



# Bradford County Newsletter

*Your Government Working for You!*

## Natural Gas: Clean and Green Legislation Signed into Law

Press Release by Senator Gene Yaw

(Harrisburg) – The Governor signed into law legislation sponsored by State Senator Gene Yaw (R-Lycoming, Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna and Union) Wednesday, which clarifies how farmland is assessed for natural gas, by eliminating the inconsistent interpretation of the state's Clean and Green law. Senate Bill 298 amends Clean and Green to better define how the widely used program is administered and is set to go into effect 60 days following the Governor's October 27th signing date.

"This legislation is a critical update to how our farmland is to be assessed now and in the future. The development of the Marcellus Shale has changed how everything is looked at as it is a total transition to what used to be 'business as usual' on all levels of government," Yaw said. "All laws of this nature need to be scrutinized to see if they are applicable in today's world in keeping with the original spirit of the law and then changed if necessary."

The act allows for the development and use of Tier I alternative energy on any land use category of Clean and Green to be kept under preferential assessment as long as more than half of the energy annually generated is used for agriculture. Examples of Tier I include: solar photovoltaic, solar thermal, wind power, low-impact hydropower, geothermal energy, biologically derived methane gas, fuel cells, biomass energy, and

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## Bradford County Correctional Facility Receives Award

By: Don Stewart, Warden



Above: Deputy Warden Quattrini, Pennsylvania National Guard Sgt. Shultz, Pennsylvania National Guard E-2 Er-dos, New York Army Reserve 1st Lt. Oechslin, Warden Stewart. Not Pictured Pennsylvania Army Reserve 1st Lt. Slingerland

Right: National Guard American Patriot Award

Bradford County Correctional Facility was recently honored with the American Patriot Award. The American Patriot Award was created to publicly recognize American Employers who provide extraordinary patriotic support and cooperation to their employees. This award recognizes employers who go above and

beyond the legal requirements for granting leave and providing support for military duty by their employees. Supportive employers are critical to maintaining the strength and readiness of the nation's National Guard and Reserve units. The Plaque below reads: "Presented to an American Patriot for support of the National Guard Soldier who is defending freedom at home and around the world". The American Flag in this case is a replica of those worn by the National Guard Soldiers. The flag insignia is reversed to suggest the flag is flying in the breeze as the soldiers move forward.



# Bestselling Author to Speak at Keystone Theater

By: Jeff Singer, County Library Director

The Bradford County Library presents New York Times bestselling author Michael Capuzzo, author of the book "The Murder Room." Capuzzo will be speaking at the Keystone Theater in Towanda on Thursday, November 4, at 7:00 p.m.

In 1990, William Fleisher, Richard Walter, and Frank Bender formed a secretive cold-case investigation society named for Eugene Francois Vidocq, the groundbreaking nineteenth century French detective who inspired Sherlock Holmes.

Eighty-two of the world's greatest detectives meet monthly in a Victorian dining room in Philadelphia to solve cold murders over a hot lunch. It is the greatest private club of detectives ever formed, they come from 17 states and 11 foreign countries. They come from FBI, Interpol, Scotland

Yard, NYPD, the U.S. Navy, and the Egyptian Army. They are medical examiners, anti-terrorism investigators, chemists, anthropologists. They are experts in every imaginable forensic field.

In "The Murder Room" Capuzzo highlights some of the Vidocq Society's most famous cases, including: *The Case of the Prodigal Son*, the story of how an investigators psychological acumen solved the murder of a millionaire's son who had run away to Texas and was brutally murdered by a manipulative girlfriend and *The Boy in the Box*, a fifty-year-old murder that made national headlines and still haunts Philadelphia to this day.

In "The Murder Room" Capuzzo documents how the heirs of Sherlock Holmes gather to solve the world's most perplexing cold cases. The acclaimed best seller brings true crimes to life while

delving deep into the lives of the cast of characters who make up the society.

