



Consultant Clay Smith addressed the audience on various suggestions they had made.



Bill Gross writes down some of his suggestions. Herald Photos by Sally Zegers

## Three Year Program Designed To Help Identify Needed Local Projects And Find Grant Money To Make Them Happen

by Sally Zegers

At a meeting at the Hancock House Hotel on January 21, the Hancock Partners announced a three year grant from the Mee Foundation, designed to help revitalize Hancock by helping find funding for local needs and improvements.

Partners President Jerry DaBrescia announced the grant, which is for \$60,000 a year for three years. The Town of Hancock and the Village of Hancock have each agreed to put in \$10,000 per year for the three year period, bringing the total to \$80,000 per year.

The meeting called together business owners and municipal leaders from across the area to unveil the Hancock Economic Development Initiative (HEDI). "You are here because you're investors," DaBrescia said. "You have invested in property and businesses in the local area. The meeting also included Brian Wilkens of Honesdale National Bank, a member of the Greater Honesdale Partnership, which was recently awarded \$90,000 to complete a Downtown Honesdale Revitalization Plan to improve Main Street in that community.

DaBrescia called the program a move to "direct the change"

which will inevitably occur. He praised the Mee Foundation for its response, noting that this isn't the sort of program the foundation normally funds. DaBrescia also reminded the group that a 2008 Action Plan had identified 62 actions that needed to be taken to help revitalize the area.

According to written information passed out at the meeting, HEDI is focused on building stronger relationships with economic development entities in the region, produce and distribute marketing and materials to help drive tourism, develop and coordinate grant opportunities, and focus on job/business development.

Some of the funds will be used to help continue the popular summer concerts series at the Town Square, but a significant part of the money will be used to hire a grant writer who will find funding for various improvements across the area. DaBrescia called it "seed money" needed to bring in the larger amount of funding that could be used to make a change in the area. He cautioned that many grants might be matching grants, requiring local funding to complete.

Jeff Skelding of Friends of the Upper Delaware (FUDR), and the newest Hancock Partner, told the group that the summer concerts had been set, and that

the Memorial Day kickoff celebration - Blues, Brew and BBQ - would go on as before, even without the concert planner who had formerly performed the service for the Partners.

Mayor Carolann McGrath announced that a satellite college camp would begin operating in the Village in the fall to wide applause.

Local improvements were suggested by business owners in the audience, who were invited to write their ideas on large posters. Business owners were enthusiastic about the request, and the posters ended up filled with several ideas, ranging from requests for lower taxes and stricter code enforcement to increased access to the river, more crosswalks in the Village and a plan to develop the currently fenced off site near the Wastewater Treatment Plant, which holds Native American artifacts.

A full list of the suggestions will be given to the group, and the public, in the near future.

The main thrust of the plan is to make Hancock a more interesting and vibrant place to live for people who are already here, and hopefully to help keep local children here. It is also designed to appeal to

visitors in an effort to entice them to move here and invest in businesses.

The Hancock Partners will form the Board of Directors. They will be accountable for overall program design, implementation and outcomes; overseeing staff and coordinating with partners; and will be the final decision makers on initiative activities.

A Steering Committee, which will consist of the Partners, Village Mayor Carolann McGrath and Town Supervisor Jerry Vernold, will have input on specific projects and advise overall initiatives.

An Advisory Council will consist of representative stakeholders such as business owners who will offer input and feedback on the direction.

The program will hire a grant writer in the near future.

This is the latest in a series of meetings by the Partners in their push to revitalize the area. Their past efforts included a Main Street grant program to improve the streetscape, and the creation of the Town Square.

## Governor Seeks To Take STAR From Delinquent Taxpayers

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has announced a proposal in the 2021 Executive Budget to deny School Tax Relief Program benefits to delinquent property owners. The measure would eliminate STAR benefits for homeowners who do not pay their property taxes. It would also require localities to report tax delinquents to the Department of Taxation and

Finance so that a STAR credit or exemption can be withheld. Homeowners will be excluded from the STAR program until past-due property taxes are paid.

"These benefits are meant to help responsible taxpayers pay their school tax bill, and if someone is not paying their fair share, they should not be entitled to STAR - period," said Governor Cuomo. "By closing this loophole, New York will crack down on bad actors and help ensure these benefits go toward the hardworking taxpayers who deserve them."

The STAR program provides \$3.4 billion in relief from school property taxes. It includes the Basic STAR credit benefit for homeowners with incomes of \$500,000 or less, the Basic STAR exemption benefit for homeowners with incomes of \$250,000 or less, and the Enhanced STAR benefit for seniors with incomes of \$88,050 or less.

## Hiring Now For Census Takers

Delaware County residents seeking a second or part time job should consider becoming a Census taker, says the government. The pay rate is \$20.00 per hour, with 58 cents per mile for mileage.

Of the approximately 61 people needed to perform the Census in the Town of Hancock, 31 have been hired. That leaves 30 positions open.

The rate varies by locations. If you were working in the Bronx, you could expect to be paid between \$25 and \$28 per hour. In nearby Wayne County, PA, the rate is \$16 per hour.

The job provides extra income, with flexible hours, weekly payment, and paid training.

If you're interested, call 1-855-JOB-2020 or apply online at 2020CENSUS.GOV/JOBS

## GOP Caucus Produces Candidates

The Hancock Republicans held their Caucus on Thursday, January 23.

Voters approved the candidacies of current Village Trustees Dawn Gotthardt and Charlene Caramore for another term.

The Village election is set for Wednesday, March 18.

## New News Stand

The Hancock Herald will now be available for sale at the Old Bat Factory on West Main Street, along with other convenience stores in the area.

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## Name That Tune At Deposit Theatre

Deposit Community Theatre welcomes you to a night of foot stompin', laughter, hand clappin' and music of your fondest memories on Friday, January 31 at 7:00 p.m., 148 Front St. We are doing "Name that Tune" in which you will travel through the '50s, '60s, '70s, and Country hits that bring back your most memorable times of your life.

The article in The Deposit Courier about Scott's Family Resort brought back many of these memories for all of us. If you wish to relive these memories come to "Name that Tune." You will relive the dancing at Scott's and also at the other resorts at Oquaga Lake and throughout the Catskills, trips you have taken, learning to dance at the Dance Studio over the Village Hall, teaching your kids in the living room, etc.

So, let the good times roll, Come to "Name that Tune", buy your paddle to bid on your tunes, and let the good times roll. There will be a \$100 cash prize for person who has the most correct answers. For questions call Susan Bishop 607-217-9145.

## Election Law Changed

New York State Chapter 316 of 2019 changed Election Law 5-304 to: A change of enrollment received by the Board of Election will take effect immediately, provided however, any change of enrollment received by the Board of Elections after February fourteenth and before or on seven days after the June Primary shall take effect on the seventh day after the June Primary.

If you want to change your party for either the April 28 Presidential Primary or the June 23 Primary it must be done by February 14, 2020

## Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Welcomes Acting Superintendent

Jessica Weinman will arrive on February 3, 2020 as the acting superintendent of Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River. She will serve in this position until approximately May 30, 2020.

Weinman currently serves as the Facility Manager at Steamtown National Historic Site, a unit of the National Park Service. Steamtown NHS located in Scranton, Pennsylvania was created to preserve the history of steam railroading in America, concentrating on the era 1850 through 1950.

