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December 7–20, 2022

WELCOME TO OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ISSUE

The Cortland Area Tribune, nicknamed The CAT is published and distributed every other Wednesday. Look for it at 100's of area businesses in Cortland, Dryden, Whitney Point, Groton, Homer, Marathon, Moravia, Ithaca, Tully & LaFayette. Here's some upcoming issues for you to look forward to!

December 21 – Happy New Year & Health/Fitness Issue

Deadline 12/16

January 11 – Cold Weather Car Care Issue

Deadline 1/6

January 25 - Bridal, Super Bowl & Tax Time Issue Deadline 1/20

February 8 – Valentine's Day Issue

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March 8 – Spring Antiques & St. Patrick's Day Issue Deadline 3/3

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BUMPER STICKER OF THE ISSUE NOBODY'S PERFECT-I'M A NOBODY

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TRIVIA QUESTIONS

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

(315) 406-4235 Darlene Garrison

Psychic Channeler & Reiki Master

1. How many ghosts show up in A Christmas Carol?

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The movie Miracle on 34th Street is based on a real-life department store. What is it?

3. What are the two other most popular names for Santa Claus?

4. What words follow "Silent Night" in the song?

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Truxton Fire Department 3741 NY-13 Truxton

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DRYDEN SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH December 12

The Dryden Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, December 12, 2022 at the Dryden Veterans Memorial Home, Route 13, Dryden. Lunch is served at 12:15p.m. with announcements and a meeting starting at 11:45 a.m. The menu will be a CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - Roast Pork, mashed potatoes,

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Join us and bring a friend!

FABIUS HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING DECEMBER 14

6PM

THE FABIUS HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL MEET AT THE FABIUS COMMUNITY CENTER (7786 Main St., Rt. 80). We will be having our annual pot luck supper. Bring a dish of food to share and your own tablesetting. Free and open to the public. Please join us.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA DECEMBER 18

2 PM

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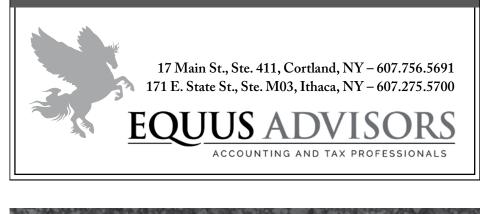
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They like warmer water, some people put them in with goldfish and goldfish like cold water thus the algae eater may die. Also do not put algae eaters in tanks that have no algae.

Yes, they do make algae wafers but not all algae eating fish like those. Wait til you see some algae growth in your tank, then add a fish that eats it.

Go easy on fish if you just set the tank up. Remember that good bacteria that eats the fish's urine takes awhile to grow. More times than not, too many fish too soon will lead to your fish dying.

For a new 10 gallon tank 3 small fish the first 5 weeks, 20 gal. tank 5 fish the first 5 weeks

30 gal. tank 7 fish the first 5 weeks, 55 gal. tank 8 fish the first 5 weeks.

Those 1 and 2 gallon tanks are very hard on fish, your best choice is a betta. They don't mind the smaller tanks, tropical fish need a heater and filter which is hard to get on a small desktop tank.

And finally when it comes to cichlids, there is no way of knowing if they will get along with other fish or even other cichlids. They tend to be aggressive and do best in a bigger tank.



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December 17

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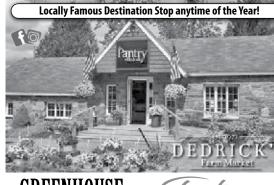
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Ron and Mary Stanley and everyone at Ron's Body & Paint wish their friends, family and loyal customers a Safe and Happy Holiday!





CORTLAND COUNTY TRIVIA FROM THE CORTLAND COUNTY **HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

TN THE LAST ISSUE OF the CAT, we asked if you knew the name of the ski center which was located in Solon. It was called Intermont, and its design was unusual in that the ski lodge was at the top of the mountain instead of the bottom. Information is sparse but if newspaper articles are correct, Intermont opened in 1966 and lasted into sometime in the 1980s.

