

Waiting

Information reaches us in a perpetually evolving reimagining of here and now as the media industry grasps at the newest news and hastily shoots it around the world. Daily news has morphed into hourly news and that, in turn, has become up to the minute reports with anytime updates (and corrections). News reports have gone from being reported locally and regionally – with speed and extent of readership determined by advancements in transportation – to a virtually (emphasis on *virtual*) instantaneous anywhere, anytime availability.

There are hours of slowdown, pauses – time spent waiting for the news to happen. Then there are the rapid fire moments with the appearance of “Breaking story,” and “Corrections may be forthcoming” type notices as X,Y or Z rushes to be the first to let the world know.

Despite the speed at which big news spreads, such news is first reported and has the greatest impact closest to home. The first reporting I saw online of the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida on February 14, 2018 was reported by Peter Burke with Local 10 at 2:43 p.m., twenty minutes after the shooter opened fire. For major news stories, there is an endless evolution of follow up stories and commentary. A quick online search on March 1, 2018 yielded two million four hundred ten thousand plus related posts - in 0.45 seconds.

News is important to a free society and we *do* want to know what is happening.

Still, think about that: within minutes your children, your community and your grief is available to people all around the world. Rather than a slow unraveling of events with time to process the news, we *become* the news. There is barely time to comprehend what just happened before the next big information assault.

Taking a step back from the news, allowing time for grieving, for processing seems to make sense. Granted, you can't fault mainstream news for wanting to get the news out – that's their job after all. All we can do is sort through the aftermath of the information avalanche.

Being a bi-weekly paper, we here at *Owl Light News* are not at the mercy of the here and now as much as daily newspapers and on call on lines. On February 20th, as we went to press, I thought about how best to cover the Florida shooting and decided, instead, to take a step back – to wait. In the subsequent weeks we received youth content from many of our readership areas and wondered if this influx of material was the public's reaction to that tragedy. We have also witnessed a response to the tragedy that speaks to the courage of today's youth and the potential for people to unite and protest peaceably to bring about positive changes.

There is always more news, much of which relates to other coverage with each *Owl* issue. As I was laid out this issue I heard the news of Winnie Madikizela-Mandela's death in South Africa at the age of 81. Anyone who has struggled to have equal rights knows that the battles waged, whether next door or around the world, to end discrimination are all connected - and important. How to fit in just one more piece, I wonder with each issue, and what important pieces am I leaving out!?

Still, having the time to wait, to listen and process the information that comes across our desks is a luxury we cherish. We trust in our readers and know that as more people see us as a voice, they will share their voices - helping us be a paper for all peoples. Our goal is to bring to light the innovations and buzz all around us, as we explore and share stories about the many people, places and events that make this area of New York State so very special.

D.E. Bentley
Editor, Owl Light News



Readers' Letters

April 8-14, 2018 ~ National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week

Along with all those involved in Emergency Communications throughout this great country, the Ontario County 911 Center, a proud division of the Office of Sheriff, will celebrate April 8-14, 2018 as National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week.

Telecommunicators (also known as dispatchers, 911 operators, or emergency communications personnel) are the heroes behind the scenes when someone needs emergency assistance. The telecommunicator's job involves more than just answering the telephone or radio. They are responsible for obtaining basic call information, dispatching appropriate resources, and if the call is for medical assistance they are trained in giving certain pre-arrival instructions as certified Emergency Medical Dispatchers. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), control bleeding techniques, or even child birth instructions are just a few things they are trained in. The telecommunicators have saved lives, helped apprehend criminals and provided reassurances to callers. Working long hours, day and night, 365 days a year, in good and bad weather, and these telecommunicators do an incredible job all the while maintaining a professional demeanor.

Last year alone, each of the 35 employees of the 9-1-1 Center spent more than 60 hours of in-service and other training required for the ever-changing roles and responsibilities of this very difficult and stressful job.

Ontario County Sheriff Philip C. Povero states: “The Emergency Dispatchers in the Sheriff's 9-1-1 Center are the first, First Responders. They answer the desperate calls for help from the public. With great precision, our Dispatchers gather incoming information, assess the need and dispatch the appropriate emergency response units. Using their training and the resources available, they are the unsung heroes and lifesavers of the Public Safety community.”

I would like to personally thank all of our public safety telecommunicators and the communications division support staff for their continued dedication, hard work, ability to multi-task, and especially for the help that they give to responding units and to the public while maintaining a calming voice and demeanor both on the phone with a panicked caller and/or while communicating vital information on numerous radio frequencies.

This is a job that not many can do and the folks that we have working here are among the best at it!

March 26, 2018
Stephen M. DeChick,
Chief Communications Officer

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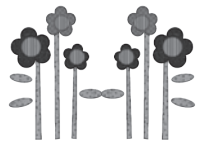
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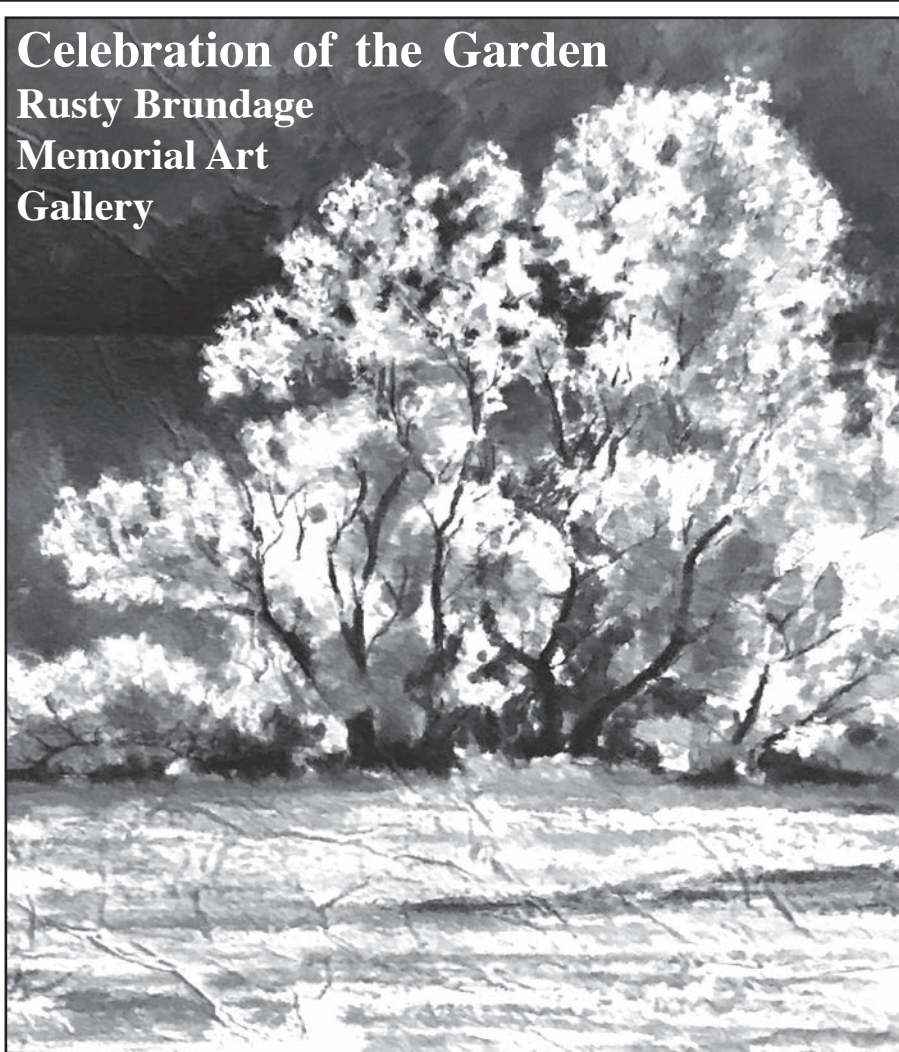
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Rusty Brundage
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Gallery



The Rusty Brundage Memorial Art Gallery will host a new exhibit entitled "Celebration of the Garden". The exhibit will feature local artists Alison Weeden, Helen Edinger, Maureen McMahon, Kathleen Houser, Suzanne Potherence, Liza Barnum. An opening reception was held on Thursday, April 5th from 5-7 p.m. The exhibit will continue through April 26th. Artwork for your walls and for your garden will be on display. This event is free and open to the public. The Gallery is located upstairs at the Cheshire Union Antique and Gift Center, 4244 Rt. 21, Canandaigua. The gallery is open Monday-Saturday, 10-5 and Sunday 12-5.

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Corning Museum of Glass

~ Accessible to all

by Laurie Phillips



My spouse has Multiple Sclerosis, which requires a power wheelchair to move about. When a friend of a friend offered the use of a handicapped van for a day, we had the pleasure of going to the Corning Museum of Glass in Corning, New York.

