as pharmaceuticals scattered across the roadway. A benefit for logger Cory Newman, who was badly hurt in an accident in the woods, was well attended.

A gas leak on East Front Street closed the the street and caused the evacuation of some residents while the case was determined. Village crewmen banged on doors to alert residents to leave

The first of several emu sightings was made across the area - a bizarre trend that continued for a while. Two emus near Sidney had to be destroyed by Troopers after they interfered with traffic. The birds are dangerous to approach, since they have four inch talons that are razor sharp.

Political newcomer Carolann McGrath was elected Mayor of the Village in a hotly contested race. The auction for the eight Lease properties was well at-

tended, with the auctioneer informing potential bidders that if the owner didn't pay the accumulated back taxes and utility charges, the purchasers would get their money returned. Approximately \$200,000 for the eight parcels was bid by various members of the public.

Deaths: Raymond Schwartz, Mary Ann Nichol.



Carolann McGrath was elected Mayor of Hancock.

April

Castin Ostrander and Christian sokol were chosen to attend Boys State by the local American Legion Post. The Village Board accepted a bid to replace the old and obsolete water meters. Vaughn Karcher resigned as head of the Village DPW, and said he was riding off into the sunset.

Work began on surveying for the new water lines, while NY-SEG replaced gas lines with plastic pipe.

A brush fire in northern Wayne County burned approximately 5 acres before being contained. Several nearby homes were not damaged. A violent thunderstorm knocked down dozens of trees and cut power to hundreds of area residents from Wayne County to East Branch.

Two bridges over Route 17 were renamed for local servicemen, Cameron Hall and Justin Whiting, in a moving ceremony, well attended by family and friends.

Another emu sighting, and word that a cassowary (emu cousin) in Florida had killed its owner left many residents wondering what was going on.

An emergency was declared in the Village after neighbors complained of dozens of rats in the closed Getty gas station and convenience store. The owner had closed up shop and left without removing the food items from the shelves. The Village was force to hire an exterminator to remove the rodents. Deaths: Charlene Spry, Melvin Bolster, Joseph Giordano, Stanley Sowizral, Helen Baudendistel

May

The Upper Delaware Citizens Group, a pro gas drilling group, planned a seminar on drilling rights at Lookout Fire Hall in

Equinunk. Village residents were cheered by the news of the sale of the former Outrigger fishing shop on East Front Street, and the former Teddy's Roadhouse on West Main, as new enterprises prepared to move in.

Cole Dufton, charged in the shooting death of Suzette Bullis, was bound over for trial after a preliminary hearing.

It was announced that Clara Gillow Clark would be the guest speaker for the annual Alumni Dinner. Rita Leet was announced as the new Branch Manager at HNB in Lake-wood, Pa.

More emu sightings were reported on Route 17, and officials were still unsure of the source of the emus. A public meeting was held on ways to improve Hancock and bring in more outsiders. The advice boiled down to hit a few singles rather than a home run - and don't settle.

The Village agreed to explore the possibility of a grant to upgrade the wastewater treatment plant, and a professor from Binghamton University signed on to bring his public administration class to the Village to perform an analysis of its fiscal operation. Wendy Buckley Bishop will have her children's books professionally published. Hancock sophomore Laycee Drake was named a State All Star in basketball - again. Deaths: Beverly Reichmann, AnnaBelle Brewer, Richard Caiati

June

An employee of the Elements Music Festival, a controversial gathering in Wayne County denounced by neighbors for loud music and other infractions, was arrested and charged with felony drug possession.

Riley Ostrander was named Valedictorian and Erin Evanitsky was named Salutatorian for the HCS class of 2019. Sullivan County moved to limit exposure to the measles



High winds knocked down this gas pump in March.



An April storm brought down dozens of trees across the area. Herald Photo by Sally Zegers

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Forest Owners Plan Pot Luck Dinner

The SOT Annual Pot Luck Dinner will be held Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at Cornell Cooperative Extension, 840 Upper Front Street, Binghamton.

Doors open at 6PM, Dinner 6:30, Program 7:15

Sponsored by the New York Forest Owners Association

Christopher Audette, Executive Director for the Waterman Conservation Education Center, will speak about the Waterman Center's mission, activities, and features of the six nature preserves, they maintain for public education and enjoyment in Broome and Tioga Counties.

