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City school preps for new regs

BY MATT LINDSEY North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG — Ogdensburg City School District Board of Education members and school officials recently discussed possibly testing students for COVID-19.

St. Lawrence County schools will be required to test 20% of students and staff if the region enters a "Yellow Zone" due to a COVID outbreak.

The district sent permission slips to parents seeking permission for students to be tested for COVID-19 at school. Students will not be required to take a test if parents do not wish to.

The Board met for a regular meeting Dec. 21, which was streamed live on Facebook. District Assistant Superintendent Jacquelyn Kelly gave the Board the opportunity to ask questions about the new state requirement.

Board member Lawrence G. Mitchell asked if the youngest students could be exempt from testing.

Kelly said the district will try to get to the required 20% via a pool of volunteers.

Board Member Michael Myers questions the accuracy of tests.

District Head Nurse Tara Kroeger said that the kind of tests the district

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Vaccinating volunteers

Emily Basford from the Heuvelton Fire Department receives a COVID-19 vaccination at Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center.

Massena cautious as COVID-19 spikes

BY ANDY GARDNER North Country This Week

MASSENA — Town and village offices are remaining open going into the new year, with some precautions due to the recent big uptick in COVID-19 cases.

The Town of Massena is collecting town and county taxes. They are asking taxpayers paying with checks to either use the United States Post Office, the night drop-off box in front of the town hall or pay online through the town website. People paying with cash will have to pay at the payment window in the Town Hall. Receipts will be mailed.

"While the Town Hall offices as well as the Tax Office are open for business, we ask that you utilize in-person contact for extenuating circumstances only to minimize the spread of the virus," according to an email from the town.

Village offices continue to be open by appointment only.

Residents are encouraged to contact individual offices via phone or email. Contact information is online at www.massena.us. Walk-in or window transactions continue to not be available as a result of COVID-19 mitigation measures.

The Village Emergency Operations Center (EOC) continues to meet and review the ongoing pandemic information. Acting Mayor Matt LeBire said they will announce any important updates for changes to operations from the EOC or village government.

The Massena Central School District has resumed their school year with hybrid remote/in-person classes. Superintendent Pat Brady in his monthly Board of Education update said they had students test positive for COVID-19 over the holidays, but none of the cases led to mandatory quarantines or isolation for students or staff

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County approves keeping tax formula for towns, villages

BY ANDY GARDNER North Country This Week

CANTON — The St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators ratified a bill that will ensure towns and villages will keep their current share of sales tax allotment, regardless of how negotiations with the City of Ogdensburg play out.

"In recognition of their contributions and the need for budgeting stability in times of great uncertainty, the Board of Legislators commits that regardless of what occurs with the negotiations

between the City of Ogdensburg and the county, the county shall not decrease the percentages of sales tax distribution currently allotted to the towns for the period of the present through Nov. 30, 2030," the resolution reads.

"I think this is an excellent resolution," said Legislator Margaret Haggard, D-Potsdam, prior to voting in favor of the motion. She hopes the board going into the future will "abide by this commitment we've made." She said she hopes "people don't change their minds at the last minute under pressure from constituencies that

might have another opinion on this."

The board's Finance Committee in December tabled a proposed deal to keep the current distribution through Dec. 1, 2023. At that time, the city would receive the same percentile share as towns and villages. The city would also have the option to pre-empt, meaning opt out of the county deal and collect their own sales tax. If they don't pre-empt, the city would continue to receive sales tax revenue from the county

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COVID cases confirmed at both Ogdensburg prisons

COVID-19 has found its way into Ogdensburg and Cape Vincent state prisons.

The New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision tallies COVID-19 among inmates, and says as of Monday, Jan. 4 they've both had their first positive cases.

At Ogdensburg Correctional Facility, there have been 326 negative tests and 17 are pending. At Cape Vincent CF, there were 626 negative tests as of Jan. 4 with 20 pending.

Gouverneur Correctional Facility has also been dealing with a coronavirus outbreak. As of Jan. 4, they've had 58 positive cases, 938 negative tests and two recoveries from the illness, with 33 tests pending.

At Riverview Correctional Facility, also in Ogdensburg, there have been 25 positive cases with 605 negative tests with 39 pending.

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Ogdensburg firefighters' union mulls city's offer

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG – Ogdensburg International Firefighters Local 1799 is set to vote soon on a second contract offer from the city that seeks concessions from the members in return for keeping a staff of 24 rather than 20.

Bouchard says the union will likely vote this week on the matter.

However, he said the department is waiting for answers regarding recent layoffs.

“Really, to be honest we are worried about making sure the five, dedicated firefighters recently laid off will be made whole and given some direction by the city manager,” he said.

“Most recently, Mr. Jellie has denied these men their due payouts by the city. As if taking their

careers away during the holidays wasn't enough. Now he is preventing them from collecting what is rightfully theirs. This behavior is not acceptable, nor does it lend to trust or good faith.”

Details on the current deal remain confidential, but City Manager Stephen Jellie said this will be the final offer to the department in a prepared statement.

The union and the city will likely be heading to court if a deal is not reached.

Jellie said one firefighter has opted to take a retirement incentive and two more have expressed interest.

The deal on the table would allow the department to maintain 24 members.

“This will be the final offer presented to IAFF Local 1799 if we are not able to conduct productive negotiations that result in a fair deal for the city. As with previous offers, the contents will remain confidential until the parties accept or reject the offer entirely. We sincerely hope that we can begin 2021 in a much more positive manner than we ended 2020,” Jellie said.

