



Bradford County Newsletter

Your Government Working for You!

Sheriff Steve Evans Retires

By: Michelle Shedden



Steve was born in 1962 and started his law enforcement career in 1986 as a municipal police officer for Towanda Borough. He then worked for the Rome/Orwell police department until January 1992. Steve served as a Pennsylvania State Constable in 1987, became a Bradford County Deputy Sheriff in 1988 and Chief Deputy Sheriff in 1989. Steve was elected Sheriff and took office in January 1992.

In 1998 Steve partnered with Sullivan County Sheriff, Burt Adams, to develop at risk kids camp called Camp Flea. Camp F.L.E.A. (Family Life Enrichment Center) is for "at risk" children, who typically do not have the opportunity to go to summer camp. All kids have the potential to be at risk. This camp gives them a place where they can grow as individuals, learn to deal with group situations and handle conflicts in a positive manner. He is a certified NRA firearms instructor, certified OC spray defensive tactic instructor, Penn State University, Justice and Safety Institute Deputy Sheriff's academy instructor for Civil Law and Criminal Justice courses. Steve is recognized as an expert in Methamphetamine investigation and manufacturing techniques. He instructs statewide at Northeast Counter Drug Training Academy. Steve served on the PA Sheriffs' Association

Executive Board for 7 years, and served as President for 2002-2003. He served as Vice Chairman of National Sheriffs' Association Drug Enforcement Committee from 2004 to present and in 2004 was awarded "Top Gun Award" for DUI enforcement efforts and is also a member of the National Methamphetamine Chemicals Initiative. In 2005 Sheriff Evans was awarded WATS/WAVR Person of the Year, and in 2007 received the Commendation from the Pa Supreme Court for work on the Court Security Committee of the Supreme Court upgrading Security State-wide.



Sheriff Evans in 1993

Steve has certainly been an

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asset to the citizens of Bradford County and we wish him well in his new endeavor.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Clinton J. Walters will assume Sheriff Position

By: Michelle Shedden



Above: Deputy Sheriff Clinton J. Walters

In compliance with the county Code Article X11 Section 1249, "if any sheriff shall resign before expiration of the term for which he was commissioned, the chief deputy sheriff shall execute the office of sheriff and perform all the things thereunto appertaining, and received and retain for his own use the compensation provided by law for sheriffs, until another sheriff is commissioned and notice
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Bradford County Manor Launches New Website



Complete Healthcare Services
the Management Services company for the Bradford County

Manor recently updated the website for the **Manor**. You will find detailed videos, up to date event information and pictures of the facility. Check out this new site for answers to all your questions about this great nursing facility.

[CLICK HERE FOR NEW WEBSITE](#)

[Bradford County Manor](#)

Voter Registration Form for Readdressing



The Bradford County Election/Voter Registration Office now has forms available for those residents who have had their address changed due to the 911 Readdressing. The forms are available on the

County's [website](#) or by contacting the Election Office at 570-265-1717. These forms allow family members to complete one form per household instead of each household member completing a regular voter registration form.

To change your address before the May 18th, 2010 Primary Election, forms must be submitted to the Election Office by no later than April 19th, 2010.

Election Deadlines

First day to circulate and file nomination petitions	February 16
Last day to circulate and file nomination petitions	March 9
First day to circulate and file nomination papers	March 10
Last day for withdrawal by candidates	March 24
Last day to REGISTER before the primary	April 19
Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot	May 11
Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots	May 14

PRIMARY IS MAY 18, 2010

Bradford County



Natural Gas News

News in Relation to Bradford County's Emerging Industry

EPA Announces "Eyes on Drilling" Tipline

EPA Press Release

The Marcellus Shale geologic formation contains one of the largest mostly untapped reserves of natural gas in the United States. It underlies significant portions of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, and New York, and smaller portions of Tennessee, Virginia, Maryland, and Kentucky.

Interest in developing Marcellus Shale has increased because recent improvements in natural gas extraction technology and higher energy prices now make recovering the gas more profitable.

