

# Tompkins Weekly

## Newfield selects new school superintendent

The Newfield Central School District (CSD) Board of Education officially selected its new superintendent, according to an announcement.



By Kevin L. Smith

Jesse Harper has been appointed to be at the helm of Newfield CSD, effective July 1 of this year. Harper will replace current superintendent Eric Hartz, who is retiring at the end of 2024-25 school year.

“It is with deep gratitude and great optimism that I step into the role of Superintendent of the Newfield Central School District,” Harper said in the announcement. “I am truly honored to become part of a community that is deeply committed to the success and well-being of its students. Newfield is known for its proud tradition of educational excellence and its strong, collaborative community partnerships. I am excited to roll up my sleeves and work alongside the students, staff, families, and community members of Newfield to continue building on this strong foundation and make a positive impact for all our learners.”

Harper has a Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Administration from SUNY Brockport. He also received a master of science degree in education and a bachelor’s degree in materials science — both from Alfred University.

Holding multiple New York State certifications, including being a school district and building leader, Harper also has permanent certifications in physics and chemistry for seventh through 12th grade.

“The Newfield Board of Education is delighted to welcome Jesse Harper as the next superintendent of Newfield CSD,” said Christina Ward, Newfield BOE president. “Jesse brings with him a wealth of experience that we are excited to see applied to our district. Some of his past proven skills include exceptional communication with staff, students, and community; enhancing opportunities for students; and working with students and staff to create a student centered learning environment, while cultivating leaders and growth from within. We are looking forward to July 1 and Newfield’s future in partnering with Mr. Harper.”

Harper brings more than two decades of experience in public education and district leadership to Newfield. Harper was previously the superintendent for Arkport Central School District.



Images provided

Artistic renderings of The Meadow on Seneca affordable and supportive housing (left), slated to begin construction in Ithaca in early fall, and SouthWorks (right), the proposed new Ithaca neighborhood that repurposes an old Factory on South Aurora Street. SouthWorks will be welcoming its first commercial tenant, antique and vintage marketplace FOUND in Ithaca, later this year.

## A look at current construction projects shaping Ithaca’s future

By Jaime Cone Hughes  
*Managing Editor*

Ithaca is undergoing a wave of new development, with projects like Meadow on Seneca, FOUND’s move to SouthWorks and new apartment buildings The Aurora and The Breeze. From affordable housing to upscale residences and revitalized commercial space, these initiatives reflect a broad vision for a more inclusive, sustainable and vibrant Ithaca.

### Meadow on Seneca housing project set for September

Meadow on Seneca, a 70-unit building slated for the corner of North Meadow and West Seneca Streets in Ithaca that will have a mix of affordable and integrated supportive housing, will start construction as early as the middle of September, according to Robert Cain, director of real estate development for CSD Housing, a service development consulting company based in Pittsford that is focused on helping not-for-profit clients develop affordable housing units for low income individuals and families, homeless individuals and families and those with special needs.

“All the funding has been secured,” Cain said. “We’re looking forward to [completing] the final details of the permitting, but there should be no issues with closing in September of this year.”

The site will have a roughly 19-month

construction duration. “Pretty much, two years from this fall it will be completed and mostly leased up,” Cain said.

This project is unique in that it is owned by Rehabilitation Support Services (RSS), a not-for-profit agency that provides a range of services for individuals with mental health and substance use disorders.

“This is one of their first models of this type of housing,” Cain said.

Thirty-five of the units will be supportive in nature, and RSS will provide services for those residents who were formerly homeless, are experiencing wellness challenges or are otherwise at risk.

“Internally, it will be staffed like a hotel with a concierge-type atmosphere,” Cain said. There will be about nine full-time staff members in the building.

The first floor will have a podium deck, which includes a generous amount of office space for leasing, residential services, some community space and bicycle racks for residents. There will be an above-ground garage for resident parking, but Cain said the project focuses on giving its residents convenient multi-modal transportation options so they can take advantage of the walkable area to downtown and other amenities, embracing local bicycle and ride-share programs. There is also a bus stop located around the corner.

He added that the building will be one of the first to break ground that com-

plies with the new, recently implemented Ithaca FEMA floodplain standards.

“We had to elevate the building to be compliant,” Cain said, adding that this change came with a significant increase to the project’s total budget, which comes in at about \$35 million.

The building is designed by Passero Associates. “The vision of it is to be an entranceway, beacon-type building for those traveling north along South Meadow,” Cain said.

There will be a dog park and playground for residents as well as a landscaped rooftop terrace.

“It’s a very urban-type design that will be very well landscaped around the perimeter of the building,” Cain said.

The building is designed to be all-electric and eco-friendly, with solar panels and an electric heat-pump system.

It will be constructed on what is currently a vacant lot, though there was one particular challenge to building on this site; some elements of the entryway design will likely contain large artwork or other features that pay homage to a large tree that people were reluctant to say goodbye to, Cain said.

“We want to recognize its importance to the community,” he said. “I know there was some opposition to cutting down the tree; we even tried designs that included a donut shape around it, but that would have damaged the root ball, so we came to the conclusion that it was infeasible to preserve it, even



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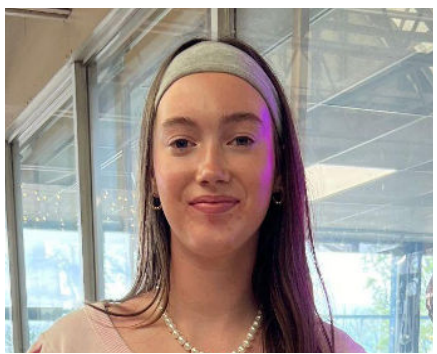
# Street Beat

By Jaime Cone Hughes

In honor of National Pizza Party Day May 16, what is your favorite pizza topping?



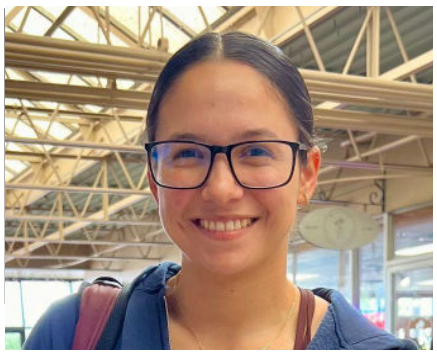
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# Wonderful Wheelchairs team restores mobility and independence

Greg Harrington is at work in the deep, mysterious area below Cayuga Skilled Nursing Facility. Wednesdays and Fridays, Harrington and his Wonderful Wheelchairs team are in their cavern from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Although Harrington is known to some as “Mr. Wonderful Wheelchairs,” he always passes the credit on to the original movers and shakers: Ardith Bennett, Lynn Gitlow, Ellie and Monte May and Professor Carol John, going back 15 years now.

“Carol taught occupational therapy [OT] students at Ithaca College and provided OT to rehab patients at Cayuga Ridge,” Harrington said. “She found Cayuga Ridge had stockpiled more than 75 broken wheelchairs. Carol applied for a grant and used the money to buy tools at Montgomery Ward. She and Ardie got the project rolling.”

After a long, mysterious walk within a vast open area (like a movie set for a detective story), one encounters aisles of neatly stocked wheelchairs, tall rollators (stand-up walkers), power scooters and power wheelchairs, all tagged and numbered. Along all the side walls are amazingly neat, organized sections of tools, leg rests, arm rests, chair cushions and so much more. The rest of the seven-person WW Team, including one of the newest volunteers, Joe Amato, all work on different categories of these invaluable transport devices in their own workstations. Among the six volunteers, they have lots of expertise regarding electronic equipment and electrical and mechanical engineering. And they have contacts for anything else they need to enable all of us to have the best working, most comfortable and practical means of transportation.



Photo by Marjorie Olds  
A store room full of wheelchairs and other mobility equipment, to be repaired donated by Wonderful Wheelchairs.

Tom Every, who specializes in power chairs and scooters, is in his ninth year volunteering at Wonderful Wheelchairs. He explains that with generous donations in the past, WW has been



Photo by Marjorie Olds  
(Left to right): Stan Hugo, Greg Harrington, Joe Amato and Ray Coolbaugh, volunteers for Wonderful Wheelchairs.

able to buy special software, so that the steering mechanism for power chairs or scooters can be adjusted with specialized electronic equipment. For example, if the operator’s hand shakes from Parkinson’s Disease, Every can minimize the effect of hand-quivering or shaking on the steering wheel.

Every explains that wheelchairs are mostly used indoors, while power chairs and scooters are more likely used outdoors. The range of sizes, tires, leg rests and customizable features is enormous.

To make equipment transportable in a car, bus or van, some of the scooters are collapsible. For some folks, their power vehicle is their main form of transportation to get to work or to a store. And Tompkins County also has Kristen Wells’ incredible TCAT Gad-about paratransit program, which can transport people in their wheelchairs!

