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LESSONS IN RESPECT

Promoting cultural understanding one student at a time

By Sue Henninger
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Rosa Fernandez-Sopena was born in Barcelona, Spain. One of seven children, she recalls a happy, active childhood surrounded by extended family. But she also remembers picking up on emotional currents in their home which she didn't understand until she grew older.

Not only had her parents lived through the brutal Spanish Civil War (1936-1939), they were also from opposing political parties. Her father was Fascist and her mother Republican and things could get tense at times.

As she and her siblings became more politically aware, they aligned with the Republican Party. This resulted in many heated discussions with their father.

"He enraged us with his ideas," she admitted. "But he would listen to us. My friends were not so lucky with their parents."

Though she might not always have agreed with her father's views, she valued him as a person. He helped her with her homework as a child, she said, and made lunch dates with her as a young adult so they could talk one-on-one.

"This led me to respect different opinions, even politically," she noted.

Political tensions were pervasive during Fernandez-Sopena's teen years. Even her Girl Scout group, with its commitment to social justice, was affected. Her freedom and mobility were impacted daily. Citizens of Barcelona were forbidden to gather in groups or demonstrate, speak the Catalan language, or even dance in traditional ways.



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Rosa Fernandez-Sopena, who came to the U.S. from Spain, has been teaching at Trumansburg's high school since 1997.

Being stopped by the police had a psychological impact on Fernandez-Sopena too. She often tried to make herself seem small and inconspicuous which she feels caused her to become a very private person.

"It was hard to be assertive with so much repression," she said. "We couldn't talk about so many things."

Fernandez-Sopena received her degree in elementary education from the University of Barcelona and immediately obtained a job teaching. This freed up her summer to pick fruit in Switzerland for extra cash.

There she was introduced to her future husband. The two worked and traveled around Europe for several years before returning to Syracuse, to marry and obtain her Permanent Resident (green) card.

Her first impression of America was of how diverse and friendly the country and its people were.

America truly is a "land of opportunity," she asserted, adding that

anyone can be anything they want in this country.

"Obama became President," she said. "That wouldn't happen in Spain under a dictator...I learned a lot here. Not just English!"

Though Fernandez-Sopena spoke multiple languages, she wanted to become fluent in the language of her new homeland.

"When you go to a country you should make an attempt to learn the language there," she said. "There are many ways to do this."

She signed up for a class with the Literacy Volunteers.

"They made me do a resume," she recollected. "They asked me to put in writing who I was and what my strengths and weaknesses were."

"I hadn't ever been allowed to do this in Spain," Fernandez-Sopena added. "For the first time I got to talk about me!"

Next, though she had a college degree, she signed up to take the

General Educational Development test. She noted that this helped her feel confident doing the things she had already done in Spanish in her new language.

Her first job in the area was teaching Spanish to adults at BOCES. In 1997, she applied for a position teaching Spanish at the Charles O. Dickerson High School in Trumansburg and has worked there ever since. To her it's crucial for young people to master more than one language.

"When you learn a language, you don't just learn words, you learn a new way of thinking and how others express themselves," she explained. "You also learn about their culture, how they live."

Her Spanish students come to understand that, though certain cultures may speak the same language, that doesn't mean they're exactly alike. Chileans are quite different from people from the Caribbean, she contended.

Her commitment to developing

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Tax rate drops by a nickel in proposed 2018 county budget

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By a unanimous vote, the Tompkins County Legislature last week adopted amendments to Administrator Joe Mareane's recommended 2018 budget and five-year capital program.

The budget, which would increase the county tax levy by 2.32 percent – below the tax cap number of 3.53 percent – would actually decrease the tax rate. The recommended tax rate of \$6.57 per \$1,000 of assessed property value is down by 5 cents – or 0.76 percent – from 2017; the county tax bill for the median-valued \$178,000 home would be \$1,169.46. The recommended amended budget increases use of reserves by \$948,455.

Budget chair Jim Dennis thanked everyone involved in putting together the tentative budget, and noted that this year's budget was a purposeful move by Mareane to permit legislators to be much more involved in forming the budget than they have been in the past. Legislator Martha Robertson noted the effect of "new lumber" in spreading the tax levy across a larger base and enabling continued decrease in the tax rate.

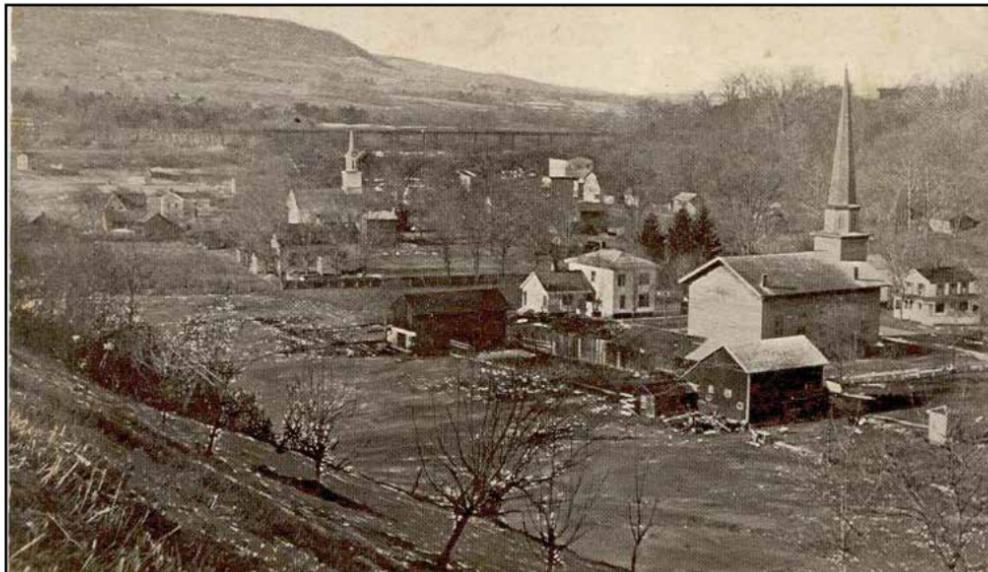
"People want to know how is development helping me," she said. "This is how it's helping us, this new value that's been built."

The tentative budget will be sent on to a public hearing at 7 p.m. Monday, October 30, at the Legislature Chambers on the second floor of the Governor Daniel D. Tompkins Building, located at 121 E. Court St. in Ithaca. The Legislature's final budget adoption vote is scheduled for November 9, and changes may still be made prior to final adoption.

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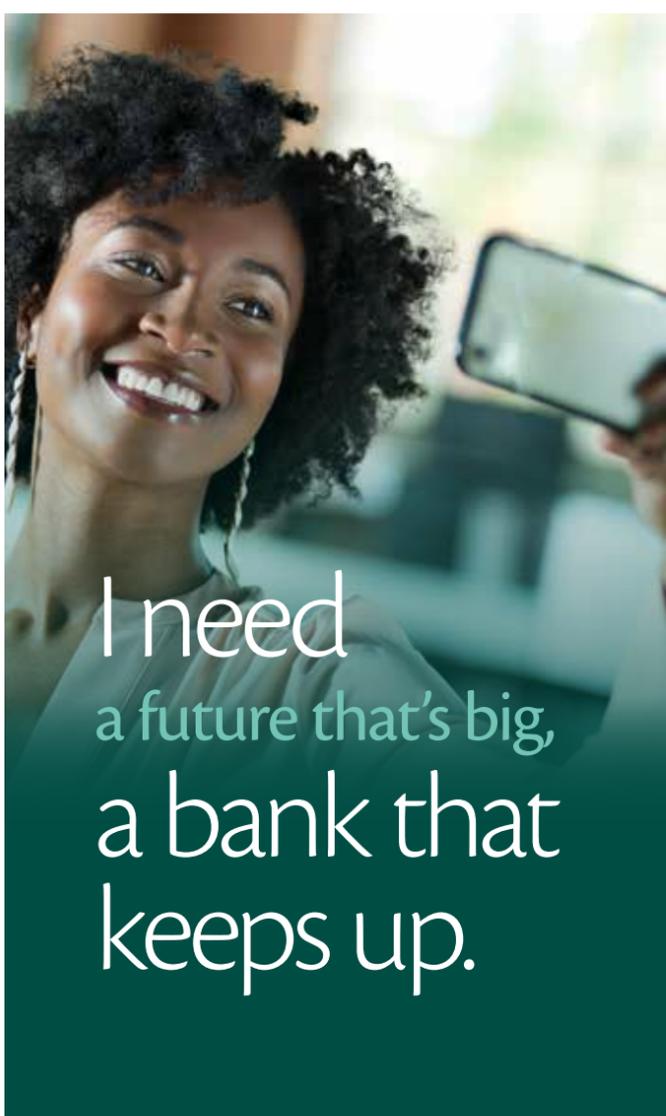
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The area in the northwest corner of Caroline now known as Brooktondale historically had been known by various names, including Mott's Corners and Brookton, but in 1926 the Post Office officially changed the name to Brooktondale. This undated postcard must pre-date that change. To see other beautiful historical images, visit The History Center in Tompkins County at 401 E. MLK Jr./State St., Suite 100 in Ithaca, or visit us online at www.thehistorycenter.net. The History Center is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, or by appointment.



