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m Squad}$ that was established in 1948, the Marathon Area Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc. (MAVAC) was launched in January 2000 as a separate not-for-profit organization ambulance service, dedicated to providing emergency medical care within Marathon and the surrounding communities. As a not-for-profit ambulance corps, MAVAC is separated from the Marathon Fire Department, but maintains a close affiliation with many members active in both organizations. MAVAC provides advanced life support ambulance service, but is a first response system dedicated to serving; Marathon, Lapeer, Freetown, Willet, Virgil, and Lisle, and provides other neighboring EMS agencies mutual aid when requested.

The Marathon Area Volunteer Ambulance Association Corps receives approximately 800 emergency calls each year, with most calls being within their primary coverage district. However, around 20 percent of their responses are for emergencies outside their own district. During a crisis, the MAVAC Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics can provide Basic and Advanced Life Support care. Recently, the MAVAC organization was awarded the 2023 Lipinski Rural Initiatives Award for their dedication to saving lives. With this award, it is going to further expand its location.

MAVAC is moving forward with plans to construct a new ambulance station and potentially a retail space that will be leased to a possible pharmacy. The new station will provide much-needed space for MAVAC's expansion and allow them to provide additional services to local residents. To learn more about this award it can be viewed at youtube.com/ watch?v=OKc6mUvLeZ4.

Each member of the MAVAC team has been thoroughly trained and the providers have lots of practical experience. For example, the EMTs have completed 130 hours of classes, and hospital or ride-a-long training. However, the Paramedic complete's training that spans between one to two years with significant clinical training hours and rigorous skills exams. Paramedics also have the skills authorized to administer medications and to perform advanced medical procedures. MAVAC's ambulance drivers workers are all first responders who are certified, including CPR/AED. Open to the public through MAVAC are CPR, AED, and certified in the future babysitter training classes for young adults.

Community involvement is just another way they get involved to bridge a connection to the locals. Each year, MAVAC provides ambulance coverage for the CNY Maple Festival, has been on standby coverage for the Marathon Scholars race as well as high school athletic events, and has offered blood pressure checks to the public. Community residents in the region can listen to Marathon Area Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc. live feeds of emergency calls placed in Marathon and other Cortland County areas by visiting MAVAC's website at marathonambulance.org, and keep up to date as well.

It is listed on the website along with their current MAVAC news tab that keeps locals up to date on what MAVAC does for the community. Anyone interested in joining can fill out an employee application on their website or by the submission form on their Contact Us page. Located on 2 Peck Street, these hard working members can be reached by phone at (607) 849-6157, or by email at MarathonAmbulance@gmail.com.

Photo (L-R): EMT Cassie Chalon, EMT John Tillotson, Medic Tiffani Kern

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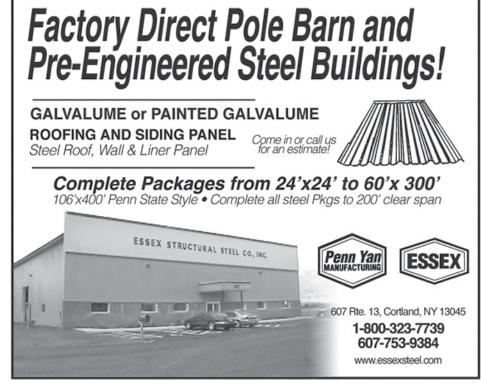
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For the lunch N learn on Wednesday, December 6 at noon, we welcome Carol Hockett from the Johanon Art Museum at Cornell for a look at the work and art of photojournalist Margaret Bourke-White.

The final night of the Prohibition series with David Flaten will be on Tuesday, December 12 at 6 pm. All are welcome to

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Storytime continues on Fridays this month with yoga, Chanukah, Gingerbread men and holiday stories. No storytime on Friday December 29.

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• CRT's Holiday Brunch Fundraiser: Saturday, December 9, 11AM – 2PM. CRT's Board of Directors will again host the theatre's 2nd Annual Holiday Brunch Fundraiser. Enjoy a delicious brunch from M&D Deli, bid on unique silent auction baskets, scoop up holiday spirits in wine grab bags, and enjoy a one-hour concert by Lisa Rock and "A Carpenters Christmas". Tickets are sold as tables of 4 for \$150.00.

- Lisa Rock and "A Carpenters Christmas": Saturday, December 9 at 7:30PM and Sunday, December 10 at 2PM: Based on the music of The Carpenters' two holiday albums and variety shows, this "trip down memory lane" holiday concert features "Merry Christmas Darling", the jazzy "Santa Claus is Comin' to Town" and many more. Adults: \$35.00. Seniors (62 and up)/Military: \$33.00. 21 and under: \$25.00. Groups of 4: \$120.00.
- Third Thursday Trivia: December 21 at 7:00PM: Hosted by Producing Artistic Director Kerby Thompson. This monthly "mini-fundraiser" includes six trivia rounds of five questions each, with various topics including pop culture, movies, literature, history and this month, the holidays. Admission is \$5.00 per person; teams may be comprised of up to 4 people. Prizes are presented for each round, with a grand prize for the evening. A beer/wine cash bar will be available, and free snacks are offered.





