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## Newfield Old Home Days cancelled for 2025

The committee for Old Home Days (OHD) was in the midst of preparing for the annual celebration in the town of Newfield.

By Kevin L. Smith  
Then, the committee hit a couple of roadblocks. This forced the committee to cancel Old Home Days for 2025, postponing the event until 2026.

This year's Old Home Days were originally scheduled for July 26-27. Newfield Central School District (CSD), however, will be renovating its campus through the upcoming capital project.

Since a majority of Old Home Days takes place on Newfield CSD's property, the committee had to find an alternative.

"We had the date all set with the school, then the contractors [for the capital project] moved up the [construction] date," said Vicki Cody, chair of the OHD committee. "The entire school, the parking lot, the ball fields, the sidewalks — everything but the front lawn of the school — will be completely torn up on our original date."

The committee considered Sept. 26-27 but once again dealt with a scheduling conflict. Newfield High School's annual homecoming celebration is that weekend, with the varsity football team's Sept. 27 matchup against Elmira Heights at the center of it.

"So, we just decided to postpone," Cody said. "The crowd would go up to the field, so we wouldn't have anyone for [Old Home Days]."

The committee looked at different times of the year, but Cody noted there wasn't another ideal weekend to hold Old Home Days.

"We didn't want to go into October because we would've run into a lot of rain and cold weather," Cody said. "It was tough to have it during other weekends in September, too, with school starting and everything else going on."

Other venues in Newfield were also considered before a final decision was made.

"Newfield isn't very flat, so we don't have a whole lot of options for places to do it and have a successful parade," Cody said. "We figured that we should give it a year off and try for better things next year."

Cody said that she and the OHD committee apologize to the community for canceling this year's event.

## Innovative housing solutions outlined at Cornell Town-Gown conference



Photo by Joe Scaglione

**Compass Mobile Home Community in Ulysses is one example of the ways in which Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services is reimagining its housing strategies.**

By Jaime Cone Hughes  
*Managing Editor*

Rethinking perceptions of multi-unit dwellings, revitalizing mobile home parks and embracing modular homes as a cheaper way to build were just a few of the strategies discussed by the four panelists of diverse backgrounds who spoke during the "Innovative Strategies to Expand Middle-Income Housing" panel at the Cornell University Regional Town-Gown Conference.

The theme of the event was "Housing: Meeting the Needs of Our Communities."

Rusty Weaver, director of research at the Buffalo Co-Lab at Cornell University, said that "middle-income" housing refers to two ideas: the people who qualify as "middle income" in terms of the housing market and the residences that qualify as the "middle-income" housing they require.

"In terms of the design side of urban planning, there's a concept of missing middle housing that thinks about housing on a gradient against single-family homes all the way up to high rises or bigger apartments," Weaver said. "Generally, when you see this concept presented in that gradient, the units that are all in the middle are ones that our planners will tend to say, 'They don't exist,' in a lot of markets, or at least they're relatively rare in a lot of markets."

### Townhomes and the Jefferson County case study

Mid-tier density units — units like townhomes and duplexes that have a density slightly higher than a single-family home but lower than a high-rise — are going to be more compatible with urban form and community and are not resisted

as heavily as larger-scale developments targeted toward middle- or low-income people, Weaver said.

Middle-income housing is relatively rare in terms of its distribution throughout New York state. It is about 21% of the state's total housing stock, and only 2% of units currently classified as vacant and available for rent or sale.

Outside of New York City, middle-income housing tends to be concentrated in the Buffalo and Albany areas.

"There is maybe something of an anomaly up there in the North Country: Jefferson County," said Weaver, who brought up the example of Jefferson County to illustrate how government dollars can make a big impact on communities when those dollars are allocated toward middle-income housing.

The county has such a high percentage of middle-income housing because of Fort Drum.

"The federal government largely got out of being a housing developer back in the 1970s," Weaver said. "But that's only on the social services side, or the urban development side. On the military side, the Department of Defense is still a housing developer."

Fort Drum Mountain Community, which is targeted toward members of the military but is also open to the general population, was part of an initial \$25 million investment by the Department of Defense to create a new, urban-style neighborhood. It was established in 2005 and is still thriving, Weaver said, adding that currently Jefferson County still has about 75% of its rental units below \$1,500 a month.

"We have a very successful model," he said of the Fort Drum community. "The big takeaway is that we can do this. The

federal government used to do this. We still can, but we need that bill. We need the public to say it's a good idea, and we need to support the community."

Tompkins County will start seeing construction of \$500,000 townhomes and above, predicted Kate de la Garza, executive director of Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services, an organization based in Ithaca that is dedicated to expanding housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents of Cayuga, Chemung, Cortland, Schuyler, Seneca, Tioga and Tompkins Counties.

"When I check with realtors, I'm like, 'No, really?' That's where we're at. And so there could be a market for that," de la Garza said. "I think because of such a supply shortage and because of the dynamics of median income here, we do have folks who are willing to pay for new supply [in that category]."

The cost of financing and land assembly has created "real barriers" for market rate developers, de la Garza said, "and so that leaves us with this middle tranche. And how do we support that? Is it working with local employers on more robust down payment assistance? Is it working with local institutions on potential development partnerships, where we can target different income levels? It demands more creativity than just subsidy alone. It demands that we come to the table at all levels and talk about how to reduce construction costs."

### Utilizing modular and mobile homes

INHS has found that modular homes are an effective way to cut costs.

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# What Can You Buy For Easter at a Specialty Market?



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# Street Beat

By Jaime Cone Hughes

## What is your favorite holiday mascot?



The Easter Bunny.  
Dawn, Groton

On April 19, Earth Day Festival will return to the Ithaca Commons for its second year, with the theme "Together for Tomorrow."

From noon to 5 p.m., attendees can enjoy family-friendly activities, resources and music, organized by the Cornell University Cooperative Extension (CCE) in collaboration with the city of Ithaca.

Authentic Jerk Restaurant and Grill and Kiely's Cooking will serve a variety of dishes, including locally sourced vegetarian and vegan-friendly options, starting at noon until they run out.

"We had such a great turnout last year and loved being in the mix of everything on the Commons," said Dawn Montanye, environment issue leader at Cornell Cooperative Extension Tompkins County.

Last year, CCE estimated that about 1,000 people braved the gusty weather to attend, according to Chris Skawski, energy and climate change team lead for Cornell Cooperative Extension Tompkins County.

"For a pretty windy day in mid-April, we thought it did pretty well," he said.

Montanye said that this year she is looking forward to people learning more about what the Cooperative Extension has to offer, as well as other community organizations that partnered with the Extension for the festival. She said the festival gives visitors an idea of how the community is responding together to address the climate crisis when it comes to electrification and electric vehicles, as well as the ways in which climate change is intersecting with nutrition and family well-being.



A bat for Halloween.  
Mercy, Dryden



A vampire.  
Michael, Dryden



St. Nick.  
Chris, Dryden



Krampus.  
James, Ithaca

# Earth Day Festival returns to Ithaca Commons



Photo provided

**The Cornell Cooperative Extension PowerHouse will make an appearance at the Earth Day Festival on the Commons April 19.**

There will be an induction cooktop demonstration wherein chili will be cooked using electricity from a Ford F150 electric vehicle.

"That will show how effective an electric cooktop is, and how we can move away from gas, which can be harmful to the environment and people's health when it's used inside," Montayne said.

Master Gardeners will join the festivities to educate those who are interested about how to grow their own food.

Cooperative Extension energy resource advisors will educate people on incentive

a CCE Electric Vehicle Show, Ithaca Bike-share and Carshare, Ithaca College Eco Reps, Sew Green and Soil Factory.

"It's going to give people something they can think about on Earth Day, the day after," Skawski said, "the whole idea being come on down, enjoy the atmosphere, and walk away with something you're going to chew on in your own life and bring back to your community."

Don Haas, director of teacher programming with the Paleontological Research Institution, will be on hand with interactive demonstrations for all ages.

Haas hammers home the impacts of fossil fuels using props like a block of pure graphite that is two inches by two inches by six inches. He asks people how they think it compares to the amount of carbon in a gallon of gasoline. The answer? Three blocks of carbon of that size weigh about 5.5 pounds, which is still not as much as the six pounds present in one gallon of gasoline.

**"...enjoy the atmosphere, and walk away with something you're going to chew on in your own life and bring back to your community."**

**Chris Skawski, Energy and Climate Change Team Lead**

**CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION  
TOMPKINS COUNTY**



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**A bicycle repair clinic at the 2024 Earth Day Festival. The event returns this year with the theme "Together for Tomorrow."**

"There are so many people in our community doing cool work, and it takes all of us," Skawski said.

There will be hands-on experiences such as a mending circle.

"There will be expert menders there that are volunteering with cloth and leather, and people can bring clothes they want mended and work on them," Montayne said.

One of the most popular activities from last year's festival, a clothing swap, will be back again this year.

programs regarding heat pumps and solar energy systems for their homes.

The Lilypad Puppet Theatre will perform a puppet show from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

A PowerHouse tiny house will be parked on scene, full of educational information about energy and renewable energy.

"It's educational but very hands-on," Montayne said.

Some of the other 25-plus cooperative extension projects and community partners that will be present at the festival include

"Basically, the big goal is to communicate that we urgently need to get to work in addressing climate change and figure out how to drastically reduce emissions that we're putting into the air," Haas said. "We need to take fire out of the energy system wherever it is and replace it with a cooler process at a lower cost. ... Wherever we can replace that fire with another process, that is a step in the right direction."

"My goal," he added, "is to stun people into action and not leave them scared but leave them with something they can work on to make the situation better."

For more information on the event, visit <https://energy.cctompkins.org/earthday/>.

To visit the event on Facebook, visit <https://www.facebook.com/share/18t5Hc-ModM/>.

# Residents' feedback to Ulysses park proposal largely positive, with some concerns

The Ulysses Town Board hosted a public hearing on April 8, where residents chimed in on a proposal to allow the town board to accept a land donation made by residents Marvin and Allison Pritts for Ulysses to establish its first public park.

The public hearing is set to continue at the town board's April 22 meeting. So far, along with the comments that flowed in during the hour-long public comment section, the town has received comments via email.

"We have received eight letters of opposition, 76 letters in favor and 2 mis-

cellaneous ones, or sent by people who live outside of Ulysses," said Town Supervisor Katelin Olson, adding that most of them are available on the town's website, [townofulyssesny.gov](http://townofulyssesny.gov).

**"The process would be to engage the community in a robust opportunity to submit their thoughts and concerns of things they would want to see and how they want to see it developed."**

**KATELIN OLSON**  
Supervisor, Town of Ulysses

Community input was mixed throughout the April 8 session, which

went on for slightly more than an hour. Some residents said that the potential park could bring community members together and offer recreational places for residents of all ages. Some said that the Prittss' almost-16-acre parcel at 5320 Cold Springs Rd. could be used for athletic facilities.

