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We nurture and empower each learner's unlimited capacity to become a responsible citizen with a promising future.



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2018!

More graduation photos inside!

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The Hancock Central School District celebrated its 130th Commencement on June 22, honoring all 33 members of Hancock High School's Class of 2018 with a graduation ceremony inside a packed auditorium.

Keynote speakers included HCSD Superintendent Terrance P. Dougherty, Hancock PK-12 Principal Lori Asquith, Valedictorian Alyssa Makowski and Salutatorian Malorie Rutledge, among others. Each graduating senior received a diploma from Board of Education President Terry Whitt. The ceremony also featured an awards presentation as well as performances by the HCS Band and HCS Senior Ensembles.

For more photos and video from the graduation ceremony, visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HancockCSD/>.

To see the official commencement video by Art Pierson, visit the YouTube page <https://youtube.com/T1vSaMxKfg0> online.



Congratulations
GRAD
CLASS
2018



Graduation
COMMUNICATIONS
GRADUATES
CLASS OF
2018



VALEDICTORIAN/ SALUTATORIAN ANNOUNCED



Alyssa Makowski Class of 2018 Valedictorian

The Hancock Central School District announced in May that Alyssa Makowski is Hancock High School's Class of 2018 valedictorian.

The daughter of Michael and Kimberly Makowski of Hancock, Alyssa is a National Honor Society student, a three-sport varsity athlete (basketball, field hockey, softball), and a member of Spanish Club, Student Council, Chorus and Yes! Leads. This high honor roll student also earned the Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award.

Alyssa plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh as a pre-med student with the goal of becoming a doctor. Her advice for the Class of 2019?

"Enjoy the little things," said Alyssa, a Midstate Athletic Conference All-Star and Scholar-Athlete in field hockey and softball. "You never know if it will be the last time you do them."

Malorie Rutledge Class of 2018 Salutatorian

The Hancock Central School District announced in May that Malorie Rutledge is the salutatorian for Hancock High School's Class of 2018.

The daughter of Jason and Michelle Rutledge of Lakewood, Pennsylvania, Malorie is a National Honor Society student who serves as secretary of the Spanish Club. She also has devoted time to community service activities with the American Red Cross, Junior Chef Club, Weekend Backpack Program and basketball.

Malorie, who earned the George Eastman Young Leaders' Award, also is a high honor roll student who earned Defensive Player of the Year and Midstate Athletic Conference Second-Team All-Star honors in varsity basketball. She plans to attend SUNY Delhi to become a Veterinary Technician.

"Don't wish high school away," Malorie told the Hancock HS juniors. "It will be over before you know it. Enjoy the little things and don't stress over your future."



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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks for a great school year!

Hello friends. The 2017-2018 school year has flown by and I would like to personally thank everyone on a job very well done! We had an exceptional year. I also would like to congratulate the members of the HCS Class of 2018 and wish them well in their future endeavors.

Publication of the Hancock *Wildcat News* would not be possible were it not for the support of the DCMO BOCES Print Shop and articles submitted by our highly talented faculty and staff. Our editor, Dean Russin, also is very gifted and serves as a loyal contributor to this publication.

Look for the next edition of the Hancock *Wildcat News* in October! Have a great summer vacation!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terrance P. Dougherty'.

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Wildcat Pledge: We nurture and empower each learner's unlimited capacity to become a responsible citizen with a promising future.

Vision Statement: Striving for excellence as an innovative and reflective school community.

WELCOME TO SCHOOL!



Hancock Elementary School hosted its first Multi-Age Kindergarten Orientation on May 29, welcoming children who are just beginning formal schooling ahead of the 2018-19 academic year.

The purpose of the orientation is to help new pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students make a smooth transition into school, as well as their families.

After Morning Program, parents and guardians had a chance to meet teachers, administrators and other school personnel. A presentation provided important school- and classroom-specific information while giving a glimpse of the exciting year ahead!

Additionally, students participated in classroom activities and interacted with their future classmates. After lunch in the school cafeteria and "fun time" on the playground, the children and adults in attendance enjoyed a school bus ride around the community.

The day ended with all visiting students receiving a backpack filled with school supplies. Thanks to everyone who helped make this day special for every participant.



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HANCOCK ON “BEST HIGH SCHOOLS” LIST

Hancock Junior-Senior High School earned a “Best High Schools” national honor from the *U.S. News & World Report* for the fourth time. Hancock Central School District Superintendent Terrance P. Dougherty announced May 15.

The Central New York-school of roughly 240 students in grades 5-12 received a Bronze Badge from the *U.S. News & World Report*, which annually awards badges to the top public high schools in the country.

“I am extremely proud of this award in that it serves to recognize the collective efforts and accomplishments of a very dedicated administration, staff and student body,” Dougherty said.

