

## Candor, S-VE to merge teams

Varsity football, other sports affected

There will be no Jug Game between Candor and Spencer-Van Etten this fall, because those two school districts will merge their varsity football teams and several other teams as well.



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S-VE Town Talk

The other teams involved include varsity boys and girls soccer, varsity and modified boys and girls cross country, and varsity cheerleading. Participation numbers for those sports have been low, making it difficult or impossible to field teams.

Two weeks ago the Candor School Board of Education voted to approve merging particular fall teams to enable their students to continue playing. On Feb. 25, the SVE School Board joined Candor in approving the merger of specific fall teams. This is quite a change for all involved, as the Candor-SVE rivalry has been intense when the two schools meet.

There was considerable discussion at the school board meeting on how the merged teams would work. The emphasis is on continued or expanded opportunity for students to participate, including JV level scrimmages where numbers allow. The student-athletes will be asked to suggest colors and mascot preferences for the new merged teams and then they will vote among the choices. Uniforms will be purchased for the merged teams but football helmets will be painted, not bought new.

Applicants to coach the merged teams will be interviewed by a committee and recommendations made to the school boards. Seniority will not be the deciding factor. Home games will be played equally at both schools, so that both can have a homecoming game and a seniors recognition night on their home fields. It is not known at this time what division each sport would play in as a merged team. Practice locations will vary by team. The decision to merge certain fall teams is only for one year. After that, if Candor and SVE wish to continue merged teams, they will need to apply to the Interscholastic Athletic Conference and Section 4 governing body to merge again.

### Mayor race

After I sent my column in last weekend, I received a phone call from Erika Brown, a trustee on the Spencer Village Board, to say that she has decided to throw her hat into the Spencer mayoral ring, also.

What was a two-way race between the incumbent mayor, Christine Lester, and the first challenger, Jonathan Brown, is now a three-way contest.

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### LOTTERIES

N.Y. lottery: (518) 388-3300  
www.nylottery.org

N.Y. Daily (day): 2-6-3  
N.Y. Win 4 (day): 2-1-4-1  
N.Y. Daily (night): 5-8-9  
N.Y. Win 4 (night): 4-5-5-5  
N.Y. Pick 10 (Sunday): 1-3-10-17-19-21-24-29-36-41-49-54-56-65-66-71-72-74-77-80  
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The Clinton House is located on Cayuga Street in Ithaca.

## TELLING STORIES OF ITHACA'S PAST

Exhibit this month, talk Saturday will focus on preservation

Gazing over the newly sprouting Ithaca skyline, it's easy to forget the legacy of the streets trod since the city's earliest days more than two centuries ago.

For some, the buildings lining those sidewalks provide little more than a charming backdrop for a walking commute, housing for a quaint storefront or, in a developer's eyes, an attractive shell for luxury real estate. In their walls, some hear the stories of struggle and survival, harking back to the days where the roar of bulldozers shouted over the echoes of a young city's history.

In a tumultuous era of new development coming 50 years after saving the Clinton House, Historic Ithaca wants to bring those stories back to light. At 2 p.m. Saturday, the group will host a talk at the History Center of Tompkins County called "Saved from the Wrecking Ball: Preserving the Clinton House & Other Stories from Ithaca's Early Preservation Days" featuring people who fought to save the building a half century ago along with a new



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exhibit profiling the city's architectural past.

Historic Ithaca tries to teach people about the history of the structures as well as their architectural styles.

"We don't have any really stunning architecture in Ithaca, but the collection of buildings we have in Ithaca really give the town its character," John Lewis, the new executive director of Historic Ithaca, said. "So many parts of this country, you can go into a town and it looks like anywhere else in America. These buildings tell the story of why Ithaca is unique, even on a non-intellectual, emotional level. As people walk through the town and the city and fall in love with this place."

Fifty years ago, a group of Ithacans concerned with saving the city's past banded together to stop demolitions of some historic structures: The Clinton House was one of their first successes.

In the mid-20th century, suburbs were exploding, downtowns were decaying, and the idea of a car economy

### If you go

What: A talk and exhibit on historic preservation in Ithaca.

When: Exhibit opens Tuesday and will be on display through March 27; talk will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Where: Historic Ithaca, 401 E. State St. in Ithaca.

Information: [historicitythaca.org](http://historicitythaca.org) or 607-273-6633.

built around new roads, buildings and parking lots was coming into vogue. In Ithaca, this vision was realized in its urban renewal era, where the demise of several buildings, including old City Hall and the Ithaca Hotel, came about.

An exhibit, which opens Tuesday, "It Takes More Than Nostalgia: Celebrating 50 Years of Historic Ithaca & Community Preservation," features contemporary photos of city streets juxtaposed with images from the past so viewers can see how much structures and street corners have changed over the years.

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## Suit alleges sex abuse at women's prisons

Claims state corrections department lets abuse flourish

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ALBANY - A new lawsuit alleges "persistent sexual abuse" at New York's prisons for women.

Six female prisoners at three prisons described in the lawsuit a culture existing within the Department of Correc-

tions and Community Supervision that allows for "sexual abuse by staff against prisoners to flourish."

The women in the complaint were housed at two Westchester County prisons, Bedford Hills and Taconic, and at the Albion Correctional Facility in Orleans County in western New York.

The state department "has created a

prison culture that is, despite the purported 'zero tolerance' position of the department, functionally indifferent to the risk of sexual abuse for women prisoners, allowing staff sexual abuse and harassment to persist and flourish," the lawsuit states.

The Legal Aid Society in Manhattan and its attorneys at Debevoise & Plimpton filed the lawsuit on behalf of the

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## Meth making materials found by police near Wal-Mart

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Ithaca police officers found a suspicious package Sunday with contents consistent with methamphetamine production in the area of Wal-Mart. No charges have been made yet.

At 11:30 a.m. Sunday, members of the Ithaca Police Department responded to a report of a suspicious package in the area of Fairgrounds Memorial Parkway.

When officers arrived, they found a package that contained ingredients and equipment consistent with the "illegal

production of methamphetamine," according to a statement Monday from Ithaca police Sgt. Kevin Slattery.

Police determined that more resources were needed to safely investigate, and the New York State Police Contaminated Crime Scene Emergency Response Team was called to process the location and package.

Ithaca Fire Department and Bangs Ambulance also responded to the scene for precautionary medical and decontamination purposes, police said.

Police said enough materials were located to substantiate the charge of un-

lawful disposal of methamphetamine laboratory material, a felony. No arrests have been made yet in connection with the materials and the investigation is ongoing, police said.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Ithaca Police Department at 607-272-3245.

Other numbers: Police administration: 607-272-9973; Crime stoppers tip line: 607-697-0333; Narcotics tip line: 607-330-0000.

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