

## Pandemic Brings Many Changes To Local Parish

*Editor's Note: The following was written by Father Dan Quinn of St. Paul's. It contains so much useful information we decided to run it on the front page.*

Dear brothers & sisters,  
Today brings us a lot of regulations that are going to temporarily change our lives for the foreseeable future.

Today, our governor, in conjunction with the governors of New Jersey and Connecticut, have asked that all restaurants provide food for take-out only, and that social gatherings should be limited to no more than 50 people, and not to exceed half a location's occupancy limit.

Most surprisingly, our Diocese of Albany, the Diocese of Syracuse, and others, have joined the Archdiocese of New York and a dozen other dioceses across the U.S. and Canada to cancel all public Masses, except for weddings and funerals (if we have a funeral, we will not be able to offer a Bethany Ministry Luncheon at this time). Confirmation has also been postponed (date TBD).

This does not mean that priests will not be offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We all still will be. I myself will continue to offer Mass at the same times each day that we normally do, but will do so privately. I am not sure what this means for Holy Week and Easter yet.

However, even though there will be no public Masses, St. Paul's Church building will remain open, 24/7, for private prayer and devotions. All are welcome to continue to pray in the church. It will continue to be cleaned and the Holy Water changed, thanks to our Saintry Sweepers crews.

The Stations of the Cross will continue to be held on Fridays. However, we will instead meet at 4:00 and be using the Stations outdoors in the parking lot, with a megaphone. People are welcome to remain in their cars.

Likewise, our Wednesday night Adoration times for will remain for the next three

Wednesdays, since the Church will be unlocked anyway. But please spread yourselves out in the church.

The parish office will remain open, T-F 9:00-1:00. Given the option between calling and coming in to do business, calling is the preference.

The men's group, the women's group, and Catholic Daughters will meet or not at their own discretion, keeping in mind the less than 50 people rule in a large space, and no food will be shared at these meetings. For instance, the men have decided to retain their meeting tonight, but to meet in Fr. Rausch Hall.

Faith formation for the children is canceled for the foreseeable future.

The Perfectly Priced Shop is closed until further notice (except, as always, in the case of an emergency).

I am still available to bring the Anointing of the Sick to the sick and dying. However, it has been recommended that regularly visiting the homebound may be detrimental to their health if someone is an unknown carrier visiting the elderly. Please be very cautious and take care when going out and visiting. Reduce it as much as possible, and rely instead on phone calls as much as possible.

### Faith

While we are unable to pray together (for the most part), we must maintain our hope and our faith together, while separate. Call each other, pray for each other, pray with each other, even just over the phone. Follow Mass and keep up with the Biblical readings here:

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/031520.cfm>

<https://www.ewtn.com>

<https://www.magnificat.net> (offering a free online subscription during the virus)

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever> (daily e-mail)

<https://hallow.app> (also offering free subscription right now)

<http://www.ibreviary.org/en/text-App-to-88202-for-the-MyParish-app>, which includes many prayers and lets us keep in contact with each other as a parish.

### Food

One of the most necessary items that we many people may be worried about is food. We remember that Jesus expects us to give food to the hungry and drink to the thirsty. Thankfully, many people are responding to this need:

The Hancock Central School District will be mobilizing their bus drivers to provide breakfast and lunch to the children.

Little Italy in both Hancock & Deposit is providing two slices of pizza or a ham & cheese sub and a drink to children Pre-K through 12 from 11:00 to 1:00 Tuesday through Friday.

Senior Meals will continue to provide meals to the homebound, but not in public at Messenger Hall. Contact Lisa Drake for more information.

The Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry at Fr. Rausch Hall will continue to operate 1:00 to 3:00 every Tuesday. Some procedures have been adjusted. Right now, all financial requirements have been waived and people may come more than once each month if necessary. The big Easter giveaway will not be happening this year.

Please do not hoard food. Take what you need, share what you have.

Finally, and I know we've been hearing this everywhere, please make sure to leave a yard between yourself and others, stay home for the most part, and if possible, work from home, as our students are already going to be doing, wash your hands, and be sure to get some sunlight and fresh air:

Peace,

Fr. Dan

## Hancock Herald Temporarily Suspends Publication

This has been a difficult year for us at The Hancock Herald. Our current printer is shutting operations, forcing us to make arrangements with a new printer. We made those arrangements based on the newspaper business as we knew it. However, the events of the past few weeks have changed expectations. Many businesses are suffering because of the economic slowdown produced by the pandemic. The Hancock Herald is no exception. We have made the difficult decision to suspend publication of the newspaper temporarily, effective immediately, based on the economic conditions in which we find ourselves.

The business climate across the local area, and the entire country has changed dramatically, forcing cancellation of news events and drastic changes in how businesses operate, meaning a loss of advertising revenue.

Second, the future of economic activity locally is unclear because we have no idea how long this emergency will last, and what will be left when the world snaps back to "normal" operations. It is impossible to make plans without having some idea of what will happen tomorrow.

We also need to consider the health and well being of our employees, and give them the ability to make decisions that will keep them safe.

We will be suspending subscriptions as well, essentially freezing them in place, so that when publication resumes, subscribers should not lose any of the time to which they are entitled. We will continue to make articles and news available on our Facebook page, to do our best to help keep the community informed during this difficult time. We thank everyone for their support over the past seventeen years of our ownership of the newspaper. It is a great honor to own The Hancock Herald and to be a trusted part of the lives of our subscribers and our community.

Thank you.

Sally W. Zegers

## Delaware County Addresses Second Homeowners Across The County

A Message to Our Visitors, Weekenders and Second Homeowners from the Delaware County Board of Supervisors Delhi, NY – Delaware County Board of Supervisors is echoing a statement made by our neighboring government officials in Sullivan County by issuing the following statement:

"Delaware County currently has one confirmed case of COVID-19 (2019 Novel Coronavirus) and is responding with measures to proactively reduce further exposure as it impacts our limited resources. While you may be seeking refuge from the larger amount of cases downstate, you must be aware that this is a global pandemic. You and your family have a critical role to fulfill in halting the rapid spread of this potentially deadly virus, which can be dangerous and even fatal to the elderly and people with underlying health conditions.

The novel coronavirus pandemic has impacted New York State, which is responding with all resources to contain a growing number of cases, which includes more than 2,400 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and multiple deaths. Delaware County has only one confirmed case, however, the number of exposures will increase with movement into the area from other parts of the state and country, requiring a large amount of resources by Public Health, first responders, health care providers and other government personnel to contain and limit further transmission. Delaware County is a large rural county with only three Critical Access Hospitals. A Critical Access Hospital is defined as a

rural hospital with 25 or fewer acute care inpatient beds and is located more than 35 miles from another hospital. This limits our ability to serve a large number of people requiring higher levels of care for COVID-19 patients and other illnesses. These facts mean any additional needs presented at our local hospitals will tax our medical care system beyond its capacity.

A vaccine does not yet exist, and the effectiveness of existing treatment varies from person to person. Travel into Delaware County from any area at this time is inadvisable and is highly discouraged. If you do make your way here, you are expected to adhere to the following:

Please DON'T travel here from another county or geographic area (including Westchester County and the five boroughs of New York City) which is experiencing community transmission of COVID-19. It is far better for you to stay home and limit your movements. Please DON'T have an expectation that resources will be available to you here that are not available to you in your home town. Delaware County has a limited number of healthcare resources, and testing capacity is also very limited.

Please DON'T violate the Executive Order issued by the Governor of New York State. Congregations of more than 50 persons are a direct violation of this Order. Should large numbers of individuals move up to Delaware County while COVID-19 community transmission is occurring, it will quickly overwhelm the healthcare, public health, public safety and government. Help may not be available to you if you become in need of medical attention.

Please DON'T call Delaware County Public Health Services. If it is a life-threatening emergency, dial 911. Otherwise, contact the State Coronavirus Hotline at 1-888-364-3065, call your own healthcare provider with questions, or use the links provided below.

Please DON'T constantly go out in public spaces. If you haven't brought with you everything you need for your stay, get the remaining items in one shopping trip and then stay close to your property.

Please DON'T go to unnecessary appointments.

Please DON'T utilize local healthcare providers unless you absolutely have to. They are deeply impacted by this current crisis and cannot be expected to handle an enormous increase in patient requests. Your own healthcare provider is your best choice.

