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Residents still concerned over local building's safety

by Kayla Parker

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The Canton Borough Council met on Apr. 8, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the Police Station. The meeting was called to order and the minutes and bills were approved.

Visitors: Chris Schrader expressed his concern about the McBratney building being a health hazard to the public. A Borough member explained that the fire happened months ago, and first hand information is needed to have reasonable cause to check for alleged cockroaches and bed bugs. An ex-

ample would be a resident coming forward with information.

Schrader revealed that he works at the pharmacy in town, and has seen people from that building come in to the pharmacy with bed bugs falling off of them. According to the Borough, Schrader's experience is second or third hand information, and does not suffice for reasonable cause. Schrader also alleged that there is black mold growing in the building. Another Borough member spoke up on the matter. He said that many people who live in the building are afraid to speak up because of the

landlord. Essentially, the Borough made clear that they cannot do anything about alleged cockroaches and bed bugs without first hand information.

In addition to the McBratney Building, Schrader also expressed concern about trash being piled on a porch on Lycoming Street. The Code Officer said that he has already sent a notice out for that specific issue.

Schrader continues with his concerns. At the last meeting, Schrader talked about a member not being present at meetings. According to Schrader, over the last year, a

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Bradford County announces municipal primary election

The Bradford County Board of Elections announces this year's Municipal Primary Election and the Special Election for the 12 Congressional District will be held on May 21, 2019. Those wishing to register to vote, change their address or party affiliation may do so by mail or in person. The deadline to register to vote is Apr. 22, 2019. Individuals may register in person at the Election Bureau located in the Annex Building or on-line by visiting www.register.votespa.com.

Anyone who will be out of the municipality on May 21 or has an illness that would prevent them from voting in person may apply for an absentee ballot prior to the deadline of May 14, 2019. All voted ballots must be received in the office of the County Board of Elections prior to 5 o'clock on May 17, 2019. (Postmarks are not permitted.)

For further information please contact 570-265-1717 or email smithkorsr@bradfordco.org.

Thank you to **Ryan Schrader of Canton** for subscribing to **The Sentinel**. Have a great day!

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Weather
 We won't be cold this week!
Canton Weather Substation

Date	High	Low	Precip
Apr. 11	54	47	0%
Apr. 12	61	57	20%
Apr. 13	72	54	20%
Apr. 14	59	53	50%
Apr. 15	63	44	60%
Apr. 16	61	45	0%
Apr. 17	63	50	10%
Apr. 18	59	52	40%
Apr. 19	64	52	50%



Troy girls soccer helps Garden Club decorate baskets

Members of the Troy Girls Soccer Team helped decorate the baskets in downtown Troy with the Heritage Garden Club in preparation for the upcoming Easter holiday.

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Canton Chamber holds April Meeting

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The Canton Area Chamber of Commerce met Apr. 4 at the Canton High School.

The meeting was called to order and the Secretary and Treasurer's report approved.

Old Business: The Bradford County Tourism Promotion Agency was discussed. There was a seminar that taught travel trends in the motor coach industry. A grant workshop was put together with partners who offer grants and regional planning and development. The workshop was successful and there will be another one in May or June. The Gold Wing Motorcycle Crew is coming (a couple hundred). The New York state bowling tournament will be Apr. 12 through May 19. The tournament brings about 4,000 people per weekend.

Rialto Theatre: Saturday, Apr. 13 at 12:30 p.m. is National Theatre Live's "I am Not Running". Sunday, Apr. 14 at 4 p.m. is a free movie, popcorn and soda. Playing will be "Beautiful Boy, Community Conversations for Social Repair". Thursday, Apr. 18 at 7 p.m. is Ike Bower's concert.

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Bradford-Tioga Head Start hold Legislative Luncheon

Local, County, State, and Federal Legislators found out what it is like to attend a Head Start/Pre-K program. PA Representative Clint Owlett, PA Head Start Association Outreach Coordinator Michelle Smith, PA Representative Tina Pickett's Field Representative Patti Martin, Blossburg Mayor Shane Nickerson, PA Senator Joseph Scarnati's Field Representative Deb Rudy, Tioga County Commissioner Erick Coolidge and Tioga County Commissioner Roger Bunn all attended a Legislative Luncheon and classroom tour on Apr. 1, 2019. An overview of the program, a ride on one of the program's school buses, and a tour of the Blossburg 2 classroom which is located in the Blossburg Elementary School were given to the attendees. Legislators engaged with local Head Start children to learn how the children's play is really their work. Jody Thomas, Executive Director, provided an overview of the program, Marvin Hall operated the school bus to transport the legislators to the school, and Bill Swingle, Blossburg Elementary School Principal gave a tour of the hydroponics and library. Jen Monahan, Teacher; Jen Shedd, Teacher Aide; and Kayla Sherant, Classroom Aide/Bus Monitor Substitute; and children showed Legislators all of the activities they do every

day, including things like woodworking, technology, art projects, writing, reading, dramatic play which prepare them for entering kindergarten. Board members in attendance included Sam Rotella, Southern Tioga School District Superintendent; Brooks Eldredge-Martin, retired Executive Director of Bradford County Regional Arts Council; PJ Barnes, Board Chair and past Head Start parent; and Joann Ogden, former Laurel Health System Board member and Blossburg proud resident. Each provided important reasons why early childhood education is important and how Bradford-Tioga Head Start, Inc. touches children and families. Joann Ogden commented that "serving the whole family is important in a child's life; parents are a large part of the programming; where they live, how they parent, what guidance they receive is all so crucial to a child's success and families get this from Bradford-Tioga Head Start." Sam Rotella shared that "Bradford-Tioga Head Start is a successful program; it has an administration that sees the big picture, works excellently with the state and federal governments and partners extremely well with school districts; I am proud to be part of their Board and partnership." Jody Thomas asked Leg-

islators to increase federal and state funding to provide additional slots for children and to increase PA Pre-K Counts cost per child. Thomas said, "increasing funding to provide more children the opportunity to attend Bradford-Tioga Head Start's preschool programming will ready more children for kindergarten and increasing the cost per child for the PA Pre-K Counts program will allow funding to keep up with increases in cost of living." Thomas also commented on the Governor's proposal to increase the minimum wage. Thomas shared that "although increasing the minimum wage is important, an increase of almost five dollars an hour is not an action that the program can make without effecting operations. If this increase actually happens, it would force the program to decrease positions which would result in a lower quality of programming. It makes better sense to increase the minimum wage gradually each year in order to keep up with the cost of living." Thomas also commented that "increasing the minimum wage would also impact those families who are currently deemed income eligible for our programs; those that earn minimum wage would then be way above the federal Poverty Guidelines and would not be income eligible for our programs."



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