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April 25 - Pre-Mother's Day & Lawn/Garden Issue

Deadline 4/20

May 9 - Mother's Day & Pre-Memorial Day Issue

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June 6 - Graduation & Father's Day Issue

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June 20 - 4th of July Issue

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TRIVIA QUESTIONS

See if you know the answer without looking it up! Answers in the back.

- 1. For Australians, in what month does Spring begin?
- 2. Why does daylight increase in Spring?
- 3. What day is Earth Day?
- 4. What are the holidays celebrated during spring?

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April 12 – Home Improvement Scams

11:00am-1:00pm @CCE-Tompkins Education Center, 615 Willow Avenue, Ithaca, NY In this FREE Consumer Program, Assistant Attorney General Mike Danaher will discuss how to recognize and avoid typical home improvement scams, and what to do if they happen to you. After his presentation, members of the public may consult individually with Attorney Danaher on consumer issues they have been unable to resolve locally. Please arrive by 12:30pm for a consultation. Presentations are videotaped

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April 13 – Lansing Youth Spaghetti Supper 5:00-7:00pm @ All Saints Church,347 Ridge Road, Lansing, New York 14882 You in the Rural Youth Services program will cook and serve at this annual fundraiser. Meat and vegetarian options

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April 14 – AgStravaganza

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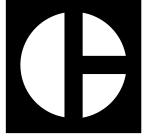
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Owners, John and Janet Watkins point out that they still offer all the unique products in the store, just added Hallmark to the mix. They bring hand chosen merchandise that is unique and fun...things to make you, your home and gift giving special. Brittany Station offers a comfortable mix of home décor, home fragrance, jewelry, fashion accessories and more. Including a large variety of curtains which can be special ordered. Their goal is to offer a selection of items that are new and unique while providing a friendly and rewarding shopping experience for their guests.

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Some misconceptions that are out there.

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People are constantly upgrading to larger tanks because their fish got too big.

I hear fish only need to eat once a day. Fish in the wild are eating all through the day. Swimming burns a lot of calories so you need to feed 3 to 4 small feedings a day if you want healthy long lived fish.

What about bottom feeders, there really is no fish that will clean the bottom. Bottom feeders really means the fish tend to hang at the bottom and eat as the food floats down. Once the food sits at the bottom awhile, no fish will eat it. Some people think bottom feeders eat the waste at the bottom of the tank, fish do not eat waste. To get out waste and excess food, you need to siphon the bottom with a siphon tube usually once a month or so.

Also when it comes to lizards, a lot of people say they feed 1 or 2 crickets a day or they just feed once a week.

Keep in mind, lizards in the wild eat daily and they don't just eat 1 or 2 insects a day. To have a healthy lizard, feed 5 or 6 crickets a day or mealworms. But feed daily.

A lot of people put algae eaters in newly set up tanks. Remember they eat algae. New tanks do not have algae. When you see green algae in your tank, then that's the time to get your algae eater. They will do better if there's algae to eat.

Some people do water changes weekly, that's probably ok if small amounts, but if you are doing big water changes weekly, you could lose some of your good nitrifying bacteria. Usually 25% water change once a month is perfect.

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Welcome the offerings of the Living, Present Moment with UnReasonable Love, and greet all that Is with the fascination and astonishment of an absolutely New Spring!

Written by Daniela Hess, YogaFarm Director, Counselor, and Radiance Course Educator. For more information about self care practices, visit www.YogaFarm.us.

TODAY IS ALL THAT MATTERS

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Shute retired at nearly 80 years of age while his sons continued the family tradition of providing safe and pure water to the community.

Today, Shute's Water Systems is run by Scott Shute and Matt Farkas, and Shute's Excavation is run by Todd Shute. Scott's wife Becky runs the office with Mark Shute's daughter Jill. The family attributes the majority of its continued success from recommendations it receives from satisfied customers.

Shute said many municipal water systems contain calcium





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"Uncontaminated water is essential for good health," Shute said. "Foul-smelling or unusual odors from your water should make you question your water's quality and safety."

Many families throughout Central New York use well water as a source of drinking water and for all its household needs. Unfortunately, water containing hydrogen sulfide gas has a distinctive "rotten egg" odor which is especially noticeable when running hot water.

Shute said the danger lies in a gradual chemical reaction

 $\hbox{``Hydrogen sulfide gas will corrode plumbing metals such as iron, steel,}\\$ copper and brass, and the exposed metal parts in appliances such as dishwashers and washing machines" Shute said. "Also, corrosion of iron and steel pipes from ferrous sulfide, or 'black water,' that can darken everyday tableware, discolor copper and brass utensils and alter the appearance and taste of cooked foods."