. Please DON'T go to the hospital or doctor's office without calling first – in ANY situation, sick or not. Access to healthcare facilities is heavily restricted due to the pandemic, in order to limit continued spread of coronavirus.

. Please DON'T hug, kiss or otherwise touch anyone who is not your immediate family. . Please DO wash your hands often and for at least 20 seconds, using soap and water. Make sure your family does this, as well. If soap is not available, use hand sanitizer.

. Please DO cough and sneeze into a tissue or your arm, then wash your hands. Avoid touching your face.

. Please DO limit social activities to your family only. This includes all activities involving contact with other persons outside of the home.

. Please DO enjoy the outdoors, but maintain a distance of at least six feet from other people.

. Please DO, if you or a family member have a fever, persistent cough or shortness of breath, isolate yourself or them and call your healthcare provider.

For comprehensive information, visit [www.coronavirus.health.ny.gov](http://www.coronavirus.health.ny.gov). For official Delaware County information, visit [www.co.delaware.ny.us](http://www.co.delaware.ny.us)

## Food Pantry Open, But No Easter Boxes

Due to the generosity of our community, the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry is able to provide food to anyone who needs it during this time of uncertainty.

Pre-packed bags of groceries will be available during regular food bank times, Tuesdays from 1-3 pm, in the Fr. Rausch hall. To minimize contact and ensure the health and safety of our volunteers and people who are served we are asking that people enter the building one at a time. Upon entering, the person will be able to sign in and pick up their pre-packed food bags. A Tops coupon for eggs, milk, and bread will be included in the bag. We apologize that we will not be able to fill specific food requests. Anyone who is in need of food is encouraged to come as needed.

There will be no special Easter food giveaway on April 7. The food pantry will be open that day for regular food pickups from 1:00 - 3:00.



Town Council. Tim Newman, Pat O'Brien, Paul Vetrone, Supervisor Jerry Vernold following the special meeting on March 17.

## Town, Village Shut Down Over Virus Fears

Both the Village and Town of Hancock have shut down because of the Covid 19 outbreak

and the accompanying emergency declaration across Delaware County.

The Village has shut its offices, and send staff home as of March 18. The shut down will last until April 8. The Village police will remain on duty. The Hancock Fire Department will help deliver medications and supplies to the elderly if requested.

Payments for water and sewer bills and/or taxes may be made through the mail, or by placing them in the slot to the right of the door at the Village Clerk's office.

Officials note that a great number of village residents are older, and should not be exposed to the virus. Therefore, keeping employees safe helps everyone.

Residents may call the following numbers for information.

Mayor McGrath: 516-749-2209

Shaun Shannon: 607-765-8942

Phyllis Falsetta: 607-221-7231

Demi Travis: 570-885-3122

### Town

The Hancock Town Council held a special meeting on Wednesday, March 17, to discuss the County's state of emergency. Supervisor W. Jerry Vernold told the Herald that the offices were shut down until April 7, the date of the next Board meeting. The Town Clerk's Office is closed, and no assessor's services, dog licenses, transfer station stickers, cemetery plots, etc. will be available. The Highway crew has been sent home. They will be paid, and will be called in if there is an emergency with the roads, at straight time, according to Vernold.



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## Through The Years

### Fifty Years Ago

From an issue of  
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Dated March 26, 1970

Steve Arnold, senior at Hancock Central School, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Arnold of Vestal Avenue, was named to the Pioneer League varsity basketball all star team for the 1969-70 season. Steve was the top scorer in the League this past season. Receiving honorable mention from Hancock were Joe Eskow and David Coe.

A 20 year old local woman was sentenced to serve 60 days in the Delaware County Jail at Delhi and also to make arrangements to receive psychiatric treatments last Thursday in Village Justice Court by Magistrate Horton T.

Brewer when she was found guilty of telephoning a bomb threat to Hancock Central School on the afternoon of Thursday, January 29.

A foreclosure and sale of the Riverview Apartments located on the site of the old school building in Academy Street, will take place on April 10 at the Court House in Delhi according to a legal notice which has been published. Similar action is being taken against a housing complex in the Village of Deposit which was constructed by the same contracting firm, Morse & Dryer Builders, Inc. That property will be sold at a public auction on April 10, also at the Court House in Delhi.

On Sunday morning, March 22, a Hancock patrolman, aided by three local young men,

searched the laundromat and found a small supply of marijuana. It was turned over to the State Police for analysis and the results were positive. An investigation is being continued.

Cecil G. Hoover, 52, of Hale Eddy, Hancock, died Monday, March 16, 1970, in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Binghamton, as the result of electrical burns throughout his body which he suffered Saturday, March 14, while at work in the Celotex Plant near Deposit. It is understood that in some manner Mr. Hoover came in contact with wiring which sent 4,000 volts charging through his body and threw him several feet from the area where he was working.

Pictures scheduled to accompany engagement announcements as well as pictures of Hancock Central

School activities do not appear in this issue inasmuch as the cuts failed to arrive due to the mail strike. We trust those concerned will understand.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Walker (Ann Buchanan) of Hancock are the parents of a son, David Allen, born on Friday, March 6, 1970, in the Delaware Valley Hospital, Walton.

A son, Brendan William, was born on Monday, March 16, 1970, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Davis (Shirley Skellett) of Deposit.

A son, Kurt Angelus Dietrich, was born on Wednesday, March 18, 1970, to Mr. and Mrs. Karl Vagts (Marianne Koester) of Deposit.

A daughter, Angela Denise, was born on Saturday, March 21, 1970, to Mr. and Mrs. William LeRoy (Dianne Dix) of Hancock.

## Life On The Mountain

By Judith Present

As I dined at a friend's house recently, he came out with a tray carrying cups, saucers, a plate of Petit Fours and a tea pot that was still brewing. "Who shall be mother?" he asked us. Most looked at him stupefied to what he was saying, but I of course knew from PBS Masterpiece theater exactly what he meant. He wanted to know who would be serving the tea to the others. The server is called mother.

And who today can think of the British without tea, but the first written record of tea by English merchants appeared in the year 1615. An East India Company officer in Japan named Richard Wickham wrote a letter to merchants in Macao requesting "a pot of the best sort of chaw". This "chaw", as it was called, was being harvested from Chinese gardens that were already centuries old. But it would take another 50 years for Britain to take a real good notice of tea.

When the East India Company was founded by a royal charter, in the year 1600, the mark of the company became the world's first registered trademark. Other European nations formed their own East India companies as well, including the Danish, the Dutch, the French, the Swedish, and the Portuguese. But none would trade on the scale of the British. The British East India Company would rise to dominate half of the world's trade, raising up its own government and military, minting its own money, and even holding all of India as a company property.

As a commodity traded in East India Company ships, tea was lightweight, packed easily, and fetched good prices. (Sounds like marijuana.) It was an ideal cargo. Tea became fashionable in upper-class Britain as a luxury of the Far East, and as a relief from the bleak, wet winters. As imports increased, tea became affordable to all classes as a staple of British life. Tea outsold beer. (What?)

Even the most far-flung corners of the British Empire took notice. There was a thirst for tea in the colonies too. In the tumult and chaos of competing New World colonies, tea became a token of civility and culture. Coffee and chocolate were also imported and sampled as well. It was an age of experimentation and discovery of new fruits and foods and beverages. But none matched the enthusiasm for tea. The East India Company became more commonly known than as the East India Tea Company, as most of its cargo had become tea.

The Chinese and Japanese preferred to produce and drink green tea only. Black tea was off-loaded to the British; with the unexpected benefit for the British that black tea was more able to withstand the unpredictable changes of a two-year voyage to reach Britain or the American colonies. Tea markets were in Canton, China where the Chinese sold tea to

the British from various gardens with tea names such as Hyson, Gunpowder, Singlo, Congou, Souchong, Pekoe and Bohea. The market for tea grew steadily and after a century of tea trade, the tea craze in the American colonies and Britain reached such fervor that preachers began to rail against the excesses of tea, encouraging backyard gardens of peppermint as a substitute.

By the late 18th century, the Dutch East India Company outpaced the British in the tea trade to the Americas. At the Green Dragon tavern in Boston, coffee, tea, and chocolate were served while men hatched plans for their revolt against the British. The tea tax and the Revolution would reverse America's interest in tea for a time. (But that's another story known as the Boston Tea Party) Coffee, drinking chocolate, and wild-picked herbs served as substitutes.