"I am very appreciative of the opportunity to serve as acting superintendent for Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River. I feel truly honored to assist, even for a short time, with the protection of this site.

I chose the National Park Service as a career because it allowed me to contribute to public education and the preservation of our country's diverse resources, history, and culture. I am very excited to be part of a team that actively aims to successfully manage such an important local and national resource," said Weinman. "I look forward to working with my National

Park Service colleagues, park visitors, partners, and the local community."

Wienman began her National Park Service career as a seasonal park guide at Mount Rushmore National Memorial in South Dakota. Since then she has served in a variety of facility management positions in parks throughout the country, including Wind Cave National Park, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and Zion National Park. These positions provided a strong foundation in carpentry, asset management, facilities management databases, preservation and maintenance of historic and non-historic buildings and structures, roofing, electrical, plumbing and other trades.

She has demonstrated her leadership skills as the Chief of Facilities at Devils Tower National Monument and, since 2017, as the Chief of Facilities at Steamtown National Historic Site where she manages a budget of over \$3 million dollars and leads a staff of approximately 30 individuals. She was the recipient of the Intermountain Region Facility Management Excellence Award in both 2010 and 2014.



Jessica Weinman of Pleasant Mount, PA will be the acting superintendent of the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational

Office of the Intermountain Region Facility Management Excellence Award in both 2010 and 2014.

Originally from Rennerdale, PA, Jessica now lives in Pleasant Mount, PA. In her leisure time, Jessica enjoys outdoor activities, spending time with family, and traveling.

## Rep. Delgado Presents Award To Brown's Pharmacy

Antonio Delgado (NY-19) attended the Deposit Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner in St. Joseph's Parish Hall on Saturday night, January 25. At the event, Rep. Delgado delivered remarks on his legislative accomplishments in his first year in office, priorities for 2020 and his work on behalf of upstate small businesses. Following his remarks, Rep. Delgado and Chamber President Nick Barone presented the Business of the Year award to Brown's Pharmacy, a family-run small business in Deposit.

"The growth of our upstate economy, and the success of our small businesses and family farms are all interconnected," said Delgado. "I'm grateful for the opportunity to hear from the small business community in Deposit and discuss our shared priorities of promoting economic development in Broome and Delaware Counties. My congratulations to the 2020

Business of the Year, Brown's Pharmacy—which has been family owned and operated for 173 years. I'll continue working on legislation in Congress that gives our small businesses the tools needed to succeed and invests in our rural communities."

Earlier his week, Delgado convened a meeting of his NY-19 Small Business Advisory Committee to listen to the issues small businesses face and formulate legislative priorities for 2020. This week, As a member of the Congressional House Small Business Committee, Delgado prioritizes supporting upstate small businesses in Congress. Delgado has introduced bipartisan legislation that makes it easier for small businesses to comply with onerous federal regulations by requiring the Small Business Administration's

(SBA) Office of the National Ombudsman to create a centralized website that houses small business compliance guides designed to help small businesses comply with federal regulations. That bill has passed the House.

Delgado also introduced the Tax Fairness for the Self-Employed Act, bipartisan legislation that would make changes to the tax code to level the playing field for self-employed small business owners by making sure that self-employed individuals can access the same tax deductions as corporations when it comes to health insurance premiums. The bill would allow more than 1.7 million self-employed individuals in New York to deduct their health care premiums as a business expense, saving self-employed individuals an average of \$750 a year.

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## Life On The Mountain

By Judith Present

Around lunchtime on the afternoon of January 15, 1919, a giant tank of molasses burst open in Boston's North End. More than two million gallons of thick liquid poured out like a tsunami wave, reaching speeds of up to 35 miles per hour. The molasses flooded streets, crushed buildings and trapped horses in an event that ultimately killed 21 people and injured 150 more. The smell of molasses lingered for decades.

But a hundred years later, analyses have pinpointed a handful of factors that combined to make this disaster so disastrous. Among them: flawed steel, safety oversights, fluctuating air temperatures which interacted with the principles of fluid dynamics with devastating results. Of course when you first hear this you laugh because it seems so silly, but it was horrible. In the immediate aftermath, news coverage included speculation about fermentation that produced too much pressure inside the tank. Some blamed anarchists for setting off a bomb. "Explosion Theory Favored by Expert," reported the Boston Evening Globe.

The trial that ensued lasted for years and gathered input from thousands of expert witnesses, producing 20,000 pages of conflicting testimony.

"Once the floodgates opened, the principles of fluid dynamics compounded the problem," says Nicole Sharp, an aerospace engineer in Denver. She had become interested in the molasses flood after helping teach a class at Harvard University, in which a group of undergraduate students created a scaled model of the event. They released a vat of corn syrup into a tiny cardboard Boston, and used high-speed cameras to film what happened.

"I watched as the corn syrup engulfed tiny figurines," Sharp says. "It would be like having a tsunami wave hit you. It made me want to look into the physics of the accident." She was particularly intrigued by reports of how fast the molasses flowed. Molasses, which is 1.5 times denser than water, is notoriously slow to pour. But

in the flood, molasses, which is a non-Newtonian fluid like ketchup or toothpaste, would have moved as a gravity current, much like a mudslide, avalanche or lava flow. Based on the features of molasses, Sharp's calculations confirmed that the initial wave could have moved as quickly as 35 mph.

Mild temperatures, followed by cold, trapped victims in fluid, as well as the day's mild conditions that probably aided the spread of molasses, which flowed outward for about two blocks. Conditions grew much worse that night as temperatures dropped, causing the liquid to become increasingly gluey.

Already pinned down by fallen buildings, some victims then became stuck in molasses. The liquid was a foot deep in some places. At least one person died by asphyxiation hours after the accident. Rescue efforts would probably have been easier if the accident had happened in the heat of July and the molasses had been able to spread further out from the tank. There is plenty of science to explain what went wrong in the molasses flood. But the accident ultimately boils down to ethics. And all this happened because of negligence on the part of the manufacturers of the tanks wanted to cut corners and make more money.

And instead of inspecting the tank and filling it with water first to test it for flaws, they ignored all warning signs, including groaning noises every time it was filled. There were also obvious cracks. Before the tank blew, children would bring cups to fill with sweet molasses that dripped out of it. Both the inadequate thickness and weak rivets were signs of negligence, and structural engineers knew better at the time than to do this. But the tank had been built quickly in the winter of 1915 to meet rising demand for industrial alcohol, which could be distilled from molasses and sold to weapons companies, which used it to make dynamite and other explosives for use during WWI.

## Through The Years

### Fifty Years Ago

From an issue of  
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Dated January 29, 1970

Working in the bitter cold of sub-zero temperature, firemen of the Delaware County community of Downsfield under the leadership of Fire Chief Thorvald Klindt battled a stubborn blaze which completely destroyed the main plant and garage of the Como Lumber Company early Thursday, January 22. The fire, reportedly caused by an overheated stove, leveled the main building as well as the plant's garage. The owner, Chester Puchalski of Lake Como, has estimated his loss between \$80,000 and \$90,000. He had canceled his insurance two years ago because of the high cost of it on the structure.

A "pep pill" which its promoters claim will "get you up in the morning raring to go" could be harmful or even fatal to children or to individuals with cardiovascular troubles, Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz charged this week when he announced that he has obtained a court order enjoining the sale of the pill unless it is marked with "cautions" for consumers.

