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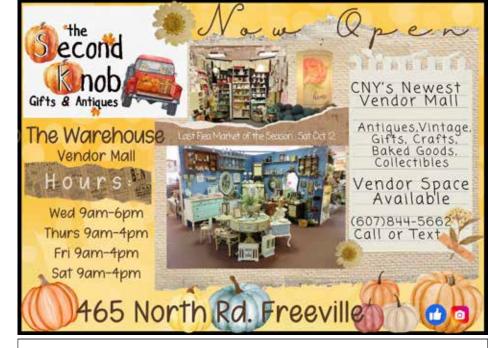
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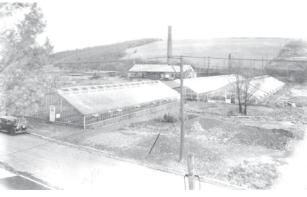
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# **CORTLAND COUNTY TRIVIA** FROM THE CORTLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

 $\Gamma$ N THE LAST ISSUE OF the CAT, we asked if you knew what year Shaw & Boehler Florist opened for business. You might be surprised to learn that this question has stumped us at CCHS! Newspaper clippings on file contributed to much confusion so we turned to the city directories. Here we found that around 1926-1927, Earl S. Shaw and Winfield H. Boehler purchased an already established floral business located at 29-31 N. Main St. in Cortland from Claude V. Hike. Their ad on the cover of the 1927 city directory says that Shaw & Boehler are the successors to Hike. For the business to be featured in the 1927 directory, it was likely 1926 when it changed hands because in the 1926 directory, Hike was listed as the owner. According to a June 10, 2025, Facebook post, Shaw & Boehler celebrated 100 years of business this year. What is the correct answer?

Well, we can't say for certain. The question we now ask is what makes a business a business? Is it the name or is it the type of business? Is it an uninterrupted chain of service? If we say it is the type of business, the floral shop which eventually became Shaw & Boehler can at least be traced back to L.D.C. Hopkins in 1879. Hopkins started out on Groton Ave (then called Cortland Street!) and moved to 31 N. Main St. around 1893/4. But if we go with when Earl S. Shaw and Winfield H. Boehler acquired the business, we would say 1926-1927. Of course, history would be much neater if we had documentation for every transfer of this business over time and we could see all the details of each exchange. This is one that requires more research for us to give vou an answer!

And our trivia question for the next issue is: Do you know what CoBakCo stands for?



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The Flyways Citizen Science Program, a collaboration between SciStarter and HHMI Tangled Bank Studios, aims to foster science education and citizen science. Through this program, the Southworth Library will host and promote events featuring the acclaimed film "Flyways" and related citizen science projects that support local and migratory bird species. These events aim to inspire community members to contribute to scientific research and conservation efforts

Upcoming events at the library will include

Screening of the film "Flyways," with Dr. Ben Mirin (Cornell University) on Tuesday, October 1 at 6:30 pm. The film and program will be available as a hybrid presentation for those who want to participate offsite. Dr Mirin will be available for questions after the film. The Zoom link will be provided for registrants.

Cornell Raptors will come to the library on Saturday, October 5 at 10:30 am with a variety of live birds of prey and information about them. Hands-on activities for families will also be featured at this

Lunch & Learn on Wednesday, October 9 at noon with Dr. Jody Enck to learn more about local birds, birdwatching and walks and the eBird and Merlin apps. Dr Enck is the founder of the Sister Bird Club

Several Citizen Science kits will be available for checkout at the library with binoculars and other information as well..

"We are honored and excited to engage our community in such an important initiative," said Diane Pamel, Library Director. "Bird migration is a fascinating and vital natural process, and through the Flyways program, we hope to inspire our patrons to contribute to scientific research and conservation efforts."

For more information and registration links for these Flyways Citizen Science events visit www.southworthlibrary.org or call us at 607-844-4782, Monday to Friday from 10 am to 6 pm and Saturdays Southworth Library is committed to serving the community by providing access to information, resources, and opportunities for lifelong learning. Through a variety of programs and services, Southworth Library aims to enrich the lives of its patrons and promote a love of reading, learning, and discovery.

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Text-The Cold War: A New History by John Lewis Gaddis

Film excerpts from Secrets & Spies- A Nuclear Game BBC2 series

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Text: A Spy Among Friends: Kim Philby and the Great Betrayal by Ben

Possible excerpts from new series on MGM+ and Amazon prime

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December 17 at 6:30 pm: Spies and double agents- the story of Oleg Gordievsky, the Russian whose secret work helped hasten the end of the Cold War.