Upon independence, America would build her own East India trading ships to continue the tea trade. Tea sales in America continued to increase into the late 19th century, before fading in popularity to coffee in the 20th century.

America is the only country that drinks tea iced. And today mixologists (fancy bartenders) are finding inspiration from the colonial era, blending smoky bohea and young hyson green tea with spirits. It's a fusion of heritage teas served iced and spiked with craft bourbons, rums, or vodkas and even champagne (Yum-yum!) And in the 1930's during prohibition teacups were used to hold moonshine in the speak-easy. (Tell um Joe sent you)

## Mayor's Corner

By Mayor Carolann McGrath

Coronavirus, or Cor-vid19, as it's being called is affecting everyone's daily lives.

The President and Governor has requested that you stay home unless it's an emergency. Our businesses are suffering. Restaurants, bars and theaters have been ordered closed. We have been advised not to congregate in groups of more than a few people. It's a very trying, scary time for everyone. In accordance with the directives of the President and Governor, myself and the Board of Trustees of Village of Hancock have determined that in the best interest of all involved that we should suspend non-essential personnel from working until April 8, 2020. All employees will be paid during this time. Our Fire Department, Police Department, Sewer Department and the Supervisor for the Department of Public Works will continue to work to ensure the safety and well-being of all our residents. I am asking you to join with us and remain home unless it is absolutely necessary to travel.

I understand that our restaurants are open for take out service, so, if you want a good meal, call them and arrange to take out your lunch or dinner and enjoy it at home. As of now, the library remains open, but is closed to all groups, such as writers, knitting and crocheting and other groups that meet there. I know many of you have children who will not be returning to school for the next few weeks. Now is the time to enjoy old-fashioned family time. Talk to each. Listen to them if they have concerns. Read a book together. Take up a new family hobby. It's amazing what can be accomplished during this time. Our staff is ready to assist you in any way we can. Our phone numbers are on the Village Website. I can personally be reached on my cell-phone all day long, and if, for some reason, I am not available when you call, you will get a call back from me within the same day. I promise you that we will all get through this together and we will be a much stronger and closer community when this is all over.

### Twenty Five Years Ago

From an issue of  
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Dated March 29, 1995

Maryann Peterson, whose West Front Street home has become famous (well, locally, anyway) for her seasonal window displays, has put her craft talents to formal use now by operating the Corner Cottage craft shop next to her home. The tiny cottage is a natural draw and many visitors from other countries have had their photos taken outside the building. "I'm very pleased with the business," she says, especially noting that she has met "so many nice people." Maryann is around daily from noon until five, and makes sure that she is available on weekends. Stop by and see the 10x12 building that the Petersons are so proud of.

A subdivision request by Russell Bass was approved by the Hancock Town Planning Board

on March 23. A nine acre parcel in French Woods will be divided into three lots. A public hearing on a minor subdivision request by Bass on property he owns south of Snake Creek in Cadosia will be held on April 20. If approved, four lots will be created.

Incumbent and uncontested Mayor Robert Drumm received 39 votes in the Village elections on Tuesday, March 21. Incumbent trustees Craig Thorne and Ralph Possemato were also unopposed and received 40 and 38 votes, respectively.

A large turnout of area residents and business people watched as Hilda and Bob Hartz accepted their award from the Chamber of Commerce at the annual dinner dance held on March 18, at LaSalette Restaurant.

The application of Han-Cell, Inc., to operate a cable televi-

sion franchise was approved by the Hancock Town Council on Wednesday, March 22. Han-Cell is operated by members of the Wrighter family, which operates the Hancock Telephone Company. The company is seeking approval for its franchise application in what is reportedly a preliminary step in purchasing Hancock Video, which currently holds the franchise for cable TV service in the area.

Jerry DaBrescia of Adams Insurance would like to announce that Mrs. Cecilia Hazen is now a licensed salesperson for the agency. She has worked in the field since 1984 and attained her Certified Insurance Service Representative designation in 1987. The recent retirement of Richard Ditmore has created a need for additional sales personnel in the agency. Mrs. Hazen will be doing these duties in addition to her regular duties as a

Customer Service Representative.

Doris Rees Smith, China, Maine, formerly of Hancock, died Thursday, March 16, 1995, after a long illness. She was 78.

The New York State Department of Transportation has unveiled plans that would mean a six month road detour around Route 97 while a large excavation project is performed on the rock cut at Hankins. The possibility of rock slides from the cliffs between Hankins and Long Eddy, some as high as 70 feet, has concerned DOT engineers for years now. They plan to push the rock face back from the road by systematic dynamite blasting. The DOT is considering whether to close the road altogether or just during the week when blasting is being done.

### One Hundred Years Ago

From a 1920 Issue of  
**The Hancock Herald**

*Brief Sketch of Lake Como's First Settler*

Could the readers of this brief sketch picture a man, perhaps in this twenties, or possible thirties, starting from his old home in Connecticut, down where the words "Thee" and "Thou" were chiefly spoken, way back in the times when there were no steam railways, no steamers, and stage coaches were quite unknown. When the chief ways of travel were by boot; and wandering and roaming for perhaps weeks

through the wilderness over the unknown soil and through small pieces, which in those days are large cities' and coming through much uncivilized country until at last tired, weary and footsore after days of travel, he decided he would stop along the way and settle in a place where there had nothing but Indian's foot perhaps never trod.

He cut the first "chip" from the trees around the Upper Twin Lake at Lake Como, Pa. Rufus Geer, the first settler, did this plucky deed in the days when wolves, panthers and wild cats roamed the

woods which bordered the above mention body of water. He cut trees; worked faithfully, and at last through hard struggles he built a log cabin, the first one in the vicinity of what is now Lake Como, Pa. He lived alone for some time. His only neighbor was at what is now Stockport, Pa. After getting settled he no doubt began to think of the old time he had left way down in the quaint old "Quaker town" of Connecticut.

He at once came to the conclusion that he would shut his doors and turn away from his cabin made of logs and greased paper windows and say farewell to the first chimney that ever shed its blue smoke over the vicinity of Lake Como. The old stone chimney can be seen near where the club-house stands near the Twin Lakes.

And this Quaker could don his cap and coat once a year and start to worship with those most dear to him in Connecticut. The trip required more than a week for this weary traveler. And on arriving there if the spirit failed to move him he would return on his homeward trip as calm as he started,

as he could speak to no one, not even his dear old mother, spending the same number of days on his journey back by foot.

Rufus Geer, Lake Como's first settler, settled, married and died at the place we have mentioned. The companion he took for life over matrimony's sea was Azabah Woodmansee. They were blessed with a large family of children, all of whom lived to be married men and women. Most of them saw over three score years before passing onto the Great Beyond. But none of them came up to their father's age. As his record in Connecticut was looked up it gave Rufus Geer's age as five score and eight yeas, 108 years, at the time of his death.

His youngest son, Hiram Geer, died Dec. 13, 1919, at the age of 81 years, being the last of the Rufus Geer family. "In my father's house are many mansions, If it were not so I would not have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

*Written by a great granddaughter, Mrs. Edna Whipple.*

### Police Notes

On Friday night, March 13, 2020, Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a domestic dispute in the Town of Walton.

Following their investigation, Deputies arrested and charged Heather L. Norton, 32, of Walton, NY, with one count each of Harassment in the Second Degree, Endangering Welfare of Child and Unlawful Imprisonment in the Second Degree.

It is alleged that during the domestic dispute, Norton engaged in conduct which alarmed and annoyed another person and served no legitimate purpose and unlawfully restrained that person while acting in a manner likely to be injurious to the physical, mental or moral welfare of a child less than seventeen years.

Norton was arraigned in the Hamden Town Court and released on her own recognizance pending her appearance in the Town of Walton Court on a later.

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## BUMPER STICKER AMERICA

*I'm very friendly with 25 letters of the alphabet.*

*I just don't know why...*

The **Letters To The Editor** Section is presented as a public service to our readers. Letters printed in this section reflect the view of the writer only. Letters should contain the signature of the writer, along with a telephone number at which the writer may be reached. Letters should be limited to 350 words. They may be edited for length or content, or not published at all, at the sole discretion of the Publisher.

