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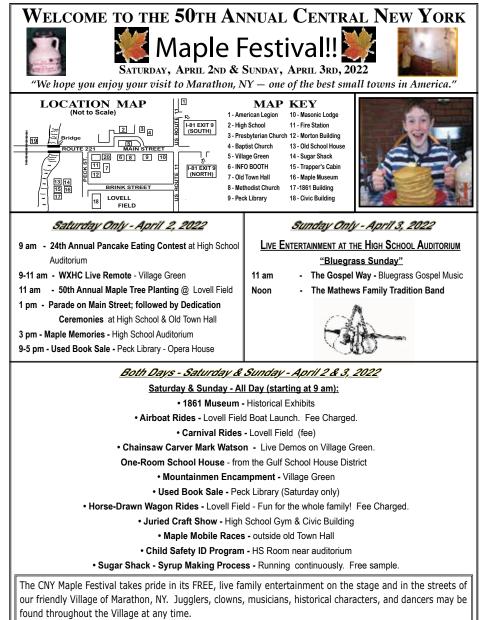
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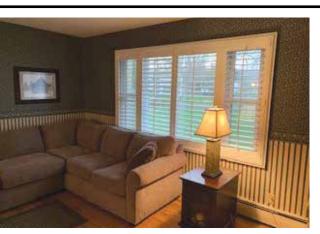
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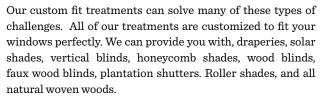


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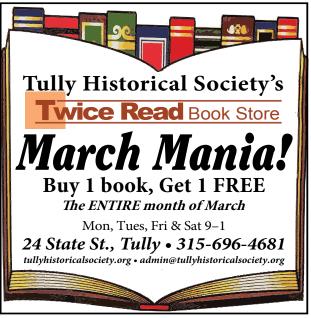


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OVE MAPLE SYRUP!? LOVE PANCAKES!? Want to know more about the process of making delicious syrup from trees right here in Cortland, NY!? Join us for a family- friendly, outdoor pancakesyrupalooza! We'll taste sap running right out of the tree, sample delicious jack wax in our own Sugar Shack, and enjoy delicious pancakes with local syrup! We'll stay warm with hot chocolate and local coffee. Educational programming with be provided by the OCM BOCES New Visions Environmental Science class who have spent the last few months tapping trees, making syrup, and learning all about the maple sugaring process!

RSVP to help us get a head start on making pancakes!! All events and breakfast will be held at the Lime Hollow Environmental Education Center at 3277 Gracie Road, Cortland, NY 13045. Limited parking will be available at the Environmental Education Center. More parking will be available at the Lehigh Railroad trailhead on Gracie Road and at the Lime Hollow Visitor Center at338 McLean Road in Cortland, Phone/Fax: 607-662-4632 Questions email info@limehollow.org Trails are open dawn to dusk daily and accessible from several trailheads. Visitor Center is open Monday-Friday, 10am-5pm & on select weekends. Providing year-round environmental education and recreation opportunities through the utilization and protection of the natural and cultural resources of the Lime Hollow area. Follow us on Facebook.



ITHACA FARMERS MARKET RETURNS OUTDOORS W/ FAMILY FUN DAY SATURDAY, APRIL 2

9 AM to 3 PM

The Ithaca Farmers Market returns to Steamboat Landing with a celebration of our community. Along with our hyper-local amazing ag, food, and art vendors, we'll have loads of family fun!

Visit us in the office for coloring sheets and more and check out our exciting events:

10a "Summer Supper" Read-Aloud with Christa Nunez (of The Learning Farm) on the Cayuga Waterfront Trail, in partnership with Children's Reading Connection childrensreadingconnection.org thelearningfarmjuicery.org

10:30-11:30 Finger Lakes Toy Library Playtime fingerlakestoylibrary.org/ home

11:30-12:15 Tom Knight presents an interactive, musical puppet show tomknight.com/tomknight-puppets

1p "Summer Supper" Read-Aloud on the Cayuga Waterfront Trai.

