

# KEY EVENTS

Office of the County Administrator

**Chris DeBolt**  
County Administrator

**Alissa Bub**  
Deputy County Administrator

**Cindy Abraszek**  
Secretary to the County  
Administrator

Published July 10, 2025

## County Administrator



On June 20<sup>th</sup> County Administrator DeBolt attended the annual County Administrators & Managers Association meeting hosted by NYSAC. This year the meeting was held at Delphi Falls County Park in Cazenovia.

On June 24<sup>th</sup>, County Administrator DeBolt attended the State of the State event at Hotel Canandaigua, hosted by the Chamber of Commerce. Senator Helming and Assemblywoman Bailey shared highlights from the 2025 legislative session and answered questions from attendees.

Leadership Ontario's class of 2024/2025 Graduated on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to our five graduates: Mike, Trish, Scott, Matt, and Liz, pictured below with colleagues.



# Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)



Ontario County DMV new summer hours

8:30 am– 4:00 pm

These adjusted hours are in effect until September 2, 2025.

## Employee Safety & Wellness

Water is the cornerstone for optimal health and well-being. It plays a vital role in numerous bodily functions and is essential for maintaining health and well-being. Staying adequately hydrated supports optimal digestion, nutrient absorption, and waste removal. Water lubricates joints, regulates body temperature, and cushions vital organs. It also helps transport oxygen and nutrients throughout the body, enhances cognitive function, and boosts energy levels. Additionally, drinking water promotes healthy skin, aids in weight management, and supports a strong immune system. So, remember to hydrate regularly to unlock the benefits that water offers for your overall health.

**We invite you to join us for a 4-week Hydration Challenge from July 14<sup>th</sup> – August 10<sup>th</sup>.** Simply print out the hydration tracker **Hydration Challenge Tracker**, fill in your daily water consumption, and return it to **Victoria** by August 15<sup>th</sup> to be entered into a prize drawing for a chance to win 1 of 10 Ontario County 30oz Thermos' (with straw and handle), lunch tote bag, two-tiered bamboo bento box, or a stow-away hiking backpack. Additionally, participants from the department with the largest proportion of submitted trackers will enjoy an Ontario County-sponsored pizza party.

**Warning:** Too much water can be harmful! Hyponatremia or water poisoning can occur when you consume excessive amounts of water. Imbalanced electrolytes can lead to nausea, confusion, seizures, and other serious symptoms including death. Stay hydrated, but don't overdo it. Listen to your body and find the right balance for your health and well-being.

To be considered for individual and department prizes you must enter your name and department at the top of the Hydration tracker.

**HYDRATION CHALLENGE**  
**July 14th - August 10th, 2025**

1. Print out hydration tracker
2. Fill in your daily water consumption
3. Submit to Victoria Titus  
(Victoria.Titus@ontariocountyny.gov) by **August 15th** to be entered to win a prize!

Prizes include custom Ontario County thermos, lunch tote, 2-tiered bamboo bento box or a stow-away hiking backpack.

The department with the largest proportion of submitted trackers will enjoy an Ontario County-sponsored pizza party!!

Grab a glass, raise it high, and toast to the ultimate life elixir that keeps us feeling supercharged and ready to conquer the day, one sip at a time!

Enjoy the challenge,  
The Ontario County Employee Wellness

## Tips and Tricks:

Looking for some tips on how to start drinking more water throughout your day? Try these:

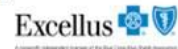
- Start your day with a glass of water
- Include a glass of water at the table for every meal
- Have a glass of water near you when you are working
- When you feel hungry, start with a glass of water
- Order water when you eat out to save money and calories
- Travel with a refillable bottle, your wallet, and environment, will thank you

## Other Water Sources:

It's best to limit your consumption of high calorie, high sugar beverages. Consider water, coffee, tea, herbal tea, or homemade flavored water/seltzer if you want a change.

