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Sanctity for Human Life Rally at Courthouse

On Sunday, January 22 at 2:00 p.m. a Pro-Life Rally will be held in front of the Bradford County Courthouse, Towanda.

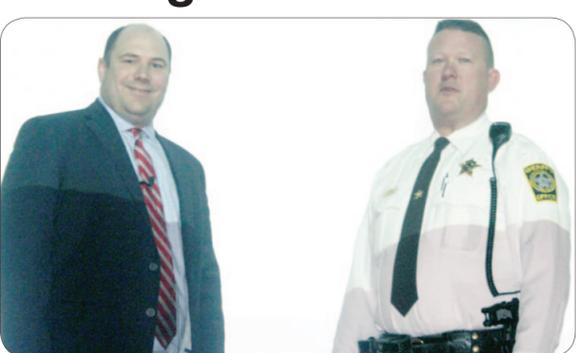
Everyone is encouraged to attend and stand up for those who can't stand for themselves.

EARNED INCOME TAXES

The Canton Area School District received \$55,505.53 in earned income tax collections through Berkheimer in November.

The District received \$23,041.72 in earned income tax collections through Berkheimer in December.

CASD To Provide ALICE Training For Personnel



Eric Briggs, Canton Superintendent of Schools, and Bradford County Sheriff C J Walters held an assembly to explain ALICE (an acronym for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) training which will be conducted for school district personnel.

On January 11, Canton Superintendent of School Eric Briggs and Bradford County Sheriff C J Walters gave a public assembly in the high school auditorium to inform the community of upcoming ALICE training for district personnel. There was an audience of about fifteen people.

Mr. Briggs told the audience, "We want to let you know how we are cooperating with the county and other agencies to take steps to keep our kids and the community safe."

The assembly originated when Mr. Briggs was told by three or four parents at Kindergarten Camp that "their biggest fear for their kids is safety. That shocked me. How are you going to keep my child safe in school?"

Mr. Briggs said he underwent ALICE training when he was employed by BLAST in Lycoming County. "That changed the way I viewed safety," he told the audience.

After contacting the Sheriff's office and scheduling training for Canton staff. Mr. Briggs thought it would be a good idea to explain completely the purpose and the details of ALICE training, so parents are aware that their children will not be involved during the training. Mr. Briggs added, "they are not involved, and some of this training is very intense and is not suitable for kids."

He played a CBS News item on the knife and automobile attack at Ohio State University last year and he and Sheriff Walters reviewed some statistics on violent incidents at schools and other public buildings. "Unfortunately, we live in a society where these incidents are becoming the norm," Sheriff Walters said. "We can give training to faculty and staff to deal with these situations." His wife is employed by BLAST in Powell and has undergone the training. "Afterwards she said that she believes the staff could save the kids and themselves." This prompted the Sheriff to ask, "Why don't we do this at every school in the county? ... Our resources are more than a gun on a hip."

Mr. Briggs noted that "we cannot and should not turn our schools into fortresses...effective prevention cannot wait until there is a gunman in a school parking lot." He stressed the need for mental health supports to aid in recognizing if someone is in trouble and needs help." He pointed

GriefShare Group Begins New Program Session

Grief support group - Healing is Possible

Handling the grief that comes with the death of a loved one is a journey, and it's different for every person. A participant says, "Three months after the death of my husband due to a vehicle accident, I began attending GriefShare. I knew immediately this was where I needed to be."

A new GriefShare is starting on Tuesday evening, January 24, at North Street Community Church,

177 North Street, Canton, PA. Sessions begin at 6:30 PM and conclude around 8:00 PM. Any adult, women and men, who has lost a loved one by death, whether it's a spouse, child, parent, sibling or someone else, is invited to attend.

There's something for everybody. There's no formula for working through grief. The program includes a video and confidential discussion time, but participants are not required to share. Each participant is provided with a workbook to aid in their grief journey.

Topics will include living with grief, effects of grief, family, God's answer for grief and heaven, among others. The DVD's feature nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people. Participants can join at any point and are encouraged to go through GriefShare several times. Even if your loss has been a long time ago, you will benefit from GriefShare and are welcome.

GriefShare is a 13 week seminar meeting every Tuesday for 13 weeks (weather permitting) beginning on January 24, 2017 at 6:30 PM. The GriefShare program is for anyone in the community grieving the loss of a loved one and meets each week at North Street Community Church (former golf course), 177 North Street, Canton, PA. Handicap accessible. For more information please call Judy at 570-673-4298 or visit www.griefshare.org to learn more about the GriefShare program.