The Corning Museum of Glass is a treasure, per Wikipedia, "...dedicated to the art, history and science of glass." For us, it is also a treasure in the attention placed on making sure that the museum's art and educational offerings are available to all.

The Museum has frequent complimentary shuttle busses from their free parking lot to their main entrance. The busses are surprising easy to access with a wheelchair. Written above the inside of the windshield: *People with disabilities come first.* This simple statement encompasses the entire Museum.

Also evident, visitor friendly to any age. There is no shush of an art gallery. There is plenty of room for strollers. The exhibits are showcased to view whether standing or sitting. As a guest, you set your own pace.

The state-of-the-art Amphitheater offers a screening of employees narrating and demonstrating the glassmaking process throughout history. This engaging twenty minute show is informative, fun, and visible on several monitors suspended from the ceiling and translated in Mandarin.

Throughout the Museum (human) volunteers and staff set up small demonstration stations showing various glass properties or principals. They are easily approachable and knowledgeable. But not a mandatory stop. There are many hands on exhibits to play with.

If you would like to do some research before you go, their very friendly web site is cmog.org. They can be reached by phone at 800.732.6845. Their beautifully designed brochures are available in many stores.

So, take a little time and visit this remarkable place ~ designed to be accessible to

Incremental change brings us closer to accessibility and equality ~ for all

by D.E. Bentley

In reading Laurie Phillip's piece about their visit to Corning Glass Museum, I thought again, as I have many times recently, about the life and times of Stephen Hawking – who died on March 14, 2018. Hawking, as most readers will know from past stories or the more recent obituaries and press, was a theoretical physicist and cosmologist. At the time of his death, he was the Director of Research at the Center For Theoretical Cosmology and Professor of Mathematics at the University of Cambridge. Hawking's list of scientific accomplishments and publications is extensive, well beyond his high profile publication, *A Brief History of Time*, which remained on the *British Sunday Times* best-seller list for 237 weeks.

At twenty-one, two years before gaining his PhD – 1965, his thesis was on titled the 'Properties of Expanding Universes' – Hawking was diagnosed with ALS, a form of Motor Neurone Disease. He used a wheelchair for much of his adult life. His ability to continue to function and to thrive as the disease progressed came as a result of his personal determination to live, and live to the fullest, and the scientific advancements of his time that allowed him to remain active – including a computerized voice system that allowed him to continue to present to his students, and to audiences around the world. For many people with different abilities these simple and crucial tools for living with a debilitating disease are still economically out of reach, although there are changing attitudes, and legislation that are enabling more people access to the support needed, and the ability to reach their fullest potentials.

At the time of Hawking's birth, in Oxford, England on January 8, 1942, the United Kingdom and much of the world was deeply entrenched in World War II. There were also wars of equality being waged, in part to accommodate soldiers and others impacted physically and mentally by the war. The 1940s and 50s saw several pieces of legislation in the UK that offered some legal protections and services to people with disabilities, including in home services and employment quotas. In 1970, seven years after Hawking's initial diagnosis, the British Parliament introduced The Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act, the first in the world (see historical timeline link below*) to recognize and give rights to disabled people. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which "prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life, including jobs, schools, transportation, and all public and private places that are open to the general public" became law in 1990.

Discrimination, as we all know, does not end with the laws that prohibit it. Change, including the kind of changes needed to adequately adapt existing structures to allow easy access for individuals needing to use wheel chairs, is slow. The attitudinal changes needed to end discrimination and foster equality take lifetimes to come to fruition; battles for equal rights rage on, long after the ink has dried on the page. Nonetheless, change is evident and we will, I believe, continue to move toward greater accessibility for and acceptance of all peoples – regardless.

* <http://www.mersecare.nhs.uk/media/1749/disability-timeline-2013.pdf>



Finger Lakes Gem, Mineral and Fossil Club's annual show Mother's Day weekend May 12 & 13 in the Greater Canandaigua Civic Center. Show is open May 12 from 10 am to 6 pm and on May 13 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Admission: Adults \$5 children 12 & under & scouts in uniform FREE with Adult. Fossils-Minerals-Crystals-Jewelry-Gems-Beads-Metaphysical Stones-Wire Wrapping & Lapidary Equipment.



16th Annual Campus Authors Readings

~ Wednesday, April 11, 2018 ~

Event marks National Poetry Month, celebrates the literary accomplishments of the FLCC faculty and staff



FLCC professors Jon Palzer of Victor, Trista Merrill of Canandaigua and Barbara Murphy of Brighton are shown at the 15th Annual Campus Authors Reading held in 2017. Merrill and Murphy will return this year, along with several colleagues.

The reading will begin at 7 p.m. at the FLCC Honors House at 4340 Lakeshore Drive, Canandaigua. Its host and organizer is writer Curt Nehring Bliss, professor of English at FLCC. Entry is free.

The event celebrates the literary accomplishments of the FLCC faculty and staff. The reading is offered each year in recognition of National Poetry Month, though all literary genres are represented. Curt and Nani Nehring Bliss of Middlesex will perform songs adapted from poetry, while the following will share a mix of poetry and creative nonfiction:

- Maureen Owens of Seneca Falls, assistant director of online learning
- Trista Merrill of Canandaigua, professor of English and director of honors studies
- Alton Jowers of Rushville, associate professor of English
- Margaret Gillio of Pittsford, assistant professor of humanities
- Marty Dodge of Canandaigua, professor emeritus, environmental conservation
- Barbara Murphy of Brighton, professor of humanities
- Erin Brewer of Farmington, adjunct instructor of English
- David McGuire of Rochester, professor of music
- Sam Samanta of Canandaigua, professor of physics

For more information, contact Curt Nehring Bliss at (585) 785-1367 or at curtis.nehringbliss@flcc.edu.

Submitted by Lenore Friend

Community Poetry and Spoken Word Reading in celebration of National Poetry Month.

Saturday, April 14, 2018, 1-3 PM

Honeoye Public Library,

8708 Main Street Honeoye.

All are welcome to come and listen in or share poetry and short prose.

The Canadice Lake Writers' Group ~ CLWG ~ will lead off the event with fun poems and short prose readings sure to make you smile, cry or run for the hills.

We will then open up the floor to anyone who wants to share ~ your own words or those of a favorite poet.

All ages welcome and encouraged to participate.

Sponsored by Honeoye Public Library and CLWG.



April offers special rewards for night sky watchers

Four naked-eye planets will be on display in April. In the evening Venus will appear in the western sky as it becomes dark. It will shine brightly at magnitude -3.9. A crescent moon will join Venus on April 17, only 5 degrees to its left. That evening as the sky gets darker, look directly above Venus to spot the Pleiades, a beautiful open star cluster. To the naked eye, the Pleiades, also known as the Seven Sisters, will look like a fuzzy cloud-like feature until you turn a pair of binoculars towards it. Then its true beauty is revealed in the form of several bright stars in the shape of a small dipper surrounded by many fainter stars and nebulosity. In Greek mythology the brightest stars in this cluster represent seven sisters and their parents Atlas and Pleione.

The giant planet Jupiter rises in the southeast around midnight shining like a very bright star at magnitude -2.4. It will rise slightly earlier each night and by month's end will be visible in the early evening at twilight.

At the beginning of April, the gas giant planet Saturn with its impressive ring system and the much smaller rocky planet Mars rise together in the southeast at 2:30 am. Mars will appear slightly brighter than Saturn and have a reddish hue. On April 2 the two planets were in conjunction which means they seemed to be very close together in the sky. Only 1.4 degrees separated them. To measure one degree, point your index finger at arm's length toward the sky – the sky blocked by your finger is approximately the amount of space that separated these two planets. Actually Mars and Saturn are on average 744 billion miles from each other.

Mars is closer to us and travels much more quickly around the Sun than Saturn. To observers here on Earth the ringed planet will appear to move only slightly against the backdrop of the stars. However, each night Mars will seem to move eastward at a fairly fast clip. On April 7, the two planets will be almost 3 degrees apart and their separation will continue to grow until the end of the month when it will have increased to 14 degrees.

The Lyrid meteor shower is active from April 14 - 30. During this period of time, you can see sporadic Lyrid meteors streaking across the sky, but before dawn around 4:00 AM at the peak on April 22 there's the potential for seeing 15-20 meteors per hour. Also with a quarter moon setting just before 2:00 AM that morning, the hours

between 2:00 and 5:00 AM will be prime for viewing the shower under a dark sky. The "radiant" or area of the sky where the meteors will appear to originate is near Vega, the brightest star in the constellation Lyra. Look almost straight up and you'll find Vega shining at magnitude 0.03.