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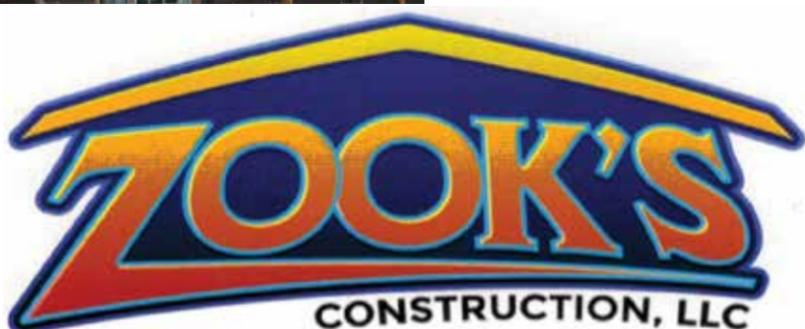
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'NY Votes for Women' anthology celebrates suffrage centennial

By Rob Montana
Tompkins Weekly

Last fall, Stacey Murphy saw some communications from the state about groups working on projects to commemorate the 100th anniversary of women getting the right to vote in New York. During conversation with fellow writers, Murphy and her cohorts decided they should undertake such a project. From that discussion came the creation of "NY Votes for Women: A Suffrage Centennial

Anthology," a collection of essays, personal reflections, poems and other writing exploring the idea of women's suffrage and equality.

"Really, it became an anthology because of what we got," said Murphy about the evolution of the project from seed of an idea to final product. "We received such an eclectic bunch of things. It really was up to whatever people wanted to do.

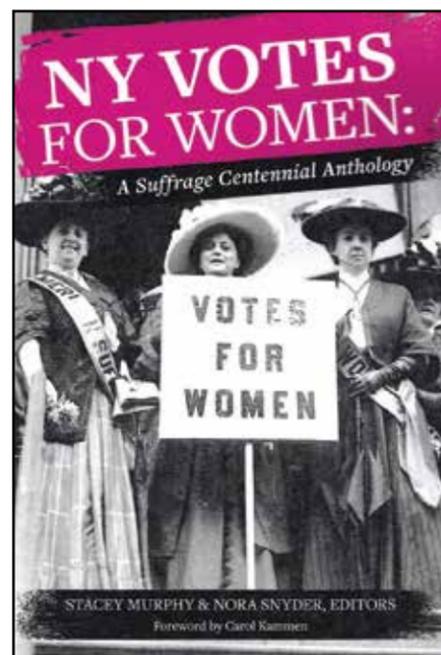
"Some people had family stories about that original era, a lot of people had a gut feeling that this was an important time and modern history

was being made," she added. "Some people were interested in the suffrage movement, and for others it was feelings about what is unfolding in the world now."

As for Murphy, she felt called to the project because of current events.

"I was looking at some old news clips and this time last year, there was an article about a Twitter blast where someone did some research about the results of the presidential election if just men voted and just women voted," she said. "I remember seeing the article and there were tweets from women saying they'd be glad to give up the right to vote to see Donald Trump elected.

"In reading that I remember thinking, 'you don't understand what you're joking about, you don't understand what you'd be giving up,'" Murphy added. "If I didn't want to do this project before that happened, that was definitely something that made me feel like something really



had to happen."

Tompkins County Historian Carol Kammen's contribution is from a talk she gave at the Women's March earlier this year.

"I was really happy to be part of this project. Stacey has been a careful and courteous leader of the book project," she said. "It is exciting to be able to let people know about how long it took women to achieve the vote – 74 years from Seneca Falls Woman's Rights Convention in 1848 – and the importance of being informed, involved and voters. It is, as we all know, a responsibility of being a citizen."

Gaia Woolf-Nightingall became involved with the book through a writing group led by Nora Snyder, who co-edited the book and also contributed a piece to the anthology, when Murphy came to one of the group's gatherings.

"Stacey was excited about the centennial celebration of the women's suffrage movement that had begun in Seneca Falls right here in New York state, and was looking for writing that could be used as part of a project to celebrate the inception of women's suffrage," she said. "I wanted to be part of the project, firstly, because as a non-native New Yorker I was intrigued by and excited, at the idea of becoming part of a local project.

"Secondly women's suffrage has from an early age been an important part of my journey. My mother instilled in me the knowledge of how women had fought to gain the vote, and how some died for that cause," added Woolf-Nightingall. "I am also acutely aware of how in many parts of the world women still struggle to have their voices heard and counted when decisions are made about how they live their lives. I was taught to always use my voice. And that by exercising my right to vote, I could shape the world into a better place for myself and other people. At the same time voting would honour the women who so tirelessly fought for my right to make my mark on the ballot paper."

Her contribution to the anthology is a personal story, weaving her journey from England to the United States, with that of her grandmother's move from England to Africa.

"I believe that we relate more

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Books on the Bus keep kids engaged during commute

By Kelsey O'Connor
The Ithaca Voice

When most people step on the bus, swipe their pass and sit down, they tune out until they reach their stop. But one bus in Ithaca is transforming that daily transit into an engaging time for kids by supplying fun and educational books.

The idea started with longtime TCAT driver Randall Turner.

When children read while in transit, Turner said, the entire dynamic of the bus changes.

“When the books come out for the children, it’s not just I’m going from Point A to Point B time, it’s suddenly, it’s family time. Right then and there,” Turner said. “And then that instantly evolves into community time because anyone else on the bus – if they choose to read the books out loud and the child reads out loud or the parent reads out loud – people stop what they’re doing and look and observe this book reading.”

Turner keeps at least a dozen books on his bus and chooses each one with care. He looks for books full of art to keep kids’ attention and so it can be seen by other passengers. The books he chooses are not only entertaining but educational. He has stocked books that engage children in science, technology, engineering and math. There are also more creative books, too.

The books, and sometimes little plush toys that go along with them, have made bus commutes something to look forward to for kids and parents.

Local resident Kathleen Weldon said her two sons, Max, 7, and Nate, 5, have really connected with books they received on the bus. Weldon said she told Turner about Max’s love for stories (and his flair for the dramatic), and the next time she was on the bus, he gave her a book on creative writing. She said Max read it a few times and was interested, but she didn’t realize just how much he had absorbed.

Weldon said a few days later she was out shopping when she described something as “static.”

“Nate asked what the word meant. I said it was something that stayed the same, that didn’t change. And Max piped up, ‘the opposite is dynamic, that’s something that changes,’” she said. “I was surprised and asked where he had learned that. ‘My writing book,’ he said.

“Just think what the right book at the right time could mean to a child,” Weldon added. “Randall has always been a special person; everyone who rides his bus knows him and is happy to see him. But this idea he’s had, and the thorough, careful way he’s researched and planned it to be as meaningful as possible, is simply extraordinary. TCAT – and Ithaca – is so lucky to have him.”

Another parent’s perspective of the Ithaca community has been shaped in part by the books on the bus. Judy Wang rides the bus every day with her 5-year-old daughter, Summer. Wang and her family are spending a year in Ithaca from China for a program at the vet school at

At right, panda and owl board books are tucked into a pocket on a Route 10 TCAT bus.

Cornell University. They do not have a car, so they rely on the bus.

Wang said her daughter loves the books and they read together on the bus or sometimes take them home to read. A book for kids about coding, “My First Coding Book,” brought out her daughter’s logic side, Wang said. As a foreigner, Wang said she loves the program and having books on the bus and Turner as a resource to recommend books has been a great resource.

