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Vietnam War Veterans Day: A day of remembrance and community for Groton

As outlined in the March 5 issue of this column, the Groton American Legion Carrington-Fuller Post 800 (the Legion) held a day of commemoration on March 29 — Vietnam War Veterans Day — the result of planning by 2nd Vice-Commander Paul Koekebacker, Chaplain and Finance Officer Keith Randolph and 1st Vice-Commander Fred Youngs.

It brought more than 100 people together at 11 a.m. to honor those who served during the Vietnam War, particularly the service of 2nd Lt. Terrence C. Graves, in front of his granite memorial stone on Main Street. Graves was a U.S. Marine Corps Medal of Honor recipient who lived in Groton and died in Vietnam in February, 1968.

Post 800 Commander Frank Heine made opening remarks, followed by an invocation by Father John Gagnier from St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church in Groton.

Heine then gave what can best be described as a mini history lesson on the Vietnam War, from its beginning for the United States on November 1, 1955 through the last military unit's departure on March 29, 1973.

"They fought under challenging conditions, and when their service ended, were not always welcome when they returned home, often blamed for a war they did not start when they should have been commended for serving their country with valor," Heine said. "They came home and sometimes were denigrated when they should have been celebrated."

"We make no distinction between veterans who served in-country, in-theater, or who were stationed elsewhere during the Vietnam War period," Heine concluded. "All were called to serve, and none could self-determine where they would serve. Today, we honor them all for answering the call of duty and serving their country with valor."

Following Heine's remarks, the mayor of the village of Groton, Chris Neville; Tompkins County Legislators Lee Shurtleff and Michael Sigler; and the director of the Tompkins County Department of Veterans

Ithaca policy would sanction homeless camping at Southwest Park for better support in conjunction with local organizations



Photo by Jaime Cone Hughes

A City of Ithaca vehicle exits the city property where a homeless encampment is located, behind Walmart on South Meadow Street. Commonly referred to as Southwest Park, the city has proposed a new policy that will sanction unhoused people camping on the land.

By Jaime Cone Hughes
Managing Editor

As part of a new city of Ithaca policy that is expected to be implemented in early May, the city of Ithaca would sanction camping in the homeless encampment located behind Walmart on South Meadow Street, often referred to as Southwest Park.

Parts of the 28-acre parcel of city-owned land would exist as a place where outreach workers could relocate unhoused people living in unsanctioned areas when they cannot find housing or other resources.

Another encampment area, located behind Lowes on South Meadow Street, was being used by just two people during the day and not overnight, according to city officials, so the city cleaned up the area, removing 170 tons of debris, which was sent to the Tompkins County Recycling and Solid Waste Center. The new policy would label this area an unsanctioned area, where camping is not allowed.

The Salvation Army: Providing on-the-ground assistance in an evolving homelessness landscape

"For us, there's been a considerable amount of change within the last year

within the homelessness population," said Brady Bond, community outreach director for The Salvation Army Ithaca Corps.

Last summer, about 40 apartments were filled in Asteri, a new downtown apartment building, in an effort to relocate local unhoused individuals in what was termed the "housing surge."

"Asteri and the housing surge has had a drastic impact on who was living in the streets, for sure," Bond said. "We were going out weekly to the encampments – to the Jungle, to Lowes – with hot meals to try to get them connected to services, and a lot of other agencies were doing that. We were not alone. We would go with other agencies to make it a one-stop shop."

Before the housing surge, Bond would see about 30 people come out for a meal every Wednesday at the homeless encampment near Walmart. After many of those people were relocated to permanent housing, including apartments at Asteri, he would see only four of five. Those who remained were usually people who had been living at the encampment for a long time and were "settled in their place," Bond said.

The encampments were a place where The Salvation Army was able to make regular and consistent connections with

members of the local homeless population, but the organization also interfaces with those in need through Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard, a food pantry located at the Salvation Army building, 150 N. Albany St., open Monday through Friday.

The Salvation Army can also offer vouchers for clothing and furniture, and it hosts a hot meal called Our Brother & Sister's Table every Saturday at noon and Sunday at 3 p.m. "Loaves and Fishes is incredible, but it's only Monday through Friday," Bond said. "Ours is one of the only hot meal options on the weekends."

The Salvation Army works with the Empire State Housing Initiative, a housing-first model that matches homeless people with a long-term residence.

The organization also has a partnership with Second Wind Cottages, a supportive community of tiny houses for homeless men, located in Newfield. Second Wind recently opened a second location for women in Dryden.

The housing surge reduced Salvation Army staff's ability to connect with the people who did receive housing at Asteri, Bond said. "The Salvation Army isn't at that building regularly," he said.

"There's actually an added barrier," he added. "Now we're trying to connect with people in an apartment, so there's a

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By Jaime Cone Hughes

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REACH Project launches community outreach worker program

Samantha Stevenson, director of operations for local nonprofit REACH Project Inc., has a public health background and comes from the world of radiology. “I never felt it was the right fit for me,” she said of her previous career.

Stevenson moved to Ithaca in 2018 when she accepted her role at REACH, which believes as part of its mission that all individuals deserve respectful, equitable, access to compassionate healthcare in a setting where they will not be stigmatized or judged based on drug use, homelessness, or any other issue that may cause less than adequate care in today’s healthcare environment.

“I think as someone who spent a lot of years in administration for traditional health care settings, I had a deep understanding of the inequities of the barriers in health care and lack of access that a large portion of our population faces that results in them getting poor health care or limited access to health care, and it’s my life’s work to address that,” she said.

Tompkins County Whole Health recently announced the launch of a new Community Outreach Worker program in partnership with REACH and the city of Ithaca.

Beginning March 27, REACH community outreach workers will be stationed in downtown Ithaca, Monday to Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with clinical backup available until 8 p.m. The hours and days are subject to change, based on community needs.

“There are so many people out and about who get the police called on them for not fitting into societal norms, and a lot of that is stigma,” Stevenson said. “A lot of our mission is to end the stigma around all of that.”

The funding for the program is part of a continued commitment between Tompkins County and the city of Ithaca to improve health equity and meet the health-related social needs of the community, with a contribution of \$65,000 from each entity for a total of \$130,000 to fund the pilot program.

“I’m really glad that REACH is the partner for this program,” said Dominick Recckio, deputy city manager of the city of Ithaca. “It’s a really natural fit, and I think that to me that’s the most apt piece.”

The program will provide assistance to individuals who are experiencing non-imminent mental health crises, with no evidence suggesting a severe medical condition or an imminent risk of harm to self or others.

Outreach workers will respond to concerns regarding individuals who appear distressed or are seeking support due to homelessness, substance use or co-occurring mental health disorders, and other chronic or immediate stressors.

Program staff will provide de-escalation and emotional support, food, clothing and other basic need items, as well as connections to resources and services to help resolve chronic or immediate health-related social needs.



Photo by Jaime Cone Hughes

On a recent afternoon in her office in Ithaca, Samantha Stevenson, director of operations for local nonprofit REACH Project Inc., said REACH is proud to be the provider for the new Community Outreach Worker Program in downtown Ithaca, which launched March 27.

Program staff will also engage with community members in downtown Ithaca to promote welcoming, inclusive, accessible and cohesive public environments for all stakeholders.

The community outreach workers can be reached by call or text message at 607-317-0100, or by email at commonsoutreach@reachmed.org. The phone is a direct line that can receive HIPAA-compliant texts.

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Samantha Stevenson, director of operations for the REACH Project.

The outreach workers are currently busy making connections with people downtown. Letting people know that the program is back up and running is crucial to its success, said Nan Rohrer, chief executive officer of the Downtown Ithaca Alliance, an organization that also partnered on the project.

“The really key piece is with business and property owners,” Rohrer said, adding that the response from local businesses to the program starting up again has been very positive.

“They believe very strongly that not everything that happens might warrant a police response, but instead someone with a different set of skills — criminal activity is very different from someone experiencing a mental health crisis or some of life’s other challenges.”

“We very much recognize that the police have a lot on their plates that only they can deal with,” she added.

The program is resuming following an extensive solicitation process for the provision of mobile supportive services that began in February 2024.

REACH Medical, the REACH Project’s low-threshold harm reduction medical practice in Ithaca, was awarded the contract to oversee the program and will provide community

outreach and non-life-threatening crisis response within the city of Ithaca for a one-year pilot period. In addition to the number above, people can call REACH at its main line — 607-273-7000, ext. 120 — when they see an individual in the downtown area who appears to be in need of assistance.

“Because of REACH’s long-standing experience doing this outreach work, we have meaningful and successful relationships with some of the most vulnerable community members in Tompkins, and we take that seriously,” said Stevenson.

REACH has 10 outreach workers throughout Tompkins County.

“Our employees at every level of care are really dedicated to making sure our community members have all the resources that they deserve,” Stevenson said. “It is an organic expansion of our services, in some ways.”

“The program is largely a response program,” she added, explaining that the two case managers are not themselves providing direct care in most cases; their job is to link people in need to groups that can then provide the appropriate services. The outreach workers are trained in methods of de-escalation and triaging people by way of talking to them in a trauma-informed manner to learn what their needs are.

“They can facilitate a very warm handoff,” Stevenson said.

Harmony Ayers-Friedlander, deputy commissioner of mental health, said outreach workers’ knowledge of area organizations and the services they provide is crucial for those successful warm handoffs.

“That’s what we call it in the field when you go to a doctor, let’s say, and the doctor says, ‘You know, you really should see a specialist; they’re right down the hall. Let me take you there, and you can meet the person,’” Ayers-Friedlander explained. “And then you feel more comfortable, and you’re going to go and get services with that other person because some-

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Murphy gets set for fifth term as village mayor

Mike Murphy has been serving as the village of Dryden's mayor for close to 10 years.



By Kevin L. Smith

Murphy, who defeated Republican candidate Tom Corey by a 159-to-54 voting margin in last month's village election, is getting set to enter his fifth term as mayor.

"I'm very pleased," Murphy said. "I really like this village, and I'm pleased [the residents] reelected me."

Murphy said this could be his last term as mayor, but he is uncertain about the final decision.

Aside from his eight years as mayor, Murphy served one year as a fill-in and was on the village board of trustees for five years.

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MIKE MURPHY

Mayor, Village of Dryden

"I'll be 82 when I'm done with my [fifth] term, so my decision could change," he said. "My family might want me to slow down, but we'll see how things go. I'm still in good health, but I don't want to be mayor if I'm not in good health."

With two more years locked in at the helm, Murphy is guiding a small and rural Dryden village in a new direction.

The village was recently awarded a \$4.5 million NY Forward grant. The program, which is spearheaded by Gov. Kathy Hochul, was created "to invigorate and enliven downtowns in New York's smaller and rural communities, the type of downtowns found in villages, hamlets and other small, neighborhood-scale municipal centers," according to the state's website.

