

## Route 97 Bridge To Be Renamed In Honor Of Allan Milk; Ceremony Set For April 18

Commander Bruce Peci of the Allan Milk VFW Post 7276 is proud to announce that the Route 97 Viaduct Basket bridge will be officially renamed the "Specialist Allan Milk Memorial Bridge" on Saturday, April 18, 2020 at 11:00 AM.

The renaming of the bridge is to honor Spec. 4 Allan Arlyn Milk, who was killed in action in Vietnam on November 1, 1966. Allan began his tour of duty as part of U.S. Army Company B, Fifth Battalion, Seventh Cavalry, First Cavalry Division in Binh Dinh Province, South Vietnam on August 2, 1966. Less than three months after being deployed, he was fatally wounded in combat, and died just a month before his twenty-first birthday.

The idea of renaming the bridge was originally thought

of by the Commandant of the Catskill Detachment of the Marine Corps League Jim Ryerson. As a permanent memorial, members of the VFW post, which is named after Allan, formally proposed the bridge naming. The VFW, along with the Basket Historical Society, presented the idea to the Town of Fremont. With the support of the town, and the Sullivan County Legislature, Assembly Member Aileen M. Gunther, and Senator Jen Metzger sponsored bill S6254 that was passed and signed into law by Governor Andrew Cuomo on July 24, 2019.

Allan was born in Read Memorial Hospital in Hancock on December 14, 1945. He grew up on the family farm in Goulds, Delaware County, New York with his father Donald, mother Grace along with

his ten brothers and sisters (brothers Donald, Jr., Lucian, David, Telford, and Clinton, and sisters Aloma, Lucinda, Sharon, Aleta, and Andrea. Allan is buried in St. Patrick Cemetery, Long Eddy, New York.

In Allan's honor, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7276 was established in 1967, with the first Commander Edward Sykes, Sr. From the inception of the post, members, along with area residents, honor Allan each year during Memorial Day and Veterans Day services with military honors.

Local residents and veterans have been raising funds to offer refreshments at a reception to be held at the Long Eddy Hotel following the renaming ceremony on April 18.



## Hancock To Examine School "Climate"

Hancock students, staff and parents will soon take part in a New York State Education Department School Climate Survey to help improve the overall quality of education in the school district.

Following U.S. Department of Education and NYSED survey guidelines, Hancock Central School District stakeholders will have the opportunity to express their opinions about the

current school climate and offer insight on ways to improve it.

Audience-specific surveys will help the District understand the perceptions of students, staff and parents with regard to academics, community relationships, safety, and institutional environment. Since each group experiences school climate differently, the surveys will be used to create an overall picture of Hancock's existing school climate and help the District monitor progress, make data-driven decisions and adapt to shifting needs.

The surveys will be distributed electronically to those currently involved with middle and high school education (grades 5-12) in the Hancock Central School District. Once survey data is collected and analyzed, the NYSED will help the District develop and implement a school climate improvement action plan that promotes student achievement, self-esteem and school safety.

Hancock's School Climate Survey initiative will be presented to its Board of Education on February 24 during a regularly scheduled BOE meeting. Select staff members will take part in a pilot exercise on February 27 to ensure the surveys are fully functional before distribution to students, staff and parents. Hancock administrators, faculty and staff will be surveyed on March 6 during their staff in-service day, parents from March 27-April 17 via an online portal (details are forthcoming), and students on April 3 in class.

Make-up surveys will be available from April 4-17 for those who could not participate on the aforementioned dates. Consent forms with more survey details have been sent home.

For more information on the NYSED School Climate Survey, visit [www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/ssae/schoolsafety/school-climate.html](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/ssae/schoolsafety/school-climate.html) online.



Barbara McGraw was honored recently for her 52 years of service to the Town of Hancock. Article on page 4.

## Roundtable Discussion On County's Future On March 24

The public is invited to attend a Delaware County Chamber of Commerce sponsored roundtable discussion on the state and future of Delaware County and how to remove barriers to community growth, on Tuesday, March 24 at 11:30 a.m. Dennis Valente

Omar Sanders, Director for Intergovernmental Affairs at Empire State Development, Mark Tuthill, Delhi Supervisor and Vice-Chair of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors, and Dennis Valente, Davenport Supervisor and Chairperson of Delaware County Economic Development Committee, will share their insights on the progress of local economic development efforts.

The event includes a luncheon buffet prepared by SUNY Delhi culinary arts students at Bluestone at the college golf course, followed by an informative discussion by our panelists and a question and answer session. Come prepared to join the conversation. Reservations are required. Space is limited. Cost is \$25 per person.

To reserve your space visit [delawarecounty.org](http://delawarecounty.org) or call 607.746.2281.

## Daylight Saving Time Starts Mar 8

Sunday, March 8, 2020, 2:00 am clocks are turned forward 1 hour to 3:00 am local daylight time instead.

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour later on Mar 8, 2020 than the day before.

## Hancock's Got Talent!

On Friday, February 21, the Hancock Community Education Foundation held its Talent Show at the Hancock High School Auditorium from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. It is planned to make it a yearly event.

Local children of all ages showcased their special talents!! The performance consisted of singing, piano

playing, magic as well as special group performances from the After School Programs.

A special thank you to Chee Chee the Clown who displayed his magical talents, while helping other children discover theirs.

The night was a huge success!



Lily Ogazalek performing an original song



Arianna Hunt, Livian Robinson, Addie Furlong, Ariana Blakeslee performed.



K-4th After School Program singing



5-9 After School Program in a drum line

## New DEP Reporting Requirements Will Lead To Higher Lead Reports: Village

by Jill Gorton

Department meeting was held in the Village Hall on Monday, February 24. The meeting was called to order at 9 am and the reporter was a few minutes late for the call to order and the Pledge to the Flag. There was a moment of silence for former Mayor Gene Morgan, who had passed away, unexpectedly the week before. Roll was called by Demi Travis, Assistant Clerk. Mayor Carolann McGrath was present as were trustees Dawn Gotthardt, Shaun Shannon, Charlene Camore, and Dorothy Picozzi.

Pete Hathaway reported on Code Enforcement first. His report indicated that the Annual report was completed and sent out. He reported on an inspection on Park Street on a trailer. He is waiting on final electric report before issuing a certificate of occupancy.

Bernard Wormuth was next. He reported on Waste Management. His department has received many alarms and had to have them readjusted. The PH process remains a challenge as the unusual weather (Fluctuating Temperatures) make it diffi-

cult to reach a happy medium. Right now, the alkaline is low. (We remind people that due to new reporting practices required by the DEP, we would occasionally see high lead reports in the system. The replacement of old pipes and tanks has already begun. Practice normal care and run your water longer before drinking. Boiling it will not reduce lead. It is safe to drink.)

Sergeant Petersen issued the Police report. There are not patrolling Deposit but "have responded to a couple of calls" for mutual aid. "The Sheriff will be patrolling Deposit," stated Petersen. He reported there was some progress in the break in at the Sunoco at East Branch and police think that it is the same perpetrator who had broke into Mirabito in Hancock. The Post Office is not included at this time, although circumstances indicate it calls for service and is a possibility.

The department had 94 property checks and 57 calls for service, and they assisted

other agencies 13 times. They issued 28 traffic tickets.

The Mayor read the Fire Report. The department had 3 MVA with 7 EMT assists. There were alarm activations that turned out to be false and 2 structure fires with 1 chimney fire. There was also a letter from Blaise Bojo about the changes to the discovery law. The first responder must now document with pictures what he finds on a scene of a fire or explosion. The use of a cell phone becomes a source of concern. You do not want this documentation on a personal cell, so the department is requesting 4 cell phones for the chief and assistants (3) to carry to enact the new law. The board acted to grant the request. The phones will be about \$40 a month for a total of \$120 added to the budget a month

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## One Hundred Years Ago

From a 1920 Issue of  
The Hancock Herald

Effort to Settle Strike Fruitless  
Prospects of a settlement of the strike that has been going on in Sidney sine Last May on the part of 400 employees of the Julius Kayser Silk Mill were practically destroyed at a special meeting held last week. General Manager W. H. Calhoun of the Kayser Compay and Patrick Downing of the State Board of Mediation were present.

