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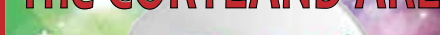
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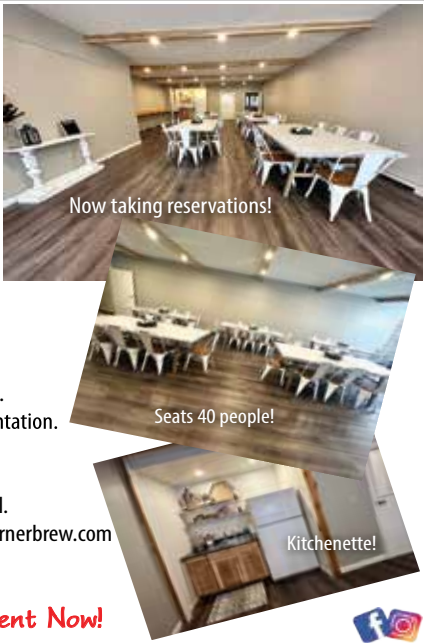
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The Cortland Area Tribune, nicknamed The CAT is published and distributed every other Wednesday. Look for it at 100’s of area businesses in Cortland, Dryden, Whitney Point, Groton, Homer, Marathon, Moravia, Ithaca, Tully & LaFayette. Here’s some upcoming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

- September 23 – Get Ready for Fall, Fall Antiques, Thank You Fire Fighters/Fire Prevention Week

Deadline 9/18
- October 7 – Fall/Winter Car Care & Halloween *PLUS* Fall & Winter Travel Guide

Deadline 10/2
- October 21 – Restaurant & Catering Guide

Deadline 10/16
- November 4 – Pre-Thanksgiving & Black Friday

Deadline 10/30
- November 18 – Thanksgiving, Black Friday & Get Ready for Winter *PLUS* Last Minute Gift Guide Insert

Deadline 11/13
- December 2 – Christmas

Deadline 11/27
- December 16 – Merry Christmas, Happy New Year & Health/Fitness

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2. What does a wedding veil traditionally symbolize?
3. Which flower is commonly associated with weddings?
4. Which gemstone is traditionally associated with engagement rings?

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Autumn Grilling

Cooler, crisp fall days are perfect for long slow cooks on the smoker or pre-game cookouts on the grill. Check out Nightingale’s wide selection of Traeger, Weber, and Blackstone grills and accessories. You’ll also find some delicious seasonings, rubs and sauces- from Meat Church, BluesHog, Treager, Kosmos, Meat Mitch and more!

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Stop in and let Nightingale’s friendly staff help you tackle all your Fall projects! Located in the Village Plaza, next to the Tully Post Office. Nightingale’s is open seven days a week. Monday– Friday 8am-7pm, Saturday 8am–6pm, Sunday 8am-5pm.



KELLY DAVIS EVENTS MORE THAN THE MUSIC: 30 YEARS OF MAKING MOMENTS

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ASK ANYONE WHAT THEY REMEMBER most about a great wedding reception, and chances are they will talk about how it *felt*. The packed dance floor. The song that brought everyone running from their tables. The moment three generations of a family found themselves dancing together. Those moments may look effortless, but creating them takes more than a great playlist.

For Kelly Davis, it all started 30 years ago with school dances. What began as a love of music and entertaining a crowd has grown into Kelly Davis Events, with more than 2,000



weddings and customized events of all kinds throughout Central New York and beyond.

Over three decades, Kelly has learned that no two celebrations, and no two crowds, are ever quite the same. A great DJ needs to know how to read a room, recognize when the energy is changing, and understand when to guide the celebration and when to simply let a great moment happen.

That experience begins long before the first song plays.

Kelly works with couples to understand not only the music they love, but the atmosphere they want to create. Some envision a dance floor that stays packed all night. Others want a celebration that brings generations together, mixing longtime favorites with the songs defining their lives right now. The goal is not to make a wedding fit a formula. It is to make the experience fit the couple.