"We are incredibly excited and grateful to announce that the village of Dryden has been awarded [grant funding]," Murphy said in the past. "This achievement represents the culmination of a collab-

orative effort between the village board [of trustees], our dedicated staff, the Dryden Business Association and passionate community members."

While other parts of the village are in "good shape" — including North Street with its pharmacies, a grocery store and more — Murphy said Main Street is "showing its age."

Murphy noted that most of the buildings on Main Street are over 100 years old and haven't seen much of an upgrade in the past century.

With 12,000 to 13,000 cars going through the village on a daily basis, Murphy wants to improve Main Street as much as possible.

Plans for NY Forward-funded projects will begin in May, Murphy said.

"The impression when you drive through the village is night and day. The part that sticks out is Main Street, so the [NY Forward] grant will help to upgrade it," he added. "It won't just be the exterior, either. The buildings will be updated to modern technology and style that people like. It was so expensive to do that people weren't doing it."

Murphy and other village officials are also preparing for Ezra Village, a projected 749-unit apartment complex, to soon make its way into the Dryden area.

Ithaca-based developer Rocco Lucente has developed the apartment complex for the village. The Lucente family has created numerous apartment complexes, more recently the Village Solars apartments in Lansing. Developing major projects for over 40 years, the Lucente family has built the East Gate Apartments, Hanshaw Corners townhouses, Sanctuary Drive subdivision, Briarwood I subdivision and more.

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

Named after Ezra Cornell, co-founder of Cornell University, the proposed apartment complex ties into the university and the



Photo by Kevin L. Smith

Mike Murphy, who's been the village of Dryden mayor for the past eight years, is set to enter his fifth term at the helm.

large number of village residents who work there.

"That will be gradual so it's not destroying the community, but these people will add more vitality and they'll be more involved in things," Murphy said. "They're picking to live in a rural, small village that has community spirit."

Murphy said Ezra Village is a big piece of what the village is trying to accomplish with affordable housing.

"If we increase housing options, people will come here," Murphy said. "We're helping with what Tompkins County is trying to achieve with affordable housing."

With the Main Street revitalization projects and Ezra Village in Dryden's future, Murphy is looking forward to making the village a "nicer place to live."

"The cost of everything is going up, so we want to help people as much as we can," Murphy said. "It's uplifting and it will take us to the next step. We want Dryden to be the place to bring small businesses or housing to the area because there will be a demand."

Murphy, who has always seen the village as a great place to raise a family, wants more for the area.

"I want this place to be as good or great as it was before," Murphy said. "It's still very good, but Main Street used to be vibrant. I want to represent what we are and encourage more people to go on Main Street."

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Village of Lansing climate task force releases waste reduction and energy efficiency reports

In March, the village of Lansing's Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Task Force released two new reports related to the village's ongoing efforts to reduce waste and seek more efficient energy usage for its municipal buildings.

The village's CSC Task Force's two reports were released as Lansing looks to attain a bronze-level certification through the state's CSC program. The reports give recommendations to residents on how to reduce waste, as well as contribute to the village's study of energy consumption at its municipal buildings.

The energy consumption report can be found here: [https://www.vlansing.org/Reports/Village%20of%20Lansing%20Building%20Energy%20Use%20\(2019-2024\).pdf](https://www.vlansing.org/Reports/Village%20of%20Lansing%20Building%20Energy%20Use%20(2019-2024).pdf).

The waste reduction report can be found here: <https://www.vlansing.org/Reports/Village%20of%20Lansing%20Waste%20Reduction%20Opportunities.pdf>.

"The building energy usage data is tracked by the CSC Task Force to allow the village government to determine if changes to buildings' envelopes or heating/cooling systems provide better energy usage and lower municipal energy costs," Mayor Ronny Hardaway said. "For example, the village of Lansing's Department of Public Works [DPW] garage required a new shop-floor heating system recently. Tracking energy usage following the heater replacement will show if our investment improved heating efficiency and (hopefully) lowered the energy cost. Decreasing energy usage is one of the village's CSC-related goals."

Municipal buildings have a lower greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity and energy use intensity figures since 2019, the report shows. The village offices building has reduced its GHG emissions intensity by almost 24% since 2019 and reduced its building energy use intensity by the same figure during the same time frame.

The DPW garage and the old village offices building have had a decrease of almost 12% in GHG emissions intensity since 2019. Similarly, their building energy use intensity is down by almost 14%.

The waste reduction report is informational for residents and businesses. "The report shows that the village of Lansing staff and officials believe that waste reduction is important to environmental impacts and health, and it is meant to lead village residents and businesses by example," Hardaway said.

HISTORY OF TOMPKINS COUNTY



Humans have been beekeepers since ancient times, and there are many thousands of beekeepers active in the United States. In the early 20th century local farmers often kept bees to harvest the honey. This early 20th century image of Porter Morton holding a bee swarm was taken in Groton by the beekeeper's son, photographer Verne Morton.

THE HISTORY CENTER
in Tompkins County

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RONNY HARDAWAY
Mayor, Village of Lansing

Some of the report's recommendations include:

- The village hall at 2405 N. Triphammer Rd. in Ithaca has a food scraps drop-off spot run by Tompkins County Recycling and Materials Management. Residents can bring in their food scraps on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the scraps will be properly composted.
- Finger Lakes ReUse has a group called the Fixers Collective, which offers free repair of household items like electronics, furniture, small appliances and more. The Fixers Collective is open every Saturday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the ReUse Mega-center at Triphammer Marketplace. "Two of our CSC goals — use climate-smart materials management and inform and inspire the public — are supported by this report," Hardaway said.

The state's CSC program began in 2009 as an interagency initiative of New York state, jointly sponsored by the following agencies:

- The State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), which administers the program
- Energy Research and Development



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Lansing Village's office building has reduced its GHG emissions intensity by almost 24% since 2019 and reduced its building energy use intensity by the same figure during the same time frame.

- Authority (NYSERDA)
- Department of Public Service (DPS)
- Department of State (DOS)
- Department of Transportation (DOT)
- Department of Health (DOH)
- Division of Homes and Community Renewal (HCR)
- Power Authority (NYPA)

The statewide program supports local efforts to meet the economic, social and environmental challenges of climate change. Through the program, municipalities can access leadership recognition, grants and free technical assistance.

These localities participate by signing a voluntary pledge and using the CSC framework to guide

progress toward creating attractive, healthy and equitable places to live, work and play.

The program goals include the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, supporting an economy built on green innovation, increasing energy security and reliability, improving public health and safety, building resilience to resist

the impacts of climate change and saving taxpayer dollars.

Municipalities in the program receive free technical assistance from regional CSC coordinators to aid with clean energy and climate initiatives. They can also enter a network of state grant and rebate opportunities, such as the municipal zero-emission vehicle program, which reduces the cost of electric vehicles and charging stations. Other grants can go toward funding climate change mitigation and adaptation projects.

To become certified, communities must adopt resolutions and take a CSC pledge. To further advance in the program and unlock more opportunities to reach their climate change goals, localities complete actions recommended by the state. These actions can determine whether a locality is in the "bronze" or "silver" tier, which showcases a municipality's progress toward its goals.

The state has 437 registered CSC localities. There are 12 in Tompkins

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Services, J.R. Clairborne, each spoke, after which Heine recognized Gagnier, retired U.S. Navy Commander Wade Landis and retired U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer Thane Benson, commander and immediate past commander, respectively, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 7127, Moravia.

Guest speaker Gary Watrous, 2nd lieutenant and paratrooper for the 101st Airborne Division of the U.S. Army, served a tour of duty in Vietnam as a platoon leader and was wounded there. He knew Graves when they grew up in Groton and gave a heartfelt and moving tribute to him.

Landis and Benson then conducted the laying of a wreath at the Graves memorial. An honor guard was present throughout, and a 21-gun salute was given.

“It’s a fulfillment of what the day is about and showing the public what the war was about, but also to welcome our veterans here who never got a welcome home.”

KEITH RANDOLPH

Chaplain and finance officer, Groton American Legion Carrington-Fuller Post 800

Prior to the conclusion of the ceremony, Koekebacker received a surprise presentation by Landis. Koekebacker served as a Spec 5 in the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vietnam and was awarded a Bronze Star for valor. To his dismay, at some point, he lost the V-device from his bars. Landis presented him with a new one, which was a touching conclusion to that part of the day.

All then proceeded to the Legion post, where many more visited throughout the day. A special display outlining the history of the war and personal memorabilia provided by veterans and their families were a source of education for many and a remembrance for others.

“It’s a big part of your life and with you for years,” Koekebacker said. “I have camaraderie with guys I served

with and get together with once a year. Today is unique, but I feel comfortable with all these guys who came.”

“It was an honor to participate and help set this up,” Youngs added. “I’m glad a lot of the community and veterans came out to enjoy it.”

Randolph said it was “a completion of a lot of planning. It’s a fulfillment of what the day is about and showing the public what the war was about, but also to welcome our veterans here who never got a welcome home.”

Legion member Gary Pataki served in the infantry as a lance corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps in the Second Battalion 4th Marine Division and served in Vietnam.

“Today means a lot to me,” Pataki said. “It’s nice that we all come together to appreciate this, and nice to see the guys from other Legions again. It’s fading as the years go by, and I don’t think people will see anything like this after I’m gone. This Legion is phenomenal. The people who work here do more than they’re appreciated for.”

Also present among those who came were 16 of the 96-member Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 377 of Dryden. Among them were Ron Dexter, an E4 Marine corporal; Gary Napieracz, the Chapter 377 president and Army Specialist E5; Dale VanBenschoten, Army Specialist E1 and Groton High School 1965 alumnus; and Jim and Patti Jones. Jim was a Seabee in the Navy, and Patti is a lifetime member of the Associates of the Vietnam Veterans of America. The Joneses are volunteer caretakers of the New York State Veterans Cemetery of the Finger Lakes (formerly Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery) in Romulus and proudly stated that it was the first veterans memorial cemetery in the state of New York.

Dexter said, “We went through a lot when we got home. This was wonderful.” Napieracz said, “It touched my heart.”

“This was a very special day, and it means a lot to me and the rest of the country,” VanBenschoten said. “We did what we were supposed to do over there, and I’m proud of it!”

“Today was an opportunity to recognize the sacrifices of the Vietnam-era veterans and appreciate their contributions to the effort,” Heine said. “They suffered a long time with a lack of proper recognition and respect for



Photo by Linda Competillo

As part of the Groton American Legion Carrington-Fuller Post 800’s recognition of National Vietnam War Veterans Day on March 29, retired US Navy Commander Wade Landis (left) and retired US Navy Chief Petty Officer Thane Benson, commander and immediate past commander, respectively, for the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) Post 7127, Moravia, had just completed the wreath-laying ceremony at the memorial of Terrence Graves, honoring his service to his country. Graves was a U.S. Marine Corps Medal of Honor recipient who lived in Groton and died serving his country in Vietnam in February 1968.

those sacrifices.”

