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Witnesses testify at murder hearing

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 TOWANDA — A Preliminary Hearing in front of Magisterial District Court Judge Jonathan Wilcox for three alleged suspects in a Springfield Township murder investigation was held on Friday, April 26, at the Bradford County Courthouse in Courtroom No. 1. Bradford County Chief District Attorney, Richard Wilson, led the prosecution, against the three Defendants: Ronda Parker (represented by Bradford County Chief Public Defender, Patrick Beirne and First

Assistant Public Defender, Victoria Martin); Summer Heil (represented by Attorney Matthew Diemer); and, Terry Parker (represented by Attorney Cornelius Rotteveel). In March of 2024, it is alleged the three Defendants were involved in the murder of 40 year old, Michael Pruitt, at 1404 Sawyer Road, in Columbia Cross Roads, who was killed, dismembered and burnt. During the prosecution's opening statement, Wilson stated Terry Parker instructed Ronda Parker to lure Pruitt to Bradford

County to be killed. Wilson advised on March 8 or 9, Terry Parker 'finished' the job, by shooting Pruitt multiple times. Wilson commented on March 11, Ronda Parker sent her 18 year old daughter, who testified, numerous text messages and screenshots, indicating someone was murdered. An enormous amount of documents and photographs were entered as Commonwealth Exhibits, including copies of numerous text messages from Ronda Parker, which indicated a pack and play had to

be burned and she was concerned about her children's safety. A screenshot stated, 'already got half of him in the bag but ran out of contractor bags.' Another text read, 'Terry, Clorox is not enough, it's everywhere.' Ronda Parker told her daughter over the phone that Terry Parker killed somebody. Corporal James Rappburn of Crime Unit of PSP Towanda, testified when he arrived at the scene, they discovered a garbage burn pile, with a smothering/burning pile of human re-

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Troy Borough seeks to hire another police officer

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 TROY — Troy Borough Council held their monthly meeting on Thursday, April 25. Manager Dan Close advised Police Officer Jenkins provided his two week notice of resignation, effective April 10. On April 1, the Protection Committee met and agreed to advertise that the Borough is accepting applications for a police officer. They ran a quarter page in the Daily Review on Saturday, April 6, and have it on the Borough website. Sergeant Frank Monroe is working with the Committee and Borough, at no cost, to assist with acquiring another officer. He has educated others in the law enforcement field. His focus

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ENJOYING A DAY AT MAPLE FEST



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Locals from all over the region flooded Alparon Park for the Endless Mountains Maple Festival. The Monster Truck Show leaped into action at the Endless Mountains Maple Festival on Saturday, April 27. Big Brown the Legend was one of the many trucks stomping cars at the event.

Two CBA employees earn credits at conference

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 CANTON — The Canton Borough Authority met on Tuesday, April 9 at the wastewater treatment facility. Manager Ryan Machmer and Nick Petrowski, employees of the CBA, attended a day at the Pennsylvania Rural Water Conference. Machmer took classes on PFAS/PFOA and Risk Management, while Petrowski took a class on Valve Workshop and Wastewater Under the Microscope, each earning six credits towards their

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New Life Church Hosts Canton Little League Opening Day

New Life Church hosted their third annual Opening Day family event on April 27th. This tradition was brought to being by Jana Kaufman, this year Karla Mullen stepped in to lead approximately 35 volunteers. Among happy helpers were Justin and Whitney Fitzwater providing free games, Dan Colton the Train Conductor, Samantha Zenewicz heading up Registration, and Christy Buck at Concessions. "As Christy does for all the LL games" Says Spokesperson Travis Fitch. Along with the festivities, lunch was provided by New Life allowing a no expense family outing. "Favorite parts of the day for the church are community outreach and fellowship of families" shared Travis Fitch and Karla Mullen. "From a league perspective the recognition of the players and watching them have fun with their teammates is a favorite to watch" says Fitch. "Thanks to Jasmine Mayek helping me lead, it wasn't just me" said Mullen. "A big shout out to everyone at NLC as well who allow the LL to utilize the field for their season." Said Fitch in closing.

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Bradford County Historical Society to hold open meeting

On Thursday May 23, the Bradford County Commissioners, Henry G. Farley Bradford County Representative to America250PA and Matthew Carl Executive Director of the Bradford County Historical Society invite all interested parties to a kickoff meeting to be held at the Bradford County Public Safety Building in North Towanda. The meeting is open to all people who have an interest in forming a commission to plan the events to be held in Bradford County in 2026 when our country reaches its Semiquincentennial, The Endless Mountains Heritage Region and Bradford County Tourism Promotion Agency will be working with the commission. The meeting will begin at 1 pm in the large education room at the Public Safety facility. America250PA was formed in 2018 to engage all citizens of the Commonwealth, from all 67 counties to celebrate the contributions of all Pennsylvanians

to the Commonwealth and the Nation. Farley who was president of the Bradford County Historical Society at the time was appointed by the Bradford County Commissioners to the commission in 2021. The commission has used E.P.I.C. as an acronym for Educate, Preserve, Innovate and Celebrate to facilitate planning for 2026. Pennsylvania was the birthplace of democracy and almost 250 years ago, thirteen colonies joined together in PA to sign the Declaration of Independence. The commission formed at the May 23 meeting will help plan events and programs, and initiatives across Bradford County for the celebratory year 2026. There will be a power point presentation of activities that occurred in Bradford County in 2012 when the county celebrated its bicentennial along with ideas that could be help the formation for events in 2026. This meeting is open

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