Emory J. Branning, Hancock Postmaster, announced Monday that the Post Office Department has approved a bid submitted by the Wayne W. Bunting Company, Pennsylvania Side of Hancock, to construct a canopy over the front entrance of the local post office and also a protective step covering at the rear of the

building. Mr. Bunting plans to start the project in approximately two weeks, weather permitting.

A great deal of public interest has developed with construction of dams throughout the state and the problem of water resources has recently been compounded by water pollution and greater public and private demands on limited water impounds all across New York. Assemblyman C.D. Lane announced a public hearing on the construction of dams will be held February 5, to gather all available information, pros and cons. "Construction of dams means inundating prize farm lands and we've been flooded with complaints from citizens living around some of the proposed sites," said Assemblyman Lane.

Richard Hoyt, Walton, for the past 18 years a staff member of radio station WDLA,

resigned from his post. The popular announcer and programmer was well known throughout the stations broadcast area for his part in the "Western Caravan" and "Bear Spring Mountain Jamboree" programs, in addition to his annual on the spot coverage with Amos Finch of the Delaware County Fair. The resignation of Hoyt was received by the station's administration with much regret.

A son, Ronald Wayne, was born Thursday, January 22, 1970 to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Muller (Marjorie Backus) of Hancock.

A son, David Roy Jr., was born Friday, January 23, 1970 to Mr. and Mrs. David Benedict (Linda Zablocky) of Hancock.

A son, Frank Hamilton Jr., was born Friday, January 23, 1970, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Couse (Shirley Druhaloski) of Hancock.

### Twenty Five Years Ago

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

The Grand Union Company of Wayne, NJ, has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. The company will reorganize. It reportedly owes \$1.6 billion and has assets of \$1.4 billion. Company officials plan to pay vendors in full. The company has 236 stores in the Northeast, including one in Hancock. Employee layoffs are reportedly not anticipated.

The Delaware Valley Garden Club of Hancock is sponsoring a bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show on March 8. The show is a refreshing break from winter with beautiful displays of gardens and flowers. The cost is \$35 per person and includes bus fare and ticket to

flower show. Everyone is welcome so call Beth Barrows to reserve your seat today.

New York State Electric and Gas Corporation has temporarily stopped accepting whole tires at its Jennison Generating Station in Bainbridge so that an environmental improvement can be made at the plant. Burning tires with coal to produce electricity has been a major success for the public, the environment, and NYSEG's customers and the Jannison Station will resume receiving tires again by mid-year.

Hancock Central School seniors Maria DeLucia and Jennifer Edwards reached the finals in the fifth annual Utica Invitational Forensic League Tournament held at the John F. Kennedy Junior High School in Utica. Miss DeLucia took a third place trophy in dramatic interpretation. Jennifer entered

the humorous interpretation and scored well enough to be one of the four finalists in her category. This was the first forensic tournament in which HCS has participated.

W. Harvey Cleveland, Scott Center, died Wednesday, January 25, 1995, at Wilson Hospital. He was 75.

Grace V. Hathaway, Pine Mill, died Saturday, December 24, 1994, at the Wayne Woodlands Manor in Waymart. She was 93.

Stuart Curnock, formerly of Hancock, died Sunday, January 22, 1995 at Corning Hospital. He was 88.

Frank C. Scott, Silver Lake, died Tuesday, January 17, 1995, at Wilson Hospital. He was 65.

John C. "Jack" White, born in Deposit, died Sunday January 22, 1995, at Lakes Nursing Center in Orlando, Florida. He was 93.

Word has been received of the death of Roberta June Teeple of Hawley, passed away December 19, 1994. She was a sister to William Lester of Hancock.

The building which housed the Wheelock's Drugstore is being renovated by employees of the Hancock Telephone Company, which purchased the building. Purists note unhappily that the elegantly ornate pressed tin ceiling has been replaced by a dropped ceiling of acoustical tile. They call that progress.

A Walmart store will be going up in Honesdale on the hill right across from the larger K-Mart being constructed in the Route 6 Plaza. That ought to make the traffic flow through Honesdale, which is already congested, even more difficult.

### One Hundred Wears Ago

From a 1920 Issue of  
The Hancock Herald

"The College Aunt"  
A Comedy of College Life Full of Varsity Atmosphere  
Hancock Opera House to Benefit Hancock Concert Band  
"The College Aunt," which will be presented by Deposit talent at the Hancock Opera

House, Thursday evening is a Vincent Dailey Production. A three act comedy of college life and fairly teems with varsity atmosphere. There are college boys of the various types and girls of the sort who like to go to a football game and "Whoop 'er up."

The play tells the story of how Jimmie Gordon, a typical college boy, while out on lark, breaks several windows,

paints a statue on the campus and just about turns the town upside down. The faculty is on the verge of expelling him when he gets out of the scrape by stating that he was with his aunt the night before and at once is asked to produce the aunt. Marjorie, Tad, and Babe, unknown to each other, impersonate Jimmie's aunt, so at the end of the second act Jimmie finds himself with three aunt on his hands. But he comes out with flying colors and in the third act we find Mrs. Baggsby giving a dinner party to Aunt Jane, who is Tad, still in disguise. The real aunt arrives at this party and the complications that follow keep the audience in a roar of laughter until the curtain is lowered. The play is under the direction and was first seen in Deposit.

The Courier-Journal says: "The College Aunt was presented before a crowded house, despite the rain. Several late-comers were turned away. That the play was a decided success in every way is stating it mildly. It far exceeded even the fondest hopes of those who have worked so faithfully to make it the best home talent play ever staged in Deposit. Much credit is due the entire cast, for to single out a "star" would be impossible. Everyone acted their parts to perfect-

tion, and Francis Dwyer, who directed the rehearsals, may justly feel proud of his work. The individual work of each actor, and actress, as well as collectively, deserves the highest praise."

Hancock and vicinity will have an opportunity to see this pleasing comedy at the Hancock Opera House on Thursday evening, under the auspices and for the benefit of the Hancock concert Band. Reserved seats will be placed on sale at Wheelock's drugstore, Tuesday morning.

Cadosia: An explosion in a power plant in West Virginia, Jack Johnson, husband of Mabel Eberle Johnson, was very seriously hurt. The first report was that he was killed, but since Mr. Fred Eberle received word he was in a very serious condition in a hospital at the place.

Starlight: In our last issue it was stated that one of Starlight's mighty hunters, Orva Dix, shot at a buck twice. But that statement is incorrect as Dix shot three times instead of twice. We so not want the people of our vicinity to hold the impression that he had a machine gun if he did shoot nine times. He says he has a 30-30 Winchester.

## Talk Of The Town

By Jill Gorton

I don't know what to comment on first. There are coyote stories all over about the "poor" critters going after people. One man had to strangle a coyote to save his child. I do wonder how all of those people who were worried about the coyote hunt feel. If a coyote shows up in their back yard, who you gonna call?

Kobe Bryant died in a helicopter crash with his daughter and other friends. It was stunning to hear and rocked a lot of people. The Grammys were last night and they paid tribute to Bryant in the Staples Center where he played.

The impeachment is in full swing. I do have a question. Can we believe all of the sena-

tors who swore to defend and support the Constitution after watching them a few weeks ago saying what their vote was going to be? I am unsure of the answer to that question.

The Coronavirus is rampant and as of this morning there are 5 cases in the USA. I have trouble understanding how a country that is so hard to get into can spread a worldwide virus so fast. China, stay home for a month.

