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April 4 – Spring Motorcycle/Car Care & Easter Edition
(Deadline 3/30)

April 18 – Prom & Golf Enthusiasts Edition
(Deadline 4/13)

May 2 – “Pamper Me-Warmer Weather”, Mother’s Day & Lawn/Garden Edition
(Deadline 4/27)

May 16 – Memorial Day & Restaurants that Offer “Outdoor Dining” Edition
(Deadline 5/11)

May 30 – “Camping”, Dairy Days & Pre-Grad/Dad Edition
(Deadline 5/25)

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Answer from the Previous Edition:

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Our mystery photos are old pictures of our area towns, businesses or landmarks. If you know where this edition's cover picture is - call 607-844-8228 or email tcatribune@gmail.com. Leave us your name, address & phone number along with your guess. If your guess is correct - your name is entered into our contest! A name is picked by random drawing & we print the winner's name in our next issue! All decisions are final. Businesses from around the area have generously donated a prize! Deadline for your guess is 6 pm on Friday, March 30th for this edition. By entering, you give us permission to print your name in our next issue.

Each contest generates hundreds of entries! The winner of last issue is Jeanette Byron. Jeanette won a gift certificate from Piccadilly Lane Country & Primitive Store located at 2634 Main Street in Whitney Point. The winner from this issue will also win a gift certificate from Piccadilly Lane Country & Primitive Store located at 2634 Main Street in Whitney Point! Enter your guess today!

We are looking for old photos to stump our readers! Do you have an old photo we could use?! Please call us or email us - THANK YOU!

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR



March 22 - Getting Started with Vegetable Gardening

This is the class for the beginning vegetable gardener! Learn where to site your garden, how to prepare the soil, how to start seeds, how to plant, when to mulch, and which easy veggies to try first. Pat Curran, Horticulture Educator, will also discuss favorite varieties, container gardening, and harvesting tips. Find out about Cooperative Extension's "free seeds" cabinets! This class will be held Thursday, March 22, 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Tompkins County Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center, 615 Willow Avenue, Ithaca. Fee \$5; pre-registration preferred to ensure enough handouts. Please call 272-2292 for more information or registration.

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March 24 - The Listening Workshop

When you listen to someone are you mostly waiting for the them to stop speaking so that you can say what you want to say? This is not Listening. Listening has nothing to do with you. It takes training and practice to learn how to listen. FREE -Saturday March 24th 9am-1pm Location: Ithaca Community Childcare Center (IC3) --- 579 Warren Road Ithaca, NY 14850. Please bring snacks/beverages. Please register at: www.thelisteningworkshop.com

March 24 - Dryden Seniors to Meet

The Dryden Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, March 26, 2012 at the Dryden Fire Hall. Lunch is served at 12:15 p.m. with announcements starting at 11:45 a.m. Please bring your own table service. The meal cost for members is \$6.00 and \$8.00 for non-members. The menu will be chicken and biscuits, tossed salad, peas and pearl onions, and carrot cake. Our entertainment will be Jomo, The King of the

Kazoo. The Dryden Senior Citizens are having a Spring Fling featuring crafts and treasures on Saturday, March 24 from 9 am to 2 pm at the Dryden Fire Hall. Lunch is available at 11:30 am. Are you new to the area? Want to join a great group? Then consider joining the Dryden Senior Citizens for only \$5.00 a year. Anyone over 55 can join our group. We have great programs, wonderful fellowship, and bus trips. Bring a friend to our next meeting.

March 24 - Workshop for Gardeners

8am - 12 pm, Port Watson Mini Conference Center. Do you have Spring Fever? Ready to play in the garden? Come to this workshop for gardeners and get the real dirt on how to get the most out of your veggie garden. Session 1: Choose either Garden Mapping, Companion Planting OR Composting. Session 2: Choose Starting From Seeds OR The Weeds You Need. Keynote Speaker- Allan Gandelman from Main Street Farms in Homer. \$5 registration fee. Download the registration form at www.healthynowcortland.org or call 756-4198. For more information call (607) 756-4198, e-mail janeille@sevenvalleyshealth.org, or visit www.healthynowcortland.org.

