

KEY EVENTS

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Employee Safety & Wellness

Recordable Injury / Illness

Municipality	1/1/2020 – 1/30/2020	1/1/2019– 1/30/2019	2019 Year End
Ontario County	1	2	8
Sheriff's Office	1	0	13
Cities	0	0	12
Towns & Villages	0	1	21
FLCC	0	1	3
Fishers Fire District	1	0	3
Soil & Water District	0	0	0
Volunteers	2	1	7
TOTAL	5	5	67



A **Wellness 101** Lunch N Learn was held February 11. Participants learned of ways to live healthier and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Biometric screenings will be on-site March 9- March 20. Complete your assessment to earn \$150 towards your HRA. To get started, click [here](#).

County Administrator

On January 28, 2020 Deputy County Administrator Brian Young was honored by the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) for graduating from the association's County Government Institute (CGI). The educational program is offered to county leaders in partnership with Cornell University. Graduates earn a certification that demonstrates their dedication to good government and to upholding CGI's high standards of county leadership, accountability and integrity. Congratulations, Brian!



NYSAC President Jack Marren, Brian Young and NYSAC Executive Director Stephen Acquario

The County Administrator's Office is pleased to announce the dates of Ontario County's 3rd Annual Citizens Academy. The Academy will be held Tuesday evenings, 6-9pm, beginning April 14 and ending May 19. Class size is limited to 30 Ontario County residents. An informational page can be found [here](#). Online registration will be available March 1.

Economic Development

Ontario County is ranked fourth among similar sized counties in the United States (i.e., population ranging between 107,000 and 112,000) in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for 2018. GDP is the value of final goods and services produced by the county's economy within a given year—and provides insight into the vibrancy of each county's economy.

Human Resources

The December winner (*Carmen Head-Martinez* from Social Services) and January winner (*Kathy Namisnak* from Purchasing) were both recognized by their co-workers for going above and beyond. Their ability to demonstrate the core behavior of “working together to achieve the best results” is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all the recipients and nominators. Please continue to send in copies of the notes for the monthly drawing. If you need another Ontario County Upward notepad, please contact Emily Marshall in Human Resources.

Office of Sheriff

In January, the Sheriff's Road Patrol Deputies completed 8 hours each of in-service training in response to active shooter incidents. This training was multi-jurisdictional as we were joined by our partners from the NY State Police, Geneva and Canandaigua Police Departments. This training involved tactical building searches and engaging threats with mock firearm rounds to offer the most realistic training for these officers so they are prepared should they ever have to respond to such an event.

Investigator David Drake attended a four week federally funded Mobile Device Examination training in Birmingham Alabama in January. This training covered forensic examinations of cell phones and provided all licensing and equipment required for the same. The funding also covered the training, travel to and from Alabama, lodging and meals.

Investigator John Falbo took over the Juvenile Aid Bureau and is coordinating with Probation, our School Resource Officers and Youth Court to offer a more proactive approach to juvenile justice.

The County's eighteenth 700 MHz radio system site is now up and running on the rooftop of 74 Ontario Street. This NYS Department of Homeland Security Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications grant funded site will greatly improve radio system coverage in and around the City of Canandaigua. Many thanks to the Planning and Finance Departments for their assistance with this project.

Rosie, the first dog to be a part of the Ontario County Jail TAILS (Teaching Animals & Inmates Life Skills) program was adopted at the end of her six-week program in mid-January. Rosie learned skills including basic commands, household manners, and appropriate socialization while working with handlers in the Jail. Her placement was a success and she went right from the TAILS program to her new home without having to return to Happy Tails.

Public Health

Promote, Protect & Prevent... We Have a Plan for That!

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is closely monitoring an outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus (2019-nCoV) first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. Chinese authorities identified the new coronavirus, resulting in thousands of confirmed cases in China, including cases outside Wuhan City. A growing number of other international locations, including the United States have identified cases of coronavirus.

As of February 3, 2020, the coronavirus has spread to 27 countries and territories worldwide, with 17,488 confirmed cases and 362 deaths globally. So far, the United States has confirmed 11 cases. Ontario County Public Health continues work collaboratively with both the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Regardless of the public health threat, Ontario County Public Health works every day to promote, protect and prevent illness. Public Health works closely with community partners to maintain an All-Hazards preparedness plan. This plan is designed to minimize the impact of any type of emergency or disaster on the health of Ontario County residents. Ontario County Public Health has a full-time Registered Nurse that provides emergency planning for any type of public health threat. Our staff drill and prepare for a multitude of public health emergencies.

