

# Cortland County Business Spotlight

*Business/ Name:* Cortland Line Company

*Industry:* Fishing Supplies

*Years in Business:* 105 Years

## *Company History:*

Cortland Line Co. was founded in 1915 as a silk fishing line shop run by Ray Smith, who would later patent the company's signature fly line. In 2015, after 100 successful years in Cortland, investors considered moving the company overseas, but two of the eight investors bought out their partners in a move that would keep Cortland Line Co. in the same community where it was established.

Today, the company's day-to-day operations are headed by John Wilson, a fly fishing expert from Arkansas, whose goal is to position Cortland as the home of fly fishing for another 100 years.

