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Lansing schools spending plan signifies 2.86% increase

Editor’s note: This story was written on April 20, before New York state lawmakers and Gov. Kathy Hochul finalized the state’s budget. The state budget will ultimately determine how much Lansing Central School District receives in state financial aid.



By Eddie Velazquez

Lansing Central School District (LCSD) voters will decide on an approximately \$39.7 million 2025-2026 budget at the district’s budget vote May 20.

The new spending plan signifies an increase of about \$1.1 million, or 2.86%, from last year’s budget. The district estimates levying almost \$24.9 million from taxes for the budget, with an additional amount of approximately \$65,639 coming in from PILOTs, or payments in lieu of taxes. The estimated tax rate based on these projections would be \$3,584.54 on a \$200,000 home, or a rate of \$17.92 per thousand in assessed property values.

LCSD Superintendent Chris Petto-grasso and Assistant Superintendent of Business Administration Kathryn Heath presented the most up-to-date projections for the next school year at a Lansing Town Board meeting on April 16.

According to a PowerPoint presentation on the district’s website, LCSD’s budget includes reductions to the following positions in the district:

- A teacher
 - Reduction of an 8:1:1 classroom at Lansing Middle School. These are classrooms with no more than eight students per class, with a full-time special education teacher and one full-time paraprofessional. These classrooms serve students whose management needs are severe and chronic, requiring intensive, constant supervision, a significant degree of individualized attention, intervention and intensive behavior management as well as additional adult support, according to the United Federation of Teachers website.
 - A fifth-grade teacher
 - A teaching assistant
 - A school monitor
 - A groundskeeper
 - Materials, supplies and equipment
 - Conferences
 - Field trips
 - Cutbacks to curriculum writing
 - A multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS) teaching assistant, who helps with the implementation of student support and intervention programs
- Heath said that the district always looks to prioritize student programming

County homeowners embrace incentives, installing heat pumps in homes



Photo by Jaime Cone Hughes

Azucena Campos Lopez and Brandon Lanners in the bottom floor of their Ithaca home, where they recently installed a ground source heating and cooling system as well as a hot water heater that utilizes the new geothermal pump in their backyard. They say they are happy with the system, which cost them about \$10,000 after taking advantage of incentives and tax rebates.

By Jaime Cone Hughes
Managing Editor

Rarely is a couple so excited about their house’s new heating and cooling system that they are moved to high-five at the conclusion of a tour, but Brandon Lanners and Azucena Campos Lopez put a lot of time and effort into making their dream of a fully electrified house a reality, and it shows.

They love their natural gas-free home. Because of their home’s northeast Ithaca location, the couple was able to take advantage of NYSEG incentives, combined with current New York state financial assistance for the installation of environmentally friendly systems. Together, the programs can provide deep savings for Tompkins County residents looking to reduce their environmental footprint and their heating and cooling costs.

A cost-slashing incentive for Lansing and the surrounding area

New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) has identified a low supply of natural gas in the existing Lansing pipeline, prompting a moratorium on new gas hook-ups and a special incentive to encourage more people to switch from gas to electric appliances.

The Lansing Non-Pipes Alternatives program (NPA) is now in its third year and has reached 47% of its goal, having reduced the amount of natural gas usage in the area by 201 therms per hour. (For context, according to NYSEG docu-

ments a typical residential natural gas heating system will average about 1.2 therms per hour.)

The NPA program casts a wide net; the only qualification a homeowner must meet to apply for the incentives is that they currently use natural gas in their home.

There are other types of assistance available to residents of Tompkins County outside of Lansing, as well.

“It can be really complicated to try to navigate the different incentives and programs and tax rebates that are available to people,” said Siobhan Hull, Lansing Non-Pipes Alternatives Program outreach educator for the Energy and Climate Change Team at Cornell Cooperative Extension. “That’s part of the reason why the Cornell Cooperative Extension offers free home energy advising.”

The highest incentive levels are for people living in NPA Zone 1, which is the town and village of Lansing.

Residents in Zone 2, which extends into Cayuga Heights and parts of the city of Ithaca, are eligible to receive 40% of the top incentive level. Zone 3, which includes sections of the city of Ithaca, is a little less defined, said Hull. Anyone who believes they may be located in Zone 3 should consult the Cornell Cooperative Extension to find out if they qualify.

Hull said that she encourages people to take advantage of this program as soon as possible.

Though Larry Rush, manager of the non-pipes and alternatives division for NYSEG, said that NYSEG has no plans to discontinue the program at this time, Hull said the current contract ends in June. “NYSEG has said they are currently seeking to renew and extend the program, but we don’t yet know whether the program will be renewed and what the parameters of that might look like,” Hull said.

Peace of mind on Deerfield Place

Lopez is originally from Mexico and grew up with a fear of gas explosions caused by the cylinders commonly used to cook food there. She never liked leading her children past the flame of a natural gas heater every day as she walked them from the garage, through the basement, and upstairs to the main living portion of their home. She feels much better knowing that her home has none of the potential dangers and health risks associated with natural gas.

“Everywhere is balmy,” Lopez said of the current climate of her family’s Ithaca home on Deerfield Place. When the couple and their two sons, ages 9 and 16, first moved into their home five years ago, that was not the case. The previous owners of the house, which was built in 1964, had sealed its heating vents, leaving only hot-water baseboards powered by natural gas.

“Downstairs was always significantly colder,” Lopez said, and for energy-saving purposes the family did



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By Jaime Cone Hughes

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‘Love Ithaca’ aims to unite community through volunteerism

Kick-off day at Stewart Park May 3

When Chuck Tompkins, longtime Ithaca resident and former pastor of Bethel Grove Bible Church, read the book “Love Our Cities” by Jeff Pishney and Eric Jung, he knew that Ithaca could benefit from the ideas there.



By Jaime Cone Hughes
Managing Editor

“These are polarizing times,” Tompkins said. “We all want to live in a flourishing community. What better way was there to do that than serve together?” Love Our Cities is a national movement to mobilize volunteers in cities across the country. It began with Love Modesto, which started in 2007 in Modesto, California. “We were hoping for 100 people and more than 1,200 people showed up to love our city in practical ways,” states the Love Our Cities origin story on the organization’s website, loveourcities.org.

So far, Love Our Cities has 100 partner cities and more than 300,000 volunteers who have put in over 1.3 million volunteer hours, according to loveourcities.org. Tompkins wanted to hold a special day in Ithaca where like-minded people could gather in one location and help out a local organization with a volunteer project.

That day is May 3, where 75 to 100 volunteers will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the small pavilion in Stewart Park for a kick-off orientation. Volunteers will receive free T-shirts and fuel up on coffee and a breakfast of bagels and donuts before heading out to work with the organization of their choice for the rest of the day.

“The United Way has an all-volunteer day in the fall, and we are targeting the spring,” Tompkins said.

Those who wish to be part of the first-ever Love Ithaca event can sign up at loveithaca.org.



Photo by Jaime Cone Hughes

Chuck Tompkins, who started Love Ithaca earlier this year, beside a banner for the upcoming event May 3 at Stewart Park.

organizations when he called them to find out how Love Ithaca volunteers could help.

Tompkins chose the date of May 3, found eight local organizations that wanted to partner with him, found sponsors, built a website and hung up banners and flyers for the event, all within the last few months.

“It’s a faith-based operation, so it’s a shared love for God and a shared love for people in our community,” he said.

Tompkins said that he hopes the event is the first of many to come. Love Ithaca will have volunteers sign waivers, and then send them off to their chosen job site for the day.

Several events are being held on the same day and coincide nicely with Love

our hope and prayer ... renewed pride in our cities, ongoing volunteerism and communities transformed.”

Tompkins said that he is hoping volunteers will work with an organization and have a good experience so that they will be encouraged to volunteer again on a more regular basis.

“It’s a win-win for everybody,” Tompkins said.

The projects:

-Adopt-a-Highway will clean up a one-mile section of Route 13 from North Trip-hammer to Warren Road. All equipment will be provided by the state of New York.

-Catholic Charities will organize clothing donations, do yard work in its garden and deep-clean its building.

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Chuck Tompkins, Founder
LOVE ITHACA

-Second Wind Cottages will clean up its grounds and spread mulch.

-The Community Beautification Program will weed and mulch Van Horn Park on Taughannock Boulevard between State and Seneca Streets, as well as do a typical spring clean-up on one or two sites downtown. This project is appropriate for families with older kids.

-The Friends of Stewart Park will do trail maintenance and work at the dog park. It is part of “I Love My Park Day,” organized by NY State Parks and Trails New York.

-Habitat for Humanity is looking for basic skilled labor for building homes at one or two sites.

-Ithaca Children’s Garden will do weeding, raking, mulching and other clean-up projects at the garden site.

-NAMI will host its annual walkathon and is looking for people to be present along the route, as well as to clean up afterward until 5 p.m.



Photo provided

Volunteers clean up Ithaca Children’s Garden. The garden is one of several locations where people will lend a helping hand during the Love Ithaca event March 6.

Tompkins formed Love Ithaca with the mission of bettering the community by servicing its partners together. “In these times, love becomes a pretty healthy challenge,” he said, wondering, “How could we do it better together?”

Tompkins drew upon his considerable connections within the community. “We’re not starting anything,” he said. “We just want to come along.”

“How can we serve you?” he asked the

Ithaca. Stewart Park volunteers were already planning an event for “I Love My Trails Day,” and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will hold its walkathon that day, as well.

“So many amazing stories have emerged from Love Our Cities, but perhaps the greatest stories are of the thousands who continue to volunteer regularly with organizations and areas they served,” the I Love Cities website states. “This is

Groton Farmer Challenge-Agriculture Trivia Night benefits Future Farmers of America

In February 2020, more than 140 farmers and friends of Groton Jr./Sr. High School's Future Farmers of America (GHS FFA) gathered at Stonehedges Golf Course for the first-ever Groton Farmer Challenge Agriculture Trivia Night & Silent Auction, sponsored by the Groton Agricultural Advisory Board (GAAB) to benefit the Groton FFA.

What started then as a spark of an idea for a fundraiser that would bring the community together while also supporting the FFA turned into an evening packed with fun, great food and good-spirited competition — both for the trivia teams and for those bidding on donated auction baskets and prizes.

The event was such a huge success that everyone involved could hardly wait to start planning for the next year — and then the COVID-19 pandemic hit! February 2021 went by, as did February 2022, but in October of 2022, the GAAB was finally able to hold another event to get everything back on track.

Just prior to that, when the academic year began in September, GHS's brand-new agriculture educator and advisor to the FFA chapter, Chelsey Mahany, said she "wakes up every morning ready to teach the next generation of future agriculturists," and that her plans for her students were not merely hopes and dreams, but goals. Since then, Mahany has seen a plethora of those hopes and dreams come true — both in academics and through the opportuni-



Jillian Zigenfus (left), Chelsey Mahany (Agriculture Educator and FFA Advisor Groton Jr/Sr High School), Stella Holl, De'Anna Mackey, Kara Pierce, Eve Shaff, Noble Snyder, and Adelyn Clore all represented the Groton chapter of the Future Farmers of America at the Groton Agriculture Advisory Board's annual "Ag Trivia Night" on March 29. The evening was another huge success in raising funds to help support the Groton FFA (Future Farmers of America).

ties her FFA students have pursued, in large part due to the generosity of the GAAB.

