



# Bradford County Newsletter

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## Bradford County Bicentennial Ball

By: Lauren Hotaling, Economic Development Manager

Bradford County's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is wrapping up with a big celebration, the **Bradford County Bicentennial Ball!** The Bradford County Historical Society is pleased to announce the event on **Saturday, December 8, 2012**, at the **JFK Hall** at the **St. Agnes School** located on Third Street in Towanda, from **5 p.m. to midnight**.

Please join us for this black tie optional event! Cocktail hour begins at 5, with hors d'oeuvres, and dinner will be served at 6:15. The entertainment for the evening will include the band, "Splash" from 8 p.m. to midnight. Grovedale Winery will be in attendance to pour their locally produced wine. Tickets are available online by visiting [www.bradfordhistory.com](http://www.bradfordhistory.com)



From Left to Right; Sponsors for the Bicentennial Ball included in the photo: Sarah Wilbur, Flynn Energy; Dr. John Cox, Chiropractic and Rehabilitation; Tim Insinger, Hunt Engineering, Architects and Land Surveyors; Sarah Sobolewski, People's State Bank; Debra Kis, Guthrie; Mary Neiley, Trustee; Aimee O'Connor, The Daily Review; Lori Smith, First Liberty Bank; Commissioner Mark Smith; Cindy Vischansky, Hurley's Supermarkets; Commissioner Daryl Miller; Lauren Hotaling, Trustee; Jim Rodenhizer, DuPont; Sue Williams, Chemung Canal; Henry Dunn, Henry Dunn Insurance & Real Estate; Jane Clements, Chesapeake Energy; Commissioner Doug McLinko; Evan Barnes, United Rentals

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EMTA will be providing shuttle service to and from the event:

There will be multiple pickups beginning at 5:15 p.m. and return shuttle services leaving the St. Agnes school starting at 10 p.m. until midnight. The pickup locations are the following:

- Athens Township: Williams Ford Lot located at the intersection of Elmira Street and Bressler Street (Please park in the back of the lot)
- Troy: At Alparon Park located on Route 14 (Please park at Gate 2)
- Wyalusing: B&K Equipment lot located on Route 6.

## Bradford County Would Like to Wish Everyone a Safe Holiday

As winter and the holiday season arrive, we at Bradford County would like to wish everyone a safe, healthy, and joyous holiday season. Here are some safety tip reminders that can help keep your home and family safe as you celebrate the holidays.

The kitchen is often the favorite room in the house during the holidays. Families gather in the kitchen to spend time together and enjoy the good foods holiday celebrations bring out. The kitchen, however, can be one of the most hazardous rooms in the home if safe cooking practices and behaviors are not followed. Cooking equipment, most often the range or stove-top is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States. Cooking equipment is also the leading cause of unreported fires and associated injuries.

### Safe Cooking Behaviors:

It's a recipe for serious injury or even death to wear loose clothing (especially hanging sleeves), walk away from a cooking pot on the stove, or leave items that can catch fire like potholders or paper towels around the stove top. Whether cooking the family holiday dinner or a snack for the kids, practicing safe cooking behaviors will help keep you and your family safe.

Choose the right equip-

ment and use it properly:

Always using cooking equipment tested and approved by a recognized testing facility (as example: Underwriters Laboratories (UL)). Follow manufacturers' instructions when installing cooking equipment.

Plug microwave ovens and other cooking appliances directly into wall outlets. NEVER use an extension cord for a cooking appliance....it can overload a circuit and cause a fire.

### Turkey Fryers:

NEVER use a turkey fryer in the building.

ALWAYS follow manufacturer's directions and recommendations on use, amount of oil, and safe operations.

Keep propane fuel tanks as far away from cooking burner as fuel line will allow.

Check for fuel line leaks and be alert for odor of propane before starting to cook.

NEVER store propane cylinders in the home or other buildings. Leave the cylinders outside.

### Watch what you heat:

The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking. Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling, or broiling food.

If simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food and you leave have to leave the kitchen, use timer to remind

you when the cooking is done.