All columns on this page are the opinion of the writers, and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Hancock Herald.

## DVH Screens Before Entry

Beginning Tuesday, March 17, the hospital's main entrance has been locked and all healthy patients arriving for outpatient lab, imaging or cardiopulmonary testing should use the Emergency Walk-In Entrance. Staff will greet patients and ask key questions to screen for potential exposure to the COVID 19 virus before letting them proceed.

Patients experiencing any respiratory symptoms are asked to please stay in their car and call before entering either the hospital ER at 607-865-2188 or the appropriate primary care center. For Walton call 607-865-2400; for Downsville call 607-363-2517 and for Roscoe dial 607-498-4800.

When appropriate, the specimen for the COVID 19 virus test can be collected, while you remain in your car at the main hospital site in Walton.

If you are on the hospital campus and experiencing a life threatening condition, do not hesitate to go to the ED Walk-in Entrance.

After 5 pm, the Emergency Walk-in entrance will be locked, but patients can use the call button to communicate with the staff.

UHS Delaware Valley Hospital has already implemented a No Visitation policy, cancelled the Independent Exercise Program at the Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Center and the Lung Matters support group until further notice in order to help contain the COVID 19 virus.

## Recovery Coach Academy Set

Delaware County Public Health Services and Friends of Recovery- Delaware Otsego will be sponsoring a Recovery Coach Academy & Ethical Considerations training May 4 -May 8 8:00 am -4:00 pm and May 10th-11th, 2020 8:00 am-5:00 pm. Located at 21 Liberty St. Sidney, NY. Second floor of the Civic Center. One hour will be provided for a lunch break; trainees are responsible for their own lunch.

The academy is designed for individuals involved in the recovery initiation of others and/or in sustained recovery themselves who want to become a personal guide and mentor for people seeking or already in recovery. The RCA training covers the Connecticut Center for Addiction Recovery (CCAR) model for peer specialist roles and responsibilities. This training will allow individuals to earn 46 CEU's of training hours. Topics include Ethics for Peer Professionals, Self-Care for Recovery Coaches, Medication Assisted Treatment and Recovery (MAT/MAR), Spirituality for Recovery Coaches, Professionalism for Peer Advocates, etc.

This Recovery Coach Academy includes all course materials. Scholarships are available. For more information or to register for this course, contact Kayleigh Riordan, FOR-DO, by phone at (607) 353-0293 or by email at [Kayleigh@friendsofrecoveryd.o.org](mailto:Kayleigh@friendsofrecoveryd.o.org). The deadline to register is April 6, 2020. Transformed people transform people.

## April 2 UDC Meeting To Be Held Via Teleconference

NARROWSBURG — The Upper Delaware Council (UDC) will hold the next monthly meeting on Thursday, April 2, at 6:50 p.m. Call-in instructions can be provided to any interested members of the public. The monthly meeting 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. Please check the website for updates. For a schedule of 2020 meeting dates or other information, please call (845) 252-3022 or visit [www.upperdelawarecouncil.org](http://www.upperdelawarecouncil.org).

## Memorial Service Postponed

The memorial service for Denton Edwards has been canceled due to flu/virus. Family will re-schedule for a later date.

# Obituaries

## Raymond Kenyon

Raymond J. Kenyon, 87, of Equinunk, PA died on March 6, 2020 at his home.

He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Juanita Vargas. The couple married in September 21, 2002.

Born on February 8, 1933 in Franklin, NY, he was the son of the late Chauncey and Mabel Stone Kenyon.

Ray began his career in construction and later owned and operated a blue stone quarry. Before retiring, he worked with Ray LaBar at the sawmill.

In his spare time, he enjoyed tinkering around his house and fixing things. He also enjoyed gardening, hunting and fishing. Most of all, Ray loved his family and spending time with his kids and grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by children Deborah Kanter and husband Robert of Richlandtown, PA, Raymond Kenyon Jr., Timothy Kenyon and David Kenyon and wife Dawn Macey all of Equinunk; step-children Linda Torres Evans and husband William of Beach Lake, Susanne Ramirez and husband Eudaldo, Sandra Rodriguez and husband Mike Palmer all of New York and Ian Walters and wife Laurel of Beach Lake. Also surviving are his sisters Ethel Chowinski of Beach Lake and Gladys LaBar of Equinunk; his grandchildren Julianna and husband Justin, Olivia, Timothy and wife Sabrina, Karlee and Evan; great grandchildren Rosalee, Caroline, Jocelyn and Mason Ray; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Dolores Abarientos Kenyon and grandson Jared Kenyon. He was also preceded by his 5 siblings.

As per his request, cremation will be held and a private memorial service will be held at the convenience of his family. Arrangements by Hessling Funeral Home, Inc., 428 Main St. Honesdale.

## Sheriff's Dept Has An App For That

(DELHI) - Today, Sheriff Craig DuMond announced a major upgrade to the Delaware County Sheriff's App, offering broadcasts and re-broadcasts of Center for Disease Control (CDC) COVID-19 alerts. The app and the upgrade are available free for Android and Apple. The upgraded app is an innovative response to help the public and local businesses stay current on COVID-19 alerts and news.

"The upgraded app will help the public receive fast breaking, credible news and information from the CDC," said Sheriff DuMond. "I encourage you to share the app with your family, friends, and neighbors so they too can receive our alerts and news."

The newly released upgrade also includes these new features:

- Inmate Search provided by Appriss Safety, which allows the public to easily sign up for inmate change of status notifications

- A map of sex offenders in Delaware County, easy to search for your neighborhood

Noteworthy features include: press releases, push notifications/alerts, submit a tip/tipline, inmate and correctional facility information, sheriff's office social media, and the Most Wanted list. Download and share the app today. Search for Delaware County NY Sheriff's Office in the App Store or Google Play, or use the direct link: <https://apps.myocv.com/share/a28813753>.

Attached are the marketing graphics for the COVID-19 add-ons. The features are now in the app!

New in the Delaware County NY Sheriff app: COVID-19 alerts and information.

Go into Settings and then Notification Settings to turn on the CDC COVID-19 alerts.

A new COVID-19 feature provides a variety of resources on the topic.

Please go into Settings to share our app with family, friends, and neighbors so they can receive important news and alerts,

or forward this link: <https://apps.myocv.com/share/a28813753>

## HCS To Deliver No-Cost Meals To Students

The Hancock Central School District will deliver breakfast and lunch to all of its students Mondays-Fridays until further notice. Beginning Wednesday, March 18, 2020, nutritious meals will be delivered via school bus from 10 a.m.-noon weekdays at no cost to families.

Cafeteria staff will prepare and package one complete breakfast and one complete lunch for each student every weekday. Both meals will be delivered curbside at the same time. You must be present at curbside to receive these bagged meals, which will be distributed by school monitors.

School buses will be driven by a certified and licensed school bus driver. All standard operating procedures and safety guidelines will be followed. Additionally, a notice will be posted in plain view stating that meals are the responsibility of the recipient after delivery.

Please call 607-637-5322 to report any changes from the original meal sign-ups. If you or a family member is feeling ill, please call 607-637-5322 to make other meal-distribution arrangements.

HCS's emergency meal-distribution plan is made possible through a joint effort of its Food Service, Transportation and Administration teams.

Note This information also appears on Hancock's website and social media pages.

## Milk Bridge Naming Postponed

Due to circumstances related to the coronavirus pandemic, the ceremony originally scheduled for April 18, 2020 to rename the Route 97 Basket viaduct bridge in honor of Army Specialist Allan Milk has been indefinitely postponed. We regret the need to reschedule, but it is in the interest of public health and safety. We will notify you of the new date and time when it becomes available.



**JOINS NY NATIONAL GUARD.** Please welcome PVT Isaac Felter to the NY Army National Guard!! PVT Felter has joined as a 17 year old Junior in Hancock Central School District. He will get paid to drill with us until the summer. At that point he will tackle Basic Training. He will also drill with us during his Senior year, then attend Advanced Individual Training to become a 91L Construction Equipment Repairer.

PVT Felter will be afforded free tuition at any SUNY - The State University of New York, CUNY, or Community College. He will also be paid the full Montgomery GI Bill as soon as he begins college or trade school.