The Groton Farmer Challenge/Agriculture Trivia Night lives on!

Eventually, the Ag Trivia Night gravitated back to the early spring, with Stonehedges as its consistent venue, with delicious food catered by Groton's own Dick Brecht of the Groton Red Caboose and the generosity of those donating auction items.

This year, the event was held in mid-March with 120 people in attendance, resulting in \$4,500 raised

from ticket sales, silent auction donations and other generous donations from community members and businesses.

Some examples of FFA activities that might be funded are leadership training, attendance at the annual New York state and national FFA conferences and the purchase of the signature FFA blue corduroy jackets for incoming FFA members.

"As always, I am just so thankful for the amazing turnout, all of the generous donations and the opportunity for the community to come

together for some great laughs, fun facts and to support students going

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Newfield looks to pass law on flood damage prevention

Nearly two years ago, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) approached multiple towns within Tompkins County.



By Kevin L. Smith
The reasoning was that FEMA and DEC were redrawing flood zone maps in the county in response to the flooding that occurred from a massive rainstorm in 2015.

Now, the town of Newfield is looking to pass a modified local law for flood damage prevention.

The town board will hold a public hearing on the law at its April 24 meeting. Town Supervisor Mike Allinger said that unless any issues are addressed at the meeting, the board will move to enact the law the same night.

Allinger noted that modifications to the law had to be submitted to the DEC before Dec. 18 last year. The final version, Allinger added, must be sent to the state prior to May 18 of this year.

“[The law is] going to enable them to access disaster relief money from FEMA if a flooding event happens. They have access to the funds, but they also need to be carrying flood insurance.”

MIKE ALLINGER
Supervisor, Town of Newfield

In the two-year span of FEMA and the DEC’s planning process, it was found that “potential and actual damage” from flooding and erosion might be an issue

to town residents, according to an introduction to the law.

According to the law, such damages could include “destruction or loss of private and public housing, damage to public facilities, both publicly and privately owned, and injury to and loss of human life. [The law is] to minimize the threat of such damages and to achieve the purposes and objectives hereinafter set forth.”

The purpose of the law is to “promote the public health, safety, and general welfare, and to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions in specific areas,” the law states.

Provisions of the proposed law are designed to:

- Regulate uses which are dangerous to health, safety and property due to water or erosion hazards, or which result in damaging increases in erosion or in flood heights or velocities
- Require that uses vulnerable to floods, including facilities which serve such uses, be protected against flood damage at the time of initial construction
- Control the alteration of natural flood plains, stream channels and natural protective barriers which are involved in the accommodation of flood waters
- Control filling, grading, dredging and other development which may increase erosion or flood damages
- Regulate the construction of flood barriers which will unnaturally divert flood waters or which may increase flood hazards to other lands
- Qualify for and maintain participation in the National Flood Insurance Program

Aside from protecting life and health of residents, the town’s proposed law will aim to:



Photo provided

In 2015, a flood caused extensive damage to roads, businesses and homes in Newfield. The town is currently looking to pass a modified local law for flood damage prevention.

- Minimize expenditure of public money for costly flood control projects
- Minimize the need for rescue and relief efforts associated with flooding and generally undertaken at the expense of the general public
- Minimize prolonged business interruptions
- Minimize damage to public facilities and utilities such as water and gas mains, electric, telephone, sewer lines, streets and bridges located in areas of special flood hazards
- Help maintain a stable tax base by providing for the sound use and development of areas of special flood hazard so as to minimize future flood blight areas
- Provide that developers are notified that property is in an area of special flood hazard
- Ensure that those who occupy the areas of special flood hazard assume responsibility for their actions

The DEC and FEMA first revealed changes to the flood zone maps at a public information session at Ithaca High School in 2023.

“People who have homes within the flood zone of the maps were concerned about what this would mean for them, and basically what this law is going to do for them,” Allinger said. “It’s going to enable them to access disaster relief money from FEMA if a flooding event happens. They have access to the funds, but they also need to be carrying flood insurance.”

Allinger mentioned that the areas most affected by the flooding in 2015 were homes near Fishkill Creek, Route

34 and Route 96 and Depot Road near the west bank of the inlet where water empties out to Cayuga Lake.

Allinger described the rainstorm as a “100-year flood event,” which means an event of this nature has a 1% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.

“The town is more on a hill, and we saw water like we haven’t seen before,” Allinger said. “It caused a lot of flood damage to the roads and even took out a railroad bridge.”

Allinger noted that there haven’t been flooding concerns compared to what occurred in 2015, but the law gives local residents an opportunity to obtain low-cost flood insurance.

“The local law considers whatever is going to be built in these flood plains,” Allinger said. “It puts some responsibility on the town to monitor these zones and to make sure that adequate building materials and building plans are used, should somebody want to build on these lands.”

Allinger mentioned that residents on Horton Road will also be affected by the law and the changes in flood zone maps.

“FEMA and DEC were very forthcoming,” Allinger said. “Everybody that should’ve known about it has had a chance to make their opinions and thoughts known.”

Newfield Notes appears every week in Tompkins Weekly. Send story ideas to editor@vizellamedia.com.

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when it comes to potential cuts to the budget. “We look to keep those reductions as far away from student programming as possible,” Heath said. “We want to make sure we are maintaining what our students are used to having to experience, while being fiscally responsible at the

“We want to make sure we are maintaining what our students are used to having to experience, while being fiscally responsible at the same time. Those are the areas we look at to the best extent possible. We are still going through that process to identify reductions.”

KATHRYN HEATH
Assistant Superintendent of Business Administration, Lansing Central School District

Superintendent Pettograsso said that the district also fears the loss of potential federal funding through grants. President Donald Trump’s administration last month looked to dissolve the U.S. Department of Education, which could imperil grants for schools across the nation, according to a report from National Public Radio. “That is weighing on us,” Pettograsso said. “We are not really sure where that will land.” Heath said that the district gets approximately \$800,000 in grants from the federal government. “That is a significant shift that would impact our budget,” Pettograsso said. Much of the district’s revenue every



By Joe Scaglione

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year comes from state aid, found in the New York state budget. At the moment, the district expects to receive almost \$12.5 million in state funding, but that figure is not finalized, as the state budget has not been approved by Albany lawmakers. The state budget is due on April 1 but is never negotiated on time by the leaders in the State Legislature and the governor. Typically, the budget includes several pieces of legislation and policy initiatives on top of the state’s spending plan, which is ultimately the catalyst for these delays. This year, Gov. Hochul has said that she won’t ratify a budget that doesn’t include her policy priorities, which include reforms to the state’s discovery and involuntary commitment laws. “I’m unwilling to sign a budget without serious reforms on discovery and involuntary commitment,” Hochul said in an interview on April 11, according to a

report from The Poughkeepsie Journal. The district expects to have the board of education vote on the proposed budget April 23. Budget newsletters would be sent shortly thereafter to district residents. Lansing at Large appears every week in Tompkins Weekly. Send story ideas to editorial@vizellamedia.com. Contact Eddie Velazquez at edvel37@gmail.com or on X (formerly Twitter): @ezvelazquez.

In brief: Town of Lansing residents will have a chance to comment on Local Law #2 of 2025, dealing with flood damage protection, at a public hearing on May 21 at 6:30 p.m. The town posted the following on its website: “The local law that proposes to amend Town Code Chapter 142, Flood Damage Protection to provide for flood damage prevention, management and permitting. The proposed local law can

be obtained from the Town Clerk or from the Town’s website, and at the time and place of such hearing the Town Board will take statements, testimony, and evidence from all persons interested in the subjects thereof and concerning the same, and all residents of the Town and the general public are invited to attend this public hearing. Interested parties may also submit written comments addressed to the Lansing Town Clerk, 29 Auburn Road, Lansing, NY 14882. Individuals with visual, hearing, or other impairments or disabilities that require or request assistance should contact Town Clerk Deborah Munson at the Town of Lansing, (607) 533-4142 at least 48 hours prior to the time of the Public Hearing.” A draft of the law can be found here: https://www.lansingtown.com/sites/default/files/fileattachments/town_board/page/3696/lansingt_model11_draft_2025.0317.pdf.

Downtown Ithaca to Host Summer Concert Series Kickoff Party

The Downtown Ithaca Alliance invites the public to celebrate the return of live summer music at the 2025 Summer Concert Series Kick-off Party, happening Thursday, May 8, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Monks on the Commons located in the Ithaca

Marriott Downtown. This free, family-friendly event will feature free music, hors d’oeuvres, and refreshments, plus the highly anticipated unveiling of this summer’s full concert lineup. Guests will be the first to find out

who’s performing throughout the 2025 season. The Downtown Ithaca Summer Concert Series is presented by Beginnings Credit Union (formerly CFCU), with additional support from a vibrant mix of communi-

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“I admire her work,” Green said of Johnson.

Green thanked Christina Dravis, currently a member of the Dryden Town Board, for nominating her and Johnson.

“It was just great. It was so inspiring,” Green said. “Each one of them was working in a quiet way to make some part of the community better. Just being in the company of all those women inspired me to keep going with all the work.”

Dryden Dispatch appears every

week in Tompkins Weekly. Send story ideas to editorial@vizellamedia.com.

In brief:
Yoga for Life held every Wednesday in Freeville

Village of Freeville resident Michelle Dardia hosts a Yoga for Life session every Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Freeville United Methodist Church at 37 Main St.

The drop-in fee for the session is \$10. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Some experience is helpful but not required, as the sessions are committed to being accessible.

Variations and modifications are offered, and extra mats and blocks

will be available at each session.

For information or questions, contact Dardia at dollysdaughter@hotmail.com or 607-279-4785.

Dryden Little League to hold golf tournament May 18

The Dryden Little League will host a fundraising golf tournament at the Stonehedges 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, lon-

gest 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.

Silent book club at the library on April 28

Southworth Library in Dryden will have its silent book club gathering at 6:30 p.m. 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.

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to Camp Oswegatchie, National Convention, State Convention, community service projects and so much more,” Mahany said.

Who are the Groton FFA officers?

Along with building and strengthening their chapter through meetings and activities, holding their own fundraisers and assisting with the Ag Trivia Night, the Groton FFA has built its membership to a point where it boasts the following roster of officers.

Chapter President Jillian Zigenfus is a junior. She is active in Eastern Valley 4-H; plays soccer, basketball and softball; and is on Class Council and National Honor Society.

Chapter Vice President Stella Holl is a junior and is in charge of several committees. She is a star athlete and a great team player for all things FFA.

Chapter Secretary Grace Short is also a junior. She has been the secretary for several years and is known for going above and beyond for the chapter.