This meteor shower is caused by debris left over from Comet Thatcher, discovered by amateur astronomer A. E. Thatcher from his home in New York on April 5, 1861. It was later identified as a long-period comet which will not return to our solar system until approximately the year 2276.

Strasenburgh Planetarium

Strasenburgh Planetarium in Rochester has public observing every clear Saturday night. Members of the Astronomy Section of the Rochester Academy of Science will open the two telescopes on the roof of the planetarium. This free event takes place from dark to 10:30 PM. You will need to climb 60 steps to the telescope deck. The entrance is just to the right of the back door of the planetarium. Call the planetarium after 7:30 PM at 585-697-1945 to confirm the telescope will be open that night. If it's cloudy, observing will be cancelled.

Magnitude measures the apparent brightness of a celestial object and is expressed by a decimal. The larger the number, the dimmer the object.

Sun: -26.7
Full Moon: -12.6
Venus at its brightest: -4.4
Bright star: 0.0
Vega: 0.03
Dimmest star visible with the unaided eye: 6.0

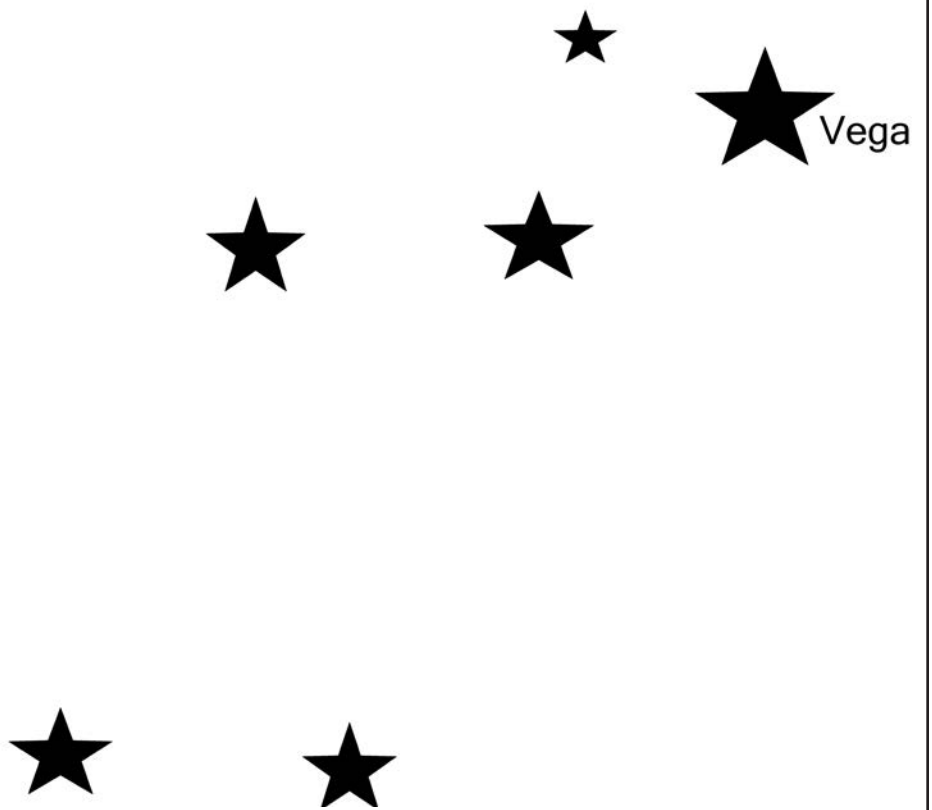
How to measure degrees in the sky: A simple "ruler" is to hold your arm straight out and make a fist. The area of the sky covered by your fist measures roughly 10 degrees. By moving your fist and counting how many "fist widths" it takes to reach an object in the sky, you'll have an approximation of degrees.

Warmer weather is on the way. Volunteers from the Astronomy Section of the Rochester Academy of Science (ASRAS) will be operating the telescopes on the roof of Strasenburgh Planetarium, located at the Rochester Museum and Science Center, every clear Saturday night.

Check out the ASRAS website www.rochesterastronomy.org/the-strasburgh-scope/ or the planetarium website at www.rmsc.org/strasburghplanetarium/telescope-viewing for more details about this on-going event. You can call the planetarium box office at 585-697-1945 after 7:30 PM on Saturdays to be sure the telescopes will be open that night.

Also, ASRAS will again be holding public star parties once a month alternating between locations in Mendon Ponds Park and Northampton Park. Information will be posted on the ASRAS website at www.rochesterastronomy.org. Be sure to check the website before heading out to either of these events because if it's cloudy, it will be canceled. Both of these free events are a great way to learn more about the night sky.

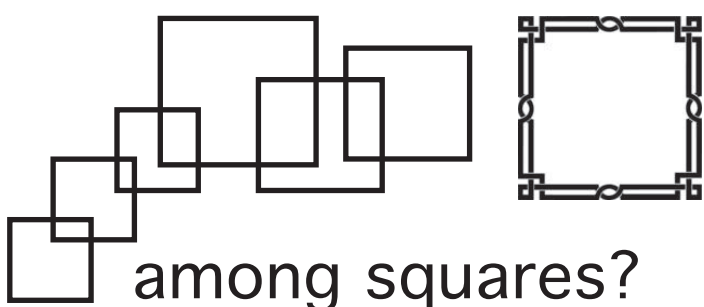
Lyra



Dee Sharples is an amateur astronomer who enjoys observing planets, star clusters and the Moon through her telescope. She is a member of ASRAS (Astronomy Section of the Rochester Academy of Science) and records "Dee's Sky This Month", describing what can be seen in the sky, on the ASRAS website at rochesterastronomy.org. Watch for her monthly Owl Light News feature to learn more about the night sky.

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REGIONAL Arts and Events



These painted watering cans by Michele Fernaays and Kim Ratzel, among others, will be sold in a silent auction as part of the "Art in Bloom" exhibit, opening at the Ontario County Historical Society on April 7. The exhibit includes work by 32 Ontario County Arts Council members, including Denise VanDeroef, Elaine Liberio and Jan Romeiser.

'Art in Bloom' opens April 7, 2018 at OCHS Museum

The new partnership between the Ontario County Arts Council and the Ontario County Historical Society kicks off in April with an exhibition of a wide range of garden-themed art by 32 members of the arts council.

"Art in Bloom" opens Saturday, April 7, at the historical society museum at 55 N. Main St. with a reception from 3 to 5 p.m.

The collection includes fiber, photographs, two-dimensional and three-dimensional art. Twelve local artists, including Michele Fernaays and Kim Ratzel, have decorated watering cans to be sold in a silent auction to benefit both organizations.

"We've had a snowy, cold March, so it is high time to enjoy some images of spring," said Judi Cermak, president of the arts council.

The art exhibit will be open at the historical society during regular museum hours until July 7. Two more exhibits are planned through 2018; the summer exhibit, "Our Lakes," opens in late July. The arts council and historical society agreed to begin using a gallery for arts council exhibits in January as part of a new partnership to offer visitors a richer experience.

Both organizations say the arrangement will provide added value for their current members and encourage new members to join one or both organizations.

The partnership also solves a problem for the arts council, which has not had a home base since All Things Art closed several years ago, though it does have permanent exhibit space at 10 Ontario County locations, including Canandaigua City Hall.

The historical society is currently running an exhibit of moto meters, the precursors to auto temperature gauges through Sept. 8. For details, visit the historical society at www.ochs.org and the arts council at www.ocarts.org.

Submitted by Lenore Friend



Honeoye Central Drama Club presents The Adventures of Peter Rabbit and his Friends

April 27 & 28th at 7:00 and April 29th at 3:00

Tickets will be sold at the door
\$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors and students



Bristol Valley Theatre presents Swing into Spring Season

Bristol Valley Theater, the Finger Lakes' award-winning live, professional theater announces the line-up for their 2018 Swing into Spring Season. BVT, rated one of the top 20 Cultural Attractions by the Rochester Business Journal and voted Best Theater numerous times in the Messenger Post's Best of Ontario County, will present three concerts this spring.

The Cool Club and the Lipker Sisters
April 29th at 2:00 p.m.

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Folkin' Around with Sam Sherwood & Aaron Lipp
May 12th at 7:00 p.m.

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May 19th at 7:00 p.m.

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\$7 Adults, \$6 seniors, \$4 children under age 10.
Proceeds are shared with Camp Good Days, Wounded Warriors, Teresa
House, Christmas meals and many more.
Questions: John Hynes 585-314-1244

Springwater Food Pantry
Open Tuesdays and Saturdays 9-11 AM.
South Main Street, Springwater - next to Sammy's Restaurant.
*Serves Springwater Canadice & Webster's Crossing area.
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Springwater Trails hike at Rattlesnake Hill
over near Nunda April 8 at 2 PM.