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## PA Rep. Jonathan Fritz to Speak at June 7 Upper Delaware Council Awards Banquet

BEACH LAKE – Pennsylvania Representative Jonathan Fritz will deliver the keynote address at the Upper Delaware Council's (UDC) 32nd Annual Awards Ceremony on June 7 at Central House Family Resort in Beach Lake, PA. Note the date change.

This represents a change from the original banquet date of May 3, and will be further adjusted as necessary if public health precautions remain necessary regarding the Coronavirus situation.

Fritz was elected to represent the 111th Legislative District of the PA House of Representatives in November 2016. The district is comprised of parts of Wayne and Susquehanna Counties.

During the 2019-2020 legislative session, Fritz serves on

the House Appropriations, Commerce, Environmental Resources & Energy, and Aging and Older Adult Services committees. He also served his first term as a deputy whip for the House Republican Caucus.

Fritz previously fulfilled two terms as Honesdale mayor and two terms as a Wayne County commissioner. A product of the private business sector, he was general manager and head of sales for a local tractor and farm machinery dealership for many years.

The Honesdale High School graduate earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Pennsylvania State University in 2001.

He resides in Honesdale with his wife, Donna, and their three children.

The Sunday, June 7, ceremony will open at 3 p.m. with a cash bar reception at the resort located at 81 Milanville Road. A buffet dinner featuring prime rib, chicken parmesan, and baked salmon with maple glaze entrees will be served at 4 p.m.

The keynote address and presentation of awards to Upper Delaware River Valley contributors will follow.

The roster of 2020 honorees will be announced shortly.

The public is welcome. Tickets are \$28. Reservations are required by May 29. Please visit [www.upperdelawarecouncil.org](http://www.upperdelawarecouncil.org) or call (845) 252-3022 to reserve seats.

## Congressman Delgado Visits Local Emergency Services Center

SWAN LAKE, NY – Last week, U.S. Representative Antonio Delgado (NY-19) visited the Sullivan County Emergency Services Training Center in Swan Lake to learn more about its work to prepare our communities for the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic. The Congressman's visit was led by Deputy County Manager John Little and included county officials focused on emergency response, preparedness and communications.

During the visit, the Congressman and county officials discussed the county's work to prepare for the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure the community has necessary resources including ventilators, protective masks, test kits, and facilities to hold patients. The Congressman committed to continuing to advocate for resources tailored to rural communities during these challenging times. "The COVID-19 outbreak reaches every one of our communities, and I thank the good folks at the Sullivan Emergency Services Training Center for their work to prepare and respond to this growing public health pandemic. Today's tour included an important look at how Sullivan is preparing its health facilities and making sure families and



working folks in our area have access to meals and needed social services during these unprecedented times. I am thankful for the opportunity to hear from the experts in Sullivan County about how they're adjusting their facilities and preparations following the declaration of a county-wide emergency," said Rep. Delgado. "Today's conversations will continue to inform my work at the federal level to ensure rural communities have resources tailored to their specific needs. There is much more work to be done in concert with local, state and federal leaders to make sure our region is supported during this

public health pandemic—and I'm committed to working alongside partners at every level as we get through this together."

"We are grateful to the Congressman for his visit," said Deputy County Manager John Little, commander of the County's Incident Command System team. "His support buoyed our spirits and was a welcome reminder that we have tireless allies in this ongoing challenge."

Last weekend, Rep. Delgado visited the Ulster County Coronavirus Hotline Call Center in Kingston. At the end of last week, Rep. Delgado joined a broad, bipartisan coalition in voting for H.R. 6201, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, which provides direct support for families during this pandemic. This legislation will provide essential services to assist working families and seniors across upstate New York during the COVID-19 pandemic including increasing access to needed Coronavirus tests, giving workers the ability to stay at home if they're sick, and providing children and seniors with continued food security during these challenging times. Rep. Delgado also introduced the bipartisan Pandemic Response and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act, to help prepare our communities for the economic impacts of the coronavirus. The bill would expand the menu of benefits available under federal Emergency Declarations to include critical nutrition assistance, unemployment assistance for unemployed and self-employed individuals, legal services, crisis counseling, and case management.

The New York State Coronavirus Hotline is 1-888-364-3065.

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### Board of Supervisors and Clerk of the Board

Offices will remain open with limited staff. Any person wishing to reach the board office should call (607) 832-5110 to make an appointment.

### Delaware County Attorney's Office

Offices will remain open with limited staff. Any person wishing to reach the attorney's office should call (607) 832-5333 to make an appointment.

### Delaware County Board of Elections

Offices will remain open with limited staff but will be closed to the public. Any person wishing to reach the board of elections office should call (607) 832-5321.

### Delaware County Clerk/Department of Motor Vehicles

The Delaware County Clerk's office will remain open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. To reduce traffic in the office people can go to the County Clerk website [www.co.delaware.ny.us/departments/clerk](http://www.co.delaware.ny.us/departments/clerk), to get instructions about how to e-record, e-file and mail any necessary documents. Any person needing assistance or require passport services must make an appointment during the posted hours at (607) 832-5700.

The Delaware County Pistol Permit Clerk will be closed until further notice.

### Department of Motor Vehicles

Effective 12:01 March 18, 2020 the Deposit, Margaretville and Sidney Department of Motor Vehicle Offices will be closed until further notice.

The Delhi Department of Motor Vehicles Office will be open by appointment only to Delaware County residents Monday and Thursday 9:00 AM to 4:45 PM until further notice.

### Delaware County Code Enforcement Office

Offices will remain open. Any person wishing to reach the code office should call (607) 832-5522 to make an appointment.

### Delaware County Department of Public Works

Effective 12:01 March 18, 2020 the Department of Public Works is going to be operating on a minimal crew for at least the next two weeks. This includes all road crews, unless there is an immediate need or emergency such as snow removal, downed trees or other road obstructions. If you have an emergency at any time you should call the Sheriff's office at (607) 832-5555.

The Delaware County Solid Waste Management Center will remain open. At this time, we would strongly encourage the public to stay home, if at all possible, to limit our exposure to the public.

Please contact DPW via phone (607) 832-5800 or email [dpw@co.delaware.ny.us](mailto:dpw@co.delaware.ny.us) with questions regarding services.

### Delaware County District Attorney

Offices will remain open with limited staff. Any person wishing to reach the district attorney's office should call (607) 832-5299 to make an appointment.

### Delaware County Economic Development

Offices will remain open with limited staff. Any person wishing to reach the economic development office should call (607) 832-5123 to make an appointment.

### Delaware County Emergency Services

The Emergency Services office and 911 Center will remain open and fully operational.

### Delaware County Employment and Training Offices

All employment and training offices will be closed until further notice.

### Delaware County Information Technology Office

Offices will remain open in support of county functions. Office will be closed to the public.

### Delaware County Mental Health Offices

Offices will be open to provide services for clients and residents in need. Some services and programs will be altered to comply with the most current social distancing guidance provided by New York State. Please call (607) 832-5888 to inquire about services and to make appointments.

### Delaware County Office for the Aging

Offices will remain open and will continue to provide services and advocacy for the senior population. A listing of services and changes are listed below.

- 1) Congregate Meals – All congregate dining centers have been closed down effective Monday, 3/16/20. We are offering home delivered meals to anyone over the age of 60 that wishes to receive the meal.
- 2) Bus Transportation – The Delaware County Senior Transportation system has been closed down effective Monday, 3/16/20.
- 3) Medical Transportation – We will continue using volunteer drivers for those that really need to be transported. We are encouraging seniors that can postpone appointments to do so as a measure to reduce exposure to the coronavirus.
- 4) In office visits – We will continue to allow clients to come into the office as long as they are not presenting any virus symptoms. The HIICAP insurance program will try to do as much work over the phone as possible. Workers will call clients for scheduled appointments the night before or the morning of a client's scheduled appointment to confirm that they are symptom free before their arrival in the office.
- 5) Home visits – We are trying to limit exposure and are working with New York State to determine if we can do required assessments over the telephone during this time.
- 6) Caregiver Services – We will send a letter to caregivers to explain the situation, asking them if they'd prefer that a volunteer does not come to their home until this has passed. If they want to continue service, we will try to find a volunteer who is still willing to provide the service.
- 7) Link to Life – New applications are currently done over the phone. Units will be installed on an emergency basis only by OFA staff.
- 8) Tai Chi – No new classes will be scheduled at this time and, one current class will have the final few weeks postponed.
- 9) Tax Preparation – AARP has shut down their tax assistance program effective immediately.
- 10) If we learn of any of our clients are in quarantine at home, we will make regular contact with the client via phone to check on them on a daily basis.