The Section Four Class D school, dedicated to educating youths from the Hancock Central School District in New York and the Wayne Highlands School District in Pennsylvania, also earned Bronze badges from *U.S. News & World Report* in 2013, 2014 and 2015. Dougherty said a plaque commemorating the 2018 achievement will be presented to the Hancock Board of Education at an upcoming meeting.

According to its website, *www.usnews.com*, the U.S. News & World Report awards Gold Badges to the top 500 public schools in the country using a College Readiness Index based on advanced-exam achievements. High-performing schools with lower CRIs receive Silver Badges, while high-performing schools based on state-exam results earn Bronze Badges. A total of 5,948 public high schools were recognized nationally this year.

The 2018 edition of “Best High Schools” includes school-specific data on location, enrollment, ethnicity, school type and results of state assessment proficiency tests and Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate tests. *U.S. News & World Report* then worked with American Institutes for Research in Washington, D.C., to develop a rankings methodology that reflects how well high schools serve all of their students, not just those who are planning to attend college. AIR is known as one of the largest behavioral and social science research organizations in the world.

Private high schools were excluded from the rankings because, unlike public high schools, they are not required to take statewide accountability tests.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT MEANS HIGHER LEARNING

It’s all about the kids



Hancock educators took part in a three-day conference in Arizona. From left-right are: MS Social Studies teacher Kelly DaBrescia, MS/HS Spanish teacher Danielle Gross, K-12 Art teacher Samantha Spalholz, Kindergarten teacher Melissa Karcher, and PK-12 Principal Lori Asquith.

That’s why the Hancock Central School District’s Lori Asquith, Kelly DaBrescia, Danielle Gross, Melissa Karcher and Samantha Spalholz spent three days together in Phoenix, Arizona, earlier this year. Their road trip revolved around The Summit on Professional Learning Communities at Work, a professional-development conference for K-12 educators inspired by the late Dr. Richard DuFour.

“Student learning means whatever it takes,” said Asquith, whose first academic year as Hancock’s PK-12 Principal included the February conference at the Phoenix Convention Center. “We want everybody to get that universal message. The common vision is it’s about our students, not us.”

Dr. DuFour served public school communities as a teacher, principal and superintendent en route to becoming an authority on the Professional Learning Communities at Work process, which he detailed in his 1998 best-selling book *Professional Learning Communities at Work, Learning by Doing*, and *In Praise of American Educators*.

Educators following the PLC model work together to continuously develop their professional skills, leading to improved student learning by default. In short, the idea is that student achievement is directly linked to the qualifications, experience and proficiency of their educators.

“We want to keep practicing the right things to keep a positive approach to learning,” said Gross, who teaches Spanish to middle and high school students at Hancock. “It boils down to keeping the community knowledgeable. The devil is in the details.”

DuFour’s book spawned Professional Learning Communities at Work Institute conferences, which are offered across the country throughout the year by Solution Tree, a leading K-12 education company. The comprehensive professional development conferences also give educators the opportunity to customize their learning to suit the needs of their respective districts.

“These professional development seminars show us what works best for students and teachers,” Hancock kindergarten teacher Karcher said as colleagues DaBrescia (Middle School Social Studies) and Spalholz (K-12 Art) nodded in agreement. “Collaboration among teachers is one of the greatest assets we have and provides more opportunities to practice what we teach.”

Sources

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HANCOCK/WAYNE HIGHLANDS SCHOOL DISTRICT RELATIONSHIP STANDS THE TEST OF TIME

Dr. John P. Sutton used no uncertain terms in 1983 to explain why some of his Wayne Highlands School District students deserved a New York education in Hancock.

“We held an open School Board meeting at Preston, which attracted many people,” the Pennsylvania-district superintendent wrote to Harrisburg Department of Education Assistant Counsel Phillip A. Ayers. “The overwhelming response and unmistakable message we received from the Northern Area community at large was to continue sending the high school students to New York.”

Sutton’s letter included references to driving distances, community interactions on both sides of the Delaware River, student-enrollment figures and numerous testimonials from local residents, all supporting a contract extension that allowed Preston Area School students to continue attending high school in the Hancock Central School District.

Although Sutton alluded to “Northern Area” Pennsylvania students attending school in Hancock as far back as 1888, the earliest record of an official agreement between the districts on file at HCSD is in the form of a letter from Preston Township Public Schools Secretary Cornelius C. Dibble to Hancock Board of Education President Gerard J. Gilleran.

Dibble’s letter dated March 8, 1960, states: “The Preston Township School Board, meeting in regular session at Lakewood last evening, voted unanimously to discontinue their high school at Lakewood and transport grades nine to twelve inclusive to the Hancock Central School beginning next September.”

Gilleran’s written response — dated March 11, 1960 — thanks Dibble for the “official notice” before saying: “The Board of Education of Central School District #6, Towns of Hancock and Tompkins, at their regular meeting on March 8, 1960, voted unanimously to accept the children from your school.”