Chapter Historian Eve Shaff is a sophomore who participates regularly in FFA and FFA events. She also plays several sports.

Chapter Treasurer Kara Pierce is a sophomore who has been very active in FFA, as well as varsity volleyball, Spanish club, drama club stage crew and community activities.

Chapter Sentinel Michael Brehm is a senior who has been extremely

active in FFA. He is also a varsity athlete in football and bowling and is in the Early College High School program and Upward Bound.

“I am just so thankful for the amazing turnout, all of the generous donations and the opportunity for the community to come together.”

CHELSEY MAHANY
Agriculture Educator and FFA Advisor,
Groton Jr./Sr. High School

Chapter Reporter De’Anna Mackey is a sophomore who goes above and beyond for the chapter and is always willing to help out. She participates in chorus, Spanish club and basketball.

Chapter Junior Advisor Adelyn Clore is a junior. She also goes above and beyond for the chapter and is involved in Eastern Valley 4-H, Dairy Promotions, National Jersey Association, Class Council and National Honor Society. She also plays soccer, basketball and track.

The Groton FFA will hold its second annual awards banquet next month, so stay tuned here for more on that later in May!

Groton on the Inside appears every week in Tompkins Weekly. Submit story ideas to editorial@vizellamedia.com or text or call Linda at 607-227-4922.

In brief:
National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer (NDOP) was established by federal

law in 1952. The law was amended in 1988, specifically designating the first Thursday in May as the official National Day of Prayer. This year, May 1 will mark the 73rd annual NDOP.

In Groton, midday prayer will be held from noon to 1 p.m. at the Terrence Graves Memorial on Main Street. An evening prayer meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. at Groton Assembly of God, 701 S. Main St.

Outstanding CTE students

Congratulations to the following Groton students who were recognized as outstanding students of the month for March at the Tompkins-Seneca-Tioga BOCES Career and Technical Education Center:

Madison DeGraw, Welding; Kayleb Noble, Auto Technology; Kyle Sinn, World of Work Food Service.

The outstanding students are chosen based on their character, leadership, citizenship, work ethic and attendance. They must also be compassionate, honest, trustworthy, responsible and positive role models.

Kindergarten registration

Groton Elementary School is preparing for next year’s kindergarten class. If you have a child who is eligible to enter school in September 2025, please call 607-898-5853 to register him or her. A child must have been born on or before Dec. 1, 2020 to be eligible to begin school this September.

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Ithaca boys lacrosse finds early-season stride

It's been a spring to savor for lacrosse in the area. There's plenty of ink that's been spilled about Cornell men's lacrosse, currently the number one team in the nation. But at the high school level, Ithaca boys lacrosse is flying out of the gates.



By Ryan Gineo
ESPN ITHACA

The Little Red have won seven of their first eight games of the 2025 season. Head coach Clay Fickenscher gave a ton of credit to the senior class for leading the Little Red to a strong start.

"This group has really bought in," Fickenscher said. "They're dedicated, they're committed, and every single day they're looking to improve. That's really what's led to our success. It starts from the top down, and our seniors have taken care of us."

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CLAY FICKENSCHER

Head Coach, Ithaca Boys Lacrosse

Ithaca has had zero issues with finding the back of the net so far. Through the first eight games, the Little Red have outscored their opponents 118-51 and have scored at least 15 goals in six of those contests. What makes them even more dangerous in attack is that the goals can come from up and down the roster.

"We have depth," Fickenscher said. "You're talking about seven or eight kids that can all step on the field and perform well. It puts a defense in a tough spot of, 'Who are they going to cover with their best guy? Who are they going to prioritize? Who are they not going to prioritize?' And then we scan for that, we look

for that, and then we play off it and take advantage of it. We're also doing a good job of not focusing on one person having to carry the full load, so we've been able to move the ball and play together."

At the top of the depth chart scoring-wise is Owen Simons. The senior tallied 25 goals through the first seven games and has been their top scorer for the third year in a row. The SUNY Geneseo commit has earned immense praise from Fickenscher.

"He just carries himself so well," Fickenscher said. "He's an awesome kid. He's like the definition of an All-American in my mind. Take away sports, he's just an All-American kid. And then you couple that with his work ethic. All the successes that people see on the field or on the ice, there are hundreds of reps and solo practice without anybody watching him that have truly led to that. He's then placing opportunities for success, and he's got the reps behind it to succeed. The definition of true greatness in my mind is making those around you better. He's an All-American in the sense that he does that as well, too."

The Preheim twins have also excelled early on. Charlie—an attacker and Clarkson commit—is second on the team in scoring surpassing 20 goals, while Will—a midfielder and Nazareth commit—has thrived as a complete, two-way midfielder.

"They've really stepped up as great leaders," Fickenscher said. "They've become more vocal and they've found more ways to coach up their peers with explaining what they see, talking through things with them, getting teammates' perspective on things and taking that all into account as we go."

An often-underestimated part of lacrosse is battling for possession in the 'X'. Quentin Getzin has been outstanding in this area for the Little Red, with the junior winning about two-thirds of his draws.



Photo by John Brehm

Ithaca's Charlie Preheim has helped the boys lacrosse team get off to a strong start. The Little Red have won seven of their first eight games this season.

"Quentin is an absolute grinder for us," Fickenscher said. He's taking probably 95% of the faceoffs in addition to offensive reps and defensive reps. That's quite a big ask from a team. He just grinds it out. He's a great wrestler. When I think of wrestling, I think of grinders, and he's just an absolute grinder. He does a lot for us."

In goal, Thomas Howley has been rock-solid, recording a .683 save percentage through the first six games of the season.

"Thomas has just been doing really, really well," Fickenscher said. "He's a great anchor to a strong defensive unit that they both love to take care of each other. Thomas will always pull a save out of his bag that you're not expect-

ing, so that's nice too. He's just a kid that has a very positive outlook and positive mentality."

It's been a promising campaign for the Little Red so far as they work towards their ultimate goal: hoisting a sectional title for the first time since 2018. As with many elite programs, Ithaca is not thinking ahead to the Class A championship on May 30 and instead staying firmly rooted in the present.

"We try to look day to day," Fickenscher said. "We try not to look too far forward. We really just want to write the ship day in and day out, and set things straight, get things correct... [We] don't take a win for granted. [We] make sure we're still looking for areas to improve and continue to improve each day."

Groton softball strives for improved campaign

By Ryan Gineo
ESPN ITHACA

The Section IV softball season is still in its early stages, and Groton is looking to turn things around.

After a successful 2023 campaign qualifying for sectionals, the Red Hawks missed out on the postseason last year with a 3-9 record. While they've lost three of their first four games this year, there have been some encouraging signs from a young team.

In their lone win of the year against Newfield, the Red Hawks exploded for 20 runs. The focus is now on seeing if they can stay more consistent at the plate throughout an entire campaign.

"I've got Jill Zigenfus who, if she can get a hold of the ball, that's gone," said head coach Jocelyn Lathers. "I've got Violet [Santspre] who is ripping the ball in practices. If we can just get a hold of it, I think we will be a big hitting team, and that I'm hoping can be our identity. We're just still kind of getting there."

Lathers is at the helm of the varsity team this season with Lisa Hubbard currently on maternity leave. Lathers is more than familiar with the players. Not only was she previously the modified coach, seven players are on the varsity soccer team that she's coached for the past three years.

"The rapport is there with the

girls, which is really nice," Lathers said. "They know my expectations. For the most part, they know what to expect from me as a coach. I think all of those little things that you don't have to learn a brand-new coach that you've never even heard of, we don't have any of that, which is nice I was kind of able to get in and just get running with the program."

With the outstanding fall season Lathers and some of the softball players had during the soccer season—namely winning an IAC championship for the first time since 2019—that winning mindset could pay dividends on the diamond, especially against tougher competition.

"I think it's going to push us,"

Lathers said. "We have it in the back of our mind, and we're just trying to clean up a lot of the little things and doing the simple things better so that when we do face those tougher teams, we're not losing because we're making fielding errors or silly mistakes thrown to the wrong bases, things like that. [It's] just cleaning up the small stuff and just keeping that motivation and that drive."

In terms of key players, Zigenfus is the Red Hawks' lone returning IAC All-Star. Along with her powerful bat, the junior has also been a reliable fielder at shortstop.

"You watch her just field the ball and instantly pop right up to throw

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SOFTBALL

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it,” Lathers said. “She’s willing to dive .She’s willing to do a lot of the things that the younger girls might be a little bit nervous to do right now. She just has confidence. She has an air about her when she gets up to the plate, which is really nice, and I think it’s a good model to set for the other girls. She’s a lefty, but she’s not always a true lefty. Sometimes she can hit to the left field and to the right. She kind of hits all over, so that’s another advantage we have with her.”

“We kind of struggle when we get up to bat. I’m putting a ton of focus into that this year and hoping that that can improve for us.”

JOCELYN LATHERS
Head Coach, Groton Softball

Another outstanding fielder for Groton is Stella Holl, who has locked things down at first base. It shouldn’t come as too much of a surprise she’s

taking up that position given her great goalkeeping reflexes for the soccer team.

“You can put her anywhere in any sport, anytime,” Lathers said. “I’ve got her at first, and that’s clutch because sometimes we make those wild throws to first, and I’m like, ‘There’s no way she’s gonna get it,’ and somehow she gets it. It’s impressive.”

In the circle, junior Alexis Stone has taken on the role of the Red Hawks’ ace following the graduation of Natalie Ray.

“I think she’s very consistent,” Lathers said. “We’re working on her speed a little bit, working on getting her hitting the inside pitches, too. When we face some of those bigger hitters, we’re making sure we’re not obviously throwing it right down the middle for them, so it’s little things we’re working with her.”

There’s still a boatload of games left this year, and there’s plenty of room for the Red Hawks to spread their wings and soar their way back to winning softball.

“I just want to be better than the previous year,” Lathers said. “Anything that we struggled with last



Photo by John Brehm

Groton’s Alexis Stone is the softball team’s go-to player in the circle. The Red Hawks are aiming for an improved campaign under head coach Jocelyn Lathers.

year, I think that we just need to improve upon. It’s probably our hitting and I think the coach from last year would agree with that. We kind

of struggle when we get up to bat. I’m putting a ton of focus into that this year and hoping that that can improve for us.”

NYSEG

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lies across upstate New York have too many envelopes and not enough money to fill them,” Riley said in a press release. “Meanwhile, utility companies are jacking up rates and bragging to investors about record profits. Folks deserve answers and action, and that’s what I’m fighting to deliver.”

Riley is also gathering input directly from residents to better understand how rising utility costs are affecting families across the district. NY-19 constituents are encouraged to share their experiences, concerns and utility bill information through a brief survey here.

The company’s most recent three-year plan to raise rates was approved by the state’s Public Service Commission in 2023. The third phase of that increase, an average of \$11.34 more on residents’ monthly electric bills and \$4.10 on their gas bills, will start May 1.

