

KEY EVENTS

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Employee Safety & Wellness

Recordable Injury / Illness

Municipality	1/1/21 – 2/23/2021	1/1/20 – 2/23/20	2020 Year End
Ontario County	2	1	7
Sheriff's Office	2	4	10
Cities	3	1	10
Towns & Villages	2	1	9
FLCC	0	0	2
Fishers Fire District	0	1	3
Victor Fire District	0	0	0
Soil & Water District	0	0	0
Volunteers	1	7	18
TOTAL	10	15	59

2021 Biometric Screening Dates

June 7 - June 18, 2021



Details will follow soon!



County Administrator

On March 3, County Administrator DeBolt attended the opening of Geneva Resource Recovery, a disposal site for residential yard and food waste, located at 41 Doran Avenue in the City of Geneva.

County Administrator DeBolt has been participating in the County's Police Reform & Reinvention Collaborative Group. The plan has been posted to the Sheriff's website and will be adopted by the Board of Supervisors on March 11.

County Administrator DeBolt and Deputy County Administrator Young have been closely monitoring all COVID guideline changes from the Governor's Office and have been keeping School Superintendents updated on a weekly basis.

Emergency Management

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (RACES)

The Ontario County Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service is always looking for more volunteers and encourages all persons with an interest in public service and radio to get involved. An FCC license is required, but many local groups offer free testing and training, and person-to-person mentoring can be arranged. Morse code is no longer part of the examination process and the initial license exam focuses primarily on safety and regulations. Help and information can be found at <https://www.co.ontario.ny.us/259/RACES>, <http://www.siarc.us/>, <https://www.rochesterham.org/>, and the

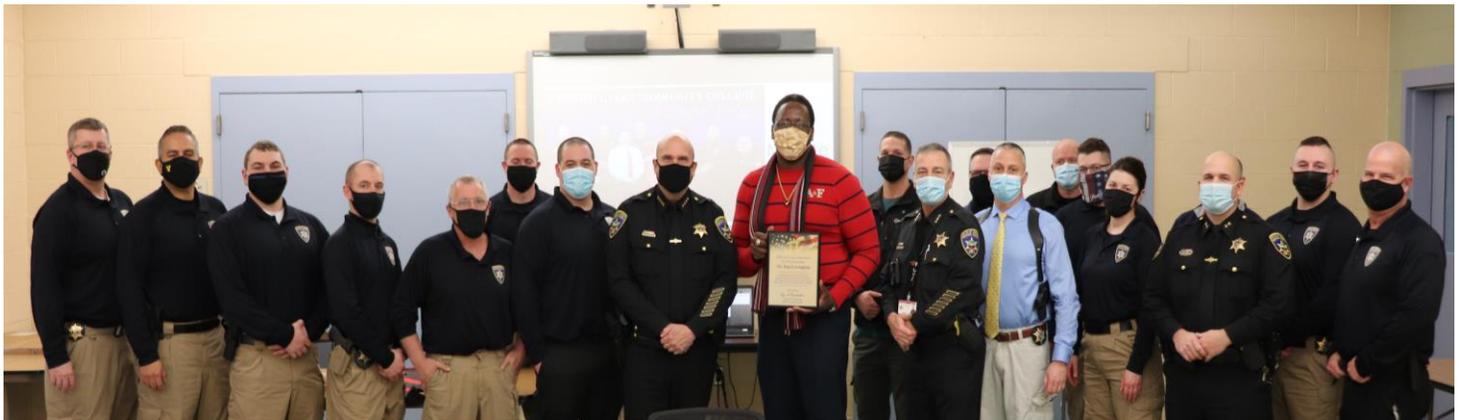
national organization's site, <http://www.arrl.org/what-is-ham-radio>. Ontario County RACES provides communications support to County operations in the event of disaster or emergency situations, and maintains fixed stations in Hopewell and Geneva, with ancillary facilities on Gannett Hill in South Bristol. Volunteers undergo a background check, and appointments to the service are made by the Director of Emergency Management.

