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- 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)
- June 13** – Graduation & Father’s Day Edition (Deadline 6/8)
- June 27** – Bed & Breakfast, 4th of July & Taste of Downtown Edition (Deadline 6/22)



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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR



**April 5 – Survivors Of a Loved One's Suicide (SOLOS)**  
 Survivors Of a Loved One's Suicide support group provides a safe, supportive environment for you to talk about your lost loved one. The group meets every first Thursday of the month. The April meeting will be held on April 5 at 7:00pm at the office of the Cortland County Mental Health Association, at 25 Clinton Ave in Cortland. Please contact Cecile at 753-3021 ext 26 or at Cecile@cortland.org for more information. The group is facilitated by peers who have survived a loved one's suicide.

**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 7 – Phil Clarke Memorial Musician's Benefit**  
 7 pm, Blue Frog, 64 Main Street in Cortland. A donation will be collected at the door. The benefit is held annually by a group of local musicians to remember fellow musician and friend, Phil Clarke who succumbed to cancer in 1996. An active member of the Cortland community, Clarke was a well-loved musician who had been a member of several local bands including keyboardist for Eddy's Basement. This year's concert line up includes an excellent mix of musical styles and a group of very talented musicians: The Rolling Prines, Separated at Berth, The Wild Hunt, Colleen Kattau and Some Guys, and a special performance by the

Blue Frog's very own Karina Murphy. The show will benefit the Cortland Youth Bureau's "Music Matters" program, which includes an opportunity for young people to borrow an instrument free of charge for a 3-month period, guitar, drum, piano and vocal lessons at the youth center, practice space, and hosting bands on the youth center stage every month. For more information about "Music Matters" call Heather Johnson at the Youth Center, 607-753-3580. For more information about the Phil Clarke Memorial Concert, call the Cortland Youth Bureau at 607-753-3021.

**April 8 – Pancake Breakfast**  
 Varna Community Center (943 Dryden Rd./Rte. 366) Includes Pancakes, French Toast, Ham, Bacon, Sausage. Scrambled Eggs, Hash Brown Potatoes, Fresh Fruit, Breakfast Breads & Beverages. \$6.50 – Adults, \$6 –

Seniors, \$5 – ages 5 – 12, under 5 free. 50/50 Raffle Tickets also available.

**April 9 – Dryden Senior Citizens Lunch**  
 The Dryden Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, April 9, 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 spaghetti with meatballs, tossed salad, garlic bread, and jello. Our speaker will be Ralph Button who will discuss the War of 1812. 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.

**April 12 – Art Exhibit Reception**  
 5:00-7:00 PM at Cornell Lab of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca Description: Join us at this reception to meet artist Jenny Pope whose woodcut prints are now on exhibit at the Cornell Lab and titled "Shakespearean Flocks and other Follies." The artwork will be on display through the end of April. Pope is a local full-time whose work often features compelling juxtapositions of well-known species with odd or interesting elements from their natural histories. Learn more about her color-reduction woodcut process, and enjoy light refreshments. For more information on Jenny's art, check out www.jpopstudios.com. Admission: Free Contact: (800) 843-2473, cornellbirds@cornell.edu

**April 13 – Habitat Fundrasier**  
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**April 13 – Women Working Together Networking Luncheon**  
 WHERE: Uncle Louie's Backyard (Tompkins Street)  
 WHEN: Friday, April 13, 2012 - Registration begins at 11:30 AM  
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 SPEAKER: Linda Shutts TOPIC: The Web of Domestic Violence  
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## HAVE A COMMUNITY EVENT TO SHARE?

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# MYSTERY PHOTO CONTEST




### Answer from the Previous Edition:

St. John's Episcopal Church of Marathon, NY

### MYSTERY PHOTO CONTEST!

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, April 13th 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 Christa Boice. Christa 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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## ROBINSON'S REPAIR SHOP A HIGH STANDARD OF AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE

By Shannon R. Noble



**J**IM ROBINSON, OWNER OF ROBINSON'S Repair Shop, was born and raised in Marathon, NY. His father had his own automotive business in the area in the 1960s. Always interested in the automotive field and automobile repair, Jim followed in his father's footsteps, opening his own automotive repair business at his home in 1995. He eventually bought and renovated

the building located at 3 Cortland Street, hired three additional people, and opened Robinson's Repair Shop in June, 2001.

Though there have been ups and downs, as with any business, Jim is happy with the way Robinson's Repair Shop has progressed. "I really enjoy the customers," he said. "We try to give the best quality service possible."

Jim strives for excellence in by maintaining high standards in his business. "My shop is AAA and NAPA accredited," he said. "Both have very stringent approval guidelines. I am also ASE certified. ASE has testing facilities that employ eight different fields in which you are tested; if you pass all eight, you become a Master Tech. I am a Master Tech; there are two Master certified techs that work here." These certifications

assure the knowledge of automobiles necessary to provide quality service.