“(The) library is the place to read books, but you have to go there and stay there for awhile sometimes,” Wang said. “While you go shopping or something, on the bus you have nothing to do, the kids (have) nothing to do too, either.”

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STREET BEAT

The word on the street
from around Tompkins County

By Rob Montana

Question: Are you a dog person or a cat person?



“Cats are less maintenance, but they’re snobby. Dogs are messier, but they’re more fun.”

— Sarah Finster, Auburn (left)

“Dog person. I always liked them, since I was little. I had dresses with dogs on them and I had a dog when I was 7 — good and friendly.”

— Stephanie Cerny, Union, Maine (right)



“Dog person. They just seem like better companions, and when you’re going to sleep, they’re better to sleep with. I used to have cats -- they slept on my face. Cats are cool, but I wouldn’t want one as a pet.”

— Darius Muncy, Freeville



“I love all animals, but I think I prefer the affection had by a dog.”

— Lucy Munguia, Ithaca



“Cat and dog person. I have cats and dogs, horses, donkeys, goats and ducks. I guess you could say I like all animals.”

— Robert Hones, Trumansburg

OPINION

East Hill Notes

On Racism and the New Racial Science

By Phil Nicklin

Last year, the Institute for the Social Sciences at Cornell University launched the ISS Annual Lecture series to bring an eminent scholar to Ithaca to speak on a pressing social issue. Each year the ISS co-sponsors the lecture with different social science units on campus in order to build bridges across diverse communities.

This year, ISS is pleased to announce that Professor Dorothy Roberts — an acclaimed scholar of race, gender and law at the University of Pennsylvania — will be the speaker for the 2017 ISS Annual Lecture. The Cornell Law School and the Africana Studies and Research Center will cosponsor this lecture.

Roberts’ lecture, “Racism and The New Racial Science,” is free and open to the public. It will take place at 4:30



Dorothy Roberts

p.m. Wednesday, November 15, in the Rhodes-Rawlings Auditorium of Klarman Hall (KG70). A book signing and reception will follow the lecture in Klarman Hall’s Groos

Atrium.

In her lecture, Roberts will examine the renewed interest in the myth of biological concepts of race in the genomic era. We see this resurgence as old racial types are given modern currency in science related to sequencing the human genome and as biotech and pharmaceutical companies produce and market race-specific drugs.

This is also evident in online DNA-testing products that provide information about not only genetic ancestry, but also racial identities.

One impact of this trend is that as biological and social scientists collaborate, they attempt to explain societal outcomes through the examination of genetic traits. Even researchers who study the impact of social inequality on biological

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Signs of Sustainability Resistance Vision

By Elan Shapiro

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We're waking up and rising up. Right now we keep our "eyes on the prize." Our love can

overcome hate. We're linking people power movements. This is our time. We belong. We're "enough". We value and love ourselves. We're not afraid to challenge tyranny, oppression, and bigotry. Right here. We expect people-centered government and we practice bottom-up self-reliance. We're ending our addiction to fossil fuels, commercialism, and militarism for the sake of living in a healthier, happier planet. We're connecting up to build community wealth and health. We're fueled by fierce and tender love and compassion. Right now. We encourage and support the voices and leadership of people who've been marginalized. We're keeping each other strong. We're replacing judgment and fear with connection and solidarity. We share Earth's

bounty. We celebrate and draw strength from our differences & our unity. We're learning how to subvert stereotypes, dismantle domination, and root out racism. We're creating a world of dignity, sufficiency, and rich opportunities FOR ALL. We're building community unity in so many ways. We're in this for the long haul. We're teaming up for our Collective Liberation. We keep showing up. We will overcome.

This is the latest installment of the Signs of Sustainability series produced by Sustainable Tompkins. To learn more about the organization, visit its website at SustainableTompkins.org. Elan Shapiro is part of the Building Bridges Coalition, a lecturer at Ithaca College and community educator.

Guest Opinion

We Are All Just a Step Away

By Jennifer Karius

I have attended many county legislative meetings to better understand the governing body I hope to join, as Will Burbank departs from District 12. One such evening, as I said hello to a group of homeless people in Dewitt Park and entered the stately legislative chamber, I was struck by the stark contrast. The disparity between those who govern and those who are governed is still with us.

Anyone who serves on the county Legislature needs to remember this every time they deliberate and decide on the county's massive budget – around \$179 million proposed for this coming year – and its role in overseeing 38 offices and departments aimed at one common good: The residents of Tompkins County and the future to which we all aspire.



Jennifer Karius

The remainder of my campaign will focus on modeling my role as a potential representative: A strong and independent voice that brings together those who may

not otherwise be involved in the governing process. This is what I have done for the past 15 years while advocating and engaging people in conversations about fairness, and promoting campaigns and actions towards better public policy.

In our form of government, fairness is seen as rooted in democracy – a voice for everyone, not just the privileged, loudest or most dominating. We need to include

more voices in county government, as government works best when differing views and interests are a part of the conversation.

Even though we live in one of the more economically robust upstate counties, we are not immune to the challenging new times. Every day, many of us get a step or two closer to losing access to basic needs of health and home. I have held several District 12 meetings to discuss people's experiences with inequity and the related drug use and deaths, as well as the struggles in raising a family and transitioning towards aging – particularly in low to middle income ranges – and the supportive services that can provide for a thriving community.

We are a collegiate community that likes research and debate. However, we also need to move from study to action and find ways to work together as individuals, organizations,

and local government bodies to protect and strengthen our unique assets. We have our lake and water resources on which much of our health, economic future and quality of life rest. Our local economy, while strong, can become more resilient and better accommodate all abilities. Our residents need to receive a fair value for the taxes they pay so they are encouraged to stay and we do not deter newcomers. We need to break the divide between town and gown and forge new solutions to buffer our middle class in these new turbulent and challenging times.

We need to look at ourselves and be the community we know in our hearts that we are.

We are all just a step away.

Jennifer Karius is a candidate for the Tompkins County Legislature's District 12 seat.

Letters to the Editor

VOTE FOR COMMON SENSE CANDIDATES

I know all of the candidates for Election in Dryden well. I trust Jason Leifer, Kathy Servos, Dan Lamb, Martha Robertson, Mike Lane and Rick Young to show common sense and give steady leadership going forward. Vote for Jason, Kathy, Dan, Martha, Mike and Rick on November 7.

Joseph M. Wilson
Dryden

WE CAN TRUST DRYDEN OFFICIALS TO KEEP IT UP

In Dryden's election, November 7, its Jason Leifer, Kathy Servos, Dan Lamb, Martha Robertson, Mike Lane, and Rick Young for me. Together they are increasing our tax base, improving local infrastructure, and maintaining their commitment to green development. We can trust them to keep it up.

Linda S. Parks
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After last November's election, I had to put my frustration with national politics into local action. Among other things, I joined the Dryden and Tompkins County Democratic committees to learn more about our local government, and to help find and elect more qualified individuals to run for office. While we all need to be engaged in national politics, much of our lives are impacted by decisions made by elected officials in our local government.

Since joining these two committees, I've attended hearings and meetings, stuffed envelopes for mailings, I've walked door to door with petitions, and I've had discussions with my neighbors about local issues of concern. And on several occasions, I've brought one or two of my children with me to see what democracy looks like on the local level.

Throughout this process, I've listened to, and learned from our

elected officials in Dryden, including Jason Leifer, Dan Lamb and Kathy Servos. I've gotten to know these individuals as thoughtful, honest and hardworking public servants. They give me hope on a local level when the national discourse can seem so futile.

Don't let politics on the national level discourage you from acting locally. Please join me and VOTE LOCAL on November 7th.

Ethan Ash
Dryden

TAXES AND THE ELECTION IN THE TOWN OF DRYDEN

I've lived in Dryden for 46 years, 20 of them spent in town government. I believe that Jason Leifer, Dan Lamb and Kathy Servos deserve everyone's support to be re-elected to the town board.

They've been instrumental in the board's promotion of green development, which is significantly increasing the tax base in the town. They've also voted to cut

appropriations by over \$200,000 in the last year. At \$1.98/ per \$1,000 of assessment, Dryden's tax rate is among the lowest in the whole county, less than one-third of the highest town tax rate.

Leifer, Lamb and Servos have demonstrated that they can keep, and indeed have kept, town tax rates low. In fact, their decision to approve community solar projects alone will produce the largest shot of tax revenue the town has seen in years. Leifer, Lamb and Servos deserve our votes.