Sutton reached out to Ayers 23 years later when 10 families insisted on sending their children to Honesdale High School instead of Hancock. Sutton’s background information noted the Northern Area, which operated as an independent district before helping to form the Wayne Highlands School District in 1970, “is rural and very sparsely populated.”

Distance also was a big issue. Sutton called Hancock (and neighboring Deposit) the “nearest and most convenient” options for Northern Area families and deemed the lengthy commute to Honesdale — an hour and a half, he said — as “totally impractical.”

Sutton closed his correspondence with an excerpt from a Pennsylvania State Board of Education Order signed in 1966, which read, in part: “We were impressed by the amicable relations enjoyed between the school boards of the Northern Tier Townships and the school officials of New York State, as well as with the convenience of the New York Schools to the residents of northern Wayne County.”

According to a January 31, 1984, article in the Honesdale newspaper *The Wayne Independent*, the Department of Education in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, ruled that Preston Area students had the right to choose their high school.

Furthermore, the DOE ruled that Wayne Highlands would have to honor the request of any parent of a secondary student in the district to attend Honesdale over Hancock.

While Sutton expressed concerns that the decision could hurt student enrollment at Hancock and possibly lead to closure or consolidation, the agreement to keep sending Preston Area students to the New York school roughly 10 miles away continued and is still going strong today.

This past April, the Hancock and Wayne Highlands school districts extended their contract through the 2020-21 academic year. As a result, Wayne Highlands will continue to pay tuition to Hancock so students from Pennsylvania’s Preston Area School may attend Hancock High School.

The 2018-2019 agreement stipulates \$4,866 per student annually, with a surcharge of \$2,343 for every Pennsylvania student who attends BOCES. The per-student rate will increase to \$5,000 in 2019-2020, with the BOCES rate increasing to \$2,407. Additionally, HCSD receives State Aid for average daily attendance for every student who attends in any given school year — including the non-resident students from Pennsylvania.

Since the 1994-95 academic year, the relationship has produced no fewer than 20 Pennsylvania students who graduated from Hancock High School as valedictorian or salutatorian. Current HCSD Superintendent Terrance Dougherty said the support of Lothar Holbert has been vital to the success of this ongoing relationship. A Pennsylvania resident, Holbert is president of the Wayne Highlands School District Board of Education and a non-voting member of the Hancock Central School District BOE.

“We look forward to continuing our outstanding relationship with the Wayne Highlands School District for many years to come,” Dougherty said. “In an era of great uncertainty and change in public education in New York State, Hancock remains grateful to Wayne Highlands for demonstrating tremendous loyalty and a steadfast commitment to providing flexible educational opportunities for families residing in the Preston attendance zone.”



HCSO, LOURDES TEAM UP TO OFFER FREE DENTAL SERVICES



The Hancock Central School District welcomes mobile dental services from the Lourdes Center for Oral Health in Binghamton.

The HCSO Board of Education recently approved participating in the Mobile Dental Clinic program offered by Lourdes Hospital. All services offered at Lourdes' Center for Oral Health are available at the Mobile Dental Clinic and are provided by dentists and registered dental hygienists. These services include routine cleanings, patient education, fluoride treatments, sealants, X-rays, urgent care, fillings and extractions.

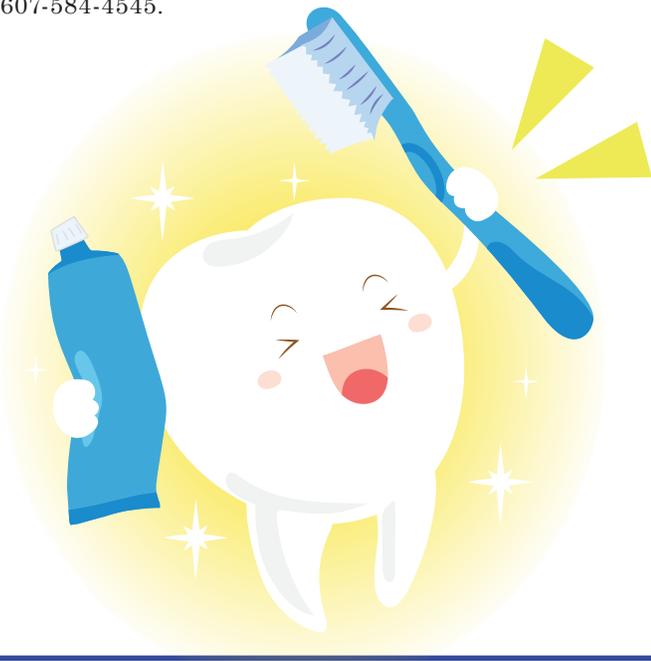
Tooth decay may result in pain and suffering that can lead to problems with eating, speaking and school attendance. In an effort to prevent tooth decay — the most common chronic disease affecting youths ages 5-17 — all HCSO students are eligible to receive dental education, dental screenings and parent reports through the Mobile Dental Clinic at no cost.