What can you do? Stay healthy! Already this flu season, 72,385 New York residents have tested positive for the influenza virus. **If you have not had a flu shot, get one!** Unvaccinated individuals should seek out flu vaccine from their healthcare provider or local pharmacy. It is late, but not TOO late. Also, do the following:

- Stay home if you are sick
- Wash your hands frequently or use alcohol-based gels particularly after being in public (including work) and after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose
- If you have flu symptoms – sudden onset of fever, chills, body aches, headache, fatigue and cough - call your healthcare provider. Antiviral medication may shorten the length and severity of your illness

For more information about the coronavirus: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html>

For more information about flu in English: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/>

For more information about flu in Spanish: <http://espanol.cdc.gov/enes/flu/index.htm>

Records and Archives

Back by popular demand:

The Staff at RAIMS will offer a class in how to transfer records and files to RAIMS for storage.

It will include:

- How to request boxes- permanent or non-permanent
- Complete transfer sheets
- How RAIMS staff send box numbers and location to the departments
- Tips on finding record series in CO2 retention schedule

The class will be held on Thursday, February 20, 10:00am-11:00am in the Department of RAIMS. Please email rosemary.switzer@co.ontario.ny.us or casey.maves@co.ontario.ny.us to register.

County Historian Preston Pierce has two (so far) upcoming lectures in March:

- **March 12: Program on Prohibition**
Town of Farmington – Town Hall, 1000 Co Rd 8, Farmington, NY 14425 7:00pm
- **March 28: History of the Billy Lee Library**
Naples Historical Society, 15 Mill St, Naples, NY 14512 3:00pm

The NYS Archives will be presenting a workshop on May 21, 2020, 9:30am-12:30pm at the Ontario County Safety Training Facility, 2914 County Rd. 48, Canandaigua, NY 14424.

Presenter: Sarah Durling

The workshop is entitled “Your Role as Local Government Records Management Officer”. This workshop will:

Review the laws that established the role of Records Management Officer (RMO).

- Identify the responsibilities of the RMO and others
- Discuss the attributes of a good records management program
- Provide tips for building a records management program and maintaining support over the long term
- Provide a forum for sharing strategies on maintaining support
- Review the services offered by the State Archives to organizations that want to establish a records management program

To register please log in to the NYS Archives website:

<http://www.archives.nysed.gov/workshops/schedule/your-role-as-local-government-records-management-officer-2020-05-21>

Social Services

DSS senior staff attended the NYPWA Winter conference 1/21-24. The broad-ranging sessions included PINS reform, Corroboration in Child Abuse cases, International Child Support and the Hague Convention and What’s New in Medicaid Services for Children, as well as a variety of sessions on technical topics. Given the significant turnover challenges in the DSS environment, several sessions focused on different aspects of building an engaged workforce, avoiding vicarious trauma and creating a healthy work environment.

The annual Point in Time (PIT) Count of homeless individuals took place January 29. Teams spread out across the County to locate unsheltered individuals and connect them with shelter options. DSS sheltered 107 individuals that night, including 11 families. We expect to learn the unsheltered numbers within a few weeks.

DSS finished the year with only 49 children in foster care – the lowest number in more than a decade. Congratulations to all the staff and contractors who have made this possible.

Sustainability & Solid Waste Management

To help area food pantries adapt to the upcoming plastic bag ban legislation that will take effect March 1, the Department of Sustainability and Solid Waste Management distributed approximately 3,000 reusable bags to all Ontario County food pantries.



Danielle Larson and Regina Sousa dropping off boxes of reusable bags

Veterans Service Agency

On January 27 Jeremy Marshall partnered with the New York State Director of Veterans Affairs, Jim McDonough to present to the Inter-Governmental Committee at the NYSAC conference. Jeremy presented to the committee on topics such as access to veterans' discharges through the state, increasing the scope of eligibility for state veteran benefits and addressed the issue of underfunded Aid-to-Localities. The presentation was well-received, and resolutions were passed to support these efforts.