“You sent me to Congress to take on the special interests and make it a little bit easier for you and your family to make ends meet, and that’s what this investigation is about,” Riley said in a press release.

“We’ve been hearing so many complaints about billing, lag time on repairs, maintenance, response in emergencies — things like that. So we asked for an investigation. Even at the county we’ve had erroneous billings.”

ANNE KOREMAN (D-ULYSSES)
Legislator, Tompkins County Legislature

At the county level, legislators are pushing the Public Service Commission to investigate NYSEG.

“We’ve been hearing so many complaints about billing, lag time on repairs, maintenance, response in emergencies — things like that,” Koreman said. “So we asked for an

investigation. Even at the county we’ve had erroneous billings.”

The Ithaca Times reported recently that the company has told media outlets that some of the erroneous billing being reported on social media by area residents is out of the company’s control. NYSEG’s Director of Corporate Communications Shelby Cohen attributed those higher bills to winter temperatures and the commensurate energy output.

Other complaints made on social media, Cohen said, are examples of misinformation being spread on Facebook and Nextdoor, The Ithaca Times reported.

“We feel it’s unfortunate that some have decided to ignore the facts and the information that has been provided to them, and chosen to make a confusing situation worse, with seditious social media posts that only serve to misinform customers rather than getting them the assistance that they need,” Cohen said.

Ulysses Connection appears every week in Tompkins Weekly. Send story ideas to editorial@vizellamedia.com. Contact Eddie Velazquez at edvel37@

gmail.com or on X (formerly Twitter) @ezvelazquez.

In brief:
The Trumansburg Conservatory of Fine Arts is sponsoring the Cayuga Arts Collective Annual (Cay-AC) Spring Show, titled “Heaven and Hell.”

Opening night will take place May 2 from 5-8 p.m. at the Community School of Music and Art, located at 330 E. State St. in Ithaca.

“Curated by CayAC founders Domenica Brockman and Marina Delaney, the theme of heaven and hell is explored through the diverse visions of more than forty member artists,” reads a post on TCFA’s website.

Live music will be provided by BIBA!, featuring Lynn Wiles and Jessica Custer-Bindel.

Light refreshments will be served. For the duration of the exhibit, visitors are encouraged to participate in the People’s Choice Award. A ballot box will be available in the main gallery, offering everyone the opportunity to vote for their favorite piece.

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WEDNESDAY 4/23



Craft Night! Candle Painting
Wednesday April 23 at 6pm



We will be painting white pillar candles with scented and colorful tea light candles! The capacity is 12 people so be sure to call, email, or stop by the library to reserve your spot!



newfieldpubliclibrary.org
newfieldlibrary@gmail.com
607-564-3594



Craft Night- Candle Painting
April 23 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Free
Join us at the Newfield Public Library for a candle painting craft night! We will light some scented and colorful tea lights and then paint a plain white pillar candle from the tea light candles' wax! Suitable for any age that can safely work around candles and with hot wax. This craft night is open to 12 people so be sure to call, email, or stop by the library to reserve your spot!
Newfield Public Library 198 Main St Newfield, NY, 14867

THURSDAY 4/24



Farmer Ground Flour Tour
With theLearningWeb



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,
Must live in Tompkins County

Sign up with a Coordinator
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Healthy Eating Support Community
April 24 @ 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Free
The Healthy Eating Support Program is a free program that provides peer-to-peer support for sustained healthy eating within the Tompkins community. Join us at 4:30 PM on Thursday April 24 (and every other Thursday after that) at the Tompkins County Cornell Cooperative Extension, 615 Willow Ave., Ithaca, NY. For info email cl2742@cornell.edu.
Cornell Cooperative Extension Tompkins County 615 Willow Ave Ithaca, 14850


FRIDAY 4/25


Fandango! Spanish & Latin American music for guitar & string quartet
April 25 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm \$10
Join guitarist Matthew Ocone for an evening of Spanish and Argentinian music. Along with Jennifer Myers(violin), Ben Hummel(violin), Bill Hurley(viola) and Chris White (cello), they will perform Boccherini's famous "Fandango" Quintet, tangos by Astor Piazzolla, and an excerpt from Rodrigo's Concerto de Aranjuez. Admission is \$10 at the door.
This program is made possible in part with funds from the New York State Council on the Arts administered by the Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County.
First Unitarian Society of Ithaca 306 N Aurora Street Ithaca, 14850

SingTrece: Changing Hearts One Positive Note at a Time
April 25 @ 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm \$20
Internationally acclaimed singer, songwriter, actress, and playwright SingTrece is a powerhouse of soul, storytelling, and inspiration. With a voice that moves hearts

and lyrics that uplift, she captivates audiences worldwide, from intimate venues to grand stages like The Vatican. Her performances are more than just music—they are experiences, blending emotion, connection, and transformation. Whether through her original songs, dynamic stage presence, or community-driven projects, SingTrece's mission is clear: to change lives, one positive note at a time.
Kitchen Theatre Company
417 W. State St./Martin Luther King Jr. St., Ithaca, 14850

SATURDAY 4/26




**BOOK SALE!**

Saturday, April 26
8:00am - 2:00pm


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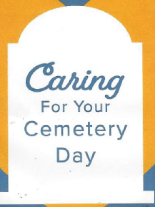
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Newfield Public Library Book Sale
April 26 @ 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
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Daffodil Dash
April 26 @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm \$25
Welcome spring with the Third Annual Daffodil Dash on April 26, 2025, a fun one-mile run/walk or 5K race along Ithaca's inlet amidst a display of 180,000 daffodils. The event is open to all ages; both courses are paved and accessible. Free registration and t-shirt for participants 12 and under; \$25 registration for all others; optional \$10 t-shirt. Limited to the first 500 registrants or until March 28, whichever comes first. Register at ithacagardenclub.org/daffodil-dash.html The Daffodil Dash race/walk is a joint project of the Ithaca Garden Club and Ithaca Children's Garden; the Garden Club's Daff-a-Dazzle campaign is a multi-year effort to plant daffodils throughout the community. Every dollar raised will go toward yet more daffodils to be planted next fall by the City of Ithaca and volunteers from the garden club and Cornell University, with the help of an extraordinary bulb-planting machine from Cornell!
Cass Park and Ithaca Children's Garden
Taughannock Blvd
Ithaca, 14850





Saturday, April 26, 2025
10:00 AM until 2:00 PM

Honor the Past, Beautify the Present:
Volunteer for Caring For Your Cemetery Day and Give Back to Your Community!
Greensprings Natural Cemetery Preserve
293 Irish Hill Rd, Newfield, NY

We will have an assortment of tasks, tools and gloves. Everyone is welcome - stay as long as you want.

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Caring For Your Cemetery Day
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293 Irish Hill Rd Newfield, NY



The Original Cornell Syncopators present: A Celebration of the Duke and the King
April 26 @ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm \$5
Come sit and listen, or better yet...DANCE! Enjoy music by Duke Ellington and King Oliver with Cornell's only early jazz band.
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Ithaca, 14853



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Saturday, April 26th, 10:30am
Ages 11-21,
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CU Music: Cornell Chorus, Glee Club, and Symphony Orchestra Major Works Concert
April 26 @ 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Free
Cornell Chorus, Glee Club, and Symphony Orchestra Major Works Concert: Join us for an evening of profound and transcendent music, featuring choral and sacred masterworks. The program includes Bach's uplifting Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, Dvorák's triumphant Te Deum—featuring soloists Rachel Schutz, soprano, and Jean Bernard Cerin, baritone—Brahms' Lyrical Schicksalslied, and Theofanidis' Rainbow Body, a work both meditative and exuberant. Performed by the Cornell Glee Club and Chorus, and the Cornell Symphony Orchestra, led by Joe Lerangis and Gabriela Gomez Estevez, this concert explores the spiritual and emotional depth of these major works. Free advance tickets at cornelltickets.com
Bailey Hall 230 Garden Ave Ithaca, 14850

SUNDAY 4/27



To submit your own event visit:

tompkinsweekly.com/event-submission/

CU Music: Percussion Ensemble Concert
April 27 @ 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Free
Join the Cornell University Percussion Ensemble as they explore timbres, textures, and grooves! This concert features pieces by Ayanna Woods, Andy Akiho, and Christopher Rouse and showcases everything from sensitive ethereal textures to complex polyrhythmic beats and driving 6/8 drums (bring your earplugs)!
Lincoln Hall 256 Feeney Wy Ithaca, 14853

MONDAY 4/28

Cookbook Club- Easy Dishes
April 28 @ 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Free
April's theme for Cookbook Club at the Newfield Public Library will be easy, quick, and delicious dishes you love! Whether it's an appetizer, a quick entree, or your favorite dessert to whip up, we would love to hear about it- and taste it! Bring a dish to pass or just bring your favorite cookbook, AND a friend, and join us.
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TUESDAY 4/29

Business Fraud Webinar with Tompkins Community Bank
April 29 @ 10:30 am - 11:30 am
Join Tompkins Community Bank for a discussion on protecting your business from fraud. Learn about current risks for businesses related to payment fraud and how to proactively prevent fraud. Plus, ask questions and receive answers from our experts. Link: <https://webinar.tompkinsbank.com/business-fraud>



CU Music: Jeffrey Snedeker, organ recital
April 29 @ 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Free
Jeffrey Snedeker organ recital. "L'Orgue Mystique: Music for the Feasts of Ascension and Pentecost from 17th- and 20th-century France." Including works by Nivers, de Grigny, Tournemire, Messiaen, and Duruflé.
Sage Chapel 147 Ho Plaza Ithaca, 14853

FUTURE DATES:

CU Music: Midday Music for Organ with Annette Richards
April 30 @ 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm Free
Midday Music for Organ: Annette Richards. "Bach and Beyond." Includes "Sei gegrüßet, Jesu gütig" BWV 768 and the Toccata, Adagio and Fugue, BWV 564.
Anabel Taylor Chapel 548 College Ave Ithaca, 14850

HOROSCOPE

Week of
April 20 to 26, 2025



ARIES
Embrace professional change without hesitation! Taking on new responsibilities will drive your progress and likely lead to a salary increase, even if time becomes an increasingly precious resource.



TAURUS
You may consider embarking on a journey or adventure that requires considerable preparation. Enrolling in a training course or diving into a new field of study could change how you see your future.



GEMINI
To reduce tensions, set aside some time for your loved ones. This time you spend together will help you open up to each other and gain a deeper understanding of the challenges each of you may be facing.



CANCER
You'll finally have time to spend with your partner. You must make minor adjustments to your relationship and free up time to do things with your better half. This will help you resolve many of the issues that have been bothering you.



LEO
You'll hear about a job opening that aligns with your professional goals. You'll need to invest time and work hard to adapt to your new responsibilities.



VIRGO
You'll be surprised to find yourself in the spotlight this week. Your presence will captivate those around you, and you'll receive applause for an impressive feat. You'll perform a heroic act that will boost your self-esteem.