The Waterman Preserves offer a wide variety of natural environments, from wetlands and ponds to old-growth forests, Hemlock-lined ravines, and even the largest island in the Susquehanna River. Miles of walking trails are maintained at all locations, and some provide interpretive signage regarding the flora and fauna.

Many of the Waterman properties share the impacts from

Emerald Ash Borer, Hemlock Woolly Adelgid and invasive species. Chris will also discuss the challenges in managing these problems, and assuring regeneration of the forest, when active forest management can be limited by donor restrictions, land trust provisions, and public perceptions.

Once again, the Pot Luck Dinner will be held in the auditorium at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Broome County, 840 Upper Front Street, Binghamton. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., dinner starts at 6:30, and the program at 7:15.

Please bring a dish to share and your own dishware and utensils. Power outlets will be available for crockpots. Bring your own plate and utensils. Hot and cold beverages will be available. This event is open to the public. Register for the event by calling Steve at 607-862-9152.

For more information on the Waterman Conservation Education Center, go to www.watermancenter.org



ARIEL KELLAM (#4) scores on an inside jump shot vs. Sidney on December 26. Photo courtesy of Terry Ryan



LAYCEE DRAKE goes under the rim for a reverse lay-up at the B.G. Tournament vs. Sidney. Photo courtesy of Terry Ryan

Wyoming Absolves Gas Company of Impact on Pavillion's Past Water Issues

From the *Natural Gas Intelligence's* online publication
Richard Nemeec
December 26, 2019

Wyoming environmental regulators on Monday upheld a long-standing determination that exploration and production (E&P) activity was not the cause of drinking water contamination in the town of Pavillion, as federal regulators alleged more than a decade ago.

Wyoming's latest pronouncement confirmed the state's conclusion in 2016 that gas drilling activity, and specifically hydraulic fracturing, did not contaminate Pavillion's water.

The 4,200-page report was developed by the Department of Environmental Quality's water quality division, ending a saga that began more than a decade ago when the U.S. Environmental Protection Agen-

cy (EPA) concluded that at least three contaminated water wells near Pavillion contained a hydraulic fracturing chemical used by natural gas drillers. The report presents the findings of additional sampling of water recommended with the 2016 report, which ruled out E&P culpability.

The report is to be subsequently reviewed by the Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

DEQ applied improved technology since 2016 to again rule out the presence of any critical compound or bacteria that might have been missed. EPA formally abandoned its work in Pavillion in 2013.

DEQ sampled 13 water supply wells with funds from a former operator at Pavillion, Encana Corp., and the state legislature later applied nearly \$1 million to supply 28 area landowners with clean water.

Solar Company Touts Savings

Contributed Article
Community solar allows homeowners, businesses, and renters the ability to enroll in a local, shared solar array and participate to see consistent savings on their electric bill without upfront costs or making any changes to their property. There are no costs to participate, only savings, and customers are free to cancel at any time with absolutely no costs. It is a no-brainer!

Delaware River solar located in Callicoon, NY has been soaring in the development of community solar farms in New York State. Started in 2014, Delaware River Solar (DRS) is owned by local, grass-fed beef farmer, Rich Winter, who operates Chaljeri Meats in Callicoon as well. Rich saw an opportunity to be part of New York State's Renewable Energy Vision to meet 50% of the State's energy needs with renewables by 2030.

Construction is in full swing and the excitement is building for community solar around the state. DRS has had multiple projects go live in the past couple of months!! The Hospital Road solar farm in Callicoon, NY. Kelly Bridge Road solar farm in Liberty, NY, and Sackett Lake 1 solar farm in Monticello, NY are all live and operational.

Several other projects are complete and about to go live in the coming days. Each 2-megawatt project serves approximately 400 homes and businesses while also remov-

ing 5 million pounds of carbon emissions from the atmosphere every single year. Other scheduled completions for 2019 include:

1. Pool Brook Road in Laurens, NY- 2 MW project - SOLD OUT
2. Boas 4 in Mooers, NY - 2 MW project - SOLD OUT
3. Burritt Road in Hilton, NY - 2 MW project - SOLD OUT
4. Washington Street in Spencerport, NY - 6 MW project - OPEN ENROLLMENT
5. Wood Oak Drive in Narrowsburg, NY - 2 MW project - SOLD OUT
6. Villa Roma Road in Callicoon, NY - (4) 2 MW projects. Villa 1 & 2 - SOLD OUT. Villa 3 & 4 - OPEN ENROLLMENT
7. Gaskill Road in Owego, NY - 5MW project - SOLD OUT

NYSEG and RGE Customers must subscribe to get the benefits of the program. Community solar customers receive credits on their utility bill. DRS offers a 10% discount off the utility kilowatt hour rate. In total these projects will save residents over \$200,000 and eliminate over 60 million pounds of carbon emissions every year. Residents can save with no-risk, no-cost subscriptions. To reserve your spot call 845-414-3491 or visit www.delawareriversolar.com.