For any assistance please contact the Office for the Aging at (607) 832-5750.

### Delaware County Personnel

The Delaware County Personnel Office will continue regular business hours Monday- Friday 9am - 5pm. Please call first to make an appointment at (607) 832-5678, as a lot of business can be taken care over the phone or via email.

### Delaware County Planning and Watershed Affairs

Offices will be closed until further notice. We encourage any person requiring assistance to call (607) 832-5444 or email [pln@co.delaware.ny.us](mailto:pln@co.delaware.ny.us)

### Delaware County Probation

The Delaware County Probation Department will be operating standard office hours Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM.

### Delaware County Public Defender's Office

Offices will remain open with limited staff. Offices will be manned on a rotating schedule. The first day of rotation will be from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on the second day of rotation. Please call for appointments and information at (607) 832-5188.

### Delaware County Public Health

Offices will remain open, limiting staff to comply with New York State guidance on social distancing. Information regarding the Coronavirus disease can be viewed on the Public Health website [www.delawarecountypublichealth.com](http://www.delawarecountypublichealth.com). Staff will be working to provide the most up to date information as it is provided to us. For assistance please call at (607) 832-5200.

### Delaware County Real Property Tax Service

Offices will be closed until further notice. For assistance please call (607) 832-5130.

### Delaware County Sheriff Office

The Sheriff's office will remain open and fully operational.

### Delaware County Social Services

The Social Services offices will remain open and will continue all services. At this time, we are encouraging residents to call (607) 832-5300 for assistance in advance of visiting the office.

### Delaware County Veterans Affairs

Offices will remain open with limited staff. We encourage any veteran in need of assistance to call (607) 832-5345 to make an appointment.

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## Jim Picozzi Leaves Deposit Patrolman Job; Has Served In Many Different Capacities

By Sally Zegers

"Still working." That's how Jim Picozzi describes himself. Jim is a longtime resident of Hancock who has held numerous positions over the years, and is currently working at BOCES as an instructor.

He came to Hancock as a minister, he tells the Herald, before joining the Post Office, working his way up the ladder prior to his retirement in 1994. During that time he also worked as a part time patrolman in Hancock, where he became well known to most of the Village.

He also worked at Job Corps, starting as a security guard before working his way up to Safety and Security Manager of the facility which had 450 students and 150 staff. "I worked seven days a week," he told the Herald, alternating between the police job and the Security Manager job. He called the Job Corps a challenging but rewarding position, saying the students could be a handful.

He also served on the Selective Service Board for twenty years, representing Delaware, Broome and Chenango Counties, a position he retired from four or five years ago.

Jim recently left a job as part time patrolman in Deposit, which now has a contract with the Broome county Sheriff's Office to provide protection for the Village, and was quite pleased to be able to retain the handsome badge that went along with the job (shown in the photo above). His badge number was 14; his Hancock badge number was 540 and his Broome County number was 40, keeping the number 4 theme going. He served as a Hancock patrolman for 41 years, and in Deposit for 8, giving him 49 years as a member of local law enforcement.



Jim Picozzi holds his Deposit badge. Herald Photo by Sally Zegers

He credits the late Gene Morgan with getting him into BOCES 24 years ago. "The kids keep me on my toes," he laughs. "It's good to be around them. It keeps me going"

Finally, he has clocked 33 years on the Hancock Village Zoning Board of Appeals. "I'm the only original member left," he says, and credits the years of service with giving him a lot of insight into the process, as well as being the "institutional memory" of the Board.

He describes his approach to all his many jobs as the same: Firm. Fair. Consistent.

Asked if he will ever retire completely, Jim shakes his

head, and muses at the possibility that his wake will also be his retirement party!

Congratulations to Jim Picozzi for his many years of service as a public servant.

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## Talk Of The Town

By Jill Gorton

I was relieved to hear the person from FEMA say we are not under Martial Law because I was sure we were, until he took off his glasses to read a statement at the news conference on Sunday. It looks like Martial Law and sounds like Martial Law so to find out just because it sounds like and acts like Martial Law, it is not true, was a relief, I guess. Troops in the streets and other restrictions are not reassuring. The absence of regular judicial oversight is unnerving. Reports of suspending one branch of the judiciary by the Department of Justice had better be rumor and not a power grab. Just sayin.

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Walking Towards Faith: Christ's death on the cross and his resurrection is the basis of our faith. The Resurrection is the central reality of faith and has been preached since the beginning of Christianity. The importance of this miracle is so great that the Apostles are witnesses of Jesus' resurrection. They announce that Christ is alive. This becomes the nucleus of all their preaching. After twenty centuries, this is what Christians believe. The fact of Christ's resurrection is the supreme argument for the divinity of Our Lord and the light we seek. The light of the Easter candle symbolizing the risen Christ is a call to all to be light and to carry light to others. Light is faith which leads to joy. True Joy cannot be diminished by the presence of difficulties because it originates in Christ. Let us walk towards the light of faith that is Christ.

The response to a virus that preys on the old and those with compromised immune systems unnerve me. I am of the opinion that Darwin had a point when he touted survival of the fittest. There is a reason for that. It prunes the tree of humanity and serves a purpose. (I am one of the endangered.) The world should not shut down for that. Develop a test and a vaccine to avert further loss of life.

We will not recover what we have lost and the bailout had better not go to greedy airlines and big business. They already had their break and rather than encourage growth, they bought their own stock. Shame on them!

I want the person with not enough to eat or one mortgage payment away from home loss to benefit with my tax money. If they send out checks, they had better be to the thousands living on or below the poverty line. If one thing is clear, it is the need for a better insurance

system for health. Even caregivers get awful insurance from hospitals. Inexcusable! I say, enough with repeal, let us move to replace and put something on the table to get people out of despair and back to pursuit of the American Dream. It's been on the back burner and it deserves a place, front and center.

In the meantime, use common sense and be kind to your neighbors. Everyone is afraid, because the leaders seem afraid. They were slow to react and everyone has a different plan. My plan is simple. Help yourself and if you can, plant a garden because the whole earth rhythm seems unbalanced. Be vigilant and wash your hands!

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Please get the facts on the virus if you haven't already, and keep the information to the right handy. This information will help you protect and care for yourself and your loved ones. Now is the time to prepare, not panic.

For updates and tips, call the **NEW YORK STATE CORONAVIRUS HOTLINE** at 1-888-364-3065.

Antonio Delgado

## COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) Tips and Resources

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## RESOURCES:

**Centers for Disease Control:**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>

**New York Department of Health:**

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home> or 1-888-364-3065

**Congressman Delgado's office:**

<https://delgado.house.gov/contact> or 1-845-443-2930

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Bids will be received by the Town Board at the Town Clerk's Office, 661 West Main Street, Hancock, New York until 7:00 PM Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at which time the bids will be opened.

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

Dated: March 18, 2020

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Town Clerk

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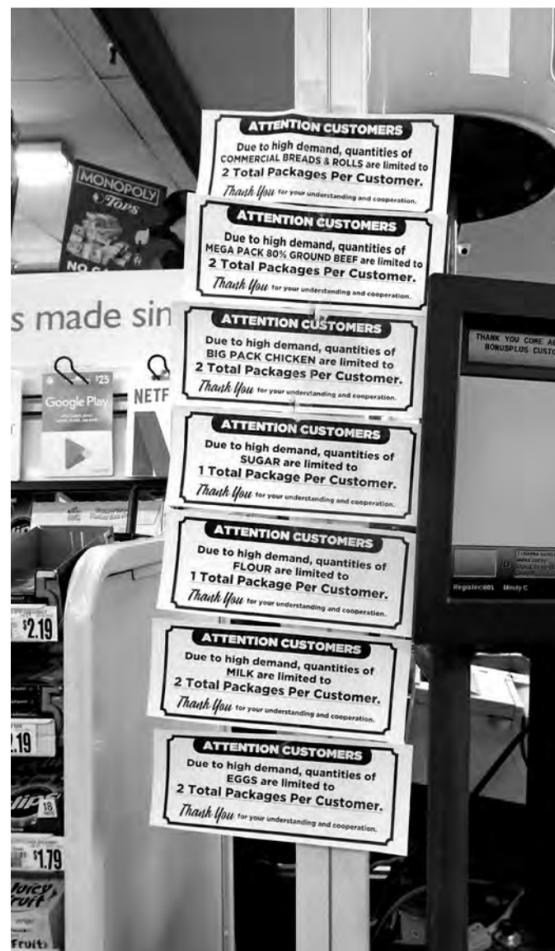
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## BOE Makes Appointments; Sets Budget Vote