Jim believes strongly in diagnostic ability. "I am well-invested in the most up-to-date diagnostic equipment," he explained. "It is important to be able to correctly diagnose the problem and fix it right the first time. We don't just throw parts at the problem in a haphazard, trial-and-error way; we know what's wrong with the vehicle before we replace any parts." Robinson's Repair Shop offers a pick-up and delivery shuttle service in the Marathon area, as well as a 5% Senior Discount and a 10% Veterans and Active Servicemen Discount. You can also enter a monthly drawing to win a free oil change (up to \$45). There is one winner per month, drawn on the first day of each month; winners are posted at Robinson's Repair Shop.

In addition to providing automobile repair services to the Marathon area, Robinson's Repair Shop is also active in the community. Jim is the Vice President of the Marathon Business Organization and a member of the Marathon Lions Club. He also donates to the local scholarship fund and organizations such as D.A.R.E. "I like to contribute to those organizations that involve and benefit the town locally, he said."

Robinson's Repair Shop is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. "If you need repairs done on your automobile, you should give us a try," Jim said. "You will be pleased with the way I run my business." If you have questions about auto repairs, call Robinson's Repair Shop at (607) 849-6410.



## HISTORIC ITHACA SEEKS PRESERVATION AWARD NOMINATIONS

**H**ISTORIC ITHACA IS SEEKING NOMINATIONS for its annual Preservation Awards, given for sensitive restoration and preservation projects within Tompkins County. Any preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, adaptive use, or architectural salvage project completed within the past two years may be nominated for a 2012 award.

Awards will be presented at Historic Ithaca's Annual Meeting on May 3, 2012. Nominations must be received by mail at Historic Ithaca's office, 212 Center Street, or by email to [kristen@historicithaca.org](mailto:kristen@historicithaca.org) by 5:00 pm Friday, April 13th. Nomination forms and instructions, and examples of past awards, are available for download at [www.historicithaca.org](http://www.historicithaca.org). For more information, contact Kristen Olson at Historic Ithaca, (607) 273-6633 or [kristen@historicithaca.org](mailto:kristen@historicithaca.org).

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By Lisa Belknap @ Action Sports

APRIL IS USUALLY THE BEGINNING of the biking season around here and often goes to the end of Fall, depending on the weather. This past winter, which was an unusual one, some guys kept riding right through winter. I know...my husband was one of them! But for most of us, and myself included, we prefer the fair-weather days.

Many cyclists are getting their two-wheeled vehicles ready to ride on the road and thinking about favorite bike routes through the countryside. Central New York has some scenic and enjoyable rides to offer. You just have to know where to go. I, personally, don't care for eighteen-wheeler trucks whizzing by me, so staying off roads where they travel a lot is a good idea. And roads with a wide shoulder are user-friendly. Back country roads that parallel main roads are my preference. With road riders, it's common to form a loop, starting at one location, pedal up and down hills and across flats, maybe pass an ice-cream stand or two and then end where the ride began. It can be enjoyable, scenic and great exercise. But riding a bicycle on the road does have it's risks. If you stay sharp, know the rules of the road and choose less risky routes, you can better enjoy many seasons of cycling, as many cyclists have.

When sharing the road with automobiles, cyclists need to know and obey the rules of the road. Cyclists are suppose to follow the same rules as motor vehicles. This means riding on the right-hand side of the road, stopping at lights and even stop signs and signaling of your intent. Be as obvious and clear as possible, especially since cars are traveling as a different and faster speed than bicycles. Carrying on a conversation at a busy intersection when on your bike is not wise. You want to be alert, careful and able to flow with the traffic. Bikes aren't

supposed to be ridden on sidewalks. The pedestrians and police will thank you. And so will I, when I'm walking along. If you ride your bike on the sidewalk, you're making us other cyclists look bad!

Another thing to consider when sharing the road is going in a group. Automobiles can see a group of cyclists better than one cyclist. If many in the group are wearing bright yellow or something reflective, all the more visible! Cyclists can use their numbers to draw attention to themselves, thereby alerting motor vehicles of their presence. If you go alone, be as visible as possible. And time of day is another thing to consider. I feel less safe on my bike at dawn and dusk, when the sun could be shining in the eyes of the truck driver behind me.

We at Action Sports, located at 85 Main Street in Cortland, want to remind you that cyclists and motor vehicles share the same road. When riding or driving, be safe, courteous, obedient to the law and alert. Then, all users of the road will have a better chance of enjoying more time on the road.

For your cycling needs, come check us out here at Action Sports, Cortland's only bike and ski shop. We sell Specialized and Jamis bicycles and accessories, including bright and reflective jerseys and jackets. We also offer tune-ups on most makes and models of bikes, so if your bike hasn't had any attention in a while, bring it in. We are located across the street from the Cortland Post Office. Our hours are: Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri 10:00-5:30; Sat 10:00-3:00. Closed Sundays and Tuesdays. 607.753.9612.