Marlaine Darfler said the park is a shared community project and space. She added that that is something that is strongly needed in the area.

Other residents said they were concerned about an increase in foot traffic. Patty Porter said she is worried about the property value of her home in the area and hopes that the town can set guidelines for a potential park, such as hours of operation.

But Supervisor Olson said the town is far from being at that stage of planning. The public hearing was not mandatory, she said, but it was a great opportunity for residents to provide public input on the donation of the land. The town has an FAQ site for the donation of the land and the government process behind it. Olson directed residents to check out the page, but noted that the town wants a robust process for the public to submit its questions and concerns.

"I really want the public to share their opinions for folks who have concerns, whether you live in the neighborhood or not, to share those concerns."

**See PARK on pg 7**

## Dryden aims to lay 1.7 miles of new sidewalks in 2026

Portions of the village and town of Dryden will soon have sidewalks to access different parts of the area.

Village officials, with assistance from town representatives, applied for funding through the federal government's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) to install new sidewalks.

In return, the village received \$5.12 million in TAP grant funding. The New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) furthered the process of the application in order for the village to receive the funds.

"The village went after the grant because somebody had to be the lead," Village Mayor Mike Murphy said. "We're very fortunate that the town of Dryden joined us."

According to a map of the proposed project, the new sidewalks will stretch 1.71 miles throughout the village and the town. More than 5,000 linear feet of sidewalk will be installed in the town, while the village will see over 4,300 linear feet of new walkways.

Murphy noted that the grant funding will also cover the installation of two remote-controlled light systems. The light systems, Murphy added, are similar to the crosswalk units on North Street next to the fire station and the corner of Union Street/Route 13 in the village.

**"We went after the grant to make Ezra Village and the village of Dryden itself a desirable place."**

**MIKE MURPHY**  
Mayor, Village of Dryden

The new light systems will be placed on North Street: one between Dollar General and Village Taqueria and Grill, and another near the Little Creek Mobile Home Park next to the Bright Day Laundromat.

"You push the button and both sides start flashing, as opposed to a constant yellow flashing light. It's a rapid response," Murphy said.

Pending a finalized agreement from state DOT officials, Murphy anticipates that the project will go out



By Jaime Cone Hughes

**A new flashing light at this intersection on North Street in Dryden is one of the additional aspects of a sidewalk construction project slated to begin in 2026.**

to bid for contractors by late 2025 or early 2026. Murphy added that he anticipates work to install the sidewalks will begin in spring 2026.

"I don't foresee any sidewalk work before next year," Murphy said. "It will take a long time to do all the [paper] work. It won't be finalized probably until the fall, so the [winter] isn't an ideal time to do the work."

A newly released map details where sidewalks will be installed, including Route 13, Ellis Drive, Route 38, Mott Road, Enterprise Drive and North Street.

Murphy said the new sidewalks will be installed "back-and-forth" between the village and the town.

Some of the sidewalks will be on both sides of Dryden High School, across from Tompkins Cortland Community College, by the building on North Street that used to hold the Queen Diner, and behind Dedrick's Farm Market, Murphy added.

A majority of the new sidewalks will be installed near the location of Ezra Village, a projected 749-unit apartment complex, to soon make its way into the Dryden area.

Ithaca-based developer Rocco Lucente has developed the apartment complex for the village. The Lucente family has created numerous apartment complexes, more recently the

Village Solars apartments in Lansing. Developing major projects for over 40 years, the Lucente family has built the East Gate Apartments, Hanshaw Corners townhouses, Sanctuary Drive subdivision, Briarwood I subdivision and more.

Ezra Village, which is anticipated to cost over \$70 million, will be located at the corner of Mott Road and North Street and will span 42 acres. The project will be spread out over a period of anywhere from 11 to 15 years, with about 72 units built in each of the project's 10 phases.

Named after Ezra Cornell, co-founder of Cornell University, the proposed apartment complex ties into the university and the large number of village residents who work there.

"The people living there will be able to walk down to the center of the village or wherever. We will be providing those sidewalks," Murphy said. "We went after the grant to make Ezra Village and the village of Dryden itself a desirable place."

Once the project is set to break ground, Murphy said the village and the town will be able to measure elevation and align the sidewalks in the area.

"We have a lot of sidewalks in the village, so at some point we'd like

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# Big Boat Cafe returning to Lansing Harbor Marina

The Big Boat Cafe crew is preparing to arrive at the Lansing Harbor Marina for a third season serving scrumptious breakfast and lunch aboard the now well-known vessel.

Longtime Tompkins County residents Penny Westbrook and Jay O'Leary, owners and operators of Big Boat Cafe, are hoping to continue riding the wave of success and community support that has only been growing since they first opened their doors in 2023.

The two Lansing residents serve tasty breakfast and lunch sandwiches and coffee, with nutritious smoothies and plant-based options to boot, out of a remodeled houseboat at 44 Marina Rd. Hungry passersby can find the vessel overlooking Cayuga Lake open every weekend from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Opening day for Big Boat will be May 10, Mother's Day weekend and the season will run all the way to Labor Day in September.

Westbrook and O'Leary reflected on their journey with Big Boat Cafe in an interview with Tompkins Weekly, highlighting the lessons learned throughout, new menu items coming up and their favorite part of owning a floating cafe.

Big Boat opened its doors three years ago to tremendous community support, something that has carried the business forward.

"We freaking love it," Westbrook said. "The biggest thing for us is just meeting all of the people around us. We've met so many people and made so many friends."

The regulars have come from all over, the couple said.

"They come from downtown Ithaca and from the Lansing community," Westbrook said.

The duo splits duties. Westbrook said that when she is hard at work in the kitchen, O'Leary is engaging with customers, tending to the register.

**"The biggest thing for us is just meeting all of the people around us. We've met so many people and made so many friends."**

**PENNY WESTBROOK**  
Co-owner, Big Boat Cafe

"Jay is my social director," Westbrook said. "So, he not only takes your order, but he talks to the customers," she added jokingly.

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By Eddie Velazquez



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# Many opportunities to celebrate Easter in Groton

Have you ever wondered why the date for Easter Sunday varies from year to year? According to Wikipedia, the date of



By Linda Competillo

Easter is determined via a complex algorithm that places Easter on the first Sunday after the first astronomical full moon, on or after March 21.

For 2025, that algorithm places Easter on April 20, and in Groton, the Groton Fire Department (GFD) and seven local churches are ready to offer the community a plethora of ways to celebrate it.

The GFD will kick things off with its traditional Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 19, with special-colored eggs that have prizes inside, and lots of candy. The hunt segregates by age group, beginning at 9 a.m. for age three and under; 9:20 a.m. for ages four through six; and 9:40 a.m. for ages seven through 10.

"We are excited to host the hunt at our new facility at 308 Main St.," GFD Chief Eric DeForrest said. "As we have settled into our new station, we have capitalized on the opportunities of hosting events in-house, not only utilizing our new space, but allowing the events to bring people in to see it."

DeForrest added that they will use the outside of the building if weather permits; if not, they will utilize the inside.

Groton Assembly of God Church will hold a sunrise service at Stonehedges Golf Course at 7 a.m. Sunday, April 20, with a short time of worship and a teaching based on the resurrection of Jesus.

At 10 a.m. at the church, 701 S. Main St., there will be a time of worship with music, followed by the Easter drama "It Is Finished," written by a church member. The drama presents challenges people face and how they can find help in light of Easter, a celebration of Jesus' resurrection. KidsConnect is offered at the same time in the children's wing, for children five years old to sixth grade.

The cast in the drama includes Justin and Melissa Besler; Keith and Marcia Blanchard; Steve Chandler; John Huether; Asante Julius; Solomon Lamb; Erin Neno; Sam Neno; Mike Rinchack; Caesar, Nadia, Natalia, Nayaliz and Zuleika Torres; Art Webb; and a "crowd."

"In particular, we will be seeking what was accomplished when Jesus said from the cross, 'It is finished!'" said Pastor Sam Neno. "We invite people seeking hope, encouragement and healing to join us for our Easter services. We share the same word that has been preached for 2,000 years. All are welcome. Please come as you are; we dress casually."

**"As we have settled into our new station, we have capitalized on the opportunities of hosting events in-house."**

## CHIEF ERIC DEFORREST Groton Fire Department

Groton City Church will hold an Easter sunrise service at 8:15 a.m. at 1034 Old Stage Rd., at Sheldon Clark's pond. Reverend James Hicks will lead worship. Immediately following will be breakfast at the church, 47 Groton City Rd., followed by a 10 a.m. Easter service with Reverend Rich Barron leading worship.

Groton Community Church (GCC), 204 E. Cortland St., offers a Good Friday service at 4 p.m., described by its minister, Reverend Dr. Barb E. Blom, as "A somber service as we prepare to give to Christ all that burdens us so that we can rise with joy on Easter morning!"

The GCC's Easter Sunday service is at 9:30 a.m., the time of its regular Sunday services.

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!" Blom said. "We are a loving and fun community who seek to follow the teaching and life of Jesus, who taught us to care for each other, our neighbors and all of creation."

Blom is available for spiritual or pastoral counseling or just to chat at revbarbe@gmail.com.

On Easter Sunday, Heritage Baptist Church, 108 Elm St., will host guest speaker Pastor Everett Napanuoa, who has most recently pastored in Parishville, New York, and has now retired. He will speak in Sunday School at 10 a.m. and Sunday service at 11 a.m.

Saint Anthony's Roman Catholic Church, 312 Locke Rd., will hold its Easter Sunday mass on Saturday, April 19 at 7:30



Photo by Linda Competillo

**The New Testament Church of Peruville is one of seven Groton churches that will be offering special Easter services and more during the coming week and on Easter Sunday.**

p.m. The church's typical weekly masses are held at 4:30 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Father John Gagnier is the parochial administrator.

The New Testament Church of Peruville, 1380 Peruville Rd., will hold a 7 a.m. sunrise service, followed by a free pancake breakfast at 8:15, after which will be a 9:30 service featuring the cantata "It is Finished," arranged and orchestrated by Russell Mauldin of Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing.

Pastor John Iler welcomes all for Easter and for regular Sunday services at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., youth group Sunday nights from 6:15 to 7:30, Kids Club (ages 4 through 11) Wednesdays at 6 p.m. and prayer meetings 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Pastor Chip Wood of West Groton Bible Church, 854 Cobb St., invites all to come to worship this Easter season. He said, "There will be a Good Friday service at 6 p.m., focused on Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross, and an Easter worship service at 10:30 a.m. Come and celebrate as we worship the risen Savior, Christ our King. We provide a nursery for parents of young children up to age three."