Along the way, readers will meet and get to know Frank, the world's foremost forensic sculptor, Richard, the world-renowned expert profiler of psychopaths and serial killers, and Bill, the president of the society, a former FBI and customs agent turned private eye.

Michael Capuzzo is also the author of the acclaimed *New York Times* Bestseller *Close to Shore*, a historical thriller of the true story that inspired the novel and movie "Jaws." Capuzzo is the winner of many writing prizes as a staff reporter for *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and *The Miami Herald*, and for stories in magazines including *Sports Illustrated*, *Esquire* and *Life*. He lives in Pennsylvania, where



Above: Micheal Capuzzo, Author of the New York Times Best Seller "The Murder Room".

he and his wife publish a prize-winning storytelling magazine, *Mountain Home*.

Mr. Capuzzo's appearance is free and open to the public. For more information, please call the Bradford County Library at (570) 297-2436 or check their website at [www.bradfordcountylibrary.org](http://www.bradfordcountylibrary.org). Copies of "The Murder Room" will be on sale at the Keystone Theater for signing.

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coal mine methane. Yaw said the bill would restrict a roll-back tax to the portion of land filed under the well

restoration report and land which is incapable of being immediately reclaimed for Agricultural Use, Agricultural Reserve, or Forest Reserve as defined in the original statute.

"Farmers and landowners needed this legislation enacted to avoid paying roll-back taxes because of disparities in how Clean and Green was being assessed while open

spaces in Pennsylvania were remaining largely intact which was the original intent of the program," Yaw added.

# Animal Shelter Appreciation Week Proclaimed

By: Michelle Shedden, Administrative Assistant

The Bradford County Commissioners declared November 7-13, 2010, as National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week in Bradford County.

Animal shelters act as safe havens for homeless and abused animals providing comfort and care. They also help both animals and people by

returning lost pets to their owners, enforcing animal control laws, rescuing injured animals, educating the public and matching up families with new animal companions.

The work of animal shelters often goes unnoticed and under appreciated by the citizens. We are happy to recognize the

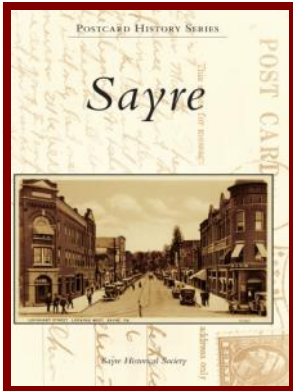
hard work of the [Bradford County Humane Society](#) in providing lifesaving services to animals in our community.

Right: Commissioner Doug McLinko, Lara Hawbaker. Commissioner Mark Smith, Treasurer, Becky Clark



# Sayre History Comes Alive in New Book!

Lynn Beahm, Senior Publicity Manager, Arcadia Publishing



In a new book from Arcadia Publishing, the Sayre Historical Society uses over 200 vintage postcards to tell the story of the early days of Sayre's rich past. The book features never before seen historic postcards from the Sayre Historical Society Museum archives and the personal collection of society member, Jim Nobles; showcases the importance and in-

fluence of Guthrie Healthcare on Sayre's development; and visualizes the vitality of the Lehigh Valley Railroad

The Sayre Historical Society was established in 1989 to preserve historical information and artifacts relating to the history of Sayre. Through their extensive archive, Sayre chronicles the community's rich heritage and evolution.

The book retails for \$21.99 and is on sale at the Sayre Historical Society as well as available at Sayre Public Library and Park Bakery in Sayre. More details are available at :

[www.sayrehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.sayrehistoricalsociety.org)

## New Poll Books for Election Office

Bradford County has recently purchased 20 Express Polls (Electronic Poll Books) with HAVA grant money. These poll books have been assigned to the county's largest polling precincts (by voter count) and will

enable our Election Board Staff to process voters quickly and more efficiently. For example, poll workers will be able to look up voters who may appear in the wrong precinct and direct

them to their proper polling place. The information will be at their fingertips and the voter will no longer have to wait for the poll worker to write down their personal information, go

to a phone, contact the election office, wait for the information, and return to the voter with the information.