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Insurance Program. And, according to FEMA, higher than expected drought and fire conditions increase the risk of flash floods, especially as the spring storm season approaches.

"Unfortunately, floods can happen anywhere, even in low risk flood zones. But there are a few simple things property owners can do to help prepare and protect their home and business," said Jaclyn Darrohn. "Insurance coverage is critical. Some consumers mistakenly believe that flood damage is covered by most standard home, renters or commercial insurance policies. National Flood Safety Awareness Week is a reminder for everyone to talk to their local insurance agent before the spring storm season to get information about flood coverage."

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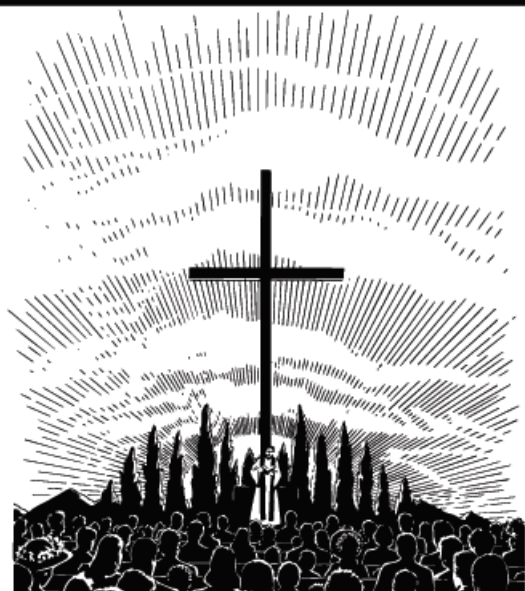
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NATURE'S SUNSHINE PRODUCTS JUST CELEBRATED their 40th anniversary in Honolulu, Hawaii. They introduced the following new products.

NEW Mind-Max has been developed for those with attention, cognitive or memory issues. Between the ages of 20 and 90, the average person loses 5 to 10 percent of his or her brain weight with an accompanying loss in memory, attention and other cognitive functions. New Mind Max helps to benefit circulation and brain health for a powerful brain boost. It has magnesium l-threonate, a highly absorbable form of magnesium, which can easily cross the blood-brain barrier and it increases the brain's magnesium level. The product also contains gotu kola, ginkgo biloba and bacopa leaf extract, herbs well known to benefit circulation and brain health. Recommended dosage is 3 to 6 capsules per day, starting with 1 every night and increasing. One person using this tells us he is able to better organize his thoughts, remembers his dreams clearly and has better focus and concentration with Mind-Max. This product will not loosen the bowels like a lot of magnesium supplements do. I have heard that stroke victims can benefit from Mind-Max. Note: If you are taking blood thinners, use only 1 capsule per day instead of 3.

NEW Nature's Harvest can be used as a meal replacement, a healthful snack or a nutritious dietary supplement. It has 13 g per serving of vegetable protein from split yellow peas, adzuki beans, black beans, garbanzo beans and rice protein from brown rice. Among its key ingredients are a green and whole food blend, a fiber blend, an essential fatty acid blend, an antioxidant fruit blend, an enzyme blend and an herbal blend including matcha, a ceremonial grade of a finely milled form of green tea grown and harvested in Japan, using the strictest traditional methods. The EGCG in matcha is approximately 10 times of that of regular green tea and offers high amounts of catechins, which act as powerful antioxidants. Antioxidants are associated with longevity and are known for their ability to quench free radicals. They may supply a variety of health benefits. A serving of this delicious product provides 75% of daily values for 18 essential nutrients. It is vegan, dairy-free, soy-free, gluten-free, lactose-free and free from other common allergens and it has only 3 g/serving of natural sugars from a combination of fructose, stevia and brown rice syrup. A protein shaker is an easy way to mix the drink or you can mix in a blender.

NEW ReliefFormula is an all-natural formula designed for temporary relief of soreness and minor aches and pains following physical activity and exercise. Those who have used it tell us it usually gives relief in about 10 minutes. It is well tolerated and easily absorbed by the body. It contains a proprietary blend of herbal extracts including a protease enzyme blend for support of soft-tissue injuries. Proteases support a healthy inflammation response which may promote the recovery process. Relief Formula also contains hops extract which has a high concentration of alpha acids that are strong antioxidants recently linked to the support of the body's natural response to inflammation and pain. Other ingredients include turmeric root extract, willow bark extract, boswellia gum extract, rutin, mangosteen pericarp extract, phellodendron bark extract, dl-phenylalanine and andrographis whole plant extract. You don't have to live with chronic pain anymore. And this is safe for your body.