The Old Bat Factory looks to be fully open. It's nice to see the activity at both ends of town. We are on the way back up from a long slumber. We need a bit more industry but we are getting there.

## DRBC Will Present "Our Shared Waters" At Feb. 6 UDC Meeting

NARROWSBURG — The Upper Delaware Council (UDC) will host a presentation on "Our Shared Waters" by Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) Director of External Affairs and Communications Peter Eschbach beginning at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 6, at the UDC office located at 211 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg. Officers for 2020 will be sworn in, and a reception with cake will follow.

The monthly meeting to follow will include a synopsis of minutes from the three standing Council committees; potential status reports from the Delaware River Basin Commission, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, National Park Service, and the UDC Executive Director; discussion of old and new business; and public comment.

All Council and committee meetings of the Upper Delaware Council are open to the public. For a schedule of 2020 meeting dates or other information, please call (845) 252-3022 or visit [www.upperdelawarecouncil.org](http://www.upperdelawarecouncil.org).

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## Sgt. Kim Smith Awarded the Carl Draxler Award By The NYS Sheriff's Institute

Albany - On Tuesday 1/21/20, Sergeant Kim Smith of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office was awarded the "Carl Draxler Award" by the New York State Sheriff's Institute at the NYS Sheriff's Association Annual Winter Conference located in Albany, NY.

The Carl Draxler Award is given to an employee of the Sheriff's Office whose exceptional career achievements and conscientious devotion to duty

have demonstrated a spirit of selfless public service. The award is not based on a specific event, but rather on the nominee's total career in the Sheriff's Office. This award was first presented in 1982 and is given in memory of the late Sheriff of Chemung County, Carl Draxler, who personified the highest qualities and character as criteria for this award.

Speaking on the award, Sheriff Craig DuMond remarked, "it

was my honor and privilege to nominate Sgt. Smith for this well-deserved award. I am very pleased the committee selected Sergeant Smith after reviewing several other qualified nominations... I couldn't be more proud."

Sergeant Smith began her career with the Sheriff's Office as a corrections officer in 1997. She subsequently became a Sheriff's Deputy in 2000, a Corporal in 2015 and

Sergeant in 2018. Smith has additionally assumed several rolls of great responsibility to include; Evidence Technician, Evidence Room Supervisor, Field Training Officer, Director of Training as well as Director of the Delaware County Law Enforcement Academy, Director of Public Relations, Deputy Press Information Officer and Agency Accreditation Manager.

It was noted Sergeant Smith is not adverse to change and embraces adaptation to new procedures and technology. She never dodges difficult assignments and is never afraid to work long hours or get her hands dirty. She can always be counted on and doesn't perform her job for glory or recognition. Sergeant Smith always represents and honors the Office of Sheriff first and foremost while in the performance of her duties.

In closing, Sheriff DuMond concluded, "I cannot overstate my appreciation of Sergeant Smith's integrity, work ethic, superb demonstrated abilities, and overall devotion to the Sheriff's Office...I am truly blessed by her contributions."

## Scholar of the Month Awarded For October, November

Congratulations Diane Langert-Holdosi who was awarded Scholar of the Month for October 2019.

Diane is in the seventh grade and is the daughter of Rosemarie Langert-Holdosi and Nathan Bell of Hancock.

Congratulations Daegan McDowell who was awarded Scholar of the Month for November 2019.

Daegan is the daughter of Danielle and Robert McDowell of Hancock and is in the eighth grade.

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

for the college education of their children. The local financial institutions in our area will be glad to assist you in starting a savings program for your child's education.

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

### ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE RC CHURCH

Catholic Social Teaching begins with what God has revealed to us about himself. God is communal and social; the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit live in perfect community and are perfectly self-giving. Then the Son takes on flesh and dwells with us (Christmas) and gives to us everything that God is. He communicates everything to his Apostles, and sends them to pass it on to others, and to shape a more perfect community here on earth. This requires having more perfect relationships, of love and of justice, which exist originally in God and which were taught by Jesus to the Apostles to hand on to the Church going forward forever. Therefore, the Church as we describe it is one (united), holy, catholic (applicable everywhere and at all times), and apostolic. And for this reason our commitment to society and to healing social ills has the God of Jesus Christ as our motivator and as our model.

### Police Notes

On Saturday, January 18, 2020 Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Gary Warfield Jr (unknown dob) of East Branch, on one count of endangering the welfare of a child.

Deputies allege that Gary Warfield Jr did knowingly act in a manner injurious to the physical, mental, or moral welfare of a child less than seventeen years of age. Warfield was released on an appearance ticket returnable to the Town of Hancock court at a later date to answer for charges.

### Area Projects Get Funding

HARRISBURG – Sen. Lisa Baker (R-Luzerne/ Pike/ Susquehanna/ Wayne/ Wyoming) and Reps. Rosemary Brown (R-Monroe/Pike), Jonathan Fritz (R-Wayne/ Susquehanna) and Mike Peifer (R-Pike/Wayne) announced that Wayne and Pike Counties will see \$893,750 in Local Share Account (LSA) and Dairy Investment Program grants.

"One of our primary responsibilities is working toward strengthening communities," said Baker. "State funding for efforts that improve opportunities and quality of life for residents has important impacts. This money enables projects to be completed more quickly and reduces the cost for local taxpayers."

The LSA-funded projects for the 11th Legislative District are as follows:

Wayne County Commissioners were awarded \$76,500 for the Hanks Pond Dam project in order to construct a pedestrian bridge across the structure located in Mt. Pleasant Township, Wayne County.

Mount Pleasant Township was awarded \$45,000 to pave the driveway and parking lot of the Mount Pleasant Township municipal building in Wayne County.

Greater Honesdale Partnership was awarded \$90,000 to complete a Downtown Honesdale Revitalization Plan to improve Main Street. "These projects are important to our communities," said Fritz. "Our downtowns, village centers and historical assets are a fundamental fabric of our civic and social lives."

### NY Virus Guidance

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo Has announced a series of actions to raise awareness and prepare New York State in response to an outbreak of a novel coronavirus in China after the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced confirmed cases in the United States. The State Department of Health currently has four persons under investigation for novel coronavirus that are under isolation as their cases are being tested at the CDC. So far, one of these cases has been proven negative and three are still pending. While the risk for New York is currently low, the Governor is calling for increased vigilance to ensure New Yorkers are protected.

Last week the Department of Health issued guidance to healthcare providers, healthcare facilities, clinical laboratories and local health departments to provide updated information about the outbreak, and ensure the proper protocols are in place if a patient is experiencing symptoms consistent with the novel coronavirus, had a travel history to Wuhan, China, or had come in contact with an individual who was under investigation for this novel coronavirus.

Symptoms of the novel coronavirus may include:

- Runny nose
- Headache
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Fever
- A general feeling of being unwell.

While there is currently no vaccine for this novel coronavirus, everyday preventative actions can help stop the spread of this and other respiratory viruses, including:

• Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

• Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

• Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

• Stay home when you are sick.

• Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

• Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

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### First Fridays Season Continues

One look at the calendar this month gave us a jolt. We are past the half-way point in this season of the Calder Cafe! How CAN it be going by so fast? There are three more sessions before it all ends until next November. There have not been any weather cancellations so far, but some of our dear and wonderful performers have been unable to come because of health or personal problems. We are deeply grateful to our remaining musicians for stepping in to lengthen their program and for the audience who are always content to sing a little louder. Bless you all!