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SUNY Delhi Celebrates 50 Years Of Vocational Education

DELHI, NY (12/23/2019) SUNY Delhi proudly celebrates 50 years of vocational education in trades such as plumbing, carpentry, masonry, welding, refrigeration, automotive mechanics, cooking, and secretarial skills. Initiated in 1968 and 1969 to complement the college's technical programs, vocational education at the time answered a need to offer training for trades that didn't require a degree. The courses varied in length from 24 weeks to a year, and participants received a certificate upon completion.

In 50 years, many of SUNY Delhi's vocational courses have developed into associate's or bachelor's degrees and form the foundation of the School of Applied Technologies and the School of Business and Hospitality Management, representing two of the cornerstones of the college today.

"The growth we've experienced is phenomenal," said Dr. David Brower, dean of the School of Business and Hospitality. "We are now considered one of the premier business and hospitality institutions state-wide and nationally. Our facilities, which include Bluestone, a new state-of-the-art restaurant and event center, are second to none, allowing our students to gain real-world experience right on campus." In applied technologies, many of SUNY Delhi's original programs continue to thrive while staying updated based on industry needs. Associate's degrees in automotive, construction, welding, HVAC, and electrical construction utilize modern facilities, high-quality materials, and the latest technologies. Students learn from experienced instructors on real-life projects and can typically expect 100% job placement after graduation. SUNY Delhi has added a degree in integrated energy systems, preparing students for careers in the rapidly expanding fields of alternative and renewable energies, as well as a degree in electrical construction and utility operations designed for students wishing to enter the workforce as linemen.

Students who want to further their education beyond an associate's degree in the applied technologies field can earn a bachelor's degree in construction management or facilities management. These programs engage students in advanced study on topics that include project management, human resources management, and law and contracting, preparing students for managerial and supervisory positions in the industry.

SUNY Delhi's bachelor's program in mechatronics is a true pioneer in the industry and an example of Delhi faculty's visionary leadership. The first of its kind in New York State as well as the first 4-year program in the nation, the degree grew out of the manufacturing and automation industry's need to hire workers with multiple skills. Evolving from a Computer Aided Drafting and Design program, which also saw its inception 50 years ago, mechatronics combines electrical, welding, machining, and parametric design, imparting a breadth of skill that is in high demand in many industries. Using innovative automation, the mechatronics curriculum enables graduates to bridge the gap between theoretical design and practical application. The need for employees in the field is growing at a rate of 40 new jobs per day nationwide. All of Delhi's students to date have graduated with multiple job offers on the table.

"Students in all our programs are able to hit the ground running as soon as they graduate," said Nancy Macdonald, dean of the School of Applied Technologies. "We work closely with our advisory boards and industry connections and adjust our curricula to respond to what employers are looking for. This forward-thinking approach combined with hands-on instruction is behind the strong reputation SUNY Delhi's programs enjoy today. That's what really sets our graduates apart." According to Distinguished Professor Emeritus Joe Greenfield, who taught applied technologies at SUNY Delhi for almost 30 years, the Delhi tradition of graduating highly competent professionals is as strong as ever. "Delhi's programs continue to be at the forefront of training the highest level of tradespeople," Greenfield said. "Our curricula are dynamic and our graduates are educated using the latest tech-

nology. Our programs are extremely relevant for today and the future." Greenfield continued, "We train the people for the jobs that keep this country going, whether it's setting up the controls to run a processing plant, repairing a vehicle, or installing electrical systems. Our students are educated to fill those needs."

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Bowling Results

Fox Youth 12/14/19

Holden Dufton 103, 121; Landon Fuller 126, 105; Ashbee Gately 216; Olivia Johnston 119, 127, 113; Alex Mosher 142, 129; Landyn Robinson 106; Landyn Shaffer 135; Carter Wormuth 116, 106, 124.