Every, formerly an electronics engineer who served in industry at NCR in South Carolina, transferred to NCR Ithaca, close to where he grew up. After NCR, Tom taught engineering as a professor at Cornell University.

“Volunteering at Wonderful Wheelchairs keeps one’s mind and body active. And it is a great way to help others,” Every said. “I helped care for my mother when she was wheelchair-bound. I would repair her wheelchair, and I know what a lifeline a wheelchair can be — but it has to be maintained.”

Every remembers that Monty May, who with his partner, Ellie May, facilitated many other community programs, nudged WW to take on power equipment. Every notes that currently WW has an inventory of about 40 power wheelchairs and about 40 manual ones. He mentions that anyone seeking to borrow, rent, purchase or donate equipment can see available inventory on the WW website (created by a Cornell graduate student volunteer in Computer Science): <https://www.wonderfulwheelchairs.info/home>.

Ron Harris has been with WW for five years. While attending some of Life-long’s terrific programs, he heard about WW. After a few years of retirement from his job as an electrician at Cargill, Harris was open to more social contact.

“Every day I would walk my dog around our rural home and we would watch the cows,” he said. “I took a job driving a bus for a senior residence, and I saw how crucial wheelchairs were to so many seniors. ... And so many needed to have their brakes adjusted or some other enhancement, but [the seniors] had nowhere to turn.”

“Later, I shattered my femur and my ankle,” Harris said. “For months of convalescence, I was wheelchair-bound. Seeing the world from a wheelchair is an eye opener.”

Eventually Harris used a rollator, which was great for a tall chap. “When I was stronger, I volunteered at WW,” he said. “I fix rollators and show people how to use them. I adjust wheelchairs and scooters, too. [I] change wheels, tires, bearings, batteries and more. If someone calls Wonderful Wheelchairs, I may be able to come and address a problem.”

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Tom Every, Volunteer,  
WONDERFUL WHEELCHAIRS

Ray Coolbaugh from Trumansburg knew Harris from their remote-control small airplane meet-ups. When Coolbaugh saw a neighbor, Stan Hugo, another WW volunteer, wearing a Wonderful Wheelchairs shirt (made of very handsome denim), he inquired about it. Thanks to his years as a professor of physics at Colgate University, Coolbaugh knows how to make things work.

Suffice it to say, Wonderful Wheelchairs is a local treasure, enabling all of us to have as much accessible activity as possible. And even if you don’t need a wheelchair maintained, you may know someone who does. If you are receiving taxable retirement distributions, a heroic way to minimize your taxes is to send a check to Wonderful Wheelchairs, which offers such wonderful services, c/o Cayuga Nursing and Rehabilitation, 1229 Trumansburg Road, Ithaca, NY 14850.

# Ulysses targets culvert upgrades to improve infrastructure, prevent flooding

The town of Ulysses is preparing an overhaul to its water management infrastructure. Specifically, the town is looking to strengthen the culverts under important Ulysses roadways.

The town board discussed the issue at its April 22 meeting and will continue addressing culvert reinforcement during its first meeting on May 13. Last year, the town completed an engineering study financed by a grant awarded by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The study helped the town determine six culverts in Ulysses

that are in need of replacement. A culvert is a device, usually a pipe or arched tunnel, used to channel water underneath a road, railway or other type of embankment, according to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Planning. Culverts can be made of many different materials, including concrete, corrugated steel and plastic. “We have already received funding for the Curry Road bridge, which is currently a culvert that will become a bridge,” Town Supervisor Katelin Olson said at the April 22 meeting. As for new designs, the town has also received funding to strengthen the culverts on Maplewood Road and Garrett Road. “The next in line is the Agard Road culvert,” Olson said.

The study was conducted last year by MRB Group, a firm based in Rochester that provides engineering, architectural and planning services to municipalities. Matt McKenna, a project manager at MRB, spoke at the April 22 meeting about potential next steps to fund further culvert revitalization projects. “One proposal would be to go forward with another grant application, specifically for the Agard Road,” he said. The funding for last year’s study came from the DEC’s Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP). “And we were very successful,” he said. “The town received a grant award of over half a million, 75% of the cost of that culvert itself.” WQIP also paid for the Curry

Road culvert replacement project. That culvert had a score of zero in the WQIP scoring system. “I just think that [the study] is going to show the town’s desire and need to really focus on this.”

**MATT MCKENNA**  
Project Manager, MRB Group

“The lowest we could possibly get,” McKenna said. “That grant application was focused on aquatic connectivity, and the possibility of wildlife to make its way up that

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# Dryden Board of Education candidates revealed

The Dryden Board of Education recently revealed profiles of four candidates who are vying for three seats. The candidates include incumbent Leslie Debo, Michael Hall, Christiane Linster and Christina Cushman. Full profiles of the candidates can be found at [dryden.k12.ny.us](http://dryden.k12.ny.us).



Photo by Kevin L. Smith

**Dryden Central School District. Four Board of Education candidates will vie for three spots during the May 20 election.**

Dryden was a district where I would be happy and that my child would receive a good education. I plan to be a part of the Dryden community and the Dryden Central School District for many years. I was raised by educators, and I’ve seen both of my parents dedicate their lives and free time to taking care of and educating other people’s children. As someone who works in the nonprofit field, I know that serving the community can be a challenging task, but I am up to the

challenge. No matter how hard my job sometimes is, I am still happy to get up in the morning and get to work helping my clients. I plan to continue to bring the same dedication to the school board. I hope that I can be a supportive voice to help the district thrive.”

**Michael Hall**  
Hall is a member of the Neptune Hose Co. #1 of Dryden, Inc. and a volunteer coach for programs through the Dryden

Recreation Department. “From growing up here, to attending school, buying a home and raising my own children here I have strived to make a difference in our community. I served as [fire] chief for many years and taught fire safety to many of our Dryden Elementary students. I’m also coaching the youth or volunteering my time. I am running to be a member of the school board

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# Lansing school board ramps up outreach ahead of May 20 vote

*Editor's note: This article was written before the May 12 budget hearing and published on the day of the May 14 community conversations; therefore, it does not reflect community input on the 2025-2026 school year budget.*



By Eddie Velazquez

The Lansing Central School District (LCSD) Board of Education is ramping up its community outreach campaign before the community votes on the district's almost \$39.7 million budget. The budget, along with the district bus proposition, will be on the ballot on May 20. District residents can vote on the budget and the bus proposition at the R. C. Buckley Elementary School cafeteria from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**"We're replacing equipment, we're modernizing technology and we are leveraging additional fund balance to try to support this, to offset this impact to the taxpayer."**

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

That day, the district will host an art show from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. The LCSD book fair will also run from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Instruction for students pre-K through eighth grade will be virtual that day.

Prior to the vote, LCSD will host two community conversations virtually on May 14: one at 10 a.m. and the other at 5 p.m. Secretary to the superintendent Debbie Todd can be emailed for links to the conversation at [dtodd@lcsd.k12.ny.us](mailto:dtodd@lcsd.k12.ny.us). Todd can also be reached at 607-533-3020, ext. 4000.

At the April 23 meeting, LCSD officials discussed the budget for a final time before the public could weigh in on May 12, when the district hosted a budget public hearing.

LCSD Assistant Superintendent of

Business Administration Kathryn Heath said the \$39.7 million budget signifies a year-over-year increase of 2.86%. That is under the consumer price index (CPI) number of 2.95%, a metric that is used to measure inflation.

"We're typically right around the CPI, depending on what the needs are for the district," she said.

Heath also reviewed key takeaways from the budget process.

"We're maintaining our programmatic needs," she said. "We do have contractual obligations. Those are our bargained agreements, so salary, benefits and our debt service — those are what we're required to pay no matter what our budget comes in at."

Part of Heath's comments are linked to the threat of the district being forced to adopt a contingency budget. That is a bare-bones spending plan that mainly covers some programs and whatever union contracts the district has with employees.

Board of Education President Aziza Benson warned against the potential of a contingency budget at the meeting. The district would be forced to enact a contingency budget if voters reject a proposed LCSD budget twice.

"[A contingency budget] freezes administrative programs, limits programs and capital investment," Benson said. "[It] eliminates funding for extracurricular activities like sports and enrichment programs. While some may see a contingency budget as a fiscally conservative option during economic uncertainty, it has long-term consequences and limits our district far into the future."

A contingency budget would limit the district's ability to raise property taxes. The district estimates levying almost \$24.9 million from taxes for the budget, with an additional amount of approximately \$82,389 coming in from PILOTs, or payments in lieu of taxes. The estimated tax rate based on these projections would be \$3,584.54 on a \$200,000 home, or a rate of \$17.92 per thousand in assessed property values.