NEW Super Supplemental (with or without iron) are now coated in chlorophyll and they have just become more "super" in other ways, too. One ingredient, dandelion root contains important trace minerals that may provide the body with more energy and help fuel certain chemical functions. They have more trace minerals, and more of the herbal blend, amino acids, vegetable powders, fruit powders and choline! All of this and Super Supplemental still provides 100% or more of the Daily Value for 11 essential vitamins and significant amounts of 12 important minerals, plus antioxidants lutein and lycopene. The only change from the original formula is a 50% reduction in folic acid. If you wish to increase your intake of this B vitamin, it is available separately.

NEW Super Trio now contains the improved green Super Supplemental without iron with protector shield. It is one stop shopping. In one box you get your multiple vitamin and mineral, your Omega 3 essential fatty acids and Super ORAC your powerful antioxidants.

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The tips provided here are guidelines. Please use your best judgment when evaluating your flood preparation needs. For more ways to prepare, respond and recover from a flood, visit the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety website.

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Don Titus (Owner), would like to share some basic information about rider safety courses that are offered through FirstMSP, an extension of the Groton Cycle Center:

### New to motorcycling?

FirstMSP now offers private one-on-one motorcycle instruction for both first timers and those who just want to brush up on their skills with a certified instructor. This program is perfect for beginners and pro riders alike. Did you already reserve a seat in an upcoming class? Get a jump on your skills and greatly improve your confidence.

Finest In Rider Safety Training - Motorcycle Safety Program, better known as FIRST MSP was organized in 2002 and contracts with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation a not-for-profit corporation established to bring a comprehensive & standardized motorcycle rider safety program to the residents of New York State.

This specially designed instructional program is specifically designed to meet the criteria of the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles Points and includes the New York State Road Test Waiver Program.

FIRST MSP uses the proven curriculum established by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation [MSF] based upon nearly thirty years of experience and research in motorcycle safety training. We are a full service driving and some of our available services include the Basic Rider Course, Experienced Rider Course and of course, private riding lessons.

All FIRST MSP RiderCoaches are Certified Instructors as well as experienced motorcyclists. Over the years, our RiderCoaches have taught thousands of motorcyclists and are totally committed to teaching our students to ride safely. FIRST MSP RiderCoaches are also available for personal appearances and informational lectures at most educational schools/colleges, motorcycle club meetings and similar events.

### Basic Rider Course 2:

This course (Formerly the Experienced Rider Course) is intended exclusively for licensed, experienced motorcyclists and prior Rider Course training is NOT NECESSARY.

The BRC2 range activities practice slow speed control, limited space maneuvers, cornering judgment and finesse, braking quickly in both, straight-lines & curves and swerving to reinforce the skills found lacking in motorcycle involved accidents.

The BRC2 is an excellent refresher course for the returning or re-entry rider looking to improve his/her skills and techniques in order to regain the confidence and control PRIOR to becoming involved in today's faster, more congested riding environment.

Special Rates Available for Groups and Clubs! Must call 607-898-3315 to register!

### Private Lessons:

**New Riders** - Many new riders are anxious about what it takes to ride a motorcycle. In addition, many have never even driven a standard shift vehicle. We offer private lessons for individuals or small groups, to address these concerns and help those individuals get a "step up" on the MSF Basic Rider Course.

Private lessons include - motorcycle familiarization and other basic skills including clutch control, throttle control, braking, shifting and cornering. A couple hours

of you, time will boost your confidence and prepare you to take the Basic Rider Course with reduced anxiety and a solid beginning level of skill development.

Special, new rider introductory classes are available on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Call 607-898-3339 and make your reservation today.

**Re-entering Riders** - Many riders haven't ridden in quite some time or have acquired newer, more powerful motorcycles. Some know that they just need to "brush up" on the skills they already possess or specific skills needed to improve their riding experience and safety.

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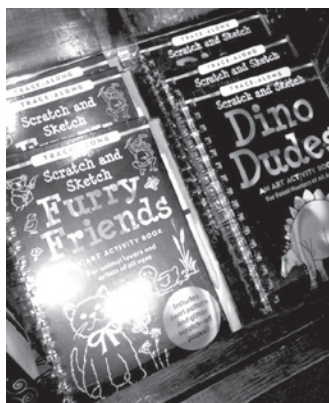
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## SPRING TIME...IN WITH NEW, OUT WITH THE OLD?

By Shana Seyfried Karn, Co-Owner of The Second Knob

THE SECOND KNOB GIFTS & Antiques turned one-year old on March 26th! Thank you to each and every one of you who made our first year a success!

As we close out year-one and move into year-two, we've started assessing what has worked and what hasn't. In doing so, we've found ourselves expanding some of our lines, reducing some and doing away with others. More so, we've found ourselves bringing in new merchandise geared toward different age groups...