Although full details on the rejected deal are available, Jellie provided a summary of that offer. He says it includes:

- Overall organization staffing level - 24 FF's 2. Minimum Daily Staffing - 4 FF's
- New contract term/duration: 1/1/2020 - 1/31/2022
- Maximum personnel on scheduled vacation per shift - 1
- Shift Personnel Structure - 1 Captain - 5 Firefighters
- Vacation Time - No longer paid out annually, it will be scheduled and used annually.
- Sick Leave Bonuses - Remove

A Jan. 8 hearing will determine if recently laid off firefighters will be allowed to stay employed until the deal is reached between the city and the union.

details on the current offer he said it was more generous than the first.

Jellie says the fire union has repeatedly called for savings jobs and says this deal allows the department to give up perks to keep people employed.

“The redline issue they have stirred up the entire community over was staffing,” he said. “We didn't ask for a reduction in pay, we didn't ask for a reduction in health care benefits. The city gave a concession on the major sticking point, which is jobs.”

Union President Jason Bouchard said the offers are similar in that “they are clear attempts to erase decades of collective bargaining between our Union and the city.”

“The city manager continues to falsely spread the message that the previous city council gave us all of these so called, “perks,” on their way out the door. This is incorrect,” he said. “Our Union will not comment on any of the specifics of this latest offer. All we can say at this point is that we are reviewing the offer, and we will vote on this proposal at some point this week.”

Jellie said he remains hopeful the department will take the final offer more seriously.

“For the past 6 months, city management attempted on multiple occasions to work collectively with President Jason Bouchard and Secretary Ronald Bouchard on a plan to reduce the overall size of the fire department and reign in the significantly high cost of employing personnel. \$131,000 average cost per firefighter, with additional benefits and perks on top of that, is a price far too high for residents and taxpayers to afford in these challenging times,” he said.

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- EMT Stipend - No longer paid effective 1/1/2021.
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While Jellie would not disclose

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New sergeant

Ryan Polniak was promoted to sergeant at the Ogdensburg City Police Department. Above he is pictured with his wife Sarah and their children.

Courtesy

Massena International Airport now offering flights to Baltimore

MASSENA — Massena International Airport add Boutique Air flights to and from Baltimore, Md. BWI Marshall Airport (BWI) starting Sunday, Jan. 10.

There will be daily morning and evening round-trip flights to and from Boston, with a daily afternoon round-trip flight to and from Baltimore.

A variety of connecting flights, including Southwest and Spirit and others, are available from Baltimore

airport.

Boutique Air also has a flight to Norfolk/Virginia Beach, as well as a one-stop flight to Pittsburgh.

For those who want to visit the Washington, D.C. area, the free MTA MARC train operates 24 hours a day and Amtrak offers low cost fares to Union Station. Both are around a 35-minute trip. Union Station is located across from Columbus circle.

Massena International Airport

offers free parking with a long-term parking area. Here is the daily flight schedule: Massena to Boston, 6 a.m. departure, 7:10 a.m. arrival; Boston to Massena, 7:50 a.m. departure, 9 a.m. arrival; Massena to Baltimore, 9:30 a.m. departure, 11:15 a.m. arrival; Baltimore to Massena, 11:55 a.m. departure, 1:55 p.m. arrival; Massena to Boston, 2:45 p.m. departure, 3:55 p.m. arrival; Boston to Massena, 8 p.m. departure, 9:10 p.m. arrival.

New law may help SLC jury problem

BY ANDY GARDNER

North Country This Week

CANTON — A change in state law may solve St. Lawrence County's problem of a dwindling jury pool.

Bill Sheridan, the county legislature's liaison to the St. Lawrence County Jury Board, made the comment during the full legislature meeting on Monday, Jan. 4.

During the December Operations Committee meeting, Sheridan gave a 2020 jury report and said "we are running out of jurors in St. Lawrence County," Sheridan told the county legislators.

He said the COVID-19 pandemic led to fewer jury trials in 2020, which he said has a "positive effect" on the county jury pool.

However, at the Jan. 4 meeting, he said the state may shrink the ineligibility period for those who've been summoned as jurors from six years to four years.

"That helps the situation," Sheridan, R-Hammond said at the full board meeting. "We sent our votes in in favor of the reduction."

Sheridan at the Operations Committee meeting said the county sent out over 7,000 juror questionnaires as of November, which resulted in a pool of 5,735, from which they were able to summon 1,830. He says the qualification rate is around 34%.

Sheridan said jurors were summoned 15 times this

year, and each time Sweet would stay "in close contact with judge's chambers to avoid unnecessarily summoning jurors to conserve the county's limited jury pool."

He said scheduling trials got a little complicated, since only one room in the St. Lawrence County Courthouse allows for adequate social distancing -- the legislative boardroom down on the first floor.

"Jury selection and impeachment is also taking place in this board room," Sheridan said.

There were 3,095 potential jurors summoned for criminal and civil trials. He said there were five civil trials and 12 criminal trials. Jurors were summoned for criminal trials 15 times, they actually appeared eight times and went all the way to a verdict four times.

A total of 505 jurors appeared, and 1,096 received "good service," meaning they don't have to report for six years, Sheridan said.

For grand juries, 490 jurors were summoned and they appeared for a total of 39 days.

Sheridan said District Attorney Gary Pasqua reported to him that the grand jury process is "running smoothly."

Pasqua "may have to increase grand juries to two days a week in 2021, versus the one day a week in 2020," Sheridan said.

He closed the report by saying no town or village requested jurors for any local court action in 2020.

Sound issues make it difficult to follow meeting in Ogdensburg

BY MATT LINDSEY

North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG — The Ogdensburg City School District met Dec. 21 and streamed the session online but poor audio made it very difficult to hear much of the meeting.

Many people watching live on Facebook commented during the initial moments of the meeting that they could not make out what many board members or other school officials were saying. The audio issues went on for about 10 minutes of the half hour meeting.