"A good share of our services consist of worship in music," Wood explained. "Come as you are; we wear what we like. You will find a friendly group of people of all ages from the surrounding area and beyond. My wife and I fell in love with these

dear saints long before we started ministering here. Now that we have been here for a year, the bond just keeps growing deeper. If you're looking for a church family, we trust that you will enjoy it here, too!"

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## In brief: Happenings at the Groton Public Library

- The GPL Board of Trustees annual meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 22. This annual meeting will include elections and a budget vote. It is an open meeting, and the public is welcome.
- The Friends of the Library annual meeting will also be held Tuesday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. It is also an open meeting to which the public is invited.

## Spaghetti supper

Groton City Church, 47 Groton City Rd. will hold one of its famous spaghetti suppers on Saturday, April 26 from 4 p.m. until gone. The supper includes great spaghetti, tossed salad, bread, beverage and dessert. Cost is a free-will offering and will benefit the fuel fund. The church is handicapped-accessible, and all are welcome.

## HISTORY OF TOMPKINS COUNTY



The Black Lives Matter Movement was founded in 2013 in response to the murder of unarmed Black teenager Trayvon Martin and the acquittal of his killer. The phrases Black Lives Matter and Say Their Names have become rallying cries in the global struggle to end state-sanctioned violence against Black people. The History Center's Black Lives Matter Collection contains artifacts that were donated after the protests in Ithaca in 2020, after the killing of Breonna Taylor in Louisville, KY and George Floyd in Minneapolis, MN.

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# PARK

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cerns," Olson said. She noted that the town has already started to engage residents who live near the parcel on Cold Springs Road to hear their perspectives.

Olson stressed that the town board is currently not considering any specific uses for the park and that it will be some time before those more advanced conversations can occur.

"The proposal of the donation is in fact for recreation in the future, but we are not considering a particular plan," she said. "The town board authorized the submission of an application to Cornell Design Connect Program. If the project is selected, it can give the community an opportunity to start collecting that specific feedback if the town board does decide to accept the donation. At this point, we are only considering the donation and proposed subdivision of a particular piece of land."

So far, Olson said, the town has shown a high level of engagement on the promise of a potential recreational facility on the Cold Springs Road parcel.

"The process would be to engage the community in a robust opportunity to submit their thoughts and concerns of things they would want to see and how they want to see it developed," she said. "With the energy we have seen

and public engagement at this point, we would have a very engaged public in that process if the town gets to that process."

But how far the public's opinion can stretch was the question in the mind of some residents. The last time the town attempted to build a public park, in 2023, the town board considered purchasing a parcel elsewhere in the town. That plan was defeated at the ballot box as residents expressed concerns about foot traffic, among other worries. At the April 8 meeting, a resident asked if the town planned to also have a referendum on the usage of the Cold Springs Road parcel.

Olson said that would not be possible due to state law constraints.

"The way the law is written, it specifies that if the town is going to purchase and build a building, then a public vote can be triggered," she said, adding that this process is called a "permissive referendum." "The public has a window of 30 days to submit a petition, and that is the process we went through in 2023. We proposed using public funds to purchase property. In the situation of a donation, the state law doesn't give us permission to hold a permissive referendum, which means the town board doesn't have a legal mechanism to send it to the public to a vote."

The town will revisit a Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) at the first meeting in May. Other involved agencies, such as the planning board and the board of zoning appeals,



Photo provided

**The Ulysses Town Board hosted a public hearing on April 8 regarding a proposal to allow the town board to accept a land donation to establish the town's first public park. The public hearing is set to continue at the town board's April 22 meeting.**

Olson said, gave the town board the okay to continue the FEAF process of reviewing environmental impacts of acquiring the land.

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burg/town of Ulysses area teens aged 14 and up.

Job openings are limited to 12 positions. Each will run 10-12 hours/week for six to seven weeks this summer (72 hours total) at New York state minimum wage (currently \$15.50/hour).

The application is available at <https://forms.gle/Z4JqDpCZKQGMS-jgt5> and is due by May 1.

Teens should complete their own job application to the best of their ability. Parents/guardians will receive an online authorization form.

Questions can be emailed to Rachel Kennedy at [r kennedy@townofulyssesny.gov](mailto:r kennedy@townofulyssesny.gov).

## OLD HOME

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"We did our best," Cody said. "We sought every possible alternative, but there wasn't anything suitable besides the school."

Now, Cody and the committee will focus on next year's Old Home Days, which are tentatively scheduled for July 24-25.

From fireworks to the ping-pong ball drop, Cody said Old Home Days will be back in full swing next year.

"People can expect what they wouldn't get if we tried to put it at a different venue," Cody said. "We're going to try and get a couple of other surprise things for next year, but people can expect what they're used to."

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### In brief:

#### Town of Newfield to hold public hearing on April 24

The town of Newfield is holding a public hearing at the April 24 board meeting for a local law on flood damage prevention.

The hearing will begin at 7 p.m.

at the town hall on 166 Main St. The law is authorized by the "New York State Constitution, Article IX, Section 2, and Environmental Conservation Law, Article 36," according to a description.

Background on the local law is as follows: "This local law is designed to comply with the floodplain management requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program. The Town of Newfield is enacting this local law to comply with FEMA requirements associated with new community and county flood insurance rate maps."

A copy of the local law is available at [newfieldny.org](http://newfieldny.org) or at the town clerk's office during regular business hours.

#### Newfield CSD seeks board of education candidates

The Newfield Central School District is looking for candidates to run in this year's board of education election on May 20.

Three seats are up for election. Incumbents Diana Griffin and Christina Ward will run for re-election. Current board member Michael Jordan will not be running.

Petitions are available at the district office and must be submitted by 5 p.m. April 21.



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**The parade during the annual Newfield Old Home Days. This year's event has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts.**

For more information or questions, contact district clerk Perry Gorgen at [pgorgen@newfieldschools.org](mailto:pgorgen@newfieldschools.org) or call 607-564-9955 ext. 4121.

#### Yoga at the library held every Saturday

A yoga for beginners class will be held on Saturdays at Newfield Public Library from 10 to 11 a.m.

Phyllis KuanYin Chi, a yoga teacher certified through Yoga Farm in Lansing, will lead the class. The in-

structor has additional training in trauma-informed yoga.

The class is on the second floor of the library. It is suitable for people new to yoga or those with mobility issues. There is also an opportunity to deepen poses for those with more experience.

The class is for ages 18 and older. Participants must have their own yoga mat or blanket. The class is free, but there is a suggested donation of \$10.



## April Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday - 13th, 10:00 am • Maundy Thursday - 17th, 7:00 pm

Good Friday - 18th, 5:15 pm

Easter Sunrise Service - 20th, 6:30 am; Lake View Cemetery\*

Easter Worship Service - 20th, 10:00 am

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## Snapshot shows Cornell's impact on local economy

By Laura Reiley

The 2024 Local Economic Snapshot, produced by Cornell's Office of Community Relations and the Office of Budget and Planning, demonstrates the university's sustained efforts to drive entrepreneurship in the region. Rev: Ithaca Startup Works, which Cornell founded in 2014 with Ithaca College and Tompkins Cortland Community College, is one such example. In 2024, Rev companies raised \$6.5 million in capital and created 18 new jobs. In addition, Ithaca-based clients of the Center for Life Science Ventures raised \$2.3 million and supported 40 local jobs, while Ithaca-based clients of Cornell's Praxis Center for Venture Development raised \$14.4 million and supported 40 local jobs.

The snapshot, which covers the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, presents economic impact data tallied by university offices and local agencies in areas including student and visitor spending, entrepreneurship, taxes and fees, and contributions to local municipalities and nonprofits.

Cornell also invested in small community nonprofits last year, and contributed \$300,000 to develop affordable housing with community partners.

"We're proud to have provided more than \$130,000 in direct financial support last year to help area nonprofits combat food insecurity, enhance mental health services and address other economic needs," said Monica Yant Kinney, interim vice president for university relations. "Contributing to local organizations aligns with Cornell's mission to 'do the greatest good.' We are grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with so many nonprofit partners to benefit the community."

Cornell is the region's largest employer, spending \$1.3 billion in pay-

roll last year supporting more than 11,000 university employees living in Tompkins and neighboring counties. In addition to payroll, Cornell's 26,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional students spent \$450 million locally on everything from off-campus rent and utilities to food, entertainment, shopping and personal services. Roughly half of undergraduates and most graduate students live off campus, spending money in neighborhoods across the county and beyond.

University-hosted events and activities such as athletic competitions, family and reunion weekends, graduation and campus tours generated more than 252,000 overnight stays in the city and region. In the most recent fiscal year, campus construction saw a marked increase, with projects including the new Atkinson Hall and the Ann S. Bowers College of Computing and Information Science building, as well as Balch Hall residential renovations. Cornell's construction spending in Tompkins County and adjacent counties surged from \$77 million in 2023 to \$99 million in 2024.

In the same fiscal year, the university spent \$177 million to purchase goods and services in Tompkins and adjacent counties, paid \$4.8 million in taxes on Cornell-related properties and about that same amount in municipal fees that included water, sewer and storm water services.

The university's local economic impact includes substantial contributions to governments, the Ithaca City School District, public transit support and nonprofit organizations. Last year, these investments increased by more than 40%, from \$7 million in 2023 to more than \$10 million in 2024.

Expanding affordable, quality child care is a priority area where Cornell

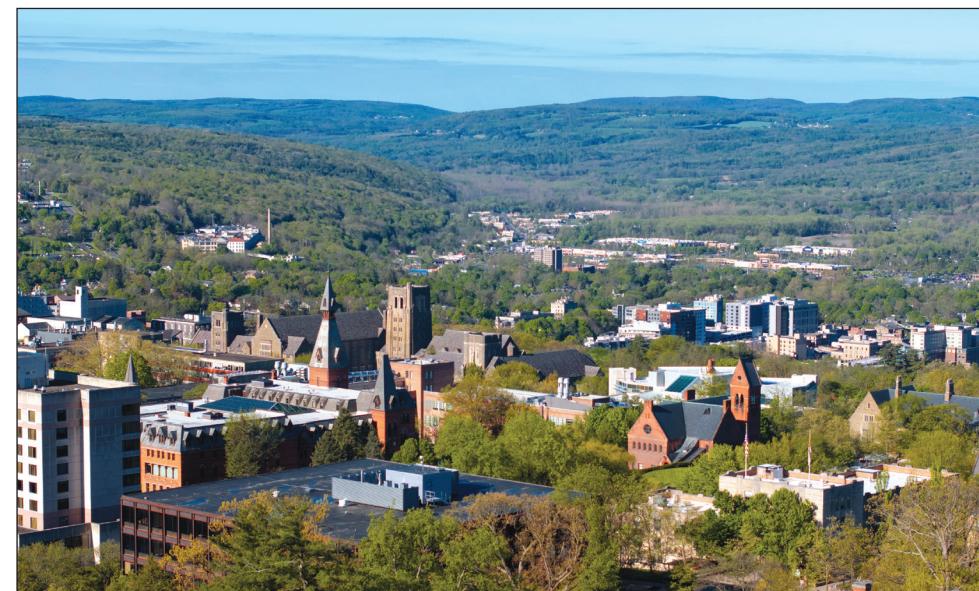


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collaborated directly with local leaders to address.