Here's how to make homemade flavored water:

- Start with your favorite glass.
- Add almost any fruit. Suggestions include a slice of lemon, lime, apple, orange, melon, pear, apple, strawberry or other berries, tomato, cucumber, or celery.
- You can also add a sprig of fresh mint, rosemary, basil, or fresh ginger. A cinnamon stick is good too.
- Consider combining a few of these for more variety. Some popular ideas include basil and strawberries or apple slices with a cinnamon stick.
- Top it off with water. You can also make a pitcher of this and refrigerate it to use the whole day.



## 10 Fun Facts about Hydration

1. Did you know that our brain is made up of approximately 73% water? Staying hydrated helps maintain optimal cognitive function, keeping your mind sharp and alert.
2. Hydration can have a positive impact on your mood! Studies have shown that even mild dehydration can lead to feelings of fatigue and irritability. So, keep a water bottle handy and stay hydrated to maintain a sunny disposition.
3. Water is a natural beauty elixir. Staying hydrated can help keep your skin plump, radiant, and youthful. It's like a free, all-natural anti-aging treatment!
4. Good news for fitness enthusiasts: staying hydrated can enhance athletic performance. Proper hydration supports optimal muscle function and helps prevent fatigue during exercise.
5. Feeling a little sluggish? Dehydration might be to blame. Studies have shown that even mild dehydration can cause a decrease in energy levels and physical performance. So, drink up and keep those energy levels soaring!
6. Water is a calorie-free superhero. When you choose water over sugary drinks, you're making a smart move for managing weight. It's refreshing, hydrating, and won't sabotage your efforts to maintain a healthy weight.
7. Our bodies are pretty good at letting us know when we're thirsty, but did you know that sometimes thirst can be mistaken for hunger? So next time you feel those hunger pangs, try reaching for a glass of water first.
8. If you're looking to maintain healthy digestion, hydration is key. Water helps keep things flowing smoothly, preventing constipation, and promoting regularity.
9. Hydration isn't just about drinking water. Many fruits and vegetables have high water content, such as watermelon, cucumbers, and strawberries. So, you can eat your way to hydration too!
10. Water is a natural detoxifier. By staying hydrated, you're aiding your body in flushing out waste and toxins, promoting a healthier internal environment.

Remember, hydration isn't just about quenching your thirst. It's a key ingredient for overall well-being and a little hydration knowledge can go a long way towards a healthier, happier you!

## Office of Sheriff

**Special Olympics Torch Run-** On June 18th, our deputies joined the Special Olympics Torch Run to support and celebrate the incredible athletes who inspire us every day! Such a great cause that we're proud to be part of. A very special thank you to Green Front Restaurant, Crane Realty, and Uptown Tire and Auto for donating to the Torch Run. Additional thanks to Mightea Boba for giving our runners drinks when they returned to Canandaigua!





**Swearing in Deputy DJ Daniel-** At the 2025 National Sheriff's Association Conference in Florida, the Ontario County Sheriff had the incredible honor of meeting a very special guest: Deputy DJ Daniel. DJ, who is courageously battling cancer, has now been sworn in as a Special Deputy by 1,402 Sheriff's Offices across the country, including ours. His bravery, unwavering positivity, and dedication to law enforcement have inspired officers nationwide. Sheriff Cirencione was honored to be one of 200 Sheriffs who took part in DJ's special swearing-in ceremony in person. He also had the privilege of spending one-on-one time with Deputy Daniel, which was an unforgettable experience.



**Swearing in and Promotional Ceremony-** On June 26th, OCSO proudly welcomed our newest Correction Officers Castiglia and Gause during a swearing-in ceremony. We also welcomed Part-Time County Police Officer Braun and celebrated the promotions of two Correction Officers: Correction Sergeant Ross and Correction Sergeant Biggs. We commend each of them for their dedication to public service and their commitment to the mission of the Ontario County Sheriff's Office. Congratulations, team!