In real estate literature, many positive points were made, including the prospect of creating snowmobile trails and developing the resort into a winter destination that included ice skating, horseback riding, and cross-country skiing. A 20 room lodge designed as a Swiss chalet could sleep 100 people (and feed more than that), and included a game room, coffee house, and bar. The expert trail was 5,300 feet, and there was a 140-chair operating lift along with two T-bars. Parking could accommodate 100 cars. The property never ended up being developed further, though remnants of the ski resort remain there today.

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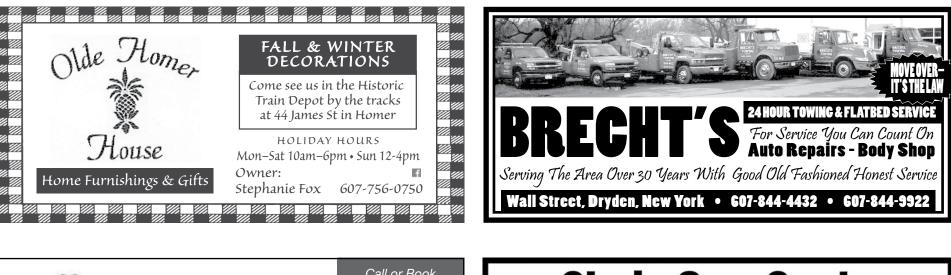
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On Saturday, December 10th, CRT presents a HOLIDAY BROADWAY BRUNCH, a fundraiser hosted by the CRT Board of Directors. Starting at 11:00A, a delicious buffet brunch will be offered, catered by M&D Deli. Silent auction baskets and wine grab bags will be available, followed by a one-hour concert by CRT favorites Todd Meredith and the Rave-Ons. Tickets are \$100.00 per table of four, including the meal and concert. A beer and wine cash bar will be available, featuring specialty holiday drinks created by our CRT bartenders.

Todd Meredith and THE RAVE-ONS will also perform a full concert that evening, December 10th at 7:30P, and on Sunday, December 11th at 2:00P. This group has long been a favorite

of CRT's audiences and performs a high energy concert featuring great songs by Buddy Holly and other young rockers of the 1950s generation. Tickets are \$35.00 for adults; \$120.00 for a group of four; \$25.00 for under 21s.

On Thursday, December 15th, CRT hosts their final THIRD THURSDAY TRIVIA of 2022 starting at 7:00P. All ages are welcome to these mini fundraisers, hosted by CRT Producing Artistic Director Kerby Thompson. Admission is \$5.00, with up to 4 people per team. Tickets are sold at the door, and a beer/wine cash bar will be available. This month's theme will center around the holiday season.

The Traveling Lantern Children's Theatre Company returns on Saturday, December 17th at 11:00A with their uniquely entertaining version of THE STORY OF EBENEZER SCROOGE. Sponsored with support from the Ralph R. Wilkins Foundation, this fun and funny 45-minute Dickens classic is reimagined with just two actors and participation from the audience. General admission is \$5.00 with kids under 12 free.

CRT ends 2022 with their final event of the year, the 6th annual DANCIN' THRU THE DECADES NEW YEAR'S EVE COMMUNITY DANCE. On New Year's Eve, patrons are invited to celebrate the new year by dancing to the greatest hits from the 1960s thru today while having a front row look at the New Year's events in downtown Cortland, including fireworks and the ball-drop at the clocktower. Beer and wine cash bar will be available. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance, \$15.00 at the door, kids under 12 are free.

For more information or to purchase tickets to any of these events, please visit CortlandRep.org or call 800-427-6160. Tickets are also available in person at 24 Port Watson Street, Cortland. Winter box office hours are Mon-Fri 9:00A-4:00P, and on Saturdays from noon through closing when a performance is scheduled for that evening.



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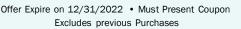
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EONARD'S CLEANING SUPPLIES IS A locally owned vacuum and janitorial supply store located at 211 Elmira Road in Ithaca. The store has been in business for over 50 years, although it recently changed ownership. Edward Brewer, Jr and Kristopher Buchan are the new proprietors.

Leonard's carries a wide range of residential and commercial vacuums, shampooers, and buffers. Miele, US-made Riccar, Hoover, Oreck, Titan, Windsor and Dirt Devil are just some of the brands that they carry. British-made Henry vacuums are coming soon.