Lourdes was the recipient of a grant co-sponsored by the Mee Foundation and the Decker Foundation. The conditions of the grant specifically indicate that the Lourdes Mobile Dental Clinic must address the oral health needs of HCSO students and families.

Installation of a free-standing receptacle will be required to accommodate the mobile dental service. Estimated costs are \$500 for the receptacle and \$700 for labor. These contractual costs will be expensed to the O&M contractual code A1620.411.

Additionally, housing a receptacle opens opportunities to host other mobile health services, such as the Lourdes Mission in Motion mammography van.

For more information, call the Lourdes Center for Oral Health at 607-584-4545.



VIRTUAL REALITY IS HERE!



Christmas in April? It's true! Just ask Gene Homer, left, Rebecca Smith and Todd Jacobs, who took the White House Christmas Lights Tour without leaving their seats during a recent Board of Education meeting.

Hancock Central School District's BOE members were introduced to the Google Expeditions virtual-reality teaching tool, which allows users to explore close to 500 scenarios. With Google Expeditions, it's possible to swim with sharks, visit outer space, walk through a museum — even tour the White House — without leaving the classroom.

HCSO purchased 30 student explorer units and one teacher/leader device. For more information on Google Expeditions, visit the website: <https://support.google.com/edu/expeditions/answer/6335093?hl=en>

HANCOCK HOSTS COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE



The Hancock Central School District welcomed the American Red Cross on June 7 for a community blood drive in the high school gymnasium.

Hancock High School students worked the registration table and some even donated blood before the Red Cross truck headed back to its home base in Johnson City. The blood drive was open to the public.

For more information on donating blood, visit the Red Cross online at <http://www.redcross.org>.



Don't Let a Tick Make You Sick!



Illustrations courtesy of: Jerome Mayo

Keep ticks away!

- Wear repellent on your bare skin or wear clothes that have repellent built-in.
- Check for ticks at the end of each day.
- Take a shower too! It will help wash off the ticks you can't see.
- Change clothes. Don't put on your old clothes that might have ticks still crawling on them.
- Avoid taking short cuts through thick brush and grass.

Hey Grown-Ups!

- Make sure that the repellent you're using contains 20% or more of the active ingredient (like DEET).
- Help younger kids apply repellent and keep it away from eyes, mouth and hands.

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SHARED SERVICES KEY TO CONTINUED SUCCESS

The Deposit and Hancock School Districts are completing their fifth year of studying and initiating a variety of shares between the two schools in an effort to save money and offer students expanded options.

Areas of emphasis with regard to sharing over the past five years have been athletics, transportation, professional development and one teacher of Home and Careers, yielding roughly \$60,000 per year in savings between the two school districts.

Merged athletic programs have captured the greatest visibility, saving money while ensuring the future of sports at these small districts. With the exception of girls' softball and bowling, the two districts have combined their sports programs to produce highly competitive teams with strong coaching and full rosters. The best example of this is the 13-player D-H varsity baseball team, which won the 2018 New York State Class D championship in the spring with the help of eight Hancock student-athletes.

Before merging their sports programs, Deposit and Hancock battled for the "Bell" as longtime rivals. The winner of designated contests earned the right to take home the "Bell," but one is no longer enough. The joint Shared Services Collaboration Team is discussing the acquisition of a second trophy and following with a retirement ceremony, giving a "Bell" to each district.

Discussions are also underway to determine the feasibility of sharing special education programs, which would save each district money and cut travel time for students who reside outside of our area. The Collaboration Team is also looking into sharing other services and ideas.

Up for discussion, for example, is a common bell schedule and more sharing between the Broome-Tioga and Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES. Deposit and Hancock will continue those discussions as they explore new, creative ways to come together for the benefit of their students.

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HANCOCK SOPHOMORES DEBATE AT NATIONALS