Toddlers and young children... Throughout this last year, we had several folks looking for gifts for toddlers and young children. Unfortunately, aside from our Bearington Bear plush line, we had little to offer. Slowly, but surely, we are growing our line of merchandise for this age group. We've added some Scratch and Sketch books and are currently reviewing a few other possibilities including magnet activity sets, puzzles and story books. Because space is limited, we have to be pretty selective about what we choose to sell. We would love to hear from our customers about what types of gifts they would like to see us offer for this age group!

Tweens (Age 8-13)...In 2009, CBS News called Tweens a "Billion Dollar Market." This age group isn't crying for toys anymore, but rather is looking forward to their teenage years and wants very much to express their independence in their spending. While our shop isn't geared to Tweens, we do want to offer parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles options for purchasing gifts for them. The issue becomes purchasing unique and affordable merchandise which "fits" our shop and isn't available at big box stores! This is no easy task. We have added the MOGO line of magnetic jewelry and sunglasses. These casual and fun bands are versatile—able to be worn as a bracelet, connected together to be used as a headband, necklace or even a belt. The neon sunglasses, to which charms may be added, are

not only a tween favorite but they are also durable—holding up to tween abuse! Our Bauble LuLu beads/charms and jewelry are also a favorite of tweens. Beads/charms are available to represent sports, animals, hobbies and interests.

As we focus on gifts for different age groups, we want to clarify what this means. As a shop, we aren't necessarily seeking to attract these age groups; rather we want to offer our customers a selection of gifts suitable for these age groups...

We have not lost sight of our largest customer demographic—women between the ages of 21 – 65 years. In addition to shopping for gifts for others, this sophisticated and mature demographic shops for themselves! Whether they are buying for the home, jewelry or other accessories, these women know what they like and are always looking for a good value. Any item that is versatile is a favorite. Our Lasting Lites candle sleeves (made in Indiana) are a huge seller because you can purchase a single electric candle and then swap sleeves for different holidays and occasions. Our jewelry is another versatile favorite, with our affordable beads transforming bracelets, earrings, watches, rings and even key rings. You purchase one bracelet and add, subtract or swap beads to change its look. Our lines of linens (decorative dish and tea towels, placemats, runners), pip berry garlands, candle rings and wreaths do well, too, which is why we've recently added to both of these lines. These items are inexpensive and go a long way in sprucing up a home!

Our Amish made (and other American made) shelves and cupboards have done remarkably well, too. Though we began purchasing book cases from the Amish last year, we've expanded our "furniture" selection to include cabinets and cupboards too. Again, we are limited by space but do our best to keep a few pieces on hand.

Antiques continue to do well with sales on crocks and jugs, tables and other furniture (jelly cabinets, cupboards, pie safes and tables) as strong as ever. Wooden bowls, troughs and other primitive pieces continue to sell consistently, too. Glass, china, and ceramics haven't sold as well and we will likely be putting some of those back in storage to make room for more primitive/wood pieces.

After so much success during the holiday season, we've decided to offer customers the opportunity to host parties at The Second Knob—and earn a percentage of the proceeds in store credit! For more information, stop in and speak with Shana or call: 844-KNOB.



The requests for photography have been increasing. Natural light family pictures, studio pictures for newborns and infants, engagements sessions and, of course, wedding photography have all climbed steadily throughout the year. Recently Shana has

found herself busy designing Save-the-Date magnets and cards for upcoming weddings!

Again, to ALL of our customers—Thank you for a great first year; we look forward to year two!



Photo: Nelson Stull

## G. L. MULLEN BODY SHOP CELEBRATING ITS 30TH YEAR!

MULLEN'S BODY AND PAINT SHOP is celebrating its 30th anniversary in the Dryden area! Owner and Dryden resident, Gary Mullen is proud to bring the community quality and professional, reliable work at a reasonable price to ensure customer satisfaction. If it's paintable – they will paint it. Along with body and fender repairs, expert refinishing and used car sales, Mullen's will sand and paint a bicycle frame, trailer, or motorcycle tank! Mullen's currently has 3 full time body technicians and 1 part time technician, with some of his staff being there almost as long as he has been in the business! By having knowledgeable and experienced staff, he is able to continue to provide his customer with the quality work they are accustomed to within a timely manner.

Also working along side with Gary at Mullen's Body Shop for 30 years as body technician is Nelson Stull. Nelson started shortly after the shop opened on January 1st, 1982.

Mullen's Body Shop specializes in buff, brush touches and welding. If you are in the need of having body work done on your vehicle or fix that scratch on your car, customer satisfaction is their priority. They will answer any questions you might have and provide free estimates on the work that needs to be done. If you involved in an accident, Mullen's will walk you through the process. They can handle all types of collision and insurance claims. Mullen's has rental cars available for your convenience and will also arrange to pick up and deliver the vehicle for their customers. Mullen's will also help you with any old car restoration needs. Whether it is welding, body work or body paint, they will provide you with quality work that is guaranteed.