Office of Sheriff

In honor of the life and career of (Ret.) Lt. William J. "Bill" Gallagher, Jr., The Ontario County Lieutenant's PBA completed the process of collaborating with Geneva High School and the Gallagher Family to award a \$500 scholarship to a college bound senior who is planning a course of study in public safety. The recipient must demonstrate that they live a life of service above self. Lt. Gallagher started at the Sheriff's Office in 1979 as a Dispatcher. He was promoted to Road Patrol Deputy in 1980, Sergeant in 1986, and Lieutenant in 2003. Bill retired from full time service in 2016 and returned part-time as the Accreditation Manager, a position he held at the time of his passing in 2019. The first annual Bill Gallagher Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a member of the Geneva High School Class of 2021.



Thank you to Dr. Sim Covington, FLCC Diversity Officer, for spending eight days teaching Law Enforcement Implicit and Diversity Bias Training for members of the Sheriff's Office. Dr. Covington was recognized by Sheriff Henderson for promoting institutional policies and practices that invite and reinforce inclusiveness and advance diversity awareness.



The Corrections Division has its second dog from Happy Tails for the Jail and TAILS (Teaching Animals and Inmates Life Skills) Program. Nova is a 16-month old Collie Mix, shown with Deputy Nick Schmitt, and will be assigned an inmate handler. She will be living in the housing unit at the jail with the inmate and during her time with us, she will be learning socializing, obedience, and other skills. The inmate handler will have an opportunity to learn skills in animal training and caring for her, with the goal of using the skills once the handler is released from jail. Nova will be placed for adoption after graduating from the program.

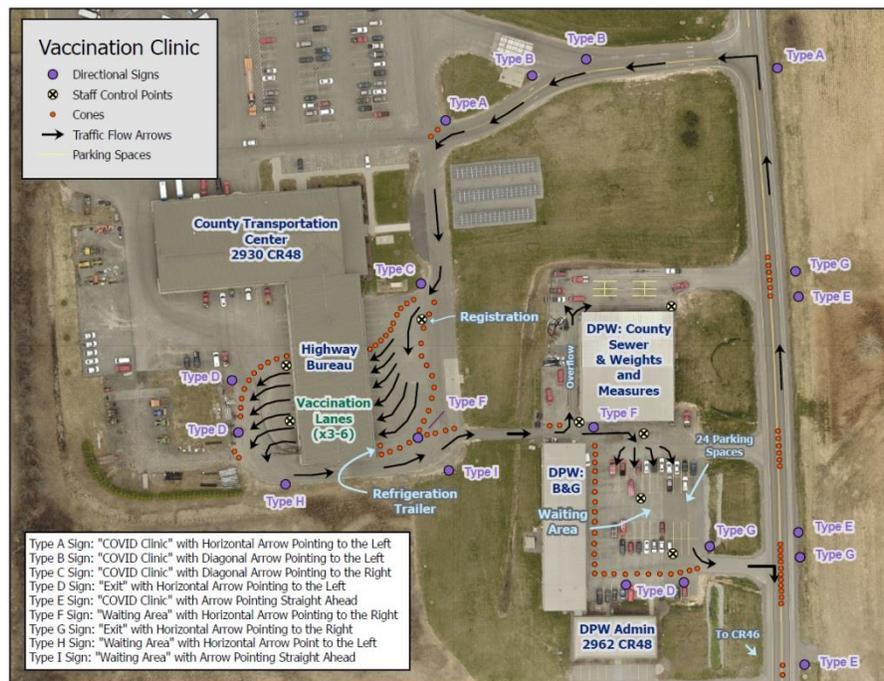


The Sheriff's Office wants your drugs! An unwanted medication drop box has been installed in the lobby of 74 Ontario Street for community members to safely dispose of unwanted medications. Thank you to Jacquelyn Goebel, Substance Use Prevention Coordinator with the Partnership for Ontario County for helping coordinate the installation and your continued support to the Office of Sheriff.