Mr. Calhoun made a proposition to the striking employees, which was rejected unanimously, 166 voting. He stated that the company was willing to reinstate all former employees as best they could be accommodated, that about 18 could be taken on now and others later as opportunity permitted. The strikers were determined, however in their opposition to such an arrangement and as far as the company is concerned now the quarrel with the former employees is at an end. The authorities positively refuse to deal with them further. The strike has been going on for nine months and has been the cause of much bitter feeling in the village, creating serious factions and spoiling the community spirit. The issue has been the question of recognition of unions and collective bargaining.

At the meeting, Manager Calhoun reported that the company was willing to accept those principals. In this respect the strikers won out but felt that they should all be restored to their former positions at once. The company could not comply with such a demand inasmuch as it would mean releasing a large number of new employees now holding

positions with them. Mr. Isler, an official of the company, stated that the final had been made and the dealing with the striker were at an end.

News Around the Country:

*Held Fast to Those Fish Indianapolis Man Was Taking No Chances of Losing the Prize He Had Secured*

Tom Genolin, of the railway mail service, tells thrilling story of ho once upon a time he was tempted and fell; how in the early hours of morning he slipped away to a "posted" stream and drew from thence five of the most beautiful bass ever seen. The climax of this story reads thus:

"The glorious day was peeping and creeping through the silent trees when I gathered up my bunch of beauties and started homeward. I had not gone far when I laid them in a clump of grass while I filled my pipe. When I started to pick them up again lo and behold they were gone. A light stir under a nearby bush brought visions of some prone upon the bush and clutched for the place where the fish might be. That is when I awoke and gathered myself up a from the bedroom floor where I lay clutching a jangling alarm clock."

Mr. Genolin thus ends the story. "The tragic and unbelievable part of my story is yet to be told, the day after the incident related I went to the pool concerning, which I had dreamed and there I precisely saw the fish in my dream and lastly, I returned home with them, but not once did I lay them down in a clump of grass." Indianapolis News

## Talk Of The Town

By Jill Gorton

Okay, how many of you went to the store with no reusable bags or did what the same thing I did? I put my bag in the back of my car and went to the store. Once there I got out and started for the door of the store and had to stop and go back for my bags. I used my bag and was forced to buy 2 bags for overflow. I will save them for next time.

I also expect the packers/cashier people to learn how to pack. Don't throw my bread on top of a poorly packed bag so it falls and gets crunched. Don't pack a bag of potatoes in the reusable bag. They are already in plastic. Don't pack food in a clumpy manner. I don't know a good word for clumpy but my stuff was all over the bag. It weighed a ton thanks to potatoes in the bottom and by bread was in danger. Food packing re-envisioned coming up. Just sayin.

My granddaughter showed up last week to help me with some chores. Cleaning the refrigerator and getting down curtains were on my list. She got down the curtains. I have always done it but bones are slower to mend as we age. She is young and will heal quickly, if she

tumbles. My refrigerator was full and the shelves needed to be cleaned. She grabbed stuff out and I washed the shelves. When we were done, my refrigerator was practically empty. It seems that the younger generation is ruthless about expiration dates.

I feel that 'best if used by' means it should be examined and if it isn't fuzzy, you use it. She wanted to throw out milk that did not smell. Now, I grew up on a farm and milk is good until it starts to smell. My husband asked for the Catalina dressing at supper and I had to tell him it was gone. "I just opened that," he exclaimed. I sympathized but I had gotten a two for price and because there are only two of us and not 5 like before, things expire. I will start avoiding sales because they do appear based on expiration dates. Who knew? My granddaughter said she would come back ever three months, check out the dates on my food, and help me tackle the refrigerator. She's a good kid.

I went to a wonder exhibition the other day involving a bas-

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## Through The Years

### Fifty Years Ago

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

Mr. Carme S. Vitale Jr., of Hancock, graduated from the Inspection Training School of the National Hardwood Lumber Association on February 6. He received his certificate from the school in Memphis, TN, after five months of intensive classroom study and long practice sessions in the grading and measurement of a wide variety of hardwoods. The school is the only one of its kind drawing students from many foreign countries as well as the United States and Canada. Mr. Vitale plans to enter the employ of the Vitale Lumber Co., Inc. at Hancock.

### Twenty Five Years Ago

From an issue of  
The Hancock Herald  
Dated March 8, 1995

A team of five Hancock eighth grade boys competed for the regional title of the ninth annual Fay's Drug Quiz Show held at the college at Delhi on February 13. The team consisted of Justin Whiting, Jason Wheeler, Joshua Barnes, Phillip Martin, and Patrick Taylor. The dubbed themselves the "PJ's" because of their first initials. It was Hancock's first year in the competition and school officials are proud to report that the team took a second place ranking in the competition.

It's unfortunate that CR Realty could not find a way to held

revitalize the Village of Hancock, but we still believe that it was a chance worth taking. Hancock needs to check into all possible options for potential development, and the reality company's study was just one of those options. Our thanks to the Hancock Industrial Development Corporation for funding the three month study.

A 1915 postcard, courtesy of Donald Hewitt, shows two bridges in Hancock. The railroad bridge on the left in the picture is the train trestle across the Delaware to the Brooklyn Side of Hancock, while the bridge on the right in the photo carried pedestrians and autos. That bridge connected with Old Bridge Street and was torn down. Old

The NYS Labor Laws require that boys 14 or 15 years of age who work on farms, other than their home farm) must have completed an approved Tractor Operators course before their employment. The 4-H Division of Delaware County Cooperative Extension Unit is conducting the required course in Delhi and Walton on five consecutive Thursday nights beginning at the BOCES building, Delaware Street in Walton, this Thursday, March 5, at 8:00 p.m.

The World Day of Prayer service will be held at the United Presbyterian Church, Hancock, on Friday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. Church women in the community invite you to join others in celebrating this Day of Prayer with Fellow Christians in 130 countries. In 1968, this date of the first Friday in March was fixed in order to ensure its falling within the Lenten period for the total Christian family, Orthodox as

well as Protestant and Roman Catholic.

A daughter, Monique Marie, was born February 26, 1970 to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Shaffer (Grace Beltran) of Hancock.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Baldwin ( Marie Burdick) of Starucca, Pa., are the parents of a daughter born February 22, 1970.

Two local young men were fortunate in being given Youthful Offender treatment last Saturday when arraigned before Village Justice Horton T. Brewer. The two were arrested early that morning and charged with "Unlawfully Dealing With A Child" a class B misdemeanor. A third youth was released in the custody of his parents without being arrested. The two arrests resulted from the pair's procuring an alcoholic beverage for minors under the age of 18.

Bridge is now a dead end street that ends at the river.

Pennsylvania's recently enacted pedal cycle helmet law went into effect on February 25 and requires children under 12 years of age to wear approved bicycle helmets while riding a pedal cycle. Pedal cycles include bicycles or any other pedal powered vehicle. In addition, the law requires passengers under 12 riding in restraining seats or in a trailer towed by a bicycle to also wear helmets.

Two girls from this year's Varsity Basketball team have received Honorable Mention on the Susquenango Association All Star Team. Miranda Malinski, a senior, averaged 7 points per game. She is the daughter of Michael and San-

dy Malinski of Starlight, and will represent Hancock in the Senior Classic on March 14 in Greene. Sophomore Kristen Kulesza averaged 8 points per game and added intensity to the defense. She is the daughter of Brian and Bonnie Kulesza of Pleasant Mount.

On February 27, Hancock police issued an appearance ticket to a 17 year old Walton youth, alleging that he drove his pickup truck over the library lawn and elementary school lawn. The youth, whose name is being withheld because he is eligible to receive youthful offender status, was charged with criminal mischief 4th degree.

## Life On The Mountain

By Judith Present

Who doesn't love a mystery, a problem to solve, a riddle to figure out, or a puzzle to piece together to crack the case in question. But of course, we all know that some mysteries are never unraveled. And though we all know about Jamestown and the suffering that took place at that colony, we forget there was a colony before that of 115 English settlers who arrived on Roanoke Island off the coast, of what is now North Carolina, on Aug. 1587.

