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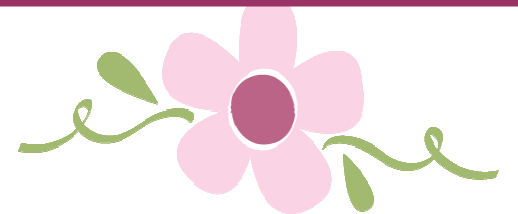
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(Deadline 5/11)

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)

July 25 – BBQ, Outdoor Recreation & Welcome Back Jets Edition  
(Deadline 7/20)

August 8 – Need for 'Speed' Edition  
(Deadline 8/3)

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**May 3 – Groton Public Library Presents “Falconry/Raptors”**  
 7:00 p.m. with Peter Harrity from Lime Hollow Center and special guest, Tolani, his trained red-tailed hawk. Peter Harrity is the Senior Naturalist at Lime Hollow Center for Environment & Culture where he enjoys connecting people of all ages with the natural world. A graduate of Cornell University, Peter spent over 20 years working on endangered species restoration projects in New York, Idaho, & Hawaii. Besides being a Master Falconer, he loves birding and is an active Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardener volunteer. To sign up call for this FREE session: Call the Groton Public Library at 898-5055 or email to director@grotonpubliclibrary.org

7:00 pm, Cortland Interfaith Chapel, 7 Calvert St. Members of the Cortland Area Flute Ensemble (CAFE) and the Cortland Area Junior Flute Ensemble (CAFE Jr.) will perform in ensembles of all sizes encompassing a wide variety of music by various composers, including Berlin, Boismortier, Cohen, Gabrieli, Handel, Mendelssohn, and Unger among others. There is no admission charge; however free-will offerings will be accepted at the door to benefit the ensembles. For more information, please visit www.cortlandareafuteensemble.org.

**May 4 – CAFE presents An Evening of Chamber Music for Flute**  
 The Cortland Area Flute Ensemble (CAFE) and the Cortland Area Junior Flute Ensemble (CAFE Jr.) present “An Evening of Chamber Music for Flute” to be held on Friday, May 4, 2012 at 7:00

pm at the Cortland Interfaith Chapel, 7 Calvert Street, Cortland, NY. There is no admission charge; however freewill offerings will be accepted at the door to benefit the ensembles. Members will perform in ensembles of all sizes encompassing a wide variety of music by various composers, including Berlin, Boismortier, Cohen, Gabrieli, Handel, Mendelssohn, and Unger, among others. Founded in the fall of 2008, CAFE is an organization of flute enthusiasts collaborating on flute performance opportunities, education, camaraderie, and other activities to support arts in the local community. CAFE welcomes all abilities, creating an inclusive ensemble. By the fall of 2011, CAFE expanded to include junior flutists and CAFE Jr. was created as a result. This ensemble provides a creative and fun,

interscholastic alternative after school activity for our local young flute enthusiasts. Members are in grades up to and including 8th grade and can play at least a NYSSMA III solo or equivalent. This is their premiere performance. For more information, please see our website: www.cortlandareafuteensemble.org

**May 4-5 – The Wizard of Oz**  
 Millard Fillmore Elementary School presents: The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. Tickets are \$5.00 each or \$20.00 for a family pack of 5 tickets. Tickets are available at the Elementary School office or at the door. Shows are Friday May 4 and Saturday May 5 at 7:00pm and with a 15 minute intermission with concession stand. Journey with Dorothy and friends from Kansas into the Land of Oz and back. Directed by Ms. Laurianne Fleming, vocal

music at Millard Fillmore Elementary, this is only the 2nd performance of a musical in the brand new auditorium. Dorothy is played by Grace Wasileski, Scarecrow is played by Sydney Smith, Tinman is played by Libby Nemeck, Lion is played by Jared Russell, Wicked Witch of the West is played by Gabby Kehoe and the Wizard is played by Benjamin Bilinski. Over 70 students are involved in the production in the cast, crew and pit band. The Wonderful Wizard of Oz is an adaptation of the play by Michele L. Vacca. Produced by special arrangement with CLASSICS ON STAGE of Chicago. Millard Fillmore School is located at 24 S. Main Street, Moravia, NY 13118. Call (315) 497-2670 for more information.

**May 4-5 – Rummage Sale**  
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**May 5 – Bird Dreaming & Bull Roarers**  
 1:30-4:00 pm, Lime Hollow Visitor Center, 338 McLean Road. Fee TBD. Australian Aboriginal Dreamtime inspired visionary artist Paul Speight will lead participants in a Bird Dreaming experience on this afternoon. This will include a Didgeridoo dreaming session, bull roarer demonstration/lesson, guided short walk, and painting your own bull roarer (yes, you keep it!). This workshop is open to anyone who loves birds and would like to energize their imagination. If you're not sure what a Didgeridoo or Bull Roarer is then...no worries mate! You will by the end of this day! For more information call (607) 662-4632 or visit www.limehollow.org.