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In brief:

GPL Book Club

The GPL Book Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 17 at the Groton Public Library. April’s book is “The Book of Lost Names” by Kristin Harmel. For more information call 607-898-5055 or email director@groton-publiclibrary.org.

Marbleized egg class

Learn to create beautiful dyed eggs, perfect for Easter, at The Good Neighbor Grocery, 209 Peru Rd. Sunday April 13, from 4 to 5 p.m. Learn about color mixing and how oil and water interact. Each child will leave with a half-dozen beautiful hard-boiled eggs. The cost is \$35 per child. Register at thegoodneighborgrocery.com/order, in store or on the Local by Toast app.

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free lifeguarding course to all Groton students. Classes will be held May 9 through 11. Email recreation@grotonny.org to sign up or for more information. Also, Groton Rec’s summer programming registration is now open at grotonnyrecreation.com.



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the park, Allison said that there are already other recreational features in the town that show a public park would be a desired amenity.

“We had the Black Diamond Trail go through here several years ago, and the people that lived along the Black Diamond Trail raised the exact same issues,” she said, noting that naysayers pointed to overwhelming refuse, foot traffic and a loss of privacy as potential negatives of the trail. “All those concerns never came to fruition. The Black Diamond trail is heavily used. I’ve not heard of any neighbor issues. And in fact, studies show that when you have a trail next

to your property like that, you end up being the biggest user of the trail. So, I think the same thing is true here.”

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In brief:

The town of Ulysses Bee Committee has the following recommendations for local residents who want to help the area’s native bees:

“Stem-nesting bee larvae in the hollow stems of perennials will feed on the pollen left by their mothers when the time is right. Ulysses Bee Committee wishes to share a few best practices for a bee and pollinator friendly spring.

“1. Cut back dead flower stalks leaving stem stubble of varying heights, 8-24 inches. The pithy, hollow stems of raspberry are a favorite! Female bees will start a new nest in the cut or naturally occurring open stems.

“2. Wait to rake leaves until the temperatures are consistently warmer. If you do rake and clean up in some areas, stack plant debris in a corner instead of immediately discarding it. This allows any hidden pollinators a chance to emerge.

“3. Leave some areas undisturbed to provide ongoing habitat. Stacks of old wood and patches of bare or lightly covered dirt are essential for ground and cavity nesting solitary bees. Ground bees can find their way out through light leaf coverings but have a tougher time with heavier wood chips. <https://beecityusa.org>”

Earth Day 2025 – Our (Local) Power, Our (Global) Planet

By Joey Diana Gates

Spring has come again, and its zigzagging weather has me closing windows and thermal shades as the heat pump restarts while I write. Baby plants are emerging, local farmers markets are opening for the season, and calendars are filling with opportunities to learn about our shared home. Earth Day, or as locally observed, Earth Month, has also come again. Some observe Earth Day as a reminder of the work to be done, but I like to take time to highlight the work being done to reverse the tides of environmental destruction. The National Earth Day Network’s theme this year is Our Planet, Our Power, and one shining local example of our power is the Ithaca Farmers Market (IFM.) Founded as an antidote to the industrial food system, sustainability is built into its DNA, a core principle that carries on today particularly as seen in the Zero Waste Project.

Founded in 1973, the IFM restricts members to those growing and producing within 30 miles of the pavilion, lowering the mileage traveled from field to table for the commodities offered. Built on a reclaimed debris site in 1988, the pavilion is accessible by bus and the Cayuga Waterfront Trail. Fast forward to 2022, with help from the Friends of the Ithaca Farmers Market, IFM was awarded a Park Foundation

grant to pursue a zero-waste strategy and lower the amount of garbage created at the 3rd Street Pavilion weekend Market. Spearheaded by founding coordinator, Judy Ward, the program has been a resounding success. Starting with a waste assessment, strengthening the recycling program and reinstituting compost collection with support from CCETC Master Compost Education Program[2] , Judy then moved on to their reusable dish program with support from Dish Truck. Using data collection techniques inspired by the Master Composters program, she and her team have tallied more than 170,000 single use dishes[3] [4] kept out of the landfill since August of 2022. On a typical day, the ZWP saves 34 gallons of food scraps from the landfill where they emit methane - a climate change super accelerator.

In 2023 the crew collected 101 bags of recyclables, however in 2024 the amount decreased by approximately 60% of the volume in previous years. As Judy reports, “As we had shifted our focus to reusable dishes, we saw a significant decrease, not just in garbage created, but also in the number of recyclables needed by vendors[5] .” Recirculating or reusing food service ware provides a better alternative to recycling, which still involves processing, refining and manufacturing, pack-



Photo by Judy Ward
Master Composter Vanessa Ker (left) and Master Composter Program Coordinator Adam Michaelides (right).

aging and shipping of finished products. [6] Now in its 4th Park Foundation grant funded year[7] , the Zero Waste Project processes have become part of the rhythm of the market days as vendors enthusiastically continue to participate, even as the Pavilion itself undergoes upgrades.

While an Earth Day celebration had been planned to be held at the pavilion, coordinators decided to combine efforts with the New Roots Charter School’s Climate Fair 2025! on April 26th, from 11am-3pm. Coordinated by Katie Church, (kchurch@newrootsschool.org) they are hosting a block party and fair on the 100 block of N. Cayuga St., celebrating com-

munity climate action and environmental initiatives. This will be a space to connect with local efforts, share ideas, build relationships, and act! Community members of all ages are invited to learn about local climate resilience efforts, do hands-on activities and it’s an opportunity for local groups to showcase their work, as well as highlight New Roots student projects and initiatives.

Joey Diana Gates is the Founder, Head Dishwasher of Dish Truck & Regeneration & Elements in Design, whose mission is Bringing Sustainability to the Party. Signs of Sustainability is organized by Sustainable Finger Lakes.

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“Fluctuations of student populations change, especially for a small and rural district,” Mueller said. “We see that in our grade levels where some grade levels are in their upper 30s, while others are 60-70 students.”

Depending on how many classes are created for SCIS, Mueller said that Newfield CSD could look into being a provider for neighboring counties.

“That might be something we look into at a later time, but that’s definitely an area that will help provide some sustainability from year to year,” Mueller said.

Mueller mentioned that Newfield CSD is looking to reopen its special education program for kindergarten through second grade. Details on that move have yet to be determined.

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

In brief:
Newfield CSD superintendent announces changes to playground usage

Eric Hartz, the Newfield CSD superintendent, announced changes to playground usage on the school grounds.

“It is that time of year again when the weather breaks and getting outside is important and needed. The wooden playground between the entrance and exit of the school will be open to the public after the elementary school buses leave at 2:20 p.m. This is the only school area open to the public at that time. The middle and high schools are still in session, and the after school program uses other areas of the district. The middle and high schools dismiss at 3:19 p.m., and buses leave by 3:25 p.m.”

Hartz also reminds everyone that none of the areas are open during the regular school day from 7:40 a.m. to 2:20 p.m.

“Thank you for your understanding about the safety of our students,” Hartz said.

For more information or questions, email Hartz at ehartz@newfieldschools.org.

Newfield CSD seeks board of education candidates

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

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



Photo provided
Newfield Central School District is creating a new special education program aimed at preschoolers and students just going into kindergarten who are between the ages of three and five.

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

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

Library to host astronomy program

The Newfield Public Library, located at 198 Main St., will host an astronomy program on Friday, April 18 at 5:30 p.m.

The Spacecraft Planetary Imaging Facility will present information about comets, asteroids and meteorites; a comet-making demo; and an opportunity to touch and feel some meteorites.

Event information provided details on meteorite exhibits: “Even the smallest objects in the solar system hold vast treasures of knowledge. They are both fascinating, beautiful, and a small but real threat to us. Past spacecraft missions have revealed just a few of these tiny worlds up close, while current and planned missions are ushering in a new era of study by returning pristine samples to Earth for generations of scientists to examine.”

For more information, go to newfieldpubliclibrary.org, email newfieldlibrary@gmail.com or call 607-564-3594.

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SPORTS



KEY MATCHUPS: 4/11 Baseball: Trumansburg @ Lansing

• 4/11 Baseball: Newfield vs. Newark Valley • 4/15 Boys Lacrosse: Ithaca @ Corning

Trumansburg baseball aims for another deep postseason run

As the Section IV baseball season gets underway, many teams will throw their hats into the ring to vie for a sectional title.



By Ryan Gineo
ESPN ITHACA

Trumansburg came so close to coming out on top last year, and it's safe to say they're motivated more than ever to prevail this time around.

The Blue Raiders are coming off another strong season, going 14-5-1 and making it all the way to the Section IV Class C championship. But they had the misfortune of facing Unatego/Franklin's Braeden Johnson on the mound. Now pitching at Cornell, Johnson threw a no-hitter in the Spartan-Devils' 4-0 victory. Head coach Scott Voorhees knows that defeat lit a fire under their many returning players.

"Last year, we made an effort to try to become a better defensive team, and I think that that mindset is still there this year."

SCOTT VOORHEES

Head Coach, Trumansburg Baseball

"That certainly is something that we've talked about," Voorhees said. "That does leave a bad taste in your mouth when you finish off the year the way we did... I've got six guys returning from the starting lineup from that game, and to a man, they're ea-

ger to change the last baseball memory they had for high school ball and get going again."

Throughout the offseason and preseason, the Blue Raiders haven't solely focused on one area to improve on. They've spread out their work among the three key aspects of the game.

"Last year, we made an effort to try to become a better defensive team, and I think that that mindset is still there this year," Voorhees said. "The kids love getting in the cages and getting their swings in, so that certainly is a big part of it. And we pride ourselves on traditionally being pretty good on the mound."

Pitching-wise, while Trumansburg graduated its ace Garret Potter, they still have plenty of powerful arms in the rotation. Nik Nelson is primed to take the mantle as the go-to starter. The senior—and St. John Fisher commit—posted a team-best 1.07 ERA last year. He also excelled at the plate, finishing second on the team in batting average (.429), on-base percentage (.538), runs (25), and hits (27). His veteran presence will go a long way

"We look to Nik for a lot," Voorhees said. "He's been a leader year-round here in sports for football and basketball. He had a great senior year for both those sports and is looking to continue his senior year with us in the spring. This is his fourth year of varsity, and so you have a lot of guys that will look and take his leadership, and say, 'Show us the right way to do it.' And he certainly does lead."

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Photo by Jim Organ

Trumansburg's Nik Nelson is one of six returners to the starting lineup for the baseball team. The senior and St. John Fisher commit is a reigning IAC All-Star and helped the Blue Raiders make the Section IV Class C final last year.