"We would not be able to raise necessary taxes, forcing cuts to enrichment and underusing infrastructure



By Jaime Cone Hughes

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that we have already invested in," Benson noted in the event of a potential contingency budget.

The budget is also a way by which the district is seeking to modernize, Heath said.

"We're replacing equipment, we're modernizing technology and we are leveraging additional fund balance to try to support this, to offset this impact to the taxpayer," she noted.

Part of that includes transportation. The bus proposition, which voters will decide on during the budget vote, states the following:

"Do the voters approve the school district to borrow monies up to \$385,000 for the purchase of school buses and to collect the necessary taxes to repay the debt."

Heath said that approval would result in the purchase of four vehicles: a large diesel bus, a small diesel bus, a van and a "suburban" style vehicle.

"So that's to keep us on cycle with our replacement of our vehicles," Heath said. "We typically are on a 10-year cycle for each of those. And these are the vehicles that are coming off our fleet, and we're replacing those."

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**In brief:**

The Lansing Community Library is hosting free gardening classes every Monday until June 9. The classes are free to adults who want to learn how to garden on a budget. The lessons run from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

"Learn the basics of growing your own vegetables — from healthy soil to harvest — with guidance from master gardener volunteers," reads a post on the library's website. To register, interested parties can email Aly Trombitas at [art228@cornell.edu](mailto:art228@cornell.edu) or call 607-272-2292.



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# The Groton Hotel interior renovation is underway

Since Christine Clare Brennan, owner of The Benn Conger Inn, purchased The Groton Hotel (TGH) in June 2024, all eyes have been on that corner of Main and East Cortland Streets, and all ears have been to the ground — watching, listening and waiting for evidence of its reopening.



By Linda Competillo

As noted in the Nov. 20 edition of this column, renovations have been underway since then. Initially, the exterior was painted by Joseph Rivers Painting, the windows were extended, the retail space was completely renovated and Groton Antiques opened in the building November 1. That story may be found in the Nov. 6 edition of this column. The exterior of the landmark building is looking fabulous, but there is still much to do before it will be fully functional.

Tim and Theo Bishop of Bishop Brothers Contracting kicked things off in December when they turned what had been a dirt floor with moisture damage into a brand-new concrete basement floor on the east side. They will continue with construction; in the meantime, Jesse Norton, architectural designer of the exterior windows, is now designing and constructing the exterior sign, which will bear the name “The Groton Hotel.”

**“Certain things just can’t be rushed, but the end product will be something the community can be proud of.”**

## DREW CLARE

**General Manager, The Benn Conger Inn and The Groton Hotel**

Drew Clare, general manager of The Benn Conger Inn, who will also be the general manager of TGH, explained that the original hope to open the restaurant in 2025 will be delayed, but he hopes the sign will be encouraging, particularly because they are

keeping the building’s name.

## Renovations are taking time, but worth the end result

“Everything takes time,” Clare said. “We want to hurry up, but it’s better to slow down to think things through. We decided it makes more sense to start from the third floor down to do it the right way.”

Thus, progress is underway to create apartments on the third and second floors. There will be two 1100 square-foot, two-bedroom apartments on the third floor. The second floor will house two one-bedroom units and two furnished short-term efficiency apartments.

“The short-term rentals will be ideal for business travelers or people moving to the area needing a place briefly,” Clare explained. “They could rent them for a few months or weekly, and they will have kitchenettes, bathrooms and shared onsite laundry facilities. The larger apartments will have their own washers and dryers and will each have their own electric meters.”

Clare further explained that the east wall — closest to the old fire department building — will have an enclosed stairwell leading to the apartments on the south side for tenant use, while the north side will house a wood-fired pizza oven for the restaurant.

## Restaurant plans are detailed and well thought out

“That back area will also be an enclosed, heated area that will be handicapped-accessible, with an entry to the dining room, and have outdoor seating,” Clare said. “The goal is to have a pickup window back there also for take-out items.”

The electric service has also been upgraded. The plan is to keep the existing kitchen where it is and to keep the existing bathrooms, but the owners will also add ADA-compliant bathrooms and raise the ceiling at the main entrance.

“We’re going to restore that ceiling to its former glory,” Clare said, “The décor of the bar will be like an Irish pub, and [it] will be called ‘Eddy Bren-



Photo by Linda Competillo

**Drew Clare, general manager of The Benn Conger Inn, will also become the general manager of The Groton Hotel (TGH) when it opens once again. Clare is seen here on the third floor of the TGH, where the interior work is now fully underway.**

nan’s Tavern,’ named after [Chris Brennan’s] late husband. We’re considering all options for the restaurant’s theme and décor, but the main focus right now is restoration. It has been way more involved than anticipated, and we want to have a finished product from the top down. Much is going on inside, but it’s all going according to plan. Certain things just can’t be rushed, but the end product will be something the community can be proud of. We’re bringing the landmark it once was back!

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## In brief: Steak’s on!

McLean Community Church, 50 Church St., will offer its famous Delmonico steak dinner from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 17. The \$25 dinner also includes baked potato, salad, vegetable medley, beverage and homemade pie! Eat in or take out. Reservations

are highly recommended by May 16 by calling 315-496-9432.

## Johnson Museum at Groton Library

The Groton Public Library welcomes Carol Hockett, who will be teaching Johnson Museum of Art Printmaking Saturday, May 17 at 11 a.m. Come learn about printmaking. Adults will experiment with linocut blocks and kids with foam to make unique prints. This free workshop will be in GPL’s Great Room. Register via [director@grotonpubliclibrary.org](mailto:director@grotonpubliclibrary.org).

## Trail Tune-up Day

Groton Recreation is seeking volunteers to help clean up the Groton Trail System from 9 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday, May 17. All are welcome, but volunteers age 14 and under must be accompanied by a parent. Please bring your own tools and gloves. Meet at the Groton Memorial Park pavilion on Sykes Street and stay for lunch afterwards. Visit [grotonnyc-recreation.com](http://grotonnyc-recreation.com) for details.

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though we wanted to. One of our aspirations is, as it's removed, to preserve portions of it and to figure out how a local artist or another company might be able to repurpose it."

**"We are in a state where we've got this amazing resource in the form of these historic buildings, and we really need to find people go on the journey with us, and FOUND is game."**

**ROBERT LEWIS**  
Development Project Manager for SouthWorks, SHIFT Capital

**Ithaca's displaced antique mall FOUND a home**

What is the biggest goal this summer for SouthWorks, Ithaca's sprawling industrial complex-turned would-be mixed used community of the future (with the best view in town)?

"Getting FOUND into their space," said Robert Lewis, development project manager for SouthWorks.

Currently, there is fire safety and sprinkler work happening at the site, located in the former Morse Chain/Emerson Power facility at 640 S. Aurora St., with the majority of the work to transform FOUND in Ithaca's new 20,000 square-foot space, scheduled to take place this summer.

The construction company is USC Builds, which will be working on the project with CJS Architects. Both companies are based in Rochester.

Lewis said the new store will likely open by late summer/early fall and that its relocation to the space is one of the first steps in a long process that would transform the 850,000-square-foot former industrial facility on South Hill into a new neighborhood that would include retail and industrial space, restaurants and new housing development.

FOUND in Ithaca is a multi-dealer antique and vintage marketplace with about 45 dealers that assemble an ever-changing array of hand-picked items encompassing a broad range of styles, including furniture that is 19th-century-formal in style, mid-century, cottage style and industrial, as well as glass, pottery, estate and vintage jewelry, vintage clothing and art.

"We are very excited," Lewis said about SouthWorks providing a new space for FOUND, which is more than double the size of the 7,000-square-foot warehouse the store occupied at its former location on Cherry Street.

"We are in a state where we've got this amazing resource in the form of these historic buildings, and we really need to find people go on the journey with us, and FOUND is game," he said. "FOUND is happy to be in an industrial space, and they've been in an industrial space before. They are the right fit to help us walk this path together."

The new location will allow the marketplace to have more booths, cases and back-of-house space. "It will give them a more flexible space, and it's just a real expansion of their operation," Lewis said.

FOUND's Cherry Street property

was recently purchased by Tompkins County for the purpose of constructing a new homeless shelter.

"They were in a tough spot," Lewis is said. "They needed to find a new home, and find something that worked for them from a retail perspective, and we were happy to come up with something that, from a retail perspective, made sense."

The financial aspects of FOUND's relocation are "all buttoned up," Lewis is said. "We got the financing," he said, "and we're ready to go."

The location is on the downhill edge of the historic buildings on Lower Morse Road.

"It's sitting there with a pretty commanding view of the city with the lake right there," Lewis said. "It's perfect."

