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Exploring stories about human rights

By Sue Heninger
Tompkins Weekly

“Free? Stories about Human Rights” is a diverse anthology of fourteen stories, penned by young adult authors from around the globe. The book was compiled to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the stories focus on timely and relevant topics-political asylum, education, friendships, and faith. Annette Birdsall, Director of the Ulysses Philomathic Library in Trumansburg, explained why the library felt this particular book would make an excellent – and compelling – community read.

“Ithaca is a Sanctuary City which made these local issues,” she said. “We felt we wanted to champion social justice, with a focus on immigration, because of how immigrants are perceived worldwide at this time. We wanted to facilitate a discussion that was civil, respectful, and celebratory.”

The 2017 community read is funded by the Myrtle Dee Nash Memorial Fund of the Community Foundation of Tompkins County. Participating libraries include Apalachin Library, Aurora Free Library, Edith B. Ford Memorial Library, Phillips Free Library, and, in Tompkins County, Lansing Community Library and UPL. The book was made available to all readers free of charge.

According to Birdsall, one of the grant requirements is for the director of each library to brainstorm with a community partner on ways to make the book available to the public. UPL’s community partner was Deva Maas, co-owner of Redbyrd Orchard Cider, parent of three children, and past president of the Amnesty International chapter at her high school. Despite her many other commitments, Maas was honored to be part of the book selection process.



Photo by Sue Heninger / Tompkins Weekly

From left are Ksana Broadwell, librarian at Ulysses Philomathic Library, UPL Director Annette Birdsall, and Library Assistant Jessie Miglus with copies of the 2017 Community Read book, “Free? Stories about Human Rights.”

“We wanted a book that would be appropriate for younger readers as well as one that would engage all audiences,” she observed. “The short stories (in Free?) make it more accessible. You don’t have to commit to the whole book.”

“After the Hurricane,” by Rita Williams-Garcia was the prose poem that most resonated with Maas. The vivid imagery of people in the City of New Orleans banding together after the hurricane, told from the perspective of teenagers, was very moving to her.

“It was beautiful. It made me cry,” she said with feeling. “This happened right in my own country. How people were treated was unbelievable.”

For Birdsall, Maas was the perfect choice.

“She’s a champion of past community reads and very interested in social justice issues,” she said. “Deva was also instrumental in getting the

word out about ‘Free?’

“She distributed copies of the book, fliers about the book, and bookmarks all over the community, including at Tompkins Trust Company, NAPA Auto Parts, and the Trumansburg Farmers’ Market,” Birdsall added. “We had received 400 copies of the book and 200 of those were given out in Trumansburg alone.”

The community discussion of “Free?,” originally scheduled for August 22, was canceled due to a power outage in the village. The event has been rescheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, August 29, at UPL (located at 74 E. Main St. in Trumansburg). Librarian Ksana Broadwell, and library assistant Jessie Miglus, will moderate the talk.

Grace Bogdanove from Amnesty International at Cornell University and Kimerly Corish of the Tompkins County Office of Human Rights will be

part of the program as well.

“They will be bringing information on their organizations, along with suggestions for possible action steps for participants to take so they have somewhere to go with this after the discussion,” Birdsall explained.

Maas hopes that “every single person in the town” will come to the discussion. She believes there is something in the book for everyone.

“Fifth graders in Trumansburg study the Declaration of Human Rights,” she said. “This book will enhance that experience for them.”

Maas also envisions the community read as being a springboard to intergenerational discussions about some of the concerns the stories raise.

“You can get more out of the book that way,” she contended.

Birdsall’s goal is that the book discussion will allow participants to express their own thoughts and perceptions about human rights

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Opportunities, Alternatives and Resources of Tompkins County

By Rob Montana
Tompkins Weekly

Non-profit organizations are plentiful throughout Tompkins County, and make a big impact in our communities. Despite their contributions, area non-profits can sometimes go unnoticed or unknown. In an effort to shine a spotlight on those who are making a difference in our county, Tompkins Weekly will be showcasing these organizations on a regular basis.

This week we are highlighting Opportunities, Alternatives and Resources of Tompkins County. Executive Director Deb Dietrich said the organization's motto is "protecting civil liberties." To learn more about the organization, we asked her about the what the organization does to make an impact in the community, as well as how others could lend OAR a hand.

Tompkins Weekly: What is your mission?

Deb Dietrich: Our mission is to advocate for and assist inmates and former inmates of the Tompkins County Jail and their friends and families.

TW: How do you fulfill that mission?

DD: Staff go to the jail four days a week to conduct assigned counsel intakes, complete bail applications and assist inmates with other requests. We have markedly increased our efforts in assisting individuals' transition home over the past five years. Reentry is a complex field with numerous agencies providing pieces of services to assist reentry. OAR works to coordinate these different services. However, the lack of safe and affordable housing for individuals returning home from the Tompkins



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Some of OAR of Tompkins County's staff include, from left, Anita Peebles, Megan Hogan, Jessica Shepard, Executive Director Deb Dietrich and Suzanne Burnham.

County Jail has been one of the most serious barriers to successful reentry.

OAR, with the financial assistance of the county, recently purchased a four-bedroom home that we are renovating to provide downtown housing for four clients coming home – Endeavor House. We hope to have the house up and running this fall.

In addition, over the past two years, OAR has created a new program under the leadership of Benay Rubenstein – College Initiative Upstate – that guides previously incarcerated individuals through the application, preparation and admittance procedures to higher education. This summer CIU held its first College Prep class and had 12 graduates, all of whom will be attending TC3 this fall or spring.

Another new project is in collaboration with the Rescue Mission and Challenge Workforce

Solutions. This project is a comprehensive employment training and placement program, funded by the NYS Department of Criminal Justice Services and will serve 50 parolees each year for five years, returning home from state prison. OAR now has a satellite program in Schuyler County which is staffed by a part-time client service worker who assists incarcerated individuals with assigned counsel intakes and other applications for assistance.

OAR has an annual fundraising letter campaign and this year we will be seeking funding for the range of new projects, focusing on Endeavor House.

TW: What are the biggest challenges your organization faces?

DD: The biggest challenge facing OAR is to continue to provide the range of services with a relatively small staff – about seven full-time employees.

TW: What is something people do not know about your organization?

DD: Many people don't know that OAR is one of the few agencies, nationwide that advocates for inmates in local

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History of Tompkins County

Photo provided by The History Center in Tompkins County

Stewart Park has been one of Ithaca's favorite summer spots for many decades. This iconic photograph of a lifeguard and playing children was taken by photographer Sol Goldberg in the late 1950s or early 1960s when swimming was still allowed at the park. 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.thehistory-center.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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Meet the Candidates

Tompkins County Legislature District 13: Martha Robertson

By Rob Montana
Tompkins Weekly

With at least 20 people announcing their plans to run for Tompkins County Legislature in the fall, Tompkins Weekly will be offering readers an opportunity to learn more about the people who will be appearing on ballots in September and November.

District 13, which covers part of the Town of Dryden, has been represented by Martha Robertson since 2002. A former chairperson of the Legislature – from 2010-2013 – her political career also includes a run for Congress in 2014.