We'll gather again on Friday, February 7, for the next pro-

gram. Musicians, to add your name to the roster, call Pat at 570-224-0223. Plan for three songs or about 15 minutes of performance time. Doors open at 6:30 pm, music begins at 7:15. The Calder Cafe is located at 1972 Pine Mill Rd. (where Pine Mill meets Rte. 191 in the center of Equinunk.) Call 570-224-6722 if you need directions. No charge for admission. Light refreshments will be sold, and donations are always welcome. Come early to get a good table.

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## Governor Cuomo Seeks Permanent Ban On Hydraulic Fracturing

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has announced legislation in the FY 2021 Executive Budget to make New York's fracking ban permanent. The measure would restrict the Department of Environmental Conservation from approving permits that would authorize an applicant to drill, deepen, plug back or convert wells that use high-volume hydraulic fracturing as a means to complete or recomplete a well, protecting the health of New Yorkers and ensuring permanently that our environment is not harmed by this practice. This bill reflects an important step forward toward achieving New York's clean energy economy goals.

High-volume hydraulic fracturing utilizes a well stimulation technique that greatly increases the ability to extract natural gas from very tight rock. The Department of Environmental Conservation officially prohibited the practice in 2015, concluding a comprehen-

sive seven-year review process that examined potential environmental and health impacts associated with high-volume hydraulic fracturing. New York's was the first ban by a state with significant natural gas resources.

In 2017, Governor Cuomo along with the Governors of Delaware and Pennsylvania, comprising a majority of the Delaware River Basin Commission, announced that they voted in favor of a resolution put forward by the commission to issue draft regulations to permanently ban hydraulic fracturing for oil and gas in the Delaware River Basin.

In the wake of the ban, "the clean energy ecosystem in the Southern Tier has grown rapidly over the last five years, fueled by a variety of programs and resources," said a spokesperson for the governor. The state recently stepped in to approve a controversial windmill farm outside Deposit against the wishes of many residents of the area, citing the project's "green" energy production.

## Plans Tractor & Machinery Operators Course

By federal law, no person under 16 years of age may operate a farm tractor or farm machinery on a farm owned by anyone other than the person's parents. The Tractor & Machinery Operators Course allows exemption from this law for 14 and 15 year olds.

-Cornell Cooperative Extension of Delaware County 4-H program will be sponsoring a seven week course which will be taught by Larry Burgin, a Delhi farmer. This course will cover safe operation and routine maintenance of farm tractors. Youth who pass the course will be certified and receive a certificate. THURSDAYS: February 20, 27; March 5, 12, 19, 26; April 2; plus a Saturday (driving/skills test)

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Cornell Cooperative Extension of Delaware County, 34570 State Hwy 10, Suite 2, Hamden, NY 13782  
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Questions or to register, contact Cooperative Extension: 865-6531; pec7@cornell.edu.

## Did You Know?

Rats multiply so quickly that in 18 months, two rats could have over a million descendants.

## Delaware County Hot Spot For Airbnb

Airbnb, the world's leading community driven hospitality company, announced recently that its Southern Tier host community earned a combined \$5.3 million in supplemental income while welcoming approximately 27,100 guest arrivals for the five biggest guest arrival weekends in 2019 across the region, including Memorial Day Weekend, Fourth of July Weekend and Columbus Day Weekend.

"2019 was another great year for Airbnb in the Southern Tier, with more residents embracing the economic opportunities offered by home sharing -- and small businesses and entire communities benefiting as a result," said Josh Meltzer, Head of Northeast Public Policy.

2019 Weekend Dates	Total Guest Arrivals	Total Host Income	Upcoming 2020 Weekend Dates
May 24-26, 2019	6,200	\$1.4 million	May 22-24, 2020
July 5-7, 2019	5,300	\$1.1 million	July 3-5, 2020
October 11-13, 2019	5,200	\$800,000	October 9-11, 2020
August 16-18, 2019	5,200	\$1 million	August 14-16, 2020
August 23-25, 2019	5,200	\$1 million	August 21-23, 2020

During the five biggest weekends of 2019, Airbnb hosts in the Southern Tier earned \$5.3 million. These weekends in 2019 included:

The home sharing community provides significant value through expanded lodging capacity for Southern Tier communities when hotels sell out during big events. These include college graduations, major conventions and concerts, and during summer tourism season.

Along with helping hosts earn important supplemental income, Airbnb also helps generate revenue for local economies around the world.

92 percent of Airbnb hosts say they recommend restaurants and cafes to guests.

56 percent of Airbnb hosts say they recommend cultural activities such as museums, festivals, and historical sites to guests.

55 percent of Airbnb hosts say hosting has helped them afford their homes.

On average, Airbnb guests say 41 percent of their spending occurs in the neighborhood where they stay.

Unlike other business models that siphon the money they generate out of communities, Airbnb activity directly benefits the communities hosts call home. Since Airbnb was founded, hosts keep 97 percent and have earned over \$65 billion sharing their homes that many use to pay the bills and pursue their passions. Furthermore, in New York alone, Airbnb guests were expected to spend an estimated \$795 million at restaurants and cafes statewide in 2019 -- up from \$680 million in 2018, an increase of 17 percent.

In addition, in 2019, Airbnb reached a landmark cumulative \$2 billion in tourist-related taxes that have been collected and remitted to local governments on behalf of our global host community over the past four years.

What follows is an overview of 2019 guest arrivals and total host income, broken down by county.

County	Total 2019 Guest Arrivals	Total 2019 Host Income
Broome	7,300	\$700,000
Chemung	3,500	\$300,000
Chenango	3,400	\$400,000
Delaware	29,000	\$4.1 million
Otsego	19,400	\$3.6 million
Schuyler	12,400	\$1.8 million
Steuben	12,400	\$1.4 million
Tioga	1,900	\$200,000
Tompkins	69,500	\$10.3 million



Students in 5-9th Grade After School Program practicing their Drum Chair Line for the upcoming community talent show on February 21.

## After School Activity Center Weekly Calendar Jan 27-31

Monday- Cooking Pancakes with FUN Fillings

Tuesday – Talent Show Practice

Wednesday -Talent Show Practice 2:30 PM -3:30 PM and 1st day of the Stop Motion Animation Make Your Own Video Workshop 3:00-5:00 PM

Thursday- Stop Motion Animation Make Your Own Video Workshop 3:00-5:00 PM

Friday Fun Day- Stop Motion Animation Make Your Own Video Workshop 3:00-5:00 PM Pick up at 5:30 PM


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

Every Friday is FUN DAY FRIDAY with a FUN Field Trip or Activity. Self-transport home on Fridays pick up times vary!


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

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## Comptroller Lists School Districts In Fiscal Stress

Statewide, there were 33 school districts designated in fiscal stress under New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli's Fiscal Stress Monitoring System for the school year ending in 2019, up from 26 reported in both 2018 and 2017.

DiNapoli's Fiscal Stress Monitoring System (FSMS) analyzes a set of six financial indicators to create an overall stress score. The fiscal stress score determines if a district is in "significant fiscal stress," "moderate stress," "susceptible to stress" or has not been designated in one of the levels of fiscal stress. In addition, the system has environmental indicators that assess other factors, such as poverty rates and tax base, which are largely outside of the control of school officials, but may affect revenues or drive costs.

