



# Bradford County Newsletter

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## Governor Rendell Visits Bradford County

By: Michelle Shedden



**Above: Row 1:** Sandra Tosca of Penn Dot, Commissioners Paul Hiemel, John Sullivan, Erick Coolidge, State Representative Tina Pickett, Row 2: Commissioner Mark Smith and Governor Ed Rendell.

Bradford County for this presentation was the fact that Bradford County has seen the most drilling in the state of Pennsylvania.

County Commissioner Chairman Mark Smith introduced the governor with a speech about the importance of any revenue from the severance tax being directed to the communities impacted by natural gas development. Commissioner Smith's full speech is available on the county website.

The courthouse rotunda was full as citizens and media all had a chance to listen to what the governor had to say. After the speech and the bill signing the governor visited and signed autographs for residents.

It was an exciting day around the courthouse during Governor Rendell's recent visit to Bradford County. The governor was in town to sign the Pennsylvania Fiscal Code which

included language that the legislature will work towards adopting a natural gas severance tax by October of this year. The governor pointed out that the reason he chose

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## New Planner Hired in Office of Planning & Grants



**Above:** Lauren Hotaling, County Planner.

Bradford County is happy to welcome Lauren Hotaling as a new planner to the County Office of Planning and Grants. Lauren is a graduate of Towanda Area High School in 2004.

She attended the School of Architecture and Planning at the University at Buffalo where she received a Bachelors of Arts in Environmental Design

with a minor in Architecture in 2008, and a Masters of Urban and Regional Planning specializing in Urban Management and Community Development in June of 2010.

While attending graduate school, Lauren was an intern for the City of Buffalo Office of Strategic Planning. She has

also worked as an intern for the past three summers in the Bradford County Office of Planning and Grants, where she gained insight to the County's planning policies and procedures. She is a member of the American Planning Association and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

# Capturing Video Around the County

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I recently had the opportunity to travel around the county with a videographer capturing pictures for a video for our county website. It was a great opportunity to meet and talk to many citizens who own and operate businesses in the county. We traveled over 779 miles in three days, visiting all four corners of our county. We spent time filming

kayaks on the river and children fishing on the pond. It was such a great experience and I sincerely appreciated all of the hospitality that was shown to us during these three days. We spoke to private citizens on the street and had interviews with local business owners. Everyone was so friendly and cooperative. We tasted



**Above:** A view of Susquehanna River from the Wyalusing.



food in local restaurants, enjoyed hearing stories about history from museum curators, and saw the beauty spread out before us from the highest mountain tops. I would like to thank everyone who participated in our video

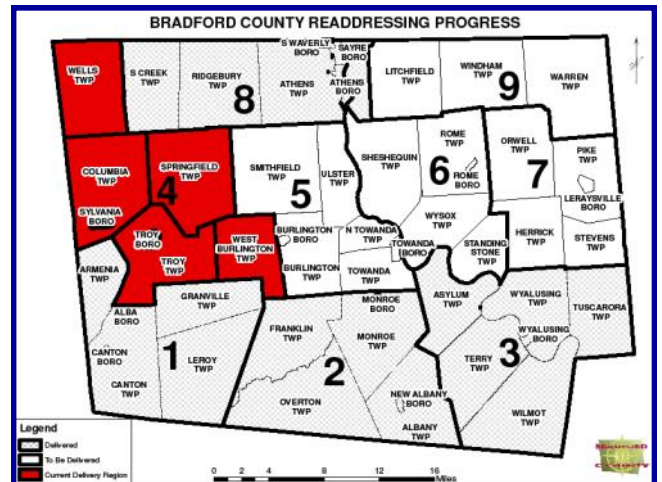
and for all those who submitted footage of events that we couldn't tape due to time constraints. I look forward to seeing the finished product and will keep everyone informed when it is available for viewing online.

**Left:** David Buck of the Endless Mountain Outfitters unloads after a tour on the Susquehanna River.

## 911 Readdressing Update

Addresses for Region 4 will be sent to residents between August 27 and September 3, 2010. The county has been fielding calls from each region that is finished. People are very inquisitive and are calling for answers to a variety of questions. The most popular question is, "Why are the numbers so far apart?" Our numbering system is the mile marker system and is used almost universally across the country, in one form or another. Our system

yields 1,000 addresses per mile, 500 on each side of the road. In other words, if a person's address is 2500 Main Street, we would know that they are 2.5 miles from the beginning of that road. All roads start in either the West or the South. Even numbers are on the right side of the road and odds are on the left. All of these details add up to a system that helps emergency responders get to call locations quicker. This is our ultimate goal.



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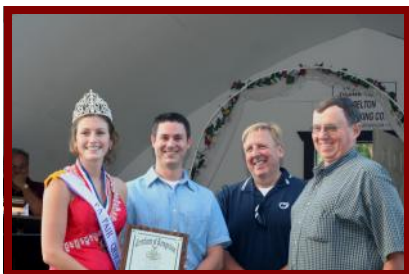
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## Bradford County Officials at the Troy Fair



State Fair Queen Casey Hall, Commissioners Mark Smith, Doug McLinko, and John Sullivan

At the opening of the fair the commissioners recognized the achievement of Casey Hall for becoming Pennsylvania's State Fair Queen.