The Hancock Central School district board of Education met on March 9 as follows. The Board appointed Gloria White as a volunteer varsity tennis coach for the 2019-2020 school year; approved the requests of various staff members for their children to attend HCS as follows: Rose Prescott for her child, Sophia Prescott; Candice Milk for her child, Maci Berlinger; Jennifer Gill for her child, Trenten Gill; Randi Appley for her children, Kady Appley and Karynn Appley. They appointed Ann Mangefrida as a tutor for the 2019-2020 school year at the rate of \$34/hour.; approved Charlene Lake as a substitute food

service worker for the 2019-2020 school year at the rate of \$11.80/hour. J) It is recommended to approve an overnight trip for the HCS Bowling Team in Syracuse on March 1<sup>st</sup> to attend the State Tournament. The cost of the hotel accommodations will be \$357.00 and will be expensed to the General Fund.

Annual School District Meeting and Voting  
The Annual Budget Hearing was set for Monday, May 11, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hancock Central School auditorium, with voting hours on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 from 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the central auditorium lobby; authorizing the School District Clerk to give notice of this time and place of holding the annual budget hearing and voting by publishing in the HANCOCK HERALD and the PRESS AND SUN BULLETIN such notices four times within the seven weeks preceding such meeting, authorizing the rules governing the use of paper ballots and rules for the procedure of submitting questions or propositions for the purpose of preparing ballots. The Board shall cause to be published in the notice of the annual budget hearing and voting a notice stating that petitions nominating candidates for the offices of members of the

Hancock Central School District Board of Education for one three-year term and for the Louise Adelia Read Memorial Library Board of Trustees one five year term must be filed with the clerk of the district no later than the thirtieth day preceding the school meeting or election at which the candidate so nominated is to be elected. The Board accepted the resignation of the following:  
Gail Schoonmaker as a Library/AV Aide and Substitute Registry effective November 1, 2020 for the purpose of retirement.; Kay Nearing as a monitor effective June 30, 2020 for the purpose of retirement. Rosa Kuehn as a monitor effective June 30, 2020 for the purpose of retirement. The Board approved a contract between the Chenango Forks

Central School District and the Hancock Central School District for health and welfare services to begin September 5, 2019 and to end June 26, 2020 for a child residing in the Hancock Central School District who attends a non-public school located in the Chenango Forks School District. The contract is in the amount of \$391.72

The Board appointed Leslie Caskey and Miriam Peters as Inspectors of Budget Vote/Election for the Annual School District voting on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 from 2:00 -8:00 p.m. Salary for these appointments is \$16.00/hour, and appointed Wanda Raymond as an alternate Inspector of Budget Vote/Election for the Annual

School District voting on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 from 2:00 -8:00 p.m. Salary for this appointments is \$16.00/hour. They accepted STAC Services Agreement between Management Advisory Group Special Services, Inc. and the Hancock Central School District for STAC services effective from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 at the cost of \$3,060/year, and accepted Medicare Services Agreement between Management Advisory Group Business Operations, Inc. and the Hancock Central School District for Medicaid Services effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 at the cost of \$2,600/year.

After the assembly the NCP performers attended the student's physical education classes during the regular school day and provided workshops at the after-school program from 3:00-5:00 pm Monday -Friday. During the workshops students had an opportunity to learn safe, simple circus skills that included; Juggling (scarfs or balls), Western rope spinning, Feather balancing, Plate-spinning, Diabolo and Stilt walking. After the 1st day of workshops, the students had to choose a skill and practice it for the next 4 days.



## The Circus Comes to Hancock!

On Monday March 9, 185 K-8th grade Hancock students attended an all school assembly by the National Circus Project. The performers provided an interactive entertaining program that provided an opportunity to showcase all of the skills the students would learn in their week long workshop series that was held from March 9-13th.

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The performers helped the students develop and choreograph their new skills into incredible solo, and group routines, culminating in an amazing, one-of-a-kind After School show that was held on Friday March 13 at 5:00 PM for the after-school staff. The performance was shared on live feed on social media for parents, families and community members. The public performance was canceled due to (COVID-19). Despite the cancellation of the public performance the students had a wonderful exciting week and really enjoyed the opportunity to participate in such a wonderful program.

The National Circus Project was sponsored by the Hancock Community Education Foundation, the O'Connor Foundation and Hancock Central School.



**COMPLAINT.** David and Jill Keller of 57 Crowe Street say they have been complaining about building trash in front of our neighbor's house since Thanksgiving due to his renovation. They say it is not only an eyesore, but it could possibly compromise a drain pipe (bottom picture). They are looking for action from the Village Board. Contributed Photos



## NY Okays Delay In Sales Tax Pay

Governor Cuomo has announced if you run a New York State business that collects sales tax, you had to file your quarterly tax return as of yesterday. However, in light of the large scale downsizing and temporary closure of businesses as a result of the COVID-19 crisis, businesses won't face penalties or interest if the payment is not made.

Many of Delaware County's businesses have been deeply affected by the sweeping closures and staffing reductions, making this concession welcome news to all of our business owners. In keeping with the same spirit of this executive order the Delaware County Board of Supervisors along with the Delaware County Treasurer is announcing a similar compromise for the occupancy tax that is due.

The Delaware County Treasurer has stated there will be leniency for those that cannot pay this tax at this time due to the COVID-19 crisis. Not unlike the state, a date for payment has not been set. This is an ever changing situation and we cannot determine how long the closures and staff reductions will be ordered. Once we can assess the duration of this situation and the impacts that it has had on Delaware County businesses they will set a due date.

## Forest Owners To Meet

The Southern Tier Chapter of the New York State Forest Owners Association will have an inside/outside program at The Waterman Center, 403 Hilton Road, Apalachin, NY 13732 on Thursday, March 26. Doors open at 6:15 PM. Biologist Andy Weik, will speak on the American Woodcock. Bring boots. For questions call Steve at 607-862-9152.

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## HCS Grad Named To Elmira Academic Squad

ELMIRA, NY (03/17/2020)--The Elmira College field hockey continued to receive honors for its work in the classroom this fall, as 10 student-athletes were named to the 2019 Zag Field Hockey/National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) Division III National Academic Squad.

This year, 1,943 student-athletes from 157 Division III institutions earned recognition on the 2019 Zag Field Hockey/NFHCA Division III National Academic Squad. The Division III National Academic Squad program honors student-athletes who have achieved a cumulative grade-point average of 3.3 or higher through the first

semester of the 2019-2020 academic year.

Leading the way for Elmira's honorees was the trio of Felicity Brockhuizen '22, of Macedon, NY, Janie Kempf '21, of New Woodstock, NY, and Hannah Whittier '23, of Sutton, MA, who all registered perfect 4.0 GPAs during the fall term.

The Purple and Gold's award winners were rounded out by Kelsie Aloji '21, of Moravia, NY, Alex Brockhuizen '22, of Macedon, NY, Kaylee Gill '22, of Hancock, NY, Jenna Heiser '23, of Gasport, NY, Emily Selbert '20, of Colden, NY, Liz Shephard '21, of Cazenovia, NY, and Kristen Tull '22, of Stevensville, MD. Aloji, Kempf, and Shephard all garnered the

award for the third consecutive year, while Gill earned her second consecutive honor.

Founded in 1855, Elmira College is a private, residential, liberal arts college offering 30-plus majors, an honors program, 17 academic societies, and 20 Division III varsity teams. Located in the Southern Finger Lakes Region of New York, Elmira's undergraduate and graduate student population hails from more than 20 states and nine countries. Elmira is a Phi Beta Kappa College and has been ranked a top college, nationally, for student internships.