This is the third time since the pandemic that the school board has streamed their meetings online. They streamed one meeting in spring and another one six weeks ago.

In October, OCSD Superintendent Kevin Kendall said the district

was unable to live stream its board meetings due to a lack of staff.

The public was allowed to attend meetings in person for many months, but now are not allowed to attend in person due to social distancing guidelines related to COVID-19.

Having meetings live stream has been a common practice for governments and schools since the start of the pandemic. Many schools and municipalities have struggled with technological issues in recent months in attempts to comply with broadcast requirements.

Union member takes retirement deal

BY JIMMY LAWTON

North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG — Ogdensburg Fire Union President Jason Bouchard says one firefighter has accepted a \$25,000 incentive proposed by City Manager Stephen Jellie.

"Your retirement incentive offer of \$25,000, despite its lack of proper proposal, approved funding, guarantee by council, and contingency upon the Financial Restructuring Board, has garnered interest," Bouchard said in an email to the city manager.

"As the media as my witness, I am providing you notice that one of our members is expressing his desire to accept this offer. This person has reached out to the New York State retirement system and is prepared to go."

Jellie offered the incentive on Christmas Eve, a previous offer of \$20,000 did not garner interest from the union members.

Despite the notice that one firefighter was interested in taking the offer, Bouchard expressed concerns regarding the timeline, which required the offer be accepted by Dec. 31.

"Furthering our Union's lack of

faith with city administration, the accelerated timeline to retire within seven days is simply unacceptable," Bouchard said in an email to Jellie. "You expedited the original offer, for what reason? If the city is truly trying to work with our eligible members, to prevent layoffs, why give merely seven days?"

Jellie could not be immediately reached for comment, but has repeated many times that he is

hopeful layoffs could be avoided in lieu of retirement incentives.

The city is set to cut seven positions using civil service criteria as required under state law, but the retirement could reduce that number to six.

According to Jellie, layoff notices were being prepared Dec. 29 and were expected to be delivered this week.

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Edward J. Bennett, 70

Massena

MASSENA -- Edward J. Bennett, age 70, passed away on Tuesday morning December 22, 2020, with his loving wife by his side.

There will be no public calling hours or services.

Ed was born on August 27, 1950 in Massena, NY, the son of the late Leona and Arlington Bennett. Ed graduated from Massena Central High School in 1969.

On November 25, 1988 Ed married Brenda Yerdon in South Otselic, NY at her parent's home.

Ed proudly served his country in the United States Army from 1975-1979.

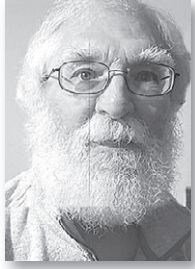
In 1983 Ed went to work at SUNY Potsdam and retired from SUNY Potsdam in September 2008.

Ed enjoyed shooting and won many matches through the years, he was always happiest when he was reloading, casting bullets, at the range or hunting.

Ed was a member of both the Norfolk and Massena Rod & Gun Clubs.

He always looked forward to giving back and enjoyed his Tuesday morning work days at the Club.

Surviving Ed is his wife Brenda, his sister-in-law Laura Yerdon Martin of Tucker, GA and; two nieces, Sarah and Derek Constantine of Hull, MA, and Jennifer Martin of Tucson, AZ, great-nephews Theodore Albert Constantine, Franklin Cornelius Constantine and



Edward Bennett

great-niece Augustus Beatrice Constantine.

Ed was predeceased by his parents Leona (Gravelle) Bennett and Arlington Angus Bennett of Massena, NY and a sister Susan Kring of Malone, NY.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice and Palliative Care of St. Lawrence Valley; 6805 US Hwy 11, Potsdam, NY 13676.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Phillips Memorial Home in Massena.

Family and friends are encouraged to share memories and online condolence with the family by visiting www.PhillipsMemorial.com.

Gerald "Gary" Wright, 84

Massena

MASSENA -- Gerald "Gary" Joseph Wright, 84, died at 12:15 p.m. Friday, January 1, 2021 at his son's house in Roanoke, IN.

Gerald "Gary" was born on April 30, 1936 in Potsdam, New York, the son of Joseph Wright and Joyce Wright.

He attended Potsdam Central School in NY.

He married the love of his life Edith Tredo on March 1, 1958 in Massena, NY.

He retired from Frenchies Chevrolet as the Body Shop Manager after 30 plus years of service.

He was a founder of the Massena NY Olde Car Club.

He was passionate about cars, especially his pride and joy 1967 Cadillac DeVille he would take to car shows.

His collection of trophies shows off his talent.

His love of restoring cars lead him to restoring old fashion gas pumps. His family time was very important to him.

Survivors include his son, Mark Lee (Vicki) Wright of Roa-

noke, IN; granddaughter, Chelsey Wright of Roanoke, IN; grandson, Zachary (Tommie Jo Villnave) Wright of Huntington, IN; great-granddaughter, Lena King of Roanoke, IN; great granddaughter, Harper Wright of Huntington, IN; special family member/ caretaker,



Gerald Wright

Linda Tredo of Chase Mills, NY.

He is preceded in death by his father, Joseph Wright, mother, Joyce Wright, wife, Edith Wright.

No services at this time. Preferred memorials to the Parkview Hospice of Fort Wayne and Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley of New York, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at www.baileylove.com.

MASSENA -- Ann K. Oakes, 85, of 1798 State Highway 420, passed away Wednesday evening, December 30, 2020 at her home after a brief illness.

Ann was born on October 15, 1935 in Massena, the daughter of the late George and Bernice (Barclay) Kingston.

She was a 1953 graduate of Massena High School. On October 13, 1956, she married Roland J. Oakes at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. W.O. Thomas, officiating.

He predeceased her on March 25, 2010.