## Planning

**Regional Transportation Hearing Session for Ontario County:** If you ever had a thought about how transportation infrastructure is managed, why there isn't more investment in trails, have a beef with traffic circles, why a new road or turning lane isn't being considered on a particular road, or anything transportation related, think more or less public transit is needed, etc., you now have a chance to be heard! The Genesee Transportation Council (GTC) is the transportation planning agency for the Rochester Region, including Ontario County, responsible for distributing various state and federal aid to NYS Dept. of Transportation, Counties, and municipalities for all-things transportation related.

GTC want to hear your thoughts and ideas concerning transportation and are hosting listening sessions for Ontario County as follows:

- July 15, 2025 from 4:00-5:30 pm virtually (on line)
- July 17, 2025 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm at Wood Library, 134 North Main St., Canandaigua, NY 14424

Registration is requested at: <https://www.publicinput.com/listeningsessions#tab-65416>

## Public Health

### Upcoming Maternal and Child Health Classes

Register here: <https://www.ontariocountyny.gov/Activities>

- Newborn Care Classes  
September 23, 2025, 5–8 pm, FF Thompson Hospital, Canandaigua
- Introduction to Breastfeeding Classes  
September 16, 2025, 5–8 pm, FF Thompson Hospital, Canandaigua  
November 4, 2025, 5–8 pm, FF Thompson Hospital, Canandaigua
- Pump Smart: Back to Work Breastfeeding Class  
July 23, 2025, 5–8 pm, FF Thompson Hospital, Canandaigua
- Childbirth Education  
July 12, 2025, 9 am–12 pm, FF Thompson Hospital, Canandaigua  
August 13, 2025, 5–8 pm, FF Thompson Hospital, Canandaigua

### Harmful Algal Bloom Season

It can be hard to tell the difference between a Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) and non-toxic algal blooms or other water quality concerns. This video provides some helpful identification tips and several image examples of HABs:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8nL\\_s77FV-o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8nL_s77FV-o)

If you see an algal bloom and think it may be a HAB, avoid it, snap a photo, and submit a Suspicious Algal Bloom Report Form. DEC recommends avoiding contact with any floating mats, scums, or discolored water. Links to the form can be found at: <https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/water/water-quality/harmful-algal-blooms>  
<http://on.ny.gov/nyhabs>  
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/77118.html>

