



Bradford County Newsletter

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County Volunteer Emergency Responders Grants

By: Gary Wilcox, Bradford County Public Safety Director

Bradford County would like to introduce the 2011 Bradford County Volunteer Emergency Responders Grant Program. The grants are available to all Bradford County volunteer fire departments and volunteer EMS agencies.

Bradford County understands that emergency responders are experiencing dramatic changes. Our volunteers are presented with constantly increasing call volumes, while their resources continue to be strained. This grant program provides much needed revenue to improve and enhance the capabilities of our volunteer emergency services

throughout Bradford County.

This is a competitive grant program. Each submitting fire department or EMS agency will be required to submit applications to an appointed grants committee who will select and make recommendations to the Bradford County Commissioners for final approval. The county will award four grants. The top award will not exceed \$10,000, the second will not exceed \$7,500, the third award will not exceed \$5,000, and the fourth award will not exceed \$2,500.

These grants are made possible by the Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority's revenue from Marcel-

lus Shale drill cuttings disposal. The county receives a \$3.00 a ton share of the proceeds and 25% of those proceeds are dedicated to this program.

Commissioner Mark W. Smith stated, "We encourage emergency responders and fire companies across the county to apply for the grant program." He said, "As a county this is a great way for us to support our local responders when the impact and demands for services are growing. There is a need for more resources to deal with the issues and we want to do everything we can to help."

Deadline for these applications

will be April 25, 2011. Applications are available on the county website, www.bradfordcountypa.org. Any questions please contact Bradford County Public Safety Director, Gary Wilcox at 570-265- 5022.

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Pennsylvania's Counties Unveil Priorities for 2011

Press Release

On February 14, 2011 Commissioner Mark Smith joined county commissioners from throughout Pennsylvania in Harrisburg to unveil a list of ten key county government priorities for 2011. This list calls on state lawmakers to partner with counties for efficient delivery of important services to state residents. Counties understand it will be

another difficult budget year for all levels of government. Mark Hamilton, Tioga County Commissioner and 2011 president of County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP)

said "Funding cuts at the state level do not automatically equate to cost savings for local taxpayers." Hamilton said the priorities reflect a consensus of Pennsylvania's county governments on issues of highest significance and greatest potential for impact to counties and their taxpayers. The counties' top priority is mandate relief, designed to seek reprieve from state mandates that are unnecessary or outdated. "Our mandate relief is about finding more cost-effective ways to do business and to maximize the use of today's very limited public dollars for pro-

grams and services to our residents. Counties very much understand the taxpayers' desire to assure tax dollars are used judiciously and in the best manner possible." We acknowledge the changes in leadership in Harrisburg and the counties' commitment to working with their legislators and administration to strengthen their partnership with counties, including funding for transportation infra-

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Left: Joe Giles, Erie County, Donna Hartle, Clarion County, Speaker: Mark Hamilton, Tioga County, Teresa O'Neal, Juniata County, Christian Leinbach, Berks County, 2nd row: Bob Thomas, Franklin County, Mancura Gallagher, Schuylkill County, Mark Smith, Bradford County, Dennis Stuckey, Lancaster County, JoEllen Litz, Lebanon County, Erick Coolidge, Jim Scahill, Armstrong County.

Bradford County Environmental Education Grants Available

By: Dan Rhodes, Education Coordinator, Conservation District



Children playing at Bradford County Field Days at Mt. Pisgah State Park

Mini grants up to \$500.00, and capital grants up to a maximum of \$5,000.00 are available to any school, organization, group, or agency looking to provide environmental education based resources and experiences to Bradford County residents. Funding,

being provided through Bradford County and generated by tipping fees at the Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority. The grants will be distributed in April for projects that have county relevance to education and natural resource stewardship, are open to

the public and have some type of project match.

Projects for funding will be ranked based on partnerships involved, number of people potentially served, innovation, a history of the applicant's success in similar projects, and if a capital improvement project is being submitted – proof of ability to operate and maintain project.

“While this sounds like we're asking for a lot, the application for the funding is very simple,” stated Bradford County Conservation District Education Coordinator Dan Rhodes. “I, and other staff members at the Conservation District are available to anyone to discuss possible projects and help put an application together,” continued Rhodes.