Mitchell Lavine
Dryden

BIRTH CONTROL DOES MORE THAN PREVENT PREGNANCY

I cannot stress how outraged I am that the Trump administration is taking direct aim at birth control coverage for 62 million women, eliminating the guarantee for birth control coverage under the ACA.

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It is unbelievable that politicians are trying to control access to birth control for women who live in New York. Nine out of 10 women of age of fecundity rely on birth control at some point of their lives for preventing pregnancy or treating medical conditions from endometriosis to ovarian cysts to irregular periods.

I am a young woman who has dealt with torturous menstruation cycles, missing school, family gatherings, and momentous events due to painful cramps and intolerable symptoms. I understand the benefits of birth control. It wasn't until I went on the pill that I was able to live without fear of being bedridden because of cramps. My period does not control my life anymore; I control my period.

As a college student now, I am proud to say that my period is manageable now due to my contraception. I have never missed a class because of my period, and I am living a full and happy life, unhindered by my biological processes. Birth control does not just prevent women from becoming pregnant. Birth control allows women to diminish the negative symptoms of menstruation. The reason why women act like such "bitches" on their period is because they are shedding the lining of their uterus. If you've never had a period, I'll spare you the details. It hurts. A lot. Advil and Midol aren't enough, and some women don't even have access to those over-the-counter solutions. Birth control is needed to help women reduce these symptoms. So, do us all a favor, and take a stance against federal initiatives to take away birth control.

For women who live here in New York, reproductive health care is between her and her doctor not the discretion of her boss or the president. In the months since Trump

has taken office, we've seen a full-frontal assault on women's health and privacy, and a fundamental disdain for the realities of women's health and lives. We're talking about a fundamental right – to be able to decide whether and when you want to have children. There is no way we are going to let the government and politicians take that right away from millions of people in this country.

As women, we reserve the right to choose what happens to our bodies. We demand that government stops violating our bodies by trying to take this fundamental right away from us. It is our bodies—keep your hands away from them.

Camryn N. Viola
Ithaca

CURRENT DRYDEN BOARD HAS ACCOMPLISHED MUCH

In all my years in Dryden, I have not seen a supervisor and town board accomplish so much in a short time. Supervisor Jason Leifer, and town board members Kathy Servoss and Dan Lamb are bringing in clean solar energy that can serve 7,500 homes and add \$8 million to our tax base. They have grown our economy and kept our town tax rate the 8th lowest in the county. They have helped the village meet its challenges in a bipartisan fashion, and they continue to keep fracking out. On November 7, it will be time to re-elect Jason, Kathy, and Dan.

Martha Norton
Ithaca

VOTE YES ON NYS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

We are a Green, a Democrat, and an unaffiliated voter urging a YES vote for a New York State Constitutional Convention.

For too long, too few people have decided what is best for New York

state. "Three Men in a Room" has a long history here, but that restricted, secretive process doesn't resemble democracy.

Fortunately, every 20 years, the people have a chance to help rewrite the rules. Whether you hope for election reform, fair school funding, or a modernization of the insanely expensive "but we've always done it this way" methods of doing things at the state level, you can ask for change on November 7 by voting YES on Prop. 1.

Yes, rewriting the rules has some risks, although every NYS voter will get to vote on whatever the delegates propose. Officials who thrive on the current system have convinced their allies to emphasize those risks, suggesting that slower, more controlled processes can fix our stalled system.

Previous Constitutional Conventions have resulted in protections of public land, abolishment of obsolete offices, collective bargaining rights for public employees, and changes in the lengths of political terms. The court system was last reorganized via the 1868 Convention and is surely due for a change.

New York state is suffocating. Voters and politicians alike know that state politics is a rigged game. No wonder our voter turnout is pathetically low. Change is risky, but that's not what scares us. A NO vote means no change, and that scares us to death.

Simon St. Laurent,
Kathy Zahler and Paul Lutwak
Dryden

VOTE LEIFER, SERVOSS AND LAMB

Bruno Schickel has given thousands of dollars to Donald Trump and Tom Reed. He regularly chastises the town board for over-regulating and limiting development. But now, he wants to limit the

property rights of landowners and wants more regulations for solar farms. Looks like he is flip-flopping as much as his role model, Trump. If you want consistent and responsible governing, vote for the people that know how to do the job – Jason Leifer for Dryden town supervisor, and Kathy Servoss and Dan Lamb for Dryden town board.

Deborah Cipolla-Dennis
Freeville

VOTE REYNOLDS FOR ULYSSES HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Please take notice to what Liz Thomas, Rick Goldman and Nancy Zahler are trying to pull this election. Last election, they tried to take your voting rights away by making the highway superintendent and town clerk's positions appointed. This year, they are trying to put Liz Thomas's son-in-law, Ben Carver, in as highway superintendent. We need a person with experience in the daily operations, heavy equipment, and pavement management. Dave Reynolds has the experience and expertise to fulfill the position of Town of Ulysses highway superintendent.

Please get out and vote for the obvious candidate on Election Day, November 7.

Jim Meeker, retired Town of Ulysses highway superintendent
Trumansburg

TWEAK NOT TRASH

In our practice in Dryden we have seen the successes of Obamacare. Patients of ours have, for the first time, gotten affordable health insurance with preventive care benefits that make sense. Our Medicare patients have better coverage than before under Obamacare with no copay or deductible for many important services. Patients can get vaccines and cancer screenings to keep them healthy, and the Medicare drug doughnut hole has been shrunk.

It is time to innovate more, not turn back to old ways masquerading as new solutions. Obamacare needs tweaks but not a monkey wrench thrown into the works. Let's use American knowhow to improve the system so everyone is covered, business no longer is crippled by health care premiums, and you can change jobs without worrying about losing health care.

Dr. William Klepack, Dryden Family Medicine family physician
Dryden

STOP POLITICIANS FROM ATTACK ON WOMEN'S HEALTH

I cannot believe that it is 2017 and politicians in DC are trying to control access to birth control for women living in NY. Nine out of 10, myself included, of reproductive age rely on birth control during their lives for preventing pregnancy or treating medical conditions from endometriosis to irregular periods.

I've taken the oral contraceptive and now my birth control is in the form of the copper IUD.

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outcomes have tended to explain racial disadvantages in biological terms.

This new racial science often justifies these investigations under the guise of objectivity and social benefit in an attempt to differentiate itself from past scientific racism. However, the revived myths of biological race continue to undermine a just society and promote inequality.

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These decisions remain some of the most important in my life and give me both the autonomy and empowerment to live my best life.

For women who live in New York, reproductive health care and birth control should remain a conversation between a woman and her doctor. In the month's since Trump has become president, we've felt a full fledged assault on women's health and rights.

This is a fundamental right. I stand for Planned Parenthood and I will not stand to be stripped of my essential human rights.

Cayley Crutchfield
 Director of Communications at
 Ithaca College Generation Action
 Ithaca

This lecture will critically examine the relationship between racism and the new racial science and propose a more ethical way to study race and racism.

Holding joint appointments in Africana Studies, Sociology and the Law School, Roberts has founded The Penn Program on Race, Science and Society that seeks to find different approaches to the role of race in science and society through collaborations between scientists, scholars and students from social and biological fields of study.

Professor Roberts has authored six major books. The recent "Fatal Invention: How Science, Politics and Big Business Re-create Race in the Twenty-first Century" describes in detail many of the concepts she will explore in her lecture.

The 200th anniversary edition of her book "Killing the Black Body: Race, Reproduction and the Meaning of Liberty" was released earlier this year and is also relevant to her talk. Join us for this opportunity to learn from an internationally recognized social justice advocate and leader in

the push to change public thinking and policies on emerging issues in health, bioethics, reproduction and child welfare.

Phil Nicklin is a junior at Cornell, majoring in the biological sciences, and an administrative assistant at the Institute for the Social Sciences. East Hill Notes are published the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

SUPPORT ROBERTSON, LAMB, SERVOSS AND LEIFER

I know the Dryden Democratic candidates personally, and I trust their vision for an economically viable and vibrant Dryden. Please support Robertson, Lamb, Servoss and Leifer on November 7.