Look for details on the website ~ <https://springwatertrails.org/> ~ or talk to a regular hiker
and come join us for an invigorating walk and social time. Research backs up that you
can keep your brain more alert by doing at least two 30 minute walks each week, so why
not come join Springwater Trails for a two hour hike each Sunday? There is no cost,
although donations are accepted.

For information about events in Springwater check out the
"Springwater Party Line" at ~ townofspringwaterny.org (newsletters).

Honeoye-Hemlock ALA Unit 1278, 4931 Co. Rd. 36 Honeoye
presents our Complete Meatloaf Dinner.

Monday, April 9 ~ 4 pm till gone.

\$6. All proceeds to benefit our local Vets. Community Welcome.

AND

All U Can Eat Breakfast

Sunday, April 15 ~ 8-11:30 am. \$6 adults, \$5 kids. Cooked to
order eggs, pancakes, French toast, sausage, home fries and sausage
gravy with biscuits. Proceeds use for projects by Legion, Auxiliary and

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Honeoye Central School to Host Brass Transit
(A music tribute to the legacy of CHICAGO)
Thursday, April 19 at 7 pm,
Honeoye Central School auditorium



Honeoye Central School is pleased
to announce they will be hosting
the band Brass Transit on Thursday,
April 19 at 7 PM in the Honeoye Cen-
tral School auditorium. The concert will
also feature special performances from
the Honeoye Middle School and Senior
High jazz ensembles.

Brass Transit was formed in 2008 and
brought together 8 of Canada's most tal-
ented and accomplished award winning



musicians. Their sole purpose was to pay tribute to one of the world's
greatest and most successful Pop/Rock groups of all time, Chicago.
Since then, the group has toured North America and Mexico dazzling
audiences with their flawless performances and spectacular attention to
every detail of the Chicago songbook. Hits like: Saturday in the Park,
25 Or 6 To 4, If You Leave Me Now, and You're The Inspiration have
left crowds in awe and on their feet more than once during a show,
evoking comments like "Spine-Tingling" "Brought me back to my
youth" and "Perfect in every detail". Brass Transit goes far beyond
just imitating the songs-they embody the music.

Honeoye Middle School Jazz Ensemble director, Brian Wilkins
says, "this performance will be a very special experience for all in-
volved. Our students will not only have a chance to listen to a professional band live in
concert, but will also have the opportunity to work with the band members in a master
class prior to the start of the concert. In preparing for this event, the students gain a high-
er appreciation and understanding of the skills, dedication, and perseverance needed to
succeed as a professional musician-qualities that can also be applied to any chosen pro-
fession within the greater community."

Tickets for the concert are just \$5.00 general admission, and children 5 and younger
will be admitted free of charge. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at http://www.honeoye.org/district/classroom_pages/secondary_classroom_pages/mr_wilkins/

Submitted by Brian Wilkins

Give a shout out for your school's
awesome students and educators!

Send school-related articles and news to: editor@CanadicePress.com.

Honeoye Library Trustee meeting

Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 7:00 pm at the library, 8708 Main Street, Honeoye.

See page 8 for a complete listing of Honeoye Public Library events.

The Livingston County Department of Health is inviting
the public to a free presentation
by the Community Health Assessment Leadership Team.

April 17 from 3:00-4:30 ~ Noyes Memorial Hospital, Conference Rooms C & D

Topics: Chronic Disease, Mental Health / Substance Abuse, and Fall Prevention

Attendance is free. RSVP Required by April 13, 2018 to

ppiper@noyeshealth.org or 585-335-4359

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The "Owl" offers reduced rate community space, to help communities,
community non-profits and schools get information out in every issue.

Page 2 of each Owl has upcoming publication and submission dates.

Early submissions are more likely to get placed - space is limited.

Ontario County 4-H Members attend horse events

4-H teams with Western NY Combined Carriage Driving Association to offer equine education

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ontario County continues the long tradition of offering outstanding equine programming for 4-H youth and adults as well. Recently a collaboration of 4-H and the Western NY Combined Carriage Driving Association, offered a series of Saturday programs on equine education. Over 30 youth and adults met to learn about Equine Essential Nutrients, presented by Gracie Seeley-Kuhner focusing on the equine's nutrient requirements and how to meet those needs. Another session was an Open House Day of Sharing working with the 4-H Ohio Lab Equine Learning Kit. Former 4-H members and leaders were on hand to explain the kit and share their equine knowledge with new members looking to learn more about equine feeds, breeds, tack diseases and more. 4-Hers looking to compete in the March Horse Extravaganza benefited greatly from this hands-on event.

The final Saturday educational event was a tandem talk on Equine Biomechanics and Cardiovascular Anatomy given by Kerri Gaffney LVT, CERA and Gracie Seeley-Kuhner. Over 45 youth and adults from 5 counties learned about equine musculature massage, how posture influence soundness, injury prevention, anatomy, conditioning and training. The presentations were followed with a "hands-on" heart dissection clinic.

Saturday, March 3rd, more than 80 youth participated in the 4-H event known as Horse Extravaganza. The day was full of learning and fun was held at Midlakes High School. 4-H members, volunteers, and staff from nine Finger Lakes counties worked together to make the day successful. The day started with a welcome from Tim Davis, Executive Director of Ontario County Cornell Cooperative Extension.

The 4-H Hippology experience allows youth to share their knowledge of horses in a variety of ways. Ontario County had the 4th placed Novice Team at this event. All members of this team placed in the top 20 individual placings. Members from the Thistle and Shamrock 4-H Club placed individually as follows: Kiana Vega-Vazquez 6th, Kaleb Vega-Vazquez 9th, Sophie Augustine 11th and De Clan McLaughlin placed 16th. Amberlea Atwood of the Western Livestock Wranglers 4-H Club placed eighth as a senior individual and will be one of the sixteen youth from the senior division who will represent the region at the State Hippology event at the New York State Fair in August.

The day also included a community service component. 4-H members and their parents made cards for patients at the local Veterans Centers. The cards will brighten the day of patients as they decorate their rooms.

To learn more about 4-H and our 4-H Horse Programs, please contact Amy Morrisey at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Office of Ontario County alm72@cornell.edu.

Cornell Cooperative Extension is a non-profit educational organization with a mission to extend new knowledge and research-based information in agriculture, family and consumers sciences from Cornell University to county residents. County residents with concerns or questions related to agriculture, horticulture, water quality, 4-H youth development, parenting or family financial management can call 585-394-3977 any time or visit our website at www.cceontario.org.

Submitted by Susan Angell

"Cornell Cooperative Extension provides equal program and employment opportunities."



4-H Leaders Gracie Seeley-Kuhner and Nina McCarthy explain different horse bits and physics of how they work to Katie McCarthy, Kaleb Vega-Vazquez and DeClan McLaughlin. Photo provided

Honeoye Public Library

"We're Books and More!"

Community Poetry & Spoken Word Readings in celebration of National Poetry Month

Sat., April 14 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Refreshments.

AAA Defensive Driving

Sat., April 21 from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm.

Space is limited so stop in, pay your \$28.00 & reserve a spot.

Join Us!!

Monday, April 9, 10:00 am – Noon

Join us on the second Monday of the month and get inspired! Another opportunity for Artists and Crafters at the Canadice Town Hall on the 4th Thursday – **April 26 – 10am until noon.**

Book Talk Group

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Jody Picoult's newest novel, *Small Great Things*, tells the story of an African American labor and delivery nurse faced with a racially charged moral dilemma. Refreshments and conversation at 5:30 with book discussion at 6:00 pm.

Canadice Lake Writers' Group

Tuesday, April 10 & 24 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm.

New members are always welcome!!!

Radio Control Aircraft Open House

Saturday, April 28, 10am – 12 pm

Have you secretly wanted to build model aircraft... that really fly? Come "fly" with us and see what members of the Genesee Valley Aero Modelers have on display. Fun for all!!!

Play Spaces – Our train will be out during April.

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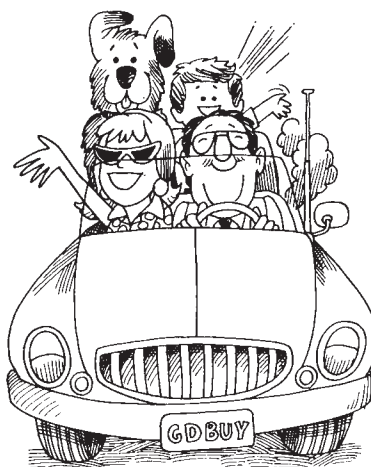
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The Light Lens by T. Touris Field of DREAMS

Ah, green grass, the crack of the bat, the pleasant pop of the ball smacking leather. Almost every American is comforted by these signs and knows that spring has finally arrived.

