



# VARNA NEWS

INFORMATION AND ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR THE VARNA COMMUNITY

Announcing **COMMUNITY CAFE** — A time for folks of all ages to come together, discuss interesting topics, and enjoy simple refreshments.

Community Cafe will be held the **third Sunday of each month** from 2 to 4 pm (unless otherwise announced)\*\*

Free and open to the public      Donations welcome

\*\*There will be no Community Cafe in April due to the Easter holiday

### Freese Rd. Bridge update

There are several state and federal agencies reviewing the Freese Rd. bridge project. At this time we have no further information.

### Trinitas Student Housing Proposal

The Trinitas Ventures Corp. application to build a 550+ bed student housing project in Varna has been reviewed by the Town Planning Board. The Planning Board has recommended to the Town Board that the Town Board should require Trinitas to complete a full environmental review because the project, as proposed, would create environmental concerns that could not be mitigated. One such concern is with the impact of the project on the character of the surrounding neighborhood. **The project may be on the Town Board's agenda for March 21.** Check [dryden.ny.us](http://dryden.ny.us) to see the agenda, or call the Town Clerk (607) 844-8888. The meeting will start at **6pm** at the Dryden Town Hall: 93 E. Main St., Dryden.



### CU HERP CLUB

### VISITS VARNA

Sun. March 17

2-4pm

### 1st Community Cafe!

Students and faculty from Cornell's Herpetological Society will bring **live reptiles and amphibians** for you to touch, hold, and learn how different creatures have adapted to life on planet earth.

The Herp Club's visits are perennial favorites at the Varna Community Center. This first Community Cafe is sure to please everyone in your family. **Bring your friends & neighbors too!**

### VARNA AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM NEWS

Most of the 25 children enrolled at VASP are in grades K through 2, with a majority of boys. The group is energetic! Fortunately, the VASP staff is well-prepared with activities designed for fun and active learning. At the end of February, VASP celebrated it's own version of Olympic games with Balloon Volleyball and Wax Paper Feet Ice Skating.

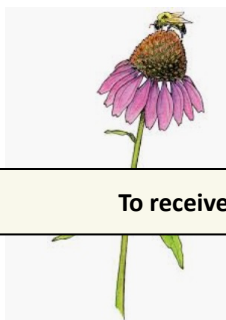


On Fridays the after schoolers participate in singing, Music Education majors. The children have also been materials provided in part by an OCFS Quality Grant creations the next time you visit the Community Center.

rhythm, and movement activities with Ithaca College busy creating a gallery of Magna-Tile Architectures using received last fall. Check out the photos of the children's

VASP students love creating tracks on the new Engineering Activity Board.

photo by Amy Albright, VASP Director



### Mark your calendar: Community Cafe, Sunday, May 19, 2-4pm

Topic: deer-resistant, pollinator-friendly gardening.

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A cheerful group of Ithaca College students visited Varna in January for an MLK Day of Service. Among other projects, they painted a wall and prepped a mailing. So helpful!

### Calendar

**March 17** - 2-4pm, **Cornell Herp Club**, Community Cafe

**April 1** - 7:30pm, VCA Directors meeting, open to all

**April 14** - 8am-noon, Pancake Breakfast

**May 5** - 7:30 VCA Directors meeting, open to all

**May 12** - 8am-noon Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast

**May 19** - 2-4pm Community Cafe

**Pancake Breakfasts get green light**  
Because a number of new volunteers have stepped up, pancake breakfasts in Varna will continue through May. We'll take a break over the summer, but if all goes well, pancakes will return in September. More volunteers are always welcome! Contact Simon at (607) 227-0858; [simonstl@simonstl.com](mailto:simonstl@simonstl.com)



**Pancake Breakfast**  
**Sunday, April 14 10, 8am-noon**  
Varna Community Center  
943 Dryden Rd.

Pancakes, waffles, cooked-to-order eggs, breakfast meats from Clarks Market, and more  
Served buffet style, all-you-care-to-eat for one price!  
Adults \$8, Seniors \$7, ages 5-12 \$7.50,  
under age 5 free