2p "Summer Supper" Read-Aloud on the Cayuga Waterfront Trail

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2022 April 30 Candor New York

10 AM to 5 PM 40 Spencer Ave in Candor

PLANS ARE UNDERWAY FOR THE 2022 Candor Daffodil Festival sponsored by the Candor Chamber of Commerce. Mark your calendars for April 30th 10 am- 5 pm! The Daffodil Festival will be held at the Candor Ball Field Rt. 96 Candor.

Our Daffodil Festival is an expansion on the wonderful Daffodil Daze event the Zamoiski family holds each spring in Candor. At our fourth annual Daffodil Festival, all types of vendors, including hand crafted wood items, jewelry, soaps & lotions, clothing, pet treats, oils, antiques, interesting displays and unique items will be featured. It is a great opportunity to find a special Mother's Day gift. There will be delicious food from multiple food trucks and bands playing all day. Enjoy wine, beer, cider, and cheese tastings as well!

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Depending on water conditions, temperature, and diet, some livebearers can have broods as often as every four to eight weeks. You can tell if a female is ready to give birth by her enlarged abdomen or a dark spot located near her anal fin.

The spot will turn darker as her delivery date nears. But you must be watchful because some fish will eagerly eat the newly born baby fish.

I have noticed that sometimes the fish do not eat the babies. Not sure why that is, but I have had baby fish here in tanks with bigger fish and they do not go after them at all.

They do make baby savers, which are small hanging nets or plastic boxes that you can put the baby fish into. This will prevent the adult fish or any fish in your tank from eating your baby fish. These savers are called breeder boxes or breeder nets.They are made in such a way that the box or net still has filtration and heat. Sometimes if you have a heavily planted tank, the babies will hide amongst the plants, but if seen by the bigger fish, they may get eaten.

The babies should be fed a quality food, such as baby brine shrimp, baby fish food, or quality flake food ground into a fine powder. Feed the fry small amounts several times a day. Maintain good water quality by performing regular water changes. Using water from your established aquarium is a great way to acclimate the fry to water conditions of their future home. In about 8 to 10 weeks, the babies should be large enough to release into the main aquarium. But be sure the babies have grown larger than the mouths of adult fish.



CORTLAND COUNTY TRIVIA FROM THE CORTLAND COUNTY **HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

AST TIME WE ASKED YOU what the longest running festival in └ Cortland County is. If you guessed St. Anthony's Festival, you are correct! This tradition began in Cortland in 1905 to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Anthony of Padua.

 $St. Anthony of Padua \, Church \, did \, not open until 1917, but before$ that Cortland's Italian immigrant population celebrated the festival with services, a procession, and music. Today the festival is an eagerly anticipated community celebration.

How many World Series' did Truxton native John J. McGraw coach the New York Giants?

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CHAMBER PARTNERS WITH GUTHRIE TO OFFER FREE SHOWCASE ADMISSION

The Chamber previously announced the return ▲ of The Showcase on April 2, 2022 at the JM McDonald Sports Complex from 10:00 to 3:00. Now Guthrie Medical Center has sponsored the Admission for all to attend free of charge. "The Showcase hasn't had free admission in over a decade and we're excited to partner with Guthrie to open the doors for our entire community", proclaimed Chamber President Bob Haight.

Guthrie approached the Chamber to see how they could make the offer, and the Chamber was pleased to work out the details. "We encourage everyone to experience the Cortland Showcase and because we don't want cost to be a factor in attendance, Guthrie is pleased to underwrite the admission fee to this year's event," said Jennifer Yartym, President, Guthrie Cortland Medical Center.

The entertainment for Saturday is lining up to provide a full day of family friendly events.

Booth registrations already include finance, senior living, non-profits, realestate, manufacturers, service, health care, business management, insurance, retail, automotive, and home improvement. Booths are still available, and registrations are coming in daily.