Ann worked for a short time as a stenographer at Alcoa.

After her marriage, she and her husband enjoyed the blessings of children and she dedicated her life to raising them.

She was a member of AARP and the Massena First United Methodist Church.

She enjoyed reading, playing bingo and cards, doing crossword puzzles, and played softball for many years.

Of all her enjoyments, her fam-

Ann K. Oakes, 85

Massena

ily and the special memories with them meant the most to her.

She loved their special trips to Disney and the holiday gatherings were just a few of her favorite times. Ann's grandchildren were the center of her world and she was so proud of their accomplishments as they have started their new careers.



Ann Oakes

Ann is survived by her children, Vicki Rowe of Massena; Donna M. and Robert Martell of Massena; and Jim and Daria Oakes of Saratoga Springs; her beloved grandchildren, Ann E. Oakes, Jay C. Oakes, and James Robert Martell; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by a son-in-law, Bruce Rowe; her

sisters, Bernice and Donna Page; and her brothers, James, Thomas, George Jr., Clarence, and William Kingston.

Friends called Monday from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

Due to the current health restrictions, visitation will be occupancy controlled and those attending are asked to observe social distancing and wear face covering.

Please note that people may have to stand outside in line if occupancy limits are exceeded.

A celebration of life and funeral service will be held in the spring with burial at Pine Grove Cemetery.

The family gratefully declines flowers at Ann's request.

Those wishing to offer a memorial may consider donating to Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley, Alzheimer's Association, or the American Cancer Society.

Friends are encouraged to share memories and offer condolences online at www.donaldson-fh.com.

Velma A. Deruchia, 93

Massena

MASSENA -- Velma A. Deruchia born on February 10, 1927 passed away on January 2, 2021 at her home with her loving daughters by her side.

Velma was born to the late Guy and Ethel (LaCombe) LaShomb.

Surviving are her daughters Donna (Durant) and William Blair, Linda (Durant) Austin, Cissy (Durant) and Joe Kilmer, Freda (Durant) and Lyle Mousseau and Brenda Durant. Velma is also survived by her grandchildren Mark, Lorie, Tom, Scott, Tina, Chris, and Trevor. As well as her great grandchildren Kenny, Josh, Billy, Julia, Arjun, Maya, Lauryn, Jacob, Nicholas, Kaleb, Zachary, Issiah, Dominick, Chris Jr, Kora, and Jesse. She also had the privilege to be the great great grandmother to Peyton.



Velma Deruchia

She is also survived by her sisters and brother Marie (LaShomb) Kru-

sher, Mary Jane LaShomb and Carl LaShomb, as well as many nieces and nephews. Velma was predeceased by her husband Donald Deruchia, and a son Fred Durant. granddaughter Tricia, Brothers and sisters Robert LaShomb, Harold LaShomb, Donald LaShomb, Virginia (LaShomb) Bar-

comb, Raymond LaShomb, Larry LaShomb, Leo LaShomb, and Kay (LaShomb) Schuller.

Velma enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, family gatherings, watching Lawrence Welk and figure skat-

ing shows, as well as her husband playing the fiddle, knitting and crocheting.

Velma, prior to her retirement, worked many years as a waitress at her family's restaurant, Guys Diner in Massena.

Memorial services per Velma's request will be private and at the convenience of the family in the spring.

The family is asking that memorial contributions be made to the Arthritis foundation 355 Peachtree St NE, 6th Suite, Atlanta, GA 30309 or to the St. Jude Children's Hospital 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Arrangements are under the care of the Phillips Memorial Home of Massena, New York.

Online condolences and memories can be shared with the family by visiting www.PhillipsMemorial.com

Nancy Lynn Morehouse, 61

Potsdam

POTSDAM -- Nancy Lynn Morehouse, age 61, of Potsdam, NY, passed away after a brief battle with cancer on Tuesday December 29, 2020, under the care of Hospice and her loving family.

As per Nancy's wishes, no public calling hours or funeral services will be held at this time.

A celebration of life will be arranged at a later time at the convenience of the family.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the care and direction of the Phillips Memorial Home, Madrid.

Nancy was born on February 26, 1959 to the late Olive "Marie" (Flood) and Edward Hyde in Ogdensburg, NY.

Nancy was a 1977 graduate of Lisbon Central School.

In the 1970's she worked alongside her mother at the family operated, Marie's Diner, on Route 68.

Nancy married Terry Morehouse on September 20, 1980 at the First Presbyterian Church in Canton, NY.

She began working at NYSARC in 1992 as a direct care staff at the Norwood facility and remained there until the onset of her illness.



Nancy Morehouse

Throughout her 28 years of service at NYSARC, the dedication and compassion she showed to her clients was recognized and revered by all who worked with her. Her infectious laughter and spirited personality will be missed dearly. Nancy enjoyed cooking for her loved ones, spending time with her boys in the garage while they tinkered on projects and prepared for local demolition derby's, as well as being surrounded by her family and friends. Her sense of humor and quick wit were unmatched and appreciated by all who held her dear. She was an animal enthusiast and always enjoyed spending time with her dogs, cats, and horses.

Nancy leaves behind her husband of 40 years, Terry Morehouse; their sons, Chad Morehouse and his companion Kim Johnson of Evans, GA, Corey Morehouse and his wife Samantha Morehouse of McNeal, Arizona, Cole Morehouse and his

companion Mallory James of Canton.