This is DiNapoli's seventh annual release of fiscal stress scores for school districts. The FSMS scores and report released today summarizing common trends among school districts are for the 2018-19 school fiscal year. The FSMS covers 674 school districts in 57 counties, but excludes New York City schools and the "Big Four" City School Districts of Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and Yonkers.

This year, four districts are categorized as being in significant fiscal stress: Fort Edward Union Free School District (Washington County), Northern Adirondack Central School District (Clinton County), Norwich City School District (Chenango County) and Wyandanch Union Free School District (Suffolk County). All but Northern Adirondack were in fiscal stress last year as well. Fifteen of the school districts that were in fiscal stress this year were also in stress in the 2017-18 school year and eight of those school districts were in stress for all three years. Norwich (Chenango County) and Wyandanch (Suffolk County) have remained in significant fiscal stress for the last two years.

The only one close by listed in Moderate Fiscal Stress was the Eldred School district.

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Scott's Resort. Photo courtesy of Christopher DuBois

## Scott's Resort Will Not Reopen For 2020 Season

Since 1869, six generations of the Scott family have been operating Scott's Oquaga Lake House business outside Deposit. Earlier this month, a Facebook post said they will not open for the 2020 season due to "circumstances beyond our control." "The Scotts (Ray and Doris) are in their 90s and they have health issues that make them feel selling is in the best interests of themselves, as well as their children," said Jill Gorton of Woodland Creek Real Estate.

The resort and its charming old fashioned amenities were a glimpse into the past. They had an old time soda fountain and a four lane bowling alley, along with many other outdoors activities. Here is an opportunity for all kinds of use by potential buyers, according to Mrs. Gorton. Land around both the lake and golf course is available for development. Mrs. Gorton says possibilities can be a resort, wedding destination, convention center, rehab facility, an organic farm, and much more.

"Location is everything and the resort sits on one of the cleanest, if not the cleanest lake in the state," said Gorton. "A dedicated waste facility is in place for the entire lake side community." This is a 150 year-old resort and Mrs. Gorton says repairs are needed. Among them include the main lodge requiring a new roof and windows and the commercial kitchen can be updated. "The property is the last of the Borscht Belt," said Gorton. "It

still has much to offer the discerning. It needs a lot of love. Repairs need to be done but as they say, 'location, location.' Scott's has that!" In season 2, episode 4 "We're Going to the Catskills," Midge joins her parents at their annual summer family vacation. Three episodes were filmed at the Scott's including the exterior and interior of the Playhouse, the Windermere cottage, and the dock.

## Rafter's Tavern In Callicoon Presents Art Exhibit

(Callicoon, NY) February 1, 2020 Art lovers and nature lovers will join together at the Rafter's Tavern Opening Reception on Saturday, February 1 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. for an exhibit featuring new works by artist Alexis Siroc. Alexis has been collaborating with nature using eco printing to create works depicting the fragile yet resilient beauty of our natural surroundings.

### Artist Statement

"The garden is my happy place so when I discovered eco printing, a contemporary application of traditional natural dyeing using botanicals, I quickly became fascinated with the process. It reminds me of my gardening style—letting things happen with only some control on my part. It also appeals to my love of decorative design. Plant leaves and flowers are foraged from local gardens, then arranged on textiles or paper, bundled, and steamed to extract plant tannins to produce a natural art print."

In 2018 Alexis started a company named Wild Garden Botanicals to produce and sell eco-printed works.

"I originally created Wild Garden Botanicals to produce one-of-a-kind wearable art on silk and wool. Printing on textiles had me wanting more—to incorporate line on the prints. I started printing on paper with the objective to enhance the paper eco prints with added layers of line, texture and color. Once I began drawing on the prints this led to further exploration with different approaches: first pairing the prints with drawings; printing on different papers—delicate rice paper; earthy-tinted pastel paper; even pages from printed books. I am delighted with the results and happy to present these compelling works of mystery and wonder that give voice to the fragile yet resilient beauty that informs our world."

*RAFTER'S TAVERN, Callicoon, presents Alexis Siroc and her exhibit entitled WILD GARDEN BOTANICALS - Works on paper: Eco prints and pastels*  
The public is invited to the Opening Reception on Saturday, February 1, 2020, from 5:00-7:00 pm, at Rafter's Tavern, 28 Upper Main Street, Callicoon. The exhibit runs through February 28.  
Restaurant & Gallery Hours:  
Monday and Tuesday: closed  
Wednesday: 3pm to 10pm  
Thursday & Friday: 3pm to midnight  
Saturday: noon to midnight  
Sunday: noon to 10pm

## Police Notes

On the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020 at approximately 08:37 PM, Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies arrested William J. Macy, 51, of Bainbridge, New York on one count of driving while intoxicated and one count of driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 or greater. This

followed a traffic stop on Sunset Avenue in the Village of Sidney. Macy was issued tickets for Driving While Intoxicated, Operation of a Motor Vehicle with BAC of .08% or greater, improper right turn at intersection, and moved from lane unsafely. Macy was released on appearance tickets and is scheduled to re-appear in

the Village of Sidney Court at a later date to answer the charges.

On January 20, 2020 Delaware County Sheriff Deputies arrested Joseph E. Bifaro age 22 of Walton, NY on an Arrest Warrant issued by the Town of Walton Court for the charges of Criminal Contempt 2<sup>nd</sup> de-

gree and Harassment 2<sup>nd</sup> degree. Deputies say the defendant engaged in disorderly, contemptuous and insolent behavior during a court session at the Hamden Town Court. Joseph was arranged in the Village of Walton Court and released on his own recognizance. Joseph is to appear in the Town of Walton Court at a later date to answer the said charges.

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## Sullivan County Coyote Hunt Set for Feb. 8-10

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, N.Y. -- The 12th Annual Coyote Hunt, open to hunters across the state along with five counties in Pennsylvania, is scheduled for Feb. 8-10 with a \$2,000 grand prize being offered for the heaviest coyote.

The three-day contest is being sponsored by the Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs of Sullivan County. Coyotes can be taken by hunting or trapping. The hunter/trapper who makes the kill must be present at the competition's weigh-ins, scheduled from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Feb. 8-9 and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 10.

We suggest all coyotes be brought in on the day of the kill for weigh-in."

"If taken after weigh-in hours keep coyote warm. All coyotes will be body temperature tested. "If taken after weigh-in hours keep coyote warm. All coyotes will be body temperature tested. A temperature above 1100 degrees or below 68 degrees is a disqualification. Use whatever means necessary to keep the body temp above 68 degrees. Wrap the coyote in bags, tarps, blankets or put in Ice chests & don't expose the coyote to the elements before weigh-in."

The rules are a guard against a contestant entering a coyote taken outside of the tournament dates.

Reports say 700 entrants are expected.

## Take Sen. Akshar's Survey On Bail Reform

Senator Fred Akshar released his latest Community Voice Survey on the controversial new bail reform law that went into effect at the beginning of the year.

The Community Voice Survey follows a recent Siena College Poll that showed declining support for the measure. The poll found 49% of respondents said the changes were bad for New York while 37% said they were good for the Empire State.

"It's clear that as the public learns more and begins to see the practical consequences of this misguided new law, their opinions are shifting to align with district attorneys, and law enforcement professionals throughout the state," said Senator Fred Akshar. "I've made it clear that I've been strongly opposed to this ill-conceived law, but I want to hear what the people of the 52nd Senate District think."

