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- 4. What Christmas-themed ballet premiered in Saint Petersburg, Russia in 1892?

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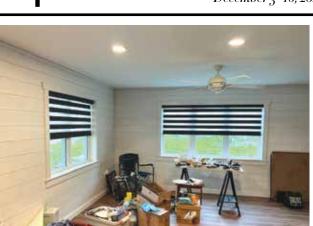
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Get into the spirit of the season at The Cinnamon Apple Cottage, an easy drive from almost anywhere, on Luker Road in Cortland! We look forward to seeing you during this holiday season! If you have questions, please call us at (607) 749-3130! Thank you!



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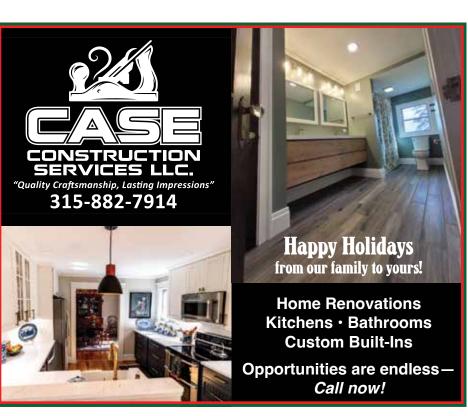
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Join us for our final Annual Live Nativity Benefit as owners of Reakes Country Goods at 4107 Rt 13, Truxton. This event shares contributions with a chosen local family and the community. With the gathering of nativity participants, animals, music, food (Hot dogs, Chili, Cookies) to enjoy, the Christmas Spirit is awaiting you.

Every twenty minutes a new group of characters, young and old, exchange provided robes, wings, shepherd staffs and baby Jesus. We so appreciate the folks that have done this for years, but there is always room for anyone or any group that would like to join a sitting (no lines spoken). Call Kay (607-842-6322) to sign up for a time to be in the casual nativity cast. It's a fun memory to make with family and friends whether in the cast or just observing.

We hope you take time for the road less traveled and stop out to our farm market. As we prepare for next spring's plant season, we have been blessed by Trinity Valley's work as next owners, to enjoy a new green house in progress and beautiful new Red paint job. You might be surprised to find a treasure here on the front porch, produce, gift or antique shop. We so appreciate those who still shop Small Town USA!

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THE HOLIDAY SEASON ARRIVES WITH twinkle lights, family traditions, and a calendar that fills faster than we expect. It is a joyful time, yet for many of us it can also be overwhelming. Between shopping, gatherings, travel, and trying to make everything magical for the people we love, we often forget one very important thing. Ourselves.

As a skin therapist and a new mom, I am reminded daily that our skin often reflects what we are carrying inside. Stress, lack of sleep, busy schedules, and winter weather all take a toll. This season, I hope you give yourself permission to slow down and breathe. Sip something warm, sit under your cozy blanket, light your favorite candle, and let your nervous system soften. Your skin will thank you for it.

This is also the perfect time to return to simple rituals that support both skin health and emotional well being. Drink your water, cleanse gently at night, moisturize often, and do not skip your SPF even on cloudy days. Most importantly, try not to chase perfection. Holiday movie skin is filmed under studio lights and filters. Real skin has texture, lines, pores, and stories.

As we celebrate, let us remember the heart of the season. Connection, gratitude, and love. When you show kindness to yourself first, you bring more presence and peace into every room you enter.

Wishing you a calm, glowing, joy filled holiday season. You



CREATURE FEATURE MEET THE RAVEN

Whenever I hear the deep, rollicking croak of ravens flying overhead, I always stop what I'm doing to watch, because often as not, they will be engaged in some sort of aerial monkeyshines. Ravens are acrobats on the wing, frequently performing barrel rolls and somersaults in mid-air, seemingly just for the fun of it. One bird was observed flying upside down for over a mile! Yes, without a doubt, ravens are playful, mischievous birds. They engage in mock duels using twigs and will brashly nip at the rumps of bears and coyotes. Native Americans were also captivated by ravens, which they often portrayed as clever tricksters in cultural lore.