To learn more about Robertson's view of being a legislator, we asked her about the issues she sees facing Tompkins County.

Tompkins Weekly: *What are the top three issues facing Tompkins County?*

Martha Robertson: Housing – and the impacts of our housing shortage on social equity and environmental sustainability

We face a critical housing shortage which creates family instability as people struggle to find and keep a roof over their heads, and results in approximately 14,000 of our workers commuting daily from outside the county.



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Tompkins County Legislator Martha Robertson talks with a constituent while campaigning door to door.

The county's 2006 Housing Needs Assessment found a need for 4,000 new housing units between 2005 and 2014, but we fell short: 3,200 units were built even as several thousand more college students than expected came into our housing market over those years. As a result, the 2016 Assessment shows a need for 5,800 new units through 2025, not including new beds for students.

The need for housing that low-moderate income people can afford is especially critical. The private market simply cannot meet the need, and there just aren't enough public dollars available.

This shortage creates human

miser, exacerbates inequities in our society, and contributes to climate change because people are forced to travel farther from home to work and services. The solutions are complex, but they're within our reach, if we work together toward a more sustainable and

just housing market.

Climate change and energy: What can we do locally to play our part in this global challenge?

Locally, climate change is already affecting our agriculture, our health, and our economy. We're already taking many steps to mitigate the damage and transition away from fossil fuels, but we simply must accelerate the transition.

One of the issues I've been working diligently on is finding a way to avoid new gas infrastructure – that is, a pipeline through the Town of Dryden – which NYSEG proposed to provide more gas service

to Lansing. We are making good progress in working with NYSEG and the Public Service Commission on a "non-pipe alternative," which will move our entire community away from its reliance on gas.

Criminal justice system: How do we improve our system, in the community, the courts, and within the jail, to reduce the number of people in that system? How do we reduce and treat substance abuse and mental health challenges, and provide people with the jobs and housing they need, so they're able to avoid the criminal justice system altogether?

With the recent "jail study report" by CGR consultants, we have a roadmap for changes that can make a difference in people's lives and in our incarceration rate. The investments that will be needed are worthy of our tax dollars, and a much better investment than building new jail cells would be. Now it's up to New York State to decide which path we'll be permitted to take.

TW: *What skills do you possess that would be an asset as a Tompkins County legislator?*

MR: Experience and institutional memory: First elected in 2001, I've seen many changes over the past 15-plus years. Now, as

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Another candidate emerges for Tompkins County's 12th District

Tompkins Weekly Staff

For several months, Amanda Champion has been the lone candidate announced to represent the 12th District on the Tompkins County Legislature.

But last week another candidate emerged – Jennifer Karius, who filed independent nominating petitions to appear on the Freedom and Equality line on the ballot in the November general election.

“After running elections for other people at national and state levels, I would like to bring my skills and perspectives to the residents of Tompkins County as a legislator,” Karius said in a press release. “For many years, I have helped others with their campaigns and it never occurred to me that I should seek office. While I came to that realization too late in this election cycle to run on the Democratic ballot line, I still had the chance to run independently and have chosen to do so under my own party line.”



Jennifer Karius

In the press release, she touted her work in “grassroots constituency building to make the case for operable democratic government at a time in our nation when it is under attack.”

According to Karius, she developed a unique perspective on the U.S. through the lens of her

international relations study while living in the Netherlands. She was fortunate enough to re-educate herself completely after 15 years of professional classical ballet with the San Francisco Ballet and the Dutch National Ballet. After her bachelor's degree, she returned to the U.S. to advocate for democracy in a post Bush versus Gore environment and the onset of the Iraq War, where her then 40-year-old brother served.

She picked up advocacy campaigning after landing in Washington, D.C. during the financial crisis, campaigned for clean energy and labor legislation, and innovated events to educate and activate on the issues of election integrity and voting rights preceding Obama's first election. For years, Karius continued to work regularly in the Netherlands in order to retain her residency there to keep her healthcare and an affordable home.

She pursued a master's degree in public administration – which she obtained from the Maxwell School in Syracuse in 2011 – on the

recommendation of her stepfather who was a high-level government reformist. After graduating from Maxwell she continued to do research-related work, and returned to grassroots campaigning. She jumped on a campaign to form a statewide healthcare workers union in Minnesota that launched her into work with candidates. She has since managed field operations – most recently a high-profile Congressional primary in Maryland and, before that, for the governor of Connecticut. A potential campaign with a local candidate brought her back home to the Ithaca area.

In closing her press release, Karius noted her gratitude for “her opportunity to stay in the Netherlands for so many years and for the outlook it gave her about her own country and her role in it. She is now thankful for her home amid the natural wonders she drinks in each day living in District 12 that rings around the southern and western part of Ithaca.”

As students arrive, Collegetown construction projects wrapping up

By Brian Crandall

The Ithaca Voice

No other neighborhood in Ithaca quite has its construction timed like Collegetown. And that's no surprise, given that everything enters a frantic summer rush to be ready for new students when classes resume in late August. Having much interest but little common sense, it seemed time to take a trip through bustling Collegetown and take a look at the latest additions to its perpetually young and often-avoided streets.

201 COLLEGE AVENUE

Have to say, at least it looks like its renderings. Visum Development is wrapping up the 5-story, 74-bedroom apartment building, although its new residents can expect to hear the sounds of construction for a few more weeks. According to Visum CEO Todd Fox, who happened to be at the site when the photos were taken last week, there were cleaning crews inside, and a certificate of occupancy was being obtained so that new tenants could move in last Friday.

On the outside however, work is still coming along. From the looks of it, it appears all the woven bamboo siding has been attached. However, the overhead canopy has yet to be installed over the front entrance, and some of the decorative black metal rails and fiber cement panels have yet to be clipped on over the structural metal rails. So while tenants will be able to move in for the fall semester later this week, construction on the exterior and landscaping finishes will extend into September.

As 201 wraps up, Fox has his eye on his other approved projects – 210 Linden Avenue, a 4-story, 36-bedroom building, has been excavated and padded, and is waiting on municipal permits to begin

construction of the foundation. As with 201 College, William H. Lane Inc. of Binghamton will be the general contractor, and local design firm STREAM Collaborative is the architect. The project at 232-236 Dryden Road, a pair of 4-story buildings with 191 bedrooms, is due to start site prep in September. Two smaller Visum projects, for 118 College Avenue and 126 College Avenue, have no firm construction dates at this time.

THE BREAZZANO CENTER

The Breazzano Center is occupied, with Cornell staff now in their new offices on the upper three floors of the six-story building. The lower three floors are classrooms and academic space for the university's Executive MBA program. The interior and exterior finish work is wrapping up (interior moldings, some cosmetic exterior panels), and it looks like the new street seating, curbing and bike racks are in – the development team may hold off on plantings until next spring, depending on how well the project team thinks the new landscaping will grow in before winter comes.

