



Bradford County Newsletter

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Deputy Sheriffs' Memorial Construction Underway

By: Mark Smith



Construction of the Monument honoring Bradford County's Fallen Deputy Sheriffs Micheal Van Kuren and Chris Burgert is underway at the Bradford County Courthouse. The monument will be finished in time for Peace

Officers Memorial Day which is May 15th.

The monument located on Main Street at the Courthouse is the result of much effort of a committee formed by the deputy

sheriffs. Donations to further support the efforts of the deputy sheriffs can be sent to the Deputy Memorial Fund 301 Main St. Towanda, Pa 18848.

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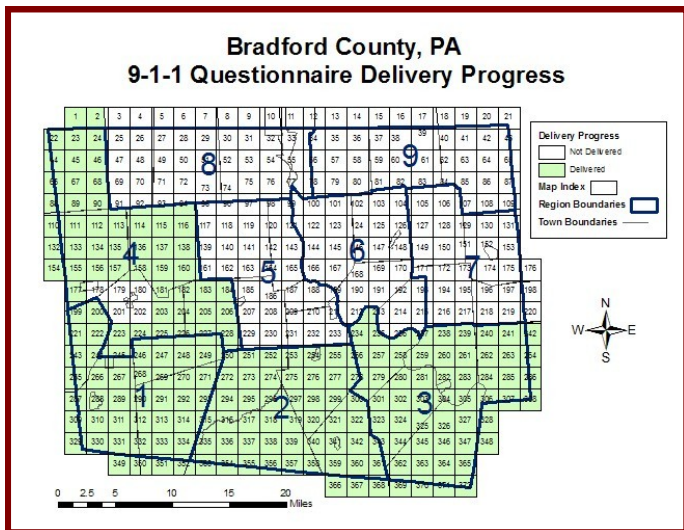
A ceremony to kick off the Bradford County Hometown Heroes Banner Project will be held on May 16, 2009 at 10 A.M. at the Towanda American Legion. The project to honor Bradford County Veterans was organized by Bradford County resident Kelly Brad-

ley of Wyalusing. Over 150 banners featuring Bradford County Veterans and current service members will grace the streets of Towanda this Spring and Summer. All residents are welcome to attend the opening ceremony.



Update: 911 Readdressing

By: Scott Molnar



The Bradford County 911 Readdressing project continues to proceed on schedule. All road name changes have been finalized for the county with the exception of the three boroughs in the Valley area.

MSAG Data Consultants, the county's consultant handling the project, have completed questionnaire delivery in Regions 1 through 3 and are well on their way to finishing Region 4. MSAG will continue questionnaire delivery to the remaining five regions as scheduled.

MSAG is a firm based out of Orange, Virginia. The field crew is staying locally for the remainder of the project. We have received many calls wondering if this com-

pany is legitimate since they are from out of state. We do understand peoples reluctance to supply personal information to someone they don't know but it is very important that residents return their questionnaires in a timely manner. The information being requested in the questionnaires (name, phone number(s) and address) enables the county's 911 Center to have that information linked together when a call comes in.

Address delivery is set to start in Region 1 (the Greater Canton Area) in August of this year. Address delivery will continue through the county according to our established schedule.

Bradford County Manor News

By: Lori Foust & Jim Shadduck

National Volunteer Week

In conjunction with National Volunteer Week, The Bradford County Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center held their annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on Friday, April 24, 2009 at the Towanda Country Club. A total of 172 volunteers dedicated over 10,000 hours of their time in 2008.

The Outstanding Resident Volunteer of the Year is Kathleen Cadek. Kathy is the President of The Manor Resident Council, and is a member of the Pennsylvania's Empowered Expert Resident Program. She is the unofficial "welcoming committee" who makes it a priority to introduce herself to new residents and offer them advice on how to make their stay as pleasant as possible. Kathy is a kind and thoughtful person who is truly an asset to the Bradford County Manor. The recipient of the Mary Jane Stanton Outstanding Volun-



teer of the Year Award is Marjorie Crandle. She is also the volunteer with the most hours, providing over 611 hours of service in 2008. Marjorie has been a dedicated volunteer since January

of 2007. She assists with several activities, special events and is a member of the Christmas Shopping Committee. Marjorie possesses a heart of gold and has a genuine concern for the residents of The

Bradford County Manor.