The commissioners and Sheriff Walters served milkshakes at the Bradford County Dairy Promotion Board booth at the Troy Fair. They were scooping ice cream and stirring shakes on Wednesday afternoon.

Commissioners Sullivan and Smith also participated in the Cow Milking Contest and Moo Off. After last year's devastating last place in the milking contest Commissioner Smith was proud to report that the "Politicians" team garnered a second place finish this year behind the Penn

State Ag Extension Team. The politicians' team included State Senator Gene Yaw, State Representative Tina Pickett, Commissioner Smith and county resident Jim Jenkins.

Commissioner Sullivan sounded good in the moo off as Commissioner Smith admitted he didn't fair as well in this competition. Troy Fair Board member Bob Garrison won the competition. It was re-



Serving Ice Cream at the Fair

cord-breaking year for the Troy Fair. Congratulations to the Troy Fair Board and all the volunteers who make it happen.

# Natural Gas News

News in Relation to Bradford County's Emerging Industry

## Learn How to Read Your Water Test Results



Penn State Cooperative Extension will be holding a workshop, "How to Interpret Pre and Post Gas Drilling Water Test Reports" on Thursday, August 5, 2010 at the Towanda Gun Club, Rte 187 South, Towanda, PA. The meeting will start at 6:30 PM and end at approximately 8:30 PM. Participants will learn how to understand the complicated water pre and post test reports, as well as

drinking water standards, chain-of-custody, various water test parameters, and comparing test results with standards. Bryan Swistock, Penn State Water Resource Extension Associate and Mark Madden, Penn State Extension Agent will discuss the manage-

ment of private water supplies and interpretation of test reports.

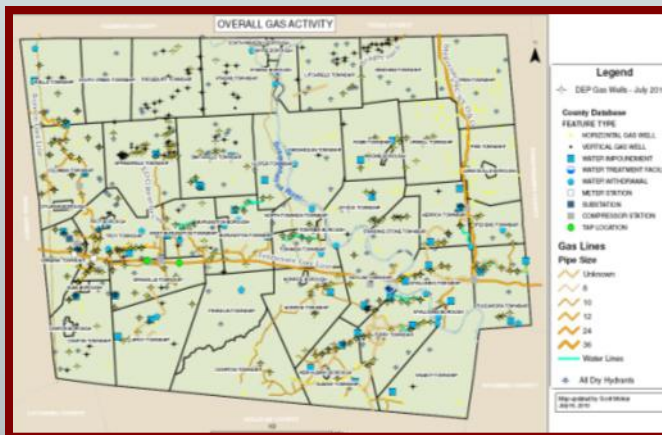
Attendees will have a better understanding of the water testing and interpretation of results and how to treat pre-existing water quality problems.

## Natural Gas Info on Website

Our natural gas information page is the most viewed page on our website. Knowing that this is the largest issue in our county the natural gas education sub-committee is working on making significant improvements to the site. Over the course of the next few months they will be working on adding features such as a calendar of

events for natural gas presentations, a frequently asked question page, improved interface with the web page, and more information.

**Updated Natural Gas mapping now available on the Bradford County Website [Here](#)**



# Quick Updates....

Bid for HVAC awarded to Schoonover Plumbing and Heating, Canton for \$55,900.00. This is part of the Renovation project at 200 Main St.

Current out to Bid: Replace Roof at Bradford County Library, Emergency Generator at Courthouse, and Convection Steamer at Bradford County Manor.

Finance proposals were received from 6 vendors for the Guaranteed Energy Savings. Commissioners will take them under advisement and award them sometime in the next few weeks.

## “Go Joe XIII” Rides Into Town



Dairy Princess and her maids. Children were laughing and playing in the jumping tent and a wood carver produced beautiful art as the crowd waited for Newswatch 16's

It was a beautiful summer night as the courthouse lawn filled with people enjoying ice cream served by the Bradford County

Morning Meteorologist Joe Snedeker to arrive on his bike. Joe's charity bike ride began on the Main Campus of Penn State Uni-

versity in State College, PA. He traveled thru Centre, Snyder, Schuylkill, Luzerne, Bradford and Susquehanna counties raising over \$185,000.00 for the St. Joseph's Center. Bradford County was fortunate to be one of Joe's stops along the way to accomplishing his goal. Thanks to everyone who made this event a great success.



## Commissioners Honor Retiring Police Officers



South Waverly Borough recently held an open house for Chief Leo Bentley, Jr. and Sgt. Jesse Harris who have been with the department since the early

1970s. South Waverly Borough closed their police department effective July 1, 2010 and is contracting police services through Sayre Borough. Chief Bentley started with the department in June of 1972, Sgt. Harris began in 1977. Both were born and raised in South Waverly Borough and still reside there today. Commissioner Smith pre-

sented both men with plaques for their outstanding service and dedication to the community. Both of these police officers and all the other officers from this station will be missed.



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