Nancy is also survived by her grandchildren, Owen, Rachel, Reed, Rory, Hayden, and Lennox. She is also survived by her siblings, Butch Hyde of Cortland, Carol (Bill) Whitmarsh of Cortland, Beverly Parmeter of Lisbon, Susan Lawton and her companion Ben Fifield of Lisbon, Debbie Stone of Pierrepont, Dorothy (Neil) Conant of Potsdam, Wayne (Cathy) Hyde of Lisbon, Shirley Montroy of Ogdensburg, Donny Hyde of Lisbon, Jerry (Berta) Hyde of Lisbon, Amy (Tom) Stearns of Louisville, and John Hyde of Lisbon; as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her sister Cindy Hyde in 1983, her father Edward Hyde in 2007, her mother Olive "Marie" Hyde in 2009, and her infant daughter Chelsea Morehouse in 1990.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Nancy's name to the Potsdam Human Society at 17 Madrid Ave, Potsdam, NY 13676.

Friends and family are welcome to share memories and condolences by visiting www.PhillipsMemorial.com.

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SLC Board of Legislators names Sheridan as new chair

BY ANDY GARDNER
North Country This Week

CANTON — The St. Lawrence County legislature voted in a new chair and vice chair for 2021.

In split votes, they named Bill Sheridan, R-Hammond, as chair and Larry Denesha, R-DeKalb, as vice chair.

Sheridan said he wants to see the board work toward finding a use for the former county jail, and look at possibly cutting sales tax on home heating fuel.

“Some of the goals I’d like to have us entertain for this upcoming year would be to refocus the feasibility efforts of the future plans of ... the old county jail here,” he said, adding

that he anticipates the board will get a feasibility report sometime this year.

“I think we should be reviewing the options of reducing the sales tax on home heating fuel that was last considered in 2007,” the new chairman said.

He also said he thinks the board should “build up the fund balance for the tough times that lie ahead, especially with the State of New York being billions of dollars in the hole.”

Sheridan also said he wants to act fairly toward both political parties that comprise the legislature.

“I think when it gets right down to it, we all have something in common. We all vote in the best interest

of the people who put us here in the first place.

“I realize it’s a big job. It’s especially going to be a big job to fill Joe Lightfoot’s shoes. He’s done an incredible, great job as chairman,” he said.

“I’ll try to be fair and open minded to both sides of the aisle when I’m doing this job in the next year as your chairman.”

Dave Forsythe, R-Lisbon, nominated Sheridan for the post. Lightfoot, R-Ogdensburg; and Denesha seconded. Margaret Haggard, D-Potsdam, nominated John Burke, R-Norfolk. Burke often breaks ranks with his GOP colleagues and votes alongside the Democrat minority.

Tony Arquiett, D-Winthrop; Suzanne Fiacco, D-Stockholm; and Nicole Terminelli, D-Massena seconded Burke’s nomination.

Sheridan won the nomination 9-6, mostly along party lines.

He received votes from Republicans Jim Reagen, Forsythe, Lightfoot, Harry Smithers, Denesha, Kevin Acres and Rita Curran, and he voted for himself.

Rick Perkins, D-Potsdam, crossed party lines and voted for Sheridan.

For vice chair, Lightfoot nominated Denesha, with seconds coming from Forsythe, Curran and Acres. Terminelli nominated Arquiett.

Denesha was confirmed to the vice chair position with an identical 9-6 vote.

NCTW named as SLC paper

CANTON — The St. Lawrence County legislature voted to make North Country This Week their official newspaper for 2021 and 2025.

Legal notices, election notices and official notices of canvass will appear in the paper.

The county is using a five-year rotation schedule for their official paper. For 2022, it will be the Watertown Daily Times, then the Tribune Press in 2023, the Courier Observer in 2024 and back to NCTW in 2025.

NCTW became eligible for official newspaper status after adding a paid edition that covers all of St. Lawrence County.

OBITUARIES

Dr. Stephen A. Nezezon, 74 formerly of Brasher Falls

Dr. Stephen A. Nezezon passed away on January 2, 2021 at Regional Hospital, Scranton, PA from Covid 19. Arrangements for cremation are with Jenkins-Howell Funeral Home in Waymart, PA.

Stephen was born in Massena, NY on 12/03/1946, the son of Stephen and Bernice (Fregoe) Nezezon.

He graduated from Holy Family High School, Massena, NY in 1965. He received his BS from Catholic University, Washington DC, and later received his MD with a specialty in Psychiatry from University of PA in Philadelphia PA.

He had practices in New York City and Honesdale, and later worked in various alcohol and rehab facilities, retiring from Waymart Correctional Facility in 2015.

Stephen Married Barbara R.

Yockey in Fond du Lac Wisconsin on 08/14/1982, and with her, spent much of his life following a holistic

spiritually centered pathway following the teachings of the Himalayan Institute in Honesdale, PA.

He loved animals and nature, and often orchestrated nature walks, teaching people about

herbs and plants. He also taught yoga for many years through the Himalayan Institute. He was a kind, gentle man who wouldn’t even hurt a mouse. But his greatest love was for his wife Barbara (Buddhi), and after her sudden passing in

June, his life was never the same.

He is survived by his brother Rande Nezezon, of Massena, NY, his sister-in-law Mary Nezezon, of Scottsville, NY, brothers-in-law John (Jack) and Sharon Yockey, Robert Yockey, and Thomas and Ann Yockey, all of Wisconsin, his special best friend Richard Ravizza, and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, his wife, Barbara, his brother Ronald Nezezon, a brother, Rodney Nezezon as an infant, his sister-in-laws Mary Yockey and Darlene Yockey, and brother-in-law Richard Yockey.

A celebration of Stephen’s (Ganesh’s) and Barbara’s (Buddhi’s) life will be held at a later date at the Himalayan Institute.

Donations may be made to: Natures Conservancy, Alzheimers Association, or The Himalayan Institute.



Dr. Stephen Nezezon

Edmund R. Graves, Jr., 52 formerly of Massena

SYRACUSE — Edmund R. Graves, Jr., 52, a native of Massena, unexpectedly passed away on Wednesday December 31, 2020 at his home in Syracuse.