Following the lead of Major League Baseball, local little leagues are implementing a new system this year to help improve the performance of future statistical stars.

This system, Data Reduction Evaluation and Analysis Management System (DREAMS), is fine tuned to squeeze out every bit of performance from the specialized athletic units (players) making up the cooperative, win seeking network (team).

Each team will now have a cell phone app as head coach, along with a human assistant coach to interface with irate and bewildered parents. The first team meeting will go something like this:

Hello, I am your new coach ABNERD 2.0 (Autonomous Baseball NERD); your assistant coach is Mr. McFeely.

This is going to be great year. Everyone is going to get to try new and exciting roles on the field. Although you will each have an assigned position, we will use tactical shifting to improve our situational defensive strength. What does this mean? Well, although Roger will be our third baseman, when a batter's spray chart warrants it, we may shift him near the snack stand along the right field foul line.

I have some more great news: this year all of you will get to pitch. We need as many pitching specialists as possible and each one of you will be carefully evaluated so we can apply your specific strengths in important situations. For example, Jimmy, you will be used to pitch to batters with an average swing launch angle of 15 degrees, an OPS between .7000 to .7666, height around 4'6" and blue eyes. We're still crunching the number on brown-eyed batters. Green-eyed batters may prove difficult to analyze due to the low sample rate.

Using this approach, almost everyone will get the opportunity to pitch in each game! Coach McFeely, please reassure the parents that we will do our utmost to keep games under five hours long.

Any questions? Good. Now go out there and have fun!



Back when the game was about...the game.

Photo found in a box



Mountain Climbers from front

John Ellis Deal (1889)

John Ellis Deal (1889) had deep family roots in Richmond. His father, Asa Deal, and his mother, Maggie Patterson, were both from Allens Hill. The Deal farm was on the north side of Allens Hill Road, about half a mile south of the Bell Road intersection. Asa's father, John, served in the Ontario County Militia during the War of 1812 and Asa was a private in the Union Army during the Civil War.

Asa and Maggie's son John was the youngest of their ten children. In 1910 John was twenty-one and single. He was enrolled in the Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine and graduated the following year. He married Grace Johnson in the autumn of 1915. (She was not related to Lafayette Johnson.) For more than two decades he practiced veterinary medicine in Allens Hill and the surrounding area. He and Grace had three sons: John, Roy, and Edward; and three daughters: Ruth, Marian, and Harriet. Dr. John Deal died September 14, 1973, at his home in Vernon Center (Oneida County), New York.

Wales Duffy (1889)

Wales Duffy (1889) was twenty in 1909 when he married Jessie Ogden. She was the sister of Wales' teammate Ray Ogden. The two young men worked together, operating a steam sawmill on the shores of Honeoye Lake. Wales was also related to another teammate, Albert Belcher. Though only five years older, Al was Wales' uncle, for Wales' mother was Albert's older sister.

Wales was born in Mendon, the son of Ira Mann Duffy and Emma Belcher. He came to Ontario County to work as a lumberman. He married a local girl and they set up housekeeping in Allens Hill. By 1920, when the couple separated, they had two children: Ogden and Gretchen. He moved to Syracuse, while Jessie remained in Ontario County where she obtained a divorce. In 1935 Wales married Marian Stone; they had no children.

Wales' grandfather James Duffy suffered a tragic death in 1911. The sensational story was carried in newspapers nationwide. One snowy February evening, the elder Mr. Duffy, then seventy-three years old, was in his home in Honeoye Falls with his seventeen-year-old granddaughter Verna Duffy, and the girl's aunt Elizabeth Webb. At about seven-fifteen in the evening, a knock came on the door and Mr. Duffy told the person to enter. A black man carrying a club came into the room and asked Mr. Duffy if he had any money. Standing up, Mr. Duffy jokingly replied, "Lots of it!" This seemed to anger the man; raising the club overhead with both hands he brought it down upon the head of the elderly farmer. Again and again Mr. Duffy was struck with the club.

Mrs. Webb, a woman in her sixties, attempted to flee the room intent on getting help. She too was clubbed to the floor, suffering a wound to her head six inches long. Verna ran out the door, trying to go for help. She didn't get far before she was grabbed by the intruder. She tried to scream, but the man choked her until she was quiet. Dragging her by the hair and arm, the man ran back into the house and out the back door, toward some woods. Verna continued to struggle – her arm was broken in two places – and at last managed to scream loud and long. Her screams attracted attention and the would-be robber let go of her and fled down the street.

Verna returned to her home with some of the neighbors. There she found her aunt recovering from the blow she'd received and her grandfather in his bed. His wounds had been cleansed and the doctor summoned. However, he was grievously wounded; three days later he died. In May 1911 the intruder, James Williams, was tried in the courthouse at Genesee for the murder of James Duffy. He was found guilty and condemned to death. On September 16, 1912, Mr. Williams was executed by electric chair in Auburn State Prison.

Wales Duffy died in 1932, twenty years after this event, in Syracuse.

Ray Ogden (1887)

Ray Ogden (1887) was twenty-three years old in 1910 and single for most of the year. Then in November he married Bertha Fairchild of Seneca County. Within the month the couple moved to Omaha, Nebraska.

The son of George Ogden and Minnie Riggs, Raymond was born in Boone County Iowa. He had an older sister, Gertrude, who died at age nine, and a younger sister, Jessie. Ray's father had been born in Allens Hill in 1860. As a young married man he'd emigrated to Iowa, where he was a successful farmer in the Des Moines area. Through the years, however, he and Minnie maintained ties to family in Ontario County.

Sometime in the early days of the twentieth century the Ogden family returned to Allens Hill, where they quickly became a valued part of the community. Ray sang in the choir at the Methodist Church and played ball with the Mountain Climbers; his sister Jessie married local boy Wales Duffy. The two young men worked together felling trees and running a steam sawmill at the head of Myers Gull on the east side of Honeoye Lake until Ray moved to the Midwest.

While living in Nebraska Ray's only child, Virginia, was born in 1911. After a time the Ogden families – father and son – moved to Texas. Ray worked as an insurance salesman. It is not known when he died.

The lives of the other members of the 1910 Mountain Climbers Team will be featured in the April 20, 2018 issue of Owl Light News.



Joy Lewis has been the Town of Richmond Historian since 2013.

Richmond Recreation Dept.
looking for part-time
Deputy Recreation Director.

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Richmond Recreation Dept.,
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See page 3 for complete information.

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Organ Recital Series
~Join us Tuesdays, 12 Noon
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31 Center St., Geneseo.

- ~ April 10: Organist - Stephen Donohue
- ~ April 17: Organist - Peter Geise
- ~ April 24: Organist - Robert Greene Jr.
- ~ May 1: Organist - Nicole Camilleri.

*Facility fully accessible.
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**Dave Ramsey - Financial Peace University
offered by Honeoye United Church of Christ.**
(9) week class starts Thursday, April 19th 7-8:30 p.m.

Financial Peace University is a nine-lesson money class that teaches step-by-step how to create a budget, pay off debt, spend wisely, and save for the future.

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Held at the Ontario County Landfill - Casella Recycling Facility
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Saturday – April 21, 2018 from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm

- This event is free and open to residents of ONTARIO County only.
- No business or farm waste will be accepted.
- **PRE-REGISTRATION** and **PROOF OF RESIDENCY** will be required.
- The event is limited to the first 800 residents who register.

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Products containing mercury, and florescent light tubes will also be accepted.

Materials NOT Accepted at the Event:

Household Electronics (TVS –flat screen and CRTs, computer monitors, cell phones, DVD players, VCRs, etc.)

Automobile and truck tires, Compressed Gas Cylinders, Explosives or Shock-Sensitive Materials, Ammunition, Radioactive Wastes, Pathological Wastes, Infectious Waste, Medicines, PCB's, Freon containing devices (i.e. Air conditioners, dehumidifiers).

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To pre-register for the event please call **before 3:30 pm**
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and taxes...

NYS Tax Department announces more opportunities for Capital Region Taxpayers to obtain free tax filing assistance

Empire State Plaza filing site in Albany offers eligible taxpayers help filing their state and federal returns for free

The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance today announced six more opportunities for eligible Capital Region taxpayers to take advantage of free tax filing assistance from the New York State Tax Department ahead of the April 17 filing deadline.

A schedule of dates, times, and locations is available online at www.tax.ny.gov/fsa. To ensure a smooth filing experience at the Facilitated Self-Assistance (FSA) site, the webpage also includes a checklist of key documents taxpayers need to bring with them.