On the inside, there's lots of natural light thanks to the glass curtain wall, the natural wood paneling gives it a warmer look, and the lighting underneath the staircases in the multistory atrium is a modern touch. With all the transparent glass and bright light, it can feel a little disorienting, creating a feeling of space that makes the 76,000-square-foot building seem much larger than it is. The \$15.9 million Collegetown project will be 100 percent occupied by Cornell on a 50-year lease from developer John Novarr. Hayner Hoyt Corporation of Syracuse is the general contractor.

Novarr isn't taking much of a break, as construction of the new 24-unit apartment building next door

is expected to begin next month. Plans have also been approved for faculty housing at 119-125 College Avenue, but construction has yet to get underway.

400-404 STEWART AVENUE (THE CHAPTER HOUSE SITE)

The new structure is quite substantial for a modest three-story building – structural steel frame (currently up to the second floor), steel floor panels, finished basement, – all heavy duty, commercial grade construction, befitting for a mixed-use structure with possible food

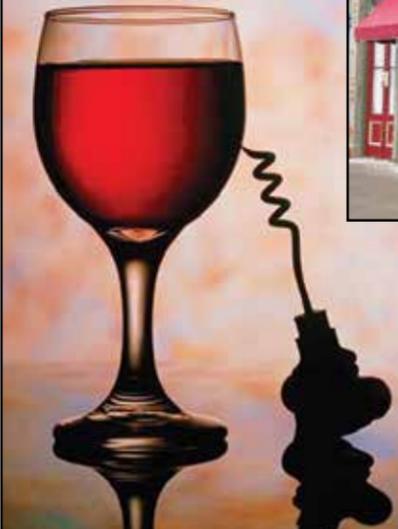
retail or general retail tenants on the 3,000-square-foot ground floor. The exposed portion of the concrete foundation wall will be faced with bluestone later in the build-out. The apartment building planned for 406 Stewart Ave. has been graded, but construction will not start until later this fall.

As for the Chapter House itself coming back, proprietor John Hoey said in a message “{t}he chapter house plans to return, hopefully, to the original location if a deal can be reached with...property owners that

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Growing Connections from Cornell NYC Here

By Kate Supron

Be it an enhanced rural residency program between Weill Cornell Medicine and Cayuga Medical Center, or new connections between Cornell Tech and area schools, the power of collaborations between Cornell in New York City and shared communities here continues to grow.

Earlier this month, 36 educators from eight local school districts – Candor, Dryden, William George Agency, Groton, Ithaca, Lansing, South Seneca and Trumansburg – plus TST BOCES, gathered in Gates Hall on the Cornell-Ithaca campus for a workshop on computer science education.

Cornell Tech's Senior Director for K-12 Education Diane Levitt partners with the Computer Science for All Consortium and schools



Kate Supron

in New York City, working to prepare teachers and students for the digital age. To that end, CSforAll is piloting a school district CS education planning process.

At its core, this process is designed to give schools and educators a wide variety of options to pick from, rather than a "one size fits all" solution.

While much attention is given to large scale urban CS education efforts, CSforAll Consortium co-founder Leigh Ann DeLyser emphasized that with, "15,000 of the 16,000 school districts and collaboratives in the U.S. having fewer than 20 schools, we need to engage small and medium-sized school districts in order to get to

the 'All' of CSforAll," adding these smaller districts serve 60 percent of students nationwide.

Within this program, districts start with different strengths and challenges, some with no computer science curriculum, others with several courses. The CSforAll planning process meets the districts where they are, and then moves them towards common objectives with actionable goals.

Over the course of two days in Ithaca, local educators defined the path forward that makes sense for each district, outlining three- and six-month goals for advancing computer science education. Case studies from schools around the nation also modeled computer science education in action, illustrating that developing skills in this area are applicable on any number of tech-based platforms, from math to music to sports.

"This workshop is the very beginning of an effort to leverage our partnership with Cornell Tech and the CSforAll Consortium to access the very best statewide, national, and international thinking on the opportunities computer science presents for our students," said TST BOCES Superintendent Jeff Matteson.

The partnership will continue to develop, with three additional workshops and curriculum development support planned over the next two years. Plans are also underway for area superintendents to visit Cornell Tech this fall and tour schools with a well-integrated computer science curricula in place, and to attend the "To Code and Beyond" conference.

"A single teacher leader should not be the only one responsible for computer science education in a school district," said DeLyser. "Planning teams exist for all other subjects, and we need to help districts create structures to support teachers' efforts in CSforAll, and give them roadmaps and plans that recognize the unique students and school cultures they serve. We need planning and thoughtfulness around K-12 computer sequences and pathways

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Candidates: Voice concerns, share solutions

It used to be that election season was called the “silly season.” This is where every difference between candidates, not only politically, but personally was magnified. Afterward, the winners got back to the business of serving EVERYONE in their districts. The elected officials listened to everyone and made an attempt to address their concerns.



The Republican View
By Ed LaVigne

Unfortunately, this doesn't seem the case anymore. It appears every day now is the “silly season.” Every difference has to be magnified. Political parties are on a 24/7 recruitment drive. If you dare to disagree or challenge a decision, opinion or belief you are in the

crosshairs. We as a community have an opportunity to change the direction produced by the “silly season.” We have an obligation as elected officials to attempt to represent everyone.

The election process is nothing more than a very long job interview. I have never told people who were interviewing me to hire me because the other applicants suck. If that word offends you, good. It is that same offensive dialogue that is constantly spoken repeatedly from all parties. ENOUGH!

If you are running for office please share your concerns. More importantly, share your SPECIFIC solutions to address those concerns. If your platform is to create jobs, how? If your platform is to cut taxes, how? If your platform is to address the mental health crisis, how? Illegal drug use? Immigration in our community? Infrastructure? Environmental protection? You get the point.

When I was hired to be Lansing's town supervisor, there were many issues that made up my platform. Some of them were cost-effective governing, accessibility, inclusiveness and productivity.

■ **Cost-effective governing:** People told me you cannot run government like a business. My response was you have a duty to respect the efforts hard working people make to be financially self-reliant. Taking their money in the form of taxes is the LAST resort. When people tell me that raising taxes is ONLY a few dollars more each year, my response is you should tell people you are SORRY. Sorry that more of their money has to be taken from them. Are you willing to think differently than the usual way of conducting governmental business?

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Guest Opinion

Women's Equality Work Continues On

By Sen. Pam Helming

On Saturday, August 26, Americans around the country celebrated Women's Equality Day, but here in the 54th New York State Senate District, we have been commemorating women's equality and women's rights for a little longer than that, in a way.

Held since 1971, Women's Equality Day marks the date in 1920 when the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was passed, granting women the right to vote. This occasion happened as a result of

the women's rights movement that begin right here in the Finger Lakes region with the first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls.

Women's Equality Day observes that victory for women's rights and the advances that women have made since then but also raises awareness of the continuing efforts for women's equality. And just like the suffragists before them – women such as Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott – we have many trailblazers and leaders in our community who keep working for women's equality today.