Priscilla J. Barclay
 Ithaca

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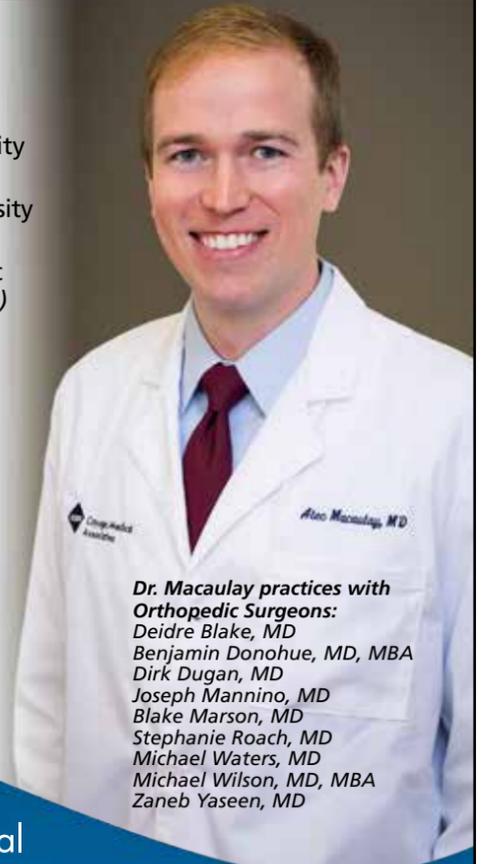


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deeply to stories that express honest emotion and experience. I am hoping that readers will, through my story, understand how all actions taken today or in the past can affect the wider community around us," said Woolf-Nightingall. "How even the smallest acts, can bring sovereignty, freedom, and give voice to those who are oppressed in ways we cannot imagine in the moment.

"My great-grandmother's stance seems like a small act within a society, which was inherently sexist. However at the same time as she was finding her sovereignty in Africa, the women of Seneca Lake were finding theirs," she added. "My story, I hope, serves to show readers that throughout history, women have found ways to further their voice in the world. And though because of the political climate of today, we may at times feel powerless against the forces of oppression, we must not lose faith, our female ancestors did not and look at what they achieved."

Lisa Harris saw a call from Community Arts Partnership for writers for the project.

"I wanted to be a part of it because I am a feminist who is proud of historical achievements by women and men on behalf of women, and I was preparing for the Women's March in Seneca Falls where I was going to read a longer poem called, "Salt and Light, A Covenant" (published in March by Vending Machine Press)," she said, adding she wanted that poem to be in the book, but it ran too long for inclusion. "So I composed a shorter, tighter poem – almost a rap – as a history snapshot.

I hope my readers enter the poem as if it were a place," Harris added, "and that it celebrates overcoming while recognizing more remains to be done."

Murphy's poetry is featured in the anthology, and she used local suffragist Juanita Breckenridge Bates as her muse. During an unsuccessful attempt at giving women the right to vote in New York in 1915 – two years prior to succeeding – Breckenridge Bates was quoted as saying that suffrage may have fallen, but it had fallen forward.

"That's really such an inspiring thing to think about in my own life and in other people's lives, that when we fail we learn something and move forward stronger than we were before," Murphy said. "I think both mine and Nora's piece, too, end the book on a really hopeful note."

As part of The History Center of Tompkins County's ongoing Women's Suffrage Series, there will be a book launch event at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 26, at The History Center. Contributors, including Stacey Murphy, Carol Kammen, Gaia Woolf-Nightingall, Lisa Harris, Nora Snyder, Sarah Jefferis and Yvonne Fisher, will read their work. Copies of the book will be available for purchase, and light refreshments will be available.

Other upcoming events in the series include:

■ Tuesday, October 24 at 7 p.m. – a panel discussion, "Perspectives on Voting," at The History Center in collaboration with the Dorothy

Cotton Institute and League of Women Voters. This will be a panel format to hear different perspectives on voting. Moderated by Rod Howe (executive Director of The History Center) and Kirby Edmonds (Dorothy Cotton Institute Senior Fellow and Program Coordinator), panelists include Herb Engman, Linda Duttweiler, Leslyn McBean-Clairborne, and Dr. Maria Thomadaki.

■ Wednesday, November 1 at 6:30 p.m. – a film screening of "Iron Jawed Angels" at Cinemapolis, followed by a discussion sponsored by The History Center in Tompkins County in collaboration with Cinemapolis and Ithaca College's Project Look Sharp. Free admission, with \$5 donations graciously accepted.

■ Thursday, November 2 at 7 p.m. – a panel discussion, "Women's Suffrage and Political Office: A Seat at the Table," at The History Center, in partnership with the Tompkins County League of Women Voters. Moderated by Leslie Danks Burke,

the panel will include Martha Robertson, Pamela Bleiwas, Deb Mohlenhoff, Liz Thomas, and Deborah Cippola-Dennis.

All programs being held in conjunction with the Women's

Suffrage Series are free and open to the public.

To learn more about the anthology, visit SuffrageStories.wordpress.com [Facebook.com/NYVotesForWomen](https://www.facebook.com/NYVotesForWomen).

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VOTE FOR KARIUS

I've known Jennifer since she first came to Ithaca in 2010. She's empathetic and understands the specific needs of those she's working with. I've admired her wise and frugal use of her own and others' resources, and her ability to prioritize when dollars are short. It didn't take Jennifer long to develop a working knowledge of our community's programs and resources; and her time working elsewhere has given her a better perspective of what can be accomplished in Ithaca and Tompkins County. My one regret is that I live just beyond the District 12 boundary line and can't vote for her on November 7.

Kristina Finley
Newfield

VOTE FOR FORWARD-THINKING DEMS IN DRYDEN

A couple of signs around Dryden say, "Time for a change." What Dryden doesn't need would be the retrogressive change by the truth-challenged, Trump-financial-supporting Independence/Republican running for supervisor. Re-elect Democrat Jason Liefer, a Dryden leader guiding the town forward with progressive, positive change. And vote for the other forward-thinking Democrats running for re-election: Kathy Servoss, Dan Lamb, Rick Young, Martha Robertson, and Mike Lane.

Linda Clougherty
Dryden

DON'T OBSTRUCT OUR RIGHTS

I am a young women who is about to graduate from Ithaca College, and looking for a job that supports my health. I am outraged about Trump administration's actions to disassemble the Affordable Care Act. This has nothing to do with religion and employees should feel supported by the people they are working for.

Birth control is not controversial, and it is unbelievable to me that in 2017 insurance coverage for birth control is up for debate. As an advocate for women in college and living away from home, reproductive health care is between me and my home doctor. It scares me to know that away from home,

my reproductive rights are in the hands of the president. This is a fundamental right to be able to decide whether and when you want to have children. And personally, I don't want to have to call my baby another one of Trump's accidents.

I am writing for myself, my friends, my peers, my family and all of the women who NEED birth control to live a happy and healthy life. Just because women's reproductive parts are different than men, does not give them the right to obstruct our rights.

Charlotte Hadley
Ithaca

MAINTAIN ACCESS FOR BIRTH CONTROL

I'm having a hard time wrapping my head around the fact that it is 2017 and politicians in DC are still trying to control the access of birth control for women. Did you know that nine out of 10 women will rely on birth control at some point during their lives to prevent pregnancy and/or to treat medical conditions?

I have suffered from ovarian cysts since I was 13 years old. The pain these little, fluid filled pockets on the surface of my ovaries would give me put me on the floor. I missed school, my grades suffered and I honestly didn't feel in control of my body anymore. The birth control pill changed my life. The pain episodes decreased, and five years later I've only had two serious cysts rupture.

I feel like it's important to note that these politicians who are trying to take away birth control, never have had to nor will they ever have to worry about birth control and how it helps WAY more than preventing pregnancy. Since President Trump has been in office, women's health care and women's rights have been full on assaulted. Does the thought of a distant governing body have the right to decide whether or not women have the right to choose if they are ready to have a child or not? And what about those girls and women who use birth control as a remedy for a medical condition they can't control? What would they do then?

Birth control isn't controversial. Period.

Emily Klausz
Poughquag

WOMEN ARE PEOPLE TOO

I can't believe that in 2017, politicians are trying to control access to birth control for women. Nine out of ten women of reproductive age rely on birth control at some point during their lives for preventing pregnancy or treating medical conditions from endometriosis to irregular, painful periods.

Birth control has been a huge part of my life that is constantly changing. Between the various political attempts at legislation that attack the availability of birth control, I have switched methods multiple times. Women around me, including myself, are scrambling to get long-term contraceptives because they fear the future of their health care. The first, second, and third method I used did not work for me, and women should not be

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Reeves

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Since she showed off her offensive touch, Reeves has become a regular off the bench for head coach Shawn Burke and she has helped the team go 6-4-2 after a season-opening three-game losing streak. In just her first season on the team, Reeves can already tell that there's promise for the program.