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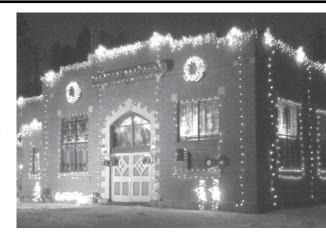
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In 2001, Ken and I bought three alpacas. Another soon followed. Over the years we have had as many as 92 livestock on the farm that have coexisted with chickens, guinea hens and cats. After 20+ years we have found that it is time to move on to focus more on the rental business and are downsizing our herd. In doing so, we will give discounts to guests who visit to spend a weekend deciding if they want to get into the business and purchase alpacas from us.

People who are interested in a hobby farm of their own can arrange for an Alpaca 101 class where we will teach all aspects of raising them. Some of the things we encourage prospective

owners to find out before buying are: what kind of dwellings and how much pasture space alpacas need, what kind of food they eat, how healthy they are in general, and what kind of medicines they need. This member of the camelid family does live comfortably in Central New York and can live between 16 and 22 years. We can also instruct on breeding. Raising livestock can be both rewarding and challenging. We have been fortunate enough to have had very few difficult births and sicknesses and have great veterinarians who help out when needed. Shots are given once a month to help keep a parasite away and shearing day every spring is a time for friends to help and have fun. It is exciting when a new baby (cria) comes into the world and it is fun to watch it grow and run around the pasture chasing after butterflies and guinea hens. Spring and Fall are always a busy time of year taking some of the young stock and herd sires to special events to show them off. There are some proud alpacas on this farm



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By Jaxyn Boyce

THUTE'S WATER SYSTEM AND WELL Drilling has been a family-Operated business since 1963, when Howard Shute and his brother-in-law, Warren Shetler, first opened the business. Originally named Lafayette Well Drilling, Howard Shute carried the business alongside his sons; Mark, Neil, and Scott, and its reputation for many years until Howard Shute officially retired at almost 80 years. Scott Shute and Matt Farkas continue the effort of providing safe and clean water. The office is run by Scott's wife, Becky, and Mark Shute's daughter, Jill. Satisfied customer recommendations and glowing reviews are attributed to Shute's Water Systems and Well Drilling's success.

Now serving the CNY's areas, including Syracuse, Baldwinsville, Cortland, Cazenovia, Chittenango, Canastota, Fayetteville, Auburn, Tully, Lafayette, Marcellus, Manilus, Camillus, and Skaneateles. Scott Shutes mentions, "With years of experience, our team will assess your needs and create a custom water system plan or repair that's right for you."There are tests to determine the specific needs of a customer, and the basic water analysis of hard metals is free. For a more detailed survey, called the Water quality indicators (WQI), there is the option to test for microorganisms and bacteria. Shute's Water Systems conducts the test, and the results are then sent to a lab. They stress the importance of well-testing as the lasting effects can lead to health problems.

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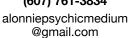
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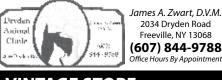
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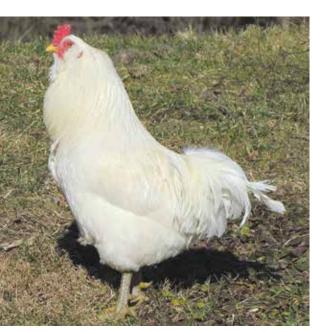
Move over, Rudolph! On Christmas Eve, in the skies over Australia, Santa's sleigh is pulled by flying kangaroos. Folks down under sing, "Six White Boomers" (a boomer is a male kangaroo). The refrain goes like this: "Six white boomers, snow white boomers, racing Santa Claus through the blazing sun. Six white boomers, snow white boomers, on his Australian run."

Meanwhile, in Russia, Santa is called "Ded Moroz," or Father Frost. Rather than traversing the skies, he covers ground in a wheeled troika pulled by horses, festively harnessed three abreast.

Shortly before Christmas on the winter solstice, Germans celebrate St. Thomas Day with humor. Anyone sleeping late that day, or who arrives to work tardy, is christened "Thomas Donkey." They are given a cardboard donkey and must endure hours of good natured ribbing. Finally, at day's end, all is forgiven—and they are treated to frosted currant buns called Thomasplitzchen.

At midnight on Christmas Eve in Bolivia, many families attend Misa de Gallo, or the "Rooster's Mass," so named because church goers are returning to their homes near to the time that roosters begin crowing to greet Christmas morning.