"This free service puts tax filing at your fingertips," Acting Commissioner of Taxation and Finance Nonie Manion said. "Tax Department staff will be at each location to answer questions and help guide you through the tax preparation software and e-filing process—the most secure and efficient way to file."

Taxpayers with adjusted gross household incomes of \$66,000 or less in 2017 may use free, user-friendly software at these assistance sites to electronically prepare and file both their state and federal tax returns. Tax Department experts will be available at each site to help New Yorkers through the filing process at no charge.

Eligible taxpayers don't need to visit a site, though: they can also access and use free software anytime from their computer, smartphone, or tablet at www.tax.ny.gov (search: [freefile2017](http://www.tax.ny.gov/freefile2017)).

The tax preparation software helps reduce filing errors that can delay return processing and refunds. It also prevents valuable credits from being overlooked.

E-filing is safer and more efficient than sending paper returns through the mail. About 92% of all personal income tax returns in New York are electronically prepared and filed. All returns, whether filed electronically or on paper, undergo the same systematic review.

File ahead of the April 17 deadline

The deadline to file 2017 tax returns and pay any tax due is Tuesday, April 17, 2018, rather than the traditional April 15 date. That's because April 15 falls on a Sunday this year and Emancipation Day—a legal holiday in Washington, D.C.—will be observed on that Monday, which pushes the nation's filing deadline to April 17. Under the tax law, legal holidays in the District of Columbia affect the filing deadline across the nation. If you can't file by April 17, apply for an extension of time to file. An extension doesn't provide more time to pay taxes owed. You must still pay the properly estimated tax you owe by the original due date of the return.

Facilitated Self Assistance (FSA) program

If your income in 2017 was \$66,000 or less, you can visit one of our FSA sites to prepare and electronically file your federal and state returns with assistance from Tax Department employees—for free!

Interested?

At our FSA sites and lab settings, we'll guide you through free tax preparation software as you prepare and e-file your federal and state income tax returns.

Not interested but still want free tax preparation software?

Using your own computer, tablet, or mobile device, you can prepare and e-file your income tax returns whenever and wherever you want using the same free tax preparation software we use at our FSA sites.

FSA Site in Rochester

Central Library of Rochester, 115 South Street, Rochester 14604
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April is Safe Digging Month

Excavators, Contractors and Homeowners: Call 811 Before Digging

The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) today announced that it is participating in the nationwide effort to recognize April 2018, as "Safe Digging Month" as a way to remind excavators and contractors that State law requires them to call one of the state's toll-free One-Call centers before starting any excavation or digging project. Governor Andrew M. Cuomo proclaimed April 2018 as "Safe Digging Month" in New York.

"April marks the traditional start of digging season, we are using this time to urge everyone who is going to be excavating to do their part in protecting crucial underground infrastructure by simply dialing 811 before digging," said Chair John B. Rhodes. "Damage to underground utility facilities during excavation can result in loss of utility service, personal injury and property damage."

The keys to preventing damage to underground facilities are the two "one-call notification systems" that serve as communication links between contractors/excavators and the operators of underground facilities (local utilities/municipalities). New York 811 is the one-call notification system serving New York City and Long Island and Dig Safely New York is the other, serving the remainder of the state. When calling from inside the areas served, either can be reached by simply dialing 811. In addition, both One-Call Centers allow locate requests to be submitted at any time through web-based ticket entry. Use of the One-Call Centers is free.

The Commission, which oversees electric and telecommunication utilities, as well as some 93,000 miles of gas pipelines transporting much needed energy across the State to consumers, prides itself on its zealous safety oversight. The Commission's rigorous review of utilities' natural gas infrastructure and operations exceeds federal requirements, and includes prescribing aggressive safety performance

metrics, holding utilities financially accountable to meet standards, and conducting thousands of incident investigations. On a daily basis, the Commission's team of highly trained employees closely monitors utility activity to ensure compliance.

Along with participating in the nationwide Safe Digging Month program, the Commission's staff works diligently to enforce its gas safety regulations, which are among the most stringent in the nation, to ensure that utility companies adhered to them regarding the safe operation of the utility's gas transmission and distribution systems. To continue to improve gas safety, the Commission routinely monitors the utilities' damage prevention programs to make sure that they are up to date, to identify improvement areas, and to ensure that the plans are in compliance with the Commission's gas safety requirements. Over the past decade, these efforts have led to the steady decrease in statewide damages to natural gas facilities per 1000 notifications; reaching a low of 1.89 damages per 1000 notifications in 2016, making New York State a national leader for this metric.

New York leads in its use of financial incentives and penalties related to gas safety. Excavators who damage underground facilities due to the failure to follow the regulations are not only subject to civil penalties, but also are liable for repair costs. State law exempts excavators from liability for repair costs if the damage is caused by the utility's or municipality's failure to comply with the law, such as failure to participate in the one-call notification systems or failure to accurately mark the location of their underground facilities.

For more information about Dig Safely New York, go to www.digsafelynewyork.com or call 315-437-7394. For more information about New York 811, visit the www.newyork-811.com web site or call 1-800-272-4480



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DEC announces start of annual frog and salamander migration

Hudson Valley Volunteers assist amphibians with road crossings during annual breeding migrations

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced today that the annual breeding migrations of salamanders and frogs are underway. Visit the DEC website for more information about this annual event <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dHRbsAsnQi8>.

"New York hosts an incredible array of amphibians, and an even more amazing volunteer network that helps ensure their survival each spring," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "As the State's Wildlife Action Plan identifies road mortality as a significant threat to frogs, toads, and salamanders, I encourage all New Yorkers and visitors traveling through our state to keep an eye out for amphibians, and our committed community of volunteers helping them cross the road."

In the Hudson Valley, community volunteers are documenting their observations as part of DEC's Amphibian Migrations and Road Crossings Project. Wood frogs and spring peepers got an early jump on migration during the unseasonably warm weather in late February, but the subsequent Nor'easters and cold temperatures delayed further activity. With the arrival of warm spring rains, migration is back underway and amphibians are on the move. The Hudson Valley provides habitat for 85 percent of New York's amphibian species, and these volunteers are helping ensure this significant regional biodiversity remains part of the state's rich heritage.

Typically, after the ground starts to thaw in late winter and early spring, species such as spotted salamander and wood frog emerge from underground winter shelters in the forest and walk overland to woodland pools for breeding. In New York, this migration usually occurs on rainy nights in late March and early April, when the night air temperature is above 40F. When these conditions align just so, there can be explosive, "big night" migrations, with hundreds of amphibians on the move, many having to cross roads.



photos by D.E. Bentley

Volunteers of the Amphibian Migrations and Road Crossings Project document Hudson Valley locations where migrations cross roads, record weather and traffic conditions, and identify and count the salamanders, frogs, and toads on the move. The volunteers also carefully help the amphibians to safely cross roads. Now in its tenth year, more than 300 project volunteers have assisted more than 9,000 amphibians cross New York roads.

Recently, suitable migration conditions have returned. On March 29, in many parts of the Hudson Valley, volunteers moved hundreds of amphibians, including spotted salamander, four-toed salamander, northern redback salamander, eastern newt, wood frog, American toad, and spring peeper. DEC expects the migration will continue and expand to northern parts and higher elevations of the region in the coming weeks.

Drivers on New York roads are encouraged to proceed with caution or avoid travel on the first warm, rainy evenings of the season. Amphibians come out after nightfall and are slow moving; mortality can be high even on low-traffic roads.

For more information, visit Amphibian Migrations and Road Crossings on DEC's website or contact woodlandpool@dec.ny.gov. Project volunteers are encouraged to use the hashtag #amphibianmigrationhv in their photos and posts on social media.

Submitted by Lori Severino



I Love My Park Day, Saturday, May 5th, 2018 Registration is now open!

Browse the list of events and register at

www.ptny.org/events/i-love-my-park-day/find-event

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced that registration is now open for the seventh annual I Love My Park Day, to be held on May 5, 2018 at state parks, historic sites and public lands across New York. The event, sponsored by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and Parks & Trails New York, is a statewide event to enhance parks, historic sites and public lands and raise awareness and visibility to the state outdoor recreation assets and their needs.

"Our state parks are natural treasures that offer extraordinary outdoor recreational opportunities, attract tourists who support local economies and draw people together," Governor Cuomo said. "I encourage New Yorkers to participate in I Love My Park Day to enjoy all our parks have to offer and help us to protect and preserve our system for generations to come."