That same philosophy is behind the customizable packages offered by Kelly Davis Events, with options including reception DJ services, ceremony sound, uplighting and the crowd-favorite photo booth to help enhance and capture the memories. Couples can create an entertainment experience that reflects their celebration, their priorities, and their personality.

Thirty years after those first school dances, technology has changed. The music has changed. Wedding trends have certainly changed. The thing that motivates Kelly, however, has not. Whether he is entertaining hundreds of guests at a celebration or spending time with the friends and family closest to him, there is one thing that has always mattered to him: **making people smile.**

It is a simple philosophy, but one that has shaped both the person he is and the business he has built. Listen to people. Learn what matters to them. Create moments of joy. Make sure everyone has a great time.

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CREATURE FEATURE

THE LEGEND OF THE FIRE FOX

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An Old World Estonian legend tells that when humpback whales frolicked and played in the ocean, their dancing bodies were reflected into the night sky, creating the aurora. The Menominee, a Native American tribe of the Wisconsin region, believed the northern lights were flaming torches carried by malevolent giants as they speared fish at night. My favorite explanation, however, is the legend of Tulikettu, which brings to mind the most beautiful, magical imagery.

In the Lapland region of Finland, where winter rules for over half the year, Tulikettu was a giant red fox whose flaming tail illuminated the dark, snowy woods. As Tulikettu ran swiftly through the frozen forest, his fiery fur gave off sparks that flew into the sky and became the northern lights. Tulikettu is also called the Fire Fox. It's a perfectly fitting name, as the Finnish word for the aurora — *“revontulet”* — literally means “fox’s fires.”

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LET'S TALK WEDDING FLOWERS! FLOWERS are the most important part of your wedding. Yes, I said it! Flowers create a happy and relaxed atmosphere during the ceremony and ensure everyone is ready to celebrate at the reception. Throughout history there has always been flowers at weddings. From bundles of herbs for protection and to symbolize fertility in ancient Rome. A custom began in 14th-century France where guests would try to grab a piece of the bride's dress for good luck, leading brides to toss their bouquets as a diversion, with the hope of passing the good fortune along.

Darlene's Flowers have been in the florist industry for over 30 years and has always created wedding bouquets with the utmost care and love giving couples beautiful memories on the best day of their lives.

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I remember making a unique Star Wars theme floral arrangement for a bride and her bridesmaids. They supplied 3D light sabers for the handle, and I arranged dendrobium orchids and beargrass. With Darlene's Flowers, you will always have a one-of-a-kind handmade arrangement, from bouquets and boutonnieres to table arrangements and more.

This is a beautiful time of year to get married; the fall foliage is so gorgeous for today's

weddings. I've designed for outdoor weddings in upstate New York with the fall foliage as a backdrop and all the bouquets white roses with babies' breath. Couples have the freedom to personalize their ceremony and reception with their unique style and taste.

Darlene's Flowers travels all over upstate New York and Northern PA setting up and delivering floral designs. We just had a wedding in Corning, NY at The Gathering at Bailey Creek. What a beautiful place.

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Mums

Valley View Gardens and **The Cinnamon Apple Cottage** are a must see for your Fall Landscaping and Home Decorating projects! Gorgeous mums are here and we are stocked with a wonderful selection of Ornamental Trees, Shrubs and perennials! Our shade trees are gorgeous! Flowering Hydrangeas like “Limelight” “and “Pinky Winky” are in flower and will make lovely dried flower arrangements to decorate inside your home all fall and winter long! Many perennials and Ornamental grasses are in full flush - favorites for their late summer and early fall blossoms!

Landscaping

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The fall is a perfect time to landscape your home! The cool fall season, followed by a gentle spring season will guarantee your plants become established by next summer. Valley View Gardens can assist to help increase the value of your home with an eye-catching landscape design and installation. We have been providing professional landscaping service and quality plant material in the Central New York area for 30 years. Your satisfaction is our standard.