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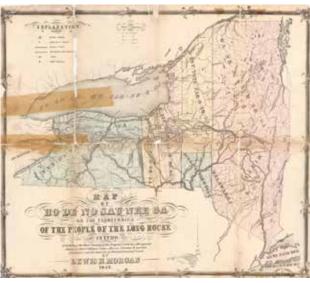
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THE STUDENT DELI IS A New York style deli located at 134 Main St. in Cortland, NY. The deli is run by five brothers with big hearts and big dreams. Diligently working 7 days a week from early morning (7 am Mon-Sat, 8 am Sun) until late night (12 am), the family provides a much needed service to the Cortland community while being joyful, pleasant and with a smile.

With its bright lights and name beckoning to students, locals and travelers alike, the store and grocery offers a wide range of snacks, drinks, and convenience items in addition to the delicious deli in the back

The deli serves up everything from breakfast favorites, such as bacon, egg and cheese sandwiches, bagels, omelets (only \$4.79!) to classic subs made with Boar's Head meats and cheeses to traditional Halal staples like chicken or lamb and rice, chicken or lamb gyros, as well as cheeseburgers, chicken

4-9pm

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tenders, waffle fries, curly fries, Philly cheesesteaks, chopped cheese and so much more.

If you aren't familiar with a chopped cheese sandwich, it is a NYC (and beyond) favorite that originated in the 1950's with the same ingredients as a cheeseburger, but chopped up to maximize the flavor. People have sought after it ever since.

Keep an eye out as many developments are coming to this already plentiful space. Do yourself a favor and stop in and check out The Student Deli.



Christmas in Richford

Tree Lighting Ceremony 4:00pm to 5:30pm Richford Graded Schoolhouse

Rt. 38, Richford

Sunday, December 10, 2023

4:00 pm Santa Arrives! **Hot Cocoa and Cookies**

4:30 pm Veteran Trees Lighting
Reading of names. Purchase bulbs for \$4.00 at the Country
Moose, Richford Plaza to honor. Funds donated to veteran's 1

4:45 pm Community Sing-along

5:00 pm Tree lighting!

First annual tree lighting in Berkshire - help them celebrate!

A lighted Christmas tree celebration representing area families, businesses, and organizations

The event is sponsored by the Town of Richford, Richford Historical Society, Richford Fire Department, Richford Congregational Church, The Country Moose, and the Davis,

Gordinier and Sherwood Families. refit the Northern Tioga Chamber of Commerce and Io Come enjoy the celebration!



COUNTRY MOOSE CUISINE CORNER EASY CHEESY CASSEROLE

By Dawn Potter

- 1 qt Water
- 1/2 t Salt
- 2 C Uncooked Pasta of choice
- 180z. block Sharp Cheddar Cheese (I prefer Cabot Seriously Sharp), shredded
- 2-3 C V8 Vegetable Juice
- 3 slices Buttered Bread, sliced into strips

Bring water and slat to a boil and add pasta. Cook until approximately halfway done. Drain. In a medium size over safe bowl, layer pasta with shredded cheese. Gently pour V8 juice over the top until it just reaches the top layer. Use a table knife or fork to shift pasta and cheese to accept the juice. Cover the top with buttered strips of bread. Bake at 350° for one hour. Enjoy!

Best served with a glass of white wine.

 $The\ Country\ Moose\ has\ a\ great\ variety\ of\ dishes\ and\ glassware$ that would go well with these dishes. Stop by the shop and browse through the several options available of dishes and $glassware\ that\ will\ fit\ your\ menu\ needs.\ Every\ day\ brings\ a\ new$ and unique collection that is fun and beautiful, and will make your meal appetizing and appealing.

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EGO BATTERY EQUIPMENT IS AN increasingly popular choice of battery powered outdoor tools and equipment among customers in recent years. The EGO line of equipment ranges from battery powered string trimmers, leaf blowers, chainsaws to lawn mowers and snow blowers. While there are now many options for battery powered equipment (including those by Milwaukee and Dewalt just to name a few), the EGO lineup is especially popular for its larger equipment like its push mowers, snow blowers and even riding mowers. All EGO equipment uses lithium rechargeable batteries that are compatible with all EGO's tools and chargers—but some jobs need more power than others, so there are different options in terms of the power of the batteries to choose from (ranging from 2.5Ah to 12.0Ah). Customers love that any battery can power any tool--With the convenience of universal battery compatibility, you can use any size battery for any tool in the EGO POWER+ lineup. Battery powered equipment is quieter, cleaner and lighter than traditional gas-powered equipment.

As winter weather approaches, many customers have taken advantage of the ability of browsing the EGO selection of snow blowers on the Ace website and having their choice delivered directly to Nightingale's Tully Lakes Hardware for free where they can then pick it up assembled and ready to go. Nightingale's also stocks some EGO snowblowers in store, along with an aisle of hand-held EGO products so customers can browse and look at different products in person. Stop by Nightingale's, located in the Village of Tully to learn more about battery powered equipment or to check out the EGO snow blowers this winter!



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