Volunteers will have the opportunity to participate in clean up events at more than 120 state parks, historic sites and public lands from Jones Beach State Park to Niagara Falls State Park and covering all regions in between, including sites operated by the Department of Environmental Conservation, the National Park Service and municipal parks. Registration for I Love My Park Day can be completed by visiting <https://www.ptny.org/events/i-love-my-park-day>.

Volunteers will celebrate New York's public lands by cleaning up debris, planting trees and gardens, restoring trails and wildlife habitats, removing invasive species, and working on various site improvement projects. The New York State Commission on Volunteer and Community Service is joining the effort again this year to help recruit volunteers, promote the initiative and provide support to projects across the state. Members of the New York State Excelsior Conservation Corps, a New York State AmeriCorps program run by the Student Conservation Association, will help State Parks organize and implement I Love My Park Day projects.

State Parks Commissioner Rose Harvey said, "Volunteers are vital partners in making our park system the very best it can be. I look forward to joining with Parks & Trails New York to welcome thousands of volunteers for our seventh I Love My Park Day, so we can all work together in a positive way to improve our communities and our state."

Parks & Trails New York Executive Director Robin Dropkin said, "The renaissance of New York's State Park System, thanks to Governor Cuomo's historic reinvestment, is a joy to behold, as is the demonstration of support for parks by friends, volunteers and partners on the annual I Love My Park Day. This year, on the seventh anniversary of the event, we're excited to include state parks and historic sites, public lands and campgrounds managed by NYS DEC, and National Park sites across the state. Now, there are even more opportunities to give back to treasured outdoor places in every region of the state."

DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said, "New York State is home to some of the most spectacular state parks, historic sites, and public lands in the world. Whether you're introducing a small child to the wonders of nature for the first time, or enjoying a peaceful walk with a grandparent, our State's magnificent parks system has something to offer outdoor enthusiasts of all ages. DEC is a proud partner of I Love My Park Day and I encourage everyone to consider volunteering at an I Love My Park Day event near you to help promote, protect and preserve your favorite park."

I Love My Park Day complements Governor Cuomo's effort to revitalize and transform the state park system. The Governor's NY Parks 2020 program is a multi-year commitment to leverage \$900 million in private and public funding for State Parks from 2011 to 2020. The 2018-19 Executive Budget commits \$90 million toward this initiative.

Walden Project coming to Cumming Nature Center

The Walden Project is a full-time high school and gap year program inspired by the life and writings of Henry David Thoreau. This unique school provides an interdisciplinary education in an outdoor setting with an emphasis on academic independence and freedom. For nearly two decades, The Walden Project has thrived in Vermont and was featured as one of NPR's top innovative high schools in the country. Now, in the Fall of 2018, this highly acclaimed program is opening at Cumming Nature Center in Naples, NY.

If you know a teen who loves being outdoors and would excel in a learning environment that celebrates individualism and creativity, please let them know about The Walden Project!

Representatives from the Cumming Nature Center Walden Project will be at Earth Dance 2018 on April 21st. They are also hosting an additional information night for people interested in learning more on Thursday, April 26th, 6-7pm at the Naples Library.

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Owl Outings ~ Hopping at The Rabbit Room in Honeoye Falls

by D.E. Bentley

Finding special places for evening entertainment close to home is challenging when, well, everything is, as we like to say, a half a mile (or more) away. Despite our relative isolation from the more urban areas to our north (Rochester), west (Buffalo) and east (Canandaigua and Geneva) - which offer a greater abundance of culinary and cultural offerings - there are many incredible out of the way (for some) places that are a short and enjoyable drive - without the parking hassles.

One of our earliest nearby finds was The Rabbit Room in Honeoye Falls, NY. After a number of absolutely wonderful *Owl Outings* at this eclectic and most welcoming venue, it has proven to be an experience that never disappoints. In addition to great food sourced locally, the venue also boasts an upstairs art gallery and is set in a restored historic mill building (another plus for me; I have always been fascinated with the early water-powered industries in New York State).

After a long, too long, hiatus, we made reservations (advisable) at the Rabbit Room for March 22, 2018. The venue only serves dinner on Thursday nights during the colder months, so fitting in this mealtime can be challenging. Our favorite place to sit is in the bar area, which has several tables and offers us the benefit of a front stage pass for the free music, part of what we enjoy about this outing. That said, the dining area boasts some intimate and quiet seating with rotating art displays on the surrounding wall area.

My dining partner had already settled in by the time I arrived and was enjoying a Three Heads Brewing Company "Kind," one of the local craft beers available on tap (a small, adequate selection that could - per beer drinkers in the know - benefit from some expanded options). I opted for a merlot. There were also several specialty cocktails available that sounded fun, offering a little something for anyone interested in alcoholic beverages.

We paired our drinks with Cauliflower Fritters - fried, spiced cauliflower flowerets with Kalamata and pepperoncini salad & Sriracha sour cream - \$8. The folks at the table adjacent to us had also ordered these (a starter I had not yet tried) and



The "Duo of the Night" - Jim and Eric - AKA The Backsliders.

theirs arrived just after we had placed our order. They looked and smelled so good I almost asked them for an advance on our soon to arrive order. The food is what most draws me to the Rabbit Room on Thursday nights. The selection is large enough to provide options for many tastes and dietary preferences or needs, and is centered on sustainable and humanely harvested locally sourced vegetables, fruits and meats. This results in a menu that changes both with the seasons and weekly. During all of our visits there has been more than one option that caught my attention. Since my diet is restricted to things that I can kill myself, I am currently restricted to fowl and fish when it comes to animals - a selection that may narrow although will likely never be expanded. There are also locally sourced options for more carnivorous types.

I almost went for the chicken crepes entrée during my most recent visit, after seeing that they sourced the meat from Stonecrop Farm - where we have purchased organic, free range, delicious turkeys from for our past couple autumn feasts. Since the crepes were part of the seasonal menu, I reserve the option of trying them during a future visit. I looked instead at some of

the daily menu options. I chose the day's Salad Special: Frisée and Radicchio salad with Navel Orange, Toasted Pistachios, Dried Cherries, Lively Run Feta and Citrus Vinaigrette - \$9. I paired this with a cup of Mushroom Bisque. Lively Run Dairy is another local supplier I am familiar with. They are located in Interlaken, NY and I have stopped there on numerous occasions for cheese purchases.

My dining partner - who does eat mammal - ordered the Steak Salad - grilled marinated steak, local greens, cherry tomatoes, shaved red onion, crumbled Bleu cheese & Dijon vinaigrette - 15. He paired this with the French Onion Soup, which is a regular menu item and another option for those who are okay with eating beef (Hint: I so wish someone would make a great veggie base French Onion Soup).

As I mentioned previously, music is one of the reasons we sit in the pub area. The entertainment on the 22nd - the "Duo of the Night" as the band described themselves was, again self-described, - "old music." Also known, at times, as the Backsliders, the duo - Jim and Eric - elaborated: "We like things old: everything about us is old," they collectively offered, "old songs,

old ties, old guitars." The tie did look old, but not knowing guitars, I followed up and asked Jim how old his Fender guitar was (not as old as some of the tunes, as it turned out). The amplifier and related equipment was classic Fender stock, making for a classic period sound. Old? Perhaps by today's standards, but since I was born early 1960s and Fender started making their signature brand in 1946, I prefer to think of it as perfectly aged.

I was familiar with some of the selected titles ("It is amazing how many different songs they know," offered my dinner mate). They included some 1920s and 30s - country titles (different than new country) including tunes from Jimmie Rodgers, and others I had heard (somewhere) but could not quite place. These old(er) titles were interspersed with some new(er) 1960s standards like Ernest Tubb's "Waltz across Texas," recorded in 1965. Roy Orbison's 1960 "Only the Lonely (know the way I feel)," "Ring of Fire" by Johnny Cash and "Secret Agent Man" written by P. F. Sloan and Steve Barri and brought to fame by Johnny Rivers as the theme song for the *Secret Agent* spy series that aired from 1964 to 1966. These are the songs I grew up listening to. This all made for some great dinnertime listening - as is often the case with the Rabbit Room's musical offerings - including some more contemporary performers we've heard during previous visits.

So, yes, the food at the Rabbit Room is a big draw. And, yes, the dinner music is a nice addition for Thursday night outings. There is something else. I have yet to not have an enjoyable evening there, and consistency counts. It is a comfortable setting with a cultural edge that turns dinner into something more. We always take the opportunity to look at some of the upstairs art gallery additions since our last visit. During the summer months, there is the added perk of the former mill falls and a stroll past the many other downtown Honeoye Fall's historic buildings that have been thoughtfully preserved. It's perks like that that will result in these less centralized small(er) village venues continuing to emerge - and thrive - offering us more eateries, live music and other cultural opportunities closer to home.