Eddie was born on March 20, 1968 in Massena, the son Edmund R. and Sharlene (Ashley) Graves. He attended Massena schools, where he graduated from Massena High School in 1986 and later attended Canton ATC.

Eddie was currently working for Information Systems Staffing in Syracuse and was also a driver for UBER. He was very computer savvy and enjoyed hunting, fishing,

computer gaming, and doing car mechanics.

Eddie is survived by son, Taylor J. Graves of Florida, New York; his mother, Sharlene Graves of Massena; his father, Edmund R. Graves of Waddington; his sisters, Tammy Kadah-Armme-ter of Neenah,

Wisconsin; Venitta Parrotte of

Green Bay, Wisconsin; and Melinda McMillan; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was predeceased by an infant brother, Wayne Edward Graves.

Due to current health restrictions, services will be held privately with the Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital or the American Lung Association.

Friends are encouraged to share memories and offer condolences online at www.donaldsonfh.com.



Edmund Graves, Jr.

RECENT DEATHS

DONALD HUTO JR., 61, Massena, Jan. 3. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

STEPHEN NEZEZON, 74, formerly of Brasher Falls, Jan. 2. Arrangements with Jenkins-Howell Funeral Home, Waymart PA.

WAYNE WASHBURN, 71, Ogdensburg, Jan. 2. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

VELMA DERUCHIA, 93, Massena, Jan. 2. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

GERALD WRIGHT, 84, Massena, Jan. 1.

ELDA BULLOCK, 90, Rensselaer Falls, Jan. 1. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

EDMUND GRAVES JR., 52, formerly of Massena, Dec. 31. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

ABRAM PHILLIPS, 77, Akwe-

sasne, Dec. 31. Arrangements with Lawrence Funeral Home, Canton.

THOMAS PRATT, 85, Massena, Dec. 31. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

OLIVE COOK, 81, Ogdensburg, Dec. 31. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

CHARLES FERGUSON JR., 64, Ogdensburg, Dec. 31. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

HELEN CHILDS, 84, Heuvelton, Dec. 30. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

FRANCIS FRENCH, 68, Winthrop, Dec. 30. Arrangements with Buck Funeral Home, Norwood.

MICHAEL BELL, 42, Massena, Dec. 30. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

ANN OAKES, 85, Massena, Dec. 30. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

ANNILYSSE COLLINS, Massena, Dec. 26. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

MARIE ALLISON, 84, Waddington, Dec. 23.

EDWARD BENNETT, 70, Massena, Dec. 22. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

OBITUARIES AND death notices are posted as soon as they are available at NorthCountryNow.com/obituaries

SUBMITTING OBITUARIES: Families now have the option of publishing obituaries in North Country This Week -- ask the funeral home to submit the obituary for publication in the paper as well as on NorthCountryNow.com. For more information or to submit an obituary for a former St. Lawrence County resident, email obituaries@northcountrynow.com or call 315-265-1000 ext. 33.

Public health needs help

CANTON — The St. Lawrence County Public Health Department is seeking help from medical and non-medical volunteers as they move forward planning for the anticipated COVID-19 vaccine distribution.

Since the start of the pandemic, the county has reported over 2,000 cases of COVID-19 and the number of cases has continued to rise during the holiday season, said a press release from the agency.

The Public Health Department’s goal is to make the vaccine available to all eligible residents of St. Lawrence County and to make the vaccination process as efficient as possible.

In order to do so, the St. Lawrence County Public Health Department is asking for both medical and non-medical volunteers to support community vaccination activities at multiple locations across the county, the press release said.

Medical volunteers are needed to assist with pre-vaccination screenings, vaccine administration, and post-vaccination monitoring. Volunteers in this category include:

1. Registered nurses
2. Licensed practical nurses
3. Licensed physicians
4. Licensed physician assistants
5. Licensed pharmacists
6. Midwives
7. Dentists /Dental hygienists
8. Podiatrists
9. EMS/Community Paramedicine
10. Nursing students and Physician Assistant students

11. Executive Order 202.86, released 12/28, also extends permission to retirees who are medical professionals and still in good standing the ability to volunteer

Non-medical volunteers are needed to assist with operations and activities at the vaccination sites, such as registration and

check-in, data entry, greeting and routing participants, traffic flow, and other administrative tasks.

Volunteers will work in collaboration with the St. Lawrence County Public Health Department and the local hospital systems to vaccinate county residents. Those interested in volunteering will register through ServNY.

ServNY is a registry of health care and mental health professionals, as well as community residents, who wish to volunteer during a public health emergency or major disaster.

If interested in registering to be either a medical or non-medical volunteer, please contact the St. Lawrence County Public Health Volunteer Coordinator at JWatson@stlawco.org or 315-229-3407 or go to <https://www.stlawco.org> for information on the process.

For additional information regarding COVID-19, please contact the St. Lawrence County Public Health Department 315-386-2325 or visit the St. Lawrence County website at <https://www.stlawco.org/>.



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Greg Thompson | Heuvelton.

Moving snow in Heuvelton

Snowplows from the Town of Oswegatchie clearing snow off the Lovejoy Road on Jan. 2 after several inches of snow fell across St. Lawrence County Friday night and Saturday morning last weekend.

NYPA warns of water dangers

MASSENA — The New York Power Authority is warning people on the St. Lawrence River to be aware of potential changes in river conditions due to the release of water at the Long Sault Dam.

During the winter months, the release of water through the Long Sault Dam will result in rapidly changing river flows and potentially unsafe ice conditions along the South Channel of the river, downstream of the dam. When warnings are issued, members of the public, including those ice fishing on the river or channel, should be alert to rapidly changing ice conditions and should stay off the ice. See safety flier for a map detailing affected areas at <https://www.nypa.gov/>

Temporary signage has been posted along various locations near the South Channel to inform the public when water is being released from the Long Sault Dam.