Dryden boys lacrosse looks to build off historic 2024 season

By Ryan Genio
ESPN ITHACA

Last season was nothing short of remarkable for the Dryden boys lacrosse team. The Lions qualified for sectionals for just the second time in program history and the first time since 2017. For this year and the years to come, the aim is to make these postseason trips a regular occurrence.

What made last season's achievements even more astounding is that they did so under a new head coach. Colton Oliver took over the program and guided the team to a 8-9 record and that elusive postseason berth. Now in

his second year, Oliver looked back on what made 2024 so special and what they can carry over to 2025.

"I think that that group last year with Brendan Williams, Aidan Davis and Luke Eshelman, they really bought into getting one percent better every day," Oliver said. "They brought it in practice. They brought it in the games, and you could see it with the results... It's just getting them to do the little things right. I preach that. I know a lot of coaches preach it, but it was something that has stuck with me for a really long time athletically and just in life is to take care of the little things and the rest will take care of itself."

What will no doubt aid in their quest to make sectionals once again is that they return almost everybody from last year's roster. That heightened level of experience will certainly go a long way in an enduring and grueling campaign.

"It's very important having that core group," Oliver said. "This senior-laden team is very experienced. They've been playing together since the third or fourth grade, so they played a lot of lacrosse together. They know each other very well, and that experience is definitely going to help with Luke and Aiden and Hunter Covington. When you have guys like that who are also

three-sport athletes, it's huge because they understand what it takes to win. They understand the grind that a high school season consists of... It's just really awesome to have a senior-heavy team and guys that I know I can trust out on the field as well as trusting each other when the game starts. It's a lot of fun to watch, but it's also even more fun to coach them."

The Lions lose just two players from last year, but one of them is significant. Leading goalscorer Brendan Williams transferred to a prep school in Connecticut for his senior season, but

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Dryden won’t have many issues in the scoring department with Luke Eshelman leading the attack. The senior netted 49 goals last year and has shown no signs of slowing down so far this year with a team-high 10 goals through the first three games.

“This senior-laden team is very experienced. They’ve been playing together since the third or fourth grade, so they played a lot of lacrosse together.”

COLTON OLIVER Head Coach, Dryden Boys Lacrosse

“Ever since I started, Luke and I have had kind of a pretty strong connection,” Oliver said. “He’s just what I call a grinder. He’s going to work his tail off every day in practice, every day in the game... He knows what’s expected of him. He knows that he’s the leader on offense. He’s one of the captains as well. Luke is just an all-around great kid, great person, someone that you definitely want to have on your team, but someone who you want to be around off the field, as well.”

On the opposite end of the field, Hunter Covington has been a stalwart in goal. Like Eshelman, Covington was named a Section IV All-Star last year and will look to close out his high school career on a high note.

“He’s very physical,” Oliver said. “He’s in command of that defense,

which is always fun to watch. He’s been seeing the ball very well. He’s just solid in the cage. For goalies, that’s all you can ask for is having somebody that’s solid in between the pipes that you can trust.”

Covington is aided by a trio of stand-out all-star defenders: senior Aidan Davis, junior Jay Miles, and sophomore Oscar Brotherton.

“The biggest thing that I’ve taken away so far from this season as well as last season is that they take so much pride in everything they do when it comes to lacrosse,” Oliver said. “They take pride in their footwork. They take pride in their stick skills. They take pride in their checks. Everything they do on the defensive side of the ball is done with a purpose, but they also take an immense amount of pride in playing defense, and not allowing those shots to get in on Hunter. They’re probably the most solid three defenders that I’ve ever coached.”

The final returning Section IV All-Star is Graydon Haines. As only a freshman last year, Haines was the main faceoff player, winning more than half of his draws.

“Gray is another person that takes a lot of pride in what he does,” Oliver said. “He’s always thinking, always trying to learn new things when it comes to the faceoff X. Having a great faceoff guy to give you those extra possessions is always huge.”

With so many returning pieces and so much experience on hand, the Lions have a strong case to not only make the postseason once again but also potentially make a deep run in the Class D tournament.



Photo by John Brehm

Dryden’s Luke Eshelman will be the go-to scorer for the boys lacrosse team this year. The senior netted 49 goals last season and helped the Lions qualify for the postseason for the first time since 2017.

BASEBALL

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Another senior leader for the Blue Raiders is Owen Fulton. Like Nelson, Fulton was named an IAC All-Star last year and has occupied an important spot in the lineup as the cleanup hitter, and for good reason. He tallied a team-high 22 RBIs last year while being third on the team in hits and runs.

“He brings a good head for baseball,” Voorhees said. “He’s been brought up around it and knows what to do on the field... He’s going to see time this year probably in center field. He’s going to see time

in right field, maybe even about to get on the mound for a little bit, too. I hope his bat settles right in there again at the four spot and drives in the guys ahead of them. He’s great to have on a team. He has a great personality. When he’s there he gives me everything he’s got, which I really appreciate.”

Trumansburg’s other returning IAC All-Stars are the inseparable duo of Ozzy Vogel-Moore and Willoughby Puryear. Vogel-Moore will be starting behind the plate for the third straight year as only a sophomore, while Puryear is locking things down at first base as a junior.

“Every single day, it seems like they’re in the weight room during

the offseason, trying to get stronger, trying to hone their skills,” Voorhees said. “They have certainly put in the work and led by example and taken leadership that way. You don’t always expect the non-seniors to be the real strong leaders, but they certainly bring it every single day.”

The Blue Raiders lost three starters from last year to graduation: Potter, centerfielder and leading base-stealer Chandler Wright, and third baseman Miles Naylor. A trio of junior varsity call-ups are expected to fill in those holes and make a big impact. Anthony Muro will likely be at third base, Connor Sherwood will operate around the infield, and Chris Clarke-Cabezas will also be

part of the lineup. Before the Blue Raiders can focus on sectionals, they’ll aim to take back the IAC North Large division crown from rivals Lansing. Whatever happens this season, there’s sure to be some entertaining baseball in Trumansburg yet again. “Going as far as we did last year was certainly attributed to how talented we were, but it was also a certain degree of opportunity, preparation, and luck along the way where you’re saying it takes being prepared so that when you have the opportunity, we can execute. One of our focuses is being prepared so that when we have the opportunity, we need to cash in on it.”

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County, including the villages of Cayuga Heights, Dryden, Lansing and Trumansburg. The towns of Lansing, Enfield and Danby are also part of the county’s CSC delegation.

In the county, the towns of Dryden, Caroline, Ulysses and Ithaca, as well as the city of Ithaca, are registered as bronze-level communities, something that Hardaway said the village is working toward. The road to becoming certified requires around 120 points derived from certification actions. Said actions include building a CSC task force, which the village of Lansing has already fulfilled.

“In November, 2019 the village chose to pursue the CSC incentives and desig-

nations because the New York state program provided a wealth of defined actions that would allow our municipality to prepare for and mitigate future climate-related impacts to our residents, businesses and municipal buildings and properties,” Hardaway said. “We took advantage of the program’s extensive list of possible actions to improve our village municipal campus, green spaces, walkways and parks.”

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): @ez-velazquez.

In brief:

The Lansing Community Library is looking for donations to its prom closet. They are currently accepting donations

of formal wear, including dresses, dress shirts, suits, shoes, belts, purses and jewelry.

Gently worn or new formal attire and accessories can be dropped off at the library’s circulation desk during open hours.

The closet, located in the teen room on the lower level of the library, is open to all students from the Lansing Central School District. Interested parties can freely browse the dresses, try them on in the library restrooms or take a few home to see what fits best, according to a post on the library’s website.

“If you’re attending prom, we hope you’ll stop by and check out what’s available,” the post reads. “You can enter through the downstairs entrance, explore the selection, pick what you like, and head out—no need to stop at the desk!”



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WEDNESDAY 4/9

Waterway of Change: Women and The Erie Canal

April 9 @ 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Free

Join us at the Newfield Public Library for a timely educational talk to learn about Women's History during the Erie Canal's 200th year of operation! This presentation, by Elizabeth Farrell, the Assistant Director of Education at the Erie Canal Museum, will cover how the fight for women's rights grew out of the changes brought about by the Erie Canal and the movement's dependence on networks that the Canal facilitated.

Newfield Public Library 198 Main St
Newfield, NY, 14867 Phone (607) 564-3594

THURSDAY 4/10

CU Music: Midday Music in Lincoln, “Un Amour Glacé”

April 10 @ 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm Free

Midday Music in Lincoln: “Un Amour Glacé: Meditations on Love, Sadness, & Nature in Francophone Salons.” Inspired by both seasonal and cosmic ennui, baritone Jean Bernard Cerin and pianist Sezi Seskir explore how French, Canadian, and Haitian composers have explored melancholy and escapism in the mélodie and piano music.

Lincoln Hall 256 Feeney Wy Ithaca, 14853

Healthier Eating Support Community

April 10 @ 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Free

Join our community as we offer each other support in meeting our dietary goals for greater health. Free for all, compassion for all. Cornell Cooperative Extension, 615 Willow Ave., Ithaca. cl2742@cornell.edu.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Tompkins County 615 Willow Ave Ithaca, 14850

CU Music: Maria Bulla presents “hands, imagine, come in!”

April 10 @ 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Free

Maria Bulla presents “hands, imagine, come in!” This is a celebration, a space devoted to one hundred everyday things that should be celebrated. Come to Anabel Taylor Chapel and take a moment to stop, listen to ambient music, read a book, and think about the many opportunities that we have every day to celebrate life. This is an homage to the lives of Corita Kent and Daniel Berrigan. They gave us their joy, and we will celebrate it.

Anabel Taylor Chapel 548 College Ave Ithaca, 14850

FRIDAY 4/11

Mary Gilliland booksigning and Poetry reading

April 11 @ 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm Free

Inlet Valley Arts is so pleased to be welcoming Mary Gilliland for a reading of original work Friday April 11th from 5pm-6:30pm in our Grayhaven guest lounge.

In the Pool of the Sea's Shoulder is a long-form poem inspired by a 19th c. statue created in Fukushima and by an activist whose employment with New Mexico's Education Department made sure that no child was left behind during the 2nd Bush presidency, and whose volunteering with the Coalition for Equality was instrumental in getting passed the state's pioneering human rights protection legislated in 2003.

This event is funded in part by Poets & Writers with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.