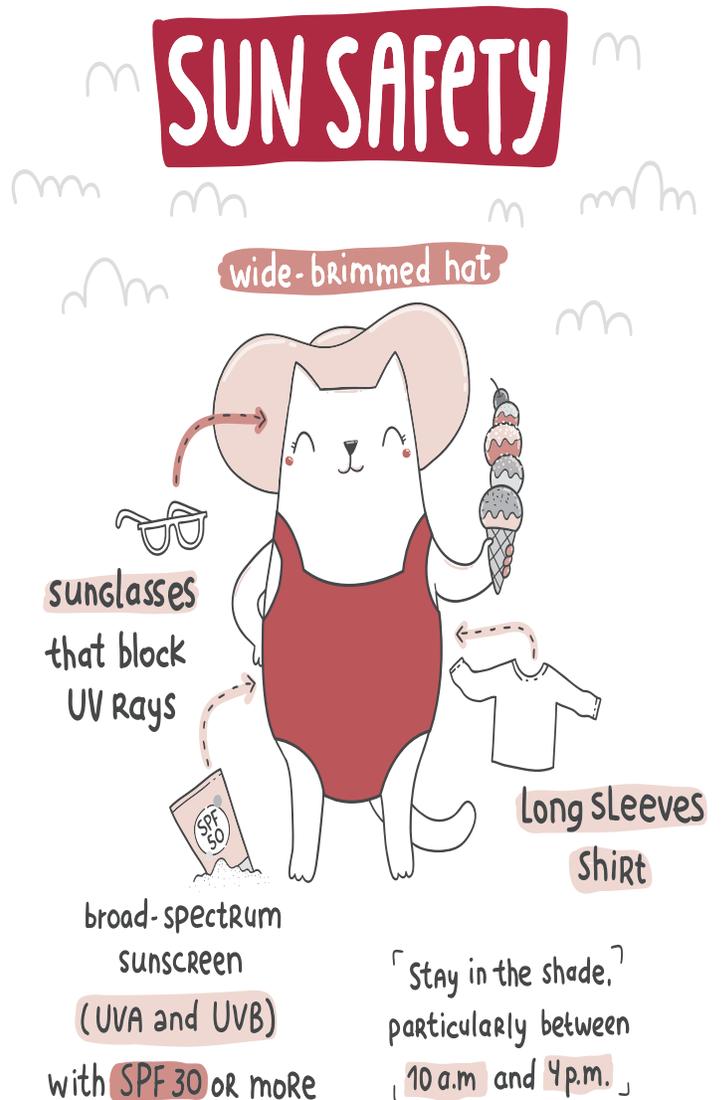
Hancock High School sophomores **Lily Ogazalek** and **Emily Rubera** competed at the National Catholic Forensic League Grand National Tournament for forensics and debate from May 26-27 in Washington, D.C.

The tournament featured 1,500 of the top students in the country from private and public schools. Lily and Emily performed their Duo piece titled "Gary Trotter and the Man Whose Name We Cannot Say Due to Copyright Infringement," a parody of Harry Potter by Patrick Bates, during five rounds of preliminaries.

The two, who fell short of the semifinals, advanced to nationals after taking second in the Leatherstocking Region District Tournament in early March at Mount Markham High School.

Lily and Emily are coached by Monica Whitt, who has served Hancock as its speech and debate coach since 2001. Monica also is the chair of the Math Department and a National Honor Society advisor.

The girls also competed in the National Speech and Debate Association Tournament, which ran June 17-22 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.



HAPPY RETIREMENT!

The Hancock Central School District wishes the following staff members the best of luck in retirement:

CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE HANCOCK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Happy Retirement! LORRAINE PUZANSKAS

POSITION
Elementary School Teacher

RETIRING AFTER
30 years

LAST DAY AT HCSD
June 30, 2018

QUOTABLE
“The kids, they are the best. Regardless of what’s going on in your personal life, they are the driving force.”



Lorraine Puzanskas had tears for all of her years at the Hancock Central School District — and then some.

“I never thought I’d start crying just talking about retirement,” Brooklyn-born Puzanskas, who has exclusively taught first and second grade at Hancock Elementary School for the last 30 years, said while her teary eyes fluttered. “There are kids everywhere and they’re such an important asset. I treat all of them the same way, fairly and without judgment.”

The youngest of four children — she has two sisters and a brother — moved from Brooklyn to upstate New York with her family and wound up graduating from the Sidney Central School District. Puzanskas went on to major in Reading and Elementary Education at the State University College at Oneonta, where she earned both undergraduate and master’s degrees.

“Right after college, I had bills to pay,” she said. “I put myself through college and achieved my goal. Things work out for a reason.”

“I always wanted to be a teacher,” she continued. “We used to play school at home and I was always the teacher. You have to find your passion. It’s important, too, if you think you’re not going to be able to achieve something and you do it. Nobody can ever take that away from you.”

Perhaps that’s why Puzanskas got emotional simply talking about a retirement that became official June 30.

“The kids, they are the best,” she said. “Regardless of what’s going on in your personal life or here (at school), they are the driving force.”

Retirement plans for the Sidney Center resident include, but are not limited to, visiting said siblings in Florida, North Carolina and Virginia; a possible trip to Alaska; and, pardon the pun, focusing more on photography.

“I love photography — eagles, sunsets, stuff like that,” she said. “I have no set plans, but I know I’m going to have to find something or I’ll be bored.”

CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE HANCOCK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Happy Retirement! BILL CHRISTIAN

POSITION
Technology Coordinator

RETIRING AFTER
20 years

LAST DAY AT HCSD
March 31, 2018

QUOTABLE
“Hancock has really been a wonderful thing for me and it’s something I’ll never forget.”



If you didn’t get a chance to say goodbye to Bill Christian, don’t worry, he’ll be around.