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Cutting's Garage is a New York State licensed Insured Station, which specializes in brake repair, exhaust repair, oil changes, inspections and more. If old man winter has you worried about your car battery, the garage will be happy to install a new Interstate Battery to be sure your car starts on those cold mornings! In addition, Cutting's Garage is an authorized dealer of Cooper Tires. "Cooper Tires are comparable to other name brands and are better priced," stated Mike. If you need to have your vehicle towed to the garage, Cutting's Garage has a tow truck and will be happy to tow the vehicle for a nominal fee. The sign on the front of the building say "your complete auto repair center", which is exactly what Cutting's Garage is! Besides NY State Inspections - Mike is experienced in exhaust repair, tune-ups, brake repair, tire repair, lubrication, struts and more.

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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. Our April hours are Monday through Friday, 10 to 6 o'clock and Saturday, 9 to 5 o'clock. We will be closed on Sunday during the month of April.

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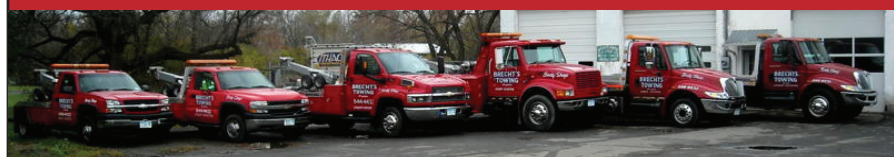


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Locate oil drain plug under the engine and place the drain pan below. - The plug is usually near the front center of the engine, and some vehicles have more than one (see owner's manual for exact location). Loosen the plug with the proper tool. Make sure that the drain pan is large enough to hold 4-5 quarts of oil or more. The oil drains at an angle, so make sure your pan is positioned to catch it.

Unscrew the plug by hand. - Remove the plug by hand. While unscrewing the plug, push the plug back towards the pan. This prevents oil from rushing out until you are ready to remove the plug from the hole.

Drain all oil. - To speed the draining process, remove the filter cap located on the top of the engine (see owner's manual) and allow air to enter from the top.

Replace oil plug. - Tighten by hand so plug is not cross-threaded. Once the plug is tight, finish tightening with the correct tool. Always use a new drain plug gasket and never over-tighten the drain plug.

Remove existing oil filter. - Position oil pan underneath to catch any remaining oil while unscrewing the old oil filter, using the proper oil filter wrench. Use a rag to clean the mounting surface in preparation for the new filter. Make sure that the sealing O-ring from the old filter is not stuck to the mounting surface on the engine. (Note: Some vehicles use remote mounted oil filters that may be on top or on the side of the engine.)

Lubricate new filter and screw into place by hand. - Lightly coat the rubber seal of the new filter with fresh oil. It's usually not necessary to tighten the oil filter with the wrench (always follow the manufacturer's tightening specifications). Once the filter is installed, lower the car.

Clean the oil filter neck and pour in the new oil using a funnel. - Typically, you will use 4 to 5 quarts of oil (see manual for exact oil capacity). Fill to three-quarters of the engine's capacity to avoid overfilling (there is always oil that does not drain). Replace the cap.

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Bikers need to use safety riding gear to help their odds in case of an accident. Or to help prevent an accident.

DOT APPROVED SAFETY HELMETS are the most critical factor in preventing death in an accident. Make sure that your helmet is DOT and has been properly fitted. Helmet use among fatally injured motorcyclists is below 50 percent! A startling 46% of fatally injured motorcycle drivers were not wearing helmets at the time of the crash! Helmets also offer shelter from wind noise and turbulence.

Secondly statistics show that in most fatalities to bikers the motorist states that "they did not see the motorcycle" So it's simple again MAKE YOUR SELF MORE VISIBLE. Biker jackets and helmets come in reflective material and hi-visibility colors. There are also lightweight vests that can be worn right over your current jacket.

EYE PROTECTION keeps all manner of debris and bugs from flying into your eyes. Visors in helmets offer built-in eye protection, but some riders prefer to wear separate eye protection so they can enjoy a tinted field of vision that's removable when the sun drops.

EARPLUGS are absolutely safety equipment. Wind noise on a motorcycle can become extreme at highway speeds, and your hearing can suffer damage after enough repeated exposure to loud sounds.

A wide variety of JACKETS are available, offering many options when it comes to upper body protection. The safest and most protective being armored at the elbows, shoulder and spine. Jackets reduce or prevent abrasion injuries

A basic human reflex to break your fall is an extension of the hands which can cause considerable damage if thrown off your bike. Protect your palms, knuckles, and fingers with sturdily constructed, well-padded GLOVES preferable gauntlet-style ones that extend past the wrist.

And finally a good pair of RIDING BOOTS to protect your feet and ankles.

RIDE SAFE and have fun. There's nothing like the wind in your face and the freedom of the road.

Linda Jones  
Owner, Double "J" Biker Shop

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

At The Shops at Ithaca Mall. Friday and Saturday 10-9 and Sunday 11-5. Quality antiques at affordable prices. Sponsored by the Ithaca Sertoma Club for the benefit of community projects. Some vendor space still available. Contact Lee Newhart at 607-273-6391.

