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# Local & Region

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## BRIEFLY IN TOMPKINS

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### Local restaurants donating to Trust Company Relay for Life team

May 15 "Take A Bite out of Cancer" month, and several local restaurants have pledged to donate part of patrons' purchases to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life's "Banking on a Cure" team.

The team represents Tompkins Trust Company. Between 6 and 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 20, Just A Taste, 116 N. Aurora St., will donate 10 percent of the purchase of any group or individual presenting a "Take A Bite out of Cancer" flyer or voucher, which can be printed from [www.takeabiteoutofcancer.blogspot.com/](http://www.takeabiteoutofcancer.blogspot.com/).

A similar promotion will run on Tuesday, May 27, at the Ithaca Ale House, 131 N. Aurora St.

### Cornell basketball coaches to give keynote address at Family & Children's Service

Cornell University's 2007-08 Ivy League champion basketball coaches Steve Donahue and Dayna Smith will give a keynote address on Youth Development titled "Developing a Winning Attitude with Youth" at 8 a.m. Tuesday, May 20 at the Country Club of Ithaca, 189 Pleasant Grove Road.

Their remarks will be part of Family & Children's Service of Ithaca's 2008 Annual Meeting.

The event is open to the public and will come with a breakfast buffet. A \$10 per person donation is requested, payable at the door.

A RSVP is requested by calling Family & Children's Service of Ithaca at 273-7494 or via e-mail to [jryan@fcs-ith.org](mailto:jryan@fcs-ith.org).

Family & Children's Service of Ithaca provides a wide range of mental health, home health care, employment assistance, and youth services programs for children in Ithaca and Tompkins County.

### 'Dancing in the Streets' returns May 20

The third season of "Dancing in the Streets" will begin from 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, May 20, on the Bernie Milton Pavilion at the Ithaca Commons.

The opening night will feature music from the Coyote Cow Girls, led by Alicia Dale.

"Dancing in the Streets" is a weekly event that will be held from 7-10 p.m. every Tuesday through the month of October.

The series traditionally features a diverse line up of musicians and DJs who play everything from country to hip-hop, Latin and salsa, swing and disco.

Dance instructor and choreographer Roger Christian of the Tri-Falcon and Dove Dance Academy began the tradition in 2006.

The event is free and open to the public.

Openings are still available for bands, musicians and DJs who would like to showcase at Dancing in the Streets.

Those interested in performing can contact Roger Christian at 279-9945.

### Pizza party set Wednesday at Loaves and Fishes

There will be a pizza party courtesy of Pizza Hut and Loaves and Fishes at noon Wednesday May 21 at Loaves and Fishes, St. John's Episcopal Church. Use the Loaves and Fishes entrance on Cayuga Street.

Loaves and Fishes is open to all from noon to 1 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and from 6-7 p.m.

## CU Jewish group planning eruv

Symbolic fence would allow activities during Sabbath; town approval pending

By Krisy Gashler  
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Journal Staff

Ithaca may soon be a friendlier place for Orthodox Jews.

How soon depends on how long it takes to get permission from municipal governments.

The Center for Jewish Living at Cornell University has been working for roughly two years to establish an eruv to surround campus and parts of the city and town of Ithaca and the village of Cayuga Heights.

An eruv is a symbolic fence that surrounds an area and allows observant Jews to move more freely on the Sabbath, said Cornell campus Rabbi Meir Klein.

Under Jewish law, individuals are not allowed to carry items between private and public spaces on the Sabbath.

"You can just imagine some modern application, if a mother has a stroller to take her baby on a walk, she cannot walk outside," Klein said.

An eruv, or "virtual fence," creates one private domain within which Orthodox Jews can carry what they need to on the Sabbath, he said.

The proposed boundaries from the eruv are approximate-

ly East State Street on the south, Cayuga Street on the west, Caldwell and Pleasant Grove roads on the west, and Triphammer and Oak Hill roads on the north.

The eruv will be constructed by attaching small plastic moldings to existing utility poles. The Center for Jewish Living has already obtained permission from NYSEG to attach the moldings to their utility poles.

Ninety to 95 percent of the work is already done, "Klein

said. "We're just waiting for municipal permission."