Akshar's constituents are urged to visit Akshar.NYSenate.Gov and voice their opinion on whether they support or oppose the new bail reform law or feel that changes need to be made.

The new bail reform measures were passed as part of the 2019-2020 Budget, and was passed solely through votes from Democratic members in both the Senate and Assembly.

"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, but it's not enough to criticize the terrible decisions those in power have made without offering solutions.

While Akshar does support a full repeal, he has also introduced 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.

He's 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.

"One Party Rule's all-Democrat leadership can either help us fix their terrible mistakes or stand by their rhetoric and bury their heads in the sand," said Akshar. "If they choose the latter, the people who will

suffer are those we were all elected to serve."

Questions:

1. How do you feel about New York's new Bail Reform Law?

\* I Support the new Bail Reform Law

\* The new Bail Reform Law must be repealed

\* The new Bail Reform Law needs changes

\* Don't Know

2. What changes do you think are necessary, if any?

\* Require bail for more violent crime and crimes that involve children

\* Give judges more discretion on whether the accused is considered a threat to public safety

\* I support both of the above changes

\* No changes are needed

\* I support a full repeal

\* Don't Know

## Around Town

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

**Hancock Town Board**: First Tuesday - 7:00 p.m. Town Hall.

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

**The Knitting/Crochet Group**: first and third Wednesdays 2:00 at the library.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Parkinson's Support Group**: Second Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. 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 p.m. For meeting place call 607-637-2950.

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

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

## SUNY Delhi Students Offer Architectural Designs For County Museum's Expansion

DELHI, NY (01/27/2020) Through an exciting collaboration with the Delaware County Historical Association (DCHA), 16 sophomores in the architectural technology program at SUNY Delhi enjoyed a unique opportunity to leave a lasting imprint on Delaware County history. As DCHA prepared for its 75th anniversary in 2020, they asked Professor Janet Ho's Architectural Design class for design proposals for an expansion to the existing museum building.

"DCHA was looking for a two-floor addition to the main museum building that could be used to store their increasing collection of books, maps, and other historical objects," Ho said. "They also wanted more space for personnel to sort and organize items, do research, and hold meetings."

DCHA Director Tim Duerden said he wanted to involve SUNY Delhi students in the project as a continuation of the historical partnership between the institutions.

"The present museum building was built by SUNY Delhi construction students in 1976 and 1977, and we thought it would be great to have current students help extend it. The plan is to have architecture students design it and construction students build it in 2020."

To tackle the design project, architecture students worked in teams of two to start conceptualizing and drawing their ideas, and then created renderings and 3D models to present to the DCHA board of directors.

Students Tristan Wellman and Chris Henke's approach was to keep their design functional and respect the intended use of the building.



Snack shop at Old Bat Factory is now open for business. Herald Photo by Jill Gorton

## Nick Libous Announces plans To Run for Assembly

Nick Libous today announced his candidacy for the state Assembly's 122nd district seat, pledging to focus on creating jobs, making New York State affordable to our families & businesses and working in Albany to fulfill the needs of Upstate New York.

"In 2018, Assemblyman Cliff Crouch announced he would not be seeking another term. Now, it's time for new leadership to fight the issues we face here in NY. Let's face it-- New York is unaffordable for far too many people, especially working and middle-class families who live and work in the Southern Tier. We need to cut taxes to help families and to create new jobs, and we need to bring new ideas and a whole new energy to Albany. I am ready to go the state Capitol and fight for hard-working taxpayers and their families," Libous said.

Libous supports repealing bail reform and the green light law, the law that allows illegal immigrants to obtain drivers licenses. He also believes in easing regulations that make it impossible for local businesses to grow & thrive and providing greater funding to combat the opioid epidemic.

Libous, a life-long resident of the state's Southern Tier, is a graduate of Binghamton High School, SUNY Broome and SUNY Cortland. He is currently the Vice President of Wireless Construction Solutions, a company Nick and his family founded in 2008.

He also serves as a board member of the Southern Tier Lyme Support Group leading the charge in the fight against Lyme disease and other tick born illnesses. "As someone suffering from Lyme disease, I understand the need in our community and our State to fight this epidemic, and we need to fight it now. It is not a Republican or Democrat is-



sue, it is an issue that affects all walks of life".

"I recognize the value and importance of public service and am confident I can make a difference in the state Assembly. We have a lot of work to do, with my experience in management, job creation and running my family's small business, I know I am up to the challenge," Libous said. The 122nd Assembly district includes residents in Broome, Chenango, Delaware and Otsego County's.

## UDUUF Plans Service

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. He 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. Directions can be found at [www.uduuf.org](http://www.uduuf.org) <<http://www.uduuf.org>.

## Sheriff DuMond Elected Treasurer Of Sheriff's Assoc.

Albany - On Wednesday 1/22/20, Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond was unanimously elected to the post of Treasurer for the NYS Sheriff's Association at the Sheriff's Winter Conference located in Albany.

As Treasurer, Sheriff DuMond will be responsible for overseeing and managing the NYS Sheriff's Associations Finances on behalf of his fellow Sheriffs in conjunction with the Executive Director. In addition to his duties as Treasurer, Sheriff DuMond also serves

na added. "It would be great to say we were part of something big."

In October, the students presented their designs to DCHA's board of directors at the museum site. Each team took turns showcasing their drawings, explaining their concept, and answering questions.

"I was really impressed with the students' plans and their models," Duerden commented. "We left their work in a public space so our members and visitors could see them, too. We've received a lot of positive feedback. This is an impressive bunch of students."

Duerden said the board would likely end up choosing bits and pieces from a number of different designs and combining them into the final plan. After that, a local architect will review the designs and create permit-ready drawings. Construction is expected to take place in phases starting in Fall 2020.

## Coronavirus Halts Celebrations Of Year Of The Rat

by Jill Gorton

A deadly new virus that originated in China and is popping up across the world spurred some cities to cancel Lunar New Year events in an attempt to limit the risk of infection. What is always a time of joy and festivities was cancelled and a lock down of some cities is in effect.

The year of the rat was supposed to be the biggest holiday of the year in many far eastern countries and instead, it is a time of fear and loss. The deadly virus is already spreading around the world and only certain airports in the US are even letting travelers from the far east into the US. The US had at least 3 confirmed cases this week with other people in quarantine until their status can be evaluated.

"Though people consider the rat not adorable, and it even makes its way into derogatory languages, it ranks first on the Chinese zodiac signs," the

Travel China Guide notes. "It has characteristics of an animal with spirit, wit, alertness, delicacy, flexibility and vitality." The lunar signs are similar to the Zodiac that many are familiar with. Like the Zodiac, there are 12 lunar signs.

The most important part of Chinese New Year is the family reunion. Everyone should come back home for the New Year's Eve dinner. It is a time of mass migration in China. In modern China, most elderly parents live in rural villages while their children work in the cities. The migration is back home and to go on vacation called, Spring Migration.

We have finished the year of the pig and entered the year of the rat. Next year will be the year of the ox. Every 12 years a cycle starts over and unlike Zodiac signs that are of a month duration, Chinese signs are for a year.