Had Britain heeded what had happened to this first colony the story of Jamestown might have been different. As usual Britain was at war with some other country...this time it was the Spanish Armada and took little notice of its settlers. Later that year, it was decided that John White, appointed by Sir Walter Raleigh as governor of

this new colony, would sail back to England to gather up a fresh load of supplies.

So White left for England for supplies in late 1587, leaving behind his wife, his daughter and his infant granddaughter, Virginia Dare, the first child born in the New World to English parents, among the settlers. Now here is the mystery still unsolved. Having been caught up in the war, it was three years before White returned. When he returned in 1590, he found no trace of his family or the other inhabitants of the abandoned colony. So what happened to these settlers? Well so far nobody knows for sure.

Over the years, archaeologists, historians and explorers would delve into the mystery of the "Lost Colony" of Roanoke, all failing to find definitive answers. There were few clues left behind, one being the word "Croatoan," which to this day no one knows what it really means. The word might be a Native word for the island they were on, but there were several speculations on what happened. 1. Native Americans attacked and killed the English colonists. The island was south of Roanoke, now Hatteras Island, which at the time was home to a Native American tribe of the same name. 2. Or, the settlers might have tried to sail back to England on their own and been lost at sea, or been killed by hostile Spaniards who came north from their own settlements in Florida. 3. And last but not least is the enduring theory that the settlers might have been absorbed into friendly Native American tribes, perhaps after moving further inland into what is now North Carolina.

Two independent teams found archaeological remains suggesting that at least some of the Roanoke colonists might have survived and split into two groups, each of which assimilated itself into a different Native American community. One team is excavating a site near Cape Creek on Hatteras Island, around 50 miles southeast of the Roanoke Is-

land settlement, while the other is based on the mainland about 50 miles to the northwest of the Roanoke site.

Some of the things they found were a 10-carat gold signet ring engraved with a lion or horse, believed to date to the 16th century. The ring's discovery prompted later excavations at that site where a small piece of slate seems to have been used as a writing tablet and part of a light sword similar to those used in England in the late 16th century, along with a mix of artifacts of European and Native Ameri-

can origin. The slate, a smaller version of another one later found at Jamestown, bears a small letter "M" still barely visible in one corner; it was found alongside a lead pencil. An iron bar and a large copper slab, both found buried in layers of earth that appear to date to the late 1500s. Native Americans lacked such metallurgical technology, so they are believed to be European in origin. Their findings appear to show they assimilated for necessity, but kept their goods.

## Correction

Scott Linde of Linde Corporation has alerted the Herald to some errors in our report on the possibility of burying power lines in the old O&W Railroad bed, as reported about the Buckingham Township meeting.

First, the Herald was inaccurate in saying the initial price offered to the township for power lines was \$1 per foot. The price was \$30 per foot, which works out to approximately one million dollars per township. The Herald deeply regrets the error.

Second, Linde objected to the characterization of how tall the towers proposed in the earlier account would be. He said that 300 feet high was probably someone against the proposal who was speculating on their height.

Third, Linde objected to the Herald's characterization of the process involved in producing the energy that would be routed through the railroad bed as taking dirty energy and turning it into green energy in order to get a premium from New York State. He noted that the initial energy might come from the windmill farm in Waymart, which would be green and said that before qualifying for any programs in New York State that would give them the higher price, they would have to meet regulations certifying that the energy was clean.

## BUMPER STICKER AMERICA

May you live in interesting times.

~Chinese curse

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

Dave and Kevin  
Lordville

## After School Activity Center Weekly Calendar

Weekly Calendar March 2-5  
 Monday – Cooking Air Fryer Apple Fries  
 Tuesday – Easter Chocolate Bowls with Homemade Treats  
 Wednesday- Drones and Robots – Mechanical Hand  
 Thursday- Shop Class- Planters and Benches for the Nature Center  
 Friday – NO SCHOOL  
 The After School Programs are Located at Hancock Elementary School/Hancock Middle School and run Every Monday-Thursday 2:30 PM until 5:30 PM.  
 Every Friday is FUN DAY FRIDAY with a FUN Field Trip or Activity. Self-transport home on Fridays pick up times vary!

Children do not have to attend all 5 days they can sign up and attend from 2- 5 days each week and be picked up earlier than 5:30 each day with prior written notice.  
 If you would like to join the FUN call Tina Appley at 607-637-1388, email Kathi-KHerzog@hancock.stier.org. or download the application from our website at hancockeducationfoundation.org under forms.  
 Daily- Robotics, Woodshop, Cooking, STEM, Tutoring (5 certified teachers on staff), Healthy Snacks and Dinner are provided every day.



## Elementary Scholar of the Month for December 2019

Congratulations to Adelaide Roenfeldt Scholar of the Month for December 2019.

Adelaide is the daughter of Joshua Roenfeldt and Erin Gotthardt of Hancock. She was nominated by her Third Grade teacher Mrs. Cooper.

The Scholar of the Month Program is sponsored by Camp Hilltop and was established by the Hancock Community Education Foundation to encourage parents/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 to us 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.

## HCS Menu For March

Monday, 3/2-Tacos, Rice Pilaf, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk.  
 Tuesday, 3/3-Baked Breaded Chicken, Dinner Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk.  
 Wednesday, 3/4-Hot Turkey Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk.  
 Thursday, 3/5-Ham Sandwich, Chicken Noodle Soup, Pasta Salad, Fruit, Milk.  
 Friday, 3/6-NO SCHOOL.  
 Monday, 3/9-Chicken Fajitas with Toppings, Rice Pilaf, Corn, Fruit, Milk.  
 Tuesday, 3/10-Hot Dog on Bun, French Fries, Baked Beans, Garden Salad, Milk.  
 Wednesday, 3/11-Rotini with Meat Sauce, Broccoli, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk.  
 Thursday, 3/12-Chicken Nuggets with Dipping Sauce, Whole Wheat Roll, Garden Salad, Fruit, Mashed Potatoes, Milk.  
 Friday, 3/13-Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk.

Wednesday, 3/18-Chili with Cheese, Garlic Toast, Garden Salad, French Fries, Fruit, Milk.  
 Thursday, 3/19-Hot Turkey Sandwich with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk.  
 Friday, 3/20-Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk.  
 Monday, 3/23-Tacos, Rice Pilaf, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk.  
 Tuesday, 3/24-Rotini with Meat Sauce, Broccoli, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk.  
 Wednesday, 3/25-Chicken Patty on Bun with Toppings, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk.  
 Thursday, 3/26-Sloppy Joe on Bun, French Fries, Fruit, Garden Salad, Milk.  
 Friday, 3/27-Cheese of Pepperoni Pizza, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk.  
 Monday, 3/30-Chicken Fajitas with Toppings, Rice Pilaf, Corn, Fruit, Milk.  
 Tuesday, 3/31-Popcorn Chicken Bites with Dipping Sauce, Whole Wheat Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk.

Monday, 3/16-Baked Breaded Chicken, Dinner Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk.  
 Tuesday, 3/17-Cheeseburger or Hamburger on Bun with Toppings, French Fries, Baked Beans, Fruit, Milk.

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

## ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE RC CHURCH

The Fifth Precept of the Catholic Church is, "You shall help provide for the needs of the Church". We are each expected to provide for the needs of the Church community, each according to his own ability. But the Church does not specify any exact amount nor expect a percentage of one's income that would be a required donation.

Our willingness to give and provide for the Church, and also to give alms for the poor (especially during this season of Lent), are reminders that God has given us everything, withholding nothing, not even his son. Let's keep in mind what St. Paul told the Church in Corinth: "God loves a cheerful giver". In fact, the Corinthians, in 1Cor 8:3-4, begged St. Paul to let them give. Imagine that! So let's all be willing to provide generously for the Church with our time, talent, and treasure.

## DEP Seeks Summer Interns

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today encouraged college students to apply for one of 14 summer internships at its offices in the Hudson Valley and Catskill Mountains. These paid internships are in fields related to science and engineering. Those accepted into the summer internship program will have the chance to

work alongside DEP scientists, engineers, planners and other professionals who operate, maintain and protect the largest municipal water supply in the United States.