The Town of Ithaca last week passed a resolution making a "ceremonial proclamation" that delineates the boundaries of the eruv, but before it can take effect, it also requires permission from the Town's Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

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## NATURE CENTER READY FOR SUMMER



Kay Cafasso, left, and Fay Bunnell use an A-frame to mark the contour lines on a piece of land that is being turned into a garden in front of the Cayuga Nature Center on Saturday, which was volunteer day during the nature center's three-day Spring Open House.

## Volunteers help CNC open season

By Cara Hoffman  
Special to The Journal

The Cayuga Nature Center welcomed back a slew of volunteers over the weekend as it prepares to break out of the long, slow winter season.

During the center's three-day Spring Open House, the volunteers were planting, digging, raking and chatting beneath the overcast sky. They were also getting the place ready for the big changes this summer.

Executive Director Tom Trecansky said his focus for the past several months has been on the facility itself—like

putting on a new slate roof and painting.

The center experienced some setbacks in recent years, including the theft of their popular Team Challenge ropes course equipment. New equipment was purchased with donations from the community and Trecansky said he has seen volunteers becoming more active after a recent lull.

This can be seen in the center's changing landscape. Reclaimed picnic tables, a pumpkin patch, a field of sunflowers protected by a scarecrow and a new walking trail are all in the works, and all the work is being done by members of the

community.

The center will also be building a landscaped habitat for native turtles and will be reopening the Butterfly House.

"We expect the Butterfly House to be the biggest draw to the nature center," Trecansky said. "It's absolutely gorgeous. Our grand opening on June 14 will be grander than ever before. We have so many species and it's such a joy to see them."

Trecansky is in the process of hiring summer staff and is excited about the camp season. He said he loves the relaxing and positive atmosphere of the nature center and is happy to be facilitating changes, includ-

ing more outreach to the schools and expanded environmental education programs. This year CNC has teamed up with the Museum of the Earth and has educational staff that will work in conjunction with both organizations. In addition to the focus on plants and habitats, there will now be a focus on fossils and geology.

"This place comes completely alive when the kids show up," he said. "And this year will be more diversity in programming."

"This is really what it's about," Trecansky said. "Educating the kids."

For more information go to [www.cayuganaturecenter.org](http://www.cayuganaturecenter.org).

## Rally turns attention to stigma of mental illness

By Rick Lader  
Special to The Journal

"ITHACA—"Mental health care is an essential health care," nearly 100 people shouted Saturday at DeWitt Park.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness of the Finger Lakes (NAMI-FL) sponsored the rally to help spread awareness and educate the public about mental health problems in the community.

Called the "One in Five Rally," the event brought together local health officials, those affected by mental illness and their families to tear down the stigma that has been attached to these disorders. NAMI estimates that one in five families is affected by a major mental illness.

"We are talking about major depression, bipolar disorder, manic depression, schizophrenia, or some anxiety disorders like panic or obsessive compulsive disorder," said Carol Booth, president of NAMI-FL. "Many people still believe that someone who struggles with a mental illness can just pull up their bootstraps and get better. And that is not the case."

Organizers say that although mental illness is not anyone's fault, the stigma connected to them keeps the afflicted from obtaining work, housing and insurance.

Keynote speaker, Tom O'Clair has spent the last seven years pursuing what he calls parity in insurance coverage for those with mental illness. In 2000, he mentally ill 12-year-old son, Timothy, committed suicide and O'Clair attributes this to an inability to obtain the necessary health insurance.

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## Not-for-profit working for state designation for Rt. 414

Plans are still in motion to win scenic byway designation for an 18-mile stretch of State Route 414 in the towns of Hector and Lodi.

At work on the project is a not-for-profit group of six people headed by J. Barry O'Neill, former Lodi town supervisor.

Serving with him are directors George Kellogg, Victoria Kelly, Bruce

Franklin law firm of Ovid and is a former Seneca County attorney.

Kimball-Peterson, in a press release, said the group, Seneca Lake Byway Inc., plans a public information meeting from 7-9 p.m. June 12 at the Valois-Logan-Hector fire station on Route 414 in Hector.