The Conservation District will be facilitating the grant applica-

tions and administration for the county.

Applications are available on the county website at bradfordcountypa.org, or through the County Commissioners' Office, the Conservation District Office, or Penn State Cooperative Extension Office.

Submission deadlines for this year has been set for March 31, 2011, so don't delay. Application should be sent electronically to the Bradford County Conservation District to Daniel.Rhodes@pa.nacdnet.net. For more information visit the Bradford County website, the Bradford County Courthouse, or contact Dan Rhodes at the Bradford County Conservation District at (570) 265-5539 ext 123.

Dairy Days Held at Towanda High School

By: Gary Hennip, Director, Penn State Cooperative Extension



Penn State Cooperative Extension

Despite a snow storm, The 2011 Northern Tier Dairy Day, held on Monday, February 21, 2011, was once again a great success. Over 300 participants braved the snowy roads and rather poor weather conditions to attend this year's event held at the Towanda Junior/Senior High School.

Northern Tier Dairy Day provides a forum of educational speakers and activities for local dairy producers and dairy business clientele. In addition, the bi-annual event celebrates the long running and strong dairy industry in the northern tier of Pennsylvania.

Two main speakers were featured this year following the theme of the event, “Focusing on the Future.” Jack Rodenburg, a Dairy Logix Consultant and retired Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Extension Service Educator, lead a very informative discussion on the future of various dairy technologies that will change and enhance the dairy industry as we move through the 21st century. Much of Mr. Rodenburg's talk focused on the adoption of robotic technology and milking dairy cows.

“Milking with robots” continues to gain acceptance in the United States and locally as well. Tim Sutherland, Ag Choice Farm Credit Director of Wealth Management, did an outstanding job of explaining the difficult topic of the federal estate tax law and

how the law affects local landowners. In addition, Tim shared his insight and expertise on transition planning for dairy farmers and ways to pass along the farm to the next generation.

A highlight of the day was the pie baking contest and pie auction with County Commissioners John M. Sullivan and Doug McLinko, and Bradford County Sheriff C.J. Walters doing the official judging.

When asked how they chose the winning pie Commissioner Sullivan said, “Each pie was judged on overall appearance, how the filling looked after being cut, and finally on the taste and texture of the pie. The winning pie was a lemon pie donated by Julie Jennings.”

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structure, strengthening the partnership for human services delivery, supporting new revenue opportunities and increasing tax fairness, restoring the ability to assess oil and gas as real property, capping inmate medical charges, strengthening conservation districts' relationship with DEP, maintaining and improving 911 services, increasing oil and gas pipeline safety and continuing investments in farmland preservation.

County officials are actively engaged in the public debate on a broad range of issues and seek to be part of the solutions that will ensure limited resources are being used effectively and best address the needs of local communities.

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"Archives Without Tears" two-day Workshop Coming to Bradford County Historical Society, June 7th and 8th

By: Matt Carl, Historical Society Curator

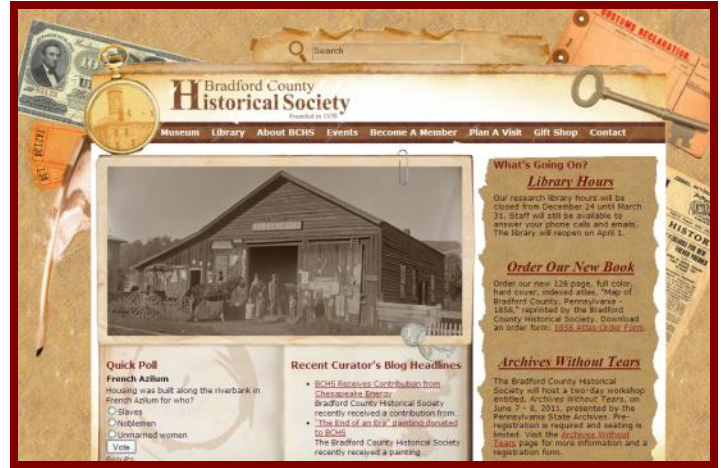
The Pennsylvania State Archives is pleased to announce its Spring 2011 Archives Without Tears Training workshops.