Workforce Development

The Finger Lakes Works Career Center in Geneva has relocated. The new career center is now located at 795 Canandaigua Road, Geneva, in what is referred to as the Big Lots Plaza on Routes 5 & 20. Residents receive assistance with job leads, resume writing and computer skills training, to name a few at the new Career Center. Please visit Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

One of our Core Behaviors is "Advocate for the needs of the most vulnerable in our community". Many County employees volunteer in support of this Core Behavior.

Undersheriff Dave Frasca recently taught two First Aid classes and two CPR classes at the Phelps Community Center. In addition to these classes Undersheriff Frasca has taught CPR elsewhere in the community including Eastview Mall, Crosswinds Church, Canandaigua Fire Hall, and various departments within Ontario County in his free time in the past year. Undersheriff Frasca is also an active member of the Phelps Ambulance.

Senior Communications Officer Christopher Foster has been volunteering as a firefighter and an Emergency Technician since moving to Ontario County (from Sullivan County) in 1995. He has previous experience as a volunteer firefighter with both the Canandaigua and Cheshire Fire Departments. He also volunteered with the Canandaigua Ambulance Squad in the past. Currently, he is a member of the Victor Farmington Ambulance Corp. and just completed a four-year stint as the Chief of Operations. Chris has a genuine interest in caring for people who are in need. He and his wife Paula, who also works for the County, live in Farmington.

Do you have a volunteer experience that you are willing to share in Key Events?
Please email Cindy Abraszek at Cindy.Abraszek@co.ontario.ny.us

SEE WHAT'S NEW WITH OUR TEAM AGENCIES

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Offered for over 20 years, the next **Parenting Skills Workshop** Series is scheduled for Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:30pm beginning on March 10 and concluding on April 28 with a recognition dinner. Held at the Jim Dooley Center for Early Learning in Geneva, this program is designed specifically for parents with children. Childcare is available for children 12 and under. This program is free and offered foremost to Ontario County parents working with the Ontario County Department of Social Services, Child Protective, or Probation Departments and family court lawyers. Other Ontario County resident registrations will be accepted if space permits. Registration application is available at cceontario.org or for more information, contact Amy at 585-394-3977 x 429 or email alm72@cornell.edu

Precision Agriculture. Ali Nafchi, Northwest New York Precision Ag Team is presenting a series of 3 workshops on Precision Agriculture.

Week 1: February 7, 2020, 1pm - 3pm. Topics include: Introduction to Precision Agriculture; Components of Precision Ag Equipment; and Agricultural management philosophy.

Week 2: March 3, 2020, 1pm - 3pm. Topics include: Precision soil sampling vs. grid sampling; Soil electric conductivity (EC) and how to measure it; Site specific management and variable rate applications; and Principles of mapping and its importance to PA.

Week 3: April 3, 2020, 1pm - 3pm. Topics are: Introduction to NDVI; Economics of using Precision Agriculture; Methodology and evaluation Precision Agriculture. Workshop presented by the CCE Northwest New York Dairy, Livestock and Field Crops Team.

Register at: https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event_registration/main/events_landing.cfm?event=precisionag2020_245

Starting Plants from Seed: March 4, 2020, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Cornell Cooperative Extension, 480 North Main Street, Canandaigua, NY 14424. Home gardeners: learn how to grow vegetable and flower transplants from seed. Master Gardener, Stacey VanDenburgh will guide you through the process in this hands-on workshop. She will cover techniques for both annuals and perennials and show you how to create a budget friendly plant nursery at home. Everyone will plant seeds to take home. Join us for this fun and informative workshop! **Fee: \$10.00/ family.** Pre-registration requested by contacting Nancy at 585-394-3977 x 427 or email nea8@cornell.edu with your name, address, and phone number.

Bird Houses: March 9, 2020, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Cornell Cooperative Extension, 480 North Main Street, Canandaigua, NY. Bird house design affects the appeal to specific bird species. Master Gardener Ken Harbison will discuss the pros and cons of some commercially available bird houses and construction details for build-it-yourself designs. Learn how to locate and mount bird houses to attract birds and foil predators. **Fee: \$10.00/ family.** Pre-registration requested by contacting Nancy at 585-394-3977 x 427 or email nea8@cornell.edu with your name, address, and phone number.