Friday 12/13/19

Two Sisters Emporium 90-30, Conklin Logging 80-40, Bass and Sons Logging 78-42, Couse Logging 70-50, I'm Lovin' It 68-52, Card Logging 62-58, Fox Bowling Center 62-58, Deposit Sanitary 61-59, Goin' Postal 58-62, MicBree's 56-64, Moo's Drop Inn 52-68, Team Brandon 48-72, Dirig Construction 47-73, BYE 8-112.

High Scores: Jeremy Barnes 613, 214, 200; Andy Bullis 643, 205, 234, 204; Shawn Card 213; Dale Conklin 665, 265, 215; Shane R. Dirig 246; Janet M. Ellis 182; Scott Ellis 207; Dan Koch 237; Tia Robinson 512, 195; Brooke Rosengrant 551, 191, 199; Scott Wahl 217; Dan Wormuth 201; Jay Wormuth 214; Jeremy Wormuth 203, 205.

Independent 12/18/19

Double D Ranch 41-23, CL Repair 38.5-25.5, Fox Bowling Center 38.5-25.5, Scott's Auto Body 38-26, Evanitsky Logging 37.5-26.5, Fox Bowl #2 31-33, Buddenhagen Ford 30.5-33.5, Price Graphics 28-36, Mad Log Ale Farm 27-37, BYE 10-54.

High Scores: Doc Bolduc 213; Andrew S. Bullis 616, 203, 225; Carl Davis 227; Shane Dirig 698, 239, 223, 236; Brian A. Drumm 209, 205; Randy L. Evanitsky 208; Bill Gleim 726, 216, 296, 214; Paul Gordon 628, 204, 200, 224; Pete Green 200; Marty Haeussler 612, 220; Rob Johnson 726, 267, 235, 224; Dan Keesler 624, 222, 206; Scott Lacy 213; Dick Layton 203; Donnie Marino 600, 244; Dick Price 217; Doug Tiffany 215; Scott Wahl 201, 223; Zuke Wormuth 623, 233, 210; Scott Wormuth 204, 203.

Sunday Mixed 12/15/19

Brian & Dick 64-16, Paul & Ginny 50-30, A&A Pin Crushers 44-36, Good-O-Boyz 42-38, Marino's Store 36-44, Team DUH 34-46, Wilbur & Bowk 28-52, Lenore & Reva 14-66.

High Scores: Ashley Hanstine 187.

Thursday Night 3 12/19/19

Conklin Construction 76-44, Conklin Logging 74-46, Dirig's Hammer 72-48, Jenson Logging 64-56, Fox Bowling Center 62-58, S and S 1 62-58, Cornwell Construction 62-58, Patche's Place 56-64, S&S Auto 52-68, BYE 20-100.

High Scores: Rob Crane 210; Ray Cornwell 204; Jake Curtis 213; Shane Dirig 633, 258; Bill Gleim 630, 258, 212; Dan Kee-

sler 645, 268; Greg Keesler 203; Rick Mills 202, 201; Cole Newman 214; Andi Sedlock 211; Natasha Viera 514, 181; Scott Wahl 203; Dan Wormuth 631, 225, 214.

Friday Couples 12/20/19

Two Sisters Emporium 8-0, Card Logging 8-0, Deposit Sanitary 8-0, Bass & Sons Logging 6-2, Moo's Drop Inn 6-2, Goin' Postal 6-2, MicBree's 4-4, Team Brandon 4-4, I'm Lovin' It 2-6, Fox Bowling Center 2-6, Couse Logging 2-6, Conklin Logging 0-8, Dirig Construction 0-8, BYE 0-8.

High Scores: Jeremy Barnes 209; Andie Rose Bullis 529, 221; Andy Bullis 651, 225, 242; Samantha Card 202; Shawn Card 617, 219, 216; Shane R. Dirig 216; Scott Ellis 603, 216; Paul Fritz 621, 208, 236; Hope Jones 180; Brianna Meres 529, 187; Rick Mills 215; Jen Smith 514, 202; Kathy Smith 202; Scott Wahl 202; Lori Walker 181; Dan Wormuth 205; Jay Wormuth 216; Jeremy Wormuth 220.