## :Pick Up the Hancock Herald At These News Stands

### Hancock:

Country Store (East and West)  
Circle E Diner  
Tops Market  
Walgreen's  
Hancock Quickway  
Vetrone's Beverage  
Old Bat Factory

### East Branch:

East Branch Country Store

### Pennsylvania:

Preston Country Market

### Deposit:

Katie's Kafe  
Big M  
Deposit Country Store  
Deposit Quickway

## Bowling Results

### Fox Youth 1/18/20

Landon Fuller 121, 163; Olivia Johnston 119, 104; Landyn Robinson 104, 118, 107; Cooper Wormuth 137.

### Friday Couples 1/17/20

Deposit Sanitary 32-8, I'm Lovin' It 28-12, Card Logging 26-14, Team Brandon 26-14, Bass & Sons Logging 24-16, Moo's Drop Inn 24-16, Couse Logging 22-18, Goin' Postal 22-18, Two Sisters Emporium 18-22, MicBree's 16-22, Fox Bowling Center 16-24, Dirig Construction 16-24, Conklin Logging 10-30, BYE 0-40.

Brandon Drumm 618, 219, 237; Brian A. Drumm 200; Mike Dufton 237; Randy L. Evanitsky Jr. 214, 225; John Fish 204; Craig A. Gehrig 613, 217, 203; Bill Gleim 675, 245, 216, 214; Ben Green 224; Pete Green 208; Marty Haeussler 621, 202, 215, 204; Rob Johnson 649, 227, 216, 206; Dan Keesler 655, 219, 233, 203; Dick Layton 220; Donnie Marino 613, 227, 201; Wayne McClenon 222, 246; Bob Sobas 620, 204, 236; Zuke Wormuth 671, 225, 235, 211; Scott Wormuth 221.

### Sunday Mixed 1/19/20

Brian & Dick 12-4, Good-O-Boyz 10-6, A&A Pin Crushers 8-8, Paul & Ginny 8-8, Wilbur & Bowk 8-8, Lenore & Reva 8-8, Team DUH 6-10, Marino's Store 4-12.

High Scores: Mike Bowker 674, 232, 218, 224; John Fish 200; Reva Jones 521, 189, 190.

Thursday Night 3 1/23/20  
Cornwell Construction 32-8, Conklin Logging 30-10, Jensen Logging 24-16, S&S Auto 22-18, Fox Bowling Center 18-22, S and S 1 18-22, Dirig's Hammer 18-22, Conklin Construction 18-22, Patche's Place 14-26, BYE 6-34.

High Scores: Ray Cornwell 609, 214; Shane Dirig 670, 223, 255; Gino Jones 647, 221, 216, 210; Ed Milk Jr. 207; Natasha Viera 213; Scott Wahl 215; Scott Winans 210; Dan Wormuth 655, 224, 237.

High Scores: Lucas Bauer 204; Audy Boice 604, 200, 218; Doc Bolduc 669, 242, 235; Al Bullis Sr. 214; Andrew S. Bullis 236; Carl Davis 266;



CHRISTIAN SOKOL puts up a jump shot vs. Tioga. Photo courtesy of Terry Ryan



WYATT JACOBS rebounds vs. Tioga. Photo courtesy of Terry Ryan



CALEB WALKER (#3) drives around a pick by Christian Sokol (#21) on January 21. Photo courtesy of Mary Ryan



BOB LEWIS drives on his defender at Tioga. Photo courtesy of Terry Ryan

## Eagles Drop Two Tough Games While Fighting Injuries

by Coach Ben Diemer

The Deposit/Hancock Eagles continued to struggle last week as injuries and illness took their toll on the roster. On Tuesday, the team traveled to Tioga for a non-league matchup with the Tigers. The Tigers are coached by Deposit alumni Brian Card (varsity) and Jordan Hathaway (JV).

In the game the Eagles struggled offensively while the Tigers were red hot shooting, making eight 3 pointers in the game. This proved to be too much for the Eagles and they lost 55-41.

Caleb Walker scored 25 points to lead all scorers in the game. Wyatt Jacobs contributed 6 points and collected 11 rebounds.

In their second game of the week, the Eagles traveled to

Unatego high school to take on the Spartans. Unatego jumped out to an early lead behind tight defense and a fast paced offensive attack. D/H was able to close the gap multiple times but couldn't get over the hump to take the lead. In the end, the Eagles fell 75-57. Jacobs led D/H with 18 points and pulled down another 11 rebounds. Walker added 14 points in the effort.

The Eagles hope to get back on track as they return home this week to play the Bainbridge-Guilford Bobcats on Wednesday night in Deposit. With only three games remaining on their conference schedule, the team is looking to build some momentum going into sectional play.

## Lady Eagles Play Unatego Feb. 8

The girls basketball game against Unatego was canceled because of a transportation issue. It has been rescheduled for next Saturday in Unatego. JV at 1:00 and Varsity at 2:30

The team plays next on Tuesday.

## Mass. Bans Coyote Hunts

Massachusetts has joined a list of states banning hunting contests in for furbearing animals such as foxes, otters, bobcats or coyotes.

The State Fisheries and Wildlife Board has approved regulations banning the contests, citing ethical concerns. Since 2014, four states - California, New Mexico, Vermont and Arizona, have approved similar prohibitions on hunting contests.

Hunters in Massachusetts say the agency has overstepped its authority and have vowed to fight the ban.

## Midstate Arms Collectors Gun Show Is Feb. 2

The Midstate Arms Collectors will hold a Gun Show on Sunday, February 2 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Elk's Club, 104 River Street, Sidney.

Dealers will be showing arms and military souvenirs from before the Revolutionary War to the present. You may bring old guns, swords and military items which you no longer want with cash prices paid. Dealers will also be selling and trading.

Please remember NYS law now requires that a NICS background check be completed on all firearms sales or transfers, and dealers will be available at this site for such.

All Federal and NYS Firearm laws will be observed. A small admission will be charged.

## Flu Widespread In Sullivan

Liberty, NY – Sullivan County Public Health Services is warning residents that the flu is here, in force.

The New York State Department of Health declared the flu to be prevalent in New York State on December 5, 2019. From December 1, 2019 through January 24, 2020, there were 258 new laboratory-confirmed cases of the flu and 345 positive rapid flu tests in Sullivan County. This is well above the number of flu cases normally experienced this time of year.

“Seasonal flu is a serious illness, a highly contagious respiratory illness that affects the nose, throat, lungs and other parts of the body,” advises Public Health Director Nancy McGraw. “The flu can be most dangerous for young children, older adults and people with weaker immune systems. Serious health problems like pneumonia, bacterial infections, hospitalization, and even death, can result from the flu.”

Seasonal flu occurs every year, starting in the fall and lasting through the spring.

During this time, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) strongly encourages seasonal flu vaccination for all people 6 months of age and older. The Sullivan County Public Health Department especially encourages pregnant women and those with underlying medical conditions – such as asthma, diabetes or cardiovascular conditions – to receive a seasonal flu vaccination.

Sullivan County Public Health Services urges those residents of Sullivan County who have not yet been vaccinated for the flu virus to do so as soon as possible. You may also contact your physician, community health center, pharmacy, or other provider to get a flu vaccine.

Beginning Jan. 27, Sullivan County Public Health Services will expand clinic hours for flu shot appointments. Call 845-292-5910 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays to schedule a flu shot at 50 Community Lane. The shot is free for those with no insurance, and a sliding fee scale is available for others.

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