Cut Flower Farmers – we're talking innovation and science – in March! The next logical step after our Cut Flower Business Speaker Series was to move right on to science. In March we are inviting speakers to talk about **Growing with High Tunnels** (March 12, Jud Reid, Cornell Vegetable Program & Harvest New York), **Weed Control & Pest Management** (March 19, Bryan Brown, NYS Integrated Pest Management Program at Cornell), and **Water Management & Irrigation** (March 26, Steve Reiners, Chair, Horticulture Department at Cornell). The series will be on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m.; \$15 for each class or \$40 for all 3. 4-H or K-12 graders are free with a registered guest. Email Pilar at pem23@cornell.edu with any questions.

Emergency Preparedness for Animals, March 14, 2020. Cornell Cooperative Extension on Ontario County is organizing a regional all-day conference. The conference will include speakers talking about animal diseases/biosecurity, natural disasters and animals, and planning for your pets and animals during an emergency. The conference is a partnership being led by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ontario County with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston, Yates, Monroe, Steuben, Schuyler, Genesee, Seneca, and Cayuga 4-H departments. The curriculum is intended for ages 13+ and 4-H club members and is open to all Ontario County residents regardless of 4-H Club status. More information to be posted throughout February. For more information, contact Sarah Bagley, sab423@cornell.edu, 585-394-3977 x 428 or Pilar McKay, pem23@cornell.edu, 585-394-3977 x 40

Check our website www.cceontario.org for programs.

Finger Lakes Community College

Finger Lakes Community College invites the community to the following events:

Thursday, Feb. 13: The college's downtown gallery, ArtSpace36, at 36 S. Main St., Canandaigua, will host an opening reception for alumni artists Jessica Marianacci Valone '08, Michelle Garlock '87 and Erica Bapst '98 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Entry is free.



Thursday, Feb. 20: The college will host a dinner and celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy in the main campus café. "Revisiting MLK Jr's Dream" is open to the community with tickets at \$10 per person. Reservations are required at (585) 785-1469 with payment at the door. The event begins with opening remarks at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., the keynote speaker at 7 p.m. and awards at 7:30 p.m. It will be followed by a dance in Stage 14.

Singers from the college community will lead attendees in the performance of "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing," often referred to as the black national anthem. The keynote speaker is Rodmon King, chief diversity and inclusion officer at SUNY Oswego.

The event marks FLCC's recognition of Black History Month and is held in partnership with the student group AALANA, which stands for African American, Latino, Asian and Native American. The evening's awards will recognize one faculty, one staff member, and one student whose work promotes diversity at FLCC.

Thursday, March 5: Ashley Hopkins-Benton, senior curator at the New York State Museum, gives the Women's History Month Talk at 12:40 p.m. in lecture hall 2775 at the main campus.

Finger Lakes Visitors Connection

Finger Lakes Visitors Connection, through its Visitor Experience Fund, recently awarded grants totaling \$25,750 to six non-profit organizations. This round of project awards – highlighting Accessibility for All – provides matching funds to improve accessibility and the visitor experience in Ontario County. The six grant winners were honored at a special celebration on January 29 at Main Street Arts in Clifton Springs. The grant recipients for 2019-20 included Cummings Nature Center: \$5,000; Fort Hill Performing Arts Center: \$5,000; Greater Canandaigua Civic Center: \$5,000; Main Street Arts, Inc.: \$3,250; New York Kitchen: \$2,500 and Town of Victor Department of Parks and Recreation: \$5,000. At the ceremony, FLVC recognized the people and businesses in this industry that have made a commitment to a partnership with Finger Lakes Visitors Connection and Ontario

County to ensure every visitor has an exceptional experience. Accessibility for all is not an impossible dream – it’s a goal we can achieve by working together!



Photo Caption: Main Street Arts was host to the event. Pictured, left to right: Assistant Director Sarah Butler, Gallery Director and Curator Bradley Butler and Finger Lakes Visitors Connection Board Secretary Lenore Friend.

