



# Bradford County Newsletter

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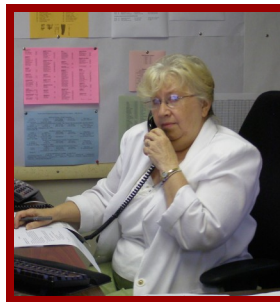
## Commissioners and Staff Work on 911 Readdressing

By: Michelle Shedden

On Monday evening the three Commissioners and staff placed phone calls to residents in the Canton/Troy area encouraging them to get their 911 readdressing information to MSAG Data Consultants which is the company responsible for readdressing the county. The 911 readdressing project in Region 1 and throughout the county cannot continue until information from at least 200 more people in the Canton and Troy area is received. Great effort has been made to collect the resident's information. A questionnaire was previously delivered to each resident. If the resident failed to return it within 30 days, three phone calls were made, if there was no response from that, a first class mailing was done in yet another effort to collect the

resident information. If the current calls made by the commissioners are not successful a certified letter will be sent to each resident. The certified letters will be an added expense of \$5.00 per letter. The phone calls were made in an effort to keep the project on schedule and control costs. Questionnaire delivery is continuing in the northern regions of the county. Anyone who receives this mailing is requested to promptly return the questionnaire as directed. Any residents who have not returned their questionnaire are encouraged to call **1-800-672-5788** or you may visit the [website](#) where you can enter the I.D. number and verification code found on your questionnaire. Around 80% (approx. 3,000 residents) of the information has been received. The post office

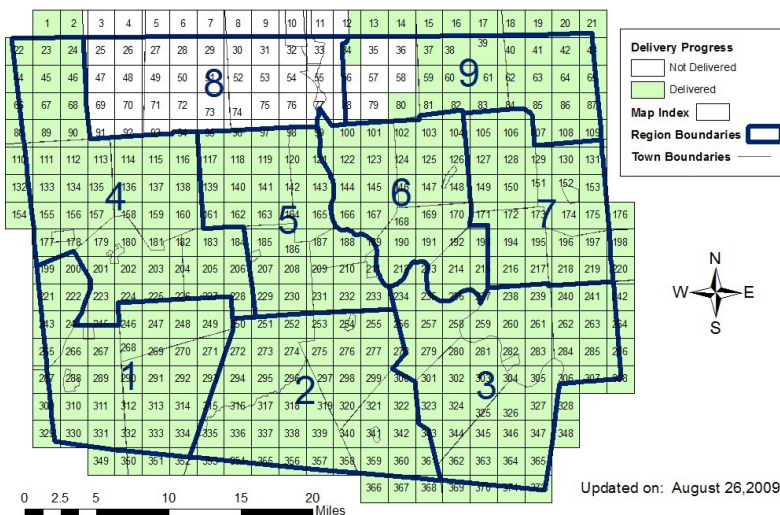
requires the county to achieve an 85% return before they will begin to deliver the final addresses.



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Left: Bradford County Commissioner John Sullivan and Chief Clerk Gayle Kershner work the phones.

### Bradford County, PA 9-1-1 Questionnaire Delivery Progress



If you have not returned your questionnaire:

**Please Call**  
**1-800-672-5788**

or

**Fill out the**  
**Questionnaire**  
**Online**

# Update: Bradford County Library

## New Director Hired at Bradford County Library

By: Michelle Shedden & Jeffery Singer

Jeffrey Singer was born in Flushing, NY, May 1, 1963. His mother, Anna, was a native of Brooklyn and his father, Marcel, was a native of a very small town on the border between Hungary and Austria, forty miles south of Vienna. As a young child Mr. Singer had the opportunity to live in Sydney, Australia for eight months.