"This whole [SouthWorks] project could take a decade, so the journey from here to there is going to involve making this place feel like a real place where people are welcome, where there is something exciting going on," he added. "FOUND in many ways is the first step in that, and we're excited for the next one."

The next tenants likely to move in are a day care provider and an industrial tenant, but Lewis is not able to give more details at this time.

Parking for FOUND will be right next to the store, with access where the Emerson Power sign is currently.

"Bear right, and you'll be at FOUND," Lewis said.

Though it is somewhat tucked away as the first big SouthWorks tenant, the hope is that people will embrace the store as a destination, much as they did at its former location.

"We are certainly trying to make sure we do what we need to do to make sure FOUND is publicized and visible and accessible," Lewis said. "We need them to be successful. Every bit as much as they need us, we need them, and we're so excited to make this work for them."

**Other projects that are underway right now:**

**The Aurora apartments**

Those driving through Ithaca on Route 13 have likely noticed the construction happening near GreenStar and the new Cayuga Medical Building — it's hard to miss. The building going up this summer is The Aurora, a new residential building located at 201 and 301 Cayuga Park Lane, which will feature 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom apartments, as well as a fitness club and second-floor elevated sun deck and pool with a lounge.

The Aurora's 141 upscale apartments, which will sit atop 17,000 feet of rental and commercial space, range in size from 567-square-foot studios to 1,325-square-foot three-bedroom units.

There are nine "build to suit" commercial spaces located below the apartments. The project is slated to be move-in ready by early 2026.

**The Breeze apartments**

Construction at the Breeze, a residential building going up at the former Ithaca Gun Factory overlooking Ithaca Falls, is also underway.

The market-rate and affordable apartment community will offer studios, one-bedroom apartments and two-bedroom apartments, all with individual balconies.

An original factory smokestack will remain as an historic landmark,



Photo by Joe Scaglione

**The Aurora apartments, 141 upscale apartments on South Meadow Street, are under construction and expected to be move-in-ready early next year.**



Photo by Joe Scaglione

**Construction at the Breeze, a mix of market rate and affordable apartments going up at the former Ithaca Gun Factory, is underway.**

and plans include a publicly accessible walkway to an overlook above Ithaca Falls.

The project has been in the works for decades, with the federal Environmental Protection Agency spending \$4.2 million for partial cleanup of the site in 2004.

In March 2021, a remedial action work plan was submitted to the state. In December 2021, 121-125 Lake Street LLC, owned by Todd Fox, acquired the site, with Visum Development Group LLC as the new developer.

Construction is expected to be complete later this year.

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• 5/17 Baseball: Trumansburg vs. TBD (IAC Championship @ Watkins Glen)  
• 5/17 Boys Lacrosse: Ithaca vs. Maine-Endwell

## Tom Ford concludes Cornell baseball coaching career

2025 marks the end of two long coaching careers at Cornell University. Of course there's Mike Schafer, the head coach of men's hockey who retired after 30 years leading his alma mater to countless conference titles and NCAA Tournament appearances. Over on the diamond, another coach is hanging up the cleats after 35 years on East Hill.



By Ryan Gineo  
ESPN ITHACA

**"The quality of guys that have come and played for us, I think that's the biggest thing that's kept me here."**

**TOM FORD**  
Head Coach, Cornell Baseball

May 4 was the 1,295th and final game for Tom Ford coaching the baseball team. He was the head coach of the Big Red from 1991 to 2008 before becoming the associate head coach under Bill Walkenbach and Dan Pepicelli. Cornell has always felt like home since Ford is from nearby Trumansburg. But the players have been the main reason why he's called Cornell home for over three decades.

"They just really made this such a special experience for me," Ford said. "They're just solid people. I would bring my kids up to practice when they were young and they would take them under their wing so it was kind of like I had a family at home and I had a family here, too. The quality of guys that have come and played for us, I think that's the

biggest thing that's kept me here."

Since Ford announced his retirement back in December, he's received a tremendous amount of support with many former players reaching back out to him and giving him their well wishes. As for the current team, they planned something truly special for his final weekend of coaching.

The night before the Big Red's series finale against Princeton, Ford was waiting around for a team meeting when his whole family came in to surprise him. That's when Pepicelli told Ford about the Tom Ford "#14 Legacy" Program. Each fall, the coaching staff will pick a player who best personifies a tough mindset and daily dedication to improving to wear the number-14 jersey for the upcoming season. The player will also have his name on the Wall of Honor inside the batting tunnels at Booth Field.

"It really touched me," Ford said. "It's just a huge, huge honor that I guess maybe I won't be forgotten here, but just that idea of someone who thinks that you had something to do with the guys' work ethic and things like that. It was a surprise and one of the biggest honors I think I've ever received."

Before coming to East Hill, Ford spent 14 years coaching on South Hill for Ithaca College baseball, with 10 of those years as his alma mater's pitching coach. That overlapped with his high school coaching career, leading Lansing's football program from 1984 to 1990. It might seem pretty challenging coaching different sports at the same time as well as coaching higher school and college student-ath-

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Photo by Anika Kolanu/Cornell Athletics

**Tom Ford (left) poses with his #14 jersey alongside his wife Kristen (right). Ford concluded his 35th and final season coaching the Cornell baseball team, having been the head coach from 1991 to 2008 and the associate head coach since 2008.**

## Ithaca College women's lacrosse, softball claim conference crowns

By Ryan Gineo  
ESPN ITHACA

As the college sports season winds down, there's been plenty to celebrate on South Hill all year long. In the fall, three Ithaca College teams—field hockey, volleyball, and women's soccer captured Liberty League championships. In the winter, three more teams—men's basketball, women's swimming and diving, and women's indoor track and field—also claimed conference titles while Kailee Payne won two more diving national championships. This spring, it's been more of the same success to close out the school year.

Women's lacrosse captured its second straight Liberty League title after taking down Union College on May 4 at a foggy Higgins Stadium. The Bombers managed to repeat as champions in a bit of a different way from last year. In 2024, the Bombers steamrolled their way to the title, going undefeated against conference opponents. This year, they lost six games during the regular season and three against Liberty League teams. Kaitlyn Russell was instrumental in both triumphs as a defender, and she agreed that this year's title was more of an uphill battle.

"This year, coming off of a winning

season last year was different coming in, and it was definitely more of a fight," Russell said. "But I think we really rose to that challenge and decided halfway through the season that we were going to battle, we were ready to go, and we were going to pick up the intensity and play fast."

The Bombers had a different look from last season, losing a trio of First Team All-Liberty League selections—attacker Maizy Veitch and midfielders Sydney Phillips and Caroline Wise—as well as starting goalie Lexi Held. But experienced players like Russell along with other players stepping up combined to keep up its postseason glory.

That experience really came into play in the Liberty League tournament. In both the semifinal against RIT and the championship against Union, the Bombers came out on top by just one goal.

"I think it's perseverance and composure," Russell said. "Composure has been a really big piece for us. In those big games and things get really stressful, we got to be composed with the ball and off of the ball and making sure that we're communicating with each other and trying not to get fouls in those last couple of seconds and just

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making sure we’re composed and our communication is going to be where we need it to be. I think that was the biggest piece in those last two games for us.”

That led the Bombers back into the NCAA Tournament. Things started off strong in the first round with a 17-13 win over Oswego. But they had the great misfortune of playing at the three-time defending national champions Middlebury College in the second round, where their fantastic season came to an end.

“This year, coming off of a winning season last year was different coming in, and it was definitely more of a fight.”

KAITLYN RUSSELL  
Defender, Ithaca College Women’s Lacrosse

Joining women’s lacrosse with a Liberty League crown is softball. The Bombers won their first conference title since 2019 after going 3-0 in tourney play. After holding on to beat Skidmore 4-3 in the opening round, they then defeated hosts Rochester 3-1 to punch its ticket to the championship. Needing just one win over RPI, the Bombers took care of business with an 8-0 shut-out of the Engineers.

One of the main catalysts for the Bombers’ triumph was Cate Murray. The junior is in her first season on South Hill after transferring from Di-

vision I softball at Colgate. Murray has made an instant impact, leading the Bombers with a .376 batting average, a .449 on-base percentage, and a .541 slugging percentage. Murray attributed her stellar hitting to her mentality at the plate.

“It’s just trusting the process, trusting my bat, trusting my hands, and also just having fun up there,” Murray said. “I love to get on base. I always say I’d rather just be able to base run, because I think that’s the most fun. But it’s just having each other’s back. Sela Scheinman’s leading off so if Sheila gets on, I’m up. My goal is to move her over as much as I can and do what I can to help the team. I think for me, it’s just being able to get up there and have my teammates back, no matter what that looks like or how I can do it.”