LIBRA
Your family counts on your presence, so you may need to spend part of the week at home. Although your move is still a few months away, start preparing right away to stay ahead of the game.



SCORPIO
You'll know just what to say this week, and your words will resonate far and wide, especially on social media. Prepare for a series of enriching trips.



SAGITTARIUS
Indulge and spoil yourself this week. Take the opportunity to wander through stores and boutiques. You'll find useful items, and also a few goodies to brighten up your daily routine.



CAPRICORN
Prepare for a busy week ahead. Your enthusiasm and perseverance will set you apart. You're also likely to see a significant increase in your income, which will give rise to some wonderful celebrations.

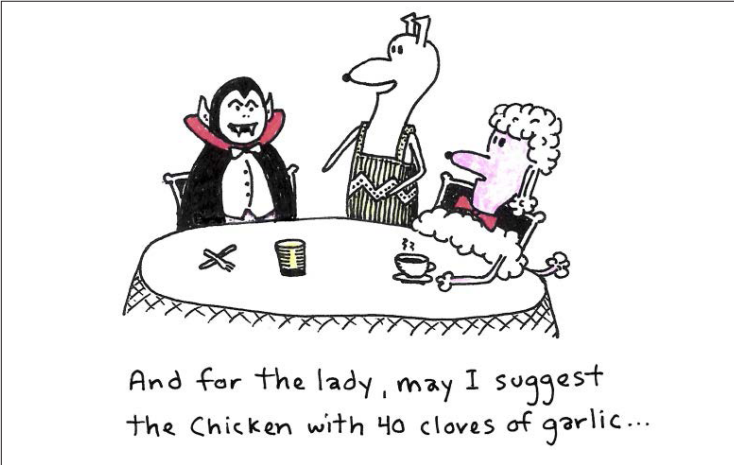


AQUARIUS
Exhaustion is catching up with you, and a sleepless night could jeopardize your progress on certain projects. Embrace a new routine. A balanced diet and regular physical activity could work wonders for your energy levels.



PISCES
You'll be tasked with organizing a large-scale meeting at work. Your social life will be buzzing with activity. You'll show empathy and innovation this week. Divine inspiration may guide you.

COMICS By Jack Young



Sudoku

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK



CHOCOLATE CROISSANTS

Ingredients:

- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour

- 1/2 cup cold water

- 1 tbsp granulated sugar

- 1 large egg (for egg wash)

- 1 tsp salt

- 8 oz dark chocolate (chopped or chocolate batons)

- 1 1/4 cups cold unsalted butter, cut into small cubes

- 1 tbsp milk (for egg wash)

Directions:

1. Mix Dough: In a bowl, whisk flour, sugar, and salt. Cut in cold butter using a pastry cutter or fingers until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs with pea-sized butter pieces. Add cold water and mix until a shaggy dough forms. Wrap and chill for 1 hour.

2. Laminate Dough: On a floured surface, roll dough into a 10x15-inch rectangle. Fold into thirds like a letter, rotate 90 degrees, and roll again. Repeat this folding process 3 times, chilling for 30 minutes between each fold.

3. Shape Croissants: Roll chilled dough into a 12x18-inch rectangle. Cut into 6 equal triangles. Place a small amount of chocolate at the base of each triangle, roll tightly toward the tip, and curve into a crescent shape. Place on a parchment-lined baking sheet.

4. Proof: Cover loosely and let rise at room temperature for 1-2 hours, or until puffy. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C).

5. Bake: Whisk egg with milk and brush over croissants. Bake for 18-22 minutes, or until golden brown and flaky.

6. Serve: Cool slightly and enjoy warm for a gooey chocolate center!

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19. Icy rain

21. Forest animal

23. Heroic stories

24. Posed

26. Like some wine

27. Church furniture

28. Fills with wonder

29. Game on horse-back

30. Farm laborers

32. Fragrant wood

35. Falsehood

38. Grass-covered ground

40. Facial feature

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45. Soft belt

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48. Kitchen cooker

49. Flock papas

50. ____ leaf

51. Maven

53. Feathered neck-wear

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not try to keep the bottom floor of the home warmer.

When Lanners and Lopez decided to replace their natural gas heating and cooling system and hot water heater, they consulted Kevin Moravec, owner of Van Hee Heating & Cooling. Moravec did a little extra investigative work on the home and determined that the old vents could serve a purpose again.

The previous owners had also installed solar panels, and the couple expects that they will likely break even on their electricity bill over the course of the year.

The couple and their children live in Zone 2 of the NPA incentive. Their system cost \$51,000, and with all of the incentives and tax rebates they are eligible to take advantage of, the family will pay \$19,770, which Lanners said they plan to pay over the course of five years with a loan that has a 3.49% interest rate.

It took a year-and-a-half of planning and nearly a month of actual construction to complete the project. For Lopez, the construction was a little challenging.

“It was very loud,” she said. “They bring in this enormous rig, and all of this equipment destroys your yard.” But, she said, the workers were very respectful and made sure everything was safe and clean at the end of each work day. The end result was worth the noise, the dust created by the indoor work, and the ruts in the neighbors’ yard, which the couple said they will fix when they reseed their own backyard.

Lanners said he enjoyed seeing a crew come to work at his home every day. “Just thinking about the job creation — this creates these green energy jobs where they’re not having to risk their lives in a coal mine,” he said.

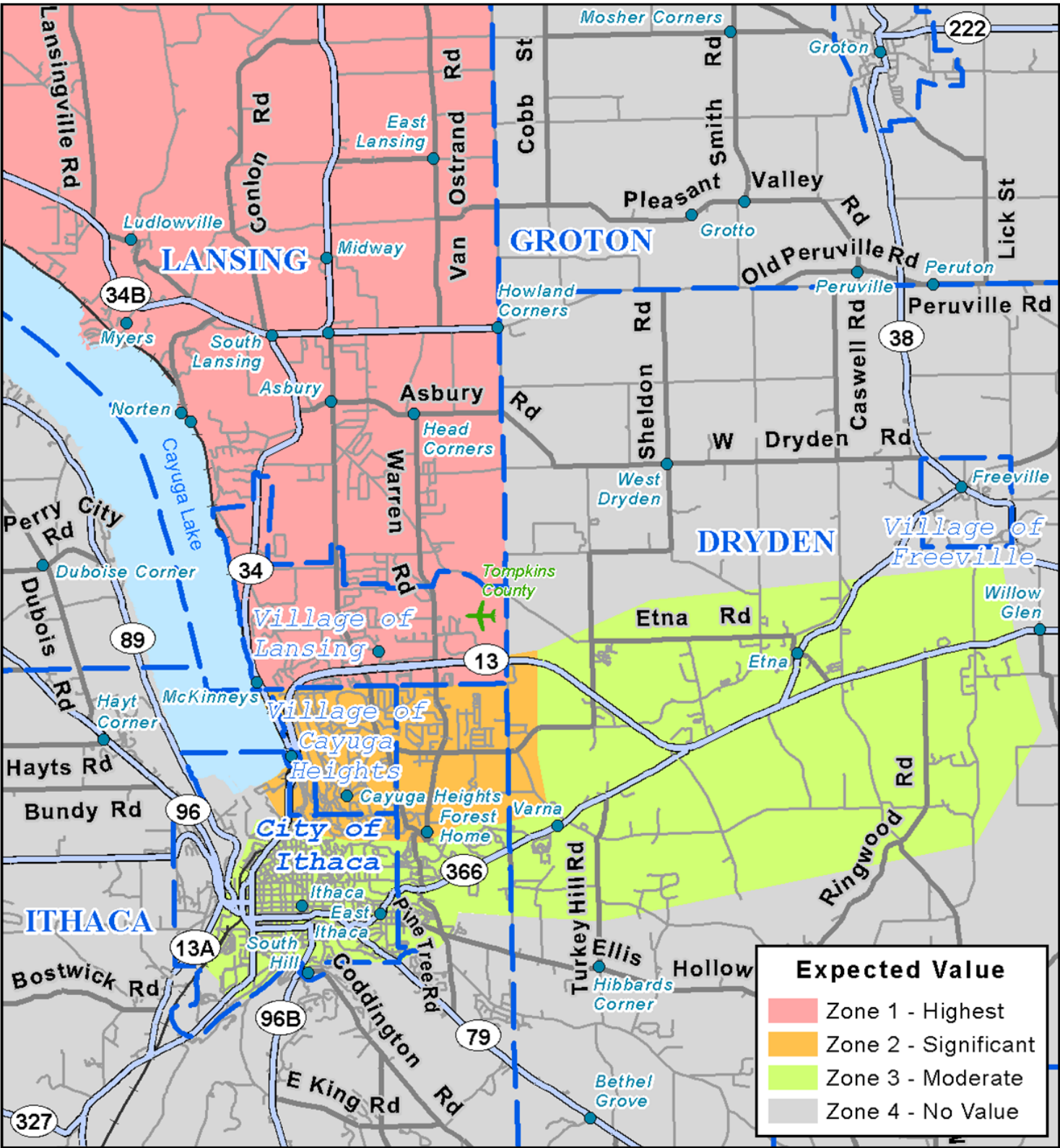


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See ELECTRIC on pg 14 A map of the zones where Tompkins County residents are eligible for NYSEG’s Lansing Non-Pipes Alternatives program.

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A history of natural gas issues in Lansing

Lansing has been experiencing low pressure issues with its natural gas line for nearly 10 years, Hull said. The moratorium, issued in 2017, states that no new connections can be made to the natural gas line.

NYSEG's original proposal for addressing the supply issue was to construct a pipeline that would have gone through Dryden and up the Warren Road area.

"[A geothermal pump has] a very quick payback, and the ground loop will be there for 100 years-plus, and then the equipment inside the home could have a 30-plus-year shelf life."

KEVIN MORAVEC

Owner, Van Hee Heating & Cooling

"And that received a lot of push-back," Hull said. "Understandably, there were a lot of community members, both in Lansing and in Dryden, who were opposed for environmental reasons, who were opposed for economic reasons, who were opposed because they didn't want a pipeline going through areas of their yard."

The moratorium on new natural gas hookups has had an effect on people living in north Lansing, Hull said, because the pipeline does not currently serve their area.

"Most people who are in that part of town are using some delivered fuel, so they're using propane, or they're using some other fuel," Hull said, adding that because they do not currently have natural gas, they're also not eligible for the deep savings on air and geothermal pumps that are available to their neighbors.

"There are a lot of people in North Lansing who are having heating problems, mostly associated with high utility bills, and they are seeking alternatives and are looking towards electrification as a pathway, but they don't necessarily have the funding available," Hull said.

NYSEG is currently in the midst of developing a gas decommissioning plan, as required by the New York Public Service Commission in 2022.

"In the most recent presentation that

they gave as part of that [decommissioning planning], the Lansing NPA program featured heavily in their presentation as one example of what a gas decommissioning program could look like," Hull said. "Lansing is one of the few NPA programs that exist in the state. ... This small community in Tompkins County is a pilot program of what alternative strategies for reducing gas usage could look like in New York."