Joy Dieffenbach and Renee Smithkors demonstrate new poll books.



# Natural Gas

News in Relation to Bradford County's Emerging Industry

## County Updates Natural Gas Information Web Page

[www.bradfordcountypa.org/Natural-Gas.asp](http://www.bradfordcountypa.org/Natural-Gas.asp)

The Bradford County Natural Gas Information page offers residents detailed information about the developing natural gas industry in Bradford County and throughout the state.

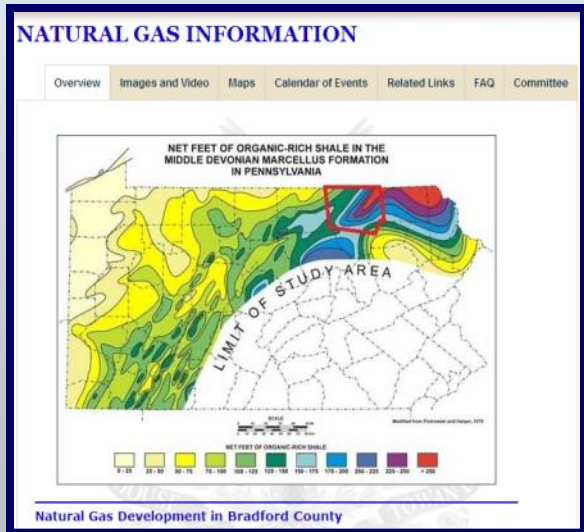
This page is a resource for anyone who wants to know more about this industry as it develops in our county. We are happy to announce the update to this page with easy to navigate tabs and better organized information.

The County will be adding new information and links to the page over the next few weeks. We would like to en-

courage users to email suggestions and comments about the webpage and what other improvements may be needed.

### New Webpage Features Include:

- Calendar of Natural Gas Events
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Better Organized and Searchable content
- Gas Advisory Committee Operating Reports
- Improved Gas Drilling Photos and Presentations





# Dog License Price Increases

By: Michelle Shedden, Administrative Assistant

Bradford County Treasurer Becky Clark reports that the Bureau of Dog Law in Harrisburg is increasing dog licenses by \$.45 in 2011. Licenses for the new year will go on sale starting December 1st. Licenses may be purchased online at [PA Dog License.com](http://PA Dog License.com) over the counter in the Treasurer's Office, through the mail to Becky Clark, Bradford

County Treasurer, 301 Main Street, Towanda, PA 18848, or at Nancy's Animal House (Monroeton) or the Humane Shelter (Ulster). Below is an application showing the new fees. Renewal notices will be sent through the mail the end of November. All dogs 3 months of age or older are required to have a license.

REGULAR FEE								PERSON WITH DISABILITY OR SENIOR CITIZEN FEE			
SEX	NEUTERED	SPAYED	SEX	NEUTERED	SPAYED	SEX	NEUTERED	SPAYED	SEX	NEUTERED	SPAYED
MALE	\$8.45	\$6.45	FEMALE	\$8.45	\$6.45	MALE	\$4.45	\$4.45	FEMALE	\$4.45	\$4.45

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# Quilt Presented to Manor Resident on 80th Birthday

By: Lori Foust, Marketing Director

Keith "Bill" Haight, a resident of Bradford County Manor and United States Marine Veteran, received a special 80<sup>th</sup> birthday gift from his niece, Brenda McClintic. She presented him with a Stars of Freedom quilt that she machine pieced and hand quilted. Brenda made the quilt even more special by personalizing it with a

photo of Bill in uniform and the dates of his service to our country. "SEMPER FI - Once a Marine, Always a Marine" is written on the back of the quilt as well.

Bill and his wife, LaVerne, know how proud & privileged Bradford County Manor feels about caring for its Veterans, so they

graciously allowed the quilt to be displayed in the receptionist office for everyone to enjoy and serve as a reminder for us to take a moment out of our busy lives and thank all the United States Veterans for their service to our great country.



Keith "Bill" Haight and wife LaVerne

# 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	265-6121
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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