"Much of New York state is a child care desert," said Barb Mechalke, child care development director of the Child Development Council. "For every three children in need there is one opening for regulated child care in Tompkins County."

In the past two years, Cornell invested more than \$465,000 in child care and educational organizations and initiatives, including the innovative Child Development Grant Program, which helped local family day care centers add 64 child care slots and 18 school-age spots, with nearly 200 total child care spots anticipated in the first year. This effort impacts all Tompkins County residents, as child care slots are open to anyone in the community, not just those with Cornell ties.

Cornell's economic impact is far greater than just the direct impact

captured in the 2024 economic snapshot, according to the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities of New York (CICU) annual economic impact report.

"An economic impact analysis conducted by CICU for the prior year indicates that Cornell has supported over 31,000 regional jobs – both direct and indirect – through its Ithaca based campus operations," said Jennifer Tavares, director of community relations for Cornell. "Further, Cornell's regional economic impact was over \$5.6 billion annually in 2022-23. While this reporting period lags behind our fiscal year reporting, we know that the 2023-24 impact was even greater."

For a full version of this article from the Cornell Chronicle, visit [news.cornell.edu/stories/2025/04/snapshot-shows-cornells-impact-local-economy](http://news.cornell.edu/stories/2025/04/snapshot-shows-cornells-impact-local-economy).

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## SPORTS

**KEY MATCHUPS:** 4/16 Girls Lacrosse: Ithaca vs. Elmira

• 4/17 Boys Lacrosse: Ithaca vs. Union-Endicott • 4/18 Baseball: Lansing vs. Watkins Glen/Odessa-Montour

## Cornell men's lacrosse remains top in the country

It feels like the college lacrosse season has flown by with just two weeks left before postseason play begins, and East Hill is the place to find the best team in the entire nation. That's no understatement.

For the fourth straight week, Cornell men's lacrosse is the top-ranked team in the country with a 10-1 record. Head coach Connor Buczak is more than proud of how his team has handled the pressure of being number one in the rankings over the past few weeks.

"I think they've done a very good job," Buczak said. "I think it was a new problem that we faced and something that we hadn't had in quite some time and in my entire time with the program hadn't faced. You just got to root out any form of contentment."

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**CONNOR BUCZE****Head Coach, Cornell Men's Lacrosse**

The pressure was certainly ramped up in the Big Red's most recent test—and by far their biggest test of the season—when they took on fourth-ranked Syracuse on April 12. This highly-anticipated rivalry matchup had a bit of a twist: the contest took place 250 miles away on Long Island as part of the College Lacrosse Live Series. That didn't prevent Cornell taking care of busi-



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**CJ Kirst has played a massive part in why the men's lacrosse team is the number-one team in the nation. The senior leads the nation in goals per game and points per game and is five goals away from tying the all-time scoring record in NCAA history.**

ness, as they ventured back to Ithaca with a 17-12 win.

After both teams exchanged a pair of goals early on, the Big Red went on a 6-0 scoring and kept the lead for good, with Syracuse only getting as close as a two-goal deficit. Their offensive onslaught was led by the consensus best player in the nation, CJ Kirst. The senior tallied five goals and three assists, bringing his season totals to a jaw-dropping 54 goals and 74 points. Unsurprisingly, he leads the nation in both goals

per game and points per game. He also has a shot at history. He sits just five goals shy of tying the all-time scoring record in NCAA history, currently held by Virginia's Payton Cormier with 224 goals.

Against the Orange, Kirst would face off against another one of the nation's most prolific attackers in Joey Spallina. While Kirst significantly outperformed his adversary—Kirst had eight points, Spallina was limited to just one point—Buczak praised what both of

them have done to grow the game.

"They're excellent ambassadors," Buczak said. "They're great young men that play the game with so much passion and creativity and joy that I think it really sets a great standard for young lacrosse players. I'm not sure that there are two better people to look to to carry that banner. [It's] not just what they do on the field but how they give back to the game, how they car-

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## Lansing tennis gets IAC title defense underway

By Ryan Gineo  
ESPN ITHACA

For the past two years, the Lansing tennis team has been indomitable in the IAC. Not only have the Bobcats gone back-to-back seasons going undefeated in the regular season, they've added a cherry on top of both campaigns with IAC championships. The Bobcats are targeting more of the same in 2025 with a new head coach.

R. J. Malabanan takes over the program from Jamie Saroka, who is staying on as a volunteer assistant coach.

Malabanan is a new face to Lansing, coming to town in September to teach Spanish. It just so happens that most of the players on the Bobcats are in his classes, so his decision to take the reins was a no-brainer.

"We have a great group of boys and girls," Malabanan said. "They're mature. They have the talent. They're crazy about tennis. It's been an easy transition for me to step in and do what I do. I'm very student-centered in my approach as a teacher, listening to them and kind of giving them just enough to work on their skill set, and try to improve their

game in tennis."

Tennis is so often seen as an individual sport, but one of the Bobcats' biggest strengths over the past couple of years is their chemistry. Malabanan gets to set that firsthand and how inseparable they are both on and off the court.

"They just cannot get away from each other," Malabanan said. "They are always on top of each other. They'll have lunch together. They'll come to my room together. They'll be in class together and on the bus. It's obvious that they have camaraderie. For me as a coach, I'm thinking if it's

not a problem, it's not broken, I'm not going to fix it. I'm just going to enhance it and see how it works."

The starting lineup looks similar to last season, but the most significant change is in the first singles spot. With IAC champion Franciszek Dos heading back to Poland after his exchange year in Lansing, Toby Rigdon takes the mantle. The senior finished in fourth place in the second singles bracket at IACs last season and is more than prepared to lead the line this time around.

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## TENNIS

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"Toby definitely has the wing-span," Malabanan said. "The serves are there. There are still things I want to work on with his serve, but it works. His best strength is that he listens. He communicates, and that's something I'm really appreciative of, as are other team players. He sets the tone for the other players."

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R. J. MALABANAN

Head Coach, Lansing Tennis

Carter Watts now occupies the second singles spot. The senior moved up from third singles last year where he was the IAC runner-up.

"Carter brings the joviality and the youthfulness," Malabanan said. "He just has that personality that helps in his game. He just has a positive outlook. He's a good player. He's solid. There are things I still want to work on with him. Consistency is one of the concerns [like] not double faulting as much."

Dean Licitra returns to the Bobcats in the third singles spot after spending last year as an exchange student in Poland. This will be the first time he plays singles for the team after playing doubles in 2022 and 2023.

"Dean has proven himself to be very hungry," Malabanan said. "He's eager. He definitely brings more of

the competitive edge, which is contagious, and he helps others. I have all these personalities that just kind of balance each other out. He has a hungry edge. He's very athletic. His ground strokes have been impressive, so he's a solid player in that regard. But personality-wise, he's more competitive. He wants it."

What's remained the exact same are the doubles pairings that both won IAC titles last time out. Seniors Aidan Maloney and Jackson Clary join forces once more in the first spot, while juniors Tolunay Ayar and Fisher Boerman have the second spot. The latter duo has really caught the eye of Malabanan for their receptiveness to his suggestions.

"I was really impressed by how coachable [they are]," Malabanan said. "They listen to the advice. They change their game, volley a little bit more, slice it a little bit better, and that's what I appreciate about them. Next year they'll be my singles players. They listen. They understand. That coachability aspect is what's really impressing me about these two."

With such a senior-heavy team, Lansing wants to make this season a really special one. Another undefeated season and IAC championship will certainly be achievable, but they desire to go one step further: win a Section IV title. The Bobcats fell shy of that triumph last year after getting swept by Chenango Forks in the Division 2 semifinal.

Lansing returns from spring break on April 21 at Newark Valley, which will also be the site of the IAC Championships on May 12.

as a whole is Wyatt Knust. The senior goaltender made 14 saves against the Orange, and his .560 save percentage ranks in the top 20 nationwide. Ironically, he secured the starting role in last season's matchup against Syracuse, and he has not looked back.

"I think a lot of it is just mentality," Buczek said. "It's such a tough position. For being a team game, those specialists spend so much time in an individual sense. They're one of the 10 that are out there. However, when it's those moments, it's one of one, and one guy can make the saves. I think he's just done a really good job bringing the



Photo by Raid Lyerla

**Lansing's Fisher Boerman (left) and Tolunay Ayar (right) are two of the many key returners for the tennis team. The duo helped the Bobcats win the IAC championship last year by winning the second doubles title.**

## LACROSSE

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ry themselves, how they take care of the young fans and never forget when they were in those positions to stop and sign the ball or do clinics or whatever it might be. I think the game is in a really good place, and you don't have to look much further than the faces of the game in college lacrosse specifically as to why the game's in such a good place right now."

Another major key for the Big Red against Syracuse and in the season

best version of him and the personality traits that we think make him so successful, and his light heartedness and his competitiveness."

The Big Red are three years removed from a national championship appearance. Given the way they've played so far this year even with a giant target on its back, this could very well be the year that Cornell captures its first national title since 1977 under the legendary Richie Moran.

With that being said, Buczek is well aware that the job is far from finished.

"I've heard from a lot of people, 'Congrats, that's great. You're number

one,'" Buczek said. "But [it's] having the recognition that they're not giving out trophies in March. They're not giving out trophies in April. We're trying to keep getting better. I think we struggled with it maybe week one a little bit and in the week of practice. I think they put that behind them and then at some point it's just business as usual. We're trying to go 1-0 every week."

The Big Red have two regular season games remaining. They hit the road on April 19 to battle Harvard and return home on April 26 to entertain Dartmouth.

## John Listar Senior Golf League starting back up soon

The John Listar Senior Golf League will have an organizational meeting on Tuesday, April 22 at 9 a.m. at Newman Clubhouse, located at 101 Piers Road in Ithaca, just past the Guthrie building.

For the first time in its more than 60-year history, the league is accepting women as regular members. The league is open to anyone 60 years or older. Teams will consist of four people based on their level of play (classified from A to D) and will be selected by handicap following the organizational meeting.

Team play (considered match play) will take place on Tuesday mornings, and Captain & Crew will play on Thursday mornings. Scores

will be recorded each week, with the Tuesday averages adjusted each week, as well. Team standings will be kept, and playoffs to determine league champions will be held at the end of the season, followed by the annual banquet for all members.