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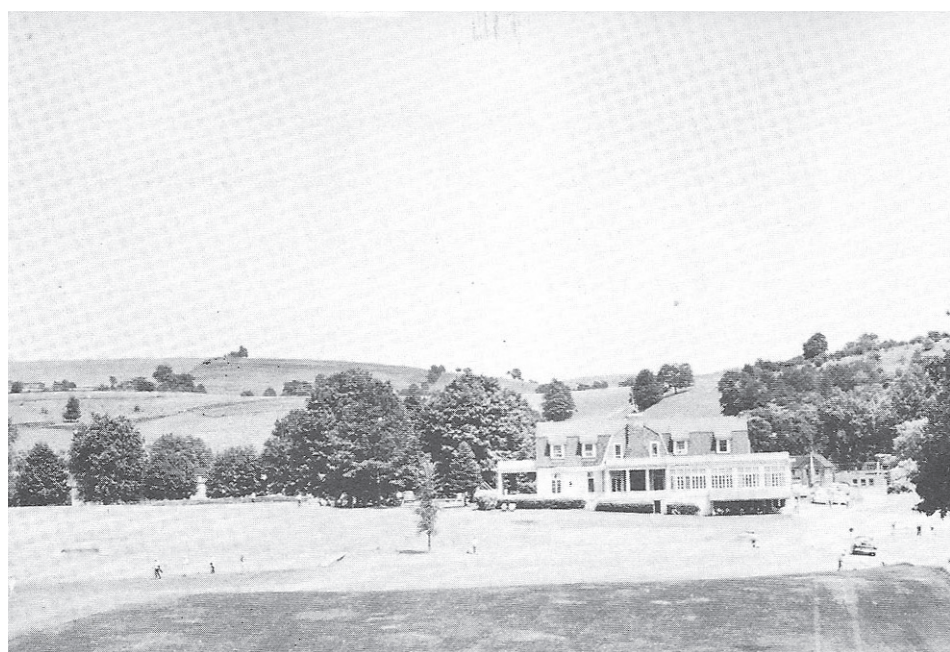


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## MYSTERY PHOTO CONTEST



**Answer from the Previous Edition:**  
 Cortland Country Club in Cortland, 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, May 11th 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 Betsy Brewer. Betsy won a gift certificate from Piccadilly Lane Country & Primitive Store located at 2634 Main Street in Whitney Point. The winner from this issue will win a gift certificate from Sweet Scoops of Heaven located at 11 Ellis Drive in Dryden! 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!

**DO YOU KNOW WHERE THIS IS?**

See what you can WIN  
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The wonderful smell as you walk in the store is from their full line of soy candles. Piccadilly Lane owner Joyce Ballard, along with their friendly staff, will assist you in finding that unique item to accent your home and prides themselves with having unique and one of a kind items! Spring is the time to redecorate - your home, office, porch, patio or cottage! Piccadilly Lane boasts of berry and flower wreaths, garland and garden accents to brighten up any living space - take the short drive to Whitney Point and check out the 8 rooms of giftware to beautify your home. Save some money with the coupon on the front page of this edition with the 25% off coupon - good on any one item in the store!

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 13th and Piccadilly Lane has gift items that adorn every room. As you stroll through - be thinking of mom, grandma, your sister or your aunt - take your time and check out every wall, corner and table! Also choose from a variety of purses, scarves and jewelry and gardening items. Plus cards and gift certificates are available - the perfect way to say "I love you"! Still not sure what SHE would like... buy HER a gift certificate and let her pick out her favorite item!

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## SHAW & BOEHLER FLORIST FOR MOTHER'S DAY

SHOPPING FOR THE MOST IMPORTANT woman in your life? Mom! Be sure to visit Shaw & Boehler Florist. Here's a little history behind one of the oldest florists in the area. Downtown Cortland has a long and proud history – that's why it's historic after all. Much of that history comes from its position as a center for unique retailers that offer special products and special services. As our society continues to transform into a community that values service and specialty products the retailers of historic downtown Cortland really can't be beat. This commitment, coupled with a long history, make downtown Cortland a great place to shop, dine and visit.

Shaw and Boehler Florist has been serving the Cortland area since 1924. As Cortland's oldest florist shop, their reputation for exquisite flowers, creative designs, and exceptional service has grown over the years. Their commitment to service and quality has given them the title

as "Cortland's First and Finest Florist." They have over 7,400 square feet of silks, gifts, antiques, stuffed animals, plants, and gourmet baskets. The experienced staff is always eager to assist you with any floral need. From a simple bud vase to a large formal wedding, our attention to quality and service is guaranteed.

Shaw & Boehler Florist, located at 31 Clinton Avenue, is not only edging close to centurion status; it has also had only three owners. The partnership of Mr. Shaw and Mr. Boehler started the 88 year-old business, which was eventually owned by Dorothy Lily, who passed away on June 2, 2007. Dorothy ran the shop for thirty or forty years, until it was purchased by the current owners, Steve and Vicki Besler, on February 10, 1987. They operated the business at its original location, 11 North Main. They were then approached by the Stevens' (of Stevens Heritage Furniture)



to purchase the building at 31 Clinton Avenue, where Steve and Vicki have operated Shaw & Boehler Florist for the past fourteen years.

Steve Besler was born and raised in Dubuque, Iowa, where he still has five siblings that reside there. Vicki grew up on the East Coast, which she preferred to the Midwest; and Steve underwent a career change. "We decided on Cortland because of its small and intimate environment,"

Vicki said. "We liked the small community for our children, growing up. We also liked the fact that Cortland is centrally located between Ithaca and Syracuse."

Though both of the Beslers had attended floral school, neither of them had planned on floral design as a career path. "It was just a hobby for both of us," Vicki said. They sat down together one day and made a list of possible things they would like to do for the rest of their lives. "We had always liked flowers... and had a flair for the arts." They decided on floral design.

Shaw & Boehler Florist is more than just a business to the Beslers. It is their life. They treat each customer with utmost respect; they open early and often stay late; they offer state-of-the-art, sophisticated work. This sets Shaw & Boehler Florist apart from similar businesses.

"There is a general lack of knowledge about what florists actually do," Vicki explained. "It takes creativity, artistic ability, an eye for color and design. There is a big difference between a florist and the floral section of a grocery store."

Steve and Vicki are also very active in their church, the Groton Assembly of God. They hold a very large Christmas Open House on the first Sunday in December, every year. "It's a huge Open house. It's a dress-up occasion, and we have entertainment, homemade cookies, and desserts. We also serve teas, here at the shop, by appointment; and we've done birthday and wedding parties, here."