The Bombers’ outstanding hitting is complemented by the dominant pitching duo of Anna Cornell and Mady Rowell. The former is the all-time strikeouts leader in program history and was named the tournament’s Most Outstanding Player.

“Anna’s a competitor,” Murray said. “She gets up on that man, and it’s you versus her. She wants to win that more than anything. And her and Mady do a really good job at getting up in these really tough positions and it’s game faces. You can’t tell if they’re nervous, if they’re scared. There’s nothing. They’re up there to win, and they’re up there to compete. To play for them and want to win for them, it’s awesome.”

The Bombers will host regional play in the NCAA Tournament, which begins on May 15. The other teams in their region are Springfield, UMass Boston, and Texas Lutheran.



Photo by John Brehm  
Groton’s Ross Bush is one of many standout distance runners on the outdoor track and field team this season. The junior is coming off a stellar indoor season where he broke multiple school records.

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letes, but Ford kept things simple. “Coaching is coaching, no matter what level you’re on,” Ford said. “It’s just finding what level you want to keep them accountable to achieve. You certainly want to bring the best out of each player, but you got to teach the skills that are going to make that happen. If I’m expecting guys to do something that they’re just not capable of doing and just keep pounding on them, then obviously we’re not

going to get too much. Coaching is coaching, but that teaching part of it to get to that level is going to be helpful.”

No matter what sport or what age group, Ford has found the most rewarding thing over his nearly 50 years of coaching is building relationships and watching them improve each and every day.

“To be honest, I always thought—and I still think—I’m just doing my job,” Ford said. “But to think that by doing your job that you had an effect on these young guys, they’re sharper. I don’t care whether it was at Lansing or Ithaca or wherever,

but just doing your job the best you can, developing a relationship so you can communicate with them as you’re trying to coach them and just building that is [very rewarding].”

There were plenty of successful achievements across Ford’s extensive coaching career. There was the 2012 Ivy League title at Cornell. There were the two national championships at Ithaca College in 1980 and 1988. There was also getting to a Section IV football championship while at Lansing. But the most lasting memories for Ford are the ones spent in the batting cages.

“The memories I’ve had especially these last 10 years of just being in the cages, hitting with guys and working with them and not talking just about the baseball part of it [but also] talking about what their family is doing and what they’re going to do after they get out of here,” Ford said. “When I look back at those conversations and those interactions, they’re pretty precious memories. But I wouldn’t give back the titles and all that stuff and the wins because we certainly had some good times, had some bad times. But looking back now, we’re all better for it.”

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FRIDAY 5/16

**Garden Fair and Plant Sale**  
May 16 @ 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
One of the Finger Lakes' most highly anticipated gardening events, the Garden Fair & Plant Sale features a wide variety of vendors who offer plants, garden accessories, and gardening advice. Plants for sale include heirloom vegetables, colorful annuals, fragrant herbs, hanging baskets, flowering shrubs, hardy roses, fruit trees, evergreens, and specialty perennials.  
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**Final Weekend Friends of the Library BOOK SALE**  
May 17 @ 10:00 am - May 20 @ 8:00 pm Free  
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**Senator Lea Webb's Community Office Hours & Maternal Mental Health Event**  
May 17 @ 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Free  
Please join the Office of New York State Senator Lea Webb for "Community Office Hours" on May 17th, 2025, from 11 AM- 1 PM at the Ulysses Philomathic Library in Trumansburg, NY. Senator Webb's constituent services team will be on hand to assist the community with issues they are experiencing, including unemployment, housing, healthcare, utility bills, EBT/WIC/SNAP, and more. A registered nurse from Tompkins County Whole Health Moms + will be present to share resources with the community. NAMI Fingerlakes will be present to share mental health resources. The Mental Health Association of Tompkins County will be present to promote mental health recovery and prevent mental illness.  
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May 17 @ 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm  
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**Spring Concert**  
May 17 @ 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Free  
The Trumansburg Community Chorus spring concerts are scheduled for the weekend of May 17-18!  
First Presbyterian Church of Ulysses 69 East Main Street Trumansburg, 14886

SUNDAY 5/18

**Dryden Little League Golf Tournament**  
May 18 @ 8:00 am - 1:00 pm  
4 person Captain & Crew golf tournament at Stonehedges golf course in Groton on May 18th at 8:00AM to support Dryden Little League baseball and softball. \$300 per team includes greens fees, carts, door prizes, gift bags, longest drive and closest to the pin prizes, and dinner after golf. Optional raffles for great prizes, and a 50/50 putting contest. For more info, email Bill Hughes at [mrusel3@gmail.com](mailto:mrusel3@gmail.com).  
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MONDAY 5/19

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Newfield High School Sue France Gym  
247 Main Street Newfield, 14867

TUESDAY 5/20

**Comic Book Club Meeting on Tuesday, 5/20/2025 – “Marvel's Thunderbolt\*s, Then and Now!” 7-8 PM, at the Tompkins County Public Library, at the Schwarz Jacobson Room**  
May 20 @ 7:00 pm Free  
The team of the Thunderbolts is relatively new in the Marvel Universe — the original characters debuted in the comic books in 1997, in an issue of The Incredible Hulk — but the team has been through many intriguing changes over the years. At the meeting on May 20, 2025 of the Comic Book Club of Ithaca, we will take a look at the evolution of the team that now stars in the latest movie from the MCU. Whether you have been reading their adventures all along, or encountered a trailer for the movie just yesterday, drop by the meeting — which will be a movie no-spoiler zone, just in case — to share your favorite iterations of the characters!



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# Jamie Perkins announces candidacy for Legislature District 8

Lansing Democrat Jamie Perkins has announced his candidacy for Tompkins County Legislature District 8. Perkins has lived in Lansing for over a decade and is a life-long resident of Tompkins County. His commitment is also reflected in his family. Perkins’ two children attend Lansing Elementary School, and both his father and father-in-law worked at Cargill in Lansing. Perkins has a vested interest in the safety and success of the community.

When asked why he is running for Tompkins County Legislature, Perkins stated, “I’m running for County Legislature because I have young children, and I want to make this community a better place for them and for all of Lansing’s residents. I met personally with many of my Lansing neighbors, collecting nearly three times the number of required signatures. I listened to my neighbors’ concerns and will work to address these concerns

as a county legislator. We all deserve a living wage, affordable housing and a safe community, and I look forward to representing my neighbors’ interests once elected.”

Perkins brings 20+ years of experience in the public safety and security sectors. Perkins integrates his professional experience into his vision for County Legislature. Perkins’ vision includes maintaining Cargill as a key employer operating in Lansing, ensuring safety for all Lansing residents, focusing on housing affordability, and improving awareness of community resources available to county residents. Perkins’ public service record speaks to his depth of commitment to serving all Lansing residents. Perkins is a former Trustee for the Village of Groton, where he also served as Deputy Mayor and Police Commissioner. His dedication to community service is further evidenced by his tenure at the Groton Fire Department, where

he served as an EMT, fire police, and eventually as President of his company within the Department.

Peter Meskill, Town of Lansing resident and Former Tompkins County Sheriff, says, “Jamie Perkins has a vision and will represent us well.”

“Jamie welcomes a challenge and invests time and effort to creatively address those challenges. I also welcomed working with him as he constantly accomplished fulfilling his objectives while still caring for his people,” says Bill Talbot, retired Vice President Budget and Finance, Tompkins Cortland Community College.

Perkins has extensive experience in budget planning, with more than 20 years in the field. Perkins aims to use his fiscal responsibility to cut costs and still provide a high quality of services to the community. Perkins’ candidacy represents a commitment to safety, affordability, and community awareness, with the promise of lever-

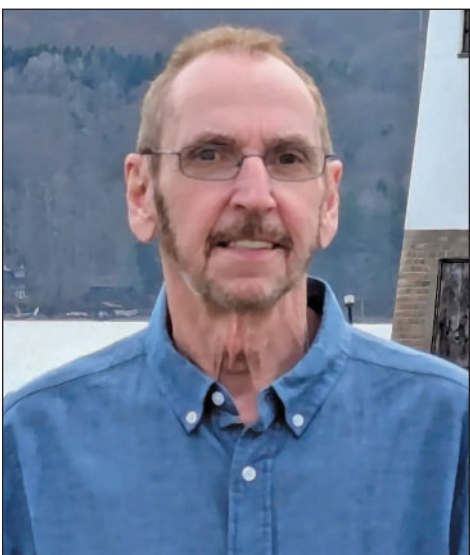


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**Jamie Perkins, a Democrat from Lansing, recently announced his candidacy for Tompkins County Legislature District 8.**

aging his extensive experience to benefit the residents of Tompkins County Legislature District 8.

