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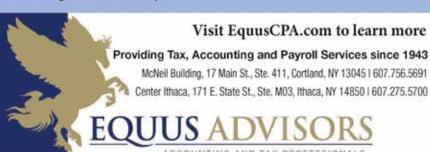
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February 8 - Valentine's Day Issue

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February 22 - Senior Citizen Issue

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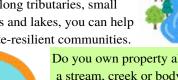
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AR OF 1812: AN MONTHLY Adult Discussion series to start Thursday January 26 at 6 pm at the Southworth Library. In a four month series of historical discussion based on texts, articles and film, participants will reflect on history, much of it occurring in our backyard, and its implications for those involved.

**JANUARY 26** 

In the War of 1812, the United States took on the greatest naval power in the world, Great Britain, in a conflict that would define the United States as a world power. Though the War of 1812 is remembered as a relatively minor conflict in the United States and Britain, it looms large for Canadians and for Native Americans, who see it as a decisive turning point in their own struggle to govern themselves. In this series we will look at the war of 1812, its local impact, and how it is viewed from the perspectives of the United States, Britain, Canada and the Native American nations, using several films and texts. Dr. David Flaten, Professor of History at Tompkins Cortland Community College, will facilitate discussions each month based on readings and film excerpts. Register for one or all of the discussion sessions on the fourth Thursday of the month starting Thursday January 26 at 6 pm and continuing on February 23, March 23 and April 27- all at 6 pm

This program is made possible through support from Humanities New York grant and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Humanities New York's Adult Reading & Discussion programs are designed to foster active reading and thinking, incorporating texts that serve as catalysts for civic engagement, cultural understanding, and personal reflection. Visit humanitiesny.org to learn more. Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in this program do not necessarily represent those of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

All are invited to join in the conversation! Call (607-844-4782) or email director@southworthlibrary.org to register here and get the materials and other information. Southworth

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Many hibernation dens are exposed to cold air, such as those located under fallen trees or dug into earthen banks. Here, the mother bear acts like a furnace, snuggling with her babies and warming them with her breath. While they don't hibernate, the cubs do take plenty of naps. When they snooze, Mama will, too; but contrary to popular belief, she is awake and alert when her

Her milk contains 33 percent fat, so the cubs grow quickly. By the time they leave the den in springtime, they will weigh 10 to 15 pounds and be about the size of a volleyball. Sadly, only half of all cubs will survive the first 6 months. Their future hinges  $heavily \, upon \, that \, of \, their \, mother's \, survival \, from \, various \, threats$ including spring bear hunts and collisions with automobiles.

Article by Margie Manthey Photo: Wikipedia



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

'N THE LAST ISSUE OF the CAT, we asked if you knew **⊥**what the original name of Sands Street was. According to the 1888 map of Cortland at CCHS, this street was originally named Richard Street. While we don't know the origin of the name for Richard Street yet (more research needed!), our resources say that it was named Sands Street after George S. Sands.

Sands came to Cortland in 1867, and he attended the Cortland Normal School when it opened in 1869. In 1870, he entered the law office of M.M. Waters to study law for three years, after which he was admitted to the bar in 1873. George was elected to the position of town clerk for two years and served as justice of the peace for six years. This would have been in Cortlandville. In 1883, he resigned from the justice of the peace office to turn his full attention to his law practice. In 1896, he was nominated for the position of justice of the supreme court in the 6th judicial district. Sands did serve on the state assembly in 1899 and 1900, but we don't have a family file and our reference books stop at 1899. George S. Sands was a mason and belonged to the Tioughnioga Club. He was a member of the Cortland County Bar

Do you know what year Greek Peak opened? We'll have the answer in the next issue of the CAT!

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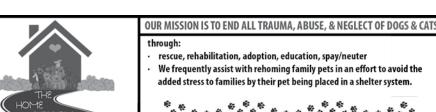
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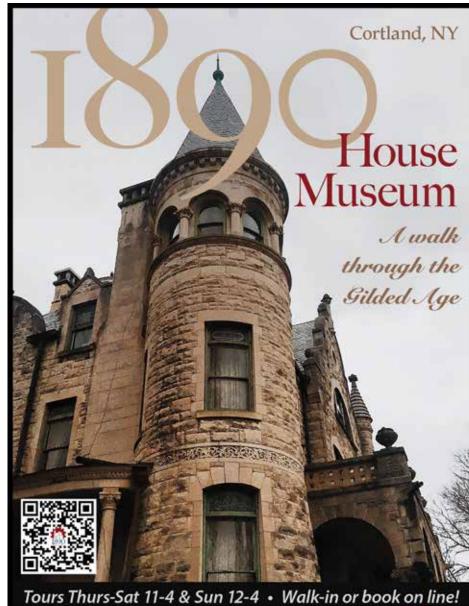
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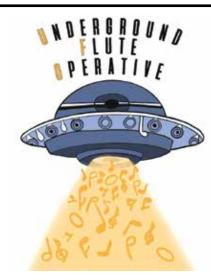






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This may sound simple, but there are three directions to pursue: reducing your adjusted gross income, increasing your deductions and maximizing tax credits to arrive at a lower taxable income and/or tax due.