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If you prefer to do-it-yourself, Valley View Gardens has a wide selection of trees, plants, and shrubs to meet all of you landscape needs and the expertise to guide you along the way. Our selection is quite diverse, ranging from a variety of shrubbery, Topiaries, Maples, Oaks, Weeping Ornamental Trees, Fruit Trees and for a splash of color, you can add Ornamental Grasses, Hosta, Daylilies, Perennials, Mums, Ornamental Cabbage and Kale!

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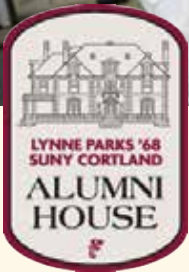
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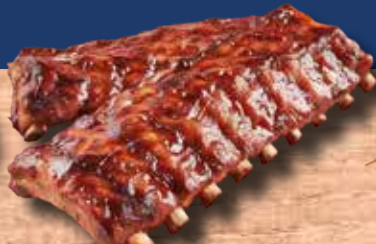
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Come and enjoy the Richford Potato Festival, throughout the town, and be sure to stop by the Country Moose and see what fabulous additions that have come in each day. Craft and other vendors will also be occupying space at the Country Moose and Richford Plaza during the day.

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- 10 large apples, quartered
- Water, to cover
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon ground allspice
- 1 Teaspoon nutmeg
- Dash of clove
- 2 Star Anise

1. Place apples in a large stockpot; cover with water by at least 2 inches. Stir in sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, clove, star anise (whole), and allspice. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat.

2. Boil, uncovered, for 1 hour. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer for 2 hours.

3. Strain apple mixture through a fine-mesh sieve; discard solids. Drain cider again through a cheesecloth-lined sieve.

4. Serve warm or refrigerate cider until cold.

Notes

There are several things you can add for variations, personally I enjoy adding honey for a bit of zing. I also love adding ginger beer for a delicious bubbly treat!



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CORTLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRIVIA

DID YOU KNOW?

By Tabitha Scoville, CCHS Director

DESPERATE TIMES CALL FOR DESPERATE measures, so they say, and during the grip of the Great Depression, people all over the United States were willing to do just about anything to stay afloat. Did you know that in 1934, an accidental discovery led to the arrest of two men for passing counterfeit money?

Our story begins in the Burgess Block on Cortland’s Main Street where a young Harold Burgess was tasked with turning off the radiators in the upper floor offices each night at 9pm to conserve heat. Each morning, he was required to reverse the process and turn them back on at 7am. One morning whilst on his rounds, he entered the office rented by attorney Charles W. Ellis, Jr. The shades were completely drawn, and when Burgess bent down to turn the radiator on, he noticed the long table was covered by newspapers held up by stacks of law books. Peeking beneath the newspapers, he saw what looked like paper currency covering the entire table!

His curiosity got the better of him, and he picked up one of the bills, taking it to the window for a better look. He raised the shade and saw it was a stained and wrinkled \$10 bill. He could tell it was counterfeit, so he put it back and went to tell his father. In his hurry, he forgot to pull the shade back down. That detail almost blew the sting that was hastily arranged to catch the perpetrators.

Saul H. Jalonack and Charles F. Bahrs had been paroled from Auburn State penitentiary and had been placed in the custody of attorney Charles Ellis. Jalonack had purchased a roll of counterfeit bills in New York City, and he and Bahrs had attempted to age the bills by soaking them in coffee and wrinkling them. They intended to come back to the office to retrieve the bills in the morning but noticed the shade was not completely drawn. After a few hours, Bahrs went back to the

office where he bundled the bills up and threw them out the window. The sheriff and his deputy were there to arrest the man, and everything began to unravel for the pair.

In the end, both Jalonack and Bahrs were charged with crimes relating to possession of and passing counterfeit money and served prison time. Perhaps the most astounding turn of events involved Charles Ellis, who was disbarred after a probe revealed his involvement in the counterfeit case!