The staff and residents at The Bradford County Manor would like to thank our volunteers for "the hands that serve hearts that care".

Left:: Shown in the center is Kathleen Cadek, Resident Volunteer of The Year; Back Row from left to right: Jim Shadduck, Bradford County Manor Administrator; Marjorie Crandle, 2008 recipient of the Mary Jane Stanton Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award; Tom Borgeson, Volunteer Organization President; Edie Smith, R.T. Director/Volunteer Coordinator; Connie Taylor, Director of Nursing; and Steve Gates, Controller.

Helping the Community



The community service and work staff at Bradford County Action recently donated crocheted lap throws to the residents of The Bradford County Manor. Shain Gasper actually taught the staff how to crochet and made 10 of these beautifully made throws himself. The lap throw project is just one of many community service projects Bradford County Action performs. For more information about a potential project, please contact Cheri Pinho at 570-265-4434.

How is the Manor Doing?

The Manor has hit many goals in the first quarter of 2009. The building was operating with a high percentage of temporary agency staff in 2008 and as of January 3, 2009 there has been no Aide positions filled with Agency staff. The total number of Certified Nursing Assistance that work for the Manor is 160% higher in 2009 than in previous years.

The Short Term Rehabilitation program has been very busy to start the year off. The facility has been running at 140 to 180% of budget for Medicare residents through the first three

months. Our average length of stay for the residents has been about 28 days. We appreciate all of you that have selected us for your therapy needs.

After losing money the previous three years the Manor has had a great beginning for 2009 in which they have exceeded expected budget profits each month. This is attributable to higher than budget Medicare census, the elimination of temporary agency costs and the monitoring of budgets. Our staff turnover for the last 6 months has been reduced to 8% in an indus-

try that averages 80 to 90% per year.

We continue to recruit and retain quality staff to provide excellent customer service to the residents of Bradford and surrounding counties. If you are in the area, please feel free to stop and visit. You will see a competent staff with smiles providing quality care in a clean environment. If you or a loved one is in need of therapy services please look to the Manor to provide those services.

Courthouse Cornice Repair is Underway

By: Michelle Shedden



The cleaning, repair of plaster and repainting of the Courthouse Cornice has begun!

Update: Bradford County Parks Committees

The Bradford County Parks committee met on April 30, 2009 to discuss the progress of the county parks master plan and other pressing issues in relation to the parks. The plan kicked off on January 16, 2009 with a meeting with Ann Yost of

the YSM Landscape Architects. The architects have reviewed background information about the park sites including forest stewardship plans, natural areas inventory, historical information, Susquehanna Greenway mapping, Open space and

greenways and outdoor recreation plan, comprehensive plan and PA Route 6 information. They have also conducted key person interviews and completed two day field views of the park sites. In the next month they anticipate