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will get an idea of the corridor management plan that is being put together. Other items on the agenda will have to do with the collection of letters of support and the completion of a byway nominating proposal required by state officials.

Kimball-Peterson said the nominating proposal was in mo-

creating a local not-for-profit agency as the project sponsor.

The program is administered by the Landscape Architecture Bureau, State Department of Transportation and implemented by the state's Scenic Byways Advisory Board based on a nomination submitted by the byway applicant. Represented on the advisory board are people from various



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to follow our processes but it makes it a bit more difficult for them," said Town Supervisor Herb Engman.

The towns' code enforcement officer determined that the utility pole markings constitute a sign under town law, and therefore require a variance.

"All of this is probably more than should be necessary, but our sign law is probably broader than it should be," Engman said. "And we recognize that, actually we've recognized it for quite some time. It's just a matter of getting to it with all the

other things that need to be done."

Board member Peter Stein said he had some initial reservations about designating the eruv because of potential conflicts between church and state.

"There have been a recent number of cases having to do with crèches on public property and crosses and ten commandments in various places, and I feel very strongly that the traditions of our country reject that sort of government support or particular religions," Stein said. "And I think you have to be very careful when you do this that you don't indicate that the government recognizes the validi-

ty of the displays of one religion over another."

Stein said he did eventually support the resolution, once it included language, for example, indicating that the proclamation does not grant the Center for Jewish Living "any rights or privileges that are not possessed by all citizens" and "does not endorse or otherwise embrace the religious tenets which govern the creation of an eruv."

The City of Ithaca has not taken any action on the eruv.

There are hundreds of eruvs around the country, including ones in Albany and Rochester, Klein said. This would be the first in Tompkins County.

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In 2006, the passage of Timothy's Law, which put coverage for mental illness on par with other physical impairments, was a victory for O'Clair.

Speaking about the tragic loss of his son, an impassioned O'Clair said, "It couldn't be the end of Timothy's story. If Timothy had been able to get the coverage he deserved and needed for that illness, Timothy would be with us until our dying days, and I vow to keep Timothy with me until my dying days."

NAMI-FL is the local affiliate of a nationally operated volunteer program designed to provide education, support and advocacy about mental illness and to help break down the stigma.

"The stigma is a huge thing," said Jean Walters, who helped

found NAMI-FL. "It's getting better now with medications being better and because of what we're doing. The sooner they treat them, the better the results. The earlier the diagnosis, the better the outcome."

Currently, many of the people involved with getting Timothy's Law passed are attempting to broaden it to include insurance coverage for those with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Robert DeLuca, Tompkins County Mental Health commissioner, cited a statistic from a Rand Report pertaining to the ongoing war in Iraq that 300,000 individuals will come back with either major depression or PTSD.

"We have lost more veterans in this nation and in this state to suicide than we have to combat because they are suffering from mental illnesses that they are not

able to get treatment for or they are afraid to get. That's because of the stigma attached to mental illness," O'Clair said.

In addition to Saturday's educational rally, NAMI will hold a similar event this October focusing on wellness. NAMI provides individual and family support for anyone who seeks help at any time, and the organization hosts a 12-week family-to-family course in the spring designed to get people to talk about mental illness.

"As we learn to talk about things, we learn that there are people who want to listen. When we can start talking about mental illness, we can start to break the stigma. The only way that we can give it the attention it deserves, is to be able to openly talk about it," O'Clair said.

Log on to [www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org) for more information.

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The reasoning behind the byway proposal, Kimball-Peterson wrote, is to protect the economic and aesthetic interests of corridor residents; the enhancement of business enterprise, such as agriculture, wineries, bed-and-breakfast facilities, restaurants and recreation; improved vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety; creation of

community association members and members of the original byway committee. Photos and information needed as part of the nominating process have been put together by committee members instead of turning to a paid consultant. Past meetings dealing with the byway proposal have drawn law enforcement officials, a tourism specialist and state Department of Transportation representatives.

# CLEARING THE RECORD

**ICSD equity plan created in summer 2007**

The Ithaca City School District Board of Education planned the creation of the Equity and Inclusion Leadership Council during the summer of 2007. A story on Page 1A of Saturday's Journal contained incorrect information.