Outside of the floral design shop, Vicki enjoys cooking, and Steve is an avid gardener. "Steve has very nice gardens at our house," Vicki said, laughing. "People like to stop and takes pictures. Sometimes, we'll look outside and see people wandering through the yard, looking at the gardens."

The shop is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. We are closed on Sundays. Phone is 607-756-2879

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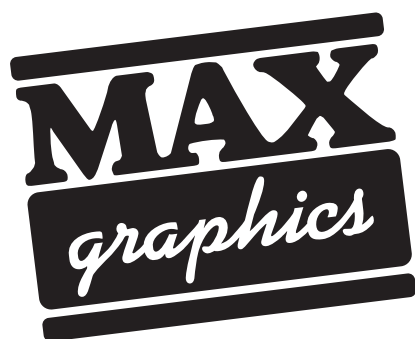
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When: May 26, 2012, Memorial Day weekend.

Where: On the lawn at Barn House Antiques, 308 Peruville Rd., Lansing, NY

There will be a huge Tent Sale and Flea Market on the lawn of Barn House Antiques on May 26 (Memorial Day weekend). Barn House Antiques is located at 308 Peruville Rd., Rt. 34B, in Lansing. The event takes place from 9-3 on Saturday. There's plenty of free, on-site parking. The sale includes antiques, collectibles, record albums, comics, housewares, garden and outdoors items, furniture, Avon, tools, etc. One of our dealers will be holding an estate sale, in huge tents, in conjunction with the flea market. We have unlimited vendor space available for a \$10 set-up fee. Please call 607-533-8636 to register, Tues.-Sat., 10-5.



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The Cinnamon Apple Cottage is a unique gift shop located adjacent to Valley View Gardens. Time and again we have been told by our customers that they love to shop in our ten-room store. The lovely music of musician Scott Adams, born and raised in Groton, as well as the romantic instrumentals of composer/pianist Stuart Dudley are sold and heard throughout the shop, creating a delightful backdrop for your shopping experience! Each room has its own ambience and related product lines. Floral decorations, fragrant candles and potpourri, art work, whimsical figurines, children's books and toys; outdoor décor and gift items; jams and fruit butters; soup, scone and bread mixes and much, much more! If you need a pick-me-up for yourself or your friends and loved ones, you are sure to find it at The Cinnamon Apple Cottage Gift Shoppe.

Valley View Gardens Retail Nursery and The Cinnamon Apple Cottage Gift Shoppe are located just around the corner on Luker Road opposite Builder's Best Do-It Center. Our May hours are Monday through Friday, 10 to 6 o'clock; Saturday, 9 to 5 o'clock and Sunday, 10:30 - 3:30!

**SUNDAY HOURS!**

Our Sunday hours have begun! Beginning Sunday, May 1 and continuing through Sunday, July 1, 2012, we will also be open on Sundays from 10:30 to 3:30 for your shopping convenience. Stop in and shop at our retail nursery and gift shop. Call Dan, Andrew and Pat Mones at 607-749-3130 to set up a consultation to help your landscaping dreams come true! You will be glad you came to Valley View Gardens on Luker Road! We look forward to meeting and serving you! See you then!



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BACK TO BASICS BULK FOOD, located at 2207 Dryden Road (Rt. 13 South) on the corner of Irish Settlement Rd, is stocked to serve you with high-quality brand name foods at lower prices. Owners Jeff and Kim Schenck, are excited about what they can offer at Back to Basics Bulk Food, your local grocery, deli and supplier of bulk goods.

At Back to Basics, they follow a few simple philosophies that translate into higher quality product and lower prices for you. They buy in bulk and break it down into smaller packages, saving you money. "Here you aren't paying for the fancy packaging, so you benefit from a lower cost while still getting the quality you're looking for in a convenient package size," states Kim. "We provide quantities from a half-pound to as much as a pallet load." Back to Basics specializes in carrying all types of baking supplies. This includes over 75 varieties of sprinkles and baking decoratives, nuts and grains, specialty flours (including gluten free) and flavorings. Snack lovers will find an amazing selection; with 25 kinds of pretzels, two dozen snack mixes along with roasted nuts and seeds and dried fruits. Back to Basics carries a huge array of spices, as well as pre-made just-add-water mixes, such as bread mixes, biscuit mixes, and angel food cake mixes. Back to Basics also offers items for those with dietary restrictions, such as gluten-free products for baking; and don't forget the nuts! There's a great variety available for consumers to go nuts over: peanuts, walnuts, hazelnuts, pecans, almonds, and many others. For extreme snackers - look for 5 types of wasabi snacks! The store sells all kinds of cereals and candies, and over 200 different

spices. In the deli, Back to Basics is always stocked with all kinds of meats and cheeses, including Amish Yogurt cheese, Lebanon bologna, sweet bologna and other favorites from John F. Martin of Lancaster County, PA. Teas; both loose and in bags, are another favorite at Back to Basics, as well as Barrie House whole bean coffees. Also available is local raw honey, or you can bring in your own jar and have it filled.

Jeff and Kim attribute the success of Back to Basics not only to the various quantities, rare items, and good pricing, but also to great customer service and the fact that it is a small local business. One of the things they enjoy most about owning the business is dealing with the people who come into the store and trying to service their needs. "People really need to stop in and see what we have to offer," Jeff said. "I've often met new people that come in and say they've driven by Back to Basics for the past five years and then ultimately stopped in to check out what's in the store."