In fact, those trailblazers and leaders were celebrating women's rights here in the Finger Lakes region more than a month before Women's Equality Day. This year marks the 100th anniversary of women getting the right to vote in New York state, and the National Susan B. Anthony Museum & House in Rochester organized the VoteTilla to commemorate this centennial.

The VoteTilla – a play on the world flotilla, as in a group of canal boats – traveled the Erie Canal from

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STREET BEAT

The word on the street from around Tompkins County

By Kristy Montana

Question: How will you be preparing for the change of season?



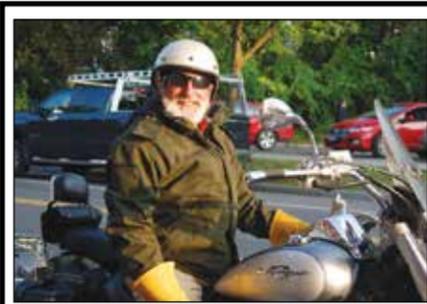
“I will be thinking about what vegetables I'll be having for Thanksgiving. I'm glad the Farmers Market runs through October.”

– Nancy Olszewski, Trumansburg



“We grow food, so we are just trying to play catch up. All the beds will eventually be prepped for fall and winter, but for now - catch up.”

–Shaunessy, Terry, Lelan and Pfeiffer Bloom, Newfield



“My wife and I are full-time RVers. She's in Florida with grandkids, I'm here to help my son on his farm. I'm just a worker; I work for the food and I'll be out of here in winter.”

– Steve Bloom, Florida



“Nothing too exciting; changing to warmer clothes, changing what we eat – stew and good things like that.”

– Charlotte and Josh Norwich, England



“Fantasy football! ... Taking lots of hikes, the gorges are amazing when the leaves change ... Going to Maine ... Putting some bitters in my whiskey ... And football!”

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To Serve the Common Good, Discern the Facts

By Mike Koplinka-Loehr

In the daily barrage of news and opinions, discerning the truth can seem impossible. You need to seek trustworthy sources who don't bend the facts. And each of us must sharpen our discernment skills to make the right choice on Election Day.

In the July 31 Republican View column, my opponent for the county Legislature in District 6 summarizes a bridge-building effort between political parties. I'm in favor of building bridges between parties and have practiced it in my own leadership. As chairperson of the county Legislature, I appointed Republicans as chairs of standing committees and invited residents from many perspectives to serve on advisory groups.

My opponent concludes that "language [is] essential going forward; to think about persuading instead of winning. There are words that are hot buttons for the other side and close off discussion. ... I don't think triggering the other side gets us where we want to be."

I agree completely. Unfortunately, Mr. Sigler is employing exactly such tactics to trigger unfounded fears among Lansing voters in his

campaign messages, even after we pledged to each other to run a fact-based campaign.

In that spirit of sharing facts, I'd like to answer his mischaracterizations about my views.

■ **Salt Mine:** Lansing needs Cargill operating safely long into the future. The most recent Cargill salt mine managers, Russ Givens and Shawn Wilczynski, would confirm that I have PROMOTED the Lansing mine for the past seven years through concrete action and follow-through, showing results over rhetoric:

– As a consultant, I conducted a 2015 Economic Impact analysis for Cargill (town, county and statewide), with Tompkins County Area Development.

– When I was a member of the Town of Lansing Economic Development Committee (2011-13), Cargill offered to donate land for a sewer district. During that time, I helped to coordinate a 2012 feasibility study of a bio-mass co-generation plant at Cargill.

– In 2015-16, I worked with Cargill to allow some of their land to be used by Lansing schools as one option for their proposed solar array.

– I have facilitated nonprofit donations from Cargill since 2010,

benefiting Get Your Greenback Tompkins, Friendship Donations Network, Youth Farm, and the Lansing Bicentennial.

– I am on the public record supporting Cargill at their IDA sales tax abatement hearing (Lansing Town Hall last fall) and again at the Tompkins County Legislature (December 2016).

– I've met with Shawn Wilczynski and Cargill's senior engineer Dave Plummeau in my home and at their offices to discuss ways to minimize the environmental impact of the Shaft 4 project (we live just downhill from the permitted site). I've encouraged them to hold biannual public information sessions about their shaft planning progress to keep Lansing residents informed.

■ **Future of the Power Plant:** Governor Cuomo proposes closing all New York state coal plants by 2021, affecting all our taxes. I support the conversion of the power plant to natural gas, but not at electric ratepayer expense. (The Public Service Commission couldn't justify the \$100-plus million cost to ratepayers.) I helped negotiate the first Cayuga Power Plant's Payment In Lieu Of Taxes (PILOT) agreement. While plant value decreased subsequently, I discussed

with the plant manager the idea of locating the Lansing School District solar array on their land. I fully support the creation of the "energy park" now being proposed there.

■ **Supporting Energy Needs:** I support the NYSEG plan – which the Public Service Commission is now reviewing – for improving the natural gas supply in Lansing, including a compressor station to increase pressure especially for those businesses in need of reliable natural gas.

■ **Economic Development:** In addition to membership on Lansing's Economic Development Committee, I've served on the Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce Board and the Industrial Development Agency Board, which subsequently created the Lansing Town Center Incentive Zone Program to encourage well-planned development on Town lands. Economic development action trumps talk.

To not mischaracterize others takes a lot of restraint and courage, but it's how we build bridges, relationships and influence policy for the common good, thereby improving the lives of Lansing residents and others countywide.

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'Head, Heart and Strategy' aimed at women in business

By Rob Montana
Tompkins Weekly

A vast array of life experiences has led Ariana Blossom down the path she's on – coaching people and businesses to reach greater heights.

Blossom said that people can be motivated by fear, but that it also can get in the way of people moving forward or changing their habits. The desire to help others move past fear or any roadblock standing in their way to success is what drew her to coaching others, and she started her own business.

Blossom said our culture limits opportunity for women, with roadblocks such as lower wages, abusive scheduling practices and less flexibility for women who are also responsible for taking care of family need.

"A survey done in America showed that the single biggest reason



Ariana Blossom

women leave their jobs is they need more flexible work hours," Blossom said.

She sees the need to increase the number of women that are doing that in this country, and taking on even more leadership opportunities. That's the idea behind a pair of programs she's leading in September, focused squarely on empowering women in business to take the next step in their careers.

A workshop titled "Head, Heart and Strategy" is scheduled for 9-10:30 a.m. Friday, September 8, at the Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce, located at 904 E. Shore Drive in Ithaca. The cost to take part in the workshop is \$25 for Chamber of Commerce members and \$40 for

non-members.

"It's for corporate refugees, women who have started or who are running businesses, women who are stressed out in their current jobs and looking for more," Blossom said of the workshop. "I want women to know what they believe is possible, and they can make some choices about what's next for them."

"It's a jumping off point for a smaller group of women to assess where they are right now," she added. "For them to answer the question of 'What am I trying to prove to myself, my family, my past by living in a particular way right now?'"

The next step from the workshop is a small group series – Head, Heart and Strategy: A Coaching Program for Women Fall 2017 – which will kick off Tuesday, September 19. The series of six sessions – running from 9-11 a.m. – will take place every other Tuesday (September 19, October 3, 17 and 31, and November 14 and 28), also at the Chamber.