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A recent addition to the stock is Lionel O-scale trains and car and truck models and supplies. Stop in and see the in-store $model\,train\,layout\,and\,start\,your\,holiday\,shopping\,early!\,Also,$ be sure to check out the vacuum museum where you'll even find a 1904 manually operated vacuum.

Leonard's is located at 211 Elmira Road, next to Pudgie's Pizza in Ithaca. They are open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8AM to 4:30PM, open until 6PM on Thursday. Saturday they are open from 9AM to 5PM. You can find them on Facebook or call 607-272-3434.



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CREATURE FEATURE "SNOWBIRD"

The dark-eyed junco, or "snowbird" is a wee sprite, 上 measuring just five inches long, including its tail. Like winter's palette, its somber plumage is the color of storm clouds above, and snow below. Each fall, the junco arrives to our backyards from its far-north breeding grounds. While hard to imagine, this bird - along with the snow bunting, horned lark, tree sparrow and snowy owl - finds our region a hospitable place to spend the winter.

Truly, the junco seems intertwined with winter, perhaps even defining its onset, at least in a whimsical way. Old folklore claims that within six weeks of the little bird's first arrival, measurable snow will fall. Furthermore, some naturalists observe that the junco is more likely to patronize feeders on snowy days, while other folks quip that "JUNCO" is simply an acronym for "Just Until Nicer Conditions Occur." I think American poet, Frank Sweet, captured the junco's wintry essence best in his enchanting prose:

> "Which came first, the birds or the snow? Or was it together they fluttered down?

> The spirits in white, who seem to know. And talk with the spirits in drab and brown?

> And which are the merriest ones at play? The flakes which dance to the tune of the breeze,

or the birds which flutter and fly away, and chatter and call from the nodding trees?"

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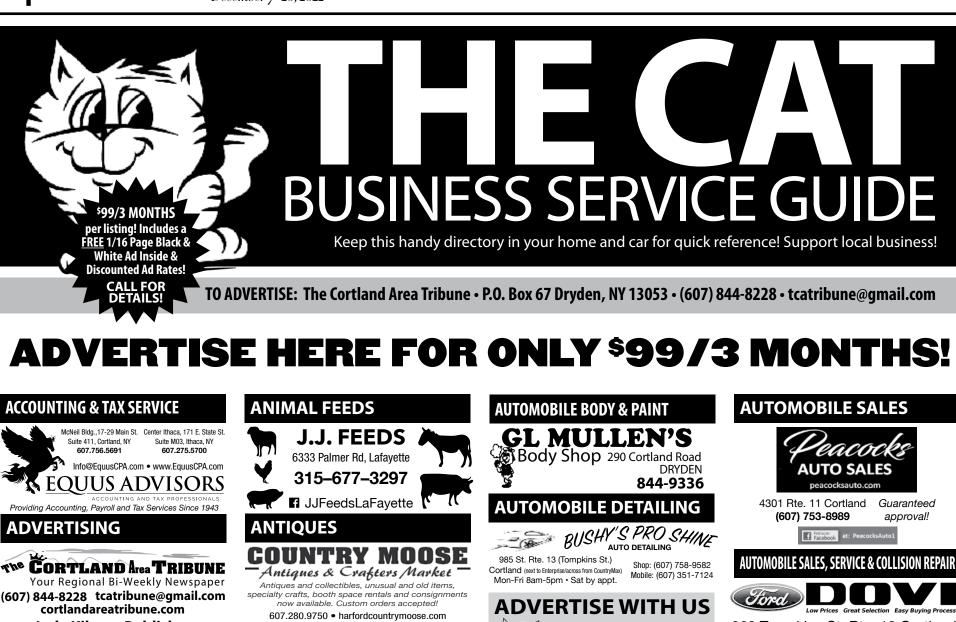
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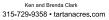
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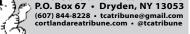
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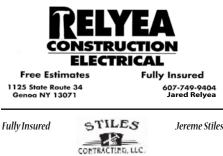
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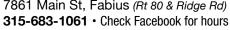


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