A captain's meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 29, when rosters and contact info will be presented. League play will begin on Tuesday, May 6, and Thursday, May 8. Play will continue for eight weeks, followed by the 2nd Annual Yuji Morisako Memorial Tournament, scheduled for Tuesday, July 1. There is no other league play that week to observe the Fourth of July holiday. Another eight weeks of play will fol-

low, and the championship matches will be held on Tuesday, September 9, and the banquet scheduled for Thursday September 11.

The league fees are \$50 for both days, \$40 for one day and one sub day, and \$30 for subs only for both days. All signups must be completed by Friday, April 25.

Anyone who is interested in joining the league should contact Ray Pompilio by email at 4raypomp4@gmail.com or by phone at 607-273-8725. Those who are not able to attend the meeting should contact Pompilio or Chas Bruner, who can be reached by email at chasbruner@frontiernet.net or by phone at 607-793-0995.

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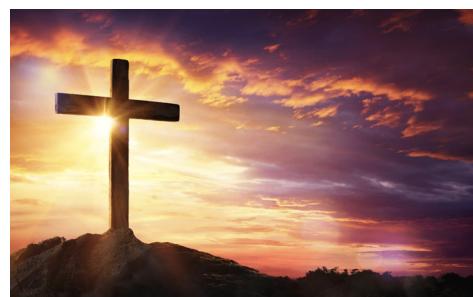


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### Good Friday Tenebrae Service

April 18 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Free  
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(You may wish to have candles you can extinguish if you are home on Zoom). \*Email [fbithaca@gmail.com](mailto:fbithaca@gmail.com) for the Zoom links.

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## THURSDAY 4/17



### Maundy Thursday Service

April 17 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Free  
On Maundy Thursday April 17 at 6:00 p.m., we remember Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples as we gather in community for a simple soup supper and communion around the tables. (Those on Zoom are invited to share their meal with us and have communion elements to partake at home). \*Email [fbithaca@gmail.com](mailto:fbithaca@gmail.com) for the Zoom links. All are welcome.

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### CU Music: Stucky Ensemble-in-Residence Splinter Reeds Performance

April 18 @ 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Free  
Stucky Ensemble-in-Residence Splinter Reeds is the West Coast's first reed quintet, comprising five innovative musicians with a shared passion for new music. The ensemble is committed to presenting top tier performances of today's best contemporary composition, showcasing the vast possibilities of the reed quintet. They will perform world premieres by Cornell composers Eliot Burk, Matias de Roux, Coral Douglas, Seare Farhat, and Jasmine Morris, plus Karola Obermüller's speleothems. Barnes Hall 230 Garden Ave Ithaca, 14850

## SATURDAY 4/19

### Celebration of Firebrand Books

April 19 @ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Free  
Ithaca College presents a celebration of Firebrand Books, Ithaca's iconic lesbian-feminist press. Events in Textor Hall include discussions about individual Firebrand books, panels on influential authors (including Alison Bechdel and Leslie Feinberg), tales from the Press's final years and archivist talks on the Firebrand collection at Cornell.

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### Easter egg hunt open to the public

April 19 @ 11:00 am - 1:00 pm  
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## FRIDAY 4/18

### Asteroids, Comets, and Meteorites

April 18 @ 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Free  
Join us at the Newfield Public Library as we host the Spacecraft Planetary Imaging Facility for a presentation on comets, asteroids, and

meteorites, a comet-making demo, and an opportunity to touch some meteorites! Even the smallest objects in the Solar System hold vast treasures of knowledge. They are both fascinating, beautiful, and a small but real threat to us. Past spacecraft missions have revealed just a few of these tiny worlds up close, while current and planned missions are ushering in a new era of study by returning pristine samples to Earth for generations of scientists to examine.

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### The Gallery at South Hill, "Considered Forms"

April 19 @ 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Free  
Working in ceramics, printmaking, sculpture, wall pieces, and installation, Considered Forms is a group exhibit of artists creating sculptural works. Either developing new pieces for this exhibit or going into their archives for older series of selected works, Considered Forms brings together a variety of mediums and methods by artists Julia Dean, Pamela Drix, Christie Goodfellow, Tricia Owlett, Kari Zelson Robertson, Liz Stratton, and Evan D. Williams. The Gallery at South Hill 950 Danby Road Ithaca, 14850



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### CU Music: Cornell Jazz Ensemble with guest saxophonist Vincent Herring

April 19 @ 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Free  
Cornell Jazz Ensemble with guest alto saxophonist Vincent Herring. Music by Herring, Sam Jones, Oliver Nelson, Cedar Walton, Toshiko Akiyoshi, and arrangements by Melba Liston. "Vincent Herring projects his sound in a strong, centered beam, and even his most intense moments suggest a controlled combustion." (The New York Times)  
Bailey Hall 230 Garden Ave Ithaca, 14850

## SUNDAY 4/20

### Easter Sunday Worship

April 20 @ 10:00 am - 12:30 pm Free  
Easter Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m., April 20 is a Celebration of Resurrection: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Following the service, we will hold an Easter Egg Hunt for children up to age 12. Please email [laurawardfbc@gmail.com](mailto:laurawardfbc@gmail.com) if you plan to attend and if you are bringing friends, so we can have plenty of eggs! Also following worship, we will have an Easter Brunch Reception. Join us for a dish-to-share following worship. Please bring a generous dish. Both breakfast and lunch items are welcome –and together we'll create a sumptuous buffet! \*Email [fbithaca@gmail.com](mailto:fbithaca@gmail.com) for the Zoom links. All are welcome.

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## MONDAY 4/21

### CU Music: Michael Zaretsky, guest violist

April 21 @ 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Free  
Pianists Xak Bjerken and Miri Yampolsky welcome guest violist Michael Zaretsky of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. The program features two great Russian viola sonatas from the mid-late 20th century. Shostakovich wrote his final work in 1975, the viola sonata, a profound reflection on mortality that quotes works of Beethoven. Zaretsky gave the first performance of this work in the US and has a special connection, having played it for almost 50 years. Mieczslaw Weinberg was a composer that became very close to Shostakovich, whom Shostakovich supported and protected. His Sonata Op. 28 was written in 1945 and mixes lyricism with a personal reflection on the events of WWII.  
Barnes Hall 129 Ho Plaza Ithaca, 14853

## TUESDAY 4/22

### CU Music: Cornell Organists Unplugged III

April 22 @ 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Free  
The Cornell Organists Unplugged III. Celebrating Earth Day with an electricity-free concert of foot-pumped baroque music and more, with Annette Richards, David Yearsley, and their students.  
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548 College Ave Ithaca, 14850  
Cornell University Department of Music  
<https://events.cornell.edu/event/cornell-organists-unplugged-iii>

## FUTURE DATES:

**Farmer Ground Flour Tour**  
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Join us on a tour of a local grain mill that still uses traditional stone-ground techniques. Get the chance to work a small scale mill while learning from professionals about the responsibilities of a miller.

Thursday, April 24th, 4:30pm  
Ages 11-21,  
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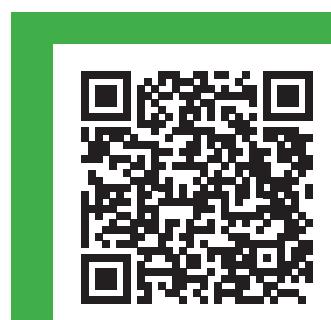
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Saturday, April 26th, 10:30am  
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Must live in Tompkins County

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# Activities

## HOROSCOPE

Week of  
April 13 to 19, 2025



### ARIES

This week, your generosity will shine brightly, even in the eyes of those who might take advantage of it. Fortunately, your ability to speak your mind will put everything into perspective, and you'll earn the respect you deserve.



### TAURUS

You must thoroughly prepare before entering into any negotiations, whether for a business deal or a personal purchase. You must gather all the necessary information, a task will require a lot of patience.



### GEMINI

This week is the perfect opportunity to resolve conflicts and correct past mistakes. You'll be pleased with the outcome. You must consider many elements to restore balance and harmony within your social circle.



### CANCER

Buying a home requires significant financial resources and time. You'll take great pride in this impressive achievement—it's a milestone that's not within everyone's reach.



### LEO

Enjoy quality time with your family this week. A major project involving your loved ones, such as a move or organizational change at work, awaits you. You may also receive news about an upcoming birth.



### VIRGO

Summer is almost here! You'll want to treat yourself by buying new clothes. Your social calendar is set to blossom. Many exciting outings await!



### LIBRA

Look at home improvements as a valuable investment. You must have deep conversations with those close to you to nurture your relationships. To keep your relationship friendly, avoid lending money to a friend.



### SCORPIO

You're filled with energy this week! Even though you're bound by time constraints or financial limitations, you'll dive into a series of initiatives, each more exciting than the last.



### SAGITTARIUS

If you don't take time to unwind and relax, you could be overwhelmed by stress. Consider adopting a lifestyle that nourishes your spirit and aligns with your core values to cultivate a lasting sense of well-being.



### CAPRICORN

Despite your reserved and shy nature, you'll enjoy some fun experiences in good company. You may even organize a work or family gathering.



### AQUARIUS

Expect a big promotion at work this week. If you're looking for a job, a new position offering excellent career opportunities with rapid advancement will come your way.

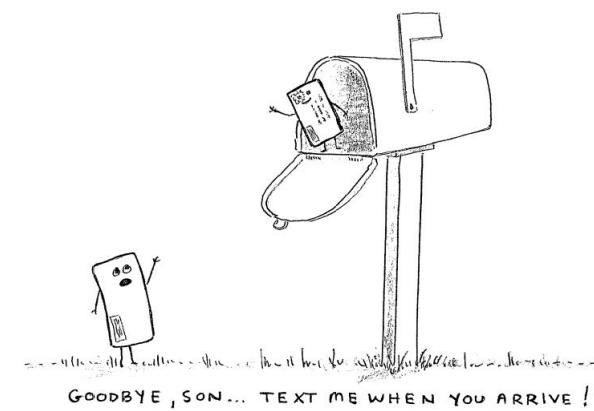


### PISCES

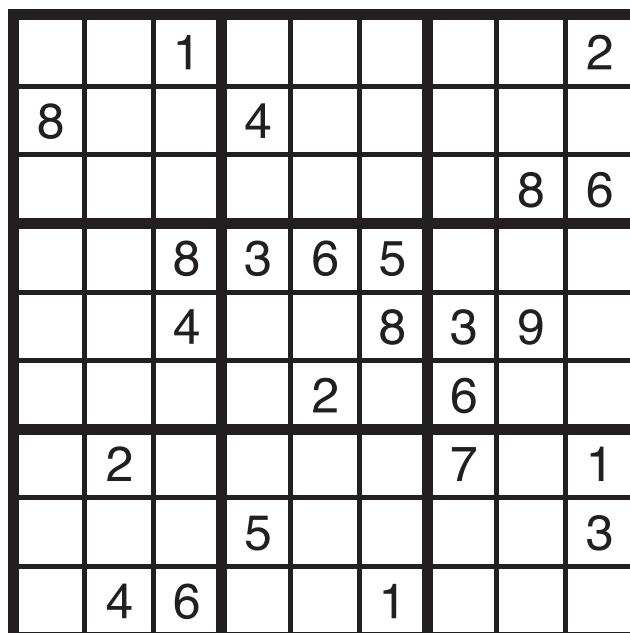
This week, you'll feel the urge to travel or escape to a scenic destination. If you're planning an adventure with a group, stay alert—some individuals may complicate things.