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SMALL TOWN BOYS WITH BIG CITY ASPIRATIONS

from right here in Cortland. What started as a fun duo between singer, Nick Stark, and drummer, Aaron Craig, quickly

snowballed into a serious project gaining a lot of momentum Stark and Craig, a pair of cousins, tried to plan the next step, as bookings and show became in much higher demand. They brought in the services of bass player, Michael Marcey, and lead guitarist/singer, Rocco Rich. Once the group got together, they developed a style that hadn't been seen in upstate New York, featuring dueling lead vocals, tight harmonies, and really driving blend of country and rock.

"We don't just want to be a cover band", stated Stark in a recent interview. "We take pride in actually writing our own material, and not just regurgitating the exact things you hear on the radio." Apparently the Syracuse Area Music Awards (SAMMYS) agreed, with the group winning two awards in 2017 for "Best Country" and "People's Choice for Best Band", and also winning "Breakthrough Modern Country Band" in 2016 and "Entertainer of the Year (Band) in 2017 for the Josie Music Awards based out of Chicago, IL. "It was awesome to score some hardware for our hard work. It sort of validates what you do," said Craig. He followed up by saying "We work our tails off writing, but also a big thank you goes out to our producer and co-writer Lonnie Park. Without him, we'd really be missing some key components to our songs"

The group has shared the stage with many big country stars including Old Dominion, Tyler Farr, Parmalee, and Granger Smith just to name a few, and they have a full plate coming in the summer of 2018. In between working on their full-length album that will be coming out at summer's end, you can catch the guys all over central New York. Check them out online at www.smalltownshade.net and also follow them on Facebook and Instagram. They just released a new single "Gasoline", available in all major digital marketplaces.





CREATURE FEATURE THE RED FOX

N ADULT RED FOX AVERAGES 8-15 pounds and is typically $m{A}$ 48-57" long, but its trademark brushy tail makes up nearly half of that length. Its orange coat is usually more vibrant in the winter time. Like a house cat, its pupils are vertically oriented. A male fox is called a "dog," and the female is a "vixen." They keep a year-round territory and mate for life. Offspring are called "kits" and are born blind and helpless. Both parents care for, and are notably patient with, their young. Primarily nocturnal, you may see red foxes in the daytime, as they hunt to meet the demands of hungry kits. Common prey includes mice, squirrels, woodchucks, rabbits and ground nesting birds and their eggs, as well as amphibians, reptiles and fruit. "Mousing" is a characteristic hunting behavior whereby the fox freezes in place, keenly focused on a tiny sound or movement in the grass or snow. Suddenly, it leaps straight up, and then pounces down upon its prey. Mischievous and playful, red foxes will toss around balls on golf courses and frolic much like dogs. While it is not normal behavior for them to approach people or pets, there have been documented accounts of quirky friendships struck up between foxes and other species, including dogs and cats. The average lifespan of a red fox in the wild is only a few years. Natural predators include bobcats and coyotes; but domestic dogs also kill foxes, as do humans through hunting, trapping, the fur trade and collisions with cars. Unfortunately, red foxes are susceptible to parasitic mange, distemper and rabies.

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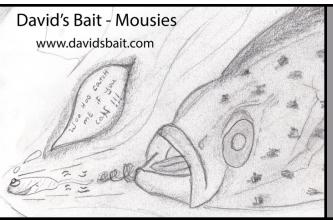
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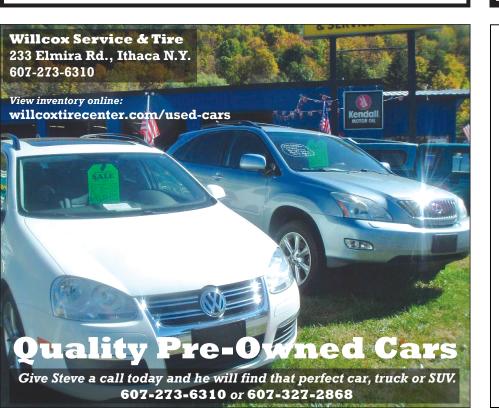
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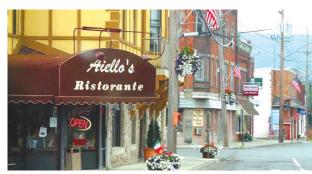
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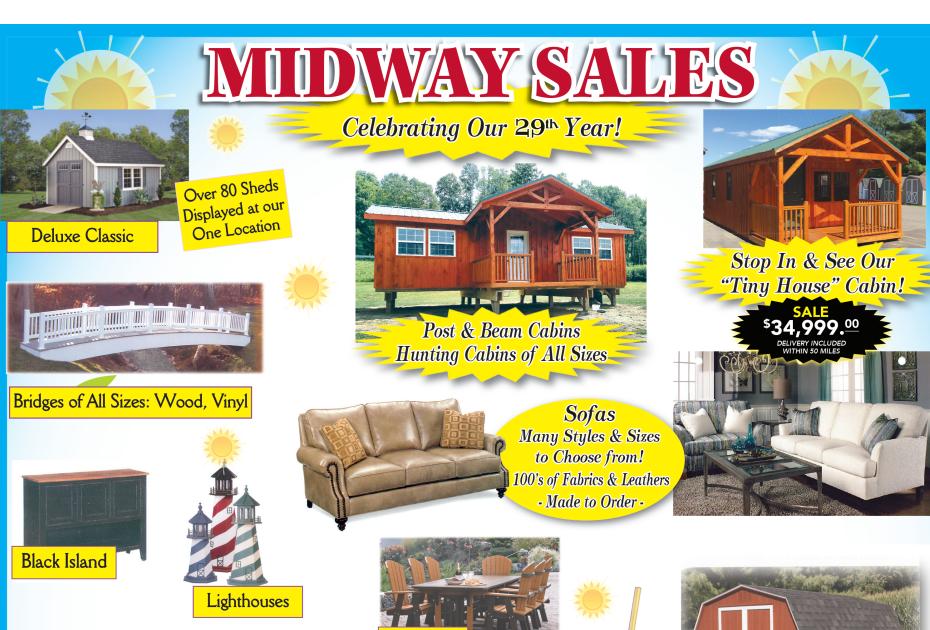