The intern positions available include summer work associated with water quality laboratories, water supply operations, drinking water treatment, environmental health and safety, research and innovation, wastewater and stormwater projects, water system modeling and research, and infrastructure planning. The internships are located at DEP's offices in Delaware, Greene, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester counties. In addition to the watershed positions, DEP also offers many internship opportunities at its offices in New York City.

Information about these internships, including online applications, can be found on the DEP website at: [http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/job\\_opportunities/internships.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/job_opportunities/internships.shtml).

Prospective interns are encouraged to carefully read the qualifications for each job to determine whether they meet the enrollment, GPA, coursework and other requirements. Candidates must submit applications by April 3.

This Space Provided By The Henderson - Biedekapp Funeral Chapel

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sun., Mar. 8, Northern Wayne Fire Co., Lakewood, PA 8-1pm.

# Obituaries

## Robert G. Mallery

Robert G. Mallery, 93, went to be with the Lord on February 26 at Brethren Village, Lititz, PA, where he shared his life with his wife, Joan Cleary, from Manchester, England.

They met while stationed in Italy during World War II and were married 72 years.

Robert was a graduate of Hancock Central School, Hancock. He was a longtime member of the Rotary and American Hardwood Association, and also joined the Young President's Organization around 1966. He and his wife enjoyed traveling the world with the group, and enjoyed the many friendships made with other business colleagues. Robert was an avid stock trader, and when he caught on to the computer at the age of 70, a new exciting world of day-trading opened up. In his spare time, he enjoyed playing golf and spending time with family. Robert was an active member of Heritage Baptist Church, Clarks Summit, PA. After returning to the states from his service, he and Joan married and started his own business. He built two successful hardwood lumber mills, one in Hancock, and one in Emporium, PA.

After those successes, he helped build two more lumber mills (RAM Forest Products and RGM Hardwoods) with his sons, Robert A. Mallery of Shinglehouse, PA, and Patrick Mallery of Moscow, PA who survive. Also surviving are two more sons, Stephen Mallery and George Mallery of Eugene, OR, and a daughter, Barbara Clontz, of Lititz, PA. He is also survived by his brother, John of Allegheny, PA, and a sister, June of Chula Vista, CA, twelve grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Memorial Service at Heritage Baptist Church at a later date to be announced. Interment will be private at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to AMG International by visiting: <https://amginternational.org/give/> or to Heritage Baptist Church, 415 Venard Rd., Clarks Summit, PA 18411. To leave an online condolence, please visit: SnyderFuneralHome.com.



## Memorial Service Set For Denton Edwards

A memorial service for Denton R. Edwards will take place at Damascus Methodist Church, Damascus, Pennsylvania on March 21 at 1 pm. Please come and share a fond memory.

## Talk of The Town

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ketball workshop. I learned you can beat a three-man press and you can throw the basketball into the hoop from all over the court. I watched a promising young athlete do it all. Laycee Drake gave us all a show as she pursued her goal of winning and moving on to sectional semi finals. She is fun to watch and I expect her to get many college offers. In a couple of years, I look for her to be on television playing for a division one school. She never seems frustrated and smiles faintly when things go wrong.

Speaking of stars, Brenna Gleim is also shining in bowling. She has signed her Division One commitment and I watch for reports on her outstanding scores as she competes to advance. It's nice to see that a nurturing atmosphere and talent are rewarded.

## Witches of the Catskills ~ Book Signing & Talk

Join Samantha Misa at the Delaware County Historical Association in Delhi on Saturday, March 7 at 2 pm for a book signing and brief talk. Samantha will be available to sign and answer questions regarding her recently published book, Witches of the Catskills: 13 Stories of Witchcraft from New York's Catskill Mountains.

Admission is free and refreshments will be served. Books will be available for \$10.00.

The event will begin at 2 PM. For more information, please call (607) 746-3849, or email: [dcha@delhi.net](mailto:dcha@delhi.net)

## VFW To Meet

The monthly meeting of the VFW Allan Milk Memorial Post #7276 will be held in the Long Eddy Fire House at 7pm on Friday, March 13.

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## DEP Welcomes Recruits To Police Academy

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) welcomed 40 new trainees to its police academy in Kingston. The new class of recruits will train at the academy for seven months to become sworn officers in the DEP Police Division, which protects the watershed lands, reservoirs and infrastructure that comprise the largest municipal water supply in the United States.

The new class of DEP police recruits will train at the Staff Sgt. Robert H. Dietz DEP Police Academy in Kingston. The class of 40 recruits includes 29 and 11 women, four of which are military veterans. The class includes members from New York City, the Hudson Valley, the Catskills, and six countries including Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Jamaica, Kosovo and Thailand. Twelve of the trainees speak more than one language. The recruits range in age from 21-40, with the average age being 27.

They were selected from about 5,465 candidates, which were ultimately whittled down through a physical fitness test, background checks, health screenings and in-person interviews.

DEP police recruits go through a rigorous program that comprises 1,275 hours of training over the span of seven months. New York State requires new police officers to undergo 750 hours of training. Recruits who train at the DEP Police Academy learn law enforcement fundamentals such as criminal procedure law, vehicle and traffic law, penal law and defensive tactics. They also focus on special topics that prepare them to protect the res-

ervoirs, lands and infrastructure that provide high-quality drinking water to 9.6 million people every day – nearly half the population of the State of New York.

These special topics include environmental enforcement, counter terrorism, and a detailed overview of the water supply's infrastructure and facilities. Upon graduation, new recruits and their colleagues in the DEP Police Division are charged with protecting 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, more than 185,000 acres of watershed land, nearly 400 miles of aqueducts, 29 water supply dams, 57 bridges, 7 wastewater treatment plants, and more than 280 shafts, chambers, laboratories and other facilities that help the water system function. These facilities and lands stretch across parts of eight counties and roughly 2,000 square miles of watershed.

Recruits trained at the DEP Police Academy will eventually be stationed at one of seven DEP Police precincts in Ashokan, Beerston, Downsville, Eastview, Gilboa, Grahamsville or Yonkers. The DEP Police Division, which was established more than 100 years ago, patrols the watershed by foot, bicycle, all-terrain vehicle, motorcycle, boat and helicopter. It also maintains specially trained units that include a detective bureau, emergency service unit, canine unit and aviation unit.

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Pictured left to right, top row: Julie McGraw, Kirk McGraw, Linda Kulikowski, A. Scott McGraw; bottom row left to right: Mark McGraw, Beatrice Nevin, Susan Sarday, Edwin McGraw, and in front Barbara F. McGraw.

## Barbara F. McGraw Honored For Serving 52 Years As Town Tax Collector

At a surprise retirement party held by her family, Barbara F. McGraw was recognized for 52 years of dedicated public service as the Town of Hancock Tax Collector. The dinner was held at the Rainbow Lodge in Walton on February 1, 2020.

She was presented with a certificate of recognition by Town of Hancock Supervisor Jerry Vernold on behalf of the Hancock Town Board, a Citation from New York State Assemblyman Clifford W. Crouch, Member of Assembly 122nd District, and a New York State Senate Proclamation from Senator Frederick J. Akshar, II, NYS 52nd District.

Barbara received the Delaware County Republican of the Year award in 2015 at the annual Republican Lincoln Day Dinner, where it was noted by state, county and local elected officials that she had only been challenged in all those years in an election

by two individuals, and both times she won hands down.

Barbara began her career as Tax Collector in 1967, when she was encouraged to run. Although the pay was meager, it helped her to raise her eight children as a widow after her husband Albert S. McGraw passed away in a logging accident. She was al-

so employed for many years as a florist at the former Ceramacraft & Florals in Hancock and has always had a talent for flower arranging and crafts.

Barbara's eight grown children were all in attendance, many of her grandchildren and great grandchildren, as well as her sister Beverly Peters and brother in law, Van C. Peters of

Peas Eddy, and many friends and extended family members.

Barbara lives in French Woods, Hancock, and continues to spend her time with family and crocheting hats and mittens to donate to needy families, as she has done for many years. We wish her well in her much deserved retirement and thank her for being a strong role model to her family.