## EDUCATION

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because I believe it is pivotal for our children to be successful in school through community involvement as well as a positive learning environment. I wish to continue this success within the district as well as ensure fiscal responsibility and accountability throughout the district. As a potential school board member, I hope to make a difference for not just our present students and families, but to maintain traditions of the past, focus on our present and work towards a greater future for all who already do and who will call our community home.”

**Christiane Linster**

Linster is a professor of neurobiology

and behavior at Cornell University.

“I have been an educator for much of my adult life and know firsthand how important local public education is for academic and professional success. What we give our children throughout their formative years shapes their belief in themselves, their ability to interact with others, and their ability to shape their own life. I have seen the importance of flexibility in our school system and to what degree the willingness of school systems to adapt and be supportive is crucial for kids with trauma. I believe that all kids are willing and able to learn as long as we help them remove hurdles that are in their way. I am a strong believer in public education, among other reasons because the diversity of our students and staff population creates opportunities for multiple views that are

crucial for creative and innovative ways to educate our children. I am wishing to be a member of the Dryden Board of Education to support public education and enhance the opportunities we give our students with respect to academics and social development. I have lived in the town of Dryden for 25 years and wish to give back to the community.”


**Christina Cushman**

Cushman is the owner and manager of Connected Stitches Yarn & Fiber Shop in the village of Dryden.

“I run a business that is a safe place for all people. This has created an environment where people connect and share their lives with each other and me. I hear the concerns of current parents, retired parents, grandparents and more every week. My husband is a DCSD graduate

and we have family roots here, but we knew we wanted more and to have an impact on this community. Since moving here [from Cleveland, Ohio] our family has started two of our kids at Dryden Elementary, been involved in a local church [Risen Hope] and have served the community. We purposefully chose public schools for our children, knowing it can be an enriching environment for our kids to interact with people different from them. I know that public school does not feel safe for all students and I believe choices can be made to change that. I want to continue to advocate that Dryden can be a student and people-first district. I am passionate about representing parents and community members as part of the board. I want to make a difference and stand for the interests of our wonderful and diverse community.”


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# Screening and talk back for “Neither Wolf Nor Dog” June 1

By Eric Banford

The Gayogohónq Learning Project will continue their series of free, thought-provoking films by showing “Neither Wolf nor Dog”, based on the award-winning novel by Kent Nerburn, at Cinemapolis on Sunday, June 1, at 2:30 p.m. This initiative aims to “foster understanding and open minds by sharing diverse stories and perspectives of Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island (now known as the United States and Canada).”

The film will be followed by a Zoom discussion between Nerburn and Jim Wikel, Seneca-Cayuga Nation of Oklahoma and Advisory Board Member of The Gayogohónq Learning Project. In the weeks following the screening there will also be a book discussion group to further explore the book’s lessons and themes.

Nerburn started his career as a history teacher at the Red Lake Reservation in Minnesota. “In the three years working there, I feel in love with the people, the culture, and their way of understanding the world,” he shared via Zoom from his home in Minnesota. Part of his work was doing oral history books with his students who sat at the feet of the tribal elders to hear and collect their stories.

One of the people who got their hands on the oral history books reached out to Nerburn. “Dan” (not his real name) had

stories he wanted to share with Nerburn, and out of their conversations grew the book “Neither Wolf Nor Dog”.

Being asked by “Dan” to write this book was both humbling and daunting to Nerburn. “A non-Native person working in Indian Country is walking a very fine line. You can’t really do it right. You’re constantly being judged and scrutinized. There’s a million different points of view among Native people. So I was worried and afraid, and it was hard but worth doing. It felt essential and I wanted to do this for the people that I love that I was no longer working for. This was my gift to give back.”

So Nerburn tried to keep his own identity while being as true as possible to the word and identities of “Dan” and everyone in the story. This approach earned him praise as “the one writer who can bridge the gap between Native and non-Native cultures.”

“One of the things an elder had told me was to always teach by stories because stories lodge deep in the heart,” he said. “So this is a teaching story using real people I knew, real places, real events, woven together in a story that should captivate the reader and at the same time educate them about the world I had been part of and loved so much.”

“I’ve always been a watcher and I didn’t want to impose my own thinking, my own Euro-American point of view on Native

history and understanding,” he shared. “I’d rather let people speak their own story. I didn’t realize how important it had been to the Native people to lose their relationship with the elders as the teachers of the children.”

While working as a consultant to movie director John Irvin, Nerburn learned that, “you don’t tell the story with words, you tell it with the pictures, and the words enhance the visuals. The visuals are the film. And that was a big shift for a writer.”

“I’m fascinated with watching other people do their work,” continued Nerburn. “Watching Steven Simpson make this film was like a composer hearing a conductor translate his work. It’s a different art form, and I thought he did a wonderful job.”

When asked about the difficulty of straddling cultures, Nerburn replied, “Don’t presume you know anything. Recognize that you’re being given a gift being allowed into that other person’s culture. You also can’t pretend you can cross the line and ‘be them.’”

In a press release, Gayogohónq Learning Project shared, “We sincerely hope that our non-Indigenous neighbors and community members will join us for these screenings made possible by The Community Arts Partnership. It is our intention that these films will offer a new lens through which to view the First Peoples – their vibrant cultures, the enduring im-



Image provided

The Gayogohónq Learning Project will continue their series of free films, showing “Neither Wolf nor Dog” at Cinemapolis on Sunday, June 1, at 2:30 p.m.

part of colonization on their lives today, and the vital contributions they continue to make.”

Eric Banford tends to a budding edible food forest and pollinator habitat in Danby, NY. Signs of Sustainability is organized by Sustainable Finger Lakes.

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Noted in the release: “During his tenure as superintendent there, he led strategic planning, implemented an ambitious equity and inclusion agenda, and oversaw multiple capital projects totaling over \$20 million. He is known for his commitment to student-centered leadership, transparency, and building strong community partnerships.”

“Newfield is known for its proud tradition of educational excellence and its strong, collaborative community partnerships. I am excited to roll up my sleeves and work alongside the students, staff, families, and community members of Newfield to continue building on this strong foundation and make a positive impact for all our learners.”

JESSE HARPER  
Superintendent, Newfield Central School District

Harper’s leadership at Arkport CSD fostered the development of the district’s first pre-kindergarten program, the expansion of arts and agriculture programming and the implementation

of a district-wide behavioral intervention plan. Stated in the announcement: “Harper’s financial stewardship, combined with his ability to lead with empathy and clarity during times of fiscal stress, has earned him widespread respect. He also led innovative work in curriculum development, mental health support for staff, and efforts to ensure equitable access to resources for all students.”

The Newfield CSD superintendent search was led by Lily Talcott, Tompkins-Seneca-Tioga BOCES district superintendent. “[The search] began with district-wide outreach, where stakeholders shared insights on the district’s current strengths, key areas for growth and the desired characteristics in its next leader,” Talcott said. “These contributions shaped the search criteria and guided the board’s decision-making. In the final stage of the process, representative interview teams evaluated finalist candidates and provided essential feedback to the board.” Talcott, who was born and raised in Enfield, said in the past that it’s important to bring on someone who loves the community and the region. “This is a really special place. This is my home and community, as well,” she added. The combined statement from the Newfield BOE noted that they are confident in Harper’s “vision, experience,

and values will lead the district into an exciting new chapter of innovation, inclusion, and academic success.” Newfield Notes appears every week in Tompkins Weekly. Send story ideas to editorial@vizellamedia.com.

In brief:  
Newfield CSD’s budget vote, board of education election is May 20  
The Newfield Central School District will hold the annual budget and board of education election on May 20 from noon to 9 p.m. at the Newfield Elementary School gym. According to a presentation by Perry Gorgen, Newfield CSD’s business administrator, the district’s 2025-26 budget is projected to be \$26,492,408. The total number is an increase of \$1,122,080, or 4.26%, from the 2024-25 budget (\$25,411,093). The proposed tax levy increase is 2.5%, or \$184,015, for the 2025-26 school year. This puts the tax levy from \$7,360,602 for 2024-25 to \$7,544,617 for 2025-26. For more information, go to newfieldschools.org.

Details provided on Greensprings Garden Club  
The Greensprings Garden Club is now up and running in the town of Newfield. The club will meet at Greensprings Natural Cemetery Preserve, 293 Irish Hill Rd., from 10 a.m. to noon every first and third Wednesday between



Photo provided  
Jesse Harper was recently selected as new superintendent for Newfield Central School District.

May and October. The following is a description of the club: “Volunteer with us as we divide perennials, mulch plantings, plant shrubs, pull weeds, pot up perennials, rake leaves, spread gravel and more. Drop-in and lend a hand at our nursery and demo gardens, Remembrance Grove or Reflection Pond. Volunteers are led by staff, and work varies and can be tailored to abilities and experience. Bring your sunhat and a water bottle.” For more information, call 607-564-7577 or email info@naturalburial.org.