Text: The Spy and the Traitor: The Greatest Espionage Story of the Cold War by Ben MacIntyre

Film excerpt from BBC2 series Secrets & Spies

January 28 at 6:30 pm: The New Cold Wars-What have we learned and a look at how Russia, China and the United States are maneuvering the current world order

Text: New Cold Wars: China's Rise, Russia's Invasion, and America's Struggle to Defend the West by David Sanger

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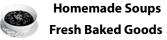
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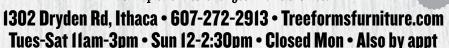
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Now serving the CNY's areas, including Syracuse, Baldwinsville, Cortland, Cazenovia, Chittenango, Canastota, Fayetteville, Auburn, Tully, Lafayette, Marcellus, Manilus, Camillus, and Skaneateles. Scott Shutes mentions, "With years of experience, our team will assess your needs and create a custom water system plan or repair that's right for vou."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.

There are a few things to keep in mind when determining the quality or purity of the water. Examples are; recent

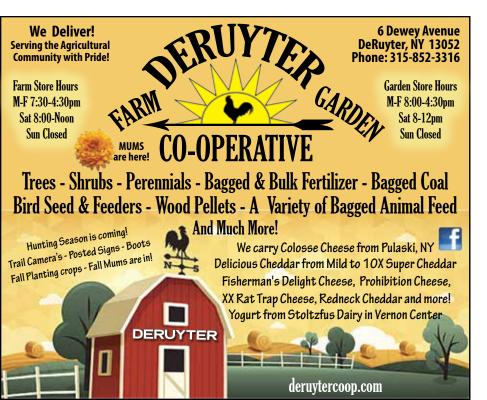




construction, location, maintenance, the water source, and any septic floods that could cause leakage into the well. These area contaminants vary upon location as well. Shute's Water systems have Ultraviolet filters, Chlorination and Filtration setup, and Carbon and Sediment filters. If water is determined to be hard, there are also conditioning treatments available, like; reverse osmosis, salt-based or salt-free, dual water tank softener, or a magnetic water descaler.

Shute's Water Systems can provide installation and maintenance on water pumps and storage systems. Any brand is available and can be maintained. However, a brand manufactured in the Auburn and Seneca area, Goulds, is a popular choice. In addition, Shute's Well Drilling is a fourgeneration business, with Mark and his son Jeff overseeing. Both experienced and reliable, the benefits of private well water can provide financial benefits, as well as cleaner water overall. Free from water bills, and the toxins public water can carry, Shute's Well Drilling installs quality wells for its customers. Their slogan is, "Quality Water From Your Well To Your Faucet!" Shute's Well Drilling is located on Highway 20, in Lafayette. They can be reached at (315) 952-4113. Shute's Water System is also located in Lafayette on 5684 Route 20. To schedule an appointment, they can be reached at (315)









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PRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY TO Greek Peak Mountain Resort on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> for a day of adventure, fun, and music. This year's festival will feature the exciting and crowdpleasing "Let's Sing Taylor" – a Taylor Swift tribute band that has captivated audiences nationwide. Tickets for the event are available two ways: (1) Concert-only for just \$22 per person, or (2) Opt for the VIP package and spend the entire day at Greek Peak with access to the Waterpark, Mountain Coaster, and Sky Tour Rides, for just \$33 per person. All tickets must be purchased online and in advance, and VIP package tickets are limited and selling fast, so go to www.greekpeak.net for more details and to get yours today!

With live music, and access to some of Greek Peak's favorite amenities, attendees can embrace the spirit of fall while

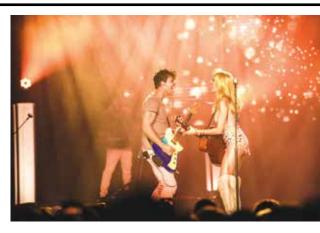
enjoying top-tier entertainment. In addition, Greek Peak's fall festival grounds will showcase a variety of seasonal activities such as pumpkin painting, friendship bracelet making, games, a petting zoo, and Greek Peak Ski Club's annual Swap Sale, which is perfect timing in advance of the 2024-25 ski season. This is a rain or shine event.

"We are thrilled to host 'Let's Sing Taylor' at this year's Fall Fest," said Wes Kryger, President of Greek Peak Mountain Resort. "This event is always a highlight of the season, and having a Taylor Swift tribute band will make it even more special. We look forward to welcoming families and fans of all ages to join us for an unforgettable day of music and fall festivities."

Greek Peak's Fall Fest isn't just for music lovers—there's something for everyone. With the VIP Pass, you can plan an entire day of family fun at the resort. Maybe start your day at the Waterpark before heading across the street for a Mountain Coaster ride and then to the main festival area for a Sky Tour Ride ahead of "Let's Sing Taylor" taking the stage at 3 p.m. It's a great opportunity for families to explore all the amenities Greek Peak offers, ensuring that even the youngest festival-goers have a day filled with fun.