Assemblyman Clifford Crouch arranged for a Citation in Barbara McGraw's honor. Contributed Photo



The NYS Assembly issued a proclamation honoring Barbara McGraw for her

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### Police Notes

On February 22 police stopped a motor vehicle for speeding on Meredith Street, Delhi. During the course of the traffic stop police discovered that the occupants of the vehicle were in possession of a small quantity of marijuana, counterfeit money and suspected stolen property. After further investigation police made the following arrests in relation to this incident:

20-year-old Maleik Garland of Jamaica, NY was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle 2nd, Speed in Zone and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the 1st Degree, a Class C Felony. Garland was arraigned in Delhi Town Court where he was remanded to the Delaware County Jail.

After arraignment additional counterfeit money was discovered hidden on Garland's person during his jail book-

ing. Garland was charged with two additional counts of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the 1st Degree for the additional counterfeits.

22-year-old Chadwade Chambers of Brooklyn, NY was charged with one count of Unlawful Possession of Marijuana and five counts of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the 1st Degree, a Class C Felony. Chambers was arraigned in Delhi Town Court where he was released on his own recognizance.

26-year-old Michael A. Stevens Jr. of Brooklyn, NY was charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the 1st Degree, a Class C Felony. Stevens was arraigned in Delhi Town Court where he was released on his own recognizance.

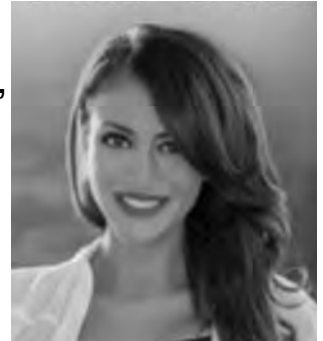
22-year-old Taijih Bryant of Brooklyn, NY was charged with two counts of Criminal

Possession of a Forged Instrument in the 1st Degree, a Class C Felony. Bryant was arraigned in Delhi Town Court where he was released on his own recognizance.

The counterfeit money seized during the course of this investigation include a total of 133 fraudulent fifty-dollar bills and 5 fraudulent twenty-dollar bills.

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### Happy Spring! March Lunch at Cold Spring Chapel.

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The kitchen is located in fellowship hall of Cold Spring Chapel. It is located at the crossroads of Upper Woods Road and Great Bend Turnpike (371W). Lebanon Township, Wayne County, Pennsylvania. The luncheon is free of charge and all are welcome to attend. For more information on events at Cold Spring Chapel, follow us on Facebook.



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New Generation Takes Over. From l to r: Ben Leonard, Dan Leonard, Chris Leonard, Mike Leonard, Jon Leonard and Patrick Leonard. Contributed Photo

### Third Generation Family-Owned Business Continues Tradition Started in 1965

## Jon Leonard Takes the Driver's Seat as President of Leonard Bus Sales

Deposit, NY – Mike Leonard, former owner and president of Leonard Bus Sales, announced today that his son Jon Leonard has officially taken the driver's seat as president and will own the company jointly with his four brothers Patrick, Ben, Dan

and Chris, continuing the family business started by their grandparents Gerald and Helen in 1965.

"I am honored that after a long and thoughtful succession planning process, our son Jon decided to purchase the busi-

ness and assume the leadership role at Leonard Bus Sales," said former owner and President, Mike Leonard. "Barb, and I couldn't be prouder of Jon, and our sons Patrick, Ben, Dan and Chris for the commitment and dedi-

cation they have demonstrated over the years. Having Jon at the helm means Leonard Bus Sales will remain a family-owned business. It also ensures the culture that we have fostered over the years, like making safety-a-priority, will continue to be demonstrated to our school transportation partners for years to come."

The succession plan for continuing family ownership has been in the works for a number of years. For the past five years, Jon Leonard served as the vice president of Leonard Bus Sales, with responsibility for day to day operations.

From the start, the goal of the succession process was to implement an ownership, leadership, and management transition plan that supported the continued success of Leonard Bus Sales and its school transportation partners; and provided clarity regarding major decisions. To this end, Jon and his four brothers Ben, Chris, Dan and Patrick purchased the company together from their father with Jon purchasing all of the voting shares.

During his time as vice president, Jon's focus was on providing the Leonard Bus Sales team with a clear

vision for a sustainable future; promoting consistency, increasing accountability, and improving the way the team communicated and operated. This focus is the natural progression of the culture instilled by Gerald and Helen Leonard when they founded the company back in 1965.

Jon also credits Leonard Bus Sales' staff of nearly 200 employees for embracing and driving change and for making sure each one of their school transportation partners is treated like family.

"I want to thank my parents for having the confidence in me to lead Leonard Bus Sales. I also want to thank them for teaching me about the school transportation business and why it is clearly one of the most important industries in the country," said Jon Leonard, owner and President of Leonard Bus Sales. "The school buses we sell, service and support for our school transportation partners are carrying life's most precious cargo. It is a huge responsibility and it's something that we think about every day at Leonard Bus Sales. I look forward to working with our team to build upon the foundation of our success which was established by my grandparents and my parents."

Jon's brothers Patrick, Ben, and Dan will continue their current roles at Leonard Bus Sales ensuring that the company remains the family-focused business it has been for three generations, and Jon's brother Chris will continue his career in commercial construction at his company – Leonard Contractors Inc. – which is located in Tampa, Florida.

About: Leonard Bus Sales, Inc. is owned and operated by the Leonard family, a recognized leader in the distribution and support of quality, environmentally-friendly school buses. A third-generation family owned business, Leonard Bus Sales has been providing cost-saving fleet management services and award-winning customer support for over fifty-years. Leonard Bus Sales is a leading distributor of IC Bus™ brand school buses in Upstate New York and distributes Trans Tech Type-A school buses throughout New York. The company operates full-service facilities in Bergen, Deposit, Middletown, Rome, and Saratoga Springs.

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

The Herald asked ambulance squad members about the coronavirus, and that request was kicked upstairs. The following is the advisory received by local ambulance crews in late January concerning the coronavirus now known as Covid 19.

Two-Minute Coronavirus for EMS 27 January 2020  
Christopher W. Ryan, MD, MS, MSPH, Medical Director, Broome County Health Department

**Background**  
Over the past several weeks, a new or previously-unrecognized coronavirus has emerged in China, centered in the area of Wuhan City in Hubei Province. Approximately 3000 cases have been confirmed, the vast majority of them in China. Approximately 80 deaths from the virus have been confirmed, for a case-fatality rate of about 2.7%. There is much uncertainty around these numbers, since the information land-

scape is dynamic, the virus is new, and it may be that only the most severe cases are being tested and confirmed.

**The virus and its spectrum of illness**

There are many types of coronavirus. Many are confined to animals, such as bats, civets (they look like weasles) and camels. Others are confined to humans; these usually cause simple cold symptoms. Sometimes a primarily animal-type coronavirus infects a human, and sometimes then can further evolve so as to transmit from human to human. That seems to be what has occurred in China.

Information about this new virus is incomplete at best. Transmission occurs via respiratory droplets (with typical range of 6 feet), hand-to-mouth-or-nose transmission from fresh respiratory droplets on surfaces, and perhaps via the

airborne route (smaller droplets that can remain suspended in the air and travel more than 6 feet.) The spectrum of illness can range from mild upper respiratory symptoms to severe pneumonia and multi-organ system failure.

**Who is at risk?**

Currently, the risk to the general public, and to EMS providers at a scene, is low. Concerns about possible novel coronavirus infection should arise only in patients who have traveled in outbreak-affected areas (mainly China) in the prior 14 days, and who also have fever and lower respiratory symptoms (cough or dyspnea.)

Those without relevant travel history are highly unlikely to be infected.

**Actions in the field if you suspect possible novel coronavirus infection**

- Before making patient contact, don gown, gloves, N-95 mask, and eye/face protection.

- If the patient's clinical status permits, put a simple surgical mask on them.

- Maximizing air flow through the patient compartment of the ambulance may be helpful, although this may be limited by weather conditions.

- In your call to the receiving hospital, be sure to inform them of the relevant travel history and your concerns.