Ravens are larger and bulkier than crows, with a thicker bill and shaggy throat feathers. In flight, their tail is wedge-shaped, versus the flatter tail found on crows. Like their corvid cousins, ravens are highly intelligent birds that can problem solve, use tools, and grasp the concept of cause and effect. For centuries, they shadowed our wagons and sleds in hopes of scoring food. One study found that during hunting season, some ravens are attracted by gunshots, having made the connection between the crack of a rifle and an animal carcass (one example of why sporting lead-free is critical to protecting wildlife). Ravens also mimic the calls of other

birds, and those raised in captivity can even imitate human words.

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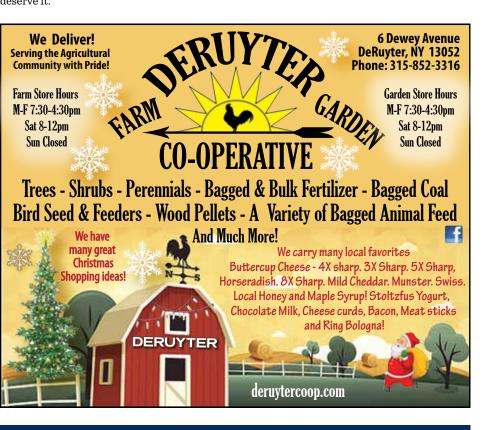
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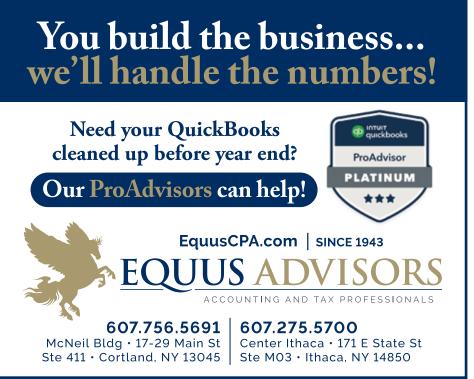
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CORTLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRIVIA DID YOU KNOW?

 $By\ Tabitha\ Scoville,\ CCHS\ Director$

ID YOU KNOW THAT THERE is a hand carved replica of the electric chair from the Auburn State Prison here in Cortland County? While the horrific backstory occurred in neighboring Tompkins County, it is Cortland County that holds this interesting artifact.

In 1888, in the town of Podunk, Richard Barber was arrested for the murder of Ann Mason. A friend of the Mason family as well as a fellow immigrant from England, Barber had stopped by the farm of Richard and Ann Mason on the evening of March 16. At first things seemed fine, Richard Mason offered his friend Richard Barber some apples while they talked, and Mason extended the offer of a place to sleep that night as well. Ann Mason had already retired to bed before Barber arrived. Mason went to retrieve more apples, and when he returned to the room and walked past Barber, Barber hit him several times in the head from behind with an unknown object. Things escalated from there. Barber entered the room where Ann was sleeping and clubbed her until she stopped making any noise. He then set the house on fire and left, leaving his friend Richard Mason to burn to death. Mason was able to crawl from the house where neighbors found him, but the house burned to the ground with Ann within.

A trial was held, and experts were brought in to testify that Barber, and multiple people in his family, had epilepsy which made them prone to violent attacks. Barber experienced violent epileptic episodes until he was nine, after which time, the episodes stopped. After more than eighteen hours of deliberation, a jury found Richard Barber guilty of firstdegree murder and he was sentenced to execution, but an appeal allowed him to plead to second-degree murder for which he was sentenced to life imprisonment instead.

While serving his sentence in the Auburn State Prison, Barber carved an ornate replica of the electric chair there and gave it to his Ithaca attorney, George B. Davis. He was

grateful that his life had been spared. Richard Barber was a model prisoner, and after serving twenty years of his life sentence, he was able to apply to the Board of Parole for release. After his release, he worked for twenty-five years as a full-time gardener for a wealthy couple. He died at 78 and is buried in Jamestown.