Singers Invited to Join Mansfield Festival Chorus

Area singers are invited to join the Mansfield University Festival Chorus for the spring semester. The Chorus, directed by Peggy Dettwiler, will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in Steadman Theatre beginning January 24.

The chorus will prepare for two performances of the Five Mystical Songs and Dona Nobis Pacem by Ralph Vaughan Williams with faculty soloists, Todd Ranney and Alissa Rose, and accompanied by full orchestra.

These two concerts will be sung in memory of Justina Sechrist, a long-time member of the chorus and a voice student at Mansfield, who tragically passed away following a car accident last May.

She was also an avid historian of the Civil War. Vaughan Williams's Dona Nobis Pacem, composed in 1936, features his plea for peace by referring to recent wars during the growing fears of a new one. The work includes three poems by Walt Whitman about the Civil War.

The concerts, to be held on April 8 at 7:30 p.m. and April 9 at 2:30 p.m., will help to generate funds for a voice scholarship in Sechrist's memory.

The Festival Chorus meets on Tuesday evenings in Steadman Theatre, 7-9 p.m. Participation in the rehearsals and performances is open to all persons on the university campus, high school students and community singers. Singers only need to vocalize for placement in the soprano, alto, tenor or bass sections.

Sectional rehearsals will take place on Thursdays from 5-5:50 p.m.

Volunteer members are encouraged, but not required, to participate in sectional rehearsals. Music should be purchased in advance at the Mountie Den campus bookstore.

For information, call (570)662-4721 or e-mail pdettwil@mansfield.edu



The ninth grade class at Canton High School is planning a trip to Gettysburg Battlefield later this year. They are raising funds, but the Canton American Legion, Canton VFW, and Canton Lions Club gave the class money for the trip. In the photo are ninth grade class officers, Elliana Binford, President; Esther Martin, Vice President; Madysyn Neal, Secretary; Jadyn Ayers, Treasurer. In the back are VFW Commander Steve Mosser; American Legion Commander Leo Seachrist, and Pete Shinn of the Canton Lions Club.

Ninth Grade Students at CHS Appreciate Donations for Trip

Students in the ninth grade at Canton High School and their history teacher, Brandy McRoberts, really appreciate the generous donations they received from the Canton VFW, \$2,000; Canton American Legion, \$2,000;

Free Tax Service Through AARP

Starting February 7, 2017 tax aides through AARP will be available at the Bradford County Aging Office located at 220 Main St Unit 2 Towanda, Pa to complete individuals' taxes.

This free service is available to those 60 years and older. The taxes are completed by volunteers that have completed training.

Dates available include: February 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th; March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th; April 4th and 11th

For questions or to make an appointment, please call 1-800-982-4346.

B/S/S/T Area Agency on Aging, Inc. are funded in part by the Pennsylvania Department of Aging; the United Way of Bradford County; the United Way of Susquehanna County; and the Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna, and Tioga County Commissioners.

Unity Church Service At North Street Community Church

There will be a Unity Service at the North Street Community Church on Sunday, January 29th.

Everyone is invited to enjoy a dinner from 4:30 to 6:00 and the worship service from 6:00 to 7:00.

The Canton Area Network of Ministers is sponsoring this service.

Smokey And The Bandit At Rialto

As part of the "Thursdays at the Rialto" series, the 1977 Hollywood feature film, *Smokey and the Bandit*, starring Burt Reynolds, Sally Field, Jackie Gleason, Jerry Reed and Mike Henry, will be presented on Thursday, January 19.

The showing is sponsored by Watson Diesel.

As a special attraction, Kevin Morgan, automobile designer, will give a brief talk on the 1977 Pontiac Trans Am that "had a starring role" in the movie.

Smokey and the Bandit was the second highest grossing film of 1977, trailing only *Star Wars*, and featured not only the iconic Trans Am, but also introduced Jerry Reed's signature song, *East Bound and Down*.

The film will be shown at 12:30 and 6:30 pm

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and Canton Lions Club, \$150 for helping with the costs of a trip to Gettysburg.

With the donations, they were able to cover the cost of all the transportation to and from Gettysburg for the entire ninth grade.

Usually kids are asked to contribute financially or fundraise to go on this trip. These donations

will decrease the amount owed per student tremendously.

