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## Tuxedo Rentals & Gown Alterations

Tuxes starting at \$79.99 - Canton and Troy Prom tux rentals and alterations over \$39.99 will be entered for a chance at a \$100.00 cash drawing!  
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The Pratt's Mill Road bridge has been closed to traffic, and as can be seen from this picture, the bridge is not safe to travel. It is a county bridge and was built in 1910 by M L McNulty, Contractor. Replacement plans have not been announced.

### Canton Music Club Will Hold Youth in Music Night at C of C

"Youth in Music" night will be held on Monday, April 24 at 7:30, sponsored by the Canton Music Club at the Canton Church of Christ (Disciples of Christ). This features the many musical talents of area students. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the evening of fine entertainment. Admission is free. Light refreshments will be served after the concert. Carol Kneller is chairman.

### For All Of Our Military Veterans And Their Families

Troy VFW Post 8675 and the American Legion Post 49 will host an Armed Forces Day Chicken Barbecue. You are invited to join us on Saturday, May 20, at the Troy Vets Club, 183 Veteran Drive, Troy, PA.

This is a no cost affair for all our veterans and their family members. Festivities kick off at 1:00 PM, with food served around 2:00 PM. In addition to the BBQ, the VFW/American Legion Post Honor Guard will be conducting a memorial service for Dasty, a retired U.S. Army Guard Dog. Music will be provided by Wiggle 100.

The VFW PA Assistant Department Service Officer will be available to assist in VA claims and any questions you have.

Children activities are planned. RSVP by May 13th is appreciated.

Call Troy Vets Club (570) 297-3122 for reservations. E-Mail: troyvetsclubdianne@gmail.com

### Farmers' Market Ready For Business

The Canton Farmers' Market is ready for another great season, and, if the weather is nice, the Chamber of Commerce plans to have the market open next Saturday from 8 am to noon in the Main Street Park.

The daffodils are in bloom, the sun is shining and people or groups with baked goods, garden or farm produce, craft items or similar wares are invited to set up. There is no booth fee. Call 570-673-5151 for information. No yard sale items, please.

The Farmers' Market is sponsored by the Canton Area Chamber of Commerce.



REPSOL Oil and Gas USA, LLC helped support the Bradford/Sullivan County Farm Bureau's Farmers Care Program for the Danville Ronald McDonald House with a donation of \$1000. The Farm Bureau thanks them for their donation.

Pictured from left are Michelle Schweiger - Call Center Administrator, Paul and Kathy Yoachim - Board Members and Wendy Youmans - Community Relations Coordinator.

### Preschool Story Time At Green Free Library

The Spring Preschool Storytime Schedule is underway at the Green Free Library.

Sessions are held each Thursday from 10 am to 11 am.

April 27 - Poetry (each family will receive a free book)

May 4 - Chickens

May 11 - Mommies

May 18 - Pigs

May 25 - Caterpillars

### CASD Spring Choral Concert Will Incorporate All Ages And the Community

On May 9 at 7:00 pm, the Canton Area School District will be presenting their annual spring choral program, including choirs from grades 4-12.

The doors to the auditorium will open promptly at 6:30

Music will include a variety of groups, genres, styles and even a student composer!

Mrs. Kinney would also like to invite any community member to join them in singing the final selection, "Make them Hear You" arranged by Jeff Funk in SATB.

They would like to include as MANY people as possible. Will you please join them? Rehearse is on Thursday, May 4th from 7-8 pm in the high school choral room as well as May 9th promptly from 6:00-6:30.

If you are interested, we would be thrilled to have you! Please stop in at the Canton High School Administration office and pick up a cd and a copy of music or contact Colleen Kinney at ckinney@canton.k12.pa.us. They will make sure you get the music!

Please join all the talented students and staff again this spring, by coming together for one common goal...to make music!

### CARD SHOWER

Frances Groover will observe her 99th birthday on May 3. Cards may be sent to her at 1100 Cowley Road, Twin Oaks PCH, Room 8, Granville Summit, PA 16926.

### THS Alumni Association To Hold 121st Reception

The 121st Troy High School Alumni Reception honoring graduating seniors and anniversary alumni classes will be held on Friday evening, May 26th, 2017 at the Troy Memorial Auditorium, High and King Streets, Troy PA. The evening begins at 5:30 with registration and a light buffet. Program starts at 6:30.

Christine Stafford, Class of 1976, will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Members of The Troy High School Chamber Choir under the direction of Sydney Blade will be performing.

Representatives speaking on behalf of their classes:

1947: Donald Havens (represented by Robert Oldroyd, grandson)

1957: Reed McCormick

1967: Tim Greenough

1977: Denise Metzger

1987: Lori Kobbe Robson

1997: Robyn Chamberlain

2007: Rebecca Spencer

2017: Carla Proto

All those who are or have been associated with Troy High School are welcome. No reservations needed.

### The Weather

Some beautiful weather, with a few chilly mornings. Folks are mowing lawns, and spring is all around us!

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

Date	High	Low	Precip
April 12	80	50	0.08
April 13	68	32	---
April 14	59	33	---
April 15	63	33	---
April 16	69	48	---
April 17	80	48	0.20
April 18	68	30	---

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
Will be found on page twelve.

