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September 13 – Fall Bridal & The Cortland Area Tribune's 21st Anniversary Issue

Deadline 9/8

September 27 – Get Ready for Fall, Fall Antiques, Columbus Day & Fire Prevention Week Issue

PLUS Fall & Winter Travel Guide

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October 11 – Fall/Winter Car Care & Halloween Issue

Deadline 10/6

October 25 – Restaurant Guide/Catering & Pre-Thanksgiving Issue

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PLUS Last Minute Gift Guide Insert

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CORTLAND COUNTY TRIVIA FROM THE CORTLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

IN THE LAST ISSUE OF the CAT, we asked you if you knew what year the fountain was added to Courthouse Park in Cortland. The fountain in Courthouse Park was installed in 1986 at a cost of \$37,500. The idea of adding a fountain to the park was floated for more than a decade before it came to fruition. The Cortland Beautification Council and the Bicentennial Committee proposed a new fountain in Courthouse Park that would pay homage to the original fountain that graced the grounds of the Cortland Normal School. The Normal School occupied the space where the Cortland County Courthouse stands today, and the original fountain was likely built in 1867 when the school was constructed.

The proposed new fountain was designed by Cortland architect Carl H. Wendt and reflected the hills and valleys of Cortland County in its graceful design. Streams of water were to rise 10-12 feet above the base which was to be made of natural native stone.

Fundraising efforts fell short, and the project remained in limbo until an anonymous donation of \$10,600 reinvigorated the discussion. Efforts to find additional information to detail the journey from this large donation to completion of the fountain project were unsuccessful. We would be happy to learn more if you have additional documentation of the construction of this popular water feature in downtown Cortland. Please be sure to drop us a note at info@cortlandhistory.org if you would like to share information.

Do you know what group of Cortland siblings worked in vaudeville together?



VARNA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY CELEBRATES ITS 70TH YEAR

By Jaxyn Boyce

THE VARNa VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY celebrates its 70th year, being established in 1953. The fire department covers or assists other areas like; Ellis Hollow, the Hamlet of Varna, and nearby communities. These dedicated firefighters are often the first on the scene with an approximate response time of five to ten minutes.

Varna first responders provide both interior and exterior fire rescue. Similarly, they provide Basic Life Support (BLS), along with any medical assistance resulting from non-fire-related calls. An example of this would be a car accident. Other services include; roadway assistance, hazardous material calls, meaning smoke or gas, and flooding support using pumps to remove excess water. Search and rescue can happen during a fire or a nature-related incident.

Most volunteers are New York State Emergency Medical Service (EMS) accredited and all members have more training than the minimum Federal Emergency Management Agency training. There are educational opportunities open to the public such as; CPR, First Aid, and BLS certification. In the past, this company has participated in a citizen preparedness

course to educate how to respond during an emergency. Also, there is an annual open house open to the public where they can learn more about the hardworking members who serve to protect the community. Recently, this department was awarded \$121,000 to purchase new equipment, and funded by FEMA. Varna Fire Department is in constant need of support to upkeep the quality they provide to locals.

As an outreach program for future firefighters, they help support the Dryden Summer Fire Academy Camp. Their purpose is to educate the public and possibly provide the information that may help save a life. However, there is also a dunk tank event that occurs in Ellis Hollow. These devoted firefighters have saved and continue to save its residents for over 70 years. The Varna Volunteer Fire Company is located at 14 Turkey Hill Road. For more information, their website is varnafire.org, and their Facebook page is listed as Varna Volunteer Fire Co. They can also be reached at the number (607) 273-2407.