There are also several opt-in, hour-long individual sessions that will take place between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Tuesdays, September 26, and October 10 and 24.

"These sessions are more for women already in business, professional women wrestling with the questions: 'How do I have work/life balance?' 'How do I grow my business?' 'Where am I getting in my own way?'," Blossom said. "It's really good for women who are at a tipping point, for those on the brink of leaving one thing and heading into another."

There is an all-inclusive fee for the series, which includes all the group sessions and three private sessions, of \$200 per month or \$600 for the total program for Chamber members; for non-members, the fee is \$250 per month or \$750 for the program. For those interested only in the six group sessions, the member fee is \$125 per month or \$375 for the total program, and non-members will pay \$175 per month or \$525 for the total program.

To sign-up for the workshop or the series, visit the Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce website at TompkinsChamber.org. For more information about Blossom, visit her website at ArianaBlossom.com or her Facebook page at [Facebook.com/BlossomCoachingLLC](https://www.facebook.com/BlossomCoachingLLC).



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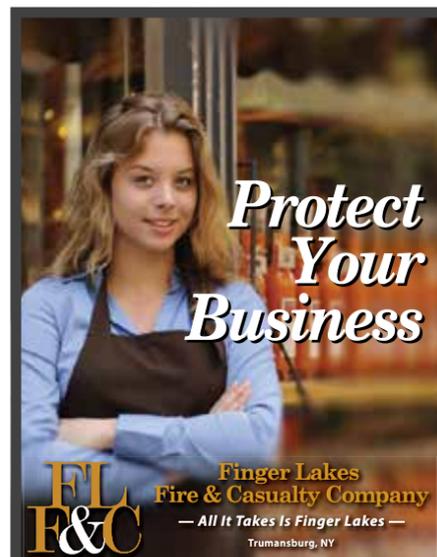


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East Hill

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so that we are not teaching page 1 of Computer Science Chapter 1 to students for 12 years in a row.”

“Thoughtful work takes time,” Levitt said during a break at Gates Hall. “What we don’t want is to just check a box. What we want is to change teaching and learning. It’s going to look different in every district. But everyone here is onboard.”

Kate Supron is an outreach liaison in Cornell University’s Office of Community Relations. East Hill Notes are published the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

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And there’s another step – literally. It’s not enough to just talk. We need to act on our words. We must read the background material, propose

a resolution, meet with people of different persuasions, lead committees, and work steadily for solutions.

Discerning truth from fiction takes some effort, but democracy demands it. May each Lansing voter take the time to discern that

difference in the November 7 election.

Koplinka-Loehr, a former member and chairperson of the Tompkins County Legislature, is running against incumbent Mike Sigler for the 6th District seat.

Republican

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In the current Lansing administration, every contract had been reviewed to look for cost savings. Some contracts were renegotiated, while others were paid in full at the start of the year at a discounted amount. Results were savings to the hard working taxpayers.

Two other examples: We implemented a retirement incentive. That concept was researched and implemented at the town level. Two employees accepted the retirement package. Their responsibilities are being absorbed and saving the hard working taxpayers \$166,000 per year. We also instituted shared services. Two of our employees from the

recreation department have obtained their class D licenses. This means they will be working on snow removal in the winter and park maintenance in the warmer months. This allows us the option of absorbing one position from the highway department. The results is more value for the same wage expense to our hard working taxpayers

■ **Accessibility:** What other local government official has an ongoing Facebook account dedicated to daily conversations and interaction? “Hey Lansing, What is on your mind?” This is an ongoing open town hall meeting that you can attend from the comfort of your recliner. It has turned out to be extremely useful to interact and inform the people of Lansing.

■ **Inclusiveness:** When our local Drop-In Center had to turn

away children because there was not enough room, this town supervisor met with the department head, the program director, a town board member who was one of the founders of the program, and resolved the matter. Another assistant was needed and for less than \$5,000 per year the concern was removed. When you spend beneath your means you have the ability to resolve financial concerns quickly.

■ **Productivity:** The residents of Myers Road were concerned with speeding, road safety and lack of shoulders on their road. Lansing’s town highway superintendent and town supervisor met with the concerned residents and developed an action plan. Storm drains were installed and shoulders created. Speed indicators were placed strategically

and the sheriff’s department became more involved. This was all accomplished within two months this year.

We are diverse. Personally as Americans we share a common bond, but I hope we never lose the awareness of our diversity. One of my friends who belongs to the Democratic Party shared his wisdom with this Republican town supervisor some time ago. He said, and I apologize if the words are not verbatim, “democracy is like a bicycle, the wheels always have to be turning if you want to get anywhere.” I use that wisdom as a compass at my town board meetings.

Ed LaVigne is the Lansing town supervisor.

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Free?

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while having the opportunity to expand their horizons by hearing others' views. Groups often form, either obviously or subtly, based on an "us and them" mentality, she asserted. It was important to her and the other organizers to start, and encourage engagement in, a civil, respectful, and nonjudgmental conversation that includes everyone in the Trumansburg community.

Are today's libraries safe places where people can meet to talk about social justice issues or visit to learn more about human rights issues?

"Absolutely!" Birdsall said, remarking that libraries have a long history of standing up against the mistreatment of others and defending human rights.

People often read to find themselves or to learn about someone else.

"If you're seeking information, we have it," Birdsall noted. "We can also help you find stories you can relate to."

"We are so lucky to have public libraries that provide free resources and access to information for everyone, regardless of their economic background," added Maas.

For those who would like to explore human rights more in depth after reading "Free?," there is an adult version of the book, titled "Freedom: Stories Celebrating the Universal

Declaration of Human Rights," which features contributions from well-known authors. The full list of rights can be found at UN.org/en/universal-declaration-human-rights.

Historically, America has been a country made up of people from all backgrounds and all walks of life. The city of Ithaca and surrounding areas are reflective of this. Join Tompkins Weekly and "One of Us" each month as we learn more about who we are as a community.

OAR

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jails. And we've been doing so for over 40 years.

TW: How can people best support your mission?

DD: People can support our mission through checking our Facebook page for upcoming Endeavor House work parties, the

United Way's volunteer portal for other volunteer opportunities or by making a financial contribution, including the option of donating stock. We are also looking for other properties to develop to house those

returning home.

To connect with OAR of Tompkins County on social media, visit its Facebook page at Facebook.com/OARTompkinsCounty.

Robertson

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three top county officials and five legislators retire, and another three incumbent legislators face electoral challenges, the need for institutional memory is more important than at any time during my four previous terms. When I started, I relied heavily on my more experienced colleagues to explain the many complex issues that we face, and I hope I can provide that support for new folks coming into the legislature!

Hard working, willing to speak up: I think I've earned a reputation for working hard and being tenacious

on issues that matter most to my district and county residents as a whole. I'm not afraid to speak up, and to challenge "the powers that be," in Albany for example. I do my homework and learn the facts, and then I work hard to implement the best possible solutions that we can.