If left undisturbed, coronaviruses in general may persist on surfaces for several days. However, they are quite sensitive to standard, hospital-grade disinfection agents. Clean and disinfect the patient compartment, especially high-touch surfaces, according to your agency's protocol, using any EPA-approved, hospital-grade products.

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## Village Board...

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Matt Loftus reported for Streets and Water. His first remarks were about the Delaware mapping of the water system and that it will take a long time. It will be a lengthy process. The water meters were almost all in place except for one homeowner who will have to be served with a letter and then the meter will be installed or the water will be shut off. The mayor commented that she had addressed the homeowner on the issue and gotten nowhere. In addition, they discussed adding a \$250 fine to the work order.

After approving the reports, the board discussed other business. A request to ask the legislature not to approve the use of public right of ways for whatever they deemed necessary was approved by the board. It seems that if the law were enacted, there might be a cell tower or other utility

right where you did not want it.

Delaware County has 21 properties that will be up for auction in May if those properties are not redeemed prior to May 22. The village received a list of affected properties within the village.

Next on the list were 2 bids for the administration and engineering of the water project. One bid for administration was received and one bid for engineering was received.

Administration bid was from Blaurer They Bid \$175 per hour and capped the bid at \$30,000.

The engineering bid came from Delaware Engineering and was in full compliance. They projected the cost to be \$114,000 of the \$745,000 project. The bids were accepted as read.

The board went into Executive Session (lawyer was present) and would reconvene for workshop for budget. No action was taken following Executive Session.

## First Friday Season Winding Down

March 6 heralds the next-to-the-last First Friday at the Calder Cafe. The programs will end in April. First Fridays are presented by the Equinunk Historical Society. They are free and provide an evening of camaraderie and song on a dark winter night. Anyone who would like to perform, please contact Pat at 570-224-0223 to put your name on the roster. Plan for three songs or 15 minutes of performance time, acoustic only, please.

Light refreshments are available for purchase. 1972 Pine Mill Rd, in the center of Equinunk, PA, at the junction of Rte. 191 and Pine Mill Rd. Doors open at 6:30, music starts around 7:15. Come early for a good table. Call 570-224-8500 for information or directions.

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Dated: February 27, 2020  
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## Card Of Thanks

The Family of Gene Morgan would like to thank everyone for their acts of kindness to us during a very difficult time. A special thank you to Blaise Bojo and the ambulance crew for their hard work.

Beth Morgan, Michelle, Nancy and family

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## DEP Working On Water Infrastructure

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has announced significant progress on a \$158 million project to clean, upgrade and rehabilitate the Catskill Aqueduct, which delivers approximately 40 percent of the city's drinking water each day. The aqueduct was shut down for 10 weeks in November, December and January to facilitate work inside the structure and at facilities connected to it. During that time, upwards of 200 workers were deployed at more than a dozen locations in Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties to clean the inside of the aqueduct, repair cracks and other defects, and replace valves that are connected to the aqueduct.

The 92-mile-long Catskill Aqueduct stretches from Ashokan Reservoir in Ulster County to Hillview Reservoir in Yonkers. The rehabilitation project focuses on the 74 northernmost miles of the aqueduct, from Ashokan to Kensico Reservoir in Valhalla. To safely perform the work, DEP must periodically shut down the Catskill Aqueduct for weeks at a time. The first shutdown, which occurred in the fall and winter of 2018-2019, allowed experts to inspect the inside of the aqueduct, test methods for cleaning its concrete lining, and repair a few areas where leaks were known to exist.

The most recent shutdown for the project - known as the Catskill Aqueduct Repair and Rehabilitation Project - started on Nov. 10, 2019, and continued until Jan. 23. The following work was accomplished during that time:

The Catskill Aqueduct was shut down for 74 days, 9 hours and 20 minutes without affecting the reliable supply of water to New York City or the 20 communities in Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties that usually draw their drinking water from the aqueduct.

A total of 32.5 miles, or 171,500 linear feet, of the aqueduct's concrete lining was cleaned from the inside. The cleaned area stretched from a facility near the Wallkill River in Ulster County to the Croton Reservoir in Westchester County. Workers removed a harmless, organic film from the inside the aqueduct by using stiff scrapers that are similar to squeegees. They scraped the walls of the aqueduct clean from a rolling, modular scaffold that was specially manufactured for the

project. Cleaning the aqueduct will restore some of its historic transmission capacity. The organic film creates a rough surface within the Catskill Aqueduct. That rough surface creates friction, causing the water to move slower and thereby reducing the amount of water that can flow through the aqueduct each day. DEP estimates it will regain roughly 40 million gallons of transmission capacity in the Catskill Aqueduct by cleaning its concrete lining. A total of 800 tons of organic film was removed during the latest shutdown.

Leaks and other defects, such as surface cracks, along the aqueduct were repaired at several locations. These were repaired by a variety of methods. A total of 14,036 linear feet of holes were drilled into the aqueduct to seal leaks by injecting them with a special grout that filled the cracks.

Workers also removed and replaced the first two of 35 century-old valves along the aqueduct. These valves are located at chambers that allow the aqueduct to drain into local bodies of water. The remaining valves will be removed and replaced in future shutdowns.

DEP's work on the Catskill Aqueduct is key to preparing for a shutdown of the Delaware Aqueduct in 2022. The 85-mile-long Delaware Aqueduct is the longest tunnel in the world. It begins at Rondout Reservoir in Ulster County and conveys about half of New York City's drinking water every day.

DEP is currently working on a \$1 billion project to repair two areas of leakage from the Delaware Aqueduct. The primary leak will be eliminated through the construction of a 2.5-mile bypass tunnel that is now being built 600 feet under the Hudson River from Newburgh to Wappinger. Excavation of the bypass tunnel was completed on Aug. 13, 2019, and workers are now lining the tunnel with steel and concrete. The bypass tunnel will be connected to structurally sound portions of the existing Delaware Aqueduct to convey water around the leak. The Delaware Aqueduct will stay in service while DEP works on the bypass tunnel parallel to it. Once the bypass tunnel is nearly complete, DEP will shut down the Delaware Aqueduct for 5-8 months to finish the connections on either side of the Hudson River. The leaking section of the existing aqueduct will be plugged and taken out of service forever.

Over the past decade, DEP has worked on several projects to ensure New York City will have a reliable supply of drinking water during the Delaware Aqueduct shutdown.

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LAYCEE DRAKE maneuvers past Greene defenders for two points. Photo courtesy of Terry Ryan



**D-H LADIES' VARSITY BASKETBALL** first round of Sectional winners, Front Row (left to right): Madison Dawson, Sara Spence, Peyton Gill, Sierra Francisco, McKenzie Mead, Avery Ostrander, and Kaitlyn Macumber; Back Row: Head Coach Scott Young, Olivia Carey, Bryanna Vandermark, Laycee Drake, Kelsey Young, Ella Simmons, Haleigh Weyrauch, Ariel Kellam, Madison Felter, Assistant Coach Todd Hertzog. Photo courtesy of Mary Ryan

## NYS Reports Record Number Of Flu Cases

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the total number of flu cases in New York State has eclipsed the record number of seasonal cases since the New York State Department of Health began tracking flu cases during the 1998-99 season.

The latest influenza surveillance report for the week ending February 22 shows 131,604 laboratory-confirmed cases so far this season. Previously, the most lab-confirmed influenza cases reported during a single flu season was 128,892 in 2017-18. While this year's flu season has reached historic levels, last week, the number of laboratory-confirmed flu cases decreased 26 percent and hospitalizations decreased 13 percent.

Although seasonal flu activity continues to be widespread across New York State, for the second consecutive week, the number of laboratory-confirmed influenza cases and hospitalizations decreased. Last week, 10,520 laboratory confirmed cases of influenza have been reported and 1,454 people have been hospitalized with influenza. As indicated in the influenza surveillance report, there were three new influenza-associated pediatric deaths, for a total of nine influenza-associated pediatric

deaths this season. Two of the new three influenza-associated pediatric deaths occurred in NYC while the other was a resident of the North Country region. Flu season occurs primarily from October through May.