"Our results don't really show how great of a team we truly are," said Reeves on the team's record. "We've done pretty well in the MAC (Mid-American Conference)."

It took Reeves three games before she had playing time for the Bulls, which is quite the difference from her time with Groton. The former New York All State and Divisional MVP player had to watch a few games first, before she could make an impact on the field.

"It's definitely a learning curve," said Reeves. "You have to take into account what the coaches are telling you and you have to alter your playing style a little bit."

"And the speed of the game is definitely quicker than it is in high school," she added.

It has not just been an adjustment period on the field for Reeves, but she has had to adjust to the demanding rigors of being a Division I athlete as well. Playing in the MAC includes bus trips of up to eight hours for the Bulls and a lot of the team's games are played during the middle of the week. For example, the team's first conference road trip this season started off with a 350-plus mile bus trip to Ypsilanti, Michigan, to play Eastern Michigan on a Friday. The team concluded the weekend's slate of games with a Sunday contest against Central Michigan and then bused back to Buffalo for classes.

While the travel all over the Great Lakes may be a little less familiar to her, the expectation of juggling both school and soccer is very familiar, and she's been keeping that in mind as she progresses in her freshman year.

"It's definitely a challenge," said Reeves. "But if you have good time management skills, which I've developed throughout high school, you just transfer that over. It is a little more difficult because we have weightlifting, training and we do have an off day, but that's usually a catch-up day."

When Reeves and the Bulls are playing at home she has gotten plenty of support. She said her parents have come to nearly every game and even a few friends have taken the opportunity to come up to Buffalo and watch her play. The city itself and walking around campus has been quite different from living in Groton, but Reeves is making the adjustment.

"It's a bigger city, so there are a lot more people here compared to Groton," she said. "We have about 35,000 students now and we have classroom sizes of up to 400 people. It's just getting used to having more people around."

Moving forward, Reeves, who plans to study pre-med, wants to help the Bulls push forward any way that she possibly can.

"I want to be an aspect of the team" said Reeves. "I want to continue to grow as a player and I want to be someone that the coaches can count on."

The team just recently wrapped up their home schedule against Miami of Ohio, but the team has one game left on their regular season schedule, which will come on Thursday October 26 on the road against Akron.



Photo by Andy Murpurgo

Trumansburg and Dryden girls soccer players square off during the second of two regular season matchups between the teams.

T'burg

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the back of the net. When the players looked up to the scoreboard, they saw no time on the clock, but the goal

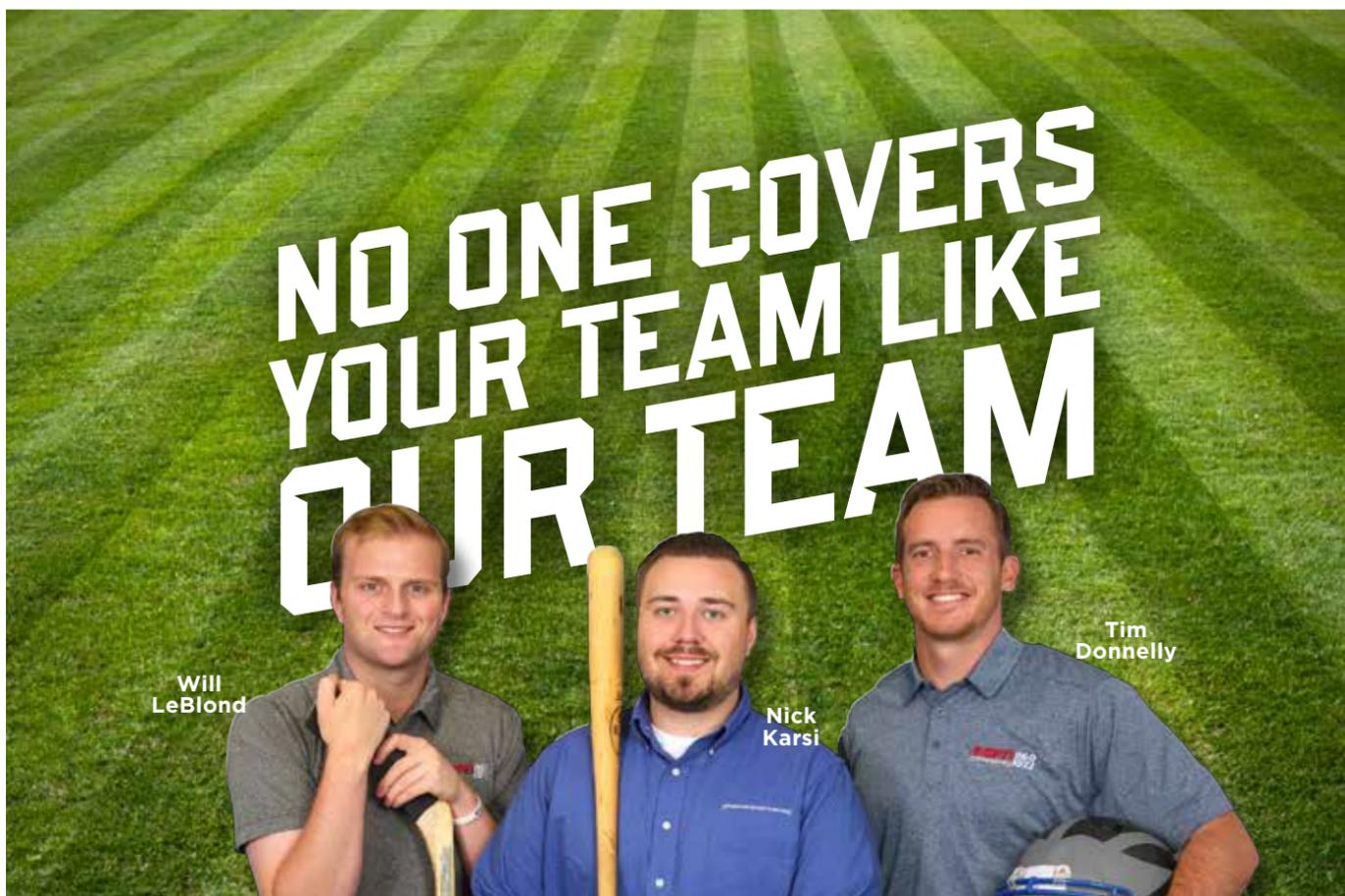
had crossed the line just before zeros took up the time.

"I'm not usually very emotional on the sidelines," said Stewart on the moment. "After that game, I was waving my arms and jumping up and down and I was hugging people, so I would say it was one of my top moments for sure."

The goal didn't just mean the Blue Raiders moved on to the IAC Large School Championship game to face Waverly, the champions of the south, but it was also a weight off of their shoulders. According to Stewart, the team had not won a division crown since 1999 and ever since the nine-player senior class began their careers at Trumansburg, a division title had been on their minds.

"It's pretty relieving," said Morpurgo. "It had been four years without anything to really show for our success."

The team eventually fell to Waverly 1-0 in the IAC Large School Championship game, but they were chosen as the top seed in the Class C Section IV Tournament and their run for a sectional title began on Friday against Unatego.



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Respect

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cultural understanding in young people has been a guiding force in her life. She feels that all children should have the opportunity to participate in multicultural activities like meals, music, or celebrations together. Fear of the unknown is frequently at the root of many biases and stereotypes she emphasized.

"We all need to be loved and understood," said Fernandez-Sopena.

In pursuit of this, she has organized six student trips to Spanish-speaking countries, two each to the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, and Mexico. Despite the fact that, during the planning stage, she would always ask herself, 'Why did you do this again?' on the way home she had no regrets. Chiapas, Mexico was her favorite trip.

"It was so humbling to meet the indigenous people," said Fernandez-Sopena. "They were so resilient, so joyous."

Although she wasn't a Social Studies teacher, she also coordinated the school's Model UN Club for a number of years. Teens get so much out of Model UN preparation and the annual conferences, Fernandez-Sopena asserted, that schools should offer it as an elective class for credit (some high schools already do this) instead of as an extracurricular activity.

"It helps them be informed about what's happening in the world

by learning about their assigned country's problems. It can be a real wake-up call for naïve American kids," she said. "It's an eye-opener on so many levels."