JESUS LOVES YOU



Young Rylee Steever and Easton Shedden each caught a couple of fish on Opening Day. They went fishing in Towanda Creek in Canton with their moms, Erica Shedden and Katie Steever.

## CASD Board Congratulates "Battle Of The Books" Teams

The Canton Area School District Board of Education held its April meeting with President Judy Sourbeer, directors Dennis Sourbeer, Krista Jennings, Jared Wilcox, J Scott May and Ryan Allen, Superintendent Eric Briggs, High School Principal Craig Coleman, Elementary Principal Mike Wells, Business Manager Mark Jannone, Special Education Supervisor Dan Coran, Solicitor Richard Sheetz and an audience of around thirty, most of whom were members, advisors or family members of the Battle of the Books teams, which turned in an extraordinary performance at the competition.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Superintendent Eric Briggs reported that his evaluation will be on the agenda in May.

He mentioned some cuts in federal funds proposed by the Trump Administration. "We anticipate losing some funding but not having a major impact," he said.

Pennsylvania's proposed \$50 million cut in school transportation may not be implemented because "they can't figure out how to make a fair formula," Mr. Briggs said.

He congratulated the Battle of the Books teams. The elementary and junior high teams each

took first place and the high school team was third. "This was the first time all three teams have placed," Mr. Briggs said. "We are proud of all the students and teams. They are super kids!"

He commended Jenelle VanNoy and Brandy McRoberts for designing a "thinking activity" for the classroom teachers. Mr. Briggs said, "Traditionally we used the direct instruction approach to teach lessons. Now we are trying to teach how to solve problems. They have come up with some creative ideas," he said.

From May 7 to 9 Mr. Briggs will attend the Superintendent's Academy in Harrisburg.

Thanks to Mr. Wells, the County "Turkey Trot" event will donate \$1,000 to the district's weekend back pack program. Another donation may be awarded in November.

Mr. Briggs said the first week of PSSA testing is complete. The state may make adjustments to its program of assessments.

Project Bald Eagle is a private group working to combat the opioid crisis in Pennsylvania. After a recent visit to Canton they donated two Narcan packets to be used to treat overdoses. The Project hopes to expand county-wide and are working with the County Commissioners. There

are plans to hold a public meeting in Canton.

The district is working on curriculum for grades K-2.

Mr. Briggs enjoyed eating lunch with a group of elementary students, one from each grade level. "These are hardworking students who get along with their peers and have never had to visit the Principal's office," he said.

April 27 will be "Work With Me Day" and May 3 will be the Special Olympics at Athens.

Business Manager Mark Jannone said, "Kudos to our municipal workers and bus contractors in dealing with Winter Storm Stella. We missed a minimal amount of time; They got the roads open and did a great job."

Mr. Jannone said because of the recent ALICE training the district has purchased a relatively inexpensive barricade device for each room at a cost of \$6,000.

"It can't be easily maneuvered by a predator," he said. VFW Post 714, American Legion Post 303 and the PTA donated about half the amount. Mr. Allen said Sheriff C J Walters praised the safety measures implemented by Canton, and made special favorable mention of Mr. Briggs.

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## Guthrie Awards Annual Health Professions And Employee Scholarships

### Morgan Burgess Wins Employee Scholarship

Guthrie has awarded a total of 13 scholarships to local students as part of the 43rd Annual Health Professions and Employee Scholarship Program.

Four scholarships were issued to children of Guthrie employees with no restrictions on academic career interest, while the remaining nine scholarships were issued to students throughout the region whose academic endeavors will be directly related to health care. All students will receive \$650 a year for four years for undergraduate studies.

Congratulations to all the scholarship recipients. This year's winners are listed below:

Children of Guthrie Employees Scholarships:

- Anna Williams, Corning-Painted Post High School, daughter of Robert Williams (Business Officer Manager, Guthrie Corning Hospital)
- Emily Wrisley, Athens High School, daughter of Vianna Wrisley (Skilled Nursing Unit Activities, Guthrie Towanda Memorial

Hospital)

- Darby Kasper, Mansfield High School, daughter of Kathleen Kasper (Physical Therapist, Guthrie Home Health)
- Morgan Burgess, Canton High School, daughter of Anna Burgess (LPN, Guthrie Medical Group)

Health Professions Scholarships:

- RJ Seymour, Owego Free Academy
- Theodore Steele, Towanda High School
- Maranna Nitcznski, Sullivan County High School
- Mackenzie Chilson, Wellsboro High School
- Daniel Joyce, Athens Area High School
- Destiny Decker, Bradford Central School
- Omair Irfan, Horseheads High School
- Berkley Sawester, Charles O. Dickerson High School
- Pearlanna Zapotocky, Union-Endicott High School



Front Row (L-R): Maranna Nitcznski (Sullivan County), Pearlanna Zapotocky (Union-Endicott), Darby Kasper (Mansfield), Destiny Decker (Bradford Central), Morgan Burgess (Canton), Mackenzie Chilson (Wellsboro), Berkley Sawester (Charles O. Dickerson)

Back Row (L-R): Dr. Thomas Yaeger (Guthrie Family Medicine), Anna Williams (Corning-Painted Post), RJ Seymour (Owego Free Academy), Daniel Joyce (Athens), Omair Irfan (Horseheads), Theodore Steele (Towanda), Emily Wrisley (Athens)