33RD RICHFORD POTATO FESTIVAL

THIS YEAR FEATURES MANY RETURNING events such as vendor booths, basket raffles, children’s games, also the Cornell Raptor Program and balloon animals! New this year is a cake wheel! Also, we can’t forget the potato ice cream!! The Congregational Church has many potato related food items for your enjoyment. Come check out the fun on September 19th from 9AM to 3PM. The excitement can be found at the Graded schoolhouse, the Congregational Church, and various other locations around town! Be sure to share this info with your friends so that everyone can enjoy the fun!

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Sept. 12 Mountain Mashup – 100 Lap Enduro

Sept. 26 Mountain Madness – Modified, Sportsman, Sam Osborne Memorial \$1K to win – 600cc Modified Hustling the Highway Series, 4cyl Stock, Factory Stock

Oct. 30 Monster Bash Weekend – 600cc Modified Hustling the Highway Series, Ed Billings IMCA Memorial, 600 Sprints, Factory Stock, Open practice for Modified and Sportsman

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JUDY KILMER
Founder/Editor

The Cortland Area Tribune is published by me, Judy Kilmer. I live in Dryden with my husband John and our husky Ripp. John and I have been married 49 years and have 3 grown children, a 13 year old granddaughter and 5 year old grandson. I have been working in advertising for over 50 years! My first job in 1974 was at a pennysaver while I was studying Commercial Art at BOCES and still in high school. At the pennysaver I learned the basics for creating, selling newspaper ads and writing articles. After I graduated from high school – I left the Pennysaver and worked at an advertising agency for 10+ years then took some time off to raise our family. Once our children were in school, I started working in the advertising field again for a local newspaper and a few years later I realized I wanted to start my own paper. After I talked to folks about a need for an old fashioned community paper in the Cortland area, I was inspired to create a newspaper that featured articles about businesses that folks drive by every day. Plus offer free community events and do each issue with a “theme” to keep the paper interesting for my readers. The Cortland Area Tribune was launched in September 2002, providing local businesses with an affordable, attractive bi-weekly newspaper! Thank you to my loyal advertisers and thank you “my readers” for reading The Cortland Area Tribune in print and online! And a special thank you to my layout/graphic designer Dustin who has been laying out the paper for 20 years, graphic designer Nanci, independent sales consultant for 15 years, Martha and the rest of the crew that sells ads and writes articles. Thank you to McKayla, Jim, my husband John and my daughter Katelyn who delivers the papers covering 7 counties! All of you contribute to the success of The Cortland Area Tribune celebrating its 24th Anniversary!



JOHN KILMER

Hi—I’m Judy’s husband John. I have been helping Judy behind the scenes with the paper since 2002. I started delivering papers in 2020 and enjoy making sure the bins are full every other week. I deliver to Groton, Locke, Moravia and Lansing areas. When I’m not working on the paper I can be found mountain biking with our dog Ripp.



NANCI MCCRAINE

After working professionally as an advertising retailer with Judy (and the Tribune) since the early 1990’s, Nanci joined the Tribune as a marketing/sales consultant and ad designer. Nanci has lived and worked in the Cortland-Homer-Ithaca region for years. She graduated from Homer High School and TC3. She has traveled extensively in the lower 48 states, Canada, Alaska and Britain. She enjoys photography, traveling, motorcycling, gardening, trains, airplanes, bagpipes, animals, hiking outdoors, and birding. She is a stock photographer with a site at nancimccrainephotography.com. She has experience with retail, event planning, graphic design, photography, and marketing. For years she coordinated the local Home Builder Show, was an event coordinator for nonprofit organizations such as the Cortland Celtic Festival, Home Builder Association, plus many local restaurants and area businesses. She resides in Freeville and works full time as a paraprofessional. Her art background allows her to create and design her client ads quickly and efficiently, and she looks forward to meeting the challenges of new business client advertising needs. A sample of her advertising artwork and photography can be seen at: facebook.com/McCraineMercantile. She is currently accepting new advertising clientele and can be reached by email at: nydesignsbynanci@gmail.com, or directly through cortlandareatribune.com.



DUSTIN HORTON

Hello—I’m Dustin, based in Salt Lake City, Utah.