Teens also have to verbalize issues their country is facing to other students, learn how to write their resolution(s) in the United Nations language, and master the protocol to address these. Club members see how countries can help each other and hear inspiring conference speakers. Sometimes the UN even listens to the proposals the kids come up with.

"Teens are amazing at generating ideas and solutions," Fernandez-Sopena said enthusiastically. "They're so fresh in their views!"

It took her decades to apply for U.S. citizenship and people frequently asked why she still hadn't. She just wasn't ready to commit emotionally, Fernandez-Sopena explained, and she wanted to ensure that her American-born daughter was able to obtain dual citizenship. In 2010 she finally formalized her commitment to the U.S.

"It was a beautiful ceremony. I

cried," she confessed. "Now I belong to two countries; I've spent the same amount of time in each. These two countries have helped me become who I am now."

Tuesday, October 24, is United

Nations Day, commemorated worldwide since 1948 when the United Nations officially came into being. This year's theme is "Potential in Diversity." Learn more at <http://www.un.org/en/events/unday>.

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"If there are books for them, then they can be quiet and at the same time, they learn something," she

added. "It's a good way not to waste time."

Turner was actually inspired to start the books initiative, called Reading on TCAT, in June after

gathering educational materials for Summer. The idea evolved as he would see parents worn out with their kids and asked if having books on the bus would help keep them occupied. He remembers once a father scolding a child for playing with the handrail and thought if he had a book for his age group, he would not have been bored and then scolded.

He has continued to add books to his collection since then by browsing local bookstores, researching online and asking for feedback from passengers who are experts in certain areas, like architecture or ornithology.

"I like the fact that because it's grassroots, we're getting books that are what our customers are saying they like," Turner said.

When he says he's happy when his customers are happy, he really seems to mean it. He has lived in Tompkins County for most of his life. He said he loves the Ithaca community.

"It's nice that Ithaca is small enough of a city that you can get to

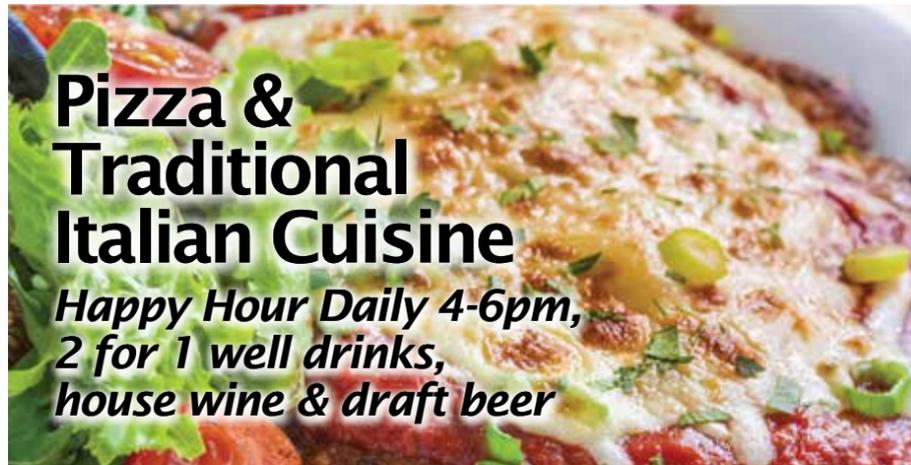
know people and it actually matters," Turner said.

Turner's passion for books is infectious as he talks about how he selects each one. One book he said he is excited to share with passengers is "Look Out for Bugs" by Jen Prokopowicz. The beautiful panoramic art caught his attention and makes the book "too great to forget," he said. It is a seek-and-find children's book with scenes hand made with paper and photographed.

Currently he's debating between the books "What Do You Do With an Idea?" and "What Do You Do With a Problem?" by Kobi Yamada and would love feedback from the community.

The program is in the testing phase. In the future, Turner said he would love to see the program expand to more buses, but said that's up to TCAT.

"I'm just a dreamer and the researcher right now, but the final decision is based on the feedback from our passengers," Turner said.



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Letters

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pressured to find the birth control that works for their body on the first try. The fear that results from the Trump administration's constant threat toward health care is depriving women the right to comfort in their own bodies.

Birth control is not controversial. In the months since Trump has taken office, we've seen a full-on assault on women's health, and a disdain for the reality of women's lives. Birth control is a choice – more accurately, it is our choice. This debate has transformed into a fight for male power more than it is concerned with religion or money or anything else. All women deserve the right to their bodies through equal access to contraceptives. Though people like Trump would like to deny female autonomy and action, this fight is bigger than him and here's the bottom line: Women are people too.

Olivia Forker
Ithaca

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Budget

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Mareane's recommended budget and all amendments – are available for review online at TompkinsCountyNY.gov/cyadmin/2018budget.

In other business at its meeting last week, the Legislature, by a vote of 11-2 – legislators Carol Chock and Dooley Kiefer voted no – authorized the County Finance Department to enter into an arrangement with Systems East of Cortland its current tax collection software provider, to provide the department the ability to accept payments via credit or debit card.

There will be no cost for Tompkins County, and any transaction fees will be paid by the customer. The new "Xpress-pay" service will provide a means to accept credit and debit card payments in person and by computer or mobile device. Payments by credit or debit card will now be accepted for taxes, fees, and charges such as real estate taxes; retiree health insurance premiums; occupancy taxes; and tax searches and copies. The resolution also notes that information will be provided to taxpayers regarding service charges and fees associated with payment by credit card.

Chock called the option a bad idea, since she said it subjects people to extra fees and interest charges from

credit card companies if they carry a balance. Legislator Anna Kelles noted the payment method is only a voluntary option, and said she sees it as a bit arrogant for the Legislature

to assume that people are unable to balance their own finances or making their own intelligent decisions if they use credit cards.

"It should not be up to us to dictate or limit options because we think we know the best way to handle their finances," Kelles said.



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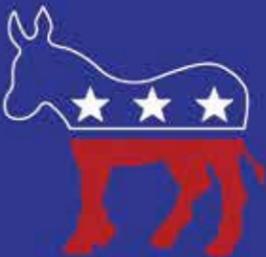


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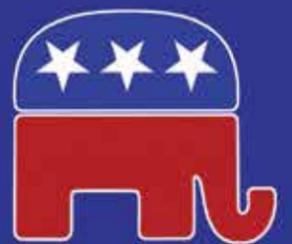
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October 23

'Is That Really True? Fact or Fake News'

WHERE: Tompkins County Public Library, 101 E. Green St., Ithaca
 DATE: Monday, October 23
 TIME: 7-9 p.m.
 MORE INFO: A panel discussion on building media literacy, with time for questions and discussion.

October 24

'Perspectives on Voting' Panel Discussion

WHERE: The History Center in Tompkins County, 401 E. MLK Jr./State St, Suite 100, Ithaca
 DATE: Tuesday, October 24
 TIME: 7-8:30 p.m.
 MORE INFO: A panel discussion to hear different perspectives on voting. There will be opportunities for question-and-answer. Visit TheHistoryCenter.net.

October 25

M&T Great Big Chamber Auction

WHERE: Coltivare, 235 S. Cayuga St., Ithaca
 DATE: Wednesday, October 25
 TIME: 5:30-8:30 p.m.
 MORE INFO: Visit TompkinsAuction.com.

'Let the Hoes Speak' Discussion

WHERE: Clark Lounge, Campus Center, Ithaca College
 DATE: Wednesday, October 25
 TIME: 6 p.m.
 MORE INFO: A presentation from assistant professors Nicole Horsley and Ashley Hall, who will create a context for examining self-proclaimed hoes turned hip-hop rappers.

Comedy FLOPs Auditions

WHERE: Community School of Music and Arts, 330 E. MLK Jr./State St., Ithaca
 DATE: Wednesday, October 25
 TIME: 7-9 p.m.
 MORE INFO: Comedy FLOPs is conducting cast member auditions; email ComedyFLOPs@gmail.com for an application and to schedule an audition time.



Deconstructing Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band

WHERE: Cornell Cinema, 104 Willard Straight Hall, Cornell University
 DATE: Wednesday, October 25
 TIME: 7:15-8:45 p.m.
 MORE INFO: Visit Facebook.com/events/1808104142809041.

QuizBowl Trivia Showdown

WHERE: Atlas Bowl, 61 W. Main St., Trumansburg
 DATE: Wednesday, October 25
 TIME: 7:30 p.m.
 MORE INFO: Sign-up starts at 7:30 p.m., trivia starts at 8 p.m. No fee to play, chance to win free bowling. Visit Facebook.com/groups/QuizBowlers.