Members of the public should: Keep back a minimum of 800 ft. from the Long Sault Dam spillway and Robert Moses Power Dam, both on the upstream and downstream side Use caution on and near the river and be aware of changing river conditions and strong currents.

The release of water at Long Sault Dam can occur with very little notice, so caution and awareness along the river, especially in the South Channel, and near the Long Sault Dam spillway and the Robert Moses Power Dam is advised at all times. Water flows from Lake Ontario into the St. Lawrence River are governed by the International Joint Commission (IJC). Outflows from Lake Ontario are established on a weekly basis by the International Lake Ontario and St. Lawrence River Board (ILOSRLB). The ILOSRLB monitors water levels and oversees water releases with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the U.S. side and the Environment Canada on the Canadian side monitoring day-to-day activities. Information on water levels can be obtained at: http://ijc.org/en_/isrlb

Assemblyman Walczyk says he won't support giving governor more powers

North Country Assemblyman Mark Walczyk's office says the North Country state rep is "blasting" the Assembly majority for voting against legislative amendments his office says would have halted Gov. Andrew Cuomo's "unrestricted powers" and offered additional protections to small businesses facing challenges during the COVID pandemic.

During a recent Special Session where the Legislature acted on a measure related to eviction during the COVID crisis (A.11181), Assembly Republicans proposed three amendments to the bill, including one that would have reined in the governor's unchecked powers, a press release from Walczyk's office said. The Assembly Majority rejected every proposal, according to Walczyk's office.

"The Speaker of the Assembly and Majority conference perpetuated their abdication of constitutional duty once again yesterday," Walczyk, R-Watertown, said in a prepared statement. "Instead of providing reasonable balance to the Governor's power, providing assistance for tenants and landlords, or advancing policy that

would have given small businesses a helping hand, the Assembly Democrats kicked all cans down the road. They've gotten a little too comfortable letting the Executive run the show." "We are long overdue for representative democracy to be restored in New York. The smart and tough people of this state didn't elect a King. New Yorkers deserve a government that works for and represents them; not one person who calls all the shots. 2021 is a new term and with 29 new members, I sincerely hope they take their oath more seriously than the ones democracy cast aside."

Walczyk's office described the amendments as, "restoring the checks and balances of the state

Legislature for emergency declarations that exceeds 45 days and provide the availability for judicial due process for actions taken that impact fundamental constitutional rights (A.10546)," requiring hardship declarations to have a statement that a tenant has made their best effort to secure all possible government assistance for housing, along with making partial payments as their circumstances permit in a timely manner; and "give the same protections to small businesses that face mortgage and tax foreclosures given to residential tenants." In addition, extend foreclosure protections to small landlords that aren't covered under A.11181.



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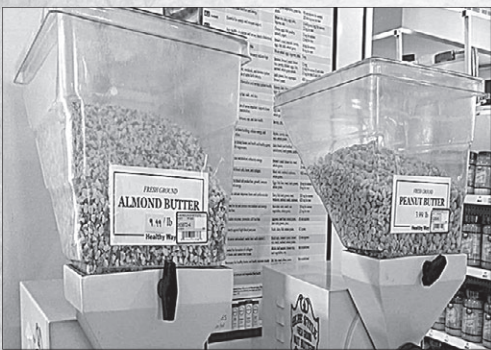
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Knights helped with holidays

The Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Auxiliary held a Christmas present drop-off this year due to COVID-19, in place of their regular Christmas party. They gave out more than 200 presents to different families in Ogdensburg. Above are members of the Knights of Columbus.

Local Dems call for Stefanik's resignation

St. Lawrence County Democrats are endorsing statewide calls for North Country Rep. Elise Stefanik's resignation.

On Tuesday, Jan. 5, Jennie Bacon, corresponding secretary for the county Democratic Committee and a Democratic State Committee member representing the 116th District, emailed a statement from Jay S. Jacobs, chairman of the New York State Democratic Committee, to the local press.

Bacon, is also St. Lawrence County Democratic Election Commissioner, but she did not send the statement in that capacity.

The statement calls on Stefanik to resign after she came out in support of efforts to overturn the 2020 presidential election.

Jacobs's statement says:

"I am today calling for the resig-

nation from office of Congresswoman Elise Stefanik (R-Schuylerville).

In my more than 19 years as a party chairman I cannot remember a time that I have called upon a Republican or Democratic official to resign – even when under indictment – as I have always felt that one is innocent until proven guilty. Through her statement today indicating her intention to support the effort to contest the legitimately certified electors in the 2020 Presidential race, Congresswoman Stefanik has thrown in her lot with those colleagues who seek to violate their Constitutional oath to "protect and defend" the Constitution by seeking to overthrow the legitimately elected incoming President of the United States."

"Congresswoman Stefanik knows that there are no 'contested electors'

for her to oppose as every state, under their Constitutional obligation, has certified the legitimacy of the electors now being sent to the Congress.

Similarly, she knows that there has not been presented any unrefuted and discredited evidence of any massive voter fraud in any state that she is going to challenge. She knows that there are no 'serious questions' as to the legitimacy of the electors that she will seek to challenge. Her statement alleging that she is seeking to defend democracy is a sham – and she knows it, thus violating her oath of office.

By her own words, she has discredited the office that she holds, has violated the oath that she has taken and has embarrassed the district and entire state that she purports to serve."

Town holding solar project hearing Jan. 20

MASSENA — The Massena Town Council will have a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 20 to amend the local law regulating solar power facilities.

The hearing will be streamed live on the town's Facebook page.