The store also offers custom gift baskets or gift certificates; the perfect gift for Mother's Day! In the future, Jeff and Kim at Back to Basics would like to continue to meet the needs of the community by expanding their product line. Back to Basics Bulk Food is open Tuesday through Friday from 9am to 6pm, and open Saturday 9am - 4pm. For more information, call them at (607) 844-8074, or stop into the store at 2207 Dryden Road to see just what they have to offer. And remember to stop by May 8th through May 12th to help them celebrate their 15th anniversary. Enjoy the free hot dog roast everyday from 11:30am to 5:30pm along with 40 cent canned sodas, free samples and savings!



**DEDRICK'S FOR MOTHER'S  
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The song You Are My Sunshine just HAD to be written for a mom.

There is no Mother's Day gift that can be purchased at any gift shop which will express everything you want to say to your mother.

There is nothing on Earth more comforting than my Mom's voice, hugs and prayers.

No matter how old I am, there are frequently times when I am homesick for my mom.

Losing a mother creates a void that will never be filled. Ever.

"The mother is everything - she is our consolation in sorrow, our hope in misery, and our strength in weakness. She is the source of love, mercy, sympathy, and forgiveness. He who loses his mother loses a pure soul who blesses and guards him constantly." - Kahlil Gibran

"My mother had a slender, small body, but a large heart - a heart so large that everybody's joys found welcome in it, and hospitable accomodation." - Mark Twain

"You never realize how much your mother loves you till you explore the attic - and find every letter you ever sent her, every finger painting,

clay pot, bead necklace, Easter chicken, cardboard Santa Claus, paper lace Mother's Day card and school report since day one." - Pam Brown

"A mother is the truest friend we have, when trials heavy and sudden, fall upon us; when adversity takes the place of prosperity; when friends who rejoice with us in our sunshine desert us; when trouble thickens around us, still will cling she to us, and endeavor by her kind precepts and counsels to dissipate the clouds of darkness, and cause peace to return to our hearts." - Washington Irving

"All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." - Abraham Lincoln

"If evolution really works, how come mothers only have two hands?" - Milton Berle

"The sweetest sounds to mortals given are heard in Mother, Home, and Heaven." -William Goldsmith Brown

"Being a mother is learning about strengths you didn't know you had, and dealing with fears you didn't know existed." - Linda Wooten

"Biology is the least of what makes someone a mother." -Oprah Winfrey

"My mom is a neverending song in my heart of comfort, happiness and being. I may sometimes forget the words but I always remember the tune." -Graycie Harmon



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IT'S POND SEASON AND I do get people asking me about the different types of fish that go in ponds.

One is the Premium Sarasa comet. They have a deeper red color than standard comets, with less white. Most have long fins, some have white "noses" or finnage. Maximum length is about 12 inches plus finnage. Like standard comets these are not much of a threat to plants. The Regular standard Sarasa has a more defined red and white pattern, And they seem to have an endless variety of patterns. Maximum length is also 12 inches.

Shibunkins are a hardy comet style fish with a red/black/white/blue/yellow/ calico pattern with a mix of metallic, matte, and oversized scales. Almost as pretty as koi, but sturdier, and don't get as big. The maximum length is once again about 12 inches. Shibunkins are not inclined to destroy plants.

Domestic Koi born in the USA sport a variety of colors, patterns and scale types. Koi can live for decades and get up to 3 feet long.

Koi do like to munch on plants or dig in their pots. A few Koi in a well planted pond is no problem, but a lot of koi with a few plants is a snack break. Koi are not quite as hardy as goldfish especially during hot summers or long freeze-overs in Winter.

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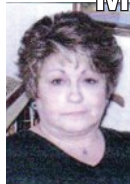
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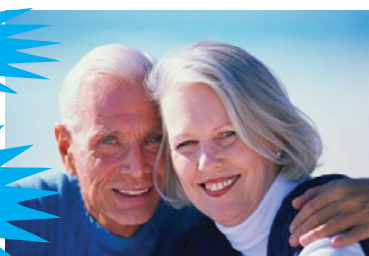
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"Unfortunately, floods can happen anywhere, even in low risk flood zones. But there are a few simple things property owners can do to help prepare and protect their home and business," said Jaclyn Darrohn. "Insurance coverage is critical. Some consumers 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."

- Keep drains, gutters and downspouts clear of debris.
- Prepare an evacuation plan with a kit that includes insurance documents, medications and critical items in case you need to leave your home for a few days.
- Inspect sump pumps and drains regularly to ensure proper operation.
- Have a licensed electrician raise electric components at least 12 inches above the expected flood levels for your area.
- To prevent sewage backup, have a licensed plumber install an interior or exterior backflow valve. Make sure your yard's grading (slope) directs water away from the building.
- Have the installation of your furnace, water heater and other permanent equipment modified so that they are elevated above the expected flood levels for your area.

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Nature's Sunshine Products has this as a single herb product and they use the root. The recommended use is two capsules with a meal twice daily. It is relatively inexpensive. But you must make sure to get a pure potent source not a plant that has been sprayed with chemicals.

Here is the exciting news. Cancer-killing dandelion tea has received a \$157,000 research grant. Researchers in Windsor, Ont. have received this additional grant for a total of \$217,000 to study how effective dandelion root extract is in fighting cancer. Siyaram Pandey, a biochemist at the University of Windsor has been studying the anti-cancer potential of dandelion root extract for almost two years. His team's first phase of research showed that dandelion root extract forced a very aggressive and drug-resistant type of blood cancer cell, known as chronic monocytic myeloid leukemia, to essentially commit suicide.

Researchers then discovered that repeated treatment with low dose dandelion root extract was effective in killing most of the cancerous cells. Those initial findings landed the research team a \$60,000 grant from Seeds4Hope, which provides money for local cancer research. Pandey then applied for continued funding from the Lotte and John Hecht Memorial Foundation. That \$157,000 came through earlier this week bringing the total to \$217,000.