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"Earth Dance – Celebrating Sustainable Community"

How best to celebrate Earth Day this year? By joining your neighbors in attending "Earth Dance 2018 – Celebrating Sustainable Community" on Saturday, April 21 from 11:00 to 5:00 at the Hemlock School (Now officially the Little Lakes Community Center)! The event is co-sponsored by the Little Lakes Community Association and Owl Light News as a day to bring us together to learn about sustainable efforts already taking place in our area, to celebrate the beauty of nature through poetry, stories and music, and to meet some of our local vendors of earth-friendly products, services and delicious food.

Each hour we have scheduled inspiring and knowledgeable speakers on a variety of topics related to sustainable practices. "Sustainability" is defined as "avoidance of the depletion of natural resources in order to maintain an ecological balance." There is nothing new about this practice, as it has been the foundation of cultures for millennia.

The speakers will present some ideas that may be new to you, but founded on age-old practices:

- 11:30 "What is Sustainable Beef?" Speaker Fred Forsburg raises 100% grass-fed and finished cattle on local, organic pastures.
- 12:00 "Educating for Good Stewardship: The Gap Year Experience with Lagom Landing" Laurel Nelson and Rock Castor
- 1:00 "Permaculture – Earth Care, People Care, and Resource Care" Patty Love from Barefoot Permaculture in Rochester.
- 2:00 "Solar and Geothermal Installation Basics" Zack Parker from ACES Energy.
- 3:00 "Local Medicinal Plants and Community Herbalism" Sherry Gendreau, local herbalist and educator.
- 4:00 "Springwater Trails" Speaker Mark Hopkins will provide information and images of hiking opportunities in the Little Lakes area.

We haven't forgotten our youngest nature-lovers, either. There will be family-friendly activities throughout the day, including meeting live birds of prey from Braddock Bay Raptor Research, reading with rabbits with bunnies from Story Book Cottage Rabbitry, "The Seeker," a Native American story teller for the Seneca Nation, and Kid Fit exercise, with Shanna Butler Fitness and Dance.

Audrey Harpe, of Yoga Bhoga, has recently moved back to her studio in the school, and will offer two free classes, "Introduction to Yoga" at 11:00 and at 2:00, "Yoga for Gardeners." If you would like to participate, dress comfortably. As space is limited, sign up ahead by emailing audrey@yoga-bhoga.com. Otherwise, it is first come, first served.

Throughout the day an "open mic" opportunity will be available for anyone who would like to read their poetry, tell their stories, play their music, or sing their songs that celebrate the joys of the natural world.

Of course, we will have vendors for you to peruse! Just a few of the offerings include fine art work and photographs, alpaca wool products, maple syrup, honey, hand-crafted soaps and dolls, and essential oils. Several not-for-profits will introduce you to their services as well.

On site food will offer something for everyone – regardless of your preferences.

Join us as we host these incredible speakers and celebrate Earth Day. The day's events also provide a wonderful opportunity to learn more about LLCA and to find out how you can become a part of this sustainable community project. For more information about the Little Lakes Community Association, you can visit LittleLakesNY.org or find us on Facebook.

Submitted by Tawn Feeney

Third annual Take Pride in Hemlock Day Sunday April 22, 2018

We hope that you will take part in the Little Lakes Community Association's Third Annual "Take Pride in Hemlock Day." We will continue our celebration of Earth Day, on Sunday April 22 with a litter pick-up in our community, in conjunction with NYS DOT. Participants will gather at the old Hemlock School (Jack Evans / Little Lakes Community Center) on Main Street at 9:30 that morning, for instructions and the necessary equipment.

Following the pick-up along the roads of Hemlock, you are welcome to join us for a pot-luck lunch and open music jam session at the school from 1:00 until 3:00. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Join us with your instrument to play music along with your neighbors or just listen and enjoy!

To find out more about the on-going efforts of the Little Lakes Community Association to enhance our unique natural environment and to create a dynamic gathering place, please visit littlakesny.org or check us out on Facebook.

Submitted by Tawn Feeney

Discovering your style in four simple steps

Though we may not be consciously aware of it, our society informs our clothing choices. What we select may not suit our tastes, our lifestyles, or our bodies, but what we see on our celebrities, our friends, or in our stores too often becomes our next regrettable purchase.

- How can we develop discerning decision-making power?
- How can we tune into what will make us feel great and will pull weight in our wardrobe?

That is what I aim to show you in 4 simple steps.

Step 1: Reconnaissance ~ Discover your preferences

Believe it or not, most everything you need to know you already do. It's in your closet waiting for you to become more in tune with it. Those tops, bottoms, shoes and accessories you most often grab are your style. They are the colors, the size, the shapes that you feel most comfortable in.

The problem is, their message is often lost in the jumble of clothes that you don't care for or you wear out of necessity (maybe laundry day is a bit too far off). You might not know that you're a navy and cream kinda gal (or guy) because of all that lime green you see in your closet confusing you.

So, the first step is to clear out the closet. Take EVERYTHING out and only replace those things you feel great in. You don't have to get rid of the other stuff yet, just box it up and put it someplace else.

Once you have those items you love, pay attention to what you love about them. The secret is to become aware enough of your preferences that you can recognize what you'll love even when you're not in your closet.

Don't bother over-thinking it either. You don't have to know that you're a soft summer toned triangle body type (or whatever). What you like to wear will generally look good on you. That's why you like to wear it. Plus, if you feel good, you'll look good too.

Here are a few questions to help you understand your preferences:

- What are your signature colors? And what do you avoid?
- What are your signature patterns? And what do you avoid?
- Do you prefer natural fibers to synthetic or vice versa?
- Do you prefer things to be loose or fitted? Structured or flowy? Sporty? Romantic?
- What is your favorite sleeve length?
- What is your favorite pant shape? Boot cut? Skinny? Boyfriend?



Finding your uniform may involve putting your favorites together and checking in with yourself about how you feel in your chosen outfit.

Sky Trombly

Step 2: Find your Uniform.

Your discoveries in step one are crucial here. When developing your uniform, you pin point your signature look(s). For example, your go-to might be a pair of blue jeans, a black t-shirt, and a pair of sneakers.

From step one, you've learned that you feel good wearing black. You also like dark wash blue jeans, maybe a straight-legged style. You know that you favor clean lines and don't appreciate a more whimsical cut. You've realized that you like to keep it simple and sporty and don't tend to wear any of your bohemian or romantic clothes and anything with a pattern makes you slightly nauseous.

Obviously, this is just an example. Many innovative thinkers have worked out personal uniforms so that they can go on thinking about other things. Steve Jobs, Former President Barack Obama, and Albert Einstein are just a few and they all have a different look.

You may have more than one signature look and they may vary from season to season, but pick out your workhorses.

Here are a few questions that may help:

- What do you spend your days doing? (Are you in an office? Outdoors? Chasing kids?)
- What are three words you would use to describe the look you're going for?
- What is the message you want to convey to others?
- What is your go-to look?

Step 3: Do The Math.

Now that you know your style and color preferences and what you want your uniform to be, you need to do some calculations. Don't worry, this isn't rocket science, but it will be unique to you.

For one, you need to determine the distance between laundry days. I get all my laundry done within 4 days, so I like to have many of my clothes in multiples of 4. Some items, such as socks and underwear, seem to require a few extra.

The next thing you need to judge is the number of combinations you can make with what you have. If you keep your clothes to a certain pallet, you'll be able to make a lot more outfits.

I like to keep bottoms plain so that I never have to worry about bottoms and tops having competing patterns.

Discovering your magic number is a bit of a work in progress, but I recommend working from a minimalist bias. See how few things you can get a way with and you'll refine your style much more quickly.



Working from a Minimalist bias you can quickly see what you most need to pull off your look. Pictured is my Spring outerwear collection.

Photo by Sky Trombly

Step 4: Shop smarter

When I was unaware of my personal style, the sky was the limit. I could always be shopping for the next new thing I didn't really like. Something might catch my eye and when I brought it home, I would soon discover that it didn't feel like "me" and the new thing didn't match anything I liked to wear.

Though I tended to shop second-hand, it still amounted to a lot of wasted money and space. And wasn't any good for the environment.

I am now (mostly) immune. I can go to a shop and quickly determine if an item suits my wardrobe and I know very specifically what I'm looking for. This saves me a ton of time and gives me a lot of clarity.



Sky has been something of a sustainability nerd for most of her life. Her goal is to empower herself and others to live in a way that is congruent with personal values - and intimately linked to the Earth. You can join her in her wanderings through the quagmire of sustainable living in every issue of Owl Light News, and on her blog - talkwalking.org

While I hope to see others answer questions of style in wildly different ways, I also hope for more people to share in the peace of mind I now enjoy.

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