Always make use of tax deferred retirement plans - 401(k), non-profit 403(b), SEP, Simple IRA, traditional IRA, etc. Contributions to these plans will reduce your taxable income





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Finally, have a conversation with your tax advisor about your situation. Your advisor may then be able to point out ways for you to reduce your taxes that you are not utilizing right now.

Best of health in the new year!

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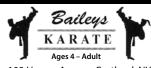
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At New Park, you can get married in a classic Finger Lakes setting—a gorge in the forest! You'll follow the creek past the "Rock Garden" into a clearing—the area opens up and you're standing under a forest canopy, surrounded by your loved ones. The best part is the area is completely closed to the public and you and your closest friends and family can stay on the property all weekend long.

New Park Event Venue & Suites at 1500 Taughannock Blvd Ithaca, NY 14850 is a stunning and inspirational event and retreat center with several special spaces to accommodate overnight guests. New Park can host any gathering large or small—weddings, reunions, anniversaries, memorials, corporate retreats, etc. New Park also has several incredible suites and cottages with stonework, stained glass, and details that make a romantic and special place to stay. Outside of the suites, the property features several trails to explore the forest and a creek weaves its way through the property. Guests can expect a stay that combines the best of nature and luxury.

Weddings at New Park feature lawn games, fireworks, and guitars for guests to jam out to by the bonfire after a long day of celebrating. Guests can look forward to complimentary robes and slippers, Japanese bidets, heated floors, and artistic mosaics in every suite. Guests are encouraged to reconnect with nature during their visit by using the complimentary in-room yoga mats and exploring the many trails on the beautiful property. Last but not least...New Park has dog-friendly suites and dogs are welcome at weddings too!

Discover New Park by walking through 360 images and video on their website, newparkeventvenue.com, or email us at <a href="mailto:newpark@fingerlakesvenue.com">newpark@fingerlakesvenue.com</a>.



# **2023 TIOGA COUNTY**RABIES VACCINATION CLINICS!

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 19TH

Candor EMS Building (58 Main St, Candor) 5:30pm - 7:30pm

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 18TH

Stray Haven

(194 Shepard Rd, Waverly) 12:00pm - 2:00pm

SATURDAY, MAY 13TH

Stray Haven

(194 Shepard Rd, Waverly) 11:00am - 1:00pm

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 1ST

**Hickories Park** 

(359 Hickories Park Rd, Owego) 5:30pm - 7:30pm

SATURDAY, JULY 15TH

Stray Haven

(194 Shepard Rd, Waverly) 9:00am - 11:00am



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#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 31ST

Rawley Park

(13334 St Rt 38, Richford) 5:30pm - 7:30pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

Stray Haven

(194 Shepard Rd, Waverly) 12:00pm - 2:00pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

**Campville Fire Station** 

(1281 St Rt 38, Owego) 5:30pm - 7:30pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

Stray Haven

(194 Shepard Rd, Waverly) 12:00pm - 2:00pm

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Please visit Stray Haven's Facebook page or website to register for their clinics.





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Originally known as LaFayette Well Drilling, established in 1963 by Howard Shute, and brother-in-law, Warren Shetler, both the business and their reputation grew over the years. Shute continued on with the business after Shetler decided to pursue other interests.

Shute was then joined by his sons, Mark, Neil and Scott. Howard Shute retired at nearly 80 years of age while his sons continued the family tradition of providing safe and pure water to the community.

Today, Shute's Water Systems is run by Scott Shute and Matt Farkas, and Shute's Excavation is run by Todd Shute. Scott's wife Becky runs the office with Mark Shute's daughter Jill. The



family attributes the majority of its continued success from recommendations it receives from satisfied customers.

Shute said many municipal water systems contain calcium and magnesium, which as "hard" substances, form scale and create problems in water heaters, dish washers and plumbing systems.

Water purification can include the removal of iron, sulfur, chlorine and bacteria in a chemical-free process. Softening the water is also important and has many benefits, not only for family members, but for plumbing systems and appliances too.

"Uncontaminated water is essential for good health," Shute said. "Foul-smelling or unusual odors from your water should make you question your water's quality and safety."

Many families throughout Central New York use well water as a source of drinking water and for all its household needs. Unfortunately, water containing hydrogen sulfide gas has a distinctive "rotten egg" odor which is especially noticeable when running hot water.

Shute said the danger lies in a gradual chemical reaction

"Hydrogen sulfide gas will corrode plumbing metals such as iron, steel, copper and brass, and the exposed metal parts in appliances such as dish washers and washing machines" Shute said. "Also, corrosion of iron and steel pipes from ferrous sulfide, or 'black water,' that can darken everyday tableware, discolor copper and brass utensils and alter the appearance and taste of cooked foods."

Additionally, Shute said, sulfur water can make washing clothes more difficult.

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