Operators produce this gas through a process called hydraulic fracturing (fracking). Fracking requires drilling a well thousands of feet below the land's

surface and pumping down the well under pressure millions of gallons of water, sand, and chemicals to fracture the shale.

The process allows the gas trapped in the formation to flow to the well bore. Approximately 20 to 30 percent of the fluid flows back to the surface. This flowback fluid consists of fracking fluid and brines which contain dissolved minerals from the formation. Operators are urged to recycle their flowback water for reuse in the fracking process, but some of the flowback is taken offsite for disposal. Chemicals used in the process are often stored on-site. Spills can occur when utilizing these chemicals or when

transporting or storing wastewater, which can result in the contamination of surface water or ground water, which is used for many purposes including drinking water.

Instructions for the tipline can be found at:

http://www.epa.gov/region03/marcellus_shale/tipline.htm

The Department of Environmental Protection will begin hiring 68 new personnel who will make sure that drilling companies obey state laws and act responsibly to protect water supplies. DEP also will strengthen oil and gas regulations to improve well construction standards. These critical upgrades are designed to prevent gas leaks that can pose risks to the public and water quality.

DEP to Hire 68 Additional Staff

Governor's Press Release (Abridged)

In order to protect Pennsylvania's residents and environment from the impact of increased natural gas exploration across the state, Governor Edward G. Rendell has announced that the commonwealth is strengthening its enforcement capabilities.

"Interest in Pennsylvania's Marcellus Shale formation is greater than ever before and as natural gas prices continue to rise, that interest will only increase," said Governor Rendell. "In fact, the industry has told us that they expect to apply for 5,200 permits to drill in the Marcellus Shale this year – nearly three times the number of permits we issued in all of 2009."

"The actions I am announcing

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today, however, are about decisive, progressive protections for the people of Pennsylvania. We were able to hire 37 additional inspectors and permitting staff in 2009, but the industry's projected growth in 2010 means that we need additional inspectors to ensure oil and gas companies follow environmental laws and regulations. As I've said all along, we want to encourage the development of this resource because it's a tremendous economic opportunity for the state, but we will not allow that to happen at the expense of our environment."

DEP performed 14,544 drilling site inspections in 2009 and took 678 enforcement actions against drillers for violations.

The 68 additional personnel will be funded entirely from money generated by new, higher permitting fees that

were instituted in 2009—the first such increase since 1984. The new fees were put in place with bipartisan support from the General Assembly, industry and environmental organizations.

The Governor noted that given the need for these additional health and safety personnel and the dedicated funding source that is independent of the state's General Fund, these new hires are exemptions to the general hiring freeze he instituted last year.

Interest in Pennsylvania's Marcellus Shale formation has been increasing. One third of the more than 6,200 oil and natural gas drilling permits DEP issued in 2009 were for drilling in the Marcellus Shale. By comparison, only four of the more than 6,000 permits issued in 2005 were for the Marcellus formation.

For more information, visit www.depweb.state.pa.us.

County Property for Sale

Bradford County is soliciting bids for the sale of County property located at RR2 Box 82A-1 and 82A-2 Towanda PA 18848, which is the same property known as the former Towanda School and Family Center Buildings in Towanda Township. This is a 2.1 acre parcel located on RT 220 approximately one mile south of Towanda Borough. There are two buildings on this property: Property #1 is an old school building on one level with the original section constructed in 1920 with an expansion and renovation in 1950 consisting of approximately 11,400 square feet. It consists of five classrooms with one of them converted into office

space, a small kitchen with storage room and a gymnasium with an adjacent stage. The end of the building has a fenced playground. Property # 2 is a 1,000 square foot modular building constructed for office purposes. It is handicap accessible and has separate parking spaces from the school building but is serviced by the same driveway. Bids must be returned to the Chief Clerk by February 25, 2010.