Grayhaven Motel 657 Elmira Rd (Rt 13 S) Ithaca, 14850

CU Music: Glee Club and Chorus Return from Tour Concert

April 11 @ 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Free




Join the Cornell Chorus and Glee Club for the valedictory concert on their European Tour, performed after returning to Ithaca. This program is the apex of the choirs' work this year, and includes four centuries of repertoire from around the world. The choirs will perform works by Piotr Ilych Tchaikovsky, Heinrich Schütz, Alice Parker, Vittoria Alleoti, Caroline Shaw, Modesta Bor, Hyo-won Woo, Cedric Dent, and Edward Bairstow. The concert's centerpiece is Frank Martin's devastating, glorious, and highly intricate Mass for Double Choir, a piece the composer hid for four decades as he considered it to be a devotion too powerful and personal to share with the public. Admission is free and open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

Sage Chapel 147 Ho Plaza Ithaca, 14853


SATURDAY 4/12

St. Jude's Breakfast Fundraiser

April 12th, 8am-11am - Ithaca Moose Lodge - 367 Elmira Road - Ithaca






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Egg Scramble

April 12 @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Free

A fun family Saturday morning event including an egg hunt, Easter story-trail, facepainting, animals, crafts, goodies and much more.

Bethel Grove Bible Church 1763 Slaterville Road Ithaca, 14850

Jimindorothy Concert

April 12 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Free

Jimindorothy will perform a concert that showcases the full range of her musical identity with a dynamic performance that includes selections from her new quintet album, introspective solo piano works, and a special collaboration with the Ithacasori Big Band, who will perform arrangements of songs by Annoying Box, a genre-defying project led by YouTuber Charming Jo, in which she plays a key creative role. Ford Hall, Ithaca College 953 Danby Road Ithaca, 13431

Yamatai PULSE

April 12 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

PULSE is Yamatai's dynamic annual concert, where we showcase to the Ithaca community all the hard work we put in throughout the year. This is where the long nights, blistered hands, love, passion, and artistic vision all come together into a cohesive, two hour concert for everyone to enjoy. You can see us perform at local events all year, but PULSE is the only place where you'll be fully immersed in the world of taiko drumming. Bailey Hall at Cornell University 230 Garden Ave Ithaca, 14853

SUNDAY 4/13

Celebrate Earth Day Every Day with a Litter Pick-up on Sunday, April 13th!

Sunday, April 13th from 10 AM - 12 PM

While the world celebrates Earth Day on April

22nd, at Finger Lakes ReUse, we believe Every Day is Earth Day! All that we do is possible thanks to the generous support of our community. On Sunday, April 13th from 10 AM - 12 PM, we invite you to join us in a hands-on effort to clean up around our two ReUse Centers and surrounding areas:

Ithaca ReUse Center/Baker Park/Ithaca Shopping Center (214 Elmira Road across from Pudgies)

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If you're interested in volunteering for this Earth Day cleanup, please fill out the following form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfk4zHOWLMTyZQYqQFB58znmaF00AUzOggGYUcTh3pLjKcOdQ/viewform>

Join us in making a significant difference in keeping our community clean and beautiful. Thank you for your continued support of Finger Lakes ReUse!

The Gallery at South Hill, Artist Talk by Brian Arnold

April 13 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Photographer Brian Arnold will be giving a talk in the gallery on Sunday, April 13th from 1-2pm about his newest work in the Balkans. His talk will be focusing on how he switched from Indonesia to SE Europe. The Gallery at South Hill 950 Danby Road Ithaca, 14850

CU Music: When East Meets West, Mahler and Taiwan

April 13 @ 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Free

Germany-based Taiwanese opera singer I-Chiao Shih, joined by Cornell music faculty member Vera Hsu, presents a heartfelt program featuring Mahler's Rückert-Lieder, and Urlicht from his Symphony No. 2. This special concert also features contemporary Taiwanese art songs, including the North American premiere of a work by Ming-Hsiu Yen, performed with violist Nicolas Guerra, alongside beautifully rearranged Taiwanese folk songs, performed in Mandarin, Hakka, and Taiwanese Hokkien. The early 21st-century East and early 20th-century West both sing of life's enduring cycles.

Barnes Hall 129 Ho Plaza Ithaca, 14853

MONDAY 4/14

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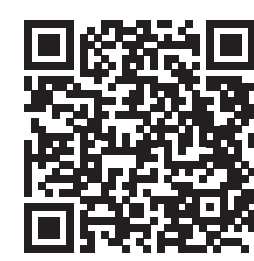
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TUESDAY 4/15




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Tuesday April 15th, 3:00 pm

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Comic Book Club Meeting on Tuesday, 4/15/2025 — “Superman’s Journal and Other Comics and Stories!” 7-8 PM, at the Tompkins County Public Library, at the Schwarz Jacobson Room

April 15 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Free

The meeting on April 15, 2025, of the Comic Book Club of Ithaca, will lead off with a classic Superman story from way back in the 1960s. (Given Superman first appeared in Action Comics #1, which went on sale in 1938, a story from the 1960s is not, actually, all that old!) Bring along tales of your own favorite stories about the Man of Steel to share, and if you attended Ithacon 48, bring along your convention stories as well!

The Comic Book Club of Ithaca — the oldest continuously running comic book club in the country — is a registered non-profit organization. The Club meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, and meetings are free and open to pop culture fans of all ages. For more information, see the Club's website at comicbookclub.org, which includes links to the Club's Facebook page, and to other events such as ITHACON, the local, annual comic book convention. If you like to read — books, comic books, graphic novels, on-line comics, you name it — check us out! Tompkins County Public Library, Schwartz Jacobsen Room 101 East Green Street Ithaca, 14850

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You'll prioritize your family, home and personal aspects of your life this week. You might even be motivated to start a family business from home.

GEMINI
Summer is fast approaching, and you're getting excited about all the adventures that await you. Well-deserved nature walks and outings promise to be the highlights of the season.

CANCER
Be daring and embrace new adventures that could take you to all four corners of the globe. At work, a position you've always wanted will suddenly open up.

LEO
Dive deeper into your spirituality to achieve personal fulfillment. If you commit to a cause, you may be able to face life's big questions and discover a richer meaning in your life.

VIRGO
You'll have a flood of ingenious ideas that will inspire you to create a masterpiece. You'll be extremely generous with someone close to you.

LIBRA
You'll be under a lot of pressure at work this week. Take a moment to step back and recharge with friends. Fortunately, you'll organize an event that will bring together the people you cherish most.

SCORPIO
A revelation will light your way and guide you toward a career that aligns with your aspirations. You'll face a learning process that will help you navigate and define your goals more clearly.

SAGITTARIUS
Let your dreams guide and inspire you as you plan your summer vacation. Make sure you plan ahead to create memorable getaways with those you love.

CAPRICORN
You need to take a break and give yourself permission to relax, especially if you're feeling vulnerable. Going on a vacation could help you work through difficult emotions. This will allow you to return to work with a calmer mindset to tackle new challenges.

AQUARIUS
Negotiating with someone you have no emotional connection with is easier. Sometimes, you may be unwilling to be flexible when dealing with those closest to you.

PISCES
You may land an influential position at work. Trust your instincts and organizational skills. They'll help you score a top role within the company.

COMICS By Jack Young



Sudoku

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK



CHEESY GARLIC SOURDOUGH FOCACCIA

Ingredients:

- 1 cup active sourdough starter (fed and bubbly)
 - 3 cups bread flour
 - 1 1/4 cups lukewarm water
 - 1 tsp salt
 - 2 tbsp olive oil (plus extra for drizzling)
 - 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
 - 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
 - 1 tsp dried oregano
 - 1 tsp dried rosemary (or fresh, chopped)
 - Coarse sea salt (for topping)

Directions:

- Mix Dough:** In a large bowl, combine sourdough starter, bread flour, water, and salt. Stir until a shaggy dough forms. Cover and let rest for 30 minutes.
- Stretch and Fold:** Over the next 2 hours, perform 4 sets of stretch-and-folds (every 30 minutes). Wet your hands, grab one side of the dough, stretch it up, and fold it over the center. Rotate the bowl and repeat on all sides.
- Add Garlic and Oil:** After the final fold, drizzle 2 tbsp olive oil over the dough and gently work in the minced garlic. Cover and let the dough rise at room temperature for 4-6 hours, or until doubled in size.
- Shape and Top:** Preheat oven to 425°F (220°C). Transfer dough to a well-oiled 9x13-inch baking pan. Stretch it to fit, dimpling the surface with your fingers. Sprinkle mozzarella, Parmesan, oregano, and rosemary evenly over the top. Drizzle with more olive oil and a pinch of coarse sea salt.
- Bake:** Let the dough rest for 20 minutes, then bake for 25-30 minutes, or until golden brown and the cheese is bubbly and slightly crispy.

CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1. Property measure

5. Commercials, for short

8. Low male voice

12. Squeezing snakes

13. Mowed

14. Milky gem

15. Spectacular

16. English brew

17. Alaskan seaport

18. Forceful person

20. Hesitated

22. Bogey beater

23. Directory
24. Beam type

27. Slippery as an _____

28. Statute

31. Befitting

32. Hurricane or tornado

34. Ram's counterpart

35. Quilting party

36. Cackler

37. Slackened

39. Does better than a "B"

41. "Stand _____ Deliver"
42. Most skilled

44. Wraps

48. Bridle part

49. Possessive pronoun

51. Enthusiastic review

52. "____ Smile Without You"

53. Rival

54. Flat

55. Embraces

56. As of now

57. Game missile

DOWN

1. On a cot

2. Duplicate

3. Precipitation

4. Flee

5. Movie star

6. Expected to arrive

7. Fastener

8. Extra

9. Disciples

10. Not different

11. Snow coaster

19. Wetlands

21. Physical disorder

24. Scientist's workplace
25. Imitate

26. Pickpocket's crime

27. Timespan

29. Respectful wonder

30. Join together

33. Bear witness

38. Loved

40. Piggy-bank fillers

41. Object of value

42. Overhead curve

43. Boyfriend

45. Molten flow

46. Always
47. Forwarded

50. From head to _____

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HOMELESS

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difference there.”

“Nobody wakes up one day and says, ‘I want to be homeless,’” Bond said. “Everybody acknowledges the complexities of life that lead to that reality. Something we have discussed with the housing-first stuff is that everybody deserves to be housed. I totally believe that. But some of those compiling issues that lead to that point — that’s something that takes support and a vision for what life looks like just beyond surviving.”

“Part of our meal program is we will provide grocery orders to people who are immobile, so we will go to that building to bring groceries,” Bond added, “or to provide move-in support.”

“For us, there’s been a considerable amount of change within the last year within the homelessness population.”

BRADY BOND
Community Outreach Director, The Salvation Army Ithaca Corps

“The dynamic has definitely changed,” he said. “On the street you can provide more help. You know where everybody is, and you’re communicating with other agencies.”

The city’s search for a solution

A draft of the city of Ithaca’s pilot administrative policy to manage homeless encampments on city property was presented by Dominick Recckio, deputy city manager of the city of Ithaca, at the April 2 meeting of the Housing and Economic Development Committee of the Tompkins County Legislature.