Influenza activity data is available on the New York State Flu Tracker. The Flu Tracker is a dashboard on the New York State Health Connector that provides timely information about local, regional and statewide influenza activity.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention conduct studies each year to determine how effective each year's vaccine is at protecting against influenza. CDC preliminary vaccine effectiveness estimates indicate that the 2019-20 flu vaccine is providing substantial protective benefit this season. Flu vaccines are reducing doctor visits associated with flu illness by 45 percent overall and 55 percent in children. This is consistent with estimates of flu vaccine effectiveness from previous seasons that ranged from 40 - 60 percent.

The State Health Department recommends and urges that everyone six months of age or older receive an influenza vaccination. It is especially im-

portant that children six months - eight years-old who have gotten less than two doses of flu vaccine in their lifetime receive two doses of flu vaccine spaced at least four weeks apart for best protection against flu this season. In addition, everyday preventative actions can help stop the spread of flu and other respiratory viruses:

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.

For additional information about influenza in New York State, visit the Department of Health web page.

## Pancake Breakfast

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

## Named To Dean's List

ALBANY, N.Y. (February 28, 2020) - The University at Albany has announced the Dean's List of Distinguished Students for the Fall 2019 semester.

In order to qualify for this distinction, students at the University at Albany must earn a grade point average of 3.25 or higher during their first semester of study. In subsequent semesters of study, students must earn a grade point average of 3.50 or higher.

Gina Tan of Hancock has been named to this list.

About the University at Albany A comprehensive public research university, the University at Albany offers more than 120 undergraduate majors and minors and 125 master's, doctoral, and graduate certificate programs. UAlbany is a leader among all New York State colleges and universities in such diverse fields as atmospheric and environmental sciences, business, criminal justice, emergency preparedness, engineering and applied sciences, public administration, social welfare, and sociology taught by an extensive roster of faculty experts. It also offers expanded academic and research opportunities for students through an affiliation with Albany Law School. With a curriculum enhanced by 600 study-abroad opportunities, UAlbany launches great careers.

## UDSB Offers Grants For Vistas, Signs, and Butterfly Promotion

NARROWSBURG – The Upper Delaware Scenic Byway, Inc. (UDSB) has renewed three grant programs in 2020 to offer funding assistance projects that promote the preservation of monarch butterfly habitat, open up scenic vistas from New York State Route 97, and design new or refurbished local signage for installation along the byway route from Hancock to Port Jervis.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling, monthly basis for as long as the funding allocated in the non-profit organization's 2020 budget allows.

The grants are funded through voluntary operating expense contributions by nine UDSB municipal members, including an increased \$25,000 donation from Sullivan County this year.

Help the UDSB campaign, "The Monarch Butterfly: Fostering the Flyway by the Byway" with projects that help teach youth about the importance of butterflies and how to support their habitat needs; create or protect additional habitat through plantings; educate the public about pollinator-friendly gardens; promote the presence of butterflies along the byway through an activity; or other creative ideas. Non-profit groups may apply for these competitive grants with the typical maximum request of \$500 for a single project or event. Proposals that include a match (monetary or in-kind) will receive preference.

Owners of private and public properties along NYS Route 97 that would benefit from reducing vegetative overgrowth to improve views from the highway may send a letter to UDSB, Inc. requesting selective trimming work by certified professionals, only after the owner's approval of the work plan, through the Enhancing Scenic Vistas grants. No matching funds are required to participate.

Business and non-profit organizations may apply for up to \$500 per application, which a minimum match of 50%, for signage along NYS Route 97 that helps promote economic activity and attract visitors. Proof of compliance with local zoning codes and approval of any permits must be presented to UDSB, Inc. The application requires providing the location of the sign and a rendering or description of its design.

Guidelines and application procedures for all three grant opportunities are described further on the grants page of the UDSB website at [www.upperdelawarescenicbyway.org](http://www.upperdelawarescenicbyway.org).

Direct informational requests to [info@upperdelaware-scenicbyway.org](mailto:info@upperdelaware-scenicbyway.org) or (845) 252-3022.

## Wayne Holiday Toy Drive Set Record

The Holiday Toy Drive, which serves Wayne and Pike counties, and brought to you by The ZIPPER JUNCTION Project™, set a record in 2019 by receiving over \$100,000.00 in toys, gifts, and monetary donations which were collected to help over 700 children whose families applied for assistance this holiday season. This wouldn't have been possible without the support of the many businesses, organizations, and community members who joined together to host a toy

collection box or host an event sharing the proceeds with the organization, along with the many volunteers who stepped up to provide their time selflessly to make it all a success. The organization wishes to thank everyone who helped in reaching the goals of providing gifts for children living in Wayne and Pike Counties.

Jim Zumpone stated that over 60 volunteers, ranging in age from 6 to 72, along with over 200 businesses, donated thousands of dollars in

toys and helped make the program a success.

For more information about this year's program, or to sign up for their newsletter to learn about all upcoming events, visit their website [www.ZipperJunction.org](http://www.ZipperJunction.org). Please feel free to contact The ZIPPER JUNCTION Project™ with any questions.

## There Is No Charge For News

## Charged In Oil Spill

Franklin, NY - Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies have arrested and charged a Franklin man in relation to an October, 2019, oil spill on roadways in the Town of Franklin.

On Tuesday, February 25, 2020 Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies arrested and charged 56 year-old Richard M. Costello, of Franklin, with Reckless Endangerment in the Second Degree, a misdemeanor.

Costello was charged following an investigation initiated by Deputies who responded to a motor vehicle accident on Case Hill Road in the Town of Franklin on October 27, 2019, caused by a fuel oil spill. The oil spill resulted in dangerously slick road conditions on several area roadways and thousands of dollars in associated clean-up costs.

Deputies were assisted by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Police and Spill Response Team, the Town of Franklin Highway Department, Delaware County Department of Public Works and the Treadwell and Franklin fire services.

Costello was issued an appearance ticket and is scheduled to appear in the Town of Franklin Court on a later date for further process.

Completed applications may be returned electronically or mailed to UDSB, Inc., P.O. Box 127, Narrowsburg, NY 12764 by the third Monday of the month for consideration at the byway's regular meetings on 4th Mondays.

## Faces Charges In Walton

On Tuesday afternoon, February 25, 2020, Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a 911 call for a burglary in progress on Seeley Wood Road in the Town of Walton.

Upon arrival at the scene, Sheriff's Deputies were informed that the suspect had fled from the residence prior to their arrival. Investigation revealed that the suspect, identified as 40 year-old Ryan W. Kite, of Walton, had forcefully entered the residence where he reportedly stole a quantity of prescription medication and choked a female victim at that location prior to the victim's 911 call.

Sheriff's Deputies subsequently located Kite in the Village of Walton Tuesday evening. Kite was arrested and

charged with one count of Burglary in the Second Degree, a class C violent felony, and the misdemeanor offenses of Criminal Mischief in the Fourth Degree and Criminal Obstruction of Breathing or Blood Circulation.

Kite was arraigned in the Walton Village Court and, due to recently enacted bail reform legislation, was released on his own recognizance pending his appearance in the Town of Walton Court on a later date.

Speaking on the arrest, Sheriff Craig DuMond remarked "Here is yet another example of a Bail Reform nightmare. It is still very difficult for me to fathom a world where a criminal can physically break into an innocent victim's home, violently attack the victim by means of strangulation, and be released back into the community. Who really believes this is in the best interests of criminal justice? The victims of crimes are real and being ignored as a result of the miscarriage of justice caused by the Governor and State Legislature".

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## Bowling Results

### Friday Couples 2/21/20

Bass & Sons Logging 58-22, I'm Lovin' It! 52-28, Two Sisters Emporium 50-30, Deposit Sanitary 50-30, Moo's Drop Inn 48-32, Card Logging 44-36, Fox Bowling Center 42-38, Team Brandon 40-40, Goin' Postal 37-43, Dirig Construction 36-44, Couse Logging 36-44, Conklin Logging 30-50, MicBree's 29-51, BYE 0-80.