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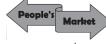
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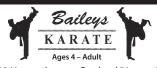
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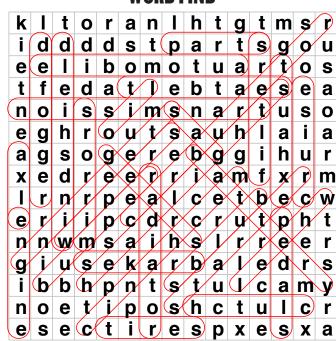
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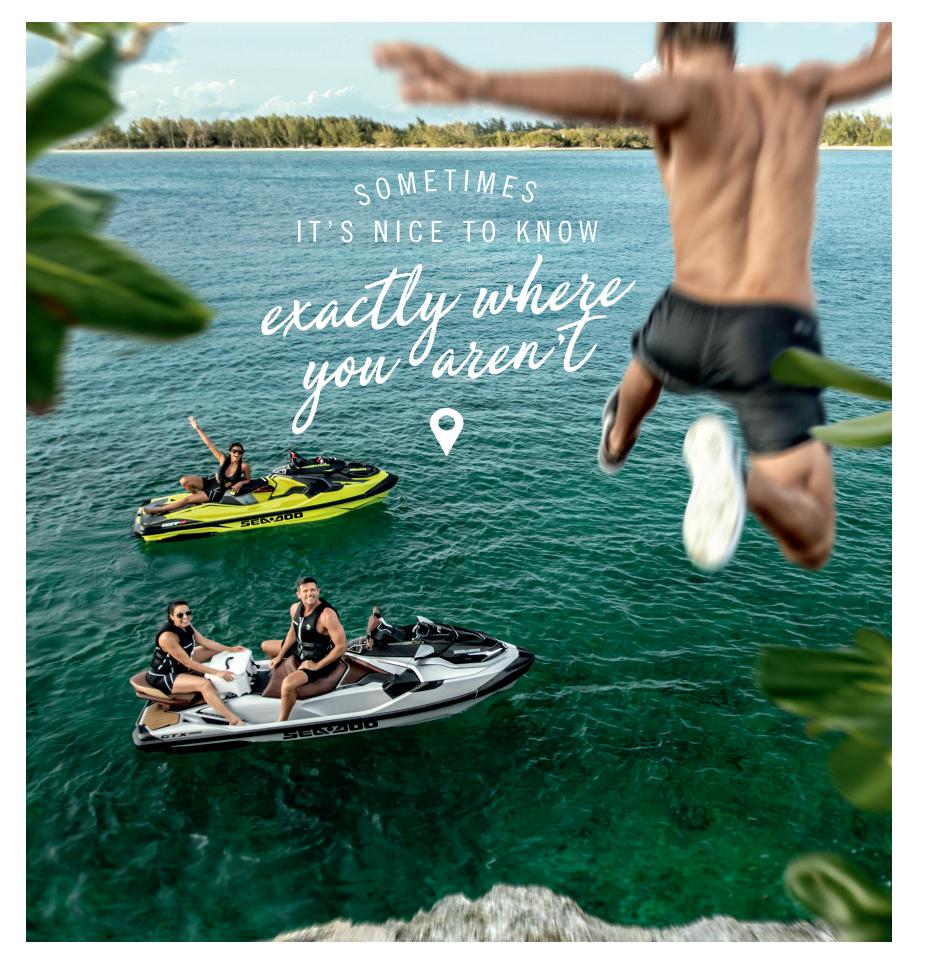
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