Public Works

The Department of Public Works has been very busy assisting with the ongoing COVID-19 vaccination clinics occurring at our County Road 48 facilities in Hopewell. The clinics are scheduled by appointment only and occur one to three times per week depending on the availability of the vaccine. For each scheduled clinic, a traffic control pattern is set up to help vehicles navigate the clinic with assistance from department and volunteer staff. The clinic begins with vehicles entering the County Transportation Center driveway and proceeding to the registration area. After registering, vehicles then travel through the Highway Bureau Garage where the vaccines are administered. Upon receiving the vaccine, vehicles are directed to the appropriate waiting areas before exiting back onto County Road 48. After each clinic, department staff removes and stores all of the traffic control devices and signs required by the clinic so that normal work responsibilities can continue unabated.

The aerial image below shows the clinic plan developed by the Engineering Department. For a better view, hold down the control key and left click the image for a link to the County's website. (or click the following link https://www.co.ontario.ny.us/DocumentCenter/View/27759/COVID_Vaccine_Clinic_Map_6Lane). In its current configuration, the clinic has more than sufficient capacity to deliver the County's allocated vaccine doses and can be expanded when additional doses become available.



Records and Archives

March marks a year since the pandemic and for many it is one year working from home. The NYS Archives has listed some key points in how to manage your records while at home. We all must comply with the records management procedures and policies that have been established in the County no matter where we are working. Below are some points to keep in mind:

- Any records created or received on any device might be a public record. This includes use of personal email accounts to conduct official business.
- You must maintain, store, and preserve all government records created or received during official business no matter where you work.
- When using cloud storage or collaborative platforms (i.e. Office 365 or Google Drive), establish directories and files so that records can be stored safely and efficiently retrieved. Create a logical set of folders, metadata, and file names that help you know where to store and retrieve records.

- Remember privacy considerations and store records appropriately. Avoid saving records with sensitive information to personal devices and be cognizant of the location of any printed materials.
- Avoid multiple copies. Be conscious about what you're putting on a personal device or government laptop. Try to avoid creating copies of records in various places that you will need to manage.
- Purge old files. Go through electronic files and purge the digital ROT (redundant, obsolete, or trivial materials). An important part of records management is getting rid of materials you don't need and that have met their retention requirements.
- Don't leave public records at home. When you return to work on site, return any hard copy or digital records to your official record-keeping systems.
- Records not normally considered to have long term value may now have historical or research value.

Our County Historian, Preston Pierce has been busy with presentations;

- Dr. Pierce delivered a program on Postal History (Zoom) to the Henrietta Public Library and the Henrietta Historical Society.
- Dr. Pierce devised a R&E railway program and it was presented on Feb. 18 via ZOOM. Audience members were from the Geneva Historical Society and other community members who signed up.
- Dr. Pierce is working with former Canandaigua Town Historian, and the Town History Committee, to provide a recorded narrative of the history of Tichenor Point. More news to follow.

Great news! We have finally received our new lift. It works great and we can easily reach our top boxes both in the open storage area and in the archive vault. So, don't hesitate to request any file you may need.

Social Services

Ontario County has been awarded \$467,125 additional funding through a COVID-related Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV). This is the second installment of a 2-year grant to County Departments of Social Services to forestall homelessness for households impacted by COVID-19. The funds originate from HUD and are subject to the rules of the existing ESG program. To qualify for assistance under ESG, a household's eviction must be imminent. New York's eviction moratorium has delayed eviction actions, so few evictions qualify as imminent. As might be expected, counties are not able to use this funding as quickly as had been hoped. FLACRA agreed to manage the contract for the first round of ESG-CV funding and is subcontracting with LAWNY, Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes and Family Promise of Ontario County. The second round of funding may expand to include additional providers.

Veterans Service Agency



The Ontario County Veterans Service Agency has partnered with Chapter 19-7 of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association to collect personal hygiene items to support the Veterans Outreach Center. These items will help the area's homeless veteran population. Donations are being collected through March 19.

Requested items are:

New undergarments and lightweight socks

Feminine hygiene products

Diapers and wet wipes

Travel size deodorant, soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste.