"Fall Fest is a time to come together as a community and celebrate everything that makes this season special," Kryger added. "Whether you're here for the music, the food, or the scenic beauty of the mountain, there's no better place to be this fall than Greek Peak."





This highly anticipated event is expected to draw crowds from across New York State, so guests are encouraged to purchase tickets early. Again, tickets are available now and selling fast on Greek Peak's website at www.greekpeak.net. Buy your tickets today!

#### About Greek Peak Mountain Resort

A mountain of memories awaits you at Greek Peak Mountain Resort, Central New York's largest ski resort. Greek Peak Mountain Resort was founded in 1958 and has remained at the leading edge of the ski industry with forty-four ski trails and eleven glades, six chair lifts, two surface lifts, a tubing conveyor lift, a beginners' slope, and new and improved terrain parks. The four-season family resort is located in New York's scenic Finger Lakes region, conveniently just minutes from Interstate I-81. Under its new ownership, the mountain has many new amenities and recent investments including The Lookout at Hope Lake, a stand-alone indoor/outdoor event space overlooking a beautiful lake and mountains, Carvers  $Steakhouse\ in\ Hope\ Lake\ Lodge,\ Trax\ Pub\ and\ Grill\ restaurant$ with an expansive 6,000 square foot deck in the main ski lodge, Waterfalls Spa, a quad chairlift, updated ski and board equipment in the rental shop, a state of the art ski and board tuning facility, and a new Campground at Hope Lake with 26 full-service RV sites (water, electric, sewer) and another 15 Camper/Tent sites with water and electric access. Wifi and bath house/laundry access is also available at the Campground with the Adventure Center's Mountain Coaster, Ziplines, and Aerial Ropes course right across the street along with Mountain Bike Park access to 17 trails ranging from beginner









# NAVIGATING NOSTALGIA & NEW IDEAS

HEN I DECIDED TO RE-OPEN a storefront earlier this year, a lot of factors came into play including a sharing of staff to between my shop and the new Global Thrift & More. Since our opening in March, so many changes have taken place. Most difficult to adjust to and overcome was a change in staffing as Global Thrift & More dipped their toes in a retail storefront and discovered that staffing expenses and time needed to maintain the thrift shop far exceeded original expectations and profits didn't meet expectations. Fairly quickly, the decision to bring in outside vendors to



rent space came about, which helped with The Warehouse overhead but required additional open hours (more staff time!). Following an exhausting August, Global Thrift & More owner, Nancy Bell, planned the closing of the thrift store's storefront—opting to take her thrift store online (currently in progress—stay tuned to her Facebook page for details!). It was a difficult decision but ultimately the best for her family and her other small business. In the meantime, it meant that The Second Knob had to navigate a future which now looked much different than we'd originally hoped. With a successful few months under our belt offering space to outside vendors and the very positive community response, we've continued to move forward as a vendor mall.



If you grew up in the 70's-80's, like me, you likely have fond memories of "the mall." Nowadays, with retail chain malls slowly becoming almost non-existent, we are seeing more and more vendor malls emerging to feed our teenage nostalgia.

Vendor malls, featuring a mix of vendors and merchandise, have become a trendy place, not only to shop, but to sell. Jumping on the thrifting and junkin' bandwagons, crafters, re-purposers and resellers are enjoying incredible success as small business owners without the costly overhead commitment required for a private storefront (especially staffing!). However, make no mistake; plenty of work goes into creating, setting up and maintaining a vendor booth. However, a lot of the very costly day-to-day operating expenses such as staffing, cash management point of sale,

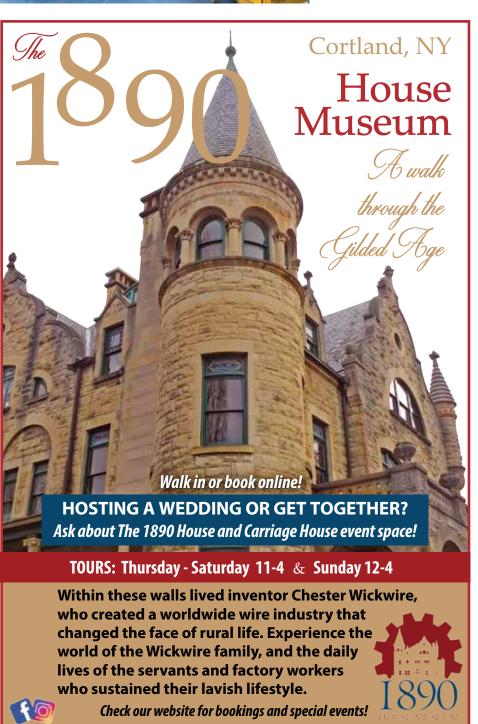
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Here at The Second Knob at The Warehouse, we offer vendors space starting at 25 sq feet. Most often, vendors opt for the standard 10x10 (100 sq ft). Unlike some vendor malls, we do not require vendors to sign up for more than one month when starting. As we move forward and grow, we will offer discounted space in exchange for volunteering time at the sales counter on weekends.