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HISTORY OF TOMPKINS COUNTY

Asparagus is most often harvested in May, as shown in this 1905 image from Groton photographer Verne Morton. Morton was a beloved school teacher in Groton, and took up photography and documented rural life in Tompkins County for many years during the early 20th century until his death in 1945.

THE HISTORY CENTER  
in Tompkins County

Danby explores sewer alternatives amid grant funding uncertainty

In an effort to pursue a potential municipal water system for the town of Danby, local officials are looking into possible alternatives to a system that was detailed in a grant-winning engineering report by Hunt Engineers.



By Jaime Cone Hughes  
Managing Editor

The town is soliciting quotes from qualified engineering firms to prepare a Map, Plan, and Report (MPR) for two proposed sewer districts in accordance with New York State Town Law Article 12-A, according to Greg

Hutnick, planner and zoning officer for the Town of Danby.

Danby was recently awarded a \$4.58-million grant from the NYS DEC Water Quality Improvement Program to fund up to 75% of the construction cost of wastewater treatment and collection systems in the hamlets of Central Danby and West Danby, based on the recommended alternatives in the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER).

“This is an enormous amount of money for a small town. ...I don’t know if Danby has ever been awarded this kind of money,” Hutnick told Tompkins Weekly shortly after the announcement of the grant in

January. “We just need to temper that excitement with the reality that not everyone is on board with this project. People are wary of change.”

The project’s main purpose would be to provide sanitary sewer collection and treatment to the hamlets to eliminate inadequate on-site septic systems, reducing nutrient loading to the headwaters of Cayuga Lake.

Joel Gagnon, Danby town supervisor, said a municipal sewer system also aligns with Danby’s comprehensive plan, which calls for focused growth in the hamlets



Photo by Joe Scaglione

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**Ralph A. Lovelace Jr**

Ralph A. Lovelace Jr, age 91, passed away peacefully at home on April 24, 2025.

Ralph was a lifelong resident of Enfield, NY. His life was first and foremost one of faith. He was a member of Agape Bible Church for over 40 years.

Ralph worked on the family dairy farm doing what he enjoyed most; being his own boss, working with animals and being out of doors. He loved his dogs, which he had a steady stream of throughout his life. After he retired from the family business, he went to work for Gaige’s Dairy Farm for another 20 years, where he was always treated like one of the family.


He was an example of faith, grit and tenacity, being well known for his fantastically dry humor, love of family, and donkeys.

Ralph was predeceased by his parents Ralph A Lovelace Sr. and Doris Wellman Lovelace; his sisters Mary Lehman and Catherine Wasson, and nephew Gary Lehman. He is survived by his wife of 46 years Carol J. Lovelace, daughter Jo (Brian) Marion, son Robert (Valerie) Lovelace, and son Greg (Shelby) Shevalier, sister Ruth Lovelace and brother Eugene (Mary Jo) Lovelace. He is also survived by 8 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews that all loved their Uncle Ralph.

Family and friends are invited to attend a celebration of life Saturday, June 7, 2025 at 11:00 am at Agape Bible Church, located at 264 Applegate Road S., Ithaca, NY 14850 with Pastor Mike Corriero.


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Name:	Age:	Town, State:	Death Date:	Arrangements:
Kim Lillie	65	Groton, NY	May-9	Zirbel Funeral Home
Dale Russell	72	-	May-8	CNY Cremation Service
Alexander Simonet	76	-	May-8	CNY Cremation Service
Bruce K. Ross	78	Groton, NY	May-8	Zirbel Funeral Home
Ruth Rosenblum Lewis	86	Ithaca, NY	May-7	Bangs Funeral Home
Donald E. Harner	84	Lansing, NY	May-5	Lansing Funeral Home
Maria Ann Langford	58	Ithaca, NY	May-4	Zirbel Funeral Home
Lisa Bishop Oltz	70	Ithaca, NY	May-3	Lansing Funeral Home
Patricia M. Dougherty	84	Ithaca, NY	May-3	Perkins Funeral Home
Eugenia Marie Barnaba	88	Ithaca, NY	May-3	Bangs Funeral Home
James W. Wilson	83	Ithaca, NY	May-2	Perkins Funeral Home
Samuel M. Ward	80	Trumansburg, NY	Apr-28	Ness-Sibley Funeral Home
Kristina W. Perialas	70	Ithaca, NY	Apr-26	Bangs Funeral Home
Jane S. Peck	97	Trumansburg, NY	Apr-21	Ness-Sibley Funeral Home

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

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NOTICE of FORMATION of a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

140 Thurston Ave LLC. Filed 4/1/25. Cty: Tompkins.

SSNY desig. for process & shall mail 10 E 40th St, NY, NY 10016. Purp: any lawful. 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28/2025.

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Hoplight LLC. Articles of Organization filing date with Secretary of State (SSNY) was 07/12/2024. 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 108 West Yates Street Ithaca, New York 14850. Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws. 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28/2025

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MICHEL LOUGE LLC. Articles of Organization filing date with Secretary of State (SSNY) was 4/25/25. 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 21 Rosina Drive, Ithaca, NY

14850. Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws. 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4/2025

NOTICE of FORMATION of a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

100 Sunset Park, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with NY Secretary of State (SSNY) 04/04/2025. Office location: Tompkins County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: PO Box 4974, Key West, FL 33040-9998. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11/25.

NOTICE of FORMATION of a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

LD Equine Solutions LLC. Articles of Organization filing date with Secretary of State (SSNY) was 3/31/25. 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 LD Equine Solutions LLC 43 Algerine Rd. Lansing, NY 14882. Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws. 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11/25.

NOTICE of FORMATION of a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

JONATHAN STOUT ELECTRIC LLC. Articles of Organization filing date with Secretary of State (SSNY) was 4/27/25. 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 1805B Slaterville Rd, Ithaca, New York 14850. Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws. 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11/25.

NOTICE of FORMATION of a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

RAYNIE DAY CRAFTS LLC. Articles of Organization filing date with Secretary of State (SSNY) was 11/06/2024. 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 335 Vanbuskirk Gulf Rd, Newfield, NY 14867. Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws. 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11/25.

NOTICE of FORMATION of a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Power of the Mind.Coach, LLC, Art. of Org. filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) 04/14/25. Office location: Tompkins Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 591 Lake Rd., Dryden, NY 13053. Purpose: any lawful activities. 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11/25.

NOTICE of FORMATION of a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Tommy Tallow LLC. Articles of Organization filing date with Secretary of State (SSNY) was 04/21/2025. Office location: Tompkins County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC at 310 Monroe St, Ithaca, NY 14850. Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws. 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11/25.

NOTICE of FORMATION of a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Bald Mountain Wellness LLC filed Art. of Org. with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/30/2025. Office location: Tompkins County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process

against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 287 Burns Rd., Brooktondale, NY 14817. Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws. 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11/25.

NOTICE of FORMATION of a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

312 CAYUGA HEIGHTS ROAD LLC. Art. of Org. filed with NY Secretary of State (SSNY) 05/07/2025. Office location: Tompkins County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 312 Cayuga Heights Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11, 6/18/25.

NOTICE of FORMATION of a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

309 CA, LLC filed Articles of Organization with NYS on 4/30/2025. (1) Its principal office is in Tompkins County, NY. (2) The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served and a copy of any process will be mailed to the LLC, 15 Thornwood Drive, Ithaca, NY 14850. (3) Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11, 6/18/25.

NOTICE of FORMATION of a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

309 CA HC, LLC filed Articles of Organization with NYS on 4/30/2025. (1) Its principal office is in Tompkins County, NY. (2) The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served and a copy of any process will be mailed to the LLC, 15 Thornwood Drive, Ithaca, NY 14850. (3) Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11, 6/18/25.

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while maintaining the rural character of the town.

“We were a little surprised to get it, and now the question is, are we willing to do it [when the town is] \$1.5 million short, at least? Do we do what is recommended? So there’s been a back and forth in the background with the DEC [Department of Environmental Conservation] and with the EFC [Environmental Facilities Corporation] about where we will get more money, and whether or not we are wedded to a particular recommendation of the engineers; how much flexibility do we have?” Gagnon told Tompkins Weekly May 8.

Like Hutnick, Gagnon has concerns

about gaining support for the project from the town’s residents. A remaining 25% of the project’s total cost would need to be funded through means other than the grant, and there is uncertainty about whether or not the town can move through the processes necessary to gain more funding without the residents’ official approval, Gagnon said.