## April 14 - Prom Dress Giveaway

9 am-1 pm, Cortland Youth Center, 35 Port Watson Street in Cortland. Students who cannot attend one of these giveaways are encouraged to schedule an appointment. Area teen girls 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. For more information call Erica Danega at (607) 753-3021 x24.

## April 14 - Gallery 54 presents Gourd Loon Mask Making Demonstration by Andree Dennis Newton

Saturday April 14 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Carrying on the traditions of her culture, Abenaki Indian and Old Forge resident, Andree Dennis Newton, will design a dynamic mask. Using the popular Adirondack bird as subject, she will use a hard-shell gourd as the base, adding detail with burning pen, dremel, and acrylic paint. Feathers and beads will be added to finish. She will also "show and tell" each phase of gourd mask making. Gallery 54 is located at 54 E. Genesee St in Skaneateles. Open Sunday-Friday 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. www.gallery54cny.com, 685-5470

## April 17 - Contemporary Open Meeting/Dinner

Endicott Visitors Center, 300 Lincoln Av., April 17, 6:00 PM. All singles welcome. 748-1860.

## April 18 - Finger Lakes ReUse eCenter Volunteer Orientation

Finger Lakes ReUse is holding a volunteer orientation for anyone interested in volunteering with the eCenter, its computer reuse and refurbishment program. This meeting will take place at the ReUse Center in the Triphammer Marketplace from 6:30 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, April 18th and will cover details of our computer refurbishing operations and an overview of volunteer tasks. Additional information can be found online at www.fingerlakesreuse.org. Please RSVP to Louise Henrie by emailing louise@fingerlakesreuse.org or calling (607) 257-9699.

## April 21 - Kidsville

10 am - 1 pm, County Office Building Gym, 60 Central Ave. This FREE children's fair is sponsored by the Child Development Council in Cortland. The theme for this year's event is "Reaching for the

Stars!" Celebrate the Week of the Young Child at Kidsville, the place where Cortland County comes together with hands-on fun and information for young children and their families. For more information call the Child Development Council 607-753-0106.

## April 22 - Earth Day Clean-up

1-4 pm, Lime Hollow Visitor Center, 338 McLean Rd. Join us as we prepare trails for the spring and summer season. This is a wonderful volunteer opportunity for all ages! Bring your helping hands (with gloves) and we'll bring the refreshments! For more information call (607) 662-4632 or visit www.limehollow.org.

## April 22 - YMCA Spring Run

9 am. A 6-Pack Race. Pre-registration \$17, youth \$12. At race registration \$20, youth \$15. \$1 from each registration will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. For more information, call (607) 756-2893, e-mail peggy@cortlandymca.org, or visit www.cortlandymca.org/YMCARuns.htm.

## April 22 - April E. Bartell Demonstrating Mixed Media & Collage Techniques

Amy E. Bartell will be demonstrating mixed media and collage techniques on Sunday, April 22 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Gallery 54. Bartell will demonstrate layering combinations of handmade papers, drawing, using gouache and line work to develop the rich surfaces and imagery in her mixed media collages. Gallery 54 is located at 54 E. Genesee St in Skaneateles. Open Sunday-Friday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. www.gallery54cny.com 685-5470

## April 22 - Duo-Organist Concert: 4 hands and 4 feet on 5 keyboards

United Presbyterian Church of Cortland NY (25 Church Street)

Sunday, April 22 at 3 PM

Organists Diane Ames and Paulette Fry performing with friends on handbells and chimes

Freewill offering; reception following

## April 28 - Gallery 54 presents Weaving on a Triangle Frame Loom by Lynda DeLallo

Gallery 54 presents Weaving on a Triangle Frame Loom by Lynda DeLallo on Saturday April 28th from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Lynda DeLallo will demonstrate weaving a capelet on a triangle frame loom using hand dyed silk and yarns. Gallery 54 is located at 54 E. Genesee St in Skaneateles. Open Sunday-Friday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. www.gallery54cny.com 685-5470

## May 13 - Free Community Mother's Day Breakfast

9:00am until 10:15am Christian Assembly of God 175 Port

Watson St. Cortland, NY 13045 756-0076 The men at Christian Assembly of God are cooking breakfast for Mothers and their families. All men who come will be asked to help serve but will also get to eat. It is NOT a requirement to attend this church.

## May 19 - Greek Peak Wine Festival

Greek Peak Mountain Resort 2000 State Route 392, Cortland, NY 13045 Saturday, May 19, 2012 - 11:00am - 5:00pm Head into the mountains to Central New York's premier four-season resort for a full day of wine-tasting and fun. Join us in climate-controlled comfort at the resort's new Acropolis Conference Center to sample & purchase the featured products of several New York State wineries while enjoying great food, live entertainment, and a variety of vendors featuring arts & handcrafted items, wine accessories, apparel & jewelry, and more. An Upstate Wine Country event. Advance General Admission Tickets - \$15 At Gate/Day of Event General Admission Tickets - \$25 Designated Driver/Under 21 Tickets - \$5 For more information or to purchase tickets, go to www.upstatewinecountry.com.