Gone are the days of building a website in a simple table, with minimal user research or analytical data. Today, websites are far more sophisticated and personalized to create an exceptional user experience across many platforms. This vast advancement requires more data, and more data requires more compliance and regulation. FLVC believes it’s so important that access to information be available to everyone regardless of abilities that we’re holding a professional development session as part of our FLVC University education series for our industry on Digital Accessibility. This session on Friday, February 14 will inform our industry members on the five things to do right now to be more accessible to all. For more information [check out our website!](#)

Humane Society / Happy Tails

We have had 3 great success stories here at the Ontario County Humane Society in the last two weeks as three dogs involved in cruelty cases found their new forever homes! Ivy, the dog that came to us with a broken hip, Minnie, who came in malnourished and Beauty, who was abandoned, all went to new homes. We couldn't be any happier for those 3 and others that got new owners!



Ivy

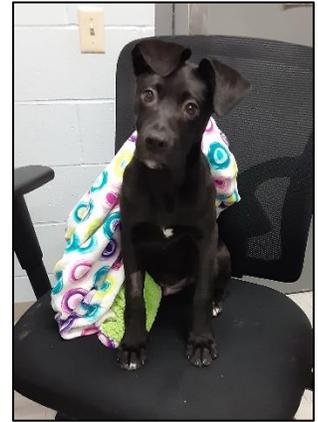


Minnie



Beauty

Also, we would like to introduce our new mascot, Dexter. He came to us at the Humane Society as a home turnover and he is trying to follow in the big paws of Mikki, so he has some work to do! Be sure to look for him at events involving the Humane Society and come over to say hello to him.



We are also excited about our partnership with the Ontario County Jail. Our first dog socialized at the jail, Rosie, was trained in basic commands and was well received and she too went to her new forever home as a result. Stay tuned as we work to get our next dog.

Soil & Water Conservation District

January Newsletter

Read the Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District [January Newsletter](#) and learn about our 2019 Achievements!

Realtor Workshop: February 25, 2020

Ontario County SWCD is holding a realtor workshop on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 480 North Main Street, Canandaigua. "A Water Workshop for Real Estate Professionals" offers 5.5 continuing education unit credits. For more information, please go to <https://www.ontswcd.com/realtor-workshop>.



2020 Tree & Shrub Sale

The Ontario County SWCD is having their annual tree and shrub sale. Order forms are due by March 6, 2020. For more information, go to <https://www.ontswcd.com/tree-shrub-sale>.

The Partnership for Ontario County

Devoted to building healthy lives, the **Community Support Center (CSC)** continues to provide fitness and wellness programming with our partner at Canandaigua CrossFit and CrossTraining. At their 699 South Main Street location, we offer Gentle Yoga on Mondays at 7 p.m., a Functional Fitness Class (introduction to free weights and cardio for all levels) on Thursdays at 5 p.m. and Community CrossFit (a mix of body weight, barbells, and cardio for all levels) on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. All classes are free of charge, but donations are warmly accepted. The CSC also offers a Journey Through Life support group Tuesday nights at 6:45 p.m. at Chosen Spot Chiropractic and Wellness. This group is open to anyone who wants to explore their grief, loss and needs a warm environment to share their struggles. This is also open to the public and free of charge. A full calendar of events can be found here: <https://tockify.com/e/thecomunitysupportcenter/monthly>

In case you missed the article last week in the Daily Messenger, [Who are the Next Ontario County Leaders](#), we are proud to share it again. The **Leadership Ontario** program is designed to build and attract community leaders from diverse backgrounds who are committed to staying actively involved in the community. While the actual program doesn't begin until September 2020, the committee has been working on program development and sponsorships to facilitate the growth of this program. If you are interested in developing your leadership skills and learning more about the various aspects of Ontario County as a community, consider applying today. We are accepting applications and sponsorships for the program now! Check out the Leadership Ontario website (leadershipontario.org) to apply or to learn more.

Ontario County Youth Court is happy to announce that we have expanded to Farmington Town Court on an as-needed basis. Farmington Town Court will be the 5th court site for OCYC. A big thank you to Judge Lew and Tracey Curry! OCYC is also gearing up for our Annual 20-hour training for new members. All interested students and their parents are welcome to attend our Information Night on March 11, 2020 from 6-8PM at the Safety Training Facility. This event will serve as a way for interested students and their parents to learn a little more about OCYC, meet current members, and review the training schedule. Please RSVP to Emily Henderson, Program Coordinator at (585) 396-4519 or emily@ontariocountyyouthcourt.org.

If you would like additional information on any of the key events, please feel free to contact my office or the appropriate department head.

Sincerely,

Mary A. Krause
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