Pandey admitted he was skeptical when he was first approached by local oncologist, Dr. Caroline Hamm, who was curious about cancer patients who had been drinking dandelion tea and seemed to be getting better. Pandey conducted a literature review and could only find one journal article suggesting dandelion may have cancer-killing properties. But he and his team of graduate students collected a bunch of the weeds anyway, ground them up with a mixture of water in a food processor and developed a simple formula they could experiment with. They tested the formula on several lines of commercially available leukemia cells and much to their surprise, found that the formula caused those cells to kill themselves, a process called apoptosis. It was also non-toxic to the normal cells.

John DiCarlo, age 72 was admitted to the hospital three years ago with leukemia. Even after aggressive treatment, he was sent home to put his affairs in order with his wife and four children. The cancer clinic suggested he try the tea. Four months later, he returned to the clinic in remission. He has been cancer free for three years. He said his doctor credits the dandelions.

Of course, this is in the study phase but isn't it exciting that those lowly weeds in everyone's yards are non-toxic and can actually be very beneficial for our body? Even cows know they are good for them. They contain beta carotene that can be converted into Vitamin A in the body to assist the immune system. So think twice about killing those beautiful yellow flowers in your yard.

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AFTER 30 YEARS OF SELLING Avon, Terry Miller decided many of her customers would prefer to shop in a retail store, rather than order from a catalog & wait for 2 weeks or more for products. She also enjoyed creating her handmade jewelry & sport blankets, so she combined Avon plus her products and opened The Sand Dollar/ Avon and more, in a booth in the lobby of The Beach House on Main Street in downtown Cortland. 2 years ago, the opportunity came along for a store space on the lower level with much more display space, so Terry moved downstairs next to Rum & Couture and the Sound City CD store. She is now hoping to show her friends and customers the many fine products she has on display. At present, she is open limited hours [Mon--Fri 3:00--6:00 pm] and Sat 11:00--5:00 pm, due to her first job, but the future is looking bright!! Questions please call 607-753-7109 or 607-758-7788.

## HEALTH TALK: BETH'S NATURAL WAY HEALTH CONSULTING BLOODROOT

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THIS IS ONE OF THE first plants to flower in the spring. Between its name and the time of year that it flowers shows what this plants healing powers are. Its Latin name means blood. The Indian name for this plant is puccoon. Where there is evil there is balance with good. Bloodroot is one of those very strong herbs that are balancing for the negative. Next to every poison plant in the wild God has also planted a plant to stop its effects.

FOLK NAMES: King root, red root.

LATIN NAME: Sanguinaria Canadensis.

ELEMENT: Fire.

POWERS: Protection, love and purification.

MEDICINAL PARTS: The whole plant.

CONSTITUTES: Alkaloids mainly sanguinarine, resins, starch.

PROPERTIES: Expectorant, diuretic, febrifuge, antispasmodic, slightly narcotic, antipathogenic, antibacterial, red dye, drying agent, emetic, antiseptic, anesthetic, anticancer.

MAGICAL USES: An Indian brave would rub the root into the palm of his hand and then shake hands with the squaw that he wished to be with. After four to five days she would agree. The plant was put near doorways and windows to protect a home.

INTERNAL USES: Respiratory and throat infections, coughs, to dry and flick off any unwanted putrified mucus, environmental toxins, swellings, tumors, cysts, polyps, toothpaste or mouthwash for plague, dissolves uric acid buildup.

EXTERNAL USES: Warts, moles, Indians used it for war paint on their skins, skin tumors, chilblains, sore throats, snuff of polyps, gargle for throat ailments, an ointment for edema, eczema, and all skin problems even poison ivy.

HARVEST: The whole plant can be dug up and dried as soon as you see it in the spring. Remember to leave a piece of the root behind so the plant can grow.

USE AS: Snuff, gargle, ointment, extract, oil.

PRECAUTIONS: Bloodroot should not be used by women who are pregnant. An overdose of this plant would cause first nausea, then vomiting which is needed if you are stopping food poisoning but the overdose can go faster and cause the heart rate to slow down, tunnel vision (if chew the root), can cause central nervous depressant, and intestinal colic. Giving peppermint will help prevent colic reactions.



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## BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS (BZA) REVIEWS

OCCASIONALLY, EITHER RESTRICTIVE SITE CONDITIONS OR specific building design parameters force the applicant (homeowner or project design professional) to pursue a variance from established land use regulations. Every municipality that has adopted a local land use zoning regulation is required by State law to have a Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). The BZA is not permitted to grant a hearing until a project has been submitted to the local CEO for review and specific land use elements of the design have been rejected. Only then does the applicant have an action to appeal. Issues subject to appeal may include minimum building setback dimensions (front, side, rear), maximum lot coverage of primary and/or accessory structures, landscape and buffered areas around site, maximum building height, or a use/occupancy issue. BZA Boards do not have control over property easements, as they are controlled by the authority that originally requested the easement, thus limiting construction in those protected areas. Easements protect underground and overhead utilities, cable television and internet services, established traffic and pedestrian right-of-ways, natural watercourses, historic features, etc. Two newer types of easement/deed restrictions are agricultural landscape buffers and subsurface leases for future fractal gas drilling.

The BZA must review a project request and its potential environmental impact within a defined list of considerations set down by the State of New York. The basic review parameters are:

- How substantial the variation is in comparison to the requirement;
- The effect, if any variance is allowed, of any increase in population density, intensity of development, or generation of traffic on the existing public facilities;
- Whether the variance will produce a substantial change in character of the neighborhood or a substantial detriment to adjoining properties;
- Whether the practical difficulty in observing the dimension regulations can be overcome by some method, reasonable for the appellant to pursue, other than a variance, and;
- The circumstances upon which the appeal is based were not created by the appellant, nor was the appellant's interest in the property acquired with the knowledge that these conditions exist;
- The lot of facility in question cannot reasonably be used for and facility or activity permitted or conditionally permitted by these regulations;
- Whether in view of the manner in which the practical difficulty arose and considering all the above factors, the interests of justice will be served by allowing the variance.
- A completed Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) defining how the project will impact the local environment

Based upon the above criteria and specific material presented for the proposed project, the Board of Zoning Appeals then issues one of three determinations. APPROVED, APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS, or REJECTED. In some cases, the

appeal will be returned to the Appellant for more study if insufficient data or design work was presented for the BZA to render a final decision.

