



Bradford County Newsletter

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Natural Gas: “Injection Wells for Disposal” Presentation Planned

Bradford County/Penn State Press Release

Learn more about Injection Wells for disposal here:

[Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](#)

Save the Date!

April 14th
7:00 P.M.
Towanda
High School

Penn State Cooperative Extension and Bradford County Natural Gas Advisory Committee will be holding a presentation, “Underground Injection Wells for Waste Disposal” on Tuesday, April 14th, 2009 at the Towanda High School, 1 High School Dr., Towanda PA 18848 in the small auditorium. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM and end at approximately 9:30 PM. Speakers include Penn State Extension, Industry, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). They will discuss the issues, geology and regulations concerning Underground Injection Control (UIC). Please contact the Bradford County Extension Office to register to

attend at (570) 265-2896. Participants will gain a greater understanding of injection wells and the impacts they will have on the landowners and our communities. This program is intended to inform you of the issues you need to address as a landowner with property held within the Marcellus Shale when considering a lease for deep injection wells for disposal.

Penn State encourages persons with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. If you anticipate needing special accommodations or have questions about the physical access provided,

please contact Mark Madden at (570) 928-8941 in advance of the presentation.

“This program is for educational purposes only and is not intended to be legal advice. Consult an attorney”

State Archivist coming to Bradford County

By: Michelle Shedden

The maintenance of records for current use is crucial to the citizens of our county but the county also has an important archival responsibility to future generations. The ever increasing quantity of records needing to be safeguarded and kept available for review by officials and the public has become increasingly burdensome. The Pennsylvania State Archives, in partnership with County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) and

the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) are providing assistance to county governments who are interested in developing or strengthening their archival and records management programs by making available the services of a professional archivist/ records manager. Susan Hartman and Jerry Ellis, from the Pennsylvania Bureau of Archives and History, recently visited Bradford County to discuss the many issues asso-

ciated with document storage and to do a preliminary review to determine our eligibility for the program. After meeting with the Commissioners, they spoke to elected officials and took a tour of the courthouse. Kim Corbett, Maintenance Director showed them the storage area across the street and discussed our options for the future. Bradford County is fortunate to have been chosen to participate in the program and the archivist/ records manager will be

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coming sometime in August or September, and will be staying in Bradford County for two months.

Courthouse Cornice Repair Moving Forward

BY: MICHELLE SHEDDEN

The cleaning, repair of plaster and repainting of the entire perimeter from the base of the catwalk to the 6" wide gold molding on the Courthouse Cornice is slated to begin in the first part of April.

In August of last year Evergreene Paint Studios completed the restoration of the Bradford County Courthouse Dome. During the process of restoring the Dome it was brought to the Commissioners' attention that the cornice area beneath was in need of repair. There are large pieces of missing plaster that have fallen down and like the

dome, the paint is badly discolored.

Because the bid for the Dome repair came in at much lower price than expected, the Commissioners decided to bid out the repair for the cornice in 2008. The first bid was opened in June and was much higher than anticipated. It was rebid in July and the second bid came in exactly the same as the first. The Commissioners decided to put the project on hold and look into other options.

In February 2009 the board decided to put the project out



Above: What is known as the cornice in the Courthouse rotunda. This is the area that is scheduled for repair this spring and summer. The arrow displays the area that will be repaired.

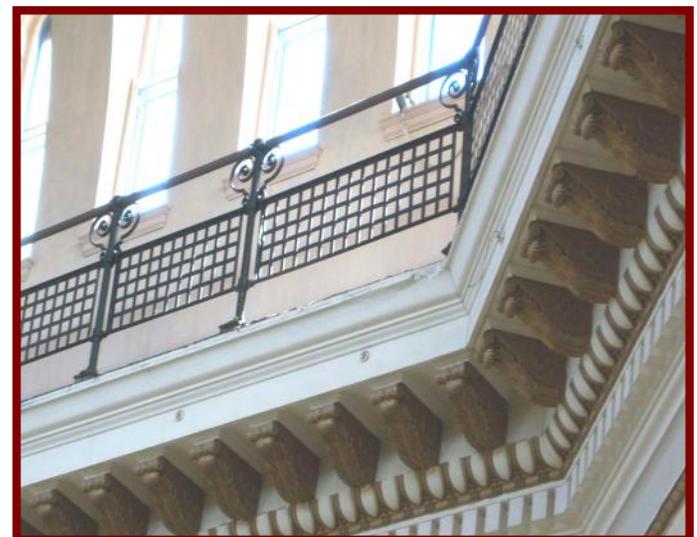


Above: A portion of the cracked and missing plaster below where the catwalk railing is attached.

for bid in the new budget year of 2009. On March 26, 2009 the Bradford County Commissioners awarded the bid for the cornice repair to Evergreen Paint Studios, Inc. of New York, NY., with a bid of \$69,060.00.

The project is expected to take six to eight weeks to complete.

Be sure to watch the next months newsletter as we document the progress of the project.



Right: Damage encompasses around the rotunda. The Cornice has never been repaired or the plaster maintained. The Courthouse was built in 1897.

Bradford County Detective: A Close Inspection

By: Michelle Shedden

Chief County Detective Greg Hostettler, appointed by the District Attorney, is a fully certified law enforcement officer with the authority to investigate criminal matters throughout Bradford County. One of the least known county positions, the County Detective has numerous job responsibilities.

One of the many responsibilities of the detective is to investigate at the direction of the District Attorney. This can be any matter that falls under the authority of the Office of District Attorney.