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CHAMBER PARTNERS WITH CAYUGA MEDICAL CENTER TO OFFER FREE PUBLIC SKATING DURING THE SHOWCASE

THE CHAMBER PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED THE return of The Showcase on April 2, 2022 at the JM McDonald Sports Complex from 10:00 to 3:00. Last week we announced our partnership with Guthrie to offer free admission.

Now we're excited to tell you Cayuga Medical Center has sponsored the ice skating so all may skate free of charge on Saturday April 2nd. "The Showcase has never had ice skating and we're excited to partner with Cayuga Medical to open the ice for our entire community with no charge", proclaimed Chamber President Bob Haight. "Skates are also available for all ages."

The entertainment for Saturday is lining up and we'll be announcing family friendly events and times very soon. Visit our website for updates or call the office.

Booth registration is going well but we still have some available including our discounted booth spaces for members.

Registration is now live at www.cortlandareachamber.com.

1890 HOUSE MUSEUM BEGINS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

1890 HOUSE MUSEUM 37 Tompkins St. Cortland, NY 13045 $607.756.7551 \cdot info@the1890house.org \cdot the1890house.org$

THE 1890 HOUSE'S \$250,000 CAPITAL Campaign is underway and seeking donations from public and/or private donors with regard to making necessary repairs to the interior and exterior of the house. Several areas of the house have unfortunately fallen into disrepair due to roof leaks and

other unforeseen problems, and the Board of Trustees is now undertaking a Capital Campaign to try to restore luster to this beautiful Crown City jewel.

Marian Wickwire O'Connor, the last Wickwire to live at 37 Tompkins Street, died there in 1973. The Wickwire Residence and its contents were then sold at auction. A group of Cortland County leaders, including members of the Wickwire family, successfully campaigned to preserve the house, and it became a museum in 1975.

The mission of the 1890 House Museum states that it aims to promote and interpret the historical and cultural significance of this historic property to the public. The 1890 House seeks to collect, preserve, research, display, and interpret objects that promote local and national history of America's cultural heritage during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It was the anchor of the Historic Tompkins Street District's entry on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974, and in 1984, it received its official NYS Charter to operate as a 501(c)(3)historic house museum.

As mentioned above, many of the rooms in the house are currently in need of restoration, with windows, ceilings, and walls that have been damaged due to natural deterioration and/ or other problems, such as roof leaks. Because of this, many aspects of the rooms are in need of repair or replacement. Some of the parquet floors and beautiful stained-glass panels need some TLC as well. If you are interested in helping out with the campaign, please visit https://the1890house.org/ for $more \, information, to \, contact \, us, or \, to \, donate. \, Several \, \, donation$ levels are outlined on the web site's Capital Campaign page, but patrons may choose to enter/contribute any amount that works for them. Any amount is appreciated.

The Board of Trustees also encourages the public to stop in for a tour. The museum is open to the public as follows: Thursday through Saturday from 11:00am to 4:00pm; and on Sundays from noon to 4:00pm. Tours last approximately 60-90 minutes and cover Wickwire family history, servant life, and social customs of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Group tours are also available. Tours will cover all four floors of the museum. We hope that you will stop by and see us soon!

DRYDEN SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH MARCH 28

THE DRYDEN SENIOR CITIZENS WILL meet on Monday, March 28, 2022 at the Dryden Veterans Memorial Home, Route 13, Dryden. Lunch is served at 12:15 p.m. with announcements and a meeting starting at 11:45 a.m. The menu will be Chicken and Biscuits, tossed salad, squash, and lemon bars. The mea cost is \$8.00 for members and \$9.00 non-members. Our speaker will be Diane Pamel, Director of the Southworth Library, Dryden.

The yearly DSC membership is \$5.00 and we meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. Anyone in the area 55 or older is welcome to join this great group for a delicious meal exciting programs, and wonderful camaraderie. Join us and bring a friend!