The chair was passed from George B. Davis to Rowland L. Davis, Supreme Court Justice in Cortland and then to Cortland attorney Edmund J. Hoffman, Sr., and finally to Cortland County Judge Charles J. Mullen. After his retirement, Mullen gave the chair to the Cortland County Bar Association, and it was displayed in the law library of the Cortland County Courthouse. Recently it was moved to the Cortland County Clerk's Office where it can be seen during regular business hours.



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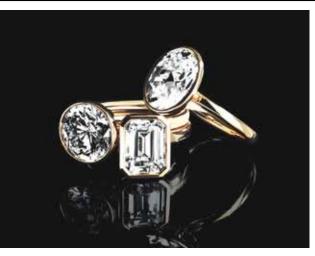
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- 4 oz ruby or white chocolate for drizzling
- 4 oz dark chocolate for drizzling
- Optional: nuts. cocoa nibs. mini marshmallows, edible glitter, gold leaf
- 1. Prep Pan: Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper.
- 2. Dark Layer: Melt the dark chocolate with 1 tsp of coconut oil. Spread it into a rectangle and chill for 5 minutes, just until it feels tacky.
- Milk Layer: Melt the milk chocolate with 1 tsp of coconut oil. Stir in 1/2 cup of crushed cookies and 1/4 cup of peppermint. Spread it gently over the dark layer. Add optional nuts, marshmallows, or cocoa nibs. Chill for 10 minutes at least!!
- 4. White Layer: Melt the white chocolate with 1 tsp of coconut oil. Add a little peppermint extract. Spread it over the milk layer and top with the remaining crushed peppermint.
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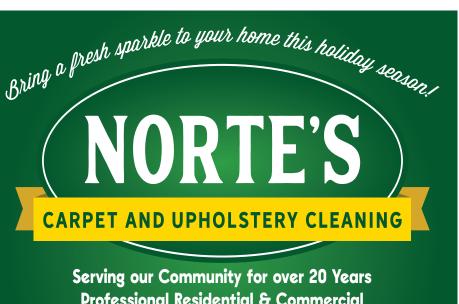
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#4 Wild Bird Feeding. Backyard bird feeding peaks during winter months and the holidays are the perfect time to give the gift of an extra special bird feeder that someone may not necessarily buy for themselves. Our assortment of top-end bird feeders and specialty glass and decorative hummingbird feeders are very popular items before Christmas.

#5 Power Tools. There are some amazing deals on batteryoperated, cordless power tools during the month December! Choose from special holiday sales on Milwaukee, Craftsman and Dewalt tools- Check out our latest sale circular to see the list of offers, and find just the right one to put under the tree!

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#7 Unique Stocking Stuffers. Looking for something a little different for a secret-santa gift, Teacher appreciation gift or stocking stuffer? Check out the unique novelty items we have from small children's toys, hand-lotions and soaps for Men and Women, treats from the Chocolate Pizza Company, specialty barbecue sauces and maple syrup, and small tools & flashlights that move every job a little easier!

#8 Treats for four-legged friends. The holiday season is a popular time for a new dog bed, special treats and bones, and fun cat toys & treats for the fur babies on your list!

#9 Gifts for Greenthumbs. We all have someone on our list that loves their garden or houseplants. The holiday season is a great time to put together a gift set that every greenthumb will love: A beautiful new flower pot, a new set of handtools, and a Nightingale gift card that will let them pick out flowers, hanging baskets or vegetable seedlings from the plant tent next spring!

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SUDOKU

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- 1. An old silk hat
- 2. Jack Frost
- 3. Tinsel
- 4. The Nutcracker

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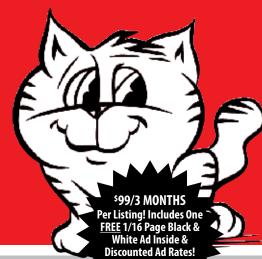
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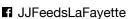
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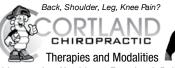


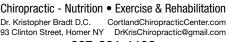
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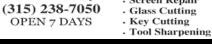
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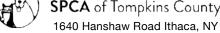
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