October 26

Explore Space

WHERE: Museum of the Earth, 1259 Trumansburg Road, Ithaca
 DATE: Thursday, October 26
 TIME: 6-8 p.m.
 MORE INFO: Children of all ages are invited to come dressed in costume and learn more about the universe; explore the Museum of the Earth's new Mapping the Planets exhibit. Admission is \$5, free for YNAP members. Visit PRIWeb.org.

Ithaca 5th Ward Candidate Forum

WHERE: Ithaca Town Hall, 215 N. Tioga St., Ithaca
 DATE: Thursday, October 26
 TIME: 7-8:30 p.m.
 MORE INFO: Candidates for the City of Ithaca's 5th Ward seat will take part in a forum hosted and moderated by the League of Women Voters of Tompkins County. There will be opportunities for questions. Incumbent Deborah Mohlenhoff is running unopposed for a 4-year term; Laura Lewis, Melissa Hall and Aryeal Jackson are all on the ballot for a 2-year term.

CCC3: Journaling with Judy

WHERE: Southworth Library, 24 W. Main St., Dryden
 DATE: Thursday, October 26
 TIME: 7 p.m.
 MORE INFO: Learn how to reflect and record through journaling with Judy Malloy; this is a program of Caring Connected Community.

October 27

4th Annual Town-Gown Resource Fair

WHERE: TST BOCES Campus, 555 Warren Road, Ithaca
 DATE: Friday, October 27
 TIME: 8:30-11 a.m.
 MORE INFO: The event brings together higher education outreach and engagement initiatives, with representatives from area municipalities, non-profits, school districts and other community groups. For more information, contact Kate Supron at kds95@cornell.edu.

Spooktacular Halloween Family Night

WHERE: YMCA of Ithaca and Tompkins County, 50 Graham Road West, Ithaca
 DATE: Friday, October 27
 TIME: 6-8 p.m.
 MORE INFO: A family-friendly night of music and dancing, creepy crafts, goofy games, apples and popcorn, and a bounce house. Dress up and join the costume parade. Register at the Y or online; free for members, \$4 for non-members. Visit Facebook.com/events/357919841325886.

October 28

Fall Rummage Sale

WHERE: Lansing United Methodist Church, 32 Brickyard Road, Lansing
 DATE: Saturday, October 28, and Sunday, October 29
 TIME: 8 a.m.
 MORE INFO: Visit Facebook.com/events/758948047623883



Wizarding Weekend

WHERE: Downtown Ithaca, including Press Bay Alley, the Commons and surrounding streets
 DATE: Saturday, October 28, and Sunday, October 29
 TIME: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Sunday; related events also take place in the evenings
 MORE INFO: For a complete schedule and more information, visit WizardingWeekend.com.

Crock Pot Class

WHERE: Groton Public Library, 112 E. Cortland St., Groton
 DATE: Saturday, October 28
 TIME: 10 a.m. to noon
 MORE INFO: Free class; participants will receive a free crock pot and knife (if they don't already own one), and leave with dinner in their pot. Those interested in attending must pre-register; visit Facebook.com/events/1489340294486042.

11th Annual Chili Cook Off and Apple Pie Contest

WHERE: Dryden Community Center Cafe, 1 W. Main St., Dryden
 DATE: Saturday, October 28
 TIME: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 MORE INFO: Amateur bakers wanted for adult and under 16 age groups; chili entries must be sponsored by a group or an organization. Entry forms and complete rules are available at the Cafe.

Observe the Moon Night

WHERE: Southworth Library, 24 W. Main St., Dryden
 DATE: Saturday, October 28
 TIME: 6:30-9 p.m.
 MORE INFO: Stories, activities and stargazing with telescopes and Cornell astronomers. Pajamas and costumes are encouraged.

Waltz Night Benefit for TCFA

WHERE: Trumansburg Conservatory of Fine Arts, 5 McLallen St., Trumansburg
 DATE: Saturday, October 28
 TIME: 7-9 p.m.
 MORE INFO: A benefit event for the Trumansburg Conservatory of Fine Arts will feature music from Ireland, Scotland, Sweden and New England performed by the Cascadilla Creek ensemble. \$10 tickets at the door.

October 29

Turkey Shoot

WHERE: Newfield Rod & Gun Club, 158 Stark Road, Newfield
 DATE: Sunday, October 29
 TIME: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 MORE INFO: Visit NewfieldRodGun.org.

Classical Turkish Music

WHERE: First Congregational Church, 309 Highland Road, Ithaca
 DATE: Sunday, October 29
 TIME: 4 p.m.
 MORE INFO: A concert of Turkish classical and devotional music; a free will offering will be accepted.

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T'burg girls soccer captures division title over Dryden

By Will LeBlond

Tompkins Weekly

Two decades and another 300 minutes of waiting all led up to a special moment for the Trumansburg girls soccer team this season – they can call themselves division champions.

On Thursday, October 12, the Blue Raiders faced off against Dryden in a tiebreaker IAC Large School North Division Championship Game in Trumansburg. In two previous meetings between the teams during the regular season, they had tied on both occasions.

With a spot in the IAC Large School Championship at Tompkins Cortland Community College on the line, the two sides engaged in yet another tight battle at T'burg's Bond Field. Senior Hannah Morpurgo opened up the scoring for the Blue Raiders when she sent a rocket into the top half of the net late in the first half.

The Blue Raiders held that 1-0 lead into the halftime break, but Dryden's Ashleigh Scheidweiler drew the Purple Lions back to level when she lofted a shot into the net not even two minutes into the second half. After that, the teams traded chances, but to no avail. Following regulation time, they continued on to a pair of 10-minute overtime sessions, but still no one could score.

"I don't know about my memory of it, but I'll remember how my stomach felt, it was stressful," said Trumansburg head coach Scott Stewart. "It was going back-and-forth and we had played something like 300 minutes of tied soccer with them, it was pretty incredible. It was just a lot of stress going through my mind the whole way."



Photo by Andy Murpurgo

Trumansburg's Hannah Murpurgo dribbles the ball during a soccer match versus Dryden earlier this season.

After the two overtimes, the drama heightened immensely when darkness became too much

to continue play. On the campus of Charles O. Dickerson High School, Bond Field, which does not have

lights, is located directly next to Tarbell Field, which does have lights. So, after talking with both coaches, the game's officials decided to turn on the lights at Tarbell and play a pair of 5-minute golden goal (next goal wins) overtime sessions to decide the division champion.

"As we were moving, we were talking about how tired we were," said Morpurgo. "But we had to push through just 10 more minutes, so we treated it like it was nothing."

The change in venue almost brought around a change in the teams, as they both were jumping around in excitement to get the game's third overtime underway.

"It definitely gave us a jolt of energy," said Morpurgo. "It gave us a couple extra minutes to breathe and collect ourselves."

With the original 4:30 start time, this move wasn't expected, but it did mull around the back of Stewart's head.

"At the beginning of the game, we were jokingly talking about having to go over and finish on the other field with the lights," said Stewart. "When we decided to move over to the field, it wasn't a joke anymore. So, I kept it kind of stress free with the girls and they took it pretty well."

With 100 minutes of soccer in the books, both sides played most of the third overtime period just like they had all season long, which was close. The game seemed destined for a fourth overtime with time winding down on the clock, but Morpurgo had other ideas.

She got the ball inside the box, made a fake and then flipped a pass over to freshman Alexia Angulo-Stevenson, who drilled the ball into

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Groton grad Sidney Reeves marking mark with UB soccer program

By Will LeBlond

Tompkins Weekly

A few hours up north in Buffalo, a Groton native has been living out her dream for the past few months and she only wants it to get better.

Sidney Reeves, the most prolific goal scorer in Indians history after she wrapped up her senior year last fall with 87 career goals, has taken her talents to the University of Buffalo Bulls' Division I program this season. The freshman has earned playing time in roughly half of the team's games and registered her first career point when she got an assist in her collegiate debut on September 3 in the Bulls' win against Youngstown State.

"It was pretty amazing," said Reeves on the feeling of getting her first collegiate point. "I was going down the sideline and I pulled it back and I just crossed it to Rachel's (Villalta) feet and she ended up scoring."

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At right, Sidney Reeves moves with the ball during a match for the University of Buffalo Bulls women's soccer program.



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