At the request of other law enforcement agencies, the detective is able to assist in criminal investigations and will investigate any criminal matters, including bad checks and other fraud, forwarded to him by the

Magisterial District Justices.

He can assist the District Attorney with case preparation and presentation, provide court testimony in appropriate technical areas and act as a liaison for the DA with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.

Chief Hostettler recently testified as a witness for the Commonwealth in the Steven Colegrove triple homicide trial. Shotgun wads found at the scene were first thought to be from remanufactured ammunition.

By disassembling factory ammunition, Chief Hostettler was able to show the jury that felt wads are still used in the Winchester ammunition that was matched to the shotgun found

near the defendant's home.

The County Detective will meet with citizens groups as needed and answer questions on various matters from citizens who either come to the office or call by telephone.

Chief Hostettler also prepares and files criminal complaints, serves warrants, makes arrests, prepares and serves subpoenas and search warrants.

By performing such functions, the County Detective will continue to assist the District Attorney in providing service and justice to citizens of Bradford County.

The County Detective's Office is on the 1st Floor on the Courthouse and he can be

reached through the District Attorney's Office at (570) 265-1712.



County Detective

Greg Hostettler

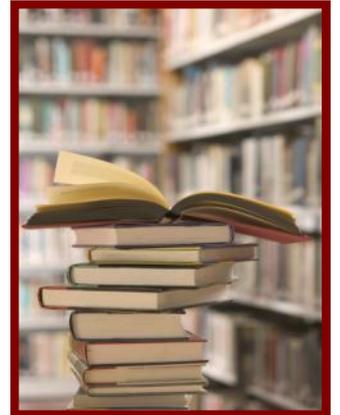
Bradford County Library Board of Trustees seeks New Members

By: Michelle Shedden

Bradford County Library Board of Trustees currently has two vacancies. The Bradford County Library represents all areas of the county and would like to have representation on the board from various parts of the county. The Board is currently in need of trustees from the Rome (NE Bradford school district) and the Monroeton or New Albany area, but will be

happy to look at applicants from any area. Board members attend Board meetings, attend training, and are advocates for the Library. Board meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at 1:00 p.m. at the Bradford County Library. If you are interested in participating of this important service to our community, please go to the Bradford County

web site under Boards and Committees and fill in the application for appointment to board, you may either mail this to the Bradford County Courthouse or email to kershnerg@mail.bradfordco.org



Forward this to your Friends!

We would like to remind all the recipients of this monthly E-mail newsletter to help us add to our growing list of subscribers. We encourage all of our readers to pass the newsletter on to friends and family. Keeping you informed is one of our responsibilities as public officials and we would like to share the issues we are facing with as many residents as possible.

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Chicken BBQ to Benefit Bradford County Corrections Employee

We all know that life is not perfect and this is especially true for Patty Minard. Patty is a Sergeant at the Bradford County Correctional Facility and was diagnosed with malignant melanoma in February of this year. Since then she has undergone 2 surgeries and now must undergo treatment, which will require her to travel to Chicago, IL. Patty is 42 years old and resides in Towanda with her 10

year old daughter. She is the daughter of Richard and Carol Minard of North Towanda. Patty is incurring medical, daily living and travel expenses that are beyond what she can handle.

The Commissioners Office, Bradford County Correctional Facility, and friends of Patty have volunteered their time and services to sponsor a

Chicken BBQ for Patty's benefit on April 17, 2009. Chicken is \$6.00 per half and can be ordered from the Commissioners office at 570-265-1727. All orders should be in by April 10, 2009. Chicken will be available for pickup at the Towanda Elks Lodge, the Courthouse, or delivered to your place of business. Together we can make a difference!



Quick Updates....

Bridge : The County signed an agreement with Larson Design for replacement of Bridge # 37 in Wells Township in the amount of \$334,717.71. Bradford County will pay 100% of cost upfront but when the project is complete Penn Dot will reimburse the county for 80%.

911 Readdressing: readdressing is proceeding to region 4 as scheduled. You can view the latest information about the readdressing on the county website. Click here to view the latest map of delivery schedule: <http://www.bradfordcountypa.org/911-readdressing/>

Energy Savings Project: Bradford County will be submitting a request for proposal to three Energy Service Companies. This is the next step in moving the county forward on a guaranteed energy savings project. These RFP's will be sent out on April 2, 2009."

County Government Directory

Accounting	265-1723	Treasurer	265-1700
Assessment	265-1714	Veterans Affairs	265-1704
Auditors	265-1716	Victim Witness	265-1759
Human Services	265-1760	Penn State Agricultural Extension	265-2896
Bradford County Manor	297-4111	Area Agency on Aging	265-4900
Collections	265-1746	Airport	297-2436
Commissioners	265-1727	Library	297-5047
Courts	265-1707	Correctional Facility	265-9101
District Attorney	265-1712	911 Center	265-5539
Domestic Relations	265-1718	Conservation District	297-0720
Elections	265-1717	Coroner	297-3880
Hearing Master	265-1711	District Justice (Troy)	268-5057
Jury Commissioners	265-1732	District Justice (Towanda)	265-9393
Personnel	265-1722	District Justice (Wysox)	888-6324
Probation	265-1706	District Justice (Athens)	265-5022
Prothonotary	265-1705	Emergency Management	268-4103
Public Defender	265-1713	Planning	268-4193
Register & Recorder	265-1702	Grants	
Sheriff	265-1701		

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