Mr. Singer graduated from SUNY Cortland with a Bachelor of Arts in Music, and earned his Master's degree in Library Science from Syracuse University. After graduation from Syracuse Mr. Singer was hired as the Director of the Little Falls Public Library in Little Falls, NY, where he super-

vised 4 library aides, one library page, and three volunteers. While at this job, he met Cindy who eventually became his wife. Cindy works for the State of NY and last year received a promotion that required her to move from Utica to Elmira. Mr. Singer began to look for a job near Elmira and discovered Bradford County had an opening for Library Director. Mr. Singer is a lifelong reader, and enjoys books on history, mysteries, and especially books that make him laugh. He is passionate about discussing books with people, and becomes very enthusiastic in lending books to library patrons. When asked about

his new position as Library director Mr. Singer replied "I believe public libraries provide vital services to a free and open democratic society. Public libraries are truly "The People's Universities." I'm very thankful that I have been selected to serve the people of Bradford County as a librarian. Please stop by and say hello, remember, this is your library, and see all the services and materials that all the libraries in Bradford County provide to their

citizens."

The Commissioners would like to extend their appreciation to Alan Roloson, Sherry Spencer and all the rest of the library staff for their hard work and dedication in keeping the library running smoothly during this interim.



**Right:**  
Bradford County  
Library Director

## New Library Systems Board Formed

By: Marguerite Shaner (President, Bradford County Library Board)

The System Board of the Libraries of Bradford County was created in order to facilitate communication among the libraries of the county. Richard Bowra, a library consultant, discovered a need for the system board after speaking with library trustees and librarians from the county. The Commonwealth libraries have also recommended the creation of a system board. Each library in Bradford County has recommended one trustee to serve on this Board. The trustee then applied for membership on

the System Board. The trustees were approved by the Bradford County Commissioners. The System Board meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at one of the nine member libraries. The Board is currently in the process of creating their bylaws and will soon choose officers. This Board will work with the System Administrator in creating a budget for County Coordination Aid. The state gives additional monies to a System for rural library needs. Areas which have been covered in this past year's budget have included on site and on call

support, technical support, bookmobile service, van service for inter-library loans and coordination of the Summer Reading programming throughout the county. The Commonwealth library administers state funds for libraries. The System Board will create a funding formula for distribution of the state monies among the nine libraries of Bradford County. The Bradford County Library, located at RR 3 Troy, PA remains as the System Headquarters. The Bookmobile, Van Service and Literacy program are currently functioning from the headquarters.

### Libraries in County

**Spalding Memorial Library**  
[www.spaldinglibrary.org](http://www.spaldinglibrary.org)

**Green Free Library, Canton**  
[www.cantonlibrary.org](http://www.cantonlibrary.org)

**Monroeton Public Library**  
[www.monroetonlibrary.org](http://www.monroetonlibrary.org)

**Sayre Public Library**  
[www.sayrepl.org](http://www.sayrepl.org)

**Towanda Public Library**  
[www.towandapubliclibrary.org](http://www.towandapubliclibrary.org)

**Allen F. Pierce Free Library**  
[www.troylibrary.org](http://www.troylibrary.org)

**Mather Memorial Library, Ulster**  
[www.matherlibrary.org](http://www.matherlibrary.org)

**Wyalusing Public Library**  
[www.wyalusinglibrary.org](http://www.wyalusinglibrary.org)

## Manor Holds Annual Picnic

By: Paula Strong

On August 13, 2009 Bradford County Manor hosted their Annual Picnic. There were over three hundred residents, staff, volunteers and family members in attendance. Chris McDuffee, Dietary Manager, Edie Smith, Recreational Therapy Director/ Volunteer Coordinator and Lori Foust, Marketing Director really outdid them-



elves again this year, providing us with entertainment, good food and a wonderful day. Musical entertainment was provided by Bob and Linda Lee of Towanda, 4H members of "Country Caregivers" provided dancing, many staff and family members provided antique tractors, cars and trucks. Jerry and Linda Rowe from Ulster were kind enough to share their collection of antiques, a school bus, sleighs, sleds and many other items with us. The Manor has been coordinating these events for over twenty years, family and friends come from all over to share this day with our residents.

