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'No guarantees,' but county, organizations exploring humane police officer solution

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TOWANDA — In the wake of Bradford County losing its humane police officer, county commissioners said discussions have begun with the Bradford County Humane Society and Animal Care Sanctuary to find a solution.

Aside from wrapping up some pending court cases, James Canning stepped down from the position after he said a lack of funding would limit his hours and not allow him to do the job the way it needs to be done.

"Being able to do this takes money, and shelters operate with donations," Canning said in a statement *The Review* recently published as a letter to the editor. "Because of a lack of donations, I was asked to do something that would greatly affect my ability to be an effective humane police officer. It's not something I felt I could do."

Canning served as the humane police officer for both Bradford and Sullivan counties for the past two years.

While giving a presentation about the animal cruelty code updates recently passed into law during Thursday's commissioners meeting, Rachel Rossiter with the Animal Care Sanctuary said, "With this past bout of severely cold weather, we've received a lot of calls from concerned citizens, especially because at this point Bradford County doesn't have a humane officer due to funding. So the enforcement of Act 10 is now in the hands of local and



Pictured is a dog from a past case of neglect that former Humane Police Officer James Canning investigated. Bradford County Commissioners are currently exploring options with local animal organizations to fill the void left with his departure.

state police, who are already busy people."

The Comprehensive Animal Cruelty Act 10 includes felony level penalties for the first time, aside from animal fighting or killing an endangered species. It also cracks

down on dog tethering outside, requiring owners to provide basic needs such as water and shade while limiting tethering to no more than nine hours in a 24-hour period, and no longer than 30 minutes when the temperature reaches more than 90 degrees or dips below freezing (32 degrees), among other measures.

"For the life of me, especially with this last cold snap, I just don't get it," said Commissioner Doug McLinko about the animal neglect cases from around the county.

Now with a lack of dedicated enforcement, commissioners are exploring options with the Animal Care Sanctuary and Bradford County Humane Society.

"All of the commissioners are on board with at least having a conversation," said Commissioner Ed Bustin. "We don't know what the overall solution is."

While attending the Pennsylvania Farm Show on Wednesday, commissioners were able to talk about the issue with members of the Department of Agriculture — which oversees animal cruelty in the state — and gather information to help guide how they can move forward.

Bustin said they will keep working with the Bradford County Humane Society, Animal Care Sanctuary and other groups as they continue talks to explore a solution.

"It will be a learning experience," said Bustin. "There are no guarantees on the other side of it."

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Bradford FFA students claim Keystones



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Troy FFA Keystone Degree recipients posed at the FFA Mid-Winter Convention.

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FFA members from across the county boarded buses last week to attend the Future Farmers of America Mid-Winter Convention at the Pennsylvania Farm Show; 23 of them walking away with the highest award available to participants in the Keystone State.

Athens, Canton, Northeast and Troy chapters of FFA, all four groups existing in Bradford County, each had multiple seniors earn their Keystone Degrees and freshman awarded their

first FFA blue corduroy jackets this winter.

In order to earn a Keystone Degree, students are required to complete a series of nine standards including having been a member of FFA for 24 consecutive months, logging a combined 300 hours or \$1,000 invested in a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE), participate in 25 hours of community service, and attend 10 FFA chapter events.

Themes of the projects students chose to base their SAE around ranged greatly from creating a firewood business or working on a dairy

farm to studying aquaponics, raising market beef, and employment in a fast food company.

A high achievement reflecting their time in FFA, the Keystone Degree equips students not only with agricultural skills, but also lessons valuable to them as they move into life post-high school, according to Troy FFA Advisor Hannah Harris.

"There's so many soft skills that they have to do to get that that they don't even realize that's beneficial. Even something as simple as filling out an application or; it's not a resume,

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Computer monitors like these are being accepted for recycling at the Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority once again.

NTSWA welcoming electronics for free recycling

BY MATT HICKS
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TOWANDA — The Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority is once again offering a service that has become a rarer find in Pennsylvania's counties in recent years — electronics recycling.

Leigh Twoey, recycling coordinator for NTSWA, said the authority's recycling had been suspended after losing their electronics vendor March 31, "due to supply and demand, and instability created by the Covered Device Recycling Act."

Senate Bill 800 was proposed last year to update the Covered Device Recycling Act and address this instability.

In a memo to the Senate, state Sen. Richard L. Alloway II, R-33, said, "The current system, which calculates a manufacturer's cost of recycling on the weight of the devices sold in the previous year, does not effectively address technological advances, which results in modern, lighter devices being sold, while bulkier, outdated electronics are being recycled. Because of this flaw in the current system, many citizens do not have access to facilities to adequately recycle their devices and often times, are required to pay a fee. Municipalities are attempting to fill the void where recyclers once independently operated, but that also comes at a cost not borne by the present system."

The bill, which is co-sponsored by state Sen. Gene Yaw, R-23, was referred to the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee at the end of June, according to the Pennsylvania General Assembly website.

With updates to the act currently in the works, Twoey said the authority put out a proposal for vendors last fall

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DEATHS

Madeline Ruth Johnson, 63, of Towanda; **Neal T. Burruss, 92,** of Towanda; **Richard Darrell "Skip" Lightboun, 72,** of Williamsport; **Audrey M. Perechinsky, 79,** of Ulster; **Paul I. Clark, 78,** of Windham Summit; **Leora W. (Ellis) Wilcox, 85,** of Canton; **Gordon Earl Brinthaup Jr. — A8**

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A little too much is just enough for me."

— Jean Cocteau,
French author and filmmaker
(1889-1963).



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