“The majority of the teachers have been wonderful,” said Bill, whose last day working for the Hancock Central School District was March 31. “I’m going to really miss a lot of them. But one good thing is that a lot of them live here in town, so I’ll still see them.”

Where and when is anyone’s guess, though, as this jack-of-all-trades said he plans to stay busy following 20 years as HCSD’s Technology Coordinator.

Bill grew up in two cities — his birthplace of Newport News, Virginia, with his father and Philadelphia with his mother — and attended 12 schools before joining the Marine Corps. After serving four years in the Marines, the former high school football player went from steel-mill worker to city policeman in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He went on to join the Pennsylvania State Police, but marriage soon changed everything.

“I moved around a lot because things had to keep my attention; I had a very short attention span,” said Bill, who met his wife, Barbara, more than three decades ago. “I ended up marrying a young lady from Cadosia and we ended up coming here.”

Bill and his wife, a professional baker, kept the Country Bake Shop in business for 18 years before the couple realized they were missing something.

“When my son graduated from high school, we realized we didn’t see him grow up,” said Bill, who had two other school-aged children — Lanie and Rocco — at the time. “We were doing fine, but we had to do something about this,” he continued. “So I ended up working for Hancock Telephone doing tech support for (its Internet service) Pronet. When I was working there, (HCSD) bought a lot of computers for the school and I was asked to give them a hand.

“It wasn’t a job I was planning to keep, but it ended up being 20 years! Anything that had to do with computers; that was me. And I’m all self-taught because with technology, you can’t fool people.”

So, Bill, does anything stand out after 20 years on the job?

“Everything does,” he said. “It all kind of runs together. I’ve done a lot of things in my life, different jobs and everything like that. I’ve definitely been around. I’ve probably done work for every business in town here. But Hancock has really been a wonderful thing for me and it’s something I’ll never forget.”

Happy Retirement! SHARON DRUMM

POSITION

Secretary to Superintendent

RETIRING AFTER

Five years in position;
16 years overall

LAST DAY AT HCSD

August 31, 2018

QUOTABLE

"I liked working with the kids. There was always something going on."



Happy Retirement! MAUREEN HUNT

POSITION

Guidance Secretary

RETIRING AFTER

Five years in position;
Nine years overall

LAST DAY AT HCSD

July 13, 2018

QUOTABLE

"I'm going to miss the people and the kids. The kids are so cute, even when they're being not-so cute."



When one door closed, another one opened for Sharon Drumm.

The latter happened 16 years ago at the Hancock Central School District, where Drumm will spend the final days of her career this summer.

"I liked working with kids because there was always something going on," said Drumm, who landed at HCSD after the medical supplies company Becton Dickinson closed its Hancock branch more than a decade ago. "Every day is something new."

Originally from Preston Park, Pennsylvania, Drumm is a product of Preston Elementary School in the Wayne Highlands Central School District. She later graduated from Hancock High School as part of a longstanding agreement that allows Wayne Highlands-area students to pursue higher education in the Delaware County town of nearby Hancock, New York. Her formal education also includes one year of business school in Honesdale, Pennsylvania.

After Becton Dickinson left Hancock, Drumm spent the next 11 years as HCSD's Guidance Office Secretary. She has served HCSD as its Secretary to the Superintendent for the last five years, working closely with HCSD Superintendent Terrance Dougherty during that time.

Sharon said she plans to spend more time with her family following her final day at HCSD, which is August 31.

"My husband (Scott) and I like to go to concerts and I have a garden," said Sharon, whose sons, Tom and Steve, are also Hancock graduates. "And I love my little dog, Coco, a long-haired Chihuahua. Other than that, I'm not planning to do too much!"

If it seems like Maureen Hunt has been helping people her entire life, that's probably because she has.

And if you think Maureen's just going to help herself after retiring from the Hancock Central School District on July 13, think again.

"I'm going to look for a part-time job in Hancock," said Maureen, a Brooklyn native who moved to Hancock with her husband, Neil, in the early 1970s and has been here ever since. "We liked it here and we have good friends."

Although Maureen and Neil both had ties to the Binghamton area, they actually met at a party in Brooklyn 49 years ago. At the time, Maureen was pursuing a degree at SUNY Broome and her future husband lived in nearby Binghamton. The two have been married for 48 years and have a son, Mark, who graduated from Hancock.

Maureen worked as a legal assistant in Hancock for 32 years — spending 16 of those as a member of the Board of Education — before joining the HCSD as a Career and Technical Education secretary. After four years in that position, Maureen started the first of her five years as a secretary in the Guidance Department.

"I'm going to miss the people and the kids," said Maureen, a graduate of St. Joseph's High School for Women in Brooklyn who worked three years for the Morgan Guarantee Trust Company before moving to Hancock. "The kids are so cute, even when they're being not-so cute."