March 24-25 - 42nd Annual CNY Maple Festival

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March 29 - Shade Garden Flowers & Ferns

6:30-8:30 pm Tired of hiding from the sun? Enjoy the partial shade garden instead! Perennial flowers, wildflowers, ferns, sedges, and small shrubs can all be enjoyed in the dappled shade of trees or larger shrubs. Find out the best ones! Shade Garden Flowers & Ferns will take place Thurs. March 29, 6:30-8:30 pm at the Tompkins County Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center, 615 Willow Avenue, Ithaca. Fee: \$5; pre-registration requested. Please call 272-2292 for more information or registration.

March 29 - Soup & Sustenance Winter Reading Series

6-8pm, Beard Building, 9 Main Street in Cortland. Sustainable Cortland will be hosting a series of book discussions. Tonight's book is "But Will the Planet Notice? How Smart Economics

Can Save the World" by Gernot Wagner. Free and open to all. Soup and bread will be provided. For more information call (607) 232-1618, e-mail sustainablecortland@gmail.com or visit sustainablecortland.org.

March 30 - Spaghetti Dinner to Benefit Cub Scout Pack 55

At the Varna Community Center, 943 Dryden Rd./Rte. 366. 4-8 pm; Adults \$7; Kids 5 - 12 and seniors \$6; Kids 5 and under free. Menu includes Spaghetti with or without Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Bread and Beverages. Bake sale on premises as well

March 31 - Permaculture Sites in Australia, New Zealand, & Trinidad

2pm. Erin Marteel of the Ithaca Children's Garden traveled to public gardens and permaculture sites, with the help of a Dreer Award from the Cornell Horticulture Department. Erin will show slides and share information on school, community, and botanical gardens with a focus on environmental education, in Australia, New Zealand, and Trinidad. This Garden Travel Slide Show will be held Saturday March 31, 2:00-3:30

pm, at the Tompkins County Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center, 615 Willow Avenue, Ithaca. Refreshments and time to socialize will follow the talk. Free and open to the public, but donations help support the Horticulture Program. Please call 272-2292 for more information, but there is no need to preregister.

April 5, 6 & 8 - Varna Methodist Easter Services

The Varna Methodist located on Route #366 will have the following services during Easter week: On April 5th - Maundy Thursday service with communion - 7 P.M.; April 6 - Good Friday Service - 7 P.M.; April 8 - EASTER - 11 A.M. service. Please come and join us for a very meaningful Easter week.

April 13 - 15 - 26th Annual Ithaca Sertoma Classic Antique Show

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Valley View Gardens Retail Nursery and The Cinnamon Apple Cottage Gift Shop are located just around the corner on Luker Road opposite Builder's Best Do-It Center. During March our hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 10 to 5 o'clock. Beginning in April 1, we will be open Monday through Friday, 10 to 6 o'clock and Saturday, 9 to 5 o'clock, and during May, June and through July 3, we will also be open on Sundays from 10-3 o'clock. July 4th too! Stop in and shop at our retail nursery and gift shop. Call Dan and Andrew Mones at 607-





LOCAL BUILDER PUBLISHES NEW BOOK

BROOKE GREENHOUSE, VICE PRESIDENT OF Cayuga Country Homes, has published his first book, *Building a Quality Custom Home - What You Need to Know*. "I wrote this book for a couple of reasons," Brooke says. "First, to help people save money. I realized that sharing this information in a straightforward, easy-to-read format is very empowering and enables people to make informed decisions that can save them thousands, or even tens of thousands of dollars. And second (maybe more importantly), reading this book can save people a lot of headaches and heartaches." Brooke admits that a lot of what he shares in the book was learned the hard way - through his own mistakes. "Some should benefit from my mistakes," he smiles. *Building a Quality Custom Home* is filled with stories of real people and some composite stores to illustrate the chapters. There are also useful checklists and other guides.

Brooke looks forward to this book helping people. "Most people have never built a custom home before. There are so many steps that must be followed, from beginning to end, and if I can help people have a happy ending, then this book was worth it." He explains that it is not uncommon for people to tell horror

stores of "what went wrong," and he wrote this book to help people have a great experience building their new home.

Cayuga Country Homes is expanding their work to include what Brooke calls "Homes for a Lifetime." Designed with wider doors, lever door handles and other features to make the home easier to live in for everyone - young to old. "We've been the leader in building energy efficient and green homes in this area at a reasonable price," says Brooke. "Now we are trying to help our customers build their new Cayuga Country Home with design and features that will let them live in it comfortably when they get older. We don't want the home to be in the way of their life, we want it to help them live easier, more comfortably and with lower energy bills and less maintenance."

Cayuga Country Homes is the areas oldest custom modular builder. They also site-built new homes, additions and Senior Cottages. The company is an Energy Star builder, Certified Green Professional and Certified Aging In Place Specialists. "We take training and education very seriously to help get our customers the most for their investment," says Brooke. "If you are thinking about building a new home, please give me a call to talk and if I think my book will be helpful to you - I will get you a copy." Cayuga Country Homes can be reached at 607-844-4316 or www.cayugacountryhomes.com



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IF YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING to buy a new mattress for your home or dorm - now is the time to shop at V & V Furniture during their MATTRESS SALE! A truckload of mattresses have just arrived at V&V Furniture at 113 Port Watson Street in Cortland - prices starting at only \$179 for twin sets, full sets starting at \$209, queen sets starting at \$299 and king sets starting at \$419! Shop early for best selection because with these incredible prices - they won't last long! While supplies last and sorry, no rainchecks! In addition to mattresses, V&V Furniture has a variety of sofas, recliners, chairs, hope chests, dining rooms sets, hutches, chest of drawers, lamps, rockers, desks, end tables, bedroom frames and bedroom sets and more! Inventory changes often so stop in and shop often!

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The Maple Ridge approach to a neighborhood is perfect for "empty nesters"; small families; or retirees that want their next years to really be "golden". Many individuals want to enjoy the area but want to live more simply; enjoy a life that is less complicated. They want to spend less time managing their yards or houses and spend more time enjoying why they stayed here!

Phase One lots are designed for houses in the 1,300-3,000 sq ft range. We encourage "green" building whenever possible, but our "green" is not a political statement. Our "green" is

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The Cortland Youth Bureau (CYB) is partnering with the SUNY Cortland chapter of NYPIRG. Young girls in our community will be welcome to attend giveaways for their formal wear needs free of charge. For a small donation dress alterations will be available to girls who receive their gown through the program. Cortland Prom Closet Giveaways will be held at the CYB Youth Center on March 24th and April 14th both from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. Students who cannot attend one of these giveaways are encouraged to schedule an appointment.

To date we have collected well over 400 dresses. Many of these dresses are brand-new and were only worn for a fashion show. Refreshments, giveaways and styling advice including nails, hair and makeup will be provided by volunteers.

Community members interested in donating formal wear or accessories can drop items off during regular business hours from 9am until 5pm at the CYB main office or the CYB Youth Center, 35 Port Watson St or the NYPIRG office located at 215 Corey Union, SUNY Cortland. Monetary donations are also welcome and are used to cover expenses such as purchasing display racks and supplemental inventory in sizes not collected during donation drives. Interested business owners looking to partner with our program are encouraged to contact the City of Cortland Youth Bureau.

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American Legion-hop on a bus and go to the Legion where "Shadows of the Old West" will present shows both days, pony rides, bounce house, crafts, delicious food.

Rail Road Depot-model train exhibit, raffles, railroad souvenirs and tour 1850 station.

Old Town Hall (outside)-Maple Mobile races, both days

Morton Building (Firemen)-clam chowder, chicken tenders, chili, hot dogs, fries, hamburgers, coke products

Methodist Church-BBQ chicken dinner (includes 1/2 chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, roll, beverage & dessert or 1/2 chicken alone

Main Street-Knickerbockers smoked beef sticks

Lion's Club-canoes raffle

Marathon Maple Leaf Senior Center- maple milk shakes, muffins, cookies, lemonade, Iced tea, hot coffee, hot tea, hot chocolate, maple lollipops, bottled water

Presbyterian Church-hot dogs (chili, kraut or plain), chili, veggie chili, chicken noodle soup, peanut butter & jelly sandwiches, yogurt, beverages, baked sale, white elephant, The Candy Man, quilt raffle.

Boy Scouts-maple cotton candy & bottled water

Cub Scouts-popcorn, bloomin' onions, bottled water

Marathon Area Historical Society's Tent- (all things maple) sandwiches- (maple pulled pork, maple pulled chicken), maple coffee, maple tea, maple hot chocolate, maple cream donuts, Saranac soda, Pennsylvania Dutch Candy

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Masonic Lodge-the famous Maple Festival "All You Can Eat Pancake Meal" served from 9am to 4pm both days-same meal served in High School Cafeteria

IN THE HIGH SCHOOL

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McDonald Gymnasium-Juried Craft Show (see detailed list)

High School Auditorium-free continuous entertainment (see schedule)

Hallways and classrooms on the first floor- local churches selling baked goods, raffles, snacks; Girl Scout Cookies; Cortland County Dairy Princess; chair massage; face painting; baby diapering station; Children's Discovery Center; apple dumplings.

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PANCAKE EATING CONTEST 2012

By Connie White

IT'S A SWEET WAY TO kick off the 42 Annual CNY Maple Festival, on Saturday, March 24, when ten (10) pancake eaters mount the Marathon High School Stage, in the auditorium, for the 16th Annual Pancake Eating Contest. The 9:00am contest has become a "Festival favorite". Don't miss it

Forking down pancakes for their favorite "not-for-profit" organizations are: returning champion Bill Tillotson who ate 26 pancakes , in 15 minutes, last year for the Marathon Methodist Church; Tyler Hoellerer representing the MCS Class of 2014; Jason Wood will be eating for the Family Resource Center; Jason Sayles is on deck for the Triangle Baptist Church; Marathon Teacher Jim Ryan will be eating for the MCS PTO; Jeff Contri is representing his classmates - the Class of 2013; Jared Hammond will be eating for the First Baptist Church's Teen Club; Melissa Pratt is eating pancakes for "Bucks for Buffie"; Roger Morehouse is on deck for "Committed to a Cure" a chapter of Cortland County's Relay for Life; and Don McConnell who is eating for MCS Girls Field Hockey Team.

Every organization mentioned has been actively soliciting donations and pledges per pancake. The Maple Festival donates \$2 a pancake to each charity. Last year over \$8,000 total was earned by the pancake eaters.

What is the record number of pancakes eaten by a single eater? The number is 35. That is the record! Joe LaRue of Kentucky holds it and has promised to return to encourage all the eaters and assist with the contest. LaRue, who has retired from competitive eating will do an on stage interview at 11am that day, following the contest.

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Brian Buttner, ADRA's owner and Principal Architect, has been a local adult education course instructor on the residential design process since 2004 and a regular contributor to the Cortland Area Tribune over the past six years with his Pencil Points articles on common code compliance and design issues. For more information on the design-build process, to set up an appointment, or to find out when/where the next course will be held, feel free to contact Brian Buttner (ADRA) at (607) 844-4601 or email ADRA at adra@twencyr.com.

MIKE'S FISH TANK EASTER PETS

EASTER IS COMING UP FAST and a lot of people ask me what besides bunnies make a good Easter pet.

Chinchillas make great pets. They live up to 25 years and can be very tame and friendly. They eat chinchilla pellets and timothy alfalfa. To clean their fur, they use a dust bath. When you handle a chinchilla, the oils from your hand gets on their fur. To clean their fur, you put some of the dust bath powder in a big bowl, then step back. They will roll around in the dust and kick at it. It's very amusing. They really love that dust. In the wild, a chinchilla will usually find a dry dirt spot and they'll roll around in that. The chinchillas love to chew. They make all kinds of chew treats. We have lots of them here at Pets A Plenty. Chinchillas also love the big wheels. They'll run in those for hours. They also make a jumbo ball that you can put them in just like the ones hamsters use, only bigger.

I always think parakeets make great Easter pets. They are very pretty, active and love to interact with people. They are relatively inexpensive to keep too. A large bag of food will last several weeks and parakeet toys are very inexpensive. Even the parakeet cages are reasonably priced. Some people have told me that their parakeet could talk. Usually it's the males that are the most likely to say a few words. They aren't as good as a parrot but it's possible to teach them a few words.

Another great Easter pet is the chinese hamster. These hamsters are small and they stay small too. They are extremely friendly. They are known for their disposition. Very rare for them to bite. Most of the time when you pick them up, they'll sit right on your hand and be content to stay there. Their lifespan is shorter, usually around 2 to 3 years. These make great pets for kids. They are desert animals so they do not drink a lot of water, so they do not produce much urine, thus the cage does not get too stinky. I'd say once a week is all you'll have to change their cage. You can not feed hamster seed to the chinese hamsters. They need to eat the chunk food called square meal. Seed can actually kill these little guys, so stay away from that.

Other animals that make good Easter pets are guinea pigs and ferrets. The ferrets do cost the most of all the animals I have mentioned, however they are a real fun pet. They love to get out of their cage and play. Be sure to keep an eye on them because they are really mischievous. They will get into everything. Ferrets are all descended and neutered and spayed, but their is still a slight musky smell to them. It bothers some people and to others, it's no big deal. Guinea pigs are a little messy. They drink a lot so they might be a bit more smelly. Their cage might need cleaning 2 times a week. They live to about 5 years and ferrets live 7 to 9 years.

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Allstate also encourages homeowners to treat the event as a critical reminder for checking and replacing the batteries in your home's smoke detectors.

"A smoke detector can only save lives if it has working batteries," said Allstate NY spokesperson Jaclyn Darrohn. "Families, including small children, should know what the smoke detector sounds like and what to do if they hear it."

Allstate offers some fire safety basics to discuss and practice at home with all family members:

- Check the batteries in your smoke detectors often. Keep extra batteries on hand and replace them every six months.
- Check your smoke detectors monthly. Replace any that are 10 years or older. Make sure everyone knows that the piercing sound means danger, and they should escape quickly.
- Position detectors smartly. Place one on every level of your home and near areas where you and your family sleep.
- Keep fire extinguishers handy. Make sure there's

at least one on each floor – especially near the kitchen, garage, laundry room and workshop.

- Teach children that they should never hide in closets or under beds when there is a fire. Tell them firefighters may look scary when they're wearing their protective gear, but they are there to save you.
- If your clothes are on fire, Stop, Drop & Roll until the fire is out.
- Talk with your family and make sure everyone knows what to do in case a fire breaks out. Make sure you have two ways out of your house. Create a fire safety plan, with a designated meeting place.
- Inventory your home. Take the time to complete an inventory record of your personal property. In addition to completing an inventory record, take photos or videotape your items – it will make it easier to replace an item if you have a photo of it.

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SPRING IS HERE, TIME TO CLEAN (YOUR BODY) THAT IS!

I HAVE JUST COME BACK from a month long vacation in sunny warm Florida but it feels like spring here too. When spring arrives we all feel much better. We open the windows air out the stuffy old house and start cleaning

the cobwebs that have accumulated during the winter. Well that is all well and good and we should, but more important than cleaning your home is also cleaning your body. Winter is the time most people eat heavier meals, get less exercise, and eat more! You wouldn't think of not changing the oil in your car because you know the engine will quit if you don't. Isn't our body worth more than our vehicle? So then, let's talk about spring cleaning our body, shall we? Twice a year is a good way to start, spring and fall just like spring and fall cleaning your home. We're not talking about a harsh, purgative, stay at home near the bathroom cleanse. Not even talking about mixing up nasty tasting concoctions that you have to hold your nose and drink rather quickly before they "set-up". No, this is a gentle whole body cleanse that by the 5th day most people feel so good they have a surge of energy and want to conquer the world. It is called the Tiao He Cleanse. There are 30 packets and for some that translates into a 10 day cleanse or 3 packets per day. Some who are sensitive may wish to start with one or two packets per day and so you would be on the program for anywhere from 15 to 30 days. The best thing to enhance your program though is to not eat heavy foods and to avoid junk food. Concentrating on drinking plenty of pure water and eating lots of fresh fruits and vegetables will help your body throw off the metabolic wastes and toxins that have accumulated in your system. This should produce 2-3 bowel movements per day. Not diarrhea but perhaps looser stools. Like I said before if it is too loose just cut back a packet or two. It depends on your body.

Let's talk about the ingredients in this cleanse. Psyllium is a lubricating laxative. The seed contains both the germ and the husk. The germ is very nutritive and has extra oils and protein-binding tannins. The lubricating oils include linoleic, oleic stearic and palmitic acids. This will help evacuate the toxins your are trying to get rid of. Burdock is the next ingredient. Burdock is a blood purifier. Think of it as changing the oil in your car. You are cleaning up your dirty blood. Your blood feeds your whole body so you want clean blood. Burdock root helps rid the body of acidity and inflammatory pain. The Chinese use it to eliminate excess nervous energy, to sweat out toxins and cool infections. In western herbalism we use it as a blood purifier and for arthritis and respiratory ailments. It is an anti-inflammatory, anti-infective and has been helpful for endometriosis, inflammation and water retention. It improves kidney function and helps get rid of calcification deposits. The next ingredient is Black Walnut. We use black walnut for parasites. The antiseptic hulls fight parasites and are helpful for skin problems. Black walnut is rich in the trace minerals iodine, manganese and chromium. It is an antifungal, good for ringworm, athlete's foot, thrush and tapeworms. Many who

travel to foreign countries use black walnut to prevent "Montezuma's Revenge". It has also been used for poison oak, eczema, psoriasis, canker sores, boils and impetigo. You can open the capsule and put some of the powder on your toothbrush and it will help remove plaque on your teeth and help restore tooth enamel. Being an astringent it also helps to tighten gums and is useful for hemorrhoids. One caution. Nursing mothers should not use this as it will stop lactation.

There are also some herb combinations in this cleanse. One is Liver Balance. It is easy to understand why this is here. Our liver is our major detoxifier in our body. This combination helps our stressed out or weakened liver. This is a Chinese formula and contains bupleurum, peony, scute, dong quai, eleuthro, ginger, licorice, zhishi, pinellia, cinnamon twig, atractylodes and fushen. One other combination is All Cell Detox. It is likened to a whole body cellular cleanse. This formula is similar to the Hoxey cancer prevention formula. It has been used for prevention of tumors, fibroid cysts, breast lumps and polyps. If you clean your body down at the cell level then your whole body will be clean. When that happens your immune system can function better. This formula has gentian, Irish moss, cascara sagrada, goldenseal, fenugreek, comfrey, black walnut, parthenium, myrrh, safflower, yellow dock, barberry, dandelion, buchu, chickweed, catnip and cyani flower. The last combination is LBS II. This formula strengthens the colon, increases peristalsis so the bowels can evacuate and eliminate the toxins you are trying to get rid of. It improves digestion, reduces gas and cramping and helps the growth of friendly bacteria. It contains cascara sagrada, buckthorn, licorice, barberry, capsicum, ginger, couch grass, red clover and turkey rhubarb.

I have had more customers tell me how wonderful they feel after they are done with cleansing their body. So why not consider spring cleaning your body. Get those old cobwebs out of the corners of your organs so to speak. You will feel better, have more energy and work more efficiently. If you have any questions please feel to call me.

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- basement • estimate • architect • renovations • tools
- fence • neighbors • floor plan • power • garage • fix • closet • structure
- addition • remodel • landscape • repair • plumbing • construction • shrubs
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WORD FIND

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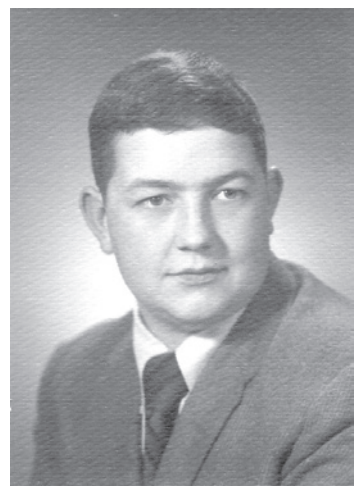
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Answer
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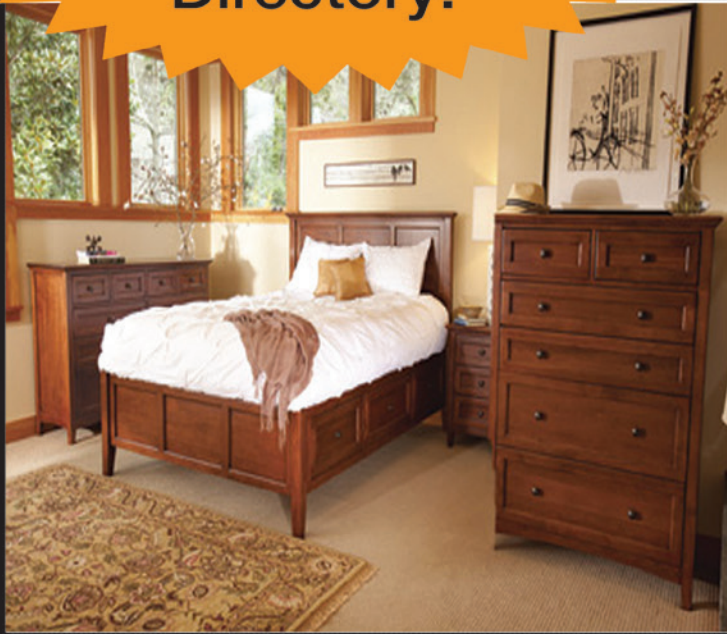
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TYPES OF WOOD

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You may not be familiar with every type of wood, but all make quality furnishings of various types. As your ready-to-finish dealer, we can advise you about the stains and finishes to use for best results on each type. Here are several kinds of wood commonly used to make ready-to-finish furniture.

ALDER is a hardwood from the Pacific Northwest. It is very consistent in color and takes stain well. It ranks third behind oak and pine as the wood most commonly used for ready-to-finish furniture. Alder gives the look of many fine hardwoods at a reasonable price.

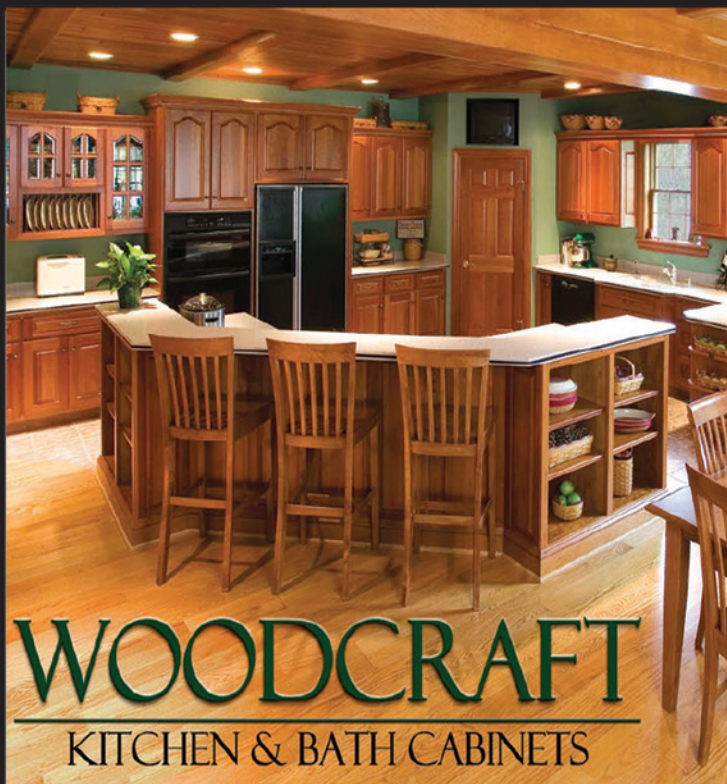
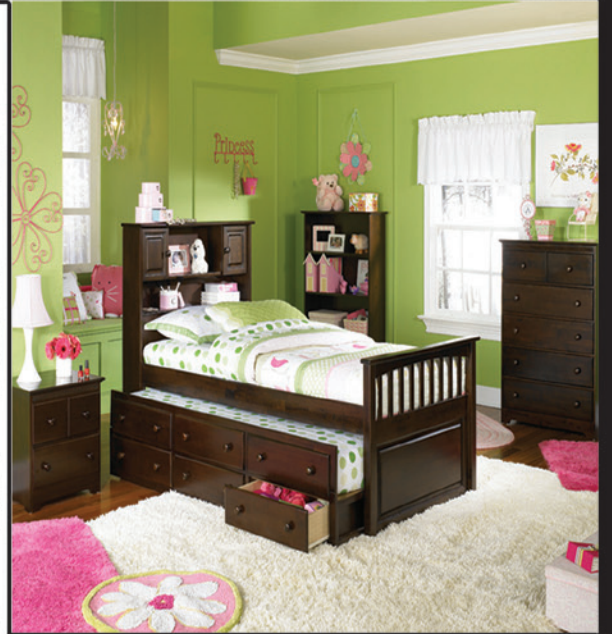
MAPLE is especially abundant in the eastern U.S. It is a very light-colored hardwood with a very even grain texture. Eastern maples are generally harder than western maples because of the colder winters and shorter growing seasons. Both are very durable.

OAK is the wood most commonly used for ready-to-finish furniture. It is a very hard, open-grain wood that comes in red or white varieties. Red oak, which has a pinkish cast, is the more popular of the two. White oak has a slight greenish cast. Both woods stain well in any color.

PARAWOOD from the Far East is used for much of the furniture made in that part of the world. The wood is as hard as maple or oak and takes a very even stain. It is yellow in color, with a grain similar to mahogany.

PINE is a soft wood that comes in many varieties from various parts of the world. In the U.S., Eastern white pine, ponderosa pine and sugar pine are some of the varieties used to make furniture. All have yellow coloring with brown knots and are excellent for staining. With some stains, a sealer helps prepare the wood to achieve a more even look.

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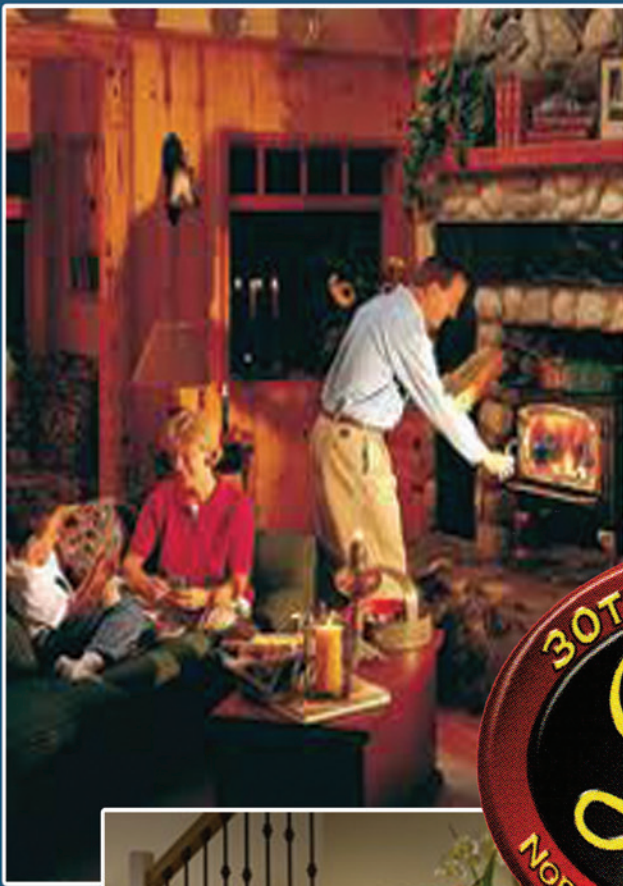
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