It was recently announced that there will be a community stakeholder meeting April 29. "There is going to be another forum for discourse between NYSEG and people who are interested in helping to design or provide input around this gas decommissioning plan," Hull said.

Cost savings, despite fluctuating rates?

Will switching to electric pumps from natural gas, a relatively inexpensive way to heat one's home, save the homeowner money in the end?

"The answer that I gave to a lot of people is, 'I'm not sure,'" Hull said. "There's a lot of uncertainty around whether it will be financially cheaper to switch."

Not all of the blame for the recent electricity rate hike should be placed on NYSEG, said Shelby Cohen, director of New York communications for NYSEG. "NYSEG is your delivery company, so we deliver the energy to your home," Cohen explained.

"The supply portion of the bill is what has been high this winter," she said. "We don't generate electricity." She said delivery rates have not increased since May 2024. "What has gone up this winter has been supply prices. ... January and February this year were colder than predicted, and they were colder than last year, and that makes the supply price go up at the same time as people are using more supply."

For those who take the leap and install a new system, the cap on the NPA incentive is 50% of the total project cost. It is calculated based on the size of the natural gas system being removed.

"But," Hull said, "there are other incentives that can get stacked on top of that. There is a clean heat rebate that NYSEG offers to homes across the state. There are some federal tax credits that residents might be eligible for; obviously, the federal landscape is changing slightly, so it is sometimes difficult to know if the availability of those tax credits are going to change at all."

There are three contractors who are currently licensed to provide the incentive: Van Hee, Halco and Dailey. Van

Hee is more focused on installing geothermal systems, but all three companies do heat pump work, Hull added.

So, where should homeowners start when researching what is best for their home?

"At the Cornell Cooperative extension, our recommendation is usually that if you are seeking to install a heat pump, it makes a lot of sense to get a free home energy audit," Hull said. "That's available for residents of New York to get your home assessed for drafts and to do a blower door test and figure out how well sealed your home is and to address some of those insulation and weatherization issues because your heat pump is going to work better if your home is insulated well."

For an average family home in Tompkins County, a new ground source heat pump would cost about \$4,000 to \$7,000 more to install than a conventional system, Moravec estimated.

"It's a very quick payback, and the ground loop will be there for 100 years-plus, and then the equipment inside the home could have a 30-plus-year shelf life," he added.

Ground source heat pumps take advantage of the constant temperature of the shallow earth to efficiently exchange temperatures, heating homes in the winter and cooling homes in the summer, according to the Department of Energy website. Typically, this requires digging a hole between 100 and 400 feet deep.

Air-source pumps have a compressor and two metal coils. In heating mode, heat energy is extracted from the outdoor air and brought into the house via a compressor circulating refrigerant. A reversing valve changes the direction of refrigerant flow for cooling.

Both types of pumps are available through the NPA incentives, though Moravec exclusively installs geothermal.

"With the various incentives that exist, somebody in Lansing could walk out with a turnkey [geothermal] system for less than \$10 grand," he said. "For non-Lansing residents, it would be closer to \$15 to \$20 grand."

Matt Bennis, senior home solutions expert for Halco, a company that installs both air and geothermal pumps, said that each kind has its own advantages.

"The upfront costs are higher [for geothermal], but when you stack all these tax credits together, it's not exactly similar costs to air-source, but within a few thousand dollars," Bennis said.

Bennis suggested that homeowners look into installing solar panels on their roofs, a system that will break even in roughly seven years.

"That solar array is guaranteed to produce power for the next 25 years," he said. "Basically, you only have to pay for your electricity for seven years, and then you never have to pay for it again."

Taking advantage of Zone 2 savings in a newer home

In Ithaca, just outside of Lansing, Jim Meehan lives in Zone 2 and took advantage of the NPA incentive and tax rebates to bring down the cost of a new geothermal system for his home, which he built 10 years ago. When all was said and done, his \$45,000 system will cost him and his wife \$9,532.

Meehan contracted with Van Hee when his instant hot water heater stopped working. He decided to install a new geothermal heating and cooling system, as well.

During the winter, his electricity bill went up between \$50 and \$100. He said he would be interested in installing solar panels on his roof, which he anticipates would lower his monthly electric bill by about \$50.

"The heat that comes out of the vents doesn't feel super-hot," Meehan said. On the very coldest days, his hands felt a little bit cold. "We have a cat that likes to sit on the vents, but the cat doesn't get that anymore," he said.

Despite the difference in the way the air feels, Meehan said he is happy to have a more environmentally friendly system.

Meehan began the process of looking into the geothermal system in July, and by September it was being installed.

"The installation went smoothly," he said. "I felt it wasn't prohibitively expensive."

Find out more

To learn more about the NPA program and other incentives available to Tompkins County residents, visit ccetompkins.org/energy/lansing-non-pipes-alternatives.

Those who are interested in learning more about the incentives available in their area are encouraged to contact Hull at smh372@cornell.edu or (607) 272-2292 ext. 192.

Rush said he hopes that Tompkins County residents will take advantage of all of the incentives that are offered.

"You have a wide variety of homes in the Ithaca area and the Tompkins area," Rush said. "Old, new, there's a program for everyone."



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CFCU Community Credit Union announces new brand, becoming Beginnings Credit Union

For more than 70 years, CFCU Community Credit Union has been a source of financial strength for members and communities throughout the Finger Lakes Region. The local institution is “known for making a positive difference in people’s lives, putting community first and continually evolving to meet member needs,” states a recent CFCU press release.

Now, CFCU is becoming Beginnings Credit Union. The new name is designed to communicate a commitment to helping everyone — no matter where they are in their journey — grow into their dreams.

“As a trusted resource and experienced guide, CFCU will continue to provide members with the power to write their next chapter,” the press release states.

CFCU Community Credit Union, founded in 1953, serves nearly 77,000 members. With \$1.4 billion in assets and 17 locations across its seven-county service area, CFCU is one of the largest credit unions in New York State.

“Since 1953, we’ve served our members by connecting them with financial opportunities that unlock greater possibilities and bring our communities closer together,” Lisa Whitaker, president and CEO of CFCU, said. “We understand that every day is a new beginning, and our new name reflects the

power in what’s possible. As the world evolves, and members needs change, we need to improve our ability to tell our story. This rebrand will help us do just that.”

CFCU will remain a committed local institution with the same people members know and trust, but with an evolved brand that is even more relevant for everyone the credit union serves. CFCU’s goal will continue to be to equip members with the financial tools and resources they need to make real progress, Beginnings Credit Union will remain proudly committed to helping people move forward — no matter where they are starting from.

“Rebranding was a strategic decision, made in partnership between the Board of Directors and leadership team. We recognized the need for a name and identity that truly reflect who we are today and where we are headed. Our new name, Beginnings, captures the spirit, values and progress that define us. This change positions us for future growth ensuring our outward image reflects the inclusive, forward thinking credit union we’ve always been,” said Blixxy Taetzsch, Chair, CFCU Board of Directors.

While CFCU will undergo a distinct change in its name, logo, and brand appearance, its members can expect their personal account information



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CFCU Community Credit Union is changing its name to Beginnings Credit Union. Left to right: Cathy Benson-Aloi, Chief Lending Officer; William Crane, Chief Production Officer; Mallorie David, Chief People Officer; Paul Kirk, Chief Operations Officer & Chief Financial Officer; Lisa Whitaker, President and CEO; Eliza Mulhern, Chief Risk Officer and General Counsel.

and the organization’s daily services to remain the same.

The Beginnings Credit Union brand will officially launch to the market in July 2025.

“This entire process has been a rewarding one to be a part of, and I’m so excited to see the reaction we’ll get

from our members and our communities,” Katie Foley, CFCU vice-president of marketing and sales, said. “Our team is excited to be there to answer their questions and support them throughout this rebranding process and onward.”

Kendall Mack volunteers at adaptive basketball clinic

Kendall Mack, of Dryden, was one of 27 SUNY Oneonta students who volunteered at the annual Adaptive Basketball Clinic on campus, created through a partnership between the Sport and Exercise Science department and EDD Adaptive Sports. The event, held in the Alumni Field House on April 12 from 12 to 2 p.m., allowed area residents with varying intellectual and adaptive disabilities to hone their skills in basketball through different technical and shooting drills.

Mack is studying Sport Management and is part of the class of 2028. SUNY Oneonta’s Sport and Exercise Sciences department has developed a relationship with EDD Adaptive Sports, a non-profit organization that offers adaptive sports programs to children and adults with any disability. EDD Adaptive Sports’ programs allow people of all ages to participate in a variety of free athletic and sport-related activities, including basketball, biking, kayaking, soccer, swim-

ming, pickleball, rowing and yoga. This was the third year that SUNY Oneonta and EDD Adaptive Sports worked together to make the basketball clinic a successful day for everyone involved.

Twenty-one of the student volunteers were from the SUNY Oneonta men’s and women’s basketball teams. The basketball teams picked the drills they wanted to teach to EDD’s athletes, resulting in a rotation through five stations that focused on skills like dribbling, shoot-

ing and passing. With participant ages ranging from early childhood to late adolescence, modified basketball hoops and other equipment allowed every athlete to maximize their performance.

Among the student volunteers were Exercise Science seniors Emilia Montgomery and Alana Batson, who provided training to the other volunteers on how to interact and work with the EDD athletes. Mont-

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Lifelong launches Musical Memories Café

Toes were tapping and there were smiles all around on March 18 when Lifelong in Ithaca launched a new program, Musical Memories Café, at neighboring residential building Library Place. John Simon, a local guitar player and singer, took the stage, accompanied by Der Walters on the pedal steel guitar. They played a variety of classic songs perfect for singing along to, such as “This Land is Your Land.”

Bruce Henderson, of Ithaca, attended the event with his husband, Daryl Bem. He requested “Puff the Magic Dragon,” and Simon and Walters happily obliged.

“My husband has had Alzheimer’s for a few years,” Henderson said. “He was a Cornell professor for many years and still maintains the ability to play piano. Music is something he still enjoys.”

Henderson said Bem retains much of his knowledge and awareness from his academic career. “It’s his short-term memory that’s harder for him, so I’m particularly grateful to the musicians for picking songs that are familiar to people in the crowd, and even if they’re not singing along, my guess is that it’s evoking emotions and memories — hopefully happy ones.”

The program is funded by a grant from Health Foundation for Western and Central New York, and entry and lunch are free of charge.

Bill Panzica brought plenty of pizza for the attendees, donated by Eta Pie. He said he was happy to serve up lunch at the first of many Musical Memory events Lifelong plans to host on the third Tuesday of every other month. Panzica and his wife, Carolyn Panzica, are the founders of Musical Memories. “My wife had an idea to start an Alzheimer’s and dementia program,” Panzica said. “She’s basically the mover and shaker of the whole thing.”

“We had lunch, and games, and we thought, ‘we need to bring music into this,’ so we did, and the

program grew tremendously,” Panzica explained. “There seems to be some attraction to the melodic flow and attachment to words. Smells are powerful, and music is, also. It captures a place in your memory, and you can’t quite define why it is so powerful. I’ve been in the medical field for 40 years, and I can’t explain it.”