Stay Alert! To prevent cooking fires, you have to be alert. You will not be alert if you are sleepy, have been drinking alcohol, or have taken medicine that makes you drowsy.

Protect children from burns:

Keep young children away from cooking areas by enforcing the "kid-free zone" of 3 feet around the stove.

Keep young children away from places where hot food is being prepared or carried. Don't place hot foods or liquids near the edge of counters or tables.

When children are present, use the stoves back burners when possible.

NEVER hold a child while cooking, drinking, or carrying hot food or liquids.

Install smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

Every home needs functioning smoke detectors. Install at least one detector on each floor level, especially in the areas of bedrooms.

Smoke detectors are not expensive—\$6 to \$20 normally for ionization and photoelectric detectors, depending on what brand and where they are purchased. Sensor detectors are more expensive, but provide the unique protec-

tion advantages of both ionization and photoelectric detectors which are also a must for homes. Carbon monoxide is a colorless and odorless by-product of combustion that interferes with the breathing process and can cause death. Carbon monoxide is lighter than air therefore this gas rises and builds up at the top of the rooms and spaces first.

Carbon Monoxide detectors should also be located on each level of a home, especially near areas of heating appliances and furnaces, or near entranceways to attached garages or cellars. Carbon monoxide detectors usually cost in the range of \$15 to \$20. In EVERY case – ALL detectors MUST be kept in operating condition by changing the batteries regularly and regularly testing the detector using the manufacturers recommended procedures to make sure it's operational.

Careless Disposal of Smoking Materials: The number one cause of preventable home fires deaths is smoking. Don't leave a lit cigarette, cigar, or pipe unattended. If you feel drowsy while smoking, put it out.

## Abuse & Rape Crisis Center: Family Covenant of Non-Violence

By: Sheri McHenry, Administrative Assistant

In October a board member of the Abuse and Rape Crisis Center read the following at the commissioners meeting: **Family Covenant of Non-Violence.**

**Making peace can start with our family.**

### To Communicate Better

Each of us, as members of the family commit ourselves as best we can to become non-violent and peaceful people.

### To Listen

To listen carefully to one another, especially those who disagree with me, and to consider

others feelings and needs rather than insist on having my own way.

### To Respect Others

To affirm one another and to avoid uncaring criticism, hateful words, and physical attacks.

### To forgive

To apologize and make amends when I have hurt another, to forgive others, and to keep from holding grudges.

### To respect Nature

To treat the environment and all living things, especially our pets, with respect and care.

### To be courageous

To challenge violence in all its forms whenever I encounter it, whether at home, at school, at work, or in the community, and to support others who are treated unfairly.

Adapted from a covenant used by the Women's Shelter of East, TX, Inc., Nacogdoches, TX, Natural Resource Center of Domestic Violence and the National Domestic Violence Awareness Project Committee 2000.

We encourage those who need to call the Abuse & rape Crisis Center (ARCC) local at 265.5333, or 570.673-3861, or by calling the Emergency Hotline 911.

## Bill Dell, Jury Commissioner Retires

By: Sheri McHenry, Administrative Assistant

Bill Dell was sworn in as Bradford County Jury Commissioner on December 7, 1999. The Jury Commissioner selects a random list of prospective jurors to serve in the courts. It reviews and screens the juror qualification forms that are returned by the prospective jurors. Prospective jurors selection is done by a random selection of a computer program.

This selection is done usually once a month and two panels of 119-129 names are selected primarily from the tax roles of the county. However, other sources can be used.

Bill was born in Mapleton Depot, PA and attended grade school in Mapleton and High School in Mt. Union. He spent three years in the service attaining the rank of Staff Sgt. in the Philadelphia Defense Area Guided Missile System. After separating from the service, Bill worked for several employers until 1961, when he went to work for General Finance Service Corporation, taking several transfers.

Bill married Margaret Grove in Huntington, PA in 1963. He was transferred to Towanda to manage the

"Budget Plan Finance Co." office in 1967, and remained there until 1970, when he became the office manager of Henry Dunn, Inc. He later became a vice president and secretary of the corporation. After 29 years with the company he retired from the insurance in 1996, and from real estate sales in 1999.