## COMICS

By Jack Young



## Sudoku



## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



### ITALIAN LEMON DROP COOKIES

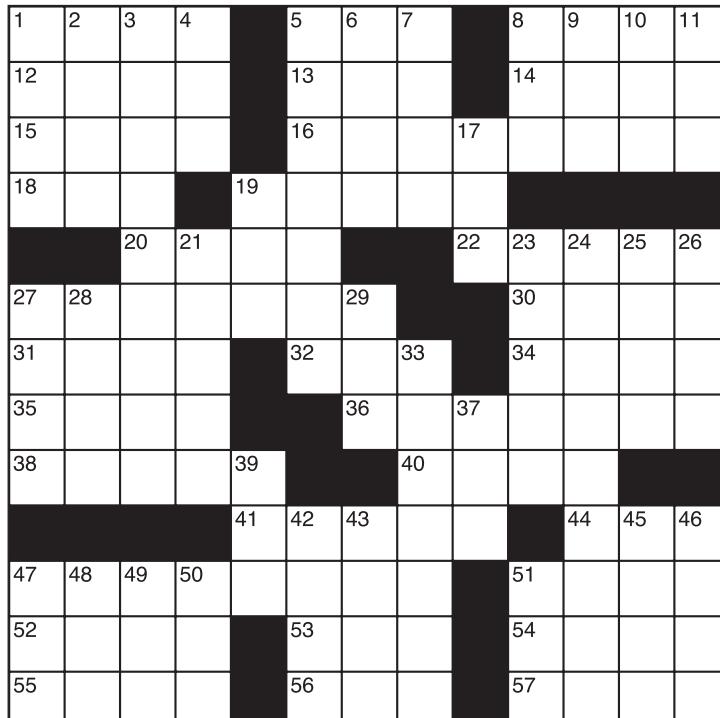
#### Ingredients:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 large egg
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 2 tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar (for coating)
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

#### Directions:

1. Mix Dry Ingredients: In a bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, and salt. Set aside.
2. Make Dough: In a separate bowl, cream butter and granulated sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg, lemon juice, lemon zest, and vanilla extract. Gradually add dry ingredients, mixing until a soft dough forms.
3. Chill Dough: Cover the dough and refrigerate for 30 minutes to make it easier to handle.
4. Shape Cookies: Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Roll dough into 1-inch balls, then roll each ball in powdered sugar to coat. Place 2 inches apart on the baking sheet.
5. Bake: Bake for 10-12 minutes, or until the edges are set but the centers remain soft (they'll firm up as they cool).
6. Serve: Let cool slightly, then enjoy these zesty, tender cookies with a cup of tea or coffee!

## CROSSWORD



#### ACROSS

- 1. Photos
- 5. \_\_\_\_ in the bag!
- 8. Owl sound
- 12. Scope
- 13. Touch-me-\_\_\_\_
- 14. Immobile
- 15. Child's steed
- 16. Cattle rush
- 18. Picnic-crashing insect
- 19. Blockade
- 20. Operates
- 22. Quizzes
- 27. Menaces
- 30. Boat

- 31. Downpour
- 32. Small taste
- 34. Few
- 35. Mexican cheers
- 36. Pointed
- 38. Gave medicine to
- 40. Etiquette maven
- 41. Annoyed
- 44. "Mary \_\_\_\_ a little lamb..."
- 47. More crunchy
- 51. Infant
- 52. Word of pain
- 53. "\_\_\_\_ How She Runs"

54. Needs aspirin

55. Conform

56. Finish

57. Difficult journey

#### DOWN

- 1. Mama's mate
- 2. Curling device
- 3. Hundreds of years
- 4. Express
- 5. Asserts
- 6. Handbag
- 7. All-male party
- 8. Shoot from the
- 9. Emotional poem
- 10. "\_\_\_\_ Yeller"
- 11. Golf mound
- 17. New York ballplayer
- 19. Briny blue
- 21. Reason
- 23. Winding curves
- 24. Cat type
- 25. 8:01, e.g.
- 26. Accelerated
- 27. Trampled
- 28. Angel's hat
- 29. Rest
- 33. Covered decoratively
- 37. Pea's abode
- 39. Chip's companion
- 42. Stand up
- 43. Enthusiastic
- 45. Qualified

46. Schoolroom item

47. Dove's comment

48. Chafe

49. Polar sight

50. Timid

51. Baseball club

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## CAFE

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But good banter between a loving couple who are happy to see their customers isn't the only thing visitors can expect at Big Boat Cafe. Westbrook has also been baking throughout the winter, trying to expand the cafe's baked goods offerings.

"She's trying all different kinds of things," O'Leary said. "Half-moon cookies, all different kinds of muffins ... I'm the beneficiary of all those experiments, but soon it'll be the people coming down to the cafe."

O'Leary said that Westbrook's home-

made rolls, used for the cafe's signature sandwiches, are some of the most in-demand items at Big Boat.

"Last year, people would buy a dozen rolls and we would be short on rolls for sandwiches," he said. "We are preparing, preempting for that this year."

On top of adding new items to the menu as the years have gone by, Westbrook and O'Leary said that they have made working in the kitchen, fulfilling customers' orders and managing demand a lot easier as they gain more experience. Some sacrifices had to be made along the way, the couple said, noting that online ordering was cut out of the operation due to the high demand for Big Boat's breakfast and lunch fare.

"I've been able to improve the flow of things," Westbrook said. "I think Jay and I have definitely learned to work together much better."

O'Leary said that they tweaked their formula for success when they realized that the cafe's popularity was higher than anticipated.

"We weren't expecting the kind of response we got," O'Leary said. "The response from the community has been overwhelming and exciting. We have cut our wait times down. We're not doing fast food, but we're trying to get all of the items out in under 10 minutes, and we've managed to do that even with some large Fourth of July and Labor Day crowds."

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### In brief:

The Lansing Community Library will be closed on April 16 and 17 for lift installation. The library plans to reopen April 18 at 10:00 a.m., pending successful installation.

"Thank you for your support and understanding! In the meantime, don't forget to explore our online resources — available anytime with your library card," library staff wrote in a post on the library's website.

## SIDEWALKS

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to have more sidewalks. People like walking to get to different places," Murphy said.

*Dryden Dispatch* appears every week in Tompkins Weekly. Send story ideas to [editorial@vizellamedia.com](mailto:editorial@vizellamedia.com).

### In brief:

Dryden Little League to hold golf tournament May 18

The Dryden Little League will host a fundraising golf tournament at the Stonedhedges Golf Course in Groton on May 18 to support youth baseball and softball.

The tournament, which will be a captain-and-crew format, begins at 8 a.m. The cost is \$300 per team and includes 18 holes, greens fees, a cart and dinner after golfing.

The event also includes door prizes, gift bags, a putting contest, longest drive and closest to the pin contests and raffles for other prizes.

For more information or to request a registration form, send an email to [mruse13@gmail.com](mailto:mruse13@gmail.com).

Silent book club at the library on April 28

Southworth Library in Dryden will



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Pictured is a map of the village and town of Dryden for when sidewalks are installed in 2026.

have its silent book club gathering at 6:30 p.m. on April 28.

The club allows people to choose

a free book from the library's pile to read and take home. Participants can also bring a book to the gathering.

The club is for ages 16 and older. To register, go to [southworthlibrary.org](http://southworthlibrary.org).

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# Cover story

## HOUSING

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In downtown Ithaca, four modular homes were placed on Sears Street last winter. Though they were designed for those with a household income below 80% of the county average, de la Garza said the project is a good example of the cost savings associated with modular construction.

"Right now, the differential we're seeing is about \$277 per square foot for modular versus \$350 [for stick-built]," de la Garza said.

In Trumansburg, the INHS team has taken ownership of the community formerly known as Auble's Mobile Home Park. INHS officially acquired the park, now called Compass Mobile Home Community, in August of 2021.

There are 50 empty pads available for homeownership and rental, along with existing apartments and manufactured housing.

"We're undertaking infill aggressively right now," de la Garza said, adding that there is still a significant amount of stigma around what used to be called "trailer parks."

INHS also purchased land surrounding Compass and is currently assessing the best use for that land, adding more affordable and middle-income opportunities for renters and buyers.

De la Garza explained that owners of a property in a mobile home park pay pad rent, which is \$495 per month at Compass.

"So where else can you own a three-bedroom unit outright and pay \$495 a month?" de la Garza asked. "There's a lot of different options, and that really is our focus, is to have as many different options for people as possible, and really making sure that municipalities are empowered to help create those options."

Zach Zeliff, chief of staff for State Senator Rachel May, who represents the 48th District (which includes Baldwinsville,

Auburn and Syracuse) brought up the example of a project in Cleveland. The City of Cleveland and the Site Readiness for Good Jobs Fund announced last December that they issued a request for proposals to modular home manufacturers across the United States and internationally to establish a manufacturing facility in Cleveland.

The initiative aims to renew the use of disinvested commercial property and to create new manufacturing jobs while also addressing the city's housing needs and utilizing thousands of residential vacant lots, the city of Cleveland website states.

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**KATE DE LA GARZA**

Executive Director, Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services

"They came together and created a demand guarantee for modular housing," Zeliff said. The municipality then sent out a request for proposals on a piece of land for a company to come in and build a factory in Cleveland, he explained. "So, you get workforce benefits. A lot of the savings in modular costs can be enhanced by reduced transportation."

"It reduces uncertainty for the private sector," Zeliff said.

**Municipalities taking the reins and harnessing public dollars**

Outside of the very few exceptions, where middle-income housing is so rare, "How do we go forward and actually build this type of housing?" Weaver asked.

One path toward progress could be to examine "the importance of the town,"

he said, pointing to the Ulster County town of New Paltz, where residents voted by referendum to create a community preservation fund that is funded by real estate transfer tax.

In 2020, 72% of residents voted in favor of the 1.5% tax, which is to be paid by the buyer of a property, according to the town of New Paltz website.