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# CREATURE FEATURE AUTUMN'S BOUNTY

Namuel Butler wrote, "Autumn is the mellower season, and what we lose in flowers we more than gain in fruits." True enough, though not just in cultivated orchards. The forest is also full of ripening fruit including viburnum, elderberry, wild grape, mayapple, staghorn sumac, dogwood, and common juniper. (Actually, juniper fruits are not true berries but soft-bodied cones. In fact, many fruits that we commonly consider berries aren't berries at all, including blueberries -- but I digress!)

Did you know that crabapples are a seasonal delight enjoyed by black bears, white-tailed deer, rabbits, and many other kinds of mammals, birds, and insects? Recently, I saw wonderful trail camera images of a coyote family eating fallen crabapples. In addition to feeding wildlife, apples and other seasonal fruits and berries also provide aesthetic beauty and pleasant fragrances as we wander the woods in autumn.

Hard mast crops, such as acorns, hickory nuts, and beechnuts, are ripening now too, causing a flurry of activity from chipmunks, squirrels, and blue jays as they race to cache autumn's bounty before winter arrives. The forest floor seems to come alive with their frenetic hustle and bustle. Indeed, an autumn stroll in the forest will likely find you being scolded by these furred and feathered foragers!

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The festival hours will be 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM on Saturday, October 14 and 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM on Sunday, October 15. Numerous vendors from New York and neighboring states will be in attendance. These artisans offer a wide variety of fiber products for sale, including yarn and knitting supplies, raw wool and roving for spinning, felting supplies and finished products, unique jewelry, hand-crafted holiday decorations, and handmade clothing items including sweaters, mittens, scarves, socks, hats, and shawls. Also available will be all-natural gift ideas such as hand-crafted wooden bowls and baskets, candles, maple products, soaps and lotions, photography and cards.

Vendors will include representatives from: Alchemist's Whim, Ancient Threads Farms, B Bowls, Blessings Bages and Blankets, Bouquet of Baskets, Dan Tracy Designs LLC, European Sheepskins, Ewe-Wooly Yarn Co., Fat Yellow Dog Farm, Felt Goods, Fibers and Creations, Fleece and Thank Ewe Fiber Worx, GLF Woolens, Glory Felt, Heather's Fun Creations, Hummingbird Hill Photography & Cards, Knit







Buffalo LLC (Sat. Only), Larrabee Farms, Lochan Mor Farm, Marion Lutz, Namaste Knolls Fiber Arts, Otter Lake Farm & Fiber, Press Gurwitz Perfumerie, Red Dog Yarn, RE FORM IT ee, River Marie Design, Rocky Top Farm Creations, S & S Syrup, Spinners Hill, Trinity Farm, Twisted Wool and West Creek Family Farm.

There is a \$5.00 entrance fee to benefit CRT. Youth 12 years and under are admitted free of charge. The CRT Guild will have a refreshment counter available with snacks, coffee, and other warm beverages as well as light lunch offerings including hot dogs, sandwiches, and a wide variety of soups.

For more information, call Cortland Repertory Theatre at 607-753-6161 or visit <a href="https://www.cortlandrep.org">www.cortlandrep.org</a>.



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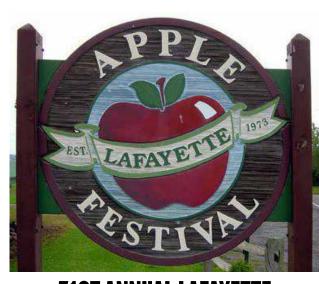
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# CHICKEN & BISCUITS DINNER SEPTEMBER 27

Cincinnatus Fire Department 5pm to 7pm

The Cincinnatus Fire Department Auxiliary would like to invite you to join us on September 27th from 5 to 7pm for a delicious Chicken and Biscuit Dinner. A the he Cincinnatus Fire Department, 5722 Telephone Road Extension, Cincinnatus. Menu Includes: Chicken and biscuits, mashed potatoes, green beans, drink and apple crisp. Price: \$12. Eat in or take out: Take-out orders call Sherry Byron: 607-345-5662. Mark your calendar and come on down to the Fire Station for a delicious meal. See you then! Proceeds to go to Cincinnatus FD Auxiliary.



# 51ST ANNUAL LAFAYETTE APPLE FEST OCTOBER 12 & 13

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