



Bradford County Newsletter

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Moving County Energy Efficiency Project Forward

By: Mark Smith & Michelle Shedden

At the October 29, 2009 Commissioners' meeting an Investment Grade Audit (I.G.A.) agreement was approved between Bradford County and Johnson Controls. The I. G. A. is the contractual beginning to Bradford County becoming energy efficient, saving both money and energy. The Investment Grade Audit will take 60 days to complete. In general the audit will collect general facility information, analyze existing systems and equipment, establish yearly consumption, develop a list of potential energy conservation measures, select final recommended energy conservation measures, cost and fee estimates. At the end of the process Johnson Controls will present

Bradford County with the final scope of work for the project which will include the guaranteed savings for the entire project and outline what specific work will be done. A kick-off meeting between the Bradford County Energy Committee was held on October 16, 2009 in which the process of the audit was outlined and the county's needed participation was detailed. A Guaranteed Energy Savings Project is the design, acquisition, installation, modification, maintenance and training in the operation of existing and new equipment. It will reduce energy consumption and related costs associated with heating, ventilation,

and air conditioning system, lighting systems, control systems, building envelope, the hot water systems, water consumption, sewage costs and other energy using devices. Savings are aimed at cost savings, such as fuel switching, demand side management, on-site generation, utility bill auditing, and utility rate changes, distribution upgrades etc. may also be considered.

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Municipal Election Tuesday, November 3rd, 2009

Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

The following polling locations have been changed:

Athens Boro 3rd Ward – Athens Municipal Bldg, 200 S. River St. Athens
Burlington Twp. – Luther's Mills United Methodist Church, Covered Bridge Road, Burlington PA

[Sample ballots](#) are available for review on our website under related links.

Inside an Election

By: Michelle Shedden

The Election process begins about three months before the Election Day with all the paperwork, and sample ballots being prepared and filing of candidates. In October the election machines are each set up and tested by the Election office personnel. Testing the machines

is the process by which the machines are tested for accuracy. After the machines are tested they are programmed for the new election and the security is updated. There are 184 machines in Bradford County and 61 polling places. The machines are delivered on the Monday

before Election Day by election personnel and are kept in a locked location with security tape on each machine to prevent them from being tampered with. Election Day begins at 6:30 for election workers, there are five poll workers at every

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Above: Elections Director Marie Zbyszinski teaches poll workers in Western Bradford County

911 Readdressing Waiting for Post Office Go Ahead

By: Mark Smith

Bradford County has been engaged in readdressing each structure in the county to ensure every resident has a 911 emergency address. Residents have had a questionnaire delivered, had a letter sent to them and numerous phone calls placed to them trying to verify their

address as part of the process. The county is split into 9 regions for the purpose of readdressing on the organized basis per region. Currently Bradford County and its contractor for the project are awaiting approval from the post office to send out final addresses in the first region, which includes the Canton area.

The post office must approve any addresses and is the final authority before the county can proceed with the distribution of the new addresses. Once the post office approves the addresses, which include several thousand for Region 1, the county will move forward to send out the new addresses. The post office has said it may

take up to two weeks for them to complete their review and give the go ahead. County staff along with the Commissioners has been working to get residents response to ensure a lower cost and quicker timeline. If you know someone who has not responded to the questionnaire letter or phone calls please have them call 1-800-672-5788.

Penn State Helps Educate Residents "Understanding Natural Gas Royalties and Pooling"

By: Mark Madden

Over 225 local residents and visitors from New York and neighboring counties attended a workshop, "Understanding Units and Managing Bonuses and Royalties" hosted by the Bradford County Natural Gas Advisory Committee and Penn State Cooperative Extension at the Towanda High School Auditorium on October 22nd. The program was opened and introduced by Bradford County Commissioner Chairman Mark Smith.

pacts we can expect locally. It has become clear from industry's highest levels that natural gas production in the Marcellus Shale provides the best economic opportunity of any shale play in the country and development will continue even at low natural gas prices. Bradford County's location close to the urbanized eastern seaboard will place heavy demand on the gas produced here compared to elsewhere in the country where, at considerable cost, it would have to piped long distances. Les Greevy and Dale Tice of Greevy & Associates, attorneys out of Williamsport, PA, talked about the formation of production units and ways in which the oil and gas rights can be 'owned' and conveyed while reducing the tax burden as this wealth passes from one generation to the next. Royalty owners where coun-

seled to study the division order recorded at the county and have that compared to the royalty check stub to make certain they agree. If not, the recommendation is that the landowner should look into this and seek clarification if not legal assistance to get it resolved as quickly as possible. Greevy and Tice suggested landowners consider one possible option such as setting up a Limited Family Partnership to manage the transfer of wealth. Landowners were encouraged to explore all the possibilities before deciding on the best course of action for their family. Financial management will become more of a concern for Bradford County Landowners receiving large bonuses or monthly royalty checks. Representing the financial management sec-

tor, Larry Alderson, C&N Bank Trust Officer, helped people understand the need for finan-



Above: An Audience of over 225 people attended the event. Some drove from Other Counties to attend the event.