High Scores: Jeremy Barnes 629, 203, 211, 215; Andy Bullis 660, 200, 235, 225; Shawn Card 617, 232; Lenn Davis 206; Mike Dufton 220; Janet M. Ellis 501; Scott Ellis 647, 217, 232; Paul Fritz 688, 268, 221; Mark McGraw Sr. 229; Brianna Meres 615, 200, 191, 224; Rick Mills 216, 203; Scott Wahl 246; Dan Wormuth 635, 222, 215; Jay Wormuth 211, 212; Michelle Wormuth 547, 193, 214.

### Independent 2/26/20

Double D Ranch 27-9, Scott's Auto Body 26-10, Evanitsky Logging 25-11, Fox Bowl #2 22-14, Mad Log Ale Farm 20-16, Fox Bowling Center 16-20, Buddenhagen Ford 16-20, CL Repair 14-22, Price Graphics 11-25, BYE 3-33.

High Scores: Audy Boice 203; Doc Bolduc 705, 236, 299; Al Bullis Sr. 216; Andrew S. Bullis 212, 206; Carl Davis 212; Shane Dirig 210; Brian A. Drumm 613, 218, 215; Mike Dufton 211; Randy L. Evanitsky Jr. 209; Bill Gleim 201; Paul Gordon 200; Ben Green 204; Pete Green 624, 202, 233; Marty Haeussler 205; Dan Kee-

sler 674, 215, 247, 212; Jerry C. Kulakosky 612, 247; Scott Lacy 232; Donnie Marino 637, 244, 210; Wayne McClenon 201, 203; Mark McGraw Sr. 645, 236, 213; Aaron Phillips 205; Dick Price 222, 203; Bob Sobas 227; Scott Wahl 210; Roger Widmann 201; Zuke Wormuth 603, 221; Jay Wormuth 216; Scott Wormuth 202.

### Sunday Mixed 2/23/20

Good-O-Boyz 40-16, Team DUH 40-16, Brian & Dick 32-24, Paul & Ginny 30-26; Wilbur & Bowk 26-30, Lenore & Reva 24-32, A&A Pin Crushers 18-38, Marino's Store 14-42.

High Scores: Mike Bowker 650, 208, 279; Reva Jones 553, 187, 185, 181; Don Marino 601, 225; Wilbur McAdams 207, 223; Garry Mills 622, 231; Roger Mills 223.

### Thursday Night 3 2/27/20

Cornwell Construction 62-18, Fox Bowling Center 50-30, Jenson Logging 48-32, Conklin Logging 44-36, S&S Auto 42-38, Dirig's Hammer 38-42, Conklin Construction 38-42, S&S 1 34-46, Patche's Place 30-50, BYE 6-74.

High Scores: Dale Conklin 225; Matt Conklin 237; Ray Cornwell 201; Shane Dirig 642, 223, 226; Bill Gleim 622, 232; Gino Jones 247; Dan Keesler 637, 234, 213; Dennis Leonard 610, 215, 203; Ed Milk Jr. 235; Rick Mills 608, 224, 202; Dick Price 602, 237; Dick Reynolds 223, 211; Scott Winans 226; Michelle Wormuth 516, 180.

## New York Trout Value of Sales Down Three Percent From 2018

The total value of fish sales received by trout growers in New York totaled 714 thousand dollars for 2019, a decrease of 3 percent from 2018, according to King Whetstone, director of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Northeastern Regional Field Office.

The number of 6"-12" trout sold during 2019 totaled 65 thousand fish. The average price per pound was \$5.70 during 2019, down \$0.60 from the 2018 price. The total value of sales was 154 thousand dollars

during 2019, down from 214 thousand in 2018.

### Distributed Trout

Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, enhancement, or recreational purposes, primarily by State and Federal hatcheries, included 2.48 million 6"- 12" fish with an estimated total value of 3.57 million dollars, down 21 percent from 2018. The estimated value of all distributed fish totaled 4.76 million dollars, down 14 percent from 2018.



LAYCEE DRAKE gets to the rim for two points vs. Candor. Photo courtesy of Terry Ryan



ARIEL KELLAM scores over a crowd on February 26. Photo courtesy of Terry Ryan



HALEIGH WEYRAUCH launches one of several three point shots vs. Candor in Deposit. Photo courtesy of Terry Ryan

## Lady Eagles Get By Candor 60-47 in First Round of Sectionals

by Jill Gorton

The Lady Eagles did not start well in the game in Hancock on Wednesday, February 26.

Seeded 15, Candor came ready to play and kept the game tight through 3 periods of play. Eagles did break it open in the fourth for the win and the Candor Indians were unable to put points on the board during the critical last 8 minutes.

Drake had 3 points tallied at the half. Ariel Kellam had 9 at the half with Hayleigh Weyrauch throwing in four threes to keep the game in hand. Madison Dawson had 3 at the line. The Eagles had foul concerns as well and had to keep four of the five starters on limited playing time as they tried to manage the bench to get quality minutes. The score at the half saw a slight lead for the Eagles 29-25.

The third quarter saw a different look from the Eagles. They limited the opportunities for the Indian player who had 13 at the half. She had 8 in the next 2 quarters to finish with 21. Drake had a good second half and came through with 18 in the second half to get 21 as well. Kellam had a good fourth quarter to finish with 17. A Candor player had 15. The difference maker was the



LAYCEE DRAKE is shown above on February 26 with her parents Shana and Fran Drake displaying the commemorative ball marking her becoming the leading scorer in Hancock history with 1539 points. Photo courtesy of Terry Ryan

hustling defense for the Eagles as they hung on to put the Indians in desperate straits in the fourth. Eagles had 17 and the Indians put 6

on the board in the last quarter. The final score was 60-47. D/H uses the bench well and winds up with enough gas left to get the game. The Eagles

have only one loss on the season and face Greene in the next round.

The game was a 4 o'clock start in Deposit.

## Greene Falls 65-51 To A Formidable Eagle Squad

by Jill Gorton

The second round of Section IV play between the Lady Eagles and Greene Lady Trojans was held in Deposit where the gym, filled to capacity, was loud with loyal fans from both teams.

The game started with a couple of quick baskets for the D/H squad and then the Trojans tried to claw their way back. Laycee Drake came to play and put up 13 in the first quarter. The goal appeared to be to force the bigger inside players from Greene to foul and it worked, with three players in trouble and forced to sit out. At the half, the score was 35-21 in favor of the Eagles.

The Eagles kept the pedal to the metal and a shortened Greene bench began to make mistakes, with passes and hurried shots. Hancock pressured Greene constantly and forced turnovers. Once again, defense turned into offense as the Eagles kept on scoring. Drake finished the game with 40. Her all time high was 45 as a sophomore in a tournament in Walton, but she was unstoppable against a good Greene squad. D/H and Greene have faced each other three times this year and Greene lost the first two in closely contested games. Drake appeared to want to leave no doubts that

the Lady Eagles were moving on to Cortland and the semi finals this Wednesday. They will face Unatego in the semi final game to see who vies for the Section IV title. Point guard Drake had 15-19 from the charity stripe. She is the one handling the ball most of the time and she is the one most often fouled. Kellam had 13 with Dawson garnering 2. Avery Ostrander threw in a couple of threes to get 6. Hayleigh Weyrauch had 4 in the effort. Kelsey Young was active on the boards and grabbed defensive rebounds that led to transition points. Drake threw in 3 threes to complete her scoring.

Todd Hertzog expressed his pleasure in the overall performance and pointed out that both he and Scott Young were happy with the defensive changes they made at the half. Hertzog expressed how pleased they were with Drake's work ethic and that they were especially proud of with the play of first team all star Ariel Kellam who is the recipient of Drake's passes but also crashes the boards for D/H. "She has elevated her game this year," stated Hertzog. "Other contributors are Sierra Francisco and Madison Dawson who are tough and quick on defense."



MADISON DAWSON is fouled and goes to the line to make two fouls shots on February 29. Photo courtesy of Terry Ryan



ARIEL KELLAM gets open and gets to the hoop for a lay-up and two points on February 29. Photo courtesy of Terry Ryan



AVERY OSTRANDER sinks a three point shot vs. Greene. Photo courtesy of Terry Ryan

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