Pictured above is Bristol Town Supervisor Bob Green delivering a large donation on behalf of Bristol Community Church. Thank you for your support!

Workforce Development

On February 12, some of the staff at Workforce Development observed P.S. I Love You Day (<http://psiloveyouday.net/>), suggested by our In School Youth Counselor Amanda Bollinger. The day focuses on the importance of being kind to ourselves and to others. It emphasizes the importance of embracing differences, choosing kindness and lifting each other up. To help spread the message, individuals are encouraged to wear purple to show unity to the message.

Youth Bureau

Thought of the Month from the Youth Bureau

"We can't quit on young people dealing with tremendous adversity, especially now that we know how powerful relationships are in engaging and re-engaging young people in education, work and life."



SEE WHAT'S NEW WITH OUR TEAM AGENCIES

Cornell Cooperative Extension

4-H Camp Bristol Hills is planning to re-open its Summer Camp Program this summer! With reduced capacity, among other COVID-19 related safety protocols, space is more limited than ever. Summer camp has been redesigned to allow campers to rotate in their Squads through a series of exciting programs. Camp will once again include both day and overnight camping programs for children 5-16 years of age, including the popular Resident Camp, as well as Day Camp, Progression Camp, Counselor in Training, Adventure, among others. The Camp is currently recruiting for all positions, including Counselors, Assistant Counselors, Program Specialists, Nurses, and Maintenance. For more information, visit www.4-HCampBristolHills.org

Public Presentations: This year's 4-H public presentations were held 100% via Zoom. In all, 46 youth and 10 volunteer evaluators were involved, and all the sessions went smoothly.

Valentine's Day Card Drive: Members of the Ontario County 4-H Teen Group wanted to spread some love to those who may be feeling lonely this Valentine season. They invited 4-H families across Ontario County to make homemade Valentine's Day cards that would be distributed to residents of local nursing homes. Youth ages 5-19 from various 4-H clubs participated and a total of 305 handmade cards were made. They were delivered to Elm Manor, Thompson Continuing Care, Horizons, and Quail Summit senior facilities. Although youth were not able to distribute the cards in-person, they are hopeful that these cards brought warmth and cheer to the recipients.

Photography Activity Night: On February 15 Ontario County 4-H volunteers held a photography activity night for younger 4-H members ages 5-12. They shared an inspiration story about a successful young wildlife photographer and shared the elements behind a quality picture.

Goat Nutrition Seminar: The second Ontario County 4-H Goat seminar took place on February 19 and explored proper goat nutrition. An experienced 4-H volunteer/parent led a lesson/discussion on this topic and there was plenty of

opportunity for interaction from the eight participants. The series will continue with on March 26, when a 4-H parent/volunteer who is also a licensed veterinarian will share with the group about goat health and diseases.

Ontario County CCE Offers Gardening Course: CCE Ontario is relaunching the course “Just Plant It: Victory Gardening”. This year participants can expect the same great resources as last year and a few new ones with one exciting addition, live Zoom sessions each month! Participants will be able to interact and ask questions directly with the presenter. There is a fee of \$10 per family per session or \$50 for all six classes. The following sessions will be offered at 6:30 pm on the following Wednesday evenings: **April 14:** Soil preparation; **May 12:** Planting and Transplanting; **June 9:** Garden Care: Weeding, Watering, Pests, Diseases; **July 14:** Fall Planting and More About Garden Care; **August 11:** Harvesting, Freezing, and Canning Your Produce; **September 8:** Putting Your Garden to Bed. Whether you are brand new to gardening or have been gardening for years, join us and learn more about gardening. You can register for this course on-line at https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6Q2xQJRrvqRBgW If you have any questions, contact Sarah at 585-394-3977 x 428 or by email, sab423@cornell.edu

Regional Teams:

Virtual Forage Congress, March 11, 2021, 10:00 am - 12:15 pm. North West New York Dairy, Livestock & Field Crops will hold this annual event via Zoom. Speakers will cover The Economic Costs of Loading & Mixing, Improving Harvest Management; Nutritive Value and Yield of Reduced-Lignin Alfalfa Cultivars in Monoculture & Binary Mixtures with Perennial Grass; and Cover Crop Adoption on Dairy Farms. Cost: \$25/participant. Register at: https://nwnyteam.cce.cornell.edu/event_preregistration_new.php?id=1533.