The county is also having an auction at the former Towanda Township School, on February 13, 2010 beginning at 10:00 for the dispersal of the contents of the day care centers including playground equipment, kitchen items and misc items. Preview of items is Friday February 12, 2010. Howard Visscher will be the auctioneer and full list of items is available at

www.visscherauction.com

Social Impacts of Natural Gas Exploration being Studied in Bradford County

By : Michelle Shedden

On January 15, 2010 the Bradford County Natural Gas Advisory Board was honored to have two professors make a presentation to the board. They are studying the social and environmental impacts of the Marcellus shale in our county.

Abby Kinchy is an Assistant Professor in the department of Science and Technology Studies at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY. She earned a PhD in sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2007.

Dr. Kinchy is in the beginning stages of a long-term

research project examining social conflict and scientific debate regarding gas development in the Marcellus Shale. In the coming year, she will be collecting data on public perceptions of water pollution and water treatment associated with hydraulic fracturing in Bradford County. Kinchy has also established a research partnership with Texas A&M for some of this research. Her long range overall hopes for the project include putting the information together for a book.

Simona Perry has her

Ph.D. University of Massachusetts and is a 2009-2010 Visiting Scholar in Community Mapping & Outreach with the Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education at Dickinson College.

Dr. Perry will be organizing a mapping project within the Susquehanna River watershed that will directly involve citizens. It will serve as an interdisciplinary and capacity-building project through which the community can learn about GIS technology, develop spatial and geographic literacy, and document rural life-ways in Pennsyl-

vania. In addition, it is hoped that this project will plant the seeds for on-going partnerships between Dickinson College and rural Pennsylvanians facing environmental, social, and economic changes.

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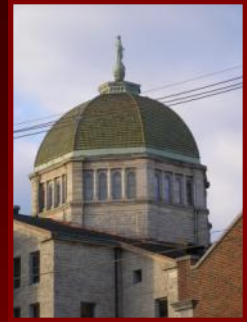
Quick Updates....

Courthouse Roof Repair: The project has been completed.

New phone System: Maintenance works with Black Box of New York on Installing the upgrade to the phone system for the county.

Recently Awarded Bids: On January 19, 2010 the board awarded the bid for the Bradford County Library ADA project to D.A. Nolt of Berlin NJ with a base bid of \$38,909.00 and alternate bids #1 (front doors) for \$4456.00 and alternate bid # 3 (handrail) for \$4945.00.

The Bradford County Manor: Employees recently held a jeans day to raise money for the Haiti emergency relief effort. Pictured above are some of the many employees that generously contributed (L to R): Robin Tarbox, Stacy Stroud, Mary Secules and Paula Strong.



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thereof is given to such a deputy sheriff."

Clinton J. Walters is currently the Chief Deputy Sheriff for Bradford County and will assume the role of Sheriff as of February 15, 2010. Chief Deputy Sheriff Walters is a graduate of Municipal Police Academy, Mansfield University and the Deputy Sheriffs' Academy of State College. He

began working at the Bradford County Sheriff's Office in January 2000 as a transport officer, in September of 2000 he was promoted to Deputy Sheriff. He became Chief Deputy Sheriff in 2004. He has also been employed at Troy Borough and Canton Borough as part time and full time Police Officer. He has earned the following certifica-

tions: Firearms Instructor of Handgun, shotgun by Pennsylvania State Police, Firearms instructor of Patrol Rifle certified by N.R.A., Simmunities Instructor, Project Life-saver Instructor, instructor Development, Numerous Narcotic Trainings, Reid Technique of Interview and Interrogation Technique, First

Aid, CPR, and A.E.D. certified, N.I.M.S., and Glock Armorer. CJ is a lifelong resident of Bradford County who enjoys hunting fishing target shooting, golf, softball, reading and traveling.

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 Justice (Troy)	297-3880
Jury Commissioners	265-1732	District Justice (Towanda)	268-5057
Personnel	265-1722	District Justice (Wysox)	265-9393
Probation	265-1706	District Justice (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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