Archives Without Tears is an affordable workshop for those who work or volunteer in organizations that deal with the past—whether it's a museum; private, non-profit, or college archives; the city clerk's office; the library's local history room; or a historic site. You'll get practical advice, sample forms and policies, and learn basic practices so that you can collect, preserve, and assist

researchers with the historical treasures in your care.

The workshops comprise two full days, with the first focusing primarily on basic archival practices and also offers a short session on records management. The second day will concentrate on disaster planning/preparedness and photographic media care.

Participants must pre-register for this workshop. The registration fee is \$25 for both days or \$15 for one day. Lunch is provided. Registration deadline is June 1.



Seating is limited to 40 so be sure to register early. Visit the Archives Without Tears page on the historical society website at

www.bradfordhistory.com for more information and to download a brochure and registration form.

Natural Gas

News in Relation to the Emerging Industry in Bradford County

Marcellus Shale & Pipelines-Understanding the Infrastructure Development

Penn State Cooperative Extension is sponsoring a program on March 14, 2011, at the Harlan Rowe Junior High School in Athens, PA, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Speakers will include Bradford County Commissioner; Mark Smith, Dave Messersmith, Penn State Extension Educator, Mike Chitek PUC Gas Safety Inspector, and Steve Sauders Esq., Tressler Saunders LLC., Scranton. There will



be a question and answer time when the panel will answer questions from the audience. For more information or to register go to www.naturalgas.psu.edu

March 14, 2011
Time: 6:30 PM-9:30 PM
Location: Harlan Rowe Junior High School
116 W. Pine St.
Athens, PA 18810
Please Pre-Register: 570-265-2896

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Quick Updates....

At the regular meeting of the Bradford County Commissioners held on February 24, 2011, the board received two bids for the Phase II Carpet purchase and installation bid at the new office located at 200 Main Street. Bids were from Nasco Flooring of Waverly, NY, for \$11,900 and Overpeck Flooring of Towanda, PA, for \$11,062. The Commissioners voted to award the bid to Overpeck Flooring.

Municipal Engineer Bid: Bradford County is advertising for a municipal engineer to provide bridge and roadway design, construction services and/ or NBIS bridge inspection. The qualified engineer will perform NBIS safety inspections and construction inspection and construction support services for county owned bridge, trail, or enhancement projects. For more information please see our website : www.bradfordcountypa.org

2011 Tree Seedling Sale

By: Mike Lovegreen, Conservation District Manager

The Bradford County Conservation District is once again making seedlings available to the general public for a wide variety of uses. The order forms have been distributed around the county, mailed to previous customers, and posted on the county website.

This year's selection contains a number of evergreen, hardwood, ground cover, and wildflower assortments. The Bradford/Sullivan Forest Landowners Association is also once again making bluebird and wood duck boxes available.

This is an annual program for the Conservation District to make economical bare-root seedlings available to the public for such uses as wildlife habitat, streamside and hillside plantings, soil erosion prevention, or simple aesthetics. There are no restrictions on how the plants are utilized.

The ordering deadline is April 4th, orders will be ready for pick up on April 23rd. For more information or an order form, visit www.bradfordcountypa.org contact the Conservation District at 570-265-5539, Ext. 6.

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Human Services	265-1760	Penn State Agricultural Extension	265-2896
Bradford County Manor	297-4111	Area Agency on Aging	265-6121
Collections	265-1746	Airport	265-4900
Commissioners	265-1727	Library	297-2436
Courts	265-1707	Correctional Facility	297-5047
District Attorney	265-1712	911 Center	265-9101
Domestic Relations	265-1718	Conservation District	265-5539
Elections	265-1717	Coroner	297-0720
Hearing Master	265-1711	District Judge (Troy)	297-3880
Jury Commissioners	265-1732	District Judge (Towanda)	268-5057
Personnel	265-1722	District Judge (Wysox)	265-9393
Probation	265-1706	District Judge (Athens)	888-6324
Prothonotary	265-1705	Emergency Management	265-5022
Public Defender	265-1713	Planning	268-4103
Register & Recorder	265-1702	Grants	268-4193
Sheriff	265-1701		



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