## Stay Safe in the Sun

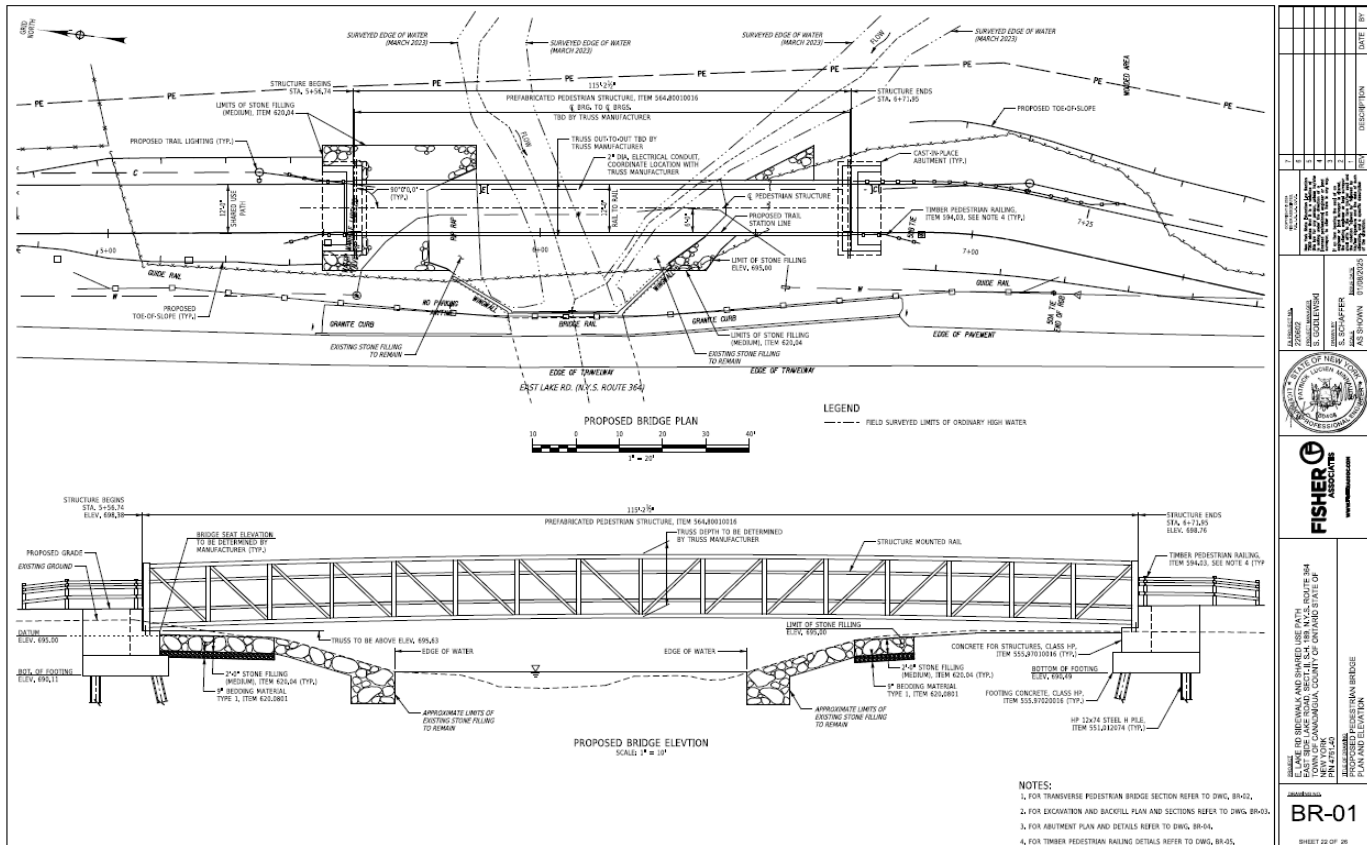
Summer sun can be strong, even on cloudy days. Protect your skin and stay cool:

- Use sunscreen (SPF 30 or higher) and reapply frequently
- Wear a hat and sunglasses
- Cover your skin with loose, long-sleeved clothing
- Take breaks in the shade
- Plan outdoor activities for early morning or evening hours



## Public Works

### RT 364 Sidewalk/Bike Path Project



A new sidewalk and multi-use path project is currently underway along Route 364 in the Town of Canandaigua. The project will span nearly 2,400 feet, extending from County Road 50 (Lake Shore Drive) to Marvin Sands Drive. A key feature of the project includes a pedestrian bridge over Fall Brook. The project also includes the installation of pedestrian lighting and improvements to existing drainage systems.

While most of the sidewalk and path installation will occur after the concert season wraps up, you may notice preliminary work this summer, such as tree clearing, bridge abutment construction, drainage upgrades, and hydrant relocations.

This project was designed and engineered by Fisher Associates, and City Hill Construction has been awarded the construction work.



Funding for the project is primarily provided through state grants—80% is covered through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) grants, secured by the Ontario County Planning Department. The remaining 20% is funded locally, with contributions from The Sands Family Foundation, the Town of Canandaigua, and Ontario County.

## Records and Archives

The installation of the new shelving at RAIMS is complete. The boxes will have a new designated location, so the bin number will change. With that said, we will have to issue transfer sheets with new locations for these boxes. We are hoping to have this complete by September. Therefore, the boxes with the original location, RO25-RO48, will be very difficult to retrieve. Again, thank you for your patience. We would like to thank the staff from B&G that helped pull the boxes, remove the old shelving, and then stack the boxes on the new shelving. Kudos to Casey, RAIMS document specialist, who organized this task and now is fervently changing the 3500 boxes' locations. Thanks Casey!