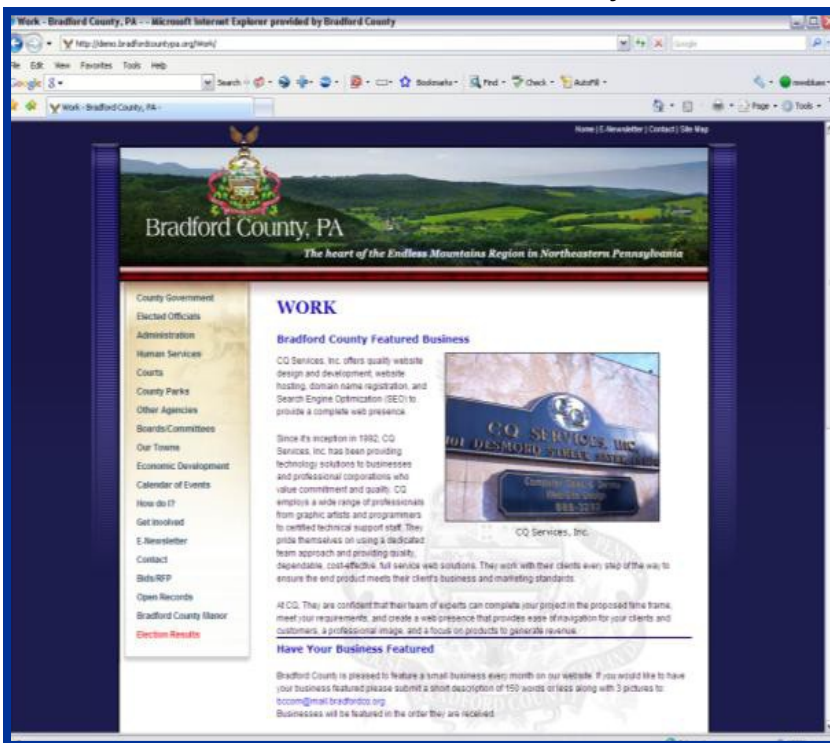
continuing the research and documentation of the site analysis findings and conclusions, more interviews and setting the date and location for the first public meeting.

Also discussed was how to better administrate

the committees and how to address, not only the master planning of the parks, but what needs to be done to address the current needs of the county parks.

Bradford County Website “Featured Business”

By: Michelle Shedden



In our February newsletter we highlighted the different pages on our website, with short explanations on what each page contained. One of those pages was our “Work” page with information on “Featured Business” in the county as well as the latest job opportunities available and links to the different employment agency sites in the county.

We are proud to feature local businesses on our website, but we need help in getting the word out to as many people as possible.

If you own or know of a business that might like to be featured on the

website, please submit a short description of 150 words or less, along with 3 pictures to bccom@mail.bradfordco.org.

This is an effort on the part of Bradford County to feature our small businesses and give them at least one more opportunity to let the people of Bradford County know about their services. We encourage your participation. If you have questions feel free to contact the commissioners’ office at 570-265-1727.

Quick Updates...

Conner Smithkors Benefit

Conner Smithkors is the 4 year old son of Renee Smithkors the deputy director of Elections for Bradford County. An accident at home has left Conner with 2nd degree burns on his face, arm and chest. He has been released from the Lehigh Valley Burn Center but will be returning for skin grafts in the coming months. We are accepting donations for the family to assist with his medical and travel expenses. There are collection boxes in many offices at the courthouse or you may send donations to the Bradford County Elections office at 301 Main Street Towanda PA 18848.

Firearms Education and Training Commission

Former county commissioner Janet Lewis was recently presented a plaque expressing appreciation for her work as a Commissioner with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's County Probation and Parole Officers Firearms Education and Training Commission (FETC). Mrs. Lewis served from 2003 through 2007, assuming the FETC Commissioner position as a county commissioner from a county where probation officers are authorized to carry firearms in the line of duty. Chief of Probation Tom Schuster also serves as a FETC Commissioner, representing the interests of juvenile probation officers in the Commonwealth.

Bradford County Federal Bridge Submission

The Bradford County Commissioners Office has applied through Congressman Chris Carney's office to receive funding for county bridges that are in need of replacement. The requests will be submitted in federal legislation called the "Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill." There are four bridges that have been applied for. If received, the federal bridge replacement money would cover 80% of the cost of the replacement.

We Need Your Help!

We would like to remind all the recipients of this monthly E-mail newsletter to help us add to our growing list of subscribers. We encourage all of our readers to pass the newsletter on to friends and family. Keeping you informed is one of our responsibilities as public officials and we would like to share the issues we are facing with as many residents as possible.

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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	265-6101
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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