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*Why did the golfer need new socks?
Because there was a hole in one....*

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KELSEY YOUNG (left) and Ariel Kellam (right) get position to rebound against Walton on December 20. Photo courtesy of Mary Ryan



LAYCEE DRAKE scores on a jump shot on December 20 vs. Walton. Photo courtesy of Terry Ryan

D/H Varsity Girls Beat Walton 73-32

The Lady Eagles seem to have found their game as they came out firing against Walton On Saturday, December 21 at home. They scored 24 in the first quarter to get an early lead and they continued to keep the hammer down on the Walton

players. Walton had a dominant player missing, so the game did favor the Eagles but they got good results from everyone and all the players saw playing time. Laycee Drake led the way with 29 points and Ariel Kellam posted her second game with 20 points or more. Kelsey Young had a good game with 14 points. Many of her points came off

Reservoir Land Saw Heavy Recreational Use In 2019

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has announced that more than 1,300 boats were used in 2019 through its recreational boating program in the Catskills, including 711 canoes and kayaks that were rented to visitors by local businesses. Rentals made up the majority of boats used for the fourth consecutive year, underscoring the program's aim to improve access for visitors and support local tourism and outdoor recreation businesses.

"We continue to receive excellent feedback from visitors who enjoy the unique outdoor experience of canoeing and kayaking on our reservoirs," DEP Commissioner Vincent Sapienza said. "DEP will continue to collaborate with our tourism and business partners to attract more visitors who enjoy paddling and other activities that spotlight our natural resources."

2019 marked the eighth year of recreational boating at Cannonsville, Neversink, Pepacton and Schoharie reservoirs. A total of 1,331 canoes and kayaks were registered with DEP or rented through a local business this year. In addition, local nonprofit groups led outings for dozens of additional visitors, including school and summer camp groups, throughout the year. Of the tallied visits, 711 boats were rented from local businesses and

620 boats were registered directly with DEP. Neversink Reservoir led the way with 590 visits, followed by Pepacton Reservoir with 517, Schoharie Reservoir with 152, and Cannonsville Reservoir with 72. Of the boats registered directly with DEP, most were owned by residents of watershed counties and visitors from the New York City metro area. Boating tags were also issued to visitors from 10 states, including Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Texas.

Rental boats were available at the reservoirs for the sixth year. The rental program, administered in partnership with the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC), provides easier boating access for visitors and local residents who do not own a boat. CWC funded the acquisition of 30 storage racks for the rental boats, and it administers the process to vet and approve businesses that applied to participate in the rental program.

ARIEL KELLAM (right) and Kaitlyn Macumber (#10) tie up a loose ball vs. Sidney. Kelsey Young is on far right. Photo courtesy of Mary Ryan



AVERY OSTRANDER (#11) passes out of a trap by two Walton defenders at Hancock. Photo courtesy of Mary Ryan



MADISON DAWSON drives the base line to score over Walton defender. Photo courtesy of Terry Ryan

put backs, as she was outstanding on the boards. Sierra Francisco had 2 and Madison Dawson had 4 with Ella Simmons scoring 4 as well.

Coach Hertzog was pleased and commented "They brought momentum from their Windsor win and continued it against Walton. They

built a twenty-point halftime lead and came out with the same intensity for the second half. All of the players saw significant time on the court. He noted that the Kazalski Tournament in Bainbridge would be the next game for the Eagles.

Kazalski Tournament First Round - D/H 68 - Sidney 47

The Eagles were in early foul trouble as Sidney was in bonus foul shot position and hung with them through the first quarter. Both teams had 14. The second quarter was different as Sidney was limited to 2 points while the D/H squad threw in 20.

34-16 at the half in favor of D/H was the result of better play from the Eagles as they settled down to play. Sidney came out with intensity and outscored the Eagles in the third 3 quarter 21-17. They could not overcome a disastrous 2nd quarter and the fourth quarter saw the Eagles build on the lead with another 17 point quarter while Sidney could only put up 10.

"Both Drake and Kellam led the team with timely passing and shooting accuracy. Frequent substitutions kept the Eagles fresh with all players getting significant playing time," stated Coach Hertzog.

Once again, Laycee Drake was dominant with 31 and Ariel Kellam was again a factor as she garnered 17. McKenzie Mead and Sara Spence had 2 apiece. Avery Ostrander had 5 with Kelsey Young and Sierra Francisco each having 4. Madison Dawson had 3 to complete the scoring for the Eagles.

One note worth mentioning. Junior Laycee Drake is already hearing from some D1 colleges interested in her. The Eagles are scheduled to play the winner of the BG/Tioga game.



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