I build the newspaper, both in print & online. I started out delivering for Judy while attending Dryden High School, took over the design duties in 2006, and launched the website in 2010.

I’m a Software Engineering consultant, working with clients like Amazon, NASCAR, NHS & Remind—and own a tattoo shop in Rochester.

It’s incredibly rewarding watching the businesses in the community grow, and the CAT is no exception—Judy is an amazing boss and her success is hard-earned and well-deserved.



KATELYN KILMER

Hi! I’m Katelyn! Judy is my mom. I’ve been helping with the paper since I could drive. I help distribute the papers. I enjoy being outside as much as I can and working for the paper allows that to be possible. My mom has done amazing things with the paper and because of it I’ve met a lot of people and experienced cool things along the way. Watching the paper grow since I was young has been nothing but awesome. It’s fun being a part of the CAT community.



MCKAYLA MACOMBER

Hello—I’m McKayla Macomber, and I’ve been delivering the CAT for 6years now. I enjoy the freedom I get with delivering papers because it allows me to do other things. I also work at the Dryden Wine & Spirits liquor store, make dog bones treats and make art on the side.



MARTHA NELSON

I have been in advertising sales since 1993, when I was hired by Lakeside Printing in Skaneateles. I have won awards for outstanding sales and have been recognized for the design, sales and overall success of different promotions over the last 33 years. I retired in Nov. 2009 from the Scotsman Press. I started working with Judy in August 2012 at The Cortland Area Tribune. I have 2 children—Lisa and Matt—5 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren—Kris, Maverikk, Remmington, Winston, Clyde, and Preston. I live in Cortland at the Country Music Park! I winter in Florida near Ocala for 6 months where I enjoy growing flowers and visiting friends.



JIM COON

Jim Coon is a life long resident of Cortland, NY. Born there, lives there, will die there. Already has a cemetery plot. It was a wedding gift. He doesn’t like to talk about it. Jim took over the Cortland delivery route in January of 2024 and he likes to joke with his friends he got a new job...a paper route! They don’t get his sense of humor. Jim delivered papers for the Cortland Standard back in the 80’s so he feels he’s come full circle. Along with being a “paper boy” Jim is a successful graphic designer and cartoonist with over 30 years of experience. He is also an actor and is involved with projects at the Center for the Arts in Homer as well as the ACME Mystery Company in Syracuse. Jim also is the creator of the Chiller Haunted House which is based at his home. The small garage haunt has been in operation for over 40 years. In his spare time, Jim likes to...sleep. Jim lives in Cortland with his wife Kati, daughter Abbi and 2 cats. Stay off his lawn!!!!



DANIELLE HEAVENS-SODA

Hello! My name is Danielle Heavens-Soda. I have been a teacher for 16 years! This is my 5th year teaching in Groton, NY where I currently reside with my wife, 4 year old twin sons, 8 year old daughter, 3 dogs, and pet snake.

Prior to Groton I taught in Cortland and Ithaca. Before that I taught and lived in England (where I met my wife-who does still have her British accent) and Germany (where there are a lot of castles)!

I love to watch movies, go line dancing, and read.

My favorite author is Jodi Picoult and I have read all 29 of her books. I previously met her and will once again when getting her 30th novel this Fall! I have also met, and are pen pals with Children’s author Liesel Shurtliff.

Over the course of my career, I have held various part time jobs in addition to teaching including: retail, sales, landscaping, craft director, and tutoring.

I currently continue to tutor and most recently began as an Independent Advertising Consultant for the Cortland Area Tribune. Judy and I have much in common and given my ties to multiple communities in the area I felt this would be a great fit for me! Please contact me to find out more information about placing an ad: sodadt17@gmail.com.



CAT

PUZZLES & GAMES

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LAST ISSUE’S

PUZZLES

SUDOKU

THIS ISSUE’S TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Bouquet
2. Mystery and modesty
3. Rose
4. Diamond

WORD FIND

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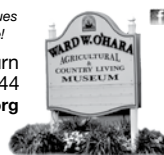
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