Recckio began his presentation by thanking several local organizations.

“The city has been really fortunate to have outreach workers from OAR [Opportunities, Alternative and Resources], Second Wind Cottages and REACH supporting its efforts, far before my time, under the purview of the city manager, working on encampment response,” he said.

“We’re all really supportive of a navigation hub,” said Samantha Stevenson, REACH’s director of operations. “One of the realities of being a community-based organization, especially a non-profit, is that you learn really quickly that funding is siloed, and that makes

collaboration really hard.”

A hub where organizations can interact not only with the unhoused population but with each other would help increase communication and cut back on the amount of accidental duplication of services.

“I think a navigation hub would be really nice, to have all the resources that are clear and concise all under one roof,” Stevenson said.

Recckio said the city has \$800,001 available in its capital program, plus \$150,000 from 2024 available for operational expenses, but the city needs to maximize its partnerships and existing programs if the new policy is going to be feasible.

“We’re being scrappy on how we budget some of this together and don’t have all of that quite ready for prime time yet to share,” Recckio explained.

The policy has been several years in the making. From 2022 to 2023, a working group on unsanctioned encampments led to the adoption of a policy at the city level in 2023. “That really went into effect in 2024,” Recckio said. “The work I’m presenting to you today is from the advisory committee to review the policy, and we’re getting closer and closer to implementing recommendations.”

The policy’s original implementation last year resulted in a framework for how the city would respond to unhoused people living on city-owned land. The city designated certain areas as “actively managed,” “lightly managed,” or a “non-enforcement zone.”

“Something that I’ve learned after meeting with many of the outreach workers, IPD [Ithaca Police Department], and really in understanding information from people who’ve been experiencing unsheltered homelessness in our community, is that this is offered an opportunity to engage with the people who are camping rather than a previous approach of just ignoring it,” Recckio said. “And the engagement is a really good approach that seems to have worked very well for us so far, instead of having an enforcement approach.”

There was one IPD-issued ticket at an unsanctioned encampment site last year, according to Recckio.

Recckio said that he has heard from outreach workers that there is a concern about the lack of beds available in the area, especially in the spring when the local Code Blue shelter stops providing services. This led the city to develop the new policy that would create a sanctioned area at the existing encampment site so that even if an individual cannot find a bed, they will have a place to stay.



Photo by Jaime Cone Hughes

The Salvation Army Ithaca Corps staff members gather in front of their new van outside The Salvation Army offices in downtown Ithaca. (Left to right) Back row: Diana Vrabel, Karen Sargent, Ana Machado, Captain Shaun McNeil. Front row: Brady Bond, Andrew Ink, Felicia Whatley. Missing from the picture is Captain Stacy McNeil.

Recckio said there are many factors that contribute to a person being displaced from a stable housing situation, including the inability for a local shelter to accommodate the person’s wish to stay with a partner or animal and the loss of temporary assistance due to work requirements, challenging paperwork or substance use disorder.

Sometimes people become homeless again after an unsuccessful attempt at achieving stability within new permanent supportive housing units, Recckio said, and sometimes a person becomes unhoused after fleeing an unsafe living situation in another municipality.

Two additional recommendations have been made by the city, Recckio said, the first being that the city open and operate a navigation hub facility near Southwest Park. The hub would likely be located on a space close to but not in the current Southwest Park location.

“I see this as a space to support transitions to and from the non-enforcement zone,” Recckio said. “So, if someone is at the encampment that is not allowed to be on the Waterfront Trail, for example, and they’re asked to move and they can’t find housing, having a navigation hub for them to go as an intermediary place before they are asked to use the camping area outside.”

The second recommendation is to make infrastructure and livability improvements in Southwest Park.

“This would include really promoting public health and safety. So, we’ve heard a lot about lights and trash removal and even bathrooms, but bathrooms, as everybody here likely knows, is very complicated as it comes to this area,” Recckio told the committee.

The policy, as well as these two recommendations, would be predicated on Tompkins County constructing its new emergency shelter on Cherry Street, a project that was announced last year after the county purchased land where FOUND in Ithaca is currently located for the purpose of building a new homeless facility to house up to 100 individuals.

“This navigation hub being near but not in that camping area — have you thought about how problematic it might be to rent or purchase a space in that area where there are so many businesses who will likely not be welcoming to a navigation hub?” asked Tompkins County Legislator Deborah Dawson (D-Village of Lansing).

“We have thought about that and are in some real estate conversations,” said Recckio in response. “It’s definitely on our mind; being a good neighbor would be a big goal of ours. I don’t have any further sort of answers at this time.”

“I suspect that’s going to be one of your biggest challenges,” Dawson said, to which Recckio responded, “I think you’re right.”

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The Cherry Artists’ Collective presents ‘Ithaca Fever’ world premiere

The Cherry Arts is delighted to present the world premiere of *Ithaca Fever* by award-winning playwright Saviana Stanescu, opening Friday, April 11 at the Cherry Artspace, 102 Cherry St.

Ithaca Fever tells the story of Clara, a Romanian journalism professor who broke up with her home country and has been traveling the world. In 2020, she arrives in Ithaca only to be quarantined with COVID. Housebound in the old Treman mansion, she fever-dreams back to 1903 to witness the Treman family’s role in Ithaca’s fatal Typhoid epidemic. Can she right the wrongs of the past?

The Cherry’s brand-new play uncovers a fascinating story of Ithaca’s history and poses enduring questions about the ethics of epidemic, private enterprise, and the dreams of the immigrants that make our country what it is. The first-ever Cherry production to be approved by the National Endowment for the Arts for a prestigious Grants for Arts Projects award, *Ithaca Fever* is a collaboration with the History Center in Tompkins County.

Ben Sandberg, Executive Director of the History Center says, “We are thrilled to support the Cherry’s important artistic work in our community. Artistic mediums like live theater are a profoundly important vehicle to a deeper understanding of our shared past. We’re excited that Saviana Stanescu and the team at the Cherry are grounding this innovative production in the many pieces of history preserved in our archives and collections.”

Samuel Buggeln, Artistic and Executive Director of the Cherry Arts, undertook the archival research of local history, contributing to the development of Stanescu’s script.

“The Cherry is particularly proud that *Ithaca Fever* is a big-scale, brand new project that brings together multiple Ithaca organizations, including the History Center in Tompkins County,” says Buggeln. “We expect it will attract new audiences we can welcome into the Cherry family!”

Cherry Collective playwright Saviana Stanescu is an Ithaca-based Romanian artist and winner of New York Innovative Theatre Award for Outstanding Play and the UNITER Award for Best Romanian Play. She is the recipient of a New York State Council on the Arts grant for the development of *Ithaca Fever*.

The production is directed by native Ithacan Sarah Plotkin, known for her work with Walking on Water Productions, Fitz&Starts Productions, Hangar Theatre, Story House Ithaca, and Civic Ensemble.

“Having grown up in Ithaca, it’s very



The cast of ‘Ithaca Fever’ in rehearsals. (Left to right: Max Lorn-Krause, Riley Marie Fortin, Natasha Keller, Barb Geary, Juniper Rose, Darcy Rose)

exciting for me to get to learn about the city’s history with Typhoid and the Treman’s involvement,” says Plotkin. “This show feels like a gift to our community, and I’m grateful to have the opportunity to help bring it to life!”

She is joined by lighting designer Tyler M. Perry, costume designer Iris Estelle, projection designer Mustafaa Ali, sound designer Rosa Maassen, livestream designer Karen Rodriguez and associate Greg Levins, dialect coach Max Lorn-Krause, and intimacy director Priscilla Hummel. The production stage manager is Emily Pugh.

The cast features Mike Chen (the Cherry’s *Rosa and Blanca*) as Huy and Eben, Riley Marie Fortin as Maria, Jennifer Ann Galvez (credits with National Asian American Theater Company and MA-YI Theater) as Eliza and Tala, Barb Geary (the Cherry’s *Baba Yaga* and *And What Happens If I Don’t*) as Clara, Natasha Keller (Hangar Theatre, Encore Players) as Jeannie Waterman and Ithaca Daily Journal, Max Lorn-Krause (Ithaca Shakespeare Co.) as Pavel and William T. Morris, Craig MacDonald (the Cherry’s *Rule of Thumb* and Hangar Theatre credits) as Duncan Campbell Lee, Darcy Rose (the Cherry’s *Rosa and Blanca*) as Anna Louisa Treman, and Juniper Rose as Louisa “Lulu” Treman.

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Annual Tompkins 4-H Duck Race coming up April 27

Tompkins County 4-H youth development programs are planning this spring’s 4-H Duck Race — an annual local tradition and fundraiser — to be held Sunday, April 27. The highly-anticipated event features games, refreshments and prizes from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Tompkins County, 615 Willow Ave. in Ithaca.

The day will feature a festival in the CCE Tompkins parking lot, with 4-H clubs, staff, and volunteers showcasing resources and opportunities available to local residents. Around 2 p.m., CCE staff and the community will walk to Cornell Botanic Gardens’ Cascadilla Gorge and watch as 3,000 yellow rubber ducks tumble over the falls then bob down the creek in a race to the finish line.

Each duck represents a chance to win prizes and is made possible by the race’s sponsors, which include Moore’s Tree Farm, Yoga Farm Ithaca, New Delhi Diamond’s, CFCU Community Credit Union, Cargill and others. The first-place duck takes home the Grand Prize of a \$500 Cash “Nest Egg”;

other prizes include Binghamton Rumble Ponies prize packages, a one-year Sciencenter membership, a charcoal grill, telescope, video bird feeder, Instant air fryer oven, gift certificates from Wegmans, Bickering Twins, Hangar Theatre, Great Escapes and much more. Additional prize packages will be available for raffle.

Last year’s Duck Race raised over \$14,500 for 4-H programs in Tompkins County, including rural and urban afterschool programs, summer camp and school break activities, college and career prep programs, and interest-based 4-H clubs. Participants will not need to be present to win.

“In addition to being one of our most fun days of the year, the Duck Race is a great way for our neighbors in the community to learn about local youth programs,” said Vicki Fleming, issue leader for Tompkins County 4-H. “From baking to botany, robotics to dog training — our 4-Hers will be sharing what they do all afternoon. Anyone who comes out will be able to try making crafts out of natural materials, learning about plants and wildlife,



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The 2024 4-H Duck Race begins in Cascadilla Gorge.

meeting local 4-H animals, and more!”

In addition to 4-H programs, attendees can learn about incentives to support home energy upgrades, composting resources, parenting/family workshops, gardening classes, SNAP-Ed nutrition, and other programs offered year-round at CCE Tompkins County.

For more information about the event, contact Tompkins-4h@cornell.edu or go to 4HDuckRace.com to purchase duck chances.

OUTREACH

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one personally linked you. ... It’s important that all the outreach worker programs know what everyone else is doing so that they can make strong, accurate linkages.”