The Appellant might also seek a variance review to build or renovate a structure that has one or more noncompliant construction elements. When this occurs, the local CEO will assist the Appellant in submitting a request to the NYS Dept of State Division of Code Enforcement and Administration which has a number of regional hearing offices around the State. Local building departments lack the authority to unilaterally render design instructions that are contrary to applicable Building Codes.

mix of music by Italian composers at St. Anthony's Church - the church founded by Cortland's Italian immigrants.

**May 6 - Paint The Town Purple: May Day for Relay**

12 - 4:30 pm, Yaman Park. Help us gear up for Cortland County's Relay for Life June 1-2 at SUNY Cortland. This year we will host our first Bark For Life too. If you would like more information please contact Sheryl Small 607-334-8563, Michelle Baker 607-749-8452, or Jennifer Thomas 607-836-6362, or e-mail mcbaker@earthlink.net. For questions pertaining to BARK, contact Debbie Keith at 607-423-1010.

**May 10 - Composting Nuts & Bolts**

Presented by Master Composters 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. At Groton Public Library You've decided you want to compost. Now what? Join us at the Groton Library for the second class in our compost series. We'll cover some compost basics and spend lots of time discussing how to select and site the right bin for your space. You'll learn about balancing "greens" and "browns" to keep your compost rotting properly, troubleshooting, and harvesting techniques. To sign up call for this FREE session: Call the Groton Public Library at 898-5055 Email to director@grotonpubliclibrary.org

**May 10 - A Healing Herb Garden That Anyone Can Grow**

6:30-8:30 pm. Learn how to prepare the site, design the site, and what herbs to choose: culinary, tea, and medicinal herbs that are easy to grow. Melanie Steverson Jarvis will help you work with the space you have and pick the right herbs for you, considering your time and maintenance constraints. A Healing Herb Garden That Anyone Can Grow will take place Thurs. May 10, 6:30-8:30 pm at the Tompkins County Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center, 615 Willow Avenue, Ithaca. Fee: \$5; pre-registration recommended. Please call 272-2292 for more information or registration.

**May 11 - Aging Services Network Meeting**

The next Aging Services Network Meeting will take place on May 11 from 12-1, in Longview's Auditorium, 1 Bella Vista Drive, Ithaca. Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton will speak about Health and Aging and the NYS budget. Feel free to bring your lunch; beverages will be available. Aging Services Network meetings are open to people who work in the field of aging and anyone who has an interest in the topic. Please RSVP if you are planning to attend, by e-mailing Danielle Conte at dconte@tompkins-co.org or calling 274-5490.

**May 11-13 - Mothers' Day Trail Ride at Pure Country Campground**

Mom's stay free One night, site and stall for your horse! Buy one night stay one night free, and enjoy the Brookfield trail system. Dish to pass in the pavilion in the evening and bonfire on Saturday. 176 Kelly Road, New Berlin, NY, 13411 607-847-9265, 607-5916907 www.purecountrycampground.com

**May 12 - Roller Derby Bout**

B.C. Rollerz versus Crown City Rollerz' Royal Pains! 6 pm, JM McDonald Sports Complex, 4292 Fairgrounds Dr. This bout will benefit the library fund and celebrates mothers! Adults and children 10 and over \$10, children under 10 free. Tickets will be on sale from any team member or at the door on the day of the bout. For more information e-mail cortlandrollerderby@mail.com or visit www.facebook.com/groups/209081863298/.

**May 12 - Annual Mother/Daughter Tea**

10:00-Noon, the Christian Assembly of God Women's Ministry annual Mother/Daughter Tea. This event is open to all women/girls. This event is free, be sure to invite lots of guests for this very fun time. Please bring your own teacup for you and your guests. There will be prizes for the most unusual teacup, who brought the most guests, the biggest tea party hat, the prettiest hat, ugliest hat, oldest woman, married the longest, most children, most grandchildren, newest baby, newest bride and door prize drawings.

**May 12 - Annual Flea Market & Yard Sale**

Jacksonville Community United Methodist Church will be having their Annual Flea Market and Yard Sale on Saturday May 12, 2012 from 8AM to 2PM. Great stuff for sale in the schoolhouse and lots of vendors outside. Chicken BBQ starting at 11am and more. The schoolhouse will be open for donations on 4/28/ and 5/5. Absolutely no: clothing, computer, TVS, mattresses or cribs. Hope to see you there.

**May 13 - Mother's Day 5K Run**

9 am, Yaman Park. A 6-Pack Race. Pre-registration \$17, youth \$12. At race registration \$20, youth \$15. For more information, call (607) 756-2893, e-mail peggy@cortlandymca.org, or visit www.cortlandymca.org/YMCARuns.htm.

**May 13 - Men's/Boy's Breakfast**

9:00-10:30 AM Free monthly Men's/Boy's Breakfast. Come and fellowship with our Pastors and find out what exciting, fun things we have planned for the Summer.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**May 5 - Community Clean Up Day**

8:30 - 11 am, meet at Chamber of Commerce parking lot at 37 Church St. Refreshments and supplies will be provided at 8:30, clean 9-11. Register yourself or your group to volunteer. Organized by the Cortland Downtown Partnership, the City of Cortland, and the Cortland County Chamber of Commerce.