TW: What is something that would surprise people to know about you?

MR: Most people don't know I'm an identical twin! My sister lives in California, so folks would not be likely to run into her in Wegmans.

TW: How do you balance the desires of your constituents and your own

personal beliefs when making decisions as a member of the Legislature?

MR: That's a constant question for a lawmaker! You can't possibly poll every constituent to get their position on every issue, so you rely on a combination of your knowledge of your district, and your own judgment and experience. Staying in close touch with your voters is key – to hear from them while also sharing your evaluation of issues based on the best information you can get.

I do not think the Legislature should be a platform for someone to promote their personal ideology. We're elected to represent people we agree with AND people we don't

agree with. Compromise is often the right decision, even if you would prefer a "purer" outcome.

TW: Why should people vote for you?

MR: I care deeply about this community and about the challenges we face, and I'm eternally optimistic about our ability to make a difference. We've been able to lead the state in so many areas, thanks to the engagement of our residents, the vision and expertise of our county staff, and our progressive values. I have the energy and drive to continue to serve and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to do so.



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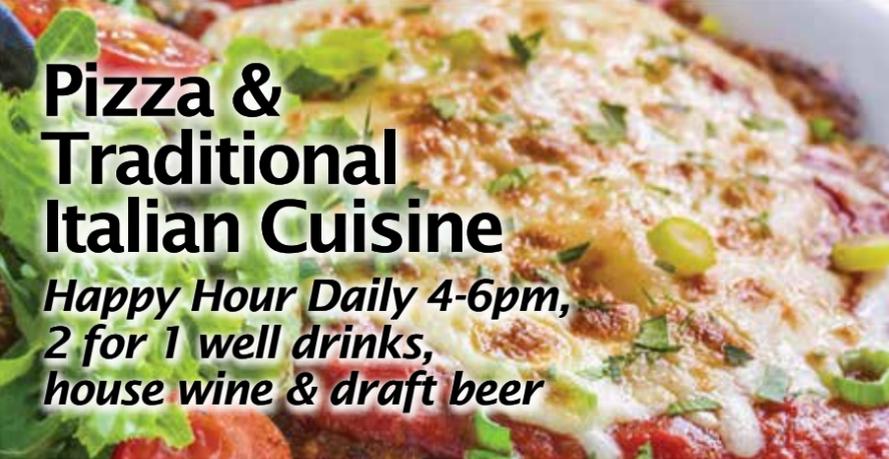
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Collegetown

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can support a pub for the next 20-plus years in Collegetown OR we do a deal to acquire one of many existing pubs in Collegetown that are on the market, closed or plan to close due to negative effects of social media on bar population." Short version, it's

coming back, though maybe not in this building.

SCHWARTZ PLAZA

Cornell's modest but notable renovation of Schwartz Plaza has made significant progress. Gone are the walls that kept the sunken plaza cloistered from passerby, and in its place are stone seats and

durable granite setts, for what the university hopes will be a visible, attractive public gathering space in Collegetown's dense quarters. Ornamental grasses will be planted between the seats, and from the renders, it looks like recessed LED light poles will be added as well.

Wood benches will be installed on a granite base below the steel

trusses of the far wall, and some of the stone seatings on the near/eastern side will be overlaid with wood benches as well. Hopefully the marble columns get a thorough cleaning; after a few decades, it could use a good scrub. New ornamental bushes and vines will be planted along the trusses and against the back wall of the sunken "forecourt."

Equality

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Seneca Falls to Rochester with re-enactors portraying suffragists and other historical figures during the weeklong journey. The journey started Sunday, July 16, following the end of Convention Days, an annual festival in Seneca Falls that coincides with the anniversary of that first women's rights convention nearly 170 years ago.

During the trip, the VoteTilla stopped in small towns along the canal to hold events related to the celebration of women's suffrage in New York state. I was fortunate to be able to attend and speak at two of those events on the same day Tuesday, July 18 – in Lyons in the afternoon

and in Newark in the evening. As the first female representative of the 54th District, I was proud to represent the legacy of Susan B. Anthony and so many women who came before me.

The Finger Lakes region is rich with history, particularly with the women's rights movement but not only in Seneca Falls. I was impressed to learn that Susan B. Anthony visited Lyons for two days in 1867 to promote women's right to vote. Lyons then formed its own women's suffrage group in 1900 and later joined Wayne County's organization.

In July 1917, Newark hosted the Wayne County Suffragists convention at the Grange Hall to call attention to the fact that women were entering a variety of professions for the times, so it was an opportune

time for them to gain the right to vote in New York. Later that year, though, Wayne County as a whole opposed women's suffrage in a statewide vote, and Savannah was the only town in the county to approve as women's right to vote was passed statewide.

The right to vote is a freedom that none of us – woman or man – should ever take for granted, and it is a precious freedom that as both a woman and a state legislator I will work to uphold and protect. And as a member of the Senate Republican Women's Caucus, I am committed to working with my colleagues on a number of women's issues, such as making New York more affordable for women and their families, creating career paths and

job opportunities for young women, and promoting entrepreneurship and business ownership for women, among many other items.

This year, we celebrated Women's Equality Day by honoring those women who came before us in the fight for the right to vote and other freedoms. Let's also use this occasion to look at how far we have come for women as a society and how far we still need to go.

Sen. Helming represents the 54th District of the New York State Senate, which consists of Seneca and Wayne counties, parts of Cayuga and Ontario counties, and the towns of Lansing and Webster.

Groton

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the playoffs and then make things happen there."

A success story of a team following that mantra comes from

last season when Sidney just snuck into the Section IV playoffs as an 8th seed, but then rolled all the way to a berth in the state semifinals. With a new batch of seniors, the experience is there for this year's Groton squad to make a playoff run, but they're

focused on what's up next, not what's down the road.

"We always preach one game at a time, it's like a ladder," said Goddard. "At the top of the ladder is a state championship, but you can't get there without stepping up the rungs."

The first rung on the ladder is a September 1 season-opener on the road against Spencer-Van Etten/Candor and then they will return to Groton and Ross Field to take on Greene on September 8.

Lansing

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they want to build on that success.

"The expectations are probably pretty high after we went to the sectional semifinals last year," said Hotchkiss. "We did graduate a fair amount of players, but we do have a lot of guys that we've brought in that have a fair amount of experience."

Perhaps the most notable piece that departed from last year's team is running back Tim Kelley, who put up unbelievable numbers on the ground.

He ran for around 2,000 yards last fall and he will surely be missed, but there are ways to duplicate that offense when the Bobcats spread the ball around.

"It'll definitely be a multi-faceted approach this year," said Hotchkiss. "Even though I think all our guys have exploits to be that guy, I think having a little more multiplicity and

diversity will help us offensively."

The countdown to see how the duo's system will work is just about out now, as the team will begin the 2017 campaign on September 2 on the road against Moravia. Both of the new co-coaches have had that date circled on their calendar for quite a while now.

"We're just so excited to get started," said Levesque. "Brett and I have been talking about it for eight months now and we're pretty excited to finally get in that week one and game plan for our first opponent."