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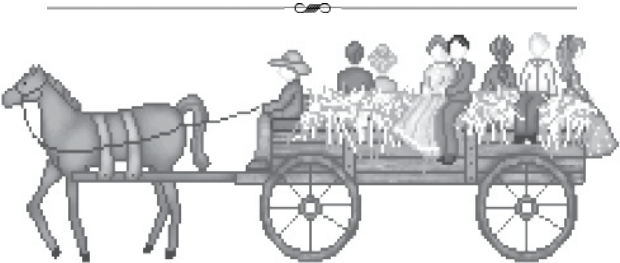
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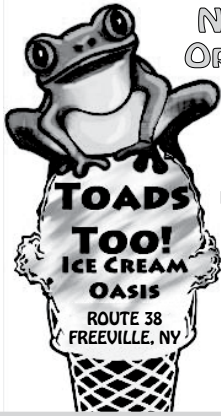
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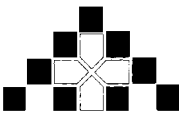
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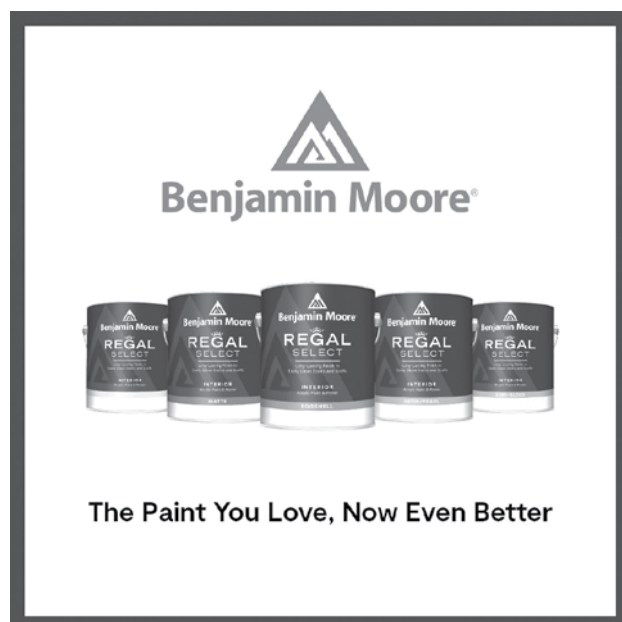
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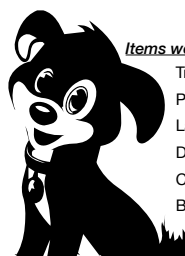
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every day, except Sunday. To learn more, the Facebook page is listed as the McBride, Bacon & Company LLC. For other information, they can be reached at (607) 591-1306, or (607) 345-1030. McBride, Bacon and Company is committed to helping out, and are the new sheriffs in town for all demolition and excavation needs.

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Shute was then joined by his sons, Mark, Neil and Scott. Howard 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 and magnesium, which as "hard" substances, form scale and create problems in water heaters, dish washers and plumbing systems.

Water purification can include the removal of iron, sulfur, chlorine and bacteria in a chemical-free process. Softening the water is also important and has many benefits, not only for family members, but for plumbing systems and appliances too.

"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

"Hydrogen sulfide gas will corrode plumbing metals such as iron, steel, copper and brass, and the exposed metal parts in appliances such as dish washers 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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After everything is planted and tended for a few weeks, the long hot and sometimes dry days of summer lull us into taking for granted the lush foliage and the colorful flowers that inspire us in spring. The busy activities of summer entice us into forgetting the hard work put into all those beautiful plants that we took home in May.

In August we notice things are beginning to change. Some of the leaves of our plants are not as bright and lush as they were when we

brought them home. Even the trees on the hillsides have a different cast to the leaves. We are woefully reminded that winter is coming and it's time to stop focusing on our gardens.

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1. The roots are preparing for winter, storing energy and gaining strength to support the new growth that will inspire us in the coming spring. Fall plantings gain almost a full season of root growth and prepare the plant to withstand the hot, dry conditions of the coming summer. Spring plantings require



the plant to spend its first 6-8 weeks just concentrating on developing that root system.

2. The air is cooler in the fall yet the soil temps are still very warm encouraging that root growth. The roots continue to grow as long as the soil is not frozen and in some years that's well into January.
3. And where did all the insects go? Fall is ordinarily a time when there are very few insects stressing the plant. They are also preparing for winter. FALL garden cleanup is extremely important to help prevent insects the next season.
4. Fall ordinarily brings natural rains, lessening your burden to water. Pay close attention to newly planted evergreens. They prefer to go into winter with enough moisture to sustain their leaves during the winter months.
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PUZZLES



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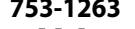


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Despite its familiarity, Queen Anne’s Lace is not native to North America but to Afghanistan and adjacent regions where it spread to parts of Europe. European settlers then brought the plant to North America for use as a medicinal herb. Historically, it’s been used in traditional Chinese medicine and by different Native American tribes, and was also used to treat wounded soldiers during the Civil War. Today, herbalists still use teas, extractions, and infusions made from various parts of the plant. However, using Queen Anne’s Lace without proper knowledge can be dangerous. Allergic reactions like blisters and dermatitis have been reported. Also, the plant looks similar to other members of the carrot family that are highly toxic, including Poison Hemlock and Water Hemlock, which can cause paralysis and death.

Legends differ as to how this wildflower got its regal name. One traces the moniker back to Saint Anne, the maternal grandmother of Jesus and the patron saint of lace-makers. Another points to Britain’s Queen Anne [1574 – 1619] who often wore lacy medallion patterns reminiscent of its showy blooms. Supposedly, during the 18th century, Queen Anne II challenged her ladies-in-waiting to tat pieces of lace more exquisite than the flower – but none could match the Beauty of Mother Nature’s original.

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