## 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.

**Sign Up Here!**

**Subscriptions to Date: 1111**

## Tourism Grant Applications Being Accepted

By: Michelle Shedden

The Endless Mountain Visitors Bureau, the agency responsible for ensuring that Room Tax money collected in Bradford County is used for the purpose of tourism, promotion and development, is accepting grant applications for the Room Tax Grant Program. A certain portion of the county hotel room tax is set aside to underwrite the expense

of the following types of projects; special events, exhibits, and publicity initiatives and historical preservation projects that will increase tourism to an area/ attractions, marketing and promotional projects, way-finding aides by the county or the county's cultural, historical and recreational organizations for the purpose of increasing tourism and over-

night stays. Grants will be considered and awarded by the Endless Mountain Visitors Bureau upon the recommendation of the Bradford County Tourism Committee and are administered by the Endless Mountains Visitors Bureau. [Applications](#) are available on the county web site under the Boards/ Committees page. Deadline to submit application is

**September 25, 2009.** If you have any questions you may contact Jean M. Gasper, Executive Director Endless Mountains Visitors Bureau 4 Werks Plaza Tunkhannock, PA 18657 phone 570-836-5431.

## Luzerne Community College Classes Being Held in New Albany

By: Mark W. Smith and Michelle Shedden

Luzerne County Community College will offer credit courses to residents of Bradford/Sullivan County at a fee of \$84 per credit for the fall 2009 semester at the New Albany Elementary School. Registration will be held at the New Albany Elementary School on Thursday, September

10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Off-campus classes for the fall semester will begin in New Albany on Monday, September 21. Courses scheduled to be offered in New Albany include Math and English. For more information, call LCCC at (800) 377-LCCC, extension 826 or e-mail [lhahn@luzerne.edu](mailto:lhahn@luzerne.edu).

Left: first row -- Dr. Joseph Grilli, Dr. Dana Charles Clark, LLLC, Sullivan County Commissioners, Betty Reibson and Bob Getz, Second row -- Ray Fleming, Superintendent Wyalusing Area School District; Brian Canfield, New Albany Councilman, Bradford County Commissioners, John Sullivan, Mark Smith, and Doug McLinko



## Quick Updates....

**Energy Savings Committee:** Honeywell Inc. presented information and answered questions from the Energy Committee on September 1, 2009. Johnson Controls and Building Controls System are scheduled for September 8, 2009. Bradford County is interviewing the three contractors as the county move towards choosing one contractor to renovate all county buildings for the savings of energy and tax dollars spent on utilities.

**Veterans History Project:** is moving to the Bradford County Historical Society. A special thank you to the Historical Society Board and Curator Matt Carl for their efforts and generosity in getting this project underway. The history project was previously housed at the much cramped Bradford County Library.

## Experience Works in Bradford County

“Improve the lives of older people through employment, community service and training”

By :Michelle Shedden

Experience works is a national, charitable, community based organization that provides training, employment and community service for low-income older people. Experience works was started in 1965 under the name “Green Thumb” and in 2002 changed its

name to “[Experience Works](#)”. The courthouse currently has one participant, Richard Scott, who is working in the Prothonotary’s Office. Richard is discarding old files, sorting, indexing and reorganizing storage space. This program pays 100% of the salary for the participant,

which is a great service to the participating agency. There are about 13 different agencies within the county who employ 30 people through the program and they are always looking for more agencies to become partners. If your business is interested in becoming a

participating agency you may contact Merle Young or Bev Wolf at 570-265-1943 or 570-637-3982.

Experience Works office is located at 218 Main Street, Towanda PA 18848

## 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 Ext	265-2896
Bradford	265-1746	Area Agency on Aging	265-6121
County Manor	265-1727	Airport	265-4900
Collections	265-1707	Library	297-2436
Commissioners	265-1712	Correctional Facility	297-5047
Courts	265-1718	911 Center	265-9101
District Attorney	265-1717	Conservation District	265-5539
Domestic Relations	265-1711	Coroner	297-0720
Elections	265-1722	District Justice (Troy)	297-3880
Hearing Master	265-1706	District Justice (Towanda)	268-5057
Jury Commissioners	265-1705	District Justice (Wysox)	265-9393
Personnel	265-1713	District Justice (Athens)	888-6324
Probation	265-1701	Emergency Management	265-5022
		Planning	268-4103
		Grants	268-4193



**Bradford County Court House**  
301 Main St.  
Towanda, PA 18848  
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[www.bradfordcountypa.org](http://www.bradfordcountypa.org)