After their season opener, the Bobcats will open up the home portion of their schedule on Friday, September 8 against Whitney Point.

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August 28

Playtime at Trumansburg Library
 WHERE: Ulysses Philomathic Library, 74 E. Main St., Trumansburg
 DATE: Monday, August 28
 TIME: 10-11:30 a.m.
 MORE INFO: The Finger Lakes Toy Library will bring some of its collection of community toys for kids to play with, and will be accepting donations of newly purchased toys and used toys in excellent condition. Visit [Facebook.com/events/126740957933866](https://www.facebook.com/events/126740957933866).



Law Enforcement Shared Services Study Meeting
 WHERE: Tompkins County Public Library, 101 E. Green St., Ithaca
 DATE: Monday, August 28
 TIME: 6-8 p.m.
 MORE INFO: Hear about the Tompkins County Law Enforcement Shared Services study and offer feedback; this is the first of three scheduled meetings. Visit [Facebook.com/events/112608912793637](https://www.facebook.com/events/112608912793637).

August 29

Museum Volunteer Info Session
 WHERE: Johnson Museum of Art, 114 Central Ave., Ithaca
 DATE: Tuesday, August 29
 TIME: 3:30-4:30 p.m.
 MORE INFO: For adults who wish to participate in the museum's educational programs as volunteers or docents; refreshments will be served. No previous art knowledge is required, but a strong and enthusiastic desire to work with school-aged children is a must. Docents lead interactive tours for groups of school-aged children – pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade – from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays. Visit [Facebook.com/events/1382496888485520](https://www.facebook.com/events/1382496888485520).

Community Read Discussion
 WHERE: Ulysses Philomathic Library, 74 E. Main St., Trumansburg
 DATE: Tuesday, August 29
 TIME: 6-7 p.m.
 MORE INFO: A discussion of the community read book, "Free? Stories about Human Rights." Visit [Facebook.com/events/1845566362424632](https://www.facebook.com/events/1845566362424632).

August 30

Summer Sprouts at ICG
 WHERE: Ithaca Children's Garden, Cass Park, Ithaca
 DATE: Wednesday, August 30
 TIME: 10-11 a.m.
 MORE INFO: This drop-in program is geared for children age 2-5.

One Day Quilting Retreat
 WHERE: Newfield Public Library, 198 Main St., Newfield
 DATE: Wednesday, August 30
 TIME: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 MORE INFO: Bring your sewing machine, lunch and quilting supplies. Reserve a spot by contacting Paula Kilts at (607) 351-9504 or emailing kiltsfind@yahoo.com. Visit [Facebook.com/events/917730728383019](https://www.facebook.com/events/917730728383019).

Farm to Truck FUNdraiser
 WHERE: Stick and Stone Farm, 1605 Trumansburg Road, Ithaca
 DATE: Wednesday, August 30
 TIME: 4-8 p.m.
 MORE INFO: Free event, with vendors – Silo Food Truck, How Sweet It Is 607, Bandwagon Pub – selling food and live music. Visit [Facebook.com/events/1723538337946152](https://www.facebook.com/events/1723538337946152).



Aunt Irene's Variety Show
 WHERE: Trumansburg Farmers Market, 69-71 W. Main St., Trumansburg
 DATE: Wednesday, August 30
 TIME: 5-5:30 p.m.
 MORE INFO: LilySilly Puppets presents the puppet variety show, featuring live music from classically trained guitarist Matthew Ocone. Visit [Facebook.com/events/258578377965004](https://www.facebook.com/events/258578377965004).

Law Enforcement Shared Services Study Meeting
 WHERE: Tompkins Cortland Community College, 170 North St., Dryden
 DATE: Wednesday, August 30
 TIME: 6-8 p.m.
 MORE INFO: Hear about the Tompkins County Law Enforcement Shared Services study and offer feedback; this is the second of three scheduled meetings. Visit [Facebook.com/events/1458740654210923](https://www.facebook.com/events/1458740654210923).

Music Series at Mill Park: Lucky Old Sun
 WHERE: Mill Park, Main Street, Newfield
 DATE: Wednesday, August 30
 TIME: 6 p.m.
 MORE INFO: Visit [Facebook.com/NewfieldMusicSeries](https://www.facebook.com/NewfieldMusicSeries)

Family Photo Scavenger Hunt
 WHERE: Dryden Community Center Cafe, 1 W. Main St., Dryden
 DATE: Wednesday, August 30
 TIME: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
 MORE INFO: Arrive at 6:30 for the set of clues, then follow them around the Village of Dryden, taking photos of what solves the riddles; first team back wins a prize. Snacks will be provided upon return to the cafe. Visit [Facebook.com/events/115337312452002](https://www.facebook.com/events/115337312452002).

August 31

CFCU Summer Concert Series: Gunpoets
 WHERE: Bernie Milton Pavilion stage, The Commons, Ithaca
 DATE: Thursday, August 31
 TIME: 6-8 p.m.
 MORE INFO: Visit [Downtownlthaca.com/ithaca-events/CFCU%20Summer%20Concert%20Series](https://www.downtownlthaca.com/ithaca-events/CFCU%20Summer%20Concert%20Series)

Law Enforcement Shared Services Study Meeting
 WHERE: Smith School Auditorium, TST BOCES, 555 Warren Road, Ithaca
 DATE: Thursday, August 31
 TIME: 6-8 p.m.
 MORE INFO: The third of three scheduled meetings. Visit [Facebook.com/events/375838839501982](https://www.facebook.com/events/375838839501982).

All You Can Eat Improv with ComedyFLOPs
 WHERE: The Dock, 415 Taughanock Blvd., Ithaca
 DATE: Thursday, August 31
 TIME: 7-9 p.m.
 MORE INFO: Suggestion donation of \$5, with 75 percent of all donations given to charity and 25 percent to pay for FLOPs pay for rehearsal space. Visit [Facebook.com/events/1702213510077770](https://www.facebook.com/events/1702213510077770).

Live Music at Ithaca Night Market
 WHERE: Ithaca Farmers Market, Steamboat Landing, Ithaca
 DATE: Thursday, August 31
 TIME: 5:30-7:30 p.m.
 MORE INFO: Under Construction will be playing at the market with no admission and plenty of space for parking.

September 1



State of the Art Gallery Opening Reception
 WHERE: State of the Art Gallery, 120 W. MLK Jr./State St., Ithaca
 DATE: Friday, September 1
 TIME: 5-8 p.m.
 MORE INFO: As part of Downtown Ithaca's First Friday Gallery Night, this is the opening reception of the two-person show, "Luminous Worlds," by Carol Abitabilo Ast and Ileen Kaplan. Visit [Facebook.com/events/140051516598026](https://www.facebook.com/events/140051516598026).

The Hive Buzz: Networking Open House
 WHERE: CoLab Hive, 141 The Commons, 3rd Floor, Ithaca
 DATE: Friday, September 1
 TIME: 5-8 p.m.
 MORE INFO: A casual networking open house that will also provide more information about CoLab Cooperative; light refreshments will be provided. Visit [Facebook.com/events/123161578314241](https://www.facebook.com/events/123161578314241).