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BILL PANZICA
Ecofounder,
Musical Memories Café program

People would come in who didn’t remember their own name, but they knew all of the words to the songs that were playing, said Panzica, who recalled one man who could walk physically but would not stand because of his dementia. He would enter the event in a wheelchair, dance with his wife, and when the music was over someone would set him back down in his chair again.

The Musical Memories program is currently responsible for serving more than 20,000 free lunches featuring over 170 musical acts.

Panzica said he enjoyed being at Lifelong’s first installment of the event. “It’s started off great,” he said.

“One of the great things about the first event is that we had someone who started this program who was able to be with us to walk us through the types of music and simplifying the food, and the focus was just on people enjoying themselves in an atmosphere of inclusion and support, and I think we pulled that off,” said Liza Burger, executive director of Lifelong.

Panzica said the program works best when the musicians play songs that the attendees likely recognize



Photo by Jaime Cone Hughes

Daryl Bem (left) and Bruce Henderson, of Ithaca, enjoy the music of John Simon and Der Walters at Lifelong’s Musical Memories Café March 18.

from their younger years.

The outings Musical Memories provides are as much for caregivers as they are for those they are caring for. Taking care of someone with dementia or Alzheimer’s can be especially taxing for spouses, Panzica said.

“They have such a challenging life because they’re with someone that they love for half a century, and they see them slowly float away from them,” Panzica said. “We thought we wanted to do something for the caregivers to come out and have fun, and it means a lot to people.”

Henderson said he liked attending the event with his husband. “It’s nice to see other people there, too,” he said, “and you feel less alone.” He attends a caregiver support group, and he said he enjoyed seeing caregivers he recognized outside of the normal group setting.

“It’s nice to see caregivers and the people whom they care for,” he said. “It gives a more complete

sense of the family and the whole relationship.”

Laura Winter Falk attended the event with her mother, who lives at Bridges Cornell Heights, a senior assisted living facility. One of Falk’s favorite ways to spend time with her is to take her to concerts.

“I like to have every opportunity to get her out that I can, and she likes music, and it’s perfect,” Falk said. “My mom has dementia, so one of the things she’s still perfect at is that she knows every word to every song from the ‘40s.”

The next Musical Memories Café will take place May 20 from 12:30 to 1 p.m. at Library Place, where Charlie Young will provide the live music.

“I’m in the process of making a set list that will be upbeat, and I hope it will be mostly familiar,” Young said. “I’ll be playing songs from the 1920s through the 2000s — an eclectic mix, with swing, pop, a show tune or two, country, folk, and folk-rock — something for everybody.”



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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.

NOTICE of FORMATION of a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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. SSNY shall mail process to: 42 Reach Run, Ithaca, NY 14850. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30/2025.

NOTICE of FORMATION of a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

The Doors of Perception LCSW, PLLC -- Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York on 03/21/2025. Office location: Cortland County. Secretary of State of New York designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. Secretary of State of New York shall mail process to PO Box 181, Cortland, New York. The limited liability company was formed for any lawful business purpose. 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7/2025.

NOTICE of FORMATION of a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

612 E Buffalo St LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/24/2025. Office location: Tompkins County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1054 Cayuga Heights Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7/2025.

NOTICE of FORMATION of a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Zebra Blue, 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 or activity. 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7/2025.

NOTICE of FORMATION of a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

TORNUSCIOLO PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICE, PLLC filed Arts. Of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/18/2024. 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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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.

NOTICE of FORMATION of a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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.

NOTICE of FORMATION of a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

MKFLYING, LLC filed Arts. Of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/3/2024. 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.

NOTICE of FORMATION of a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

LUNCH MONKEY LLC filed Arts. Of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/27/2024. 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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LOST BLOCK LLC filed Arts. Of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/27/2025. 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.

NOTICE of FORMATION of a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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: 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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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.

NOTICE of FORMATION of a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

ITHACA 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.

NOTICE of FORMATION of a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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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FYLUM AGENCY LLC filed Arts. Of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/6/2025. 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: 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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FORAYS PARTNERS, LLC filed Arts. Of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/10/2025. 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: THE LLC, 14 Stormy View Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850. Purpose: any lawful act. 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7/2025.

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East State Management Holdings 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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DANOVA, 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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CLARENCE ELLIOT, 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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BERKIE LLC filed Arts. Of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/13/2025. 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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316 NORTH AURORA, LLC filed Arts. Of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/31/2025. 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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222 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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220 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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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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200 West Seneca LLC filed Arts. Of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/15/2025. 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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40 TRIPHAMMER TERRACE, LLC filed Arts. Of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/31/2025. 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.

NOTICE of FORMATION of a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Signature Dance Company of CNY, LLC -- Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York on 04/04/2025. Office location: Cortland County. Secretary of State of New York designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. Secretary of State of New York shall mail process to PO Box 129, Homer, New York which is the principal office of the limited liability company. The limited liability company was formed for any lawful business purpose. 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21/2025.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

STEVE HATCH RACING, LLC. Articles of Organization filing date with Secretary of State (SSNY) was 04/14/2025. 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 591 Lake Rd. Dryden, NY 13053. Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws. 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28/2025.

NOTICE of FORMATION of a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

140 Thurston Ave LLC. Filed 4/1/25. Cty: Tompkins. SSNY desig. for process & shall mail 10 E 40th St, NY, NY 10016. Purp: any lawful. 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28/2025.

NOTICE of FORMATION of a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Ithaca Computer Associates, LLC filed Arts. Of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/25/2025. 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: 368 Piper Rd, Newfield, NY 14867. Purpose: any lawful act. 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28/2025.

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF TOMPKINS

TOMPKINS COMMUNITY BANK F/K/A TOMPKINS TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff - against - ITHACA B&T ASSOCIATES, LLC, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on January 27, 2025. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Tompkins County Courthouse, 320 North Tioga Street, Ithaca on the 29th day of April, 2025 at 12:00 PM a leasehold interest in the mortgaged property as follows: All that tract or parcel of land, situate in the Village and Town of Lansing, County of Tompkins and State of New York.

Premises known as:

Parcel 1 – 9 and 19 Brown Road Tax Map Nos.: 45.1-1-55.9 and 45.1-1-55.22

Parcel 2 – 20 Thornwood Drive Tax Map No.: 45.1-1-55.11

Parcel 3 – 35 Thornwood Drive Tax Map No.: 45.1-1-55.21

Parcel 4 – 10 Brown Road Tax Map No.: 45.1-1-52.22

Parcel 5 – 36 Thornwood Drive Tax Map No.: 45.1-1-55.20

Parcel 6 – 22 Thornwood Drive Tax Map No.: 45.1-1-55.18

Parcel 7 – 30 Brown Road Tax Map No.: 45.1-1-52.21

Parcel 8 – 15 Thornwood Drive Tax Map: 45.1-1-55.17

Parcel 9 – 53 Brown Road Tax Map No.: 45.1-1-55.13

Parcel 10 – 22 Thornwood Drive Tax Map No.: 45.1-1-55.15

Parcel 11 – 8 Brentwood Drive Tax Map No.: 45.1-1-57.6

Parcel 12 – 10 Brentwood Drive Tax Map No.: 45.1-1-57.51

Parcel 13 – 20 Arrowwood Drive Tax Map No.: 45.1-1-57.4

Parcel 14 – 22 Arrowwood Drive Tax Map No.: 45.1-1-57.52

Parcel 15 – 16 Brentwood Drive Tax Map No.: 45.1-1-59.2

Parcel 16 – 33 Thornwood Drive Tax Map No.: 45.1-1-55.12

Parcel 17 – 61 Brown Road Tax Map No.: 45.1-1-55.3

Village/Town of Lansing, Tompkins County, New York.

Approximate amount of lien \$75,945,004.99 plus interest and costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale.

Index No. EF2024-0019. Carl J. Depalma, Esq., Referee.

Harris Beach Murtha Cullina PLLC

Attorney(s) for Plaintiff

333 West Washington Street, Suite 200

Syracuse, NY 13202

Tel. 315-423-7100

Dated: February 26, 2025

During the COVID-19 health emergency, bidders are required to comply with all governmental health requirements in effect at the time of sale including but not limited to, wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing (at least 6-feet apart) during the auction, while tendering deposit and at any subsequent closing. Bidders are also required to comply with the Foreclosure Auction Rules and COVID-19 Health Emergency Rules issued by the Supreme Court of this County in addition to the conditions set forth in the Terms of Sale.

Real Estate Transactions

CAROLINE
- Sarah Grunberg bought from Soule Properties LLC at 191 White Church Rd, Caroline, NY 14817 on 03/26/25 for \$115,000.
- Daniel Paolangeli bought from Zachary K. Leviere & Lyndsey N. Lyman at 2434 Coddington Rd, Caroline, NY 14817 on 03/24/25 for \$215,000.

DANBY
- Janet Desch bought from Carrie Kartman & Adam Kartman at N/A, Danby,

NY 13053 on 03/25/25 for \$142,500.
- Adriana Hall bought from Wbl Spe Iii LLC at 279 Gunderman Rd, Danby, NY 13053 on 03/25/25 for \$300,000.
- Olivia Vent bought from Brian D. Miller at N/A, Danby, NY 13053 on 03/21/25 for \$125,000.

DRYDEN
- Zachary Leviere & Lyndsey N. Lyman bought from Eleanor K. Hislop at N/A, Dryden, NY 13053 on 03/27/25 for

\$252,000.
- Elisabeth W. Sanabria bought from Raina Plowright & Gary M. Tabor at Hungerford Rd, Dryden, NY13053 on 03/24/25 for \$80,000.

ITHACA
- Forrest Briscoe & Robin Briscoe bought from John Eckenrode at 21 Renwick Heights Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850 on 03/25/25 for \$486,000.
- Douglas B. Moog bought from Randie T. Lipkin & Donald Wheeler at 101 Oakwood Ln,

Ithaca, NY 14850 on 03/27/25 for \$365,000.
- Oukris Sai-Ngarm & Tananchanok Sai-Ngarm bought from Barbara L. Herrman & Mary A. Termotto at 130 Court St E, Ithaca, NY 14850 on 03/24/25 for \$495,000.
- Panida Sai-Ngarm bought from Barbara L. Herrman & Mary A. Termotto at 128 Court St E, Ithaca, NY 14851 on 03/24/25 for \$450,000.
- Gail G. Shallcross bought from Hinman Donald H. Estate

& Donna A. Kenna at 305 Woodgate Ln, Ithaca, NY 14850 on 03/27/25 for \$370,000.
- Ann D. Trudell & Hussein P. Holland bought from Montgomery May at 1360 Slaterville Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850 on 03/25/25 for \$525,000.