Wash/Pack Hygiene and Sanitation Training, April 1, 2021 via Zoom. This program will be focusing on putting farm food safety into daily production practices. Participants will learn the why and how behind designing, cleaning, sanitizing, and drying produce handling equipment and buildings. Sponsored by the Institute for Food Safety at Cornell University and the Produce Safety Alliance. Registration will be limited. Contact Robert Hadad (rgh26@cornell.edu) for more information.

Finger Lakes Community College



FLCC will celebrate Women’s History Month on Wednesday, March 10, with a virtual talk exploring the life of Eunice Foote, a local suffragist and scientist whose discoveries laid the foundation for climate research. Eunice Newton Foote, who grew up in Bloomfield, was also the fifth person to sign the Declaration of Sentiments at the 1848 Women’s Rights Convention in Seneca Falls. Former East Bloomfield Historical Society Director Leif R. HerrGesell will give the free, public talk via Webex from 1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. To join the Webex event, [click here](#).

[Click here to read more](#)

Applications now open for FLCC scholarships

The FLCC Foundation is accepting online scholarship applications from current and new students through May 2. The Foundation distributes about \$165,000 annually in scholarships created by residents and organizations. Amounts range from \$250 to full tuition. The full list is available at flcc.edu/scholarships. One application covers all scholarships. To apply students must be a current FLCC student or be accepted as a new student for fall 2021. The Google Chrome web browser is necessary for completing the scholarships. Students are encouraged to have someone read over their application before submitting it. Scholarship recipients will be notified of their award status during the summer prior to the fall semester via their fingerlakes.edu student email address. Questions can be emailed to scholarships@flcc.edu.

Finger Lakes Visitors Connection

As the pandemic continues and uncertainty in our industry remains, we are continuing to work diligently to find answers, or at least find the people who can find the answers! As more executive orders are signed, and there are more nuances to navigate, we will work to educate our industry and the community on the latest updates and guidance as it is made available. We held a #VisitConfidently zoom session on February 25 to address the latest information released at the time.

For those that couldn't join we recorded the session and it's available along with the most recent guidance on the [#VisitConfidently Resource Center](#) page on our website.

The team at Finger Lakes Visitors Connection has been working on a brand-new website, so if you haven't been on our site in a while, you will be in for a treat after March 15 when our beautiful new site will be launched! We're so excited to share it with you.

Soil & Water Conservation District

We Need Your Help to Scout for the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid

The eastern hemlock is a foundation species, which means it creates the ecosystem in which it resides. They help keep our local waterways cool by shading streams which is essential for many aquatic organisms such as trout and mayflies. They help filter runoff by acting as a riparian buffer and hold soil in place with their extensive roots systems. When out hiking around the Finger Lakes, you will notice eastern hemlocks along the gullies and steep slopes. Imagine what would happen if these trees were to die? The Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) is a serious threat to the eastern hemlocks and we need your help to find it. If you missed the recent webinar put on by Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District and the NYS Hemlock Initiative, go to our website at www.ontswcd.com/invasive-species to watch the recording and learn how to report the insect with the iMapInvasives app. HWA can be identified by the white, woolly masses on hemlock twigs as seen in the photo. HWA is best seen from November through April. With your help, we can determine where in Ontario County the HWA is present and then get crucial data to determine potential treatment.

Climate Resilient Farming (CRF) Funding



Ontario County SWCD was just awarded the Climate Resilient Farming (CRF) Round 5 funding to complete an Upland Water Management Project at a local farm. The CRF Program grant funds are available for projects that mitigate the impact of agriculture on climate change for greenhouse gas emissions reduction and carbon sequestration, in addition to enhancing the on-farm adaptation and resiliency to projected climate conditions due to heavy storm events, rainfall, and drought.

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

Chris DeBolt & Brian Young

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