September 2

Lansing Girls Soccer Pancake Breakfast
 WHERE: Applebee's Grill & Bar, 2300 N. Triphammer Road, Ithaca
 DATE: Saturday, September 2
 TIME: 8-10 a.m.
 MORE INFO: Fundraising event for Lansing girls soccer; tickets are \$6, from any player or purchase at the door. Visit [Facebook.com/events/348529802236284](https://www.facebook.com/events/348529802236284).

Horror on Ithaca Commons
 WHERE: The Commons, Ithaca
 DATE: Saturday, September 2
 TIME: 6 p.m.
 MORE INFO: Blast from Oblivion will be playing a live acoustic horror set on The Commons. Visit [Facebook.com/events/126516084639832](https://www.facebook.com/events/126516084639832).

September 3

Ithaca Red Tent: A Place for Women
 WHERE: Sacred Root Kava Lounge & Tea Bar, 103 S. Geneva St., Ithaca
 DATE: Sunday, September 3
 TIME: 10 a.m. to noon
 MORE INFO: Visit [Facebook.com/events/362078977546434](https://www.facebook.com/events/362078977546434).

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- Greek goddess of the dawn
- Cranky
- Boy who wouldn't grow up
- Scots for "home"
- Turfs
- Countries
- The duration of something
- Pastries
- Golf score
- Reasonable
- Female parents
- Art __, around 1920
- Beloved sandwich
- Damaged
- Long time
- One who rears
- Without
- Occupational safety and health act
- Political action committee
- Geological period
- Swiss river
- Type of mathematical graph
- Doctors are sworn to it
- One's concerns
- Type of wrap
- Foray
- Born of
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- __ humbug
- Salts
- Type of hound
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- Disgust with sweetness
- Barbie's friend
- Rectal procedures
- Partner to carrots
- Group of cops (abbr.)
- First Chinese dynasty
- A favorite of children
- Being a single unit or thing
- Fencing swords
- New England river
- Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- Insect feeler
- Payment (abbr.)
- Director Howard
- Large deep-bodied fish
- Architectural term describing pillars
- Chargers legend Fouts
- Awaken
- Covered
- Frock
- Cools a home
- Congratulatory gestures
- __ fide
- Ancient Incan sun god
- Card players' move: __ up
- Gentlemen
- Educational organizations
- Actress Daly
- Southern sky constellation (abbr.)
- Midway between east and southeast
- Small European viper
- Language close to Thai

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Groton football ready to build on last season's success

By Will LeBlond
Tompkins Weekly

Memories from the undefeated regular season from last fall are still fresh in the minds of the Groton Football team, but this year's squad wants to reach new heights.

Two straight wins against the then defending state champion Tioga Tigers were the highlight of 2016, as those wins clinched them their undefeated regular season and a playoff win. After that, they fell in the Class D Section IV semifinals to Unatego/Franklin to end the year one win shy of a sectional title game berth.

After the emotional toll of winning a pair of barnburners in Groton at Ross Field against Tioga, it just wasn't meant to be in the semifinals.

"I think what happened there is that we had just played two pretty good football games against Tioga," said third-year head coach Tom Goddard. "We were healthy (for the Unatego game) but I think we might have gotten a little complacent after we beat the defending state champions twice in a row."

After a long offseason, the Indians are reloaded and refocused. Arguably the biggest loss from last year's team is the star running back duo of Dylan Cooper and Matt Gombas, which was known as "Thunder and Lightning" because of their quick and physical style. With the pair graduated, along with a huge senior class of an upwards of 20 players, there are some big shoes to fill.



Photo by Will LeBlond / Tompkins Weekly

Groton senior quarterback Adam Cronk is poised to lead the Indians this season, following up on last year's division title.

"We lost a lot of size from last year, we're probably 500 pounds lighter on the offensive line," said

senior quarterback Adam Cronk. "We're trying to use our speed this year."

Cronk could very well be one of those weapons on the ground; he was the backup QB last season to Daimon Shoemaker, but he was a starting defensive back last year and had been a running back since he started playing football in the 3rd grade. Seniors Cody Parr and Andrew Brown also expect to get plenty of carries for an Indian offense that had plenty of ground and pound during 2016, but could very well add another ripple as they deal with new skill position pieces.

"We might try to throw the ball a little bit more and open it up," said Goddard. "The size that we have is impressive and we'll try to line up and run over people."

The line play for Groton will include a trio of seniors, led by John Garrow. The guard was described by assistant coach Eric Prior as their best returning offensive lineman and will be a member of the senior class that has one thing on their minds.

"Us seniors have big expectations this year," said Cronk. "Our quote this year is 'unfinished business', we want vengeance. We want states."

Groton players and coaches alike feel like they could have advanced further in last season's sectional playoffs, which is where "unfinished business" stems from. Before they can think of Section IV glory, the Indians will follow the process to put themselves in good shape for postseason play.

"We prepare game-by-game, but the ultimate goal is to make the playoffs," said Goddard. "If you don't make the playoffs, you don't have a chance. So, we'll try to make

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Coaching duo teaming up to lead Lansing football this season

By Will LeBlond
Tompkins Weekly

This year's Lansing football team will have a different type of two-headed attack.

After he coached three separate varsity sports and became the interim athletic director last season, Stu Dean was asked to give up one of his coaching spots, which opened a spot for the football team.

Instead of one person to fill the role, it will be a pair of familiar faces to man the sidelines this fall. Brett Hotchkiss and Miles Levesque were assistant coaches on last year's Bobcat team – this year they will serve



Miles Levesque

as co-head coaches. The plan is for Hotchkiss to lead the offense and for Levesque to coach the defense, which will not be anything new for the duo.

"Coach Dean had talked about it last year and we had some co-coordinating roles last year," said Hotchkiss. "After sitting down and talking to Stu about it after he made the decision to step down, we thought it was a pretty natural transition for us to split the roles."

"Really it came down to what was going to be the best thing to do for the program," said Levesque. "We decided to stick with it and go with the role of us being co-coaches this year."

It will be the first head coaching position

at the high school level for both men, who both work in the Lansing School District. While it will be a transition to get used to the head roles, they have been talking together for quite a while now to try and visualize how the setup will work out on the field.

"Throughout the whole summer, Brett and I have been meeting," said Levesque. "We do our weight room sessions. We meet then and after just to discuss our offensive, defensive and special teams schemes."

In terms of in-game setup, the two also have a plan in place to be the most efficient.

"In terms of the decision-



Brett Hotchkiss

making piece, we worked pretty well together last year in making decisions on field position and things like that," said Hotchkiss. "We coordinate those decisions together and I'll probably be up in the box and Miles will call everything on the field, but we have pretty discrete guidelines that we follow."

Levesque and Hotchkiss will inherit a team that rallied late in 2016 to finish 4-4, before they fell to Spencer-Van Etten/Candor in the Class C Section IV semifinals 28-20. After missing out on a sectional title game appearance by just one score last fall,

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