## One Bug Contest Rescheduled For October

As we work to respond to the daily changes in the spread of the Covid-19 Virus and the impact it is having on our organizational operations, the FUDR Board of Directors has decided to reschedule the 13th Annual One Bug celebration, originally scheduled for May 1, 2020, and to hold the banquet on October 2, 2020.

This decision was made in consultation with our local government and business leaders in the Hancock area and other communities of the Upper Delaware watershed that are closely involved in the One Bug event. We believe our decision is consistent with the

recommendations, guidelines and directives from public health experts and our elected government officials. We must rely on those who are closely monitoring the rapidly changing developments in the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

We are all hopeful that the virus will be controlled by the fall of 2020, but we must remain vigilant in monitoring its spread and we remain fully prepared to make additional changes in scheduling when necessary.

The postponement of the One Bug is inconvenient to us all - to the participants, to the community, to the guides and to FUDR. But, the trajectory of the pandemic is too rapid, too unpredictable and too danger-

ous for FUDR to avoid this decision. The safety of our watershed communities and event participants comes before anything.

Please mark your calendars for the new date!

If you have questions about any details regarding the 2020 FUDR One Bug, please contact Sherri Resti Thomas at [sheri@fudr.org](mailto:sheri@fudr.org)

FYI - Drift boat raffle will still be on May 1! We will be doing a live facebook feed from the Whitetail Fly Shop - get your raffle ticket for a chance to win a Hyde Montana Skiff Camo drift boat - \$40.00 each/500 total being sold!

## Regional Farm Succession Workshop Series Will Now Be Held Online

March 31 and April 7, 2020, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm - meeting held online via zoom.

This 2-part series, held on Tuesday, March 31 and April 7, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., will take place at The Quality Inn in Oneonta, NY. The Cost is \$25 per farm. Key topics to be covered include: Is the Farm Transferable?, Family Communications,

Tax Implications, and Legal Considerations. This program is sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension Delaware County, Watershed Agricultural Council, and NY FarmNet. If you have questions, please contact Mariane Kiraly at 607-865-6531, or email to: [mk129@cornell.edu](mailto:mk129@cornell.edu).

Register and pay online at [https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/farmsuccession\\_212](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/farmsuccession_212) by 3/23/2020. You

will be emailed a link to join the webinar after you register.

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## Delaware County IDA Seeks Part-time Ag Expert

The Delaware County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) is seeking an independent, experienced, professional contractor to help agricultural producers and businesses navigate their industry by connecting them to support programs and funding sources and by assisting them in identifying issues and developing strategies to address issues specific to their business.

The contractor will be required to work cooperatively with the Delaware County Department of Economic

Development in the developing and implementing projects and initiatives to support the growth and sustainability of the agricultural industry.

The part-time, contractual period is expected to run from April 2020 through the end of the year. Contract terms will be negotiated based upon qualifications.

Interested parties should submit a letter of qualification including: relevant experience, knowledge and expertise of the agriculture industry; knowledge and experience in working with pub-

lic and private agricultural related agencies and resources; a statement of proposed compensation rate and weekly availability, and resume to the Delaware County Industrial Development Agency, by Tuesday, March 31.

Submit proposals to Glenn Nealis, Delaware County IDA, One Courthouse Square, Suite 4, Delhi, NY 13753. For further information call 607.832.5123 or email [glenn.nealis@co.delaware.ny.us](mailto:glenn.nealis@co.delaware.ny.us).

## Catskills Food Hub Going Strong

(Liberty, NY) Catskills Food Hub will celebrate its first full year of business in April and things are growing. In November, the HUB launched their retail program for indi-

viduals to purchase healthy, regional food while supporting area producers. The retail program expands the reach of regional foods year round and has been well received by both buy-

ers and producers. Recently, with concerns around the COVID-19 crisis, the Hub chose to stay open and was surprised to see retail sales triple in one week. "We realized there must be a need for this kind of service where folks can order online and pick up in a safe way, with minimal interaction," said Cat Wilson, Executive Director of Hub. The retail program is easy to access and utilize. New retail customers can sign up by going to the Catskill Food Hub website at [www.catskillsfoodhub.org](http://www.catskillsfoodhub.org).

Click "Buy Retail" to create an account. Orders are due between 10:00 a.m. Friday and 12:00 p.m. Monday. An order confirmation will be issued on Monday, and orders can be picked up at the Hub in Liberty on Wednesday. "All the food is picked, made, or packed fresh, so our producers need a day to get the order together." Says Wilson. There is no cost to sign up. The Hub has safety protocols in place for customers to pick up their order without having to enter the building. For more information go to [www.catskillsfoodhub.org](http://www.catskillsfoodhub.org) or email [orders@catskillsfoodhub.org](mailto:orders@catskillsfoodhub.org).

## NY Hits Pause

Effective as of 8:00 March 22 Governor Cuomo is directing all non-essential workers to work from home. This is part of the 10-point policy plan issued with the "New York State on Pause" Executive Order.

The 10-point plan is as follows:

1. Effective at 8PM on Sunday, March 22, all non-essential businesses statewide will be closed;
2. Non-essential gatherings of individuals of any size for any reason (e.g. parties, celebrations or other social events) are canceled or postponed at this time;
3. Any concentration of individuals outside their home must be limited to workers providing essential services and social distancing should be practiced;
4. When in public individuals must practice social distancing of at least six feet from others;

5. Businesses and entities that provide other essential services must implement rules that help facilitate social distancing of at least six feet;

6. Individuals should limit outdoor recreational activities to non-contact and avoid activities where they come in close contact with other people;

7. Individuals should limit use of public transportation to when absolutely necessary and should limit potential exposure by spacing out at least six feet from other riders;

8. Sick individuals should not leave their home unless to receive medical care and only after a telehealth visit to determine if leaving the home is in the best interest of their health;

9. Young people should also practice social distancing and avoid contact with vulnerable populations; and

10. Use precautionary sanitizer practices such as using isopropyl alcohol wipes.

Delaware County is asking everyone to follow this plan, as directed by the state. At this time the Governor has passed an executive order that prohibits counties and local governments from issuing their own executive orders. This is intended to make sure all New York State residents are following the same guidelines and practices and no local government issues an order contrary to the state. Any travel bans or orders to be off the roads would be issued by the Governor. Currently there are no travel bans that would impose a penalty or ticket, but all New Yorkers are being encouraged to stay home aside from engaging in or receiving essential services as described above. We are also asking everyone to avoid contact with others by keeping six feet between people both inside and outside. This is a temporary order, but it is in effect until Governor Cuomo lifts the order.

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## UDC Cancels Meeting For Litter Sweep

NARROWSBURG - The current COVID-19 safeguards have resulted in the cancellation of a March 31 follow-up meeting for the Upper Delaware Litter Sweep that was planned at the Upper Delaware Council office in Narrowsburg.

However, coordinators are rallying individuals throughout the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Valley of NY and PA to move forward with roadway and front yard clean-up efforts for the April 22-25 event, as communications pivot from in-person meetings to virtual communications via phone, email, Facebook, and the event website.

For updates and more information on how to get involved, please visit <https://sites.google.com/view/upper-delaware-litter-clean-up/home> or the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/3185243898171509/>.

Contact Upper Delaware Litter Sweep Project Coordinator Dan Paparella at [paparelladan15@gmail.com](mailto:paparelladan15@gmail.com) or (570) 468-3904 to get assistance with route planning, safety training, equipment distribution, connections to

other volunteers, and information on free litter disposal in various areas.

Organizers are still planning and hoping for the Litter Sweep to culminate with a festive volunteer recognition event on Saturday, April 25, at The Narrowsburg Union.

One activity will be the filling of "litter letters" with litter to be contributed by volunteers. This educational and artistic installation will debut on the front lawn of the Union at 7 Erie St. Other communities around the bi-state watershed are encouraged to construct and display their own litter letters (see [www.thelitterletterproject.com](http://www.thelitterletterproject.com)). The April 25 event will also include programming to discuss litter effects and pre-

vention. Additional details will be released.

While all group-based activities for the April 22-25 timeframe are subject to cancellation depending on the development of COVID-19 over the next month, litter sweeping remains an activity that can be done with close family and friends as a fun, safe, and productive way to get some fresh air and positively contribute to the health and well-being of our watershed and world.

Any organizations interested in adding the Upper Delaware Litter Sweep to their own Facebook event lists to help spread the word may request to co-host the event.

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