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Educator enjoys neighborhood's diversity

Contributing writer Jane A. Thompson recently interviewed Jessica Kline, the educator and outreach coordinator for the Cayuga Museum in Auburn.

Name: Jessica Kline

Address: 151 Van Anden St., Auburn

Age: 29

Education: SUNY Fredonia and Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond.

How she helps area children:

"I create programs at the museum for children that will help them in positive interactions with others and have fun at the same time. Children need to know that museums are for everyone."

What she likes best about her community: "It's the 'biggest/smallest' town I've ever been in. The things that happen here never cease to amaze me."

What would she like to change about her community: "I'd like to see people be more appreciative of the culture and history we have in Cayuga County. They need to understand if they want tourism to come here, they have to take care of the resources they have."

"It's important to have a master plan, not to piecemeal what needs to be done, to be more productive for the community."

The reason she lives in Central New York: "My family and friends. I had a great experience growing up in Auburn and I came back to try and give back something to my community."

She likes her neighborhood because: "It's retained its ethnicity. There are Ukrainians, Polish,



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JESSICA KLINE, Education and outreach coordinator for the Cayuga museum, says Auburn is "the biggest/smallest town I've ever been in."

Italians and Irish in my neighborhood and they've all retained their organizations that keep their traditions alive. I can buy fresh pierogies, get corned beef and cabbage. They still bowl. It's such a diverse neighborhood."

Her favorite movie is: "A Room with a View."

What her idea of a great night is: "A party at my house. I'm well known for dancing all night long in my living room."

The person I admire most is:

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"My father, Steve. He's so humble, so good. He is so selfless with people. Whether he's working or visiting his clients on his own weekend time, he's just the best. Oh, and he's also extremely hip."

Her favorite phrase is: "Throw me a bone!"

What she believes her community really needs is: "A really big disco. People need to leave their problems and just mindlessly dance once in a while."