**May 6 - Gabriele Fadale in Concert**

3 pm, St. Anthony's Church, 50 Pomeroy Street in Cortland. Saxophonist and Homer native Gabriel Fadale will perform a free saxophone recital. The program, The Italian Saxophone, will feature music written by Italian composers such as Antonio Vivaldi, Giacomo Puccini, Antonio Bazzini, and Giacinto Scelsi. Collaborating with Ithaca-based pianist Kathy Hansen, he looks forward to presenting an exciting and eclectic

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**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, Cincinnatus, 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 or CNY Powersports for registration forms and information.



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**May 13 – Mother’s Day Breakfast**

9-10:15 AM, the men/young men of our church are hosting a FREE Community Mother’s Day Breakfast.

**May 13 – Pancake Breakfast**

8 – noon: Varna Community Center (943 Dryden Rd./Rte. 366) Treat someone to Mother’s Day Breakfast! Includes Pancakes, French Toast, Ham, Bacon, Sausage Gravy and Biscuits, 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.

**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 14 – June 18 – Living Healthy Workshop Series**

Mondays 2-4:30 pm, Access to Independence, 26 N. Main Street in Cortland. If you have a chronic health condition, such as arthritis, high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, chronic pain, or depression, this FREE Living Healthy Workshop series can help you take charge of your life. People with these and other chronic conditions, along with their spouses or caregivers, can find practical ways to deal with pain and fatigue, discover better nutrition and exercise choices, and learn how to talk to their doctor and family about their health. Registration includes a Living Healthy book, relaxation CD, and healthy snacks every week. There is no charge to attend but advance registration is requested. Please call Seven Valleys Health Coalition at 607-756-4198 by Thursday, May 10 to register. For more information call 607-756-4198 or e-mail [jmartin@sevenvalleyshealth.org](mailto:jmartin@sevenvalleyshealth.org).

**May 14 – Dryden Seniors to Meet**

The Dryden Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, May 14, 2012 at the Dryden Fire Hall. Lunch is served at 12:15 pm with announcements starting at 11:45 am. Please bring your own table service. The meal cost for members is \$6.00 and \$8.00 for non-members. The menu will be goulash, tossed salad, roll, corn, and pie. Our entertainment will be Harold Bush who will play the harmonica. 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 may join our group. We have great programs, wonderful fellowship, and bus trips. Bring a friend to our next meeting.

**May 18 – Montague School of Irish Dance End of the Year Hooley**

6 - 10 pm, CortlandCountry Music Park. Irish Hooley, Live music, dancing, food and cash bar, 50/50 raffle, basket raffles, Irish dancers. Ticket prices \$5.00 at the door. For more information call (607) 591-9753 or e-mail [kdf6566@yahoo.com](mailto:kdf6566@yahoo.com).

**May 19 – October 20 – Homer Farmers’ Market**

Saturdays 9:00 - 1:00 and Wednesdays 4:30 - 7:00, on The Green on Main Street in Homer. Cortland County’s ‘local-only’ market. Dedicated to increased local production, access to healthy nutrition for all, and the promotion of a sustainable local economy through grassroots organization. Meet your neighbors, who just happen to be growing the best food you can buy! For more information e-mail [tammie@homerfarmersmarket.com](mailto:tammie@homerfarmersmarket.com) or visit [www.homerfarmersmarket.com](http://www.homerfarmersmarket.com).

**May 19 – Ithaca’s Spring Garden Fair & Plant Sale**

9am-1pm at the NY State Armory – 1765 Hanshaw Road off Route 13 in Ithaca. Over 40 area specialty plant growers and 15 garden groups! Plants of all kinds – uncommon annuals, perennials, flowering shrubs, organically grown transplants, rock garden plants, herbs and more! Free admission. Sponsored by CCE Tompkins County Master Gardeners 607-272-2292 [cctetompkins.org](http://cctetompkins.org)

**May 19 – Book Signing by Bob Ellis, Staff Photographer for the Cortland Standard**

Bob will be available on Saturday, May 19 from 10 am until noon to sign his new book “25 Years of Photography at the Cortland Standard” at the Society, 25 Homer Avenue. Books will be available for sale or bring your own book to have Bob sign. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

**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](http://www.upstatewinecountry.com).

**May 20 – Cruise Night**

2-6 pm, Main Street from Groton Avenue. to Tompkins Street in Cortland. Sponsored by Central New York Mustang & Ford Club.

**May 21 & 22 – AARP Driver Safety Program**

Monday AND Tuesday, May 21 & 22, 9:00am-12:30pm at Cooperative Extension Education Center, 615 Willow Avenue, Ithaca NY Way2Go, in partnership with AARP, will be hosting a Driver Safety Program meeting on 2 consecutive mornings. This program is designed with drivers aged 50+. AARP’s Driver Safety Program is the nation’s first and largest classroom refresher course, and could result in points be deducted from your license and a discount on car insurance! Fee: \$17 for AARP Members; \$19 for non-members. For more information, contact Ray Weaver of Way2Go at [cornell.cooperative@cornell.edu](mailto:cornell.cooperative@cornell.edu) or email [weaver@cornell.edu](mailto:weaver@cornell.edu).

**May 23 – March in May for Mental Health**

8:30 am, Wishing Wellness Center, 37 Central Avenue in Cortland. Sign up to walk from the Wishing Wellness Center to Beaudry Park on Scamell St. T-shirts for the first 50 registrants by April 27. To register or for more information e-mail [ajones@sevenvalleyshealth.org](mailto:ajones@sevenvalleyshealth.org) or call 607-756-4198. Refreshments available on arrival at Beaudry Park and Deputy Mayor Ken Dye will proclaim May as Mental Health Month.