The program aligns with plans included in the local Reimagining Public Safety initiative to provide alternative responses and wraparound services to community members in need.

“This program will support city and county residents in accessing a broad array of critical services and resources already embedded within our community,” said Ithaca City Manager Deb Mohlenhoff. “The city of Itha-

ca values this continued partnership with Tompkins County and the Downtown Ithaca Alliance to bolster community support and looks forward to supporting REACH.”

The program may expand after the pilot, said Ross Milne, public health graduate fellow with Tompkins County Whole Health.

“We want to assess what kinds of situations and crises are people experiencing, what kinds of supports are they asking for, what linkages are we commonly making,” Milne said, “so that in the next iteration after this pilot period we’re able to take that information forward and address any gaps, barriers or needs that we didn’t anticipate right now.”

To learn more about TCWH’s mental health services, visit <https://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/health/mh>.

To learn more about REACH’s program, go to <https://www.reach-projectinc.org/>.

Obituaries

Celebrating Lives, Honoring Memories

RECENT DEATH NOTICES				
Name:	Age:	Town, State:	Death Date:	Arrangements:
Robert Patrick Troy	64	Ithaca, NY	Apr-2	Bangs Funeral Home
Bryan Eastman	68	Lansing, NY	Apr-1	Zirbel Funeral Home
Irving Mirskin	97	Ithaca, NY	Mar-31	CNY Cremation Service
Alice Mary Holtkamp	101	Trumansburg, NY	Mar-31	Ness-Sibley Funeral Home
Elmer H. Van Arkel	101	Brooktondale, NY	Mar-31	Perkins Funeral Home
Allan E. Gorton	89	Trumansburg, NY	Mar-30	Ness-Sibley Funeral Home
Rose C. Norton	92	Ithaca, NY	Mar-29	Lansing Funeral Home
Barry Valentine	62	Newfield, NY	Mar-28	Bangs Funeral Home
Eileen Williams	85	Ithaca, NY	Mar-28	CNY Cremation Service
Lyle Raymond	91	Groton, NY	Mar-28	Zirbel Funeral Home
Toni Miller	80	Ithaca, NY	Mar-26	CNY Cremation Service
Sonja K. Root Durling	83	Trumansburg, NY	Mar-26	Ness-Sibley Funeral Home
Sharon Haynes	72	Ithaca, NY	Mar-25	CNY Cremation Service
Jessie Travis	73	Groton, NY	Mar-18	CNY Cremation Service

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Martin Stallone appointed to Tompkins Community Bank Board

Tompkins Community Bank (Tompkins) has appointed Dr. Martin Stallone to the Community Bank Board for Tompkins Central New York. Stallone currently serves as the CEO of Centralus Health, and Cayuga Health System.

Centralus Health is an affiliation of Arnot Health in Elmira, N.Y. and Cayuga Health. Together they serve patients across 9-counties in the Finger Lakes and Southern Tier regions. Dr. Stallone brings more than 15 years of leadership experience, a focus on keeping our local communities strong and an aptitude for strategic opera-

tional oversight to Tompkins' Board.

"Martin is a well-rounded and highly experienced professional," said Johanna Anderson, president of Tompkins Central New York market. "He has an incredible background in hospital management and demonstrated expertise with organizational leadership and communication strategies. We have no doubt he will help us make a positive difference in the Central New York community."

In addition to his current positions, Stallone, who served in the U.S. Air Force, is the New York State Air Surgeon at the State's Air National Guard

headquarters in Latham. He serves the boards of numerous community organizations, including the corporate board of Lifetime Healthcare Companies and HealtheConnections.

Stallone holds a bachelor's degree from Cornell University, a doctorate in medicine from the University of Pennsylvania, and masters degrees from the Wharton School of Business (University of Pennsylvania) and the U.S. Naval War College. Stallone, an active member of the Lansing and Ithaca communities, currently resides in Lansing, NY with his wife and six sons.



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Dr. Martin Stallone has been appointed to the Community Bank Board for Tompkins Central New York.

Attorney general warns against tax scams and urges taxpayers to use free Direct File service

New York Attorney General Letitia James recently issued a consumer alert urging New Yorkers to avoid common tax preparation scams and check if they are eligible for the free Direct File service to file their taxes before Tax Day on April 15. The Direct File program allows qualifying taxpayers to file their federal and state taxes online at no cost, saving the average New York taxpayer approximately \$260 in tax preparation fees. In addition, Attorney General James released a series of tips to help taxpayers recognize scams and frauds associated with tax season.

"While tax season can be stressful, New Yorkers deserve peace of mind knowing that they'll be protected from scams and won't have to pay hundreds of dollars just to file their taxes," said Attorney General James. "The Direct File program is a safe and easy way to file taxes for free and save hundreds of dollars. I encourage everyone to be on the lookout for fraudsters who try to take advantage of tax season to cheat New Yorkers, and report any suspected frauds to my office."

Common fraud tactics that New Yorkers should be on the lookout for include:

- Fraudsters who claim you owe past tax debts and insist that you pay using a prepaid credit card or gift

- card. Legitimate government officials and agencies do not seek to collect debts through these means;
- Being told that your legitimate tax refund from the IRS was a mistake, and, therefore you must return it. If you owe money, you will receive a legitimate notice in writing that identifies the agency and the reason you owe money, not a phone call, email, or text message;
- Fraudsters who make false promises of free tax preparation services, only to deceive people into paying for those services;
- Tax preparers who deceptively claim to get you your tax refund quicker and then charge you high interest rates and fees; and
- Any unsolicited calls, text messages, or emails asking for personal information or to verify financial account information.

The New York Tax Department estimates that 3.4 million New Yorkers will be able to use Direct File this year. New Yorkers with 2024 wages of up to \$200,000, or \$250,000 if filing a joint return, may qualify. Take the following steps to find out if you qualify and use Direct File:

- Check if you are eligible for New York State Direct File to file your New York State personal income tax return;

Check if you're eligible for IRS Direct File to file your federal personal income tax return; and

- If you are eligible, begin your federal return on the IRS Direct File website. After you file your federal return, you will be seamlessly directed to New York State Direct File to file your New York State taxes.

More information about Direct File is available on the New York State Tax Department's webpage.

In addition to using Direct File, Attorney General James offers the following tips for New Yorkers to protect themselves during tax season:

- Legitimate government organizations will never threaten arrest or deportation for failure to pay a debt and will never insist that consumers pay a debt only via a prepaid credit card, gift card, or wire transfer;
- Only use established companies for tax-preparation services, and always review the entire tax return before signing it; and
- If using a tax preparer, check the person's qualifications and history through the Better Business Bureau. You should ensure that they sign the tax form and include their Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN) upon completion. Also ensure that you are given a state-



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ment of the tax services provided and pay close attention to any extra fees or interests. For more information, please consult New York's Consumer Bill of Rights Regarding Tax Preparers.

Any New Yorker who suspects that they are a victim of a scam is encouraged to report it to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) by submitting a complaint online or calling 800-771-7755.



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Architectural firm selected for extensive renovation of Caroline’s Old Town Hall

Caroline’s Old Town Hall will soon receive extensive upgrades, as town officials selected Bero Architects, of Rochester, as the firm for the project on March 19.



By Jaime Cone Hughes
Managing Editor

Four bids were submitted in response to the request for proposals issued by the town earlier this year. “We got four very good proposals,” Mark Witmer, Caroline town supervisor, said. “It’s good to have lots to choose from.”

Witmer said that in addition to the price of the proposal being within the budget the town was looking for, town officials were impressed by the firm’s previous works, which include the restoration of the Cascadilla Boathouse at Stewart Park and projects on the Cornell University campus.

“I’m very excited,” Witmer said. “I was just 10 minutes ago walking around outside, and picked up a little piece of clapboard and a little piece of ornamental work off of the architecture, so I’m very excited to get this project going.”

MARK WITMER
Supervisor, Town of Caroline

The property, which is owned by the town of Caroline, is located in the Town of Caroline on the main thoroughfare, New York State Route 79, at 2670 Slaterville Rd., in the hamlet of Slaterville Springs. The style is attributed to the mid-nine-

teenth century early Romanesque Revival, according to town documents.

The building was constructed in 1868 and is on the National Register of Historic Places. It was a schoolhouse for many decades, then a Masonic Lodge and later a community center before it was converted to the town hall in 1976. Currently the Town of Caroline holds meetings there, town court is held there as well, and the Caroline Historical Society occupies the top floor.

“Deferred maintenance, strained municipal budgets, early 20th century inappropriate alterations to the building and recent climate changes have contributed to the need for repair and upgrades,” the town’s request for proposals states.

The restoration project was developed in collaboration with Stephen Gibian, R.A., who has been a consultant providing architectural services to the Town of Caroline. Gibian will participate in the project and provide his expertise, on an as-needed basis and as requested by the Town of Caroline, as an independent consultant. He will not be considered as part of the RFP Awarded Design Team or paid from the EPF grant funded project, according to the request for proposals.

Susan Holland, who was at the time the executive director of Historic Ithaca (now retired), offered much guidance throughout the process of obtaining the grant, Witmer said.

Historic Ithaca is the contract administrator for the project.

Witmer added that both Holland and Gibian are members of the project’s consulting team.

Witmer said the town is in the process of developing a contract with Bero, and the architects will be working on drawing up plans this year. The architectural plans will then be put out to bid, and construction is slated to begin in 2026.



Photo by Joe Scaglione

The town of Caroline's Old Town Hall building was awarded a grant in 2023 and will likely undergo renovations in 2026, now that the town has selected Bero Architects to complete the project.

“We have to take it step by step,” Witmer said.

The project is a 50/50 cost share with the town of Caroline. The town was awarded a match grant with a cap amount of \$375,000.

“I just think there’s a huge amount of interest in the history of Caroline,” Witmer said. “The building is quant, it’s beautiful, and it’s overdue for painting and restoration, but it’s going to be more than that.”

Witmer said that included in the restoration will be some steps to restore architectural features that were there in the past but were removed from the building.

“One thing that’s not major, but the thing that I think will be cool, will be to restore the front entryways to their original form, and the doors,” Witmer said. “That will be a great way to recapture and bolster the historical aspects of the building.”

The windows were recently replaced and will be left as-is, according to a “fre-

quently asked questions” (FAQ) document on the town’s website, townofcaroline.org.

“Due to the Town’s commitment to providing climate-based solutions, there is an ongoing discussion about insulation of the Old Town Hall,” the FAQ also states. “This will be part of the discovery and solution-based approach for the awarded Design Team/Architect regarding insulation needs. The Town has agreed to follow the suggestions of the Design Team/Architect, who will have specific experience in insulation solutions for historic buildings.”