Above: Panelists in the nights events included representatives from local banks, law firms, Cooperative Extension and Investment firms.

Participants learned from Dave Messersmith, Wayne County Cooperative Extension, about the national and global dynamics of natural gas supply and demand and the im-

and gas rights can be 'owned' and conveyed while reducing the tax burden as this wealth passes from one generation to the next. Royalty owners where coun-

cial management particularly for folks with limited experience dealing with potentially large sums of money. A program evaluation indicated a strong desire for information related to water quality and environmental issues and negotiating right-of-ways for pipelines. Future programming will address these topics. Other exhibitors present at the meeting to meet with their current customers and visit with potential new clients included Merrill Lynch, Visions Federal Credit Union, People's State Bank, First Citizens Bank and Citizen's & Northern Bank.

Wii has arrived at Bradford County Manor

By: Paula Strong

Wii, has arrived. We are moving into the electronic generation. Many of our residents and staff have enjoyed competing on our new Wii system. This is a great tool for our residents who may have grandchildren visiting; it gives them an opportunity to enjoy each other's company while sharing in a mutual interest. It is great exercise and fun for all.

We have also been more active with Internet usage. We offer our Current Events program while viewing our local newspaper website on our large screen TV. We have become members of the Internet Bing Club, which offers a wide variety of word games and puzzles while we earn bonus points, which we will redeem for special items

for our facility. We also offer two computers in our building, which are Internet accessible for our resident's use. This gives them an opportunity to independently search the web, check e-mails and play games.

Right: Ruth Barrett, Tina Wilbur and David Rheafelt



County Manor Holds Health Fair in Warren Center

By: Paula Strong

Staff members from the Bradford County Manor and Stepping Stones Rehabilitation Center were pleased to host a well-attended health fair at the Warren Center Community Center. There were many local residents in attendance taking advantage of free health screens. Blood

pressures, blood sugars and body mass index were offered from the nursing staff. Marketing and recreational therapy staff members were on hand to offer pampering with upper and lower body strengthening program. Visitors were provided with educational packets on arthritis, falls and balance which are major concerns for many in our geriatric popula-

tion. Leslie Wiselman and Jane Russell from Leslie Wiselman's law office, who specialize in elder law, were in attendance offering information to the community regarding senior care. Lunch and door prizes were provided. We here at the Bradford County Manor would like to thank everyone who attended and plan on making this an annual event.



Above: County Resident: Jack Duffy and Manor Administrator: Jim Shaddock

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polling place, one Judge of Election, two inspectors, and two clerks oversee the election process at the polling place. The poll workers' duties are to sign in voters, check their ID, program cards, and assist voters if necessary. They generally oversee the elec-

tion process at the polling place. After the poll closes the poll workers run reports from each machine and deliver the results to the election office to be tabulated by the election night workers. Polling locations open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8: 00 p.m. .Depending on the election

year the Election Office holds poll worker trainings once or twice a year. The election board is made up of the three Commissioners except on the year of their own election, and then an election board is appointed by order of the Court of Common Pleas by the President Judge.



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Quick Updates....

Air conditioner bid for Manor was awarded to Spencer Mechanical, at a bid of \$17,400.00

Tourism Committee received 23 grant request. The Committee will be reviewing the request and awarding at their next regular meeting.

Parks Committee will be holding a meeting in early November in the Troy area. It will be advertised on our website and in local papers. The committee will have a concept for each park and will be available for the public to review and submit questions.

A View from the Top



Kim Corbett, Maintenance Director takes a ride up in the crane during the recent roof repairs on the Courthouse. He took some incredible pictures from the top of the world. Take a look at the [Flickr](#) site on our webpage. The repairs are on schedule and should be completed by the end of November.

County Government Directory

Accounting	265-1723	Veterans Affairs	265-1704
Assessment	265-1714	Victim Witness	265-1759
Auditors	265-1716	Penn State Extension	265-2896
Human Services	265-1760	Area Agency on Aging	265-6121
Manor	297-4111	Airport	265-4900
Collections	265-1746	Library	297-2436
Commissioners	265-1727	Correctional Facility	297-5047
Courts	265-1707	911 Center	265-9101
District Attorney	265-1712	Conservation District	265-5539
Domestic Relations	265-1718	Coroner	297-0720
Elections	265-1717	District Justice (Troy)	297-3880
Hearing Master	265-1711	District Justice (Towanda)	268-5057
Jury Commissioners	265-1732	District Justice (Wysox)	265-9393
Personnel	265-1722	District Justice (Athens)	888-6324
Probation	265-1706	Emergency Management	265-5022
Prothonotary	265-1705	Planning	268-4103
Public Defender	265-1713	Grants	268-4193
Register & Recorder	265-1702		
Sheriff	265-1701		
Treasurer	265-1700		



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