LANSING
- David P. Helmer & Susan J. Tabrizi bought from Daniel Petrocella at Cayuga Vista Dr, Lansing, NY 13068 on 03/25/25 for \$486,000.
- Jason Sanford bought from

Steven T. Lauzun & Diane A. Lauzun at 26 Mill St, Lansing, NY 14882 on 03/21/25 for \$475,000.
- Jason Sanford bought from Steven T. Lauzun & Diane A. Lauzun at Mill St, Lansing, NY 13068 on 03/21/25 for \$475,000.

NEWFIELD
- Jeremiah M. Buckland & Rebekah Buckland bought from Robert L. Mente Jr. at 73 Bishop Rd, Newfield, NY 14867 on 03/21/25 for \$362,000.

Classifieds

ATTORNEY
- Injured in an accident? Don't accept the insurance company's first offer. Many injured parties are entitled to major cash settlements. Get a free evaluation to see what your case is really worth. 100% free evaluation. Call now: 1-888-454-4717. Be ready with your zip code to connect with the closest provider.
- If you had knee or hip replacement surgery and suffered an infection due to use of a Bair Hugger (blue blanket)? If it happened between 2020 and now, you may be entitled to compensation. Call Attorney Charles H. Johnson for help. Call now: 1-800-535-5727.

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- Donate your car to veterans today! Help and support our veterans. Fast, free pick-up. 100% tax deductible. Call now: 1-800-245-0398.
- We buy 8,000 cars a week! Sell your old, busted, or junk car with no hoops, haggles, or headaches. Sell your car to Peddle with an easy three-step process: instant offer, free pickup, fast payment. Call now: 1-855-403-3374.

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- Got an unwanted car? Your car donation to Patriotic Hearts helps veterans find work or start their own business. Fast, free pick-up, running or not! Call 24/7: 1-833-441-4496.

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- Attention oxygen therapy users! Discover oxygen therapy that moves with you with Inogen Portable Oxygen Concentrators. Free information kit available. Call now: 1-833-661-4172.
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- Aging roof? New homeowner? Got storm damage? You need a local expert provider that proudly stands behind their work. Fast, free estimate and financing available. Call now: 1-888-878-9091.
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MISCELLANEOUS
- Get Boost Infinite! Unlimited talk, text, and data for just \$25/mo. The power of three 5G networks, one low price! Call today and get the latest iPhone every year on us: 844-329-9391.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

To: The last known owner or owners of the following burial lots located in the King's Cemetery, town of Ithaca, in Tompkins County, New York, and all persons having or claiming to have an interest in said burial lots:

Joesph W Elston, John Welch, William Welch, Thomas Jackson, Florence Hillick, Eliza Hamilton, Abner C. Maby, Emeline Gurney, Minnie E. Speer, John M. Shepard, Amanda Spear, Abraham Spear, Robert Carson, John Cornwall, John Owen, Fanny last name not legible, and Josephine VanInwagen , (Pra_ces)Dell(?)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: That (1) the monuments or markers are so badly out of repair or dilapidated as to create a dangerous condition, (2) the persons to whom this notice is addressed must repair or remove said monuments or markers by July 8,2025 and, (3) if the persons to whom this notice is addressed fail to repair or remove said monuments or markers by the previously-stated deadline, the King's Cemetery Association may remove or repair said monuments without further notice to the persons to whom this notice is addressed.

Contact Ron Schoneman, President of King's Cemetery Association at 224 McGraw House, Ithaca, NY or by phone at 607-272-1037 or by email at howjog@aol.com by the deadline shown above.

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gomery is also on SUNY Oneonta’s field hockey team, and Batson was one of the volunteers from the women’s basketball team.

“Emilia and Alana were integral in the training and organization of this event,” said Assistant Professor of Exercise Science Katherine Griffes, Ph.D. “Both students have been involved in the development of adaptive sport events in the past, and it was impressive to see them step up into leadership roles for this program. Their academic and professional experiences absolutely prepared them for their new roles, and their roles as student athletes ensured they recognize and value the importance of creating inclusive sport environments.”



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Top Row Men: Tyler Harts, Shea Barber, Joshua Smalls, Samuel Booth, Cameron LaClair, Kobe Long, Ibrahim Wally. Bottom Row Men: Delano Knox, Patrick Evans, Kameron Oro, Harrell Tejano. Top Row Women: Alana Batson, Molly Coyne, Amanda Zuntag, Nadia Brown, Kendall Mack, Leela Guobadia. Bottom Row Women: Julia Mooney, Mia Farley, Angelena Giuliano, Emilia Montgomery, Charlie Young, Naieliz Torres, Megan Desrats. Men’s Head Coach Cameron Conover on the right. Not pictured are Albert Vargas, Elijah Castillo, Lidia Boucher

Foodnet Meals on Wheels’ 12th Annual Mac ‘n Cheese Bowl May 7

Foodnet Meals on Wheels, Tompkins County’s only local organization that cooks and delivers hot meals directly to clients, will hold its 12th Annual Mac ‘n Cheese Bowl at the Ithaca Farmers Market on Wednesday, May 7, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Local chefs from the area’s restaurants, food trucks, caterers, and other eateries will be serving their versions of mac ‘n cheese. Ticket holders are entitled to sample all of the dishes and vote for their favorites across five categories: Meat Mac, Non-Meat Mac, Most Creative Mac, Kid’s Choice Mac, and Alternative Mac, which includes vegan or gluten-free recipes.

There will also be a basket raffle (cash only) for all kinds of baskets, the Big Cheese Selfie Booth, a Kids’ Corner, and two clowns: Crossroads and Grannie Annie.

Representatives from more than a dozen agencies with programs serving older adults will have information booths to share a wide array of resources available in Tompkins County to support healthy aging.

“The entire team at Foodnet is excit-

ed to share the important work we do to support older adults in Tompkins County!” says Aly Evans, Foodnet’s executive director. “The Mac ‘n Cheese Bowl is our flagship fundraiser event and is vital to help us continue serving our older neighbors by delivering nutritious meals, the security of a safety check, and some friendly conversation!”

“The Mac ‘n Cheese bowl is also a chance to highlight Foodnet’s commitment to community collaborations,” adds Evans. “We envision a Tompkins County where our seniors have all the support they need to overcome hunger and malnutrition, loss of independence, and isolation. Everyone deserves to age with dignity, and we are extremely grateful to our generous community that shares Foodnet’s values and supports our mission.”

In the friendly but enthusiastic event, competitors generously contribute their time, ingredients and skill to support Foodnet’s cause. Dishes range from variations on the classic mac ‘n cheese to much more adventurous and creative recipes. The Farmers Market offers plenty of space for attendees to stroll



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The Greenstar Food Co+op booth proudly presents their mac and cheese at a previous year’s Mac ‘n Cheese Bowl, returning to the Ithaca Farmers Market May 7.

among the booths, sample the food, chat with friends, and learn about community resources.

“We are thrilled to be hosted once again by the Ithaca Farmers Market, and grateful to recognize the generous support from our “Big Cheese” sponsors – Wegmans and Dryden Mutual Insurance – and all of our other sponsors for supporting our services for seniors,” says. “Our gratitude extends to the food service competitors, our agency partners, and the more than 100 volunteers who assist Foodnet – at the Mac ‘n Cheese Bowl

and throughout the year. This wonderful event would not be possible without the support of everyone involved!”

Advance tickets are on sale at www.foodnet.org/event and are \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids 5-12. Ticket prices will go up to \$20 for adults and \$15 for kids 5-12 at the door. Kids 4 and under are free.

Parking will be available in a well-marked lot next the Farmers Market, Guthrie Ithaca City Harbor on Willow Ave, and the DMV lot on 3rd Street. Shuttles to and from the DMV lot will be offered by Gadabout and Longview.

Obituaries

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RECENT DEATH NOTICES

Name:	Age:	Town, State:	Death Date:	Arrangements:
Gerald “Bob” Phillips	69	-	Apr-20	Zirbel Funeral Home
Stuart Peck	79	Brooktondale, NY	Apr-20	CNY Cremation Service
Margaret M. Menzies	91	Trumansburg, NY	Apr-17	Ness-Sibley Funeral Home
Robert G. Cobane	56	Lansing, NY	Apr-16	Perkins Funeral Home
William J. Shippes Jr.	72	Van Etten, NY	Apr-15	Bangs Funeral Home
Raymond Freedline	83	Dryden, NY	Apr-12	Zirbel Funeral Home
John Gorsky	84	Cohoes, NY	Apr-12	Bangs Funeral Home
Ruth Schwartz	103	Ithaca, NY	Apr-11	CNY Cremation Service
Michele Rose Fiorillo	72	Freeville, NY	Apr-9	Perkins Funeral Home
Casey Robert Inman	37	Ithaca, NY	Apr-4	Perkins Funeral Home

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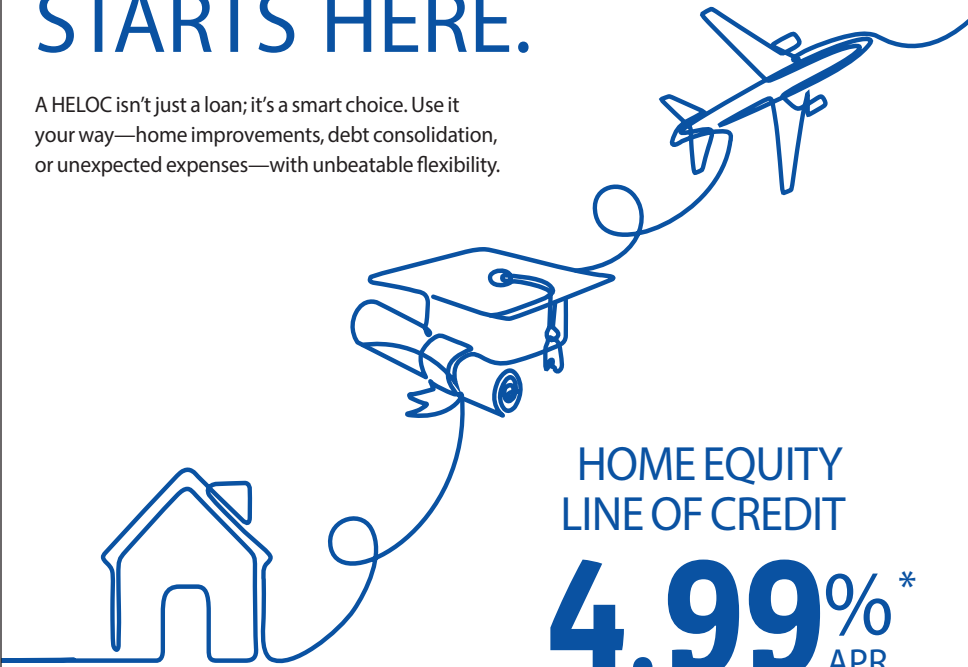
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The cigar industry was vibrant in Tompkins County in the mid and late 19 th century. The Forest City Tobacco Works and Cigar Manufactory was at the corner of Seneca and Meadow Streets, and was one of several in business during that period. This building was destroyed by fire in 1873.



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