Rose attended the annual New York State Association of Local Government Records Management Officers (NYALGRO) June 1-3. This conference offers different classes involved with record management. A few of the topics included FOIL, the Judicial Security Act, Email management, Genealogy, just to list a few. Rose participated on a panel discussion entitled "Organizing your Records Center". She has been the treasurer for the organization for the last 11 years.

There is now a new FOIL management system that has been implemented into the County system using CivicPlus software. The system will be able to receive requests, redact and send documents and videos, message the requester, and manage all procedures that involves a FOIL request. A special thanks to Bob Smith and Trevor Spoor for setting the program up and training.

Preston, County Historian has continued to be busy with lectures around the County:

1. May 31- Memorial Day Ceremony at Seneca No. 9 Church, Town of Seneca
2. June 4- Radio interview about Sarah Bradford (biographer of Harriet Tubman) WYSL- South Lima
3. June 29- Postal History program at Macedon Public Library

Preston also completed a 60- page publication commemorating the Bicentennial of the Erie Canal.

## Sustainability & Solid Waste Management

The County is updating their 10 year Local Solid Waste Management Plan. We have created a website to engage the public and get residential input. If you have time, please consider completing the survey located here:

<https://bandl.mysocialpinpoint.com/ontario-county-lswmp>

### WE'RE DEVELOPING A SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN, AND CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Local Solid Waste Management Plan provides Ontario County and its constituents with policy and program recommendations to comprehensively manage solid waste for the next decade.

The Plan aims to:

- Serve as a countywide framework for the coordination of solid waste management
- Establish countywide solid waste goals and objectives, including an overall waste reduction goal and a plan to monitor progress toward the goals
- Satisfy state law requiring the development of a waste reduction plan for the County



To provide your feedback via a short survey and general comments during the planning process, visit [bit.ly/OCLSWMP](https://bit.ly/OCLSWMP) or scan the QR code.



**Ontario County**  
Department of Sustainability  
and Solid Waste Management





For more information visit the Local Solid Waste Management Plan [website](#).

### Residential Tire Recycling Event- Town of South Bristol Highway Facility 7/19

- Open and free to all Ontario County residents.
- Registration open June 25 to July 16, or **until full**.
- For full details, see the [event flyer](#).
- Limit of 10 tires per household.
- **Car and light truck tires only**, please see the [tire recycling guide](#) for accepted materials.
- [Click here](#) to register.
- Call (585) 393-3090 with any questions.

## OUR TEAM AGENCIES

### Cornell Cooperative Extension

Join Master Food Preserver Emma Moore on Thursday July 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 6:30 to learn the ins and outs of brewing homemade Kombucha. Kombucha is a gut-healthy fermented tea that's carbonation and endless flavor combinations make prioritizing probiotics easy and enjoyable. Kombucha is an easy home ferment that can be accomplished with little time and equipment. The cost of this workshop is \$10 and preregistration is required. More information can be found on the CCE website event calendar, register at this link [https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/kombucha\\_232](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/kombucha_232)

Library workshops coming up!

CCE is collaborating with Wood Library for some upcoming teen and adult workshops. Preregistration is required, find more information and register at the links below.

Teen Cheese Mongers? Through CCE Ontario's Dairy in the Classroom program, youth will learn how enzymes and tiny ecosystems of bacteria create the cheeses we know and love, and try their hand at making mozzarella cheese on July 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 to 3:30.

<https://woodlibrary.librarycalendar.com/event/teen-chefs-cornell-coop-22496>

Join us on Thursday July 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:00 pm to learn the art of quick pickling and start pickling everything! Quick pickling is an easy way to start preserving food with very minimal time and equipment, no meal is complete without a pickle!

