

Meeting: Draws few teens

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ing something, because they're afraid of the complications or a big lawsuit," Fuller said after the meeting. "I'm afraid I might get cancer but I don't know what I'm supposed to do so I don't get it.

That's why I bring my own water to school."

School and health officials have repeatedly said that the school's water — the same water given to the rest of the city's municipal customers — is safe.

Schuck asked why the number of students with cancer went from 13 to 24 in less than a month.

The additional cases were discovered after other students or their parents called the health department to report the cases following the health department's public request, said Thomas Kump, a school board member and director of environmental health with the county health department.

"There's probably more people with cancer out there who haven't contacted the health department yet," said Kump. "So that number could get even higher."

Dr. Rose Byland, an oncologist at the Falck Cancer Center at Arnot Ogden Medical Center in Elmira, reminded the four students that cancer doesn't appear overnight, but usually takes 20 years or more to develop.

However, Byland noted that cancer is rare in people 20 and under.

At least one of the four girls, 15-year-old Justine Brockenberry, said she felt better after Thursday's meeting.

"I'm more aware now of what

they're doing — the testing and so on," said Brockenberry. "I'm kind of scared because I don't want to get cancer. But if it was the school that was causing the cancer, everyone would have it, but only a few kids do."

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Correction

■ Tickets for the Nicholas Payton concert Saturday night in the Corning Museum of Glass Auditorium are \$20 each for adults, \$15 each for seniors and students. The price for adult tickets was incorrect in Thursday's Time Out.

■ Former Pennsylvania Gov.

Robert Casey was not the man pictured in a photo accompanying a story about Casey's illness in some editions of Thursday's newspaper. The correct photo of Casey appears with this correction.



The Star-Gazette regrets the errors.

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