The real estate transfer tax applies only to properties that sell above median home value for Ulster County. "It's targeted as a progressive type of impact, but there are funds that are generated there," Weaver said. Because this plan was created with a very general type of usage, the community of New Paltz can now take those funds and disperse them to projects that it has identified as enhancing the character of the community.

"When you have a plan ... that gives you a ticket to a lot of new opportunities that you didn't necessarily have," Weaver said.

Panel facilitator Jeremy Thomas, assistant vice president of asset management at Cornell University, asked Weaver about strategies to bolster the supply of middle-income housing on a larger scale.

Public dollars are key to building large scale middle-income housing projects, Weaver responded. "The way that we do this best is when it's publicly funded," he said, "when it is a goal that we have as residents of a place, and that we're willing to contribute, allocate our tax dollars to it."

Low-income initiatives such as Section 8 came about because there was a need, Weaver said, suggesting that it may be time to "get back to that era where we have a more — and I know, this is a scary term for a lot of people — but a more heavy hand as a public sector in the building and decommmodification of housing is how we get it to scale."

"We have in upstate New York a lot of vacancy," Weaver added. "We have a lot of land. We have a lot of potential because of histories of depopulation. And unlocking that land, unlocking all of that publicly owned land for scalable, supportive and affordable housing is a path forward

— a path forward that might not be as far off as trying to go to all the grant applications for eight or nine different sources of funding and trying to line up project by project that way."

## UPCOMING CONCERTS

**April 16: Burlesque Bingo**

**April 18: EXTC**

**Terry Chambers & Friends**

**April 19: Jethro Tull's Martin Barre**

**April 23: The Aristocrats**

**April 25: The Lightfoot Band**

**April 26: The Effects of Gravity**

**May 1: Blackmore's Night**

**May 9: bob. An interpretation of Dylan**

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# County searching for service provider for new emergency shelter

Tompkins County is planning for the design, construction, and management of an accessible, safe, and low-barrier emergency shelter to serve approximately 100 adults experiencing homelessness in the community. Tompkins County issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) from service providers with a proven track record of delivering shelter services to partner with the County's development team to design, develop, and, once constructed, manage and operate the emergency shelter. Interested organizations are encouraged to visit bidnet direct for more information.

According to the most recent available data, the local Homelessness Response System, supported by Tompkins County, provided shelter to an average of 132 individuals per day between October 2022 to September 2023. More information on homelessness in Tompkins County and plans to address housing needs can be found in the 2022 Homelessness and Housing Needs Assessment and the 2023 Home Together: Tompkins Plan from the Continuum of Care, which was unanimously accepted by the Tompkins County Legislature.

The successful organization identified through the RFQ process will work closely with Tompkins County and the contracted development firm to ensure that the shelter is designed and built to meet the specific needs of the community and allows for

excellent direct client service provision," a recent press release by the county states.

The emergency shelter will be a NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA)-certified facility located at 225-227 Cherry Street in the City of Ithaca. The facility will serve as a centralized hub for area service providers, providing access to direct services without the need for transportation to other facilities. The facility will also incorporate features to enhance security and provide safety for residents, staff, and the surrounding community.

"The development of an emergency shelter is one critical step toward addressing homelessness," said Dan Klein, chair of the Tompkins County Legislature. "This RFQ for shelter management services is another important step toward fulfilling our commitment to developing, building, and managing a purpose-built shelter. Having a qualified and experienced service provider as a partner will make this vision a reality."

The selected provider will be expected to provide shelter management services, including but not limited to collaborating with the County's development team throughout the design and development of the emergency shelter, facility management, client services, staffing, safety, compliance, and coordination with community partners.



Photo provided

Local officials at a press conference held last December to announce plans for Tompkins County to purchase this land on Cherry Street in Ithaca, currently home to FOUND antique mall, for the purpose of constructing a new 100-bed homeless shelter. The county is currently seeking a service provider for the shelter. From left to right: Robert Cantelmo, Ithaca City Mayor, Liddy Bargar, Director of Housing Initiatives at the Tompkins County Human Services Coalition, Travis Brooks, county legislator, Gregory Mezey, county legislator, Lisa Holmes, county administrator, and Dan Klein, legislature chair.

"I encourage any qualified service provider to consider this opportunity. The County has committed significant resources toward the goal of increasing the number of emergency shelter beds as identified in the County's Strategic Operations Plan," Tompkins County Administrator Korsah Akumfi said.

Commissioner of the Tompkins County Department of Social Services Kit Kephart stated, "The Tompkins County Social Services Department looks forward to the development of a much-needed shelter and working collaboratively with a provider of quality shelter services."

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## A national issue has reared up in our backyard

Columbia University has been in the national news since President Trump targeted legally resident

tenured professors and university students who protest for the Palestinian civilians being starved and murdered by the thousands in their outdoor prison, with the complicity of the United States government. By threatening them with loss of their legal status and deportation, President Trump has gone farther than President Biden, who called for, and arrested, college protestors for Palestine last Spring.

As Marjorie Cohn recently wrote in Truthout, "targeting noncitizens for removal is arbitrary and capricious as prohibited by the Administrative Procedure Act,... is contrary to the First Amendment, contrary to law, and was promulgated in excess of statutory jurisdiction."

Although Columbia has had the lion's share of the news, our local universities and students are also under threat. If you are neither a foreign visitor connected with a university nor a protestor against genocide, nevertheless, please pay attention as this does affect you.



By Carolina Cositore Sitrin

### The issues.

Free speech and freedom of assembly are two of our basic rights that we in the United States rightly gloat about. Of course, freedom of speech and assembly is limited to not creating danger (falsely yelling "fire" in a movie theater or throwing molotov cocktails at a demonstration), and we are justly proud of it. We frequently do disagree with some of what is written on social media or what people are protesting about in the streets, but we grant them the legal right to do it. To punish people for expressing their opinion either in words or by their presence, is clearly unAmerican. Perhaps you are not altruistic enough to agree with the famous quote "I may not agree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it," but you should have enough self-preservation to recognize that if you deny free speech to someone today, your speech may very well be curtailed by someone else tomorrow.

So, as with the founders of our Constitution, I maintain that we must grant free speech and freedom of assembly to spouses of all issues that do not put us in imminent danger, whether or not we agree with their cause; be that all sides of the right to life, healthcare and union issues or, as in these cas-

es, objection to war and genocide.

While this issue ultimately affects all of us, most immediately it is affecting professors and students at Cornell, Syracuse and Binghamton who, whether from the United States or other countries, are becoming afraid to express opinions. This is unAmerican.

The declared reasoning behind the threats, notably beginning against foreigners of color, is that by protesting Israel's genocide, the protesters are threatening Jews in the United States. This argument is patently false of course, no one has actually been accused of, or has been documented as threatening or doing anything against Jews or Jewish students whether or not they are Zionists supporting genocide. And students have also been arrested on campus for protesting weapons manufacturers with no anti-Semitic excuse for their arrest put forth.

The Green Party is antiwar and antigenocide and is not anti-Jewish. The Green Party's 2024 presidential candidate, Dr. Jill Stein, is Jewish and was arrested protecting students at an anti-genocide campus encampment in the Spring.

### Responses.

Some threatened professors and students are suing President Trump to prevent removal of their

visas and deportation as these actions are illegal in the United States (as specified above). It is helpful to show support for them, particularly on court days; writing to politicians and letters to the editor or by showing up.

More active responses are also possible. Students protesting war and genocide welcome community witnesses and support; attend if you can. April 15 (tax day) saw antiwar car caravans of students and their community supporters make the rounds of weapons manufacturers around Cornell and Binghamton universities; this area has a plethora of such merchants of death.

A word here because this issue affects all of us, whether you are one of the 32% of citizens who voted for Donald Trump or the 31% who voted for Kamala Harris or, like me, one of the 37% who voted independent or didn't vote at all -- Jill Stein could have won and been a real peace president, just saying, to keep in mind for next time.

*Carol Cositore Sitrin is a retired copy editor, teacher and social worker. She has not retired as an activist. She currently lives in Dryden.*

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# Trade Design Build acquires Ithaca office location, Renovus moving to larger space

Trade Design Build, an Ithaca-based integrated architecture and construction firm, has purchased a facility located at 1520 Trumansburg Rd. The company plans to renovate the newly acquired building, which will serve as its office location.

The current occupant, Renovus Solar, will be moving to the former Genex building at 522 Sheffield Rd. in Ithaca, according to Joe Sliker, Renovus Solar president and owner.

The purchase of the Trumansburg Road space will enable Trade Design Build, which offers architecture, construction, and woodworking services, to provide better streamlined services and enhanced accessibility for its clients in Ithaca and the surrounding areas.

"This will allow us to leverage the interaction between the Design, Construction, and Shop teams and truly deliver on our mission of integrating design and construction," said Mike Barnoski, partner at Trade.

Utilizing the property's two buildings, Trade will use the 10,000 square-foot facility that sits on the property's upper portion for its construction services and new woodshop. The 5,000 square-foot building on the property's lower portion will serve as a new architecture and design studio, as well as a showroom for casework and furniture designs.

Renovations to the property's upper portion facility will allow for tool and material storage, offsite construction production, and training facilities, according to Chris Willett, partner at Trade. Other aesthetic renovations will be made to the lower building's exterior.

"It has long been the dream to have a campus that the three pillars of the company can call home," said Willett. "Working together in a facility that can support the collaboration and creativity of the team is paramount for the success of Trade, and we couldn't be more excited to see this dream come true."



Image provided

**A rendering that shows the plans for the new home of the Trade Design Build offices, 1520 Trumansburg Rd., Ithaca. Current occupant Renovus will be moving to a new location, 522 Sheffield Rd., Ithaca.**

Trade will announce an open house to the public later this year.

Meanwhile, Sliker said he is looking forward to moving Renovus into its new, larger location on Sheffield Road.

"We've been in our space for 10 years,

and we found the property available, just down the street from our current location," Sliker said, adding that Renovus plans to renovate all of the building's energy systems and bring in partner Standard Battery, which will be manufacturing battery parts on site.

## New Roots Charter School to host inaugural Climate Fair

New Roots Charter School is excited to host its first annual Climate Fair on April 26 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on North Cayuga Street in front of their school. The entire street will be closed off for a vibrant block party celebrating climate resilience and environmental initiatives in our community.

Featuring free hands-on activities and live performances, with food and drinks from local youth vendors for sale, the fair is also hosting a number of community-based organizations such as Sunrise Ithaca, a local youth-led climate organization, and the Community Science Institute participating.

New Roots Charter School is a hub for youth climate awareness and the Fair will feature student projects and initiatives centered on climate justice. Lastly, the Fair will provide an opportunity for community members to gather, share ideas, and build relationships in order to mobilize and engage on climate justice issues.

Come play in the street and learn how you can play a role in climate action.