<https://woodlibrary.librarycalendar.com/event/intro-canning-pickling-22593>

### Finger Lakes Community College

FLCC hosts AI workshop, launches FLX AI Hub



The College hosted 175 people in June at its first artificial intelligence community workshop and announced the launch of the [FLX AI Hub](#).

The College welcomed participants from K-12, business services, social services, government, retail, health care, manufacturing, and hospitality. The hub is a space for developing and democratizing AI tools and practices for educational innovation, economic growth, and community empowerment.

FLCC can provide specialized AI training for a specific industry. Email to [ai@flcc.edu](mailto:ai@flcc.edu) for more information. To get regular updates on AI news from FLCC, [sign up online](#).



# Finger Lakes Visitors Connection

## FLX Outdoor Experience Campaign Launches with Event at Finger Lakes Welcome Center

The Finger Lakes Regional Tourism Council (FLRTC) is the official Finger Lakes Tourism Promotion Agency, comprised of representatives from each of the 14 counties across the region, including Finger Lakes Visitors Connection (FLVC).

Last year, FLRTC received an EDA grant to market sustainable tourism in the Finger Lakes. Developed by FLRTC in partnership with GLP Films, the campaign features six short films focused on outdoor “passion points”—hiking, biking, paddling, fishing, slow travel, and agritourism. Highlighting not only outdoor activities, the campaign also showcases the region’s commitment to accessibility and inclusion—making it clear that the Finger Lakes outdoors are for everyone.

Featured Ontario County partners and locations in the videos include:

- **Victor** – Parks and Recreation, [Dryer Road Park](#)
- **Naples** – [Finger Lakes Forest Immersion](#), [Glen Hollow Inn](#), [Woodville Boat Launch](#)

As FLVC plans to continue our efforts to promote outdoor and accessible experiences in Ontario County, we will utilize the assets developed in this campaign and continue to grow our presence with information to come on [VisitFingerLakes.com](#)

To learn more and view the videos, visit [flxoutdoorexperience.com](#)



## FLVC Promotes Accessible Travel in Ontario County



Following a successful accessible travel influencer familiarization tour—organized by I LOVE NY and supported by FLVC—accessibility influencer Tara Shetterly shared content on her social media highlighting the accessible activities featured in her itinerary and raising awareness about the experiences available in Ontario County.

In addition to her scheduled and paid deliverables, Tara also posted a [separate reel for Motion Junction playground](#), impressed by its standout accessibility features.

I LOVE NY further amplified the tour by publishing a blog showcasing her itinerary and experiences. You can read the blog here: [A Wheelchair Accessible Outdoor Getaway to the Finger Lakes](#).

### Travel Journalists Visit Ganondagan State Historic Site

Media promotion continues to highlight Ontario County. As part of our cooperative marketing efforts with Finger Lakes Regional Tourism Council, FLVC recently hosted a group of sustainability-focused travel journalists on a guided visit to Ganondagan State Historic Site. During the tour, the journalist learned about the history and culture of the Native American community and gained insight into how these engage with nature and promote sustainability through education.

FLVC will share the resulting articles from this tour once they are published.



## Historical Society

### [OCHS Cemetery Walking Tour](#)

Friday, July 11 | 2:00 pm

OCHS's summer walking tours highlight some remarkable individuals from Canandaigua's history in the Pioneer and West Avenue Cemeteries.

*Tours will meet in the West Avenue Plaza parking lot in Canandaigua.*

### [7th Annual Garden & Historic Building Tour](#)

Saturday, July 12 | 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Jump on this chance to explore eight all-new destinations, each showcasing the rich heritage and natural beauty of our region. From lovingly tended private gardens to architecturally significant historic buildings, each stop on this self-guided tour tells a unique story of our local history and horticultural traditions.



