



Cortland County Family YMCA

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37th Annual Canoe Classic a big hit

CORTLAND—Beautiful weather and a little rain Saturday night brought over 175 participants to the 37th annual Cortland Canoe Classic. Canoes and kayaks paddled the 17 mile journey down the Tioughnioga River, from the Truxton Fire Station to Yaman Park.

“It was great to see such a large turnout for the race this year,” said Don Kline, executive director of the Cortland County Family YMCA. Kline said there were 110 pre-registrants plus 65 registrants race day, and the contest went off “without a hitch.”

First place racers Bruce Lee and Tom Yarosh posted the fastest time of the day with at 1:42:09 showing, with the second place Matt Belknap and Ben Schlimmer following exactly two minutes later. Results can be seen on the YMCA website at www.cortlandymca.org or by calling the YMCA at (607) 756-2893.

Canoe Classic 2008 hats were awarded for winners of each class, ranging from professional to recreational and kayak.

The Cortland County YMCA has been building strong kids, strong families and strong communities for the past 140 years.

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Ron Reed of the Cortland Canoe Classic Committee directs a couple of canoe enthusiasts around an obstacle during the 37th annual Canoe Classic. Over 175 participants paddled 17 miles down the Tioughnioga River from Truxton to Cortland.

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Matthew and Brayton Palmer of Morris, NY paddle to the finish of this year's Cortland Canoe Classic. The Palmers finished second in the two men recreational class at the 37th annual YMCA race. Over 175 canoe and kayak enthusiasts took part in the event.

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To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy body, mind and spirit for all