Bill and Margaret reside in Wysox. Bill remains active in the Lions Club.

On November 1, 2012, Bill retired from Bradford County as a Jury Commissioner. We at Bradford County wish him well.

## Stage Two Completed of Landscaping at BC Library

By: Lynda Warner and George Bryon, Bradford County Library Board of Trustees

The Building and Grounds Committee of the Bradford County Library Board of Trustees, with the County Maintenance Dept. has completed stage two of the landscaping project at the library in Burlington.

In October the com-

mittee selected three Hollies, three Viburnums and two grasses to be added to the plantings around the building and twenty one burning bushes along the borders of the parking lot.

The purpose of these shrubs is to add color

and winter food for birds while visually expanding the footprint of the library grounds.

Also, mulch for winter protection was added to the new plantings and the rhododendrons which were moved from the entrance area to the eastern end of the building.

I don't know what we would do without Bob from County Maintenance Department, he works like greased lightning!

On to stage three in the spring.

## Holiday Photography Class offered at Bradford County Library

By: Jeffrey Singer, Director of the Bradford County Library

The Bradford County Library presents a Holiday Photography Class with local photographer Martin Perez on Thursday, December 6, 2012, at 6:30 p.m.

The compact camera can be used for taking memorable holiday photos. In this class the topics of lighting and composition will be explained to take photos with your compact camera. Learn to

take individual and group shots of your loved ones to create holiday memories.

Owners of digital cameras are also welcomed. The class will involve hands-on practice. Bring your camera, your manual (if available) and your questions!

The class will be taught by Martin Perez, local amateur photographer and

compact camera enthusiast.

This class is free and open to the public. Please call the Bradford County Library at 570-297-2436 to reserve a seat.

The Bradford County Library is located on US Route 6, one quarter mile west of the town of Burlington, PA.

## Understanding the Difference Between State of Emergency and Declaration of Disaster

By: Michelle Shedden, Chief Clerk

During the recent events surrounding Hurricane Sandy there was a great deal of confusion on the difference between a Disaster Declaration and a State of Emergency.

A disaster declaration is usually made for the purpose of letting the public know something is going on and to be legally eligible for state/federal aid. It also allows the Emergency Management Office to prepare

and purchase necessary equipment or supplies for the upcoming emergency without having to go thru the normal bidding process.

The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (referred to as the Stafford Act - 42 U.S.C. 5721 et seq.) authorizes the President to issue "major disaster" or "emergency" declarations before or after catastrophes

occur. Emergency declarations trigger aid that protects property, public health, and safety and lessens or averts the threat of an incident becoming a catastrophic event.

A State of Emergency is declared by an executive such as a governor or president. In this case an executive authority is granted additional powers under the law to deal with the

emergency. For example in a State of Emergency a president or governor is authorized to use military assets, enforce martial law, and/or curfews and so on for a limited time. During a State of Emergency there are often restrictions on driving or any unnecessary travel.

A Declaration of Disaster does not impose any restrictions on travel.

## County Government Directory

Accounting	265-1723	Human Services	265-1760
Airport	265-4900	Jury Commissioners	265-1732
Assessment	265-1714	Library	297-2436
Area Agency on Aging	295-6121	Penn State Cooperative Extension	265-2896
Auditors	265-1716	Probation	265-1706
Bradford County Manor	297-4111	Prothonotary	265-1705
Collections	265-1746	Public Defender	265-1713
Commissioners	265-1727	Register & Recorder	265-1702
Conservation District	265-5539	Sheriff	265-1701
Coroner	297-0720	Veterans Affairs	265-1704
Correctional Facility	297-5047	Victim Witness	265-1759
Courts	265-1707	911 Center	265-9101
District Attorney	265-1712	District Judge (Troy)	297-3880
Domestic Relations	265-1718	District Judge (Towanda)	265-5057
Elections	265-1717	District Judge (Wysox)	265-9393
Emergency Management	265-5022	District Judge (Athens)	888-6324
Grants	265-4193		
Hearing Master	265-1711		
Human Resources	265-1722		



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