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Most monument companies don't do any of the hands-on work anymore, Ty explains, they are mainly a middleman, selling you the monument and ordering it from a manufacturer already lettered and designed. It comes in a box and the monument company delivers it to the location. The family has no recourse if something is wrong, without waiting months for a replacement if at all.



Another major flaw in having it done at a factory, is there are many monument companies with orders in and it could take months to get your memorial and they charge per design and letter so there is no set price. When we sell a memorial and tell you the price, it includes all the lettering, design work and delivery, no hidden charges, we feel that is the fair way to do business, the family shouldn't be charged because their last name is three letters longer than the average.

We design and engrave what we sell, along with offering onsite lettering such as a final date, in cemeteries across Central New York. We have a large display at our main office in Scipio, and after looking for some time, found a perfect location in Cortland to open a sales office to service our families in our eastern service area at 1027 NY-13 (Tompkins St.) Cortland.

Covid-19 has presented many problems for everyone, and the memorial business is no exception. We have had supply issues with getting the granite, stencils and glues to do the engraving just to name a few. Manufacturing in Vermont at the granite quarries is at an all-time backlog and for us to just get the blank granite has slowed considerably. I can't imagine a family waiting 8 months or longer to get their family memorial engraved at the factory.



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Now Ordering with ACE Hardware - Nightingale's is excited to share that they will be ordering more and new products from ACE! Customers can expect to see an increasing number of new ACE products on the store shelves as we move thru Spring and into Summer (along with their old standbys). Look forward to the same staff & service you have come to knowbut with some new expanded departments and products filling the store!

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and lead poisoning from fishing tackle is a major cause of loon mortality.

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Lead continues to pile up in the environment where it threatens wildlife and water quality, too. Only partially banned in New York, literal tons of lead tackle products are still sold. Yet, there are many high performing, non-toxic alternatives available that don't poison wildlife and pollute water - quality products made from tungsten, steel, tin, bismuth, metal composites, glass and even ceramics (photo). They are pricier than lead, but aren't our natural resources and wildlife priceless? When retailers and anglers commit to going lead free, costs will come down.

Please help protect vulnerable wildlife and our natural resources by pledging to **fish lead free.**

Margie Manthey

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ARMERS, RURAL LANDOWNERS, AND LOCAL government ${f F}$ officials are invited to attend the 2022 Tompkins County Agriculture Summit to hear updates from agencies whose work funds, supports or impacts our area's agriculture and rural communities. Presenters at this year's summit include representatives from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA Farm Service Agency, Cornell University Department of Biological & Environmental Engineering, New York Soil Health Initiative, Tompkins County Soil & Water Conservation District, and Cornell Cooperative Extension Tompkins County (CCETompkins).

The 2022 Tompkins County Agriculture Summit will be a hybrid meeting with both online and in-person attendance possible, to be held Wednesday, March 23 from 11:30am to 3:00pm. Lunch and registration will start at 11:30am with the presentations to begin at 12:15pm. Zoom participants are invited to join the meeting at 12:10pm. Presenters will discuss funding opportunities, the latest soil health research, results of the CCETompkins Enviro-Benchmarking survey and more.

Advance registration for the 2022 Tompkins Agriculture Summit is required. Please visit http://ccetompkins.org/ Ag-Summit to register. Lunch will be provided for inperson attendees and a \$10 contribution is requested. Zoom attendance is free. If you are unable to attend but would like a recording of the meeting, please register and you will receive a video link a few days after the event.

The 2022 Agriculture Summit is organized by CCETompkins and the Tompkins County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board, with support from Tompkins County Farm Bureau and Farm Credit East. Questions about the Summit may be directed to Jenna DeRario, Payment for Ecosystem Services Educator, Cornell Cooperative Extension Tompkins County, at jd965@cornell.edu or (607) 272-2292 voicemail #282.

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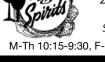


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