What a great opportunity for the students.

The ninth grade just studied the Civil War in their history classes and they are very appreciative they will have the opportunity to see a piece of this history come alive in Gettysburg.

Cast Announced For Wizard of Oz At CHS

Susan Rockwell, director of the Canton High School Drama production of the "Wizard of Oz" has announced the cast for the performance.

Dorothy Gale will be played by Jasmyn Comereski;

Aunt Em, Stacy Pidcoe

Uncle Henry, Curtis Lammy

Zeke (Cowardly Lion), Eric Schrader

Hickory (Tinman), James Bowman

Hunk (Scarecrow), Jordan Yelencic

Miss Gulch (West Witch), Jenna Spencer

Professor Marvel (The Wizard of Oz), Seth Robbins

Glinda, Brittney Halbfoerster

Munchkins:

Mayor, Taran Bellows,

Fiddler, Raya Preston

Coroner, Kerrick Hughes

Braggart, Lakota Frisbie

Barrister, Isaac Fleury

School teachers: Cheyanne Clark, Riley Route, Trinity Girarai, Kylee Salsman

3 City Bigwigs: Tommy Preston, Aley Willow, Adrianna Pletcher.

Tots: Samantha Morgan, Madison Palmer, Laci Niemczyk.

3 Tough Guys: Michael Seeley, Robert Pidcoe, Dane Wooster.

3 Crows: Carter Route, Levi Mead, Chayton Wesneski

3 Trees: Heidi Halbfoerster, Bree Ellison, Haley Buck.

Poppies and Snowmen: Sydney Crawford, Macy Castle, Jordyn Robbins, Hannah Route, Dayme Wolfram, Melissa DeFelice, Jasmine Wilcox, Ashleigh Robbins, Kaitlyn Molyneux, Carrie Jayne, Ciannie Ramos, Victoria

The Weather

This winter is not easy for us to figure out, and the weather forecasters are having problems as well - because the predictions haven't tracked very well with the performance. We had a bit of snow that was washed away by a bit of rain.

Canton Weather Substation (Data is for 24 hour period ending at 8:00 am on day of report)

Date	High	Low	Precip
Jan. 11	31	18	0.26
Jan. 12	59	27	0.16
Jan. 13	63	29	0.44
Jan. 14	35	18	---
Jan. 15	27	12	0.02
Jan. 16	31	11	---
Jan. 17	40	13	0.02
Snowfall:	Jan. 11, 0.3".		

ria Ellison, Courtney Pidcoe, Sabrina Lupold, Chantel Babcock, Grace O'Hara, Esther Martin.

Emerald City Guard: Evelyn Katona

Ozians:

Beautician, Esther Martin

Polishers, Chayton Wesneski and Kerrick Hughes

Manicurists, Sydney Crawford and Grace Chamberlain

Winkies: Esther Martin, Bree Ellison, Victoria Ellison, Jordyn Robbins, Ashleigh Robbins, Chayton Wesneski, Grace O'Hara

Winkies General, Taran Bellows

Nikko (Commander of the Monkeys), Curtis Lammy

Jitterbug (Lead Dancer), Grace Chamberlain

Jitterbug and Ghosts, Carter Route, Hannah Route, Levi Mead, Heidi Halbfoerster, Haley Buck, Dayme Wolfram, Melissa DeFelice, Jasmine Wilcox, Kaitlyn Molyneux, Carrie Jayne, Ciannie Ramos, Courtney Pidcoe, Sabrina Lupold, Chantel Babcock, Macy Castle, Evelyn Katona.

The performances will be on March 24 and March 25 in the Nelle Black Westgate Auditorium on the campus of Canton High School.

Everyone is invited to come out and support the performance and the students who are involved.

Want to Preserve Your Farm?

Since 2001 the Bradford County Agricultural Land Preservation Program has allocated over \$3 million dollars protecting farmland and our County's agriculture future by preserving 14 farms totaling over 3700 acres.

Your farm could be next!

We are currently accepting new or updated applications until January 31, 2017. Program requirements and application can be found on our website www.bccd.com.

For more information stop by the Bradford County Conservation District located at 200 Lake Road in Wysox, PA, call (570) 265-5539 ext. 117 or email kneller@pa.usda.gov. We would be happy to answer any questions or help you with your application upon request.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS Will be found on page twelve.

It's Tax Time!

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