ALL-STATE SOFTBALL



Congratulations to Hancock Central School District students **Laycee Drake**, **Haleigh Nugent** and **Kaci Marino**, who made the Class D all-state softball team for the 2018 spring season.

Freshman outfielder Laycee made the Third Team, while senior catcher Kaci and freshman infielder Haleigh earned Fifth Team honors. The three helped our Wildcats to a post-season berth in sectionals this past season.

For the New York State Sportswriters Association's complete all-state softball list, visit the website www.newyorksportswriters.org.

DRAKE MAKES ALL-STATE!



Congratulations to Hancock freshman **Laycee Drake**, who made the All-State team for the 2017-18 girls' basketball season.

The New York State Sportswriters Association released its All-State teams May 31, including a Player of the Year, nine five-player teams and a list of honorable mentions in Class D.

A guard for Deposit/Hancock, Laycee earned Second Team honors as one of the top 11 Class D players in the state.

ALL-STATE BASEBALL TEAMS LOADED WITH EAGLES

The New York State Sportswriters Association honored Deposit/Hancock's Class D state champion baseball team with five All-State selections in July.

Recent Deposit graduate **Darren Shaver** (third base/pitcher) earned Class D Player of the Year honors for the Eagles, with **Brandon Olbrys** taking Class D Coach of the Year accolades.

Shaver joined soon-to-be Hancock senior **Luke Resti** (first base/pitcher) on the Class D All-State First Team. Hancock classmate **Owen Wormuth** and **Cole Russell** of Deposit made the all-state Second Team in Class D.

Visit this online link to view the complete list of the 2018 all-state baseball teams: http://www.newyorksportswriters.org/reference/boys_baseball_stars_2018.shtml

ON TOP OF THEIR GAMES

Congratulations to the Hancock Central School District students who earned Scholar-Athlete Awards for the 2018 spring sports season.

Hancock's Midstate Athletic Conference Spring Scholar-Athletes, pictured from left to right, are **Kyle Mead** (track & field), **Kelsey Young** (track & field), **Owen Wormuth** (baseball), **Alyssa Makowski** (softball) and **Riley Ostrander** (tennis).

Hancock's New York State Public High School Athletic Association Spring Scholar-Athletes are listed below. Each Hancock student-athlete listed maintained an academic average of 90 or higher during the spring sports season.



Baseball (Deposit/Hancock)

Jackson Miller, Owen Wormuth

Softball

Laycee Drake, Erin Evanitsky, Kaylee Gill, Trinity Gotthardt, Mikayla Kravetsky, Alyssa Makowski, Kaci Marino, Kaitlyn O'Boyle

Tennis

Michael Argiros, Trinity Crawson, Gaven Hendrickson, Makenna Loucks, Lily Ogozalek, Riley Ostrander

Track & Field

(Deposit/Hancock)

Kelsey Young, Haylee Zartman



ALL STAR



THE WRITE STUFF

Congratulations to Hancock Central School sophomore **Emily Rubera**, who became a published poet this year!

The 2017-18 edition of the Catskill Review featured Emily's piece titled "Pseudo Happiness" among the prose, poetry and artwork from area students in grades 7-12. Emily's poem appears on Page 21 of the Catskill Review, which typically highlights 40-50 original works per year.

Student entries must be completed during the current academic year and submitted by teachers from Catskill Area School Study Council member schools to be considered for publication. The CASSC works with ONC BOCES, DCMO BOCES and SUNY Oneonta to produce the Catskill Review.

Emily's published poem, as it is printed in the Catskill Review, appears below.



Hancock Central School sophomore Emily Rubera and HCS D Superintendent Terry Dougherty pose with the 2017-18 Catskill Review, turned to Emily's poem "Pseudo Happiness" on page 21.

Pseudo Happiness

Emmi Rose Rubera

Grade 10

Hancock Central School

She smiles while she can,
and she makes the most of life.
Trust me girl; this is not the end.

She's told the tears will pass,
like sadness isn't real.
Well, here's my advice, girl, "Cry more!"

She listens to sad tunes.
She mutely-yells at the world.
Girl, "Scream at all the things that hurt you!"

And smile while you can.
Make the most of life.
Trust me girl; this isn't the end.

She withers in pain; sorrow slices her heart.
She burns with fire, and humanity consumes her soul.
"Put on your mask, girl. Let me comfort you."

If suicide is a crime, then who's the victim?
Who committed the crime, and who's the suspect?
It is you, it's me, and everyone outside.

Just smile while you can.
Make the most of life.
Trust me, girl; it isn't the end

She had a plan to be happy,
to make the most of her life,
but the hole in her heart escorted her into its light.

In memory of a lost mentor

CONGRATULATIONS DEPOSIT/HANCOCK BASEBALL!

The Deposit/Hancock Eagles won their first baseball state championship June 9 at Binghamton University, capping their 23-2 season with a 9-3 victory over Fort Plain in the Class D finale.