For more information or to schedule an interview with Founder and Principal Tina Nilsen-Hodges, please contact Katie Church at 607-342-7632 or [kchurch@newrootsschool.org](mailto:kchurch@newrootsschool.org)

## NAMI Finger Lakes to hold community walk

NAMI Finger Lakes recently announced its 3rd annual walk to support mental health awareness in Ithaca on May 3 at 3 p.m.

"The NAMI walk is a great opportu-

nity to raise awareness about mental health and show support for those who are affected by mental illness. As a community, we know how important it is to prioritize mental health and well-being

for our students, staff, and families."

Community members and organizations are encouraged to form teams, raise money, or just show up to support each other. For more information please visit <https://www.namifingerlakes.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=1780>

NAMI Finger Lakes is an affiliate of

the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness.

The one-mile walk or 5k run is open to anyone who wants to participate, there is no registration fee.

## Obituaries

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Name:	Age:	Town, State:	Death Date:	Arrangements:
Thomas Scheffler	75	Groton, NY	Apr-11	Zirbel Funeral Home
Eugenia Givotovsky	86	Ithaca, NY	Apr-11	Bangs Funeral Home
Jonathan Dengler	49	Ithaca, NY	Apr-5	Zirbel Funeral Home
Harrison White	77	Ithaca, NY	Apr-5	CNY Cremation Service
Jon Kidd	73	-	Mar-31	CNY Cremation Service
Joseph Cudlin	97	Newfield, NY	Mar-29	Bangs Funeral Home
Claire Rickard	67	Ithaca, NY	Jan-24	Bangs Funeral Home

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- Thomas A. Ferretti & Mary E. Ferretti bought from James P. Vanleer at N/A, Caroline, NY 13053 on 03/20/25 for \$24,000.

## DANBY

- Evan Hallas & Katherine Hallas bought from John P. Hallas & Cynthia Kramer at Lieb Rd, Danby, NY 13053 on 03/20/25 for \$26,400.

## DRYDEN

- Timothy Atkins bought from Hilda P. Ayres at 24 Mott Rd, Dryden, NY 13053 on 03/19/25 for \$119,900.

- Ari Ronan bought from Nicholas Lambrou & Costa Nestopoulos at 634 Ringwood Rd, Dryden, NY 13053 on 03/14/25 for \$190,000.

- Ashley Walker & Christopher J. Walker bought from Alexey Osipov & Svetlana Osipov at N/A, Dryden, NY 13053 on 03/18/25 for \$37,500.

## GROTON

- Smg Properties LLC bought from Kelby Riemer & Lori Livengood at 116 Lincoln Ave, Groton, NY 13073 on 03/20/25 for \$233,000.

- Meghan Thorne bought from Hoy Marie E. Estate & Vicki L. Cooper at 46 Groton City Rd, Groton, NY 13073 on 03/17/25 for \$185,000.

## ITHACA

- 6400 Park Lake Circle LLC bought from Schreck Properties LLC at 215 Prospect St, Ithaca, NY 14850 on 03/19/25 for \$465,000.

- Eugenia Digges bought from Ukiah B. Kraus at 53 Elm St, Ithaca, NY 14851 on 03/14/25 for \$600,000.

- Gale G. Ketcham T. & Gale G. Ketcham bought from Karen J. Giroux at 1469 Taughannock Blvd, Ithaca, NY 14850 on 03/17/25 for \$84,850.

- Upstate Thewold LLC bought from Eric H. Skalwold at 158 Indian Creek Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850 on 03/14/25 for \$222,343.

- Xue C. Guan & Qing Huang bought from M. R. Vanbenschoten RET & M. R. Vanbenschoten at 2015 Danby Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850 on 03/14/25 for \$153,500.

- Paulina Klimkiewicz & Steven J. Digerardo bought from Zbigniew Klimkiewicz at 370 Lower Creek Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850 on 03/19/25 for \$50,000.

- Richard Naftel & Tenzin Pelmo bought from Richard Naftel at 125 Ridgecrest Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850 on 03/19/25 for \$600,000.

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- Nicholas G. Howarth & Olivia A. Howarth at 340 Conlon Rd, Lansing, NY 14882 on 03/19/25 for \$460,000.

## NEWFIELD

- Maureen L. Clark & Terry L. Clark bought from Robert L. Argetsinger Jr. & A. R. Argetsinger at 1761 W Danby Rd, Newfield, NY 14867 on 03/17/25 for \$9,000.

- Marali Kalra bought from Kaith Marquis at 10 Bethlehem Hill Rd, Newfield, NY 14867 on 03/14/25 for \$200,000.

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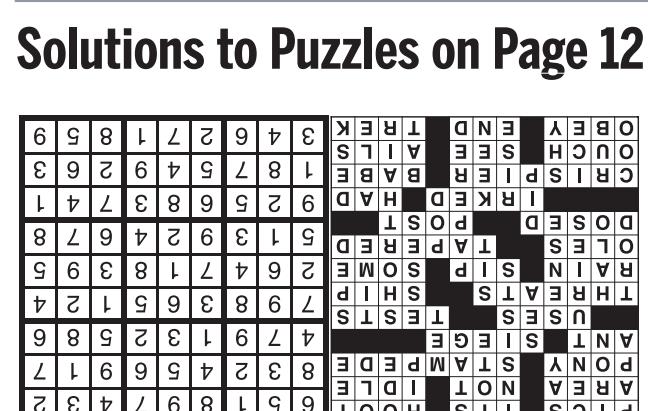
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Yarak Management LLC. Articles of Organization filing date with Secretary of State (SSNY) was 03/03/2025. Office location: Tompkins County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail copy of process to 823 Van Ostrand Rd, Groton, NY 13073. Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws. 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30/2025.

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CLYTE LLC. Articles of Organization filing date with Secretary of State (SSNY) was 08/29/24. Office location: Tompkins County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail copy of process to 46 Penny Ln, Ithaca, NY 14850. Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws. 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30/2025.

## NOTICE OF FORMATION of a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Davis Concrete Construction LLC. Articles of Organization filing date with Secretary of State (SSNY) was 03/12/2025. Office location: Cortland County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail copy of process to 4821 Dutch Hill Rd Spur Cincinnati, NY 13040. Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws. 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30/2025.

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Flow Being Wellness LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 3/2/25. Office: Tompkins County, New York. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Emily Dunuwila at 2 Pebble Drive, Dryden, NY 13053, the registered agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30/2025.

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Among The Branches LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/17/25. Office: Tompkins County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 64 Sweazey Rd., Lansing, NY 14886. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30/2025.

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MMO Creations LLC. Articles of Organization files with NYS Department of State (SSNY) on 2/19/2025. Office Location: Tompkins County at 42 Reach Run, Ithaca, NY 14850. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 586 Stevens Road Freeville, NY 13068. Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws. 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23/2025.

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LMT PERFORMANCE SOLUTIONS, LLC filed Arts. Of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/14/2025. Office: Tompkins County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Adam Klausner, Klausner Cook, PLLC, 179 Graham Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850. Purpose: any lawful act. 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7/2025.

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218 E State LLC filed Arts. Of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/17/2025. Office: Tompkins County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Adam Klausner, Klausner Cook, PLLC, 179 Graham Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850. Purpose: any lawful act. 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7/2025.

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LEATHERCOAT, LLC filed Arts. Of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/21/2025. Office: Tompkins County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Adam Klausner, Klausner Cook, PLLC, 179 Graham Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850. Purpose: any lawful act. 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7/2025.

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BROADWELL MILKMAID, LLC filed Arts. Of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/17/2025. Office: Tompkins County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Adam Klausner, Klausner Cook, PLLC, 179 Graham Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850. Purpose: any lawful act. 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7/2025.

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218 E State LLC filed Arts. Of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/8/2025. Office: Tompkins County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Adam Klausner, Klausner Cook, PLLC, 179 Graham Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850. Purpose: any lawful act. 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7/2025.

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ITACHA BUILDING COMPANY, LLC filed Arts. Of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/6/2025. Office: Tompkins County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Nathan Cook, Klausner Cook, PLLC, 179 Graham Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850. Purpose: any lawful act. 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7/2025.

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INVEREWE, LLC filed Arts. Of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/21/2025. Office: Tompkins County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Adam Klausner, Klausner Cook, PLLC, 179 Graham Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850. Purpose: any lawful act. 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7/2025.

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SIBTHORP, LLC filed Arts. Of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/21/2025. Office: Tompkins County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Adam Klausner, Klausner Cook, PLLC, 179 Graham Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850. Purpose: any lawful act. 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7/2025.

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MUSTARD SAUCE, LLC filed Arts. Of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/21/2025. Office: Tompkins County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Adam Klausner, Klausner Cook, PLLC, 179 Graham Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850. Purpose: any lawful act. 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7/2025.

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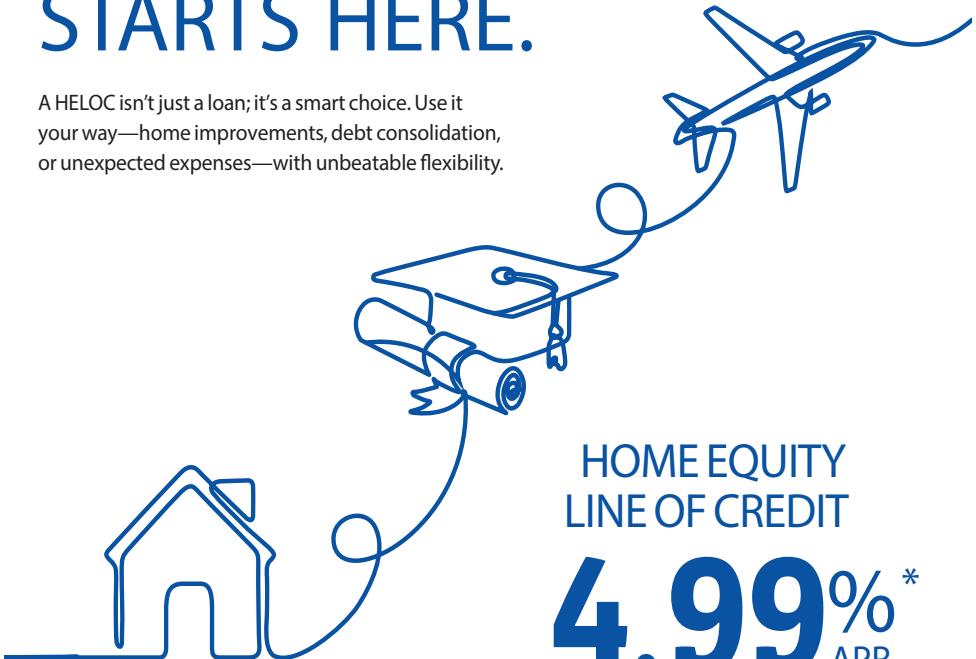
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