The building’s clapboard wooden siding is all original, as are the architectural details at the eaves. “A little bit of that has been modified over time or lost, but just the carpentry or woodwork between the windows and at the eaves are the things that stand out to me,” Witmer said. “Restoring the front entryways is going to be a nice embellishment.”

Tompkins County Legislature highlights

Special election scheduled for June 24

Per the County Charter, the Tompkins County Legislature set the date for a special election to fill the seat of Susan Currie (District 3 – City of Ithaca), who has resigned her position effective March 31, 2025. The special election will be held on June 24, coinciding with the primary elections. The successful candidate will fill the seat for the remainder of this year. The Tompkins County Board of Elections will soon provide more detailed information for voters.

Susan Currie provided a brief farewell and thank-you message to legislators, staff, and the public. “I wanted to thank every member of the Legislature and everyone who works at the County. You do awesome work. It was an honor to serve with you,” Currie remarked. “I had my first day as the interim Director of the Tompkins County Public Library. I am a librarian, and I am glad to be back.”

Fast-charging electrical vehicle charging stations coming to Ithaca Tompkins International Airport

Chair of the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee Lee Shurtleff (R-Groton) introduced a resolution that paves

the way for a partnership with Green-spot to install two fast-charging electrical vehicle charging stations at the airport. Legislator Shurtleff stated, “There is only one other fast-charging station in the county. The contract allows for 5% of the revenue that is generated to support airport operations.” The resolution was unanimously approved.

April declared Fair Housing Month in Tompkins County

Chair of the Legislature Dan Klein presented a proclamation confirming Tompkins County’s commitment to fair and equal housing opportunities for all residents and prospective residents. The proclamation was received by Kira Fritzky-Randolph (President, Ithaca Board of Realtors), Jala Bayo (Chair, Ithaca Board of Realtor’s Fair Housing, Sustainability, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee), and Paul Rossi (Government Affairs Field Representative, NYS Association of Realtors).

Other Business

County Administrator Korsah Akumfi reported to the Legislature that the Code Blue Shelter will close on April 15. Department of Social Services staff will work with clients who have utilized the shelter this season to find alternate

sheltering resources. If the temperature dips below 32 degrees after April 15, individuals will still be able to access shelter under Code Blue parameters. He also shared that a request for qualifications to partner with the County to develop and operate the newly built emergency shelter will be published next week.

Akumfi further stated that no immediate impact from potential federal funding cuts has been reported for county programs and services. County Administration and department heads will continue to monitor developments and inform legislators and the public when appropriate.

Finance Director Lorrie Scarrott reported that sales tax receipts for February 2025 have increased by 7.6% com-

pared to February 2024.

Legislator Shawna Black (D-Ithaca) introduced a resolution calling on the New York State for an independent audit of NYS Electric & Gas (NYSEG) billing practices due to numerous complaints about inaccurate billing reported by residents and businesses. Legislator Black noted, “I think it’s scary for families and individuals. There are no checks and balances.”

Chair of the Legislature Dan Klein (D-Ithaca) provided longevity certificates to celebrate the long-standing service of Katrina McCloy (Clerk of the Legislature, 10 years), Legislator Rich John (D-Ithaca, 10 years), and Legislator Mike Sigler (R-Lansing, 15 years).

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Real Estate Transactions

DANBY

- Elizabeth Drake & Wyatt Piazza bought from Colbert Family Farms LLC at 202 Jersey Hill Rd, Danby, NY 13053 on 03/10/25 for \$165,500.
- Jeremy Holmes & Sarah Post bought from Nob Irt & Matthew S. Seyfried at N/A, Danby, NY 13053 on 03/12/25 for \$485,000.

DRYDEN

- Christopher Scagnelli & Lauren Scagnelli bought from Mailler James P. Estate & Lauren Mailler at 5 Penny Ln, Dryden, NY 13053 on 03/12/25 for \$365,000.

GROTON

- Jennifer Asher & Troy Hallman bought from Timothy J. Parks at N/A, Groton, NY 13073 on 03/12/25 for \$490,000.
- Benjamin Kalb bought from Groton Community Health Care Inc at N/A, Groton, NY 13073 on 03/12/25 for \$390,000.

ITHACA

- 113 N Quarry LLC bought from Shyan J. Ronald-Chua & Meiting R. Yong at 113 Quarry St N, Ithaca, NY 14851 on 03/11/25 for \$369,250.
- Btcenter Realty LLC bought from Beach Tree Realty LLC at

310 Albany St S, Ithaca, NY 14851 on 03/10/25 for \$9,000,000.
- Clarence Elliot LLC bought from Waterfront Alchemy LLC at 313 Taughannock Blvd, Ithaca, NY 14850 on 03/10/25 for \$1,600,000.
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- Sylvia Holdheim bought from Po T. Shen at 321 Strawberry Hill Cir N, Ithaca, NY 14850 on 03/12/25 for \$299,000.
- Chiradip Kar bought from Curtis D. Raymond Jr. & Kellie

Raymond at 512 University Ave, Ithaca, NY 14850 on 03/12/25 for \$570,000.
- Mustard Sauce LLC bought from James M. Kerrigan at 1021 Seneca St W, Ithaca, NY 14851 on 03/10/25 for \$240,000.
- Jill Rosentel bought from Randall A. Hatcher at 321 Columbia St, Ithaca, NY 14850 on 03/11/25 for \$390,000.
- Seneca Jb LLC bought from Evan R. Nison at 314 Farm St, Ithaca, NY 14850 on 03/11/25 for \$293,000.
- Kurt W. Weber & Sheryl C. Weber bought from Helen Ann Yunis RET & Helen A. Yunis at 192 Inlet

Valley Way, Ithaca, NY 14851 on 03/12/25 for \$675,000.
- Timothy K. Wu & Fidelindo Lim bought from William Abeles at 806 Plain St S, Ithaca, NY 14851 on 03/11/25 for \$349,000.

LANSING

- Alexander Ophir & Angela Chang bought from Caren Baldini at Rockcross Ln, Lansing, NY 13068 on 03/13/25 for \$273,000.

NEWFIELD

- Ava Jewett & Roy Johnson bought from Robert L. Argetsinger Jr. & A. R. Argetsinger at 1751 Red Brush Rd, Newfield, NY 14867 on

03/12/25 for \$390,000.
- Michael I. Walshon & Hannah Pouch bought from Stephen B. Wicker & Sarah S. Wicker at 358 Town Line Rd, Newfield, NY 14867 on 03/12/25 for \$1,560,000.

ULYSSES

- Victor Manovi & Cathleen Manovi bought from Danielle C. Remmer & George H. Remmer 3rd at 2365 Perry City Rd, Ulysses, NY 14850 on 03/07/25 for \$200,000.
- Mary J. Williams & Ronelle J. Thornton bought from William Oper at 3112 Dubois Rd, Ulysses, NY 14850 on 03/12/25 for \$245,000.

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April 9, 2025

NOTICE of FORMATION of a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Recovery is a Practice LLC; Articles of Organization filed with the State of New York on 3/3/25; County 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 at 526 Spencer Rd, Ithaca, New York 14850. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16/25.

NOTICE of FORMATION of a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Fernando Nava Enterprises, LLC -- Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York on 03/12/2025. 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 4160 Kinney Gulf Road, Cortland, New York 13045 which is the principal office of the limited liability company. The limited liability company was formed for any lawful business purpose. 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23/2025.

NOTICE of FORMATION of a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Finch Family Farmstead LLC. Articles of Organization filing date with Secretary of State (SSNY) was February 13, 2025. Office location: Cortland County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail copy of process to 1490 McGraw Marathon Rd, Marathon, NY 13803. Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws. 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23/2025.

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unoriginalGeese Stationery LLC. Articles of Organization filing date with Secretary of State (SSNY) was 9/29/2024. 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 the LLC, 586 Stevens Road Freeville, NY 13068. Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws. 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23/2025.

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

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Notice is hereby given that a license, number 6050719 for beer and cider has been applied for by the undersigned to sell beer and cider at retail in a restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 1843 Danby Rd in Danby NY, Tompkins County for on premises consumption. Danby Food and Drink, LLC. 3/26, 4/2/2025

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MMO Creations LLC. Articles of Organization files with NYS Department of State (SSNY) on 2/19/2025. Office Location: Tompkins County at 42 Reach Run, Ithaca, NY 14850. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. 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. 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7/2025.

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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.

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

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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.

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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.

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LMT PERFORMANCE SOLUTIONS, LLC filed Arts. Of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/14/2025. Office: Tompkins County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: 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.

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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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FYLUMAGENCY 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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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.

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

TOMPKINS COMMUNITY BANK F/K/A TOMPKINS TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff - against - ITHA-CAB&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

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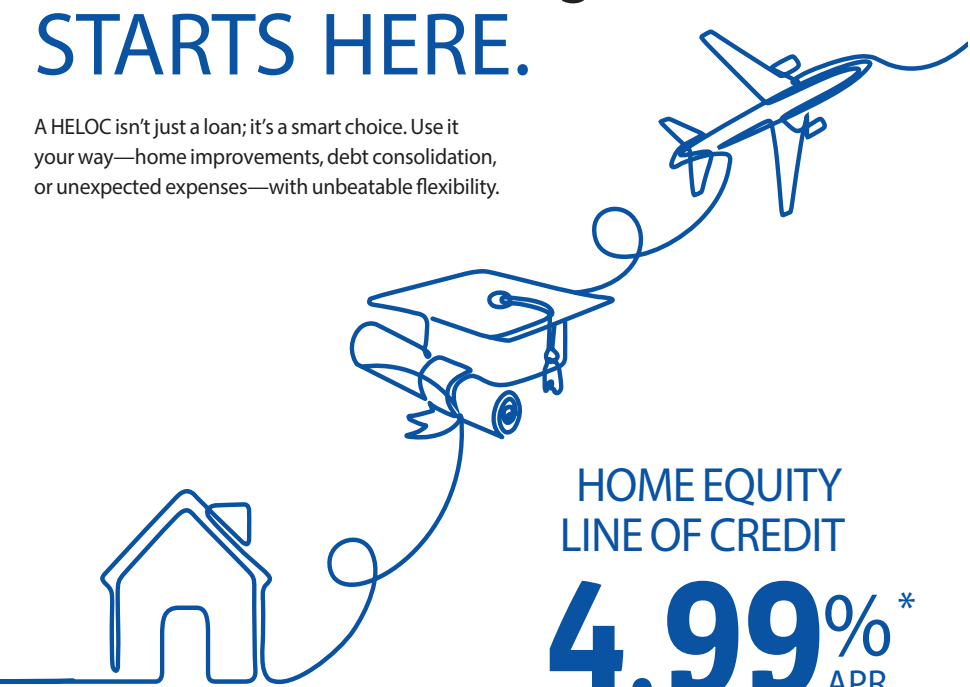
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