“We are not at a point, yet – and there’s a lot of reasons why not – where the people have been sufficiently engaged in the process so they can decide whether they want to be in it or not,” Gagnon explained. “But we need their approval in order to chase funding. The best we can do is assure people that if you say yes, we’re not going to go ahead with it unless we have the money to make that possible, but we’re in the midst of the early stages of that.”

Therefore, the town is interested in look-

ing at feasible (and possibly less expensive) alternatives to the Hunt Engineering plan.

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JOEL GAGNON Supervisor, Town of Danby

“The MPR will further evaluate the need for a centralized wastewater system in each hamlet, consider and refine solutions identified in the PER, provide cost estimates, and define both districts’ boundar-

ies for use in potential district formation,” Hutnick stated over email.

The study, which is out to bid until May 23, is being undertaken to address wastewater infrastructure needs in the two hamlets of the Town, refine feasible solutions for each hamlet, support decision-making, and legal formation of two sewer districts.

The chosen firm would, among other things, review the Preliminary Engineering Report and its recommendations, evaluate the feasibility of alternative wastewater collection and treatment options, define proposed districts, and prepare cost estimates, after which the firm would offer public and board support and attend up to two community engagement meetings, where it would present its findings.

“Their job,” said Gagnon, “will be to help us to refine the design, basically.”

# Real Estate Transactions

**CAROLINE**  
- Mark Sagula & George Wagner bought from Louis P. Sagula & William Feyen Jr. at N/A, Caroline, NY 13053 on 04/15/25 for \$4,800.

**DRYDEN**  
- George Q. Day & Lena Wong bought from Robert S. Hoffman & Heather M. Hoffman at 29 Meadow Lark Rd, Dryden, NY 13053 on 04/15/25 for \$299,000.  
- Hunter Hagin bought from Norma Morris Estate & Scott Morris at 143 Sweetland Rd, Dryden, NY 13045 on 04/17/25 for \$150,000.

**ENFIELD**  
- Davi Fernandez & Elizabeth Lawson bought from Two Mothers Farm Inc. at 863 Hayts Rd, Enfield, NY 14850 on 04/14/25 for \$450,000.  
- David Fernandez bought from Two Mothers Farmland LLC at 863

Hayts Rd, Enfield, NY 14850 on 04/14/25 for \$110,000.  
- Gaige Farms Inc. bought from Daniel H. Smith at 3151 Waterburg Rd, Enfield, NY 13073 on 04/11/25 for \$2,250,000.  
- Gaige Farms Inc. bought from Daniel H. Smith at Buck Hill Rd N, Enfield, NY 13073 on 04/11/25 for \$2,250,000.  
- Gaige Farms Inc. bought from Daniel H. Smith at Mekeel Rd, Enfield, NY 13073 on 04/11/25 for \$2,250,000.  
- Gaige Farms Inc. bought from Daniel H. Smith at Waterburg Rd, Enfield, NY 13073 on 04/11/25 for \$2,250,000.  
- Kevin Jablonski & Rebecca Jablonski bought from Thomas D. Ward 2nd & Barbara Ward at N/A,

Enfield, NY 13073 on 04/17/25 for \$408,500.

**GROTON**  
- Brian Lewis bought from Brian Beebe at 31 Gulf Hill Rd, Groton, NY 13073 on 04/11/25 for \$142,590.  
- Cherise Tolbert & Aaron Tolbert bought from Christopher Dempsey at 68 Lick St, Groton, NY 13068 on 04/15/25 for \$380,000.

**ITHACA**  
- Erin S. Brackett bought from Gregory J. Davis at 214 Floral Ave, Ithaca, NY 14850 on 04/14/25 for \$160,000.  
- Aisha T. Burton-Okala & Emmanuel Okala bought from Ray Stockton & Trika Stockton at Alison Dr, Ithaca, NY 14851 on 04/17/25 for \$72,500.  
- George Eger & Martha J. Erickson-Eger bought from Lyn G. Gallo & Barbara J. Foley at 215

Fall View Ter, Ithaca, NY 14850 on 04/15/25 for \$641,000.  
- Timothy Lent & Alicia Fahrner bought from David Stevenson & Holly Stevenson at 136 E Spencer St, Ithaca, NY 14850 on 04/16/25 for \$295,000.  
- Todd Leong bought from Bramble C. Klipple & Charles R. Rendleman at N/A, Ithaca, NY 14851 on 04/17/25 for \$680,500.  
- Matthew Mcguire & Nicholas Rivera bought from Herbert Truesdale at 317 Mitchell St, Ithaca, NY 14850 on 04/15/25 for \$495,000.  
- Rajwinder Singh bought from Lotus Flower Properties LLC at 750 Aurora St S, Ithaca, NY 14851 on 04/17/25 for \$357,500.  
- Lynne Taetzsch bought from Nancy B. Schuler at 221 Strawberry Hill Cir #3, Ithaca, NY 14850 on 04/11/25 for \$495,000.  
- Tanay Tandon & Nikita

Ravindranath bought from Edward A. Cope & Carolyn B. Cope at 517 Aurora St S, Ithaca, NY 14851 on 04/17/25 for \$405,000.

**LANSING**  
- Patrick Cappuccitti & Annie Cappuccitti bought from Lawrence E. Decker & Marian W. Decker at 44 Nor Way, Lansing, NY 14850 on 04/15/25 for \$552,500.  
- Douglas J. Emerick & Theresa E. Emerick bought from Bea-Young LLC & Barnett-Young LLC at N/A, Lansing, NY 13068 on 04/15/25 for \$7,500.  
- Gorges Development LLC bought from Lansing United Methodist Church at 56 Burdick Hill Rd, Lansing, NY 13068 on 04/14/25 for \$300,000.  
- Sabrina Johnston & Harold Mills bought from Darryl Nickerson & Cindy Nickerson at Ludlow Rd, Lansing, NY 13068 on 04/14/25

for \$145,000.  
- North Triphammer Holding LLC bought from Christopher D. Delaney Revocable Trust & Christopher D. Delaney at N/A, Lansing, NY 13068 on 04/17/25 for \$325,000.  
- Craig Wallace & Julie Wallace bought from Cheryl Kramer at 339 Lansing Station Rd, Lansing, NY 14882 on 04/16/25 for \$612,000.

**NEWFIELD**  
- Chloe Payton & Matthew Payton bought from Mark E. D-Latham at 1841 W Danby Rd, Newfield, NY 14867 on 04/16/25 for \$245,000.

**ULYSSES**  
- Gaige Farms Inc. bought from Daniel H. Smith at N/A, Ulysses, NY 14850 on 04/11/25 for \$400,000.  
- Gaige Farms Inc. bought from Daniel H. Smith at N/A, Ulysses, NY 14850 on 04/11/25 for \$500,000.

## Classifieds

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stream. And I think here with the Agard Road we're actually looking for, and will be likely applying for, the culvert replacement program. That looks at hydraulically undersized, structurally deficient culverts."
The grant breakdown for that project is similar: up to a million dollars in funding, with 75% of the cost of the project covered by a grant and the other 25% being paid by the municipality.
"With the Agard Road culvert outlined in the engineering report, that total project cost was about \$958,000, so using round numbers to grant requests [there] will be about \$720,000 coming from the grant," McKenna said. "Agard Road was in the worst condition hydraulically and had the least hydraulic capacity of the six."
Olson said the Agard Road replacement could require further studies.
"The reason for the hydraulic analysis is the exit of the culvert. The exit is not capable of handling a two- to three-inch rainstorm, which we have plenty of," Olson said. "If we upsize the culvert, it could potentially make things worse. So a downstream study would need to be done before we can proceed."
McKenna said that the point of the hydraulic investigation is to ensure

that if the town releases more water by widening the culvert, flooding wouldn't worsen in the town downstream.
The downstream study would make the town a more appealing applicant when requesting a grant to finance the project from the DEC.
"I just think that [the study] is going to show the town's desire and need to really focus on this," McKenna said.
The meeting yielded a unanimous vote from the town board, which decided to move forward with the downstream study. That will cost \$16,500.
Ulysses Connection appears every week in Tompkins Weekly. Send story ideas to editorial@vizellamedia.com. Contact Eddie Velazquez at edvel37@gmail.com or on X (formerly Twitter) @ezvelazquez.

In brief:
The 2025 preliminary tax roll is now available.
The deadline to submit an informal assessment review has passed. Parties who want to contest the 2025 tax assessment can submit a formal grievance through May 27, according to the Tompkins County Office of Assessment.
There will be appointments available for Grievance Day on May 27, 2025, to appear in front of the Board of Assessment Review. You can call to schedule an appointment at 607-274-5517.



Photo provided
Town of Ulysses officials discussed the issue of water management infrastructure at its April 22 meeting and will continue addressing culvert reinforcement during its first meeting on May 13.

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