The Eagles reached the state semifinals in their first season as a combined program in 2017. They advanced to the state tournament for the second straight season with a 7-1 defeat of Delhi in the Section Four Class D title game May 25 at Damaschke Field in Oneonta.

Check out photos from both championship games here and remember to visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HancockCSD/> for the latest news from the Hancock Central School District.



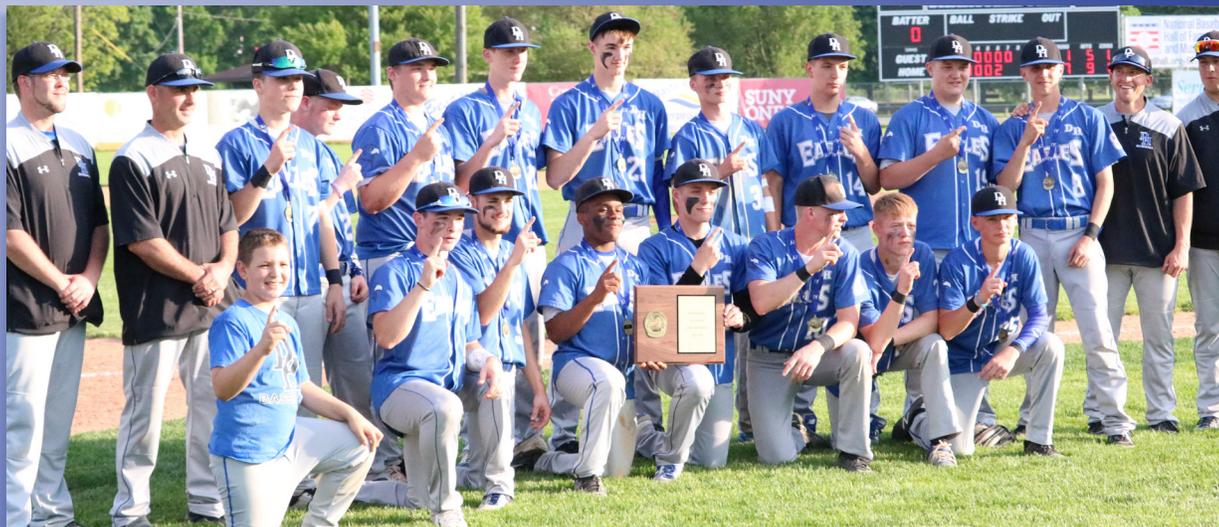
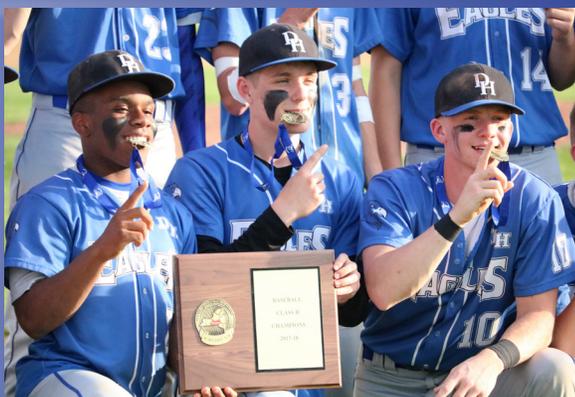
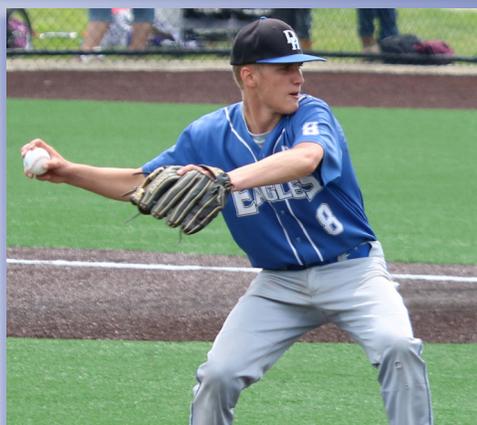
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DEPOSIT/HANCOCK EAGLES 2018 BASEBALL ROSTER

- 00 Luke Resti
- 1 Tom Letosky
- 2 Jackson Miller
- 3 Ray Rynearson
- 4 Brody Soules
- 5 James Bowie
- 7 Caleb Walker
- 8 Owen Wormuth
- 9 Austin Lenio
- 10 Darren Shaver
- 12 Castin Ostrander
- 14 Josiah Simmons
- 19 Mason Karcher
- 20 Austin Chapman
- 22 Bob Levis
- 23 Cole Russell
- 25 Caden Fortunato

Head coach: Brandon Olbrys





GRADUATION!

Turn over for special edition commemorating Hancock's Class of 2018 Graduation Ceremony!



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We nurture and empower each learner's unlimited capacity to become a responsible citizen with a promising future.



KING OF DIAMONDS!

More photos from Deposit/Hancock's state championship baseball season inside!