### [Remembering Roseland: An Archive of Oral Histories](#)

Wednesday, July 16 - July 17

OCHS will preserve your precious Roseland Amusement Park memories as an oral history archive before they fade away. Ready to share your Roseland story? [Sign up here to participate in our oral history interviews.](#)



### Woodlawn Cemetery Walking Tour

Friday, July 18 | 2:00 pm

Woodlawn Cemetery Tours start at 2:00 at the Chapel. Like OCHS Walking Tours, these are rain or shine events and are free to the public.

*Donations to support the Woodlawn Chapel are appreciated.*

### OCHS Cemetery Walking Tour

Saturday, July 19 | 12:00 pm

OCHS's summer walking tours highlight some remarkable individuals from Canandaigua's history in the Pioneer and West Avenue Cemeteries.

*Tours will meet in the West Avenue Plaza parking lot in Canandaigua.*

### Shopping Day at Mayflowers!

Saturday, July 19

Refresh your summer garden with **Mayflowers Nursery & Garden Center** on **Saturday, July 19** and support OCHS!

*Mention OCHS at checkout and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to our organization.*

### OCHS Cemetery Walking Tour

Friday, July 25 | 2:00 pm

OCHS's summer walking tours highlight some remarkable individuals from Canandaigua's history in the Pioneer and West Avenue Cemeteries.

*Tours will meet in the West Avenue Plaza parking lot in Canandaigua.*

### Woodlawn Cemetery Walking Tour

Friday, August 1 | 2:00 pm

Woodlawn Cemetery Tours start at 2:00 at the Chapel. Like OCHS Walking Tours, these are rain or shine events and are free to the public.

*Donations to support the Woodlawn Chapel are appreciated.*

### OCHS Cemetery Walking Tour

Friday, August 8 | 2:00 pm

OCHS's summer walking tours highlight some remarkable individuals from Canandaigua's history in the Pioneer and West Avenue Cemeteries.

*Tours will meet in the West Avenue Plaza parking lot in Canandaigua.*

## Mercy Flight

We have our Night of Flight on Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are on sale now.

<https://www.mercyflightcentral.org/events/night-of-flight>



## Partnership for Ontario County

Here's our upcoming events, with a special highlight on our upcoming August Red, White & Blue Community Celebration:

**7/28: Ontario Cares Pop-Up Food Pantry** | Town of Canandaigua Highway Department Barn Routes 5&20 (enter on Buffalo Street), 10 a.m. (open to the public)

**8/13: Create & Connect:** | ArtSpace 36 | 36 South Main Street, Canandaigua | 6:30-8 p.m. | Join us for an evening of self-expression through art. This free drop-in art program is for ages 7 and up and is led by an art therapist. You don't need to be an artist to join in and get creative!

**8/23-8/24: Red, White & Blue Celebration at Lincoln Hill Farms** | 3792 NY-247, Canandaigua, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. | The Veterans Coalition of Ontario County, a program of The Partnership for Ontario County, is hosting a weekend-long Red, White & Blue celebration event. Featuring a COLOR RUN, artisans, live music (including Barn Salt and Mr. Loops), food, animals, and lots of family-friendly fun! This event is FREE and open to the public.

**8/25: Ontario Cares Pop-Up Food Pantry** | Town of Canandaigua Highway Department Barn Routes 5&20 (enter on Buffalo Street), 10 a.m. (open to the public)



# Soil & Water Conservation District

## Naples 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

On June 12, 2025 we were at Naples Elementary with all of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students teaching all about soil. The students tested the pH of the soil in their raised garden beds, used microscopes to explore the plants and soil, learned about what makes up healthy soil, and they got to turn soil into artwork. Thank you to Naples for having us!



## Red Jacket Ag Day

On June 13, 2025 we were at Red Jacket Elementary for Ag Day, organized by Ontario County 4-H. Our station was about soil! We worked with every grade level in the elementary school and got to inspire the next generation all about agriculture. Other stations included livestock, a cow milking simulator, and more. Thank you to Ontario County 4-H and Red Jacket for including us in such a fun event.



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

Chris, Alissa & Cindy