**May 26-27 – Pure Country Versatility Cowboy Race**

Try your horse out on these. Camping, fun, super on site obstacle course. Call 607-847-9265 for info on this and camping. Reservations made on line at [www.purecountrycampground.com](http://www.purecountrycampground.com). Brookfield Trails. 130 miles of well-marked trails for all types of horses and riders.

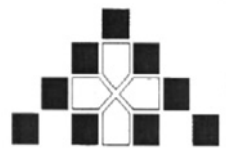
**May 28 – Memorial Day Benefit for LaFayette Outreach, Inc.**

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://cctetompkins.org/4h/camps/environmental-exploration-days>).



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**TYPICAL FIELD INSPECTIONS FOR A RESIDENTIAL PROJECT**

THE NYS RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CODE has functioned as a stand-alone regulatory document since New York adopted the ICCB national building code as its model format in 2004 which permits project designers and contractors to utilize one manual for nearly all building conditions that will occur during residential construction projects. Inspections and tests are important elements in the design and construction process to ensure a home or structure is constructed safely and in compliance with minimum building standards. The following list of basic and special inspections often applies to the typical residential project.

*Pre-design Site Inspections and Testing to assist the project design professional:*

- Percolation Test (required where an on-site sanitary system is planned. It measures the rate of ground absorption for solids and liquid waste)
- Soils and Subsurface Test Hole (recommended where subsurface soil conditions are unknown or suspect due to previous construction and landfill, also to determine rock depths where a deep foundations or a basement may be planned)
- Potable Water Test (required to determine suitability of water source for consumption where an on-site well is to be drilled, also can detect other water borne chemicals such as methane, PCBs, TCBs, radon, etc)
- Subsurface Soils Chemical Test (required when a proposed building site is on or near a known brown field or other potential source of large scale contamination)
- Soils Load Capacity Test (recommended in residential construction where building foundations will be constructed over diverse soil conditions, including previous fill sites, where low soil load capacity is known such as in marshy areas prone to flooding, and where unique building load conditions might be imposed on the new foundation). Soils Load Tests are generally required on all commercial building projects.
- Certification of Base Flood Elevation (Confirmation of the 100 year flood elevation where structures, new homes and additions may be permitted in areas prone to flooding. Certification shall be furnished by Corp of Engineers data or a licensed land surveyor who must verify the first floor elevation for any enclosed structure is 24” or more above the BFE)

*Basic Construction Period Inspections and Tests:*

- Footing and Foundation Inspection (required to confirm adequate footing depths and dimensions, proper steel reinforcement placement and connection, stepped footing locations and acceptable earth compaction and fill where diverse soils are present)
- Framing Inspection (review frame component attachment to foundation and roof trusses, adequacy of lintel design and seating on walls, continuity of load paths and special structural conditions from roof to ground, proper installation of windows and flashing, compliance with seismic design connections and stiffeners where applicable, fire stopping, presence of concealed blocking for wall mounted components, etc)
- Insulation and Envelope Inspection (Bldg inspectors are often called upon to inspect some of the newer insulating products and assemblies for proper type, placement and depth, plus compliance with Project Energy Compliance Audit prior to closing walls and ceilings)
- Plumbing Inspection (required review of entire water supply and sanitary system, adequacy of all vents, air pressure test for pipe joint tightness prior to connection to public water supply, testing of back flow preventers when specified) Some jurisdictions utilize the Bldg Inspector to observe these tests while others may call upon special inspectors from the local municipal water authority.)
- Energy Envelope Blower Test (this test confirms the air tightness of the dwelling in conjunction with stated HVAC efficiencies, window and door infiltration parameters, and allowable ventilation/exhaust values required by the NYS Energy Conservation Code.)
- Electrical Inspection (required for every new, altered and expanded electrical service. The electrical inspection is usually done by an independent certified inspection agency separate from the local building department. Upon completion, a Certification Sticker is left at the site to confirm the on-site inspection to the Bldg Inspector when he/she visits to begin the final inspection)
- Certificate of Occupancy “Close-out” Inspection (the final inspection by the Bldg Inspector involves general review of the construction for compliance with the construction drawings and specifications, documented completion of all other required inspections and test, and certification by local utility companies that all public connections meet their requirements. Upon acceptance and notification by the Bldg Inspector, the homeowner can occupy the dwelling) Unless specified otherwise, this inspection approval date also signals the start of numerous product, equipment and contract warranties.)



# PUZZLES & GAMES

## WORD FIND

Find the 'Mother's Day' related words below! Can you find them all? Good luck! Check our next edition for the solution!

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- mother • grandmother • flowers • plant • bouquet • teach
- family • heart • poems • play • baby • son • daughter • may • beautiful
- sunday • protect • tender • bond • nurture • love • cards
- happy • family • children • pamper • love • kisses • mommy

## 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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- Pets-A-Plenty Pet Store • Ithaca TOPS • Cortland TOPS
- Riverside Plaza • Colonial Laundromat • Ramada Inn
- Main Street Downtown Homer • Back to Basics
- Natoli's Market • Dryden Food Market • Express Mart
- Ithaca Wegman's • Rite Aid Dryden/Cortland
- Gregg's Market Marathon/Whitney Point • Dryden Agway
- Elite Dental • Pinckney Allstate Insurance Agency
- Tompkins Trust Company Banks • Toad's Diner
- Queen Diner Dryden • Clarks Dryden Food Mkt
- Country Kitchen - Whitney Point • Country Kitchen II - Cortland
- Hope Lake Lodge • Tully Kinney Drugs • Triphammer Mall
- Dryden Agway • Piccadilly Lane Country & Primitive Store

## LAST EDITION'S PUZZLES

### SUDOKU

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### WORD FIND



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