At the December town board meeting, Supervisor Steve O'Shaughnessy said Town Attorney Eric Gustafson recommended amending the law to include a

payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreement, or tax exemption, for solar developers. The board's resolution says PILOT agreements for solar developers "are in the best interest of the residents of the town." Owners or developers of all solar energy facilities or systems have to contract with the town for a PILOT deal. The owner or developer has to give the town a written notice of intent to construct a solar power facility.

Donation helps Ogdensburg hospital

OGDENSBURG — Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center Foundation received a \$100,000 donation from the CHMC Auxiliary for the construction of the Children's Mental Health Unit at CHMC.

"Inpatient psychiatry services for children and adolescents is a growing need in the North Country.

At Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center, when we see a child or adolescent in the Emergency Department who requires more than outpatient care, we are forced to

wait for an open space in one of the few hospitals in the state who offer inpatient children's mental health," said Randy Fipps CHMC Administrator of System Integration and Behavioral Health. "The creation of this unit is vital to the health and wellness of the youth in our community. We are so grateful for this gift of support." The inpatient unit is designed to meet the developmental and psychiatric needs of children and adolescents who require more than outpatient men-

tal health services. Having a facility in St. Lawrence County means more children who need help can get it closer to home and family: with more than 900 youth (children and adolescents) presenting in the CHMC Emergency Department with mental health challenges each year, this is a necessary service for the community. This 12-bed unit will accommodate youth diagnosed with pediatric psychiatric disorders and will staff healthcare professionals trained to work in the field.

Doctor discusses vaccination roll-out at meeting

BY ANDY GARDNER
North Country This Week

CANTON — With COVID-19 vaccinations slowly rolling out, the county Board of Health president took a few minutes to discuss some of the frequently asked questions for the vaccine.

Dr. Andrew Williams made the comments during the Monday, Jan. 4 St. Lawrence County Legislature meeting.

The vaccine won't cost anything to people being vaccinated.

"The vaccine is going to be available at no cost," he said.

He said there haven't been any serious side effects, and severe allergic reactions are "extremely rare."

"There have not been any serious side effects related to the vaccines that have been reported. Much like the influenza vaccine, some people get a sore arm, fatigue, maybe a low grade fever or headache," he said, adding that those symptoms go away after a day or two.

"CDC and the Department of Health feel people can get the vaccine as long as they don't have an allergy to the injection form of the ingredients that are in the vaccine," the doctor said. "I'd encourage people to speak with their medical provider."

He said there are ongoing studies of the vaccine being safe for children and pregnant women.

"The current recommendation is if someone is pregnant and in the priority group, they should have the option and talk about it with a health provider," he said. "Priority group" refers to who gets the vaccine first. Right now, it's going healthcare workers and nursing home residents and staff.

He described reports of the vac-

cine causing infertility as "internet disinformation."

"More people who received the vaccine became pregnant than people who did not get the vaccine," he said, referring to the trial phases last year.

Dr. Williams said the vaccine does not have any human or animal products, and doesn't contain adjuvants or preservatives.

People who want to get tested don't need a negative COVID-19 test before getting it.

"You don't need any testing before you get the COVID vaccine," he said.

He recommended that anyone who has previously had COVID-19 and recovered should still be vaccinated.

"The rationale for this is we don't know how long antibody protection is present after the natural infection, and we do know people become reinfected," he said.

He said it's also safe to give to people with chronic underlying health problems.

"Emphatically, yes, it's safe," Dr. Williams said. "It's these people who have chronic medical conditions we're hoping will get vaccinated."

As people get vaccinated, they will still need to follow public health measures aimed at mitigating the spread of COVID-19, like wearing a mask in public and physical distancing.

"It really doesn't change any other of the public health guidances. This may change as more information is available about the long-term vaccine efficacy and as more people get vaccinated," the doctor said.

And also, the state government "has made a decision not to mandate COVID-19 vaccination," Dr. Williams said.

Sheriff joins 'yellow dot' program to improve safety

CANTON — The St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office is participating in the New York State Sheriff's Association Yellow Dot Program.

Yellow Dot is a free program designed to help first responders provide life-saving medical attention during that first "golden hour" after a crash or other emergency.

The Yellow Dot in the driver's-side rear window of your vehicle will alert first responders that vital medical information is stored in the glove compartment.

The Yellow Dot Kit includes a Yellow Dot decal and personal information card. The information

card is to be completed as fully as possible, which includes information such as emergency medical contacts, physician information, medications and other important information.

The information card should then be secured in the glove box of the vehicle, and the Yellow Dot decal placed on the rear driver's side window. In the event of an accident or emergency, first responders will have access to pertinent information. To request a Yellow Dot kit, you can stop at the Sheriff's Office at 48 Court Street in Canton or go to: <https://nysheriffs.org/yellowdot>.

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New Year's Day baby

The first baby of 2021 was born early on New Year's Day. Finnian Jack Pierce Havens was born at Canton-Potsdam Hospital at 5:38 a.m. He weighed in at 8 pounds, 6.4 ounces. Finnian's parents are Joshua and Jacqueline Havens of Heuvelton. He joins four siblings.

Walczyk applauds visitation halt at prisons

State Assemblyman Mark Walczyk is applauding the decision by the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) to suspend inmate visitation starting 3 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 31.

Assemblyman Walczyk, R-Wa-tertown, recently sent a letter to the acting DOCCS commissioner, calling for an immediate end to inmate visitation.

This request stems from a previous letter Walczyk and his colleagues in the state Legislature sent to DOCCS in August, calling on the Department to implement accurate drug testing of inmates after false-positive tests were being generated by testing kits the Department used.

Without a precise plan to drug test inmates, Walczyk felt it imperative to call on DOCCS to suspend visitation in state