## May 28 - Memorial Day Benefit for LaFayette Outreach, Inc.

The Columbian Presbyterian Church, routes 11 & 20 - LaFayette, will be holding it's annual Memorial Day Benefit for LaFayette Outreach, Inc., on Monday May 28, from 8:00 am - noon. LaFayette Outreach is our local food pantry and service-referral agency, and serves the needy in LaFayette and the surrounding communities. The event will consist of a silent auction, bake sale, plant sale, "Red, White & Blue Ice Cream Sundaes", and free kid's craft area. All proceeds from this event will go directly to LaFayette Outreach. If you would like to donate to this event, or volunteer to help, please call the church: 315-677-3293, or organizing committee chairperson: 315-469-7446.

## August 20-24 - Environmental Exploration Days

Clean lakes and streams, dramatic gorges and waterfalls, and rich diversity of natural communities make the Ithaca area a healthy and fun place to live.

Environmental Exploration Days is a five day program for youth, ages 12-14, to experience the area's unique natural beauty and get to know how they take part in its protection. We will spend each day at a different location taking part in hands-on activities, getting wet, and taking fun hikes (see schedule at: <http://csetompkins.org/4h/camps/environmental-exploration-days>).

# 4-H DUCK RACE AND FUN RUN- RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

TOMPKINS COUNTY 4-H IS GETTING ready for the 12th Annual Duck Race and Fun Run on Sunday, April 29, 2012 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.!

Prizes! Prizes! And more prizes!! Come take part in your chance to win from over \$12,000 worth of prizes as 3,600 rubber duckies take the plunge over Cascadilla Creek waterfall. Cheer on the Fun Run participants and your duckies to the finish line at 615 Willow Avenue in Ithaca for fun, games, food and live entertainment and to hear the results of both races. We will be combining efforts with the CCETC Compost Fair again this year.

All proceeds benefit 4-H Youth Development Programs in Tompkins County. To enter visit our website at: <http://csetompkins.org>

These little ducks can win you big prizes! Top-finishing ducks win great prizes donated by local businesses and individuals. Grand Prize is \$500 cash "Nest Egg". This year's prizes will include a Kindle, iPod, KitchenAid Food Processor, a Porter-Cable cordless drill, Cuisinart Griddler, overnight bed and breakfast stays, restaurant gift certificates, massage sessions, and much more! This event would not be possible without our major sponsors: Cayuga Radio Group and East Hill Car Wash.

The event also includes a fun run starting at Stewart Park, racing along the Cayuga Waterfront Trail (<http://csetompkins.org/4h/4h-activities-events/4h-duck-race-5k-run>), along with food, game booths, face painting, and fun family activities from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Cooperative Extension Education Center, 615 Willow Avenue off Rt. 13 in Ithaca. Brochures also available at CFCU Community Credit Union locations, Gimme! Coffee, Purity Ice Cream, Brooktons Market in Brooktondale, Back to Basics in Dryden, Slaterville Springs Library, Wilson Farms in Groton, Tompkins County Public Library and Shursave in Trumansburg.

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For more information about the event, call: 4-H Duck Race Coordinator or Megan Tift, 4-H Youth Development Team Coordinator at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County's 4-H Office (607) 272-2292. You can also e-mail Kristina Deighan at [kcd43@cornell.edu](mailto:kcd43@cornell.edu)

# BIKERS FOR ANIMALS

Lets ride to help the Cortland Community SPCA raise funds to cover the cost of taking care of the dogs and cats at the shelter.

## May 12, 2012

- Cost:** Registration \$25 per bike
- When:** May 12, 2012 - rain or shine!
- Start:** CNY Powersports, Cortland
- Route:** Cortland, Marathon, Cincinnati, DeRuyter, Truxton
- Time:** Registration 9 - 10 am, Ride starts at 10 am
- Food:** Doughnuts and coffee before the ride, Light lunch after the ride!
- Info:** Visit [CortlandSPCA.org](http://CortlandSPCA.org) or CNY Powersports for registration forms and information.



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- eggs • bunny • family • food • celebrate • jesus • holy • sunday
- basket • candy • flowers • spring • chocolate • peace • cottontail
- hop • jellybeans • parade • egg hunt • pastel • rabbit
- decorate • carrot • chicks • bonnet • dinner • church • hare

## SUDOKU

It's easy to play Sudoku! Simply fill every column, row and 3x3 box so they contain every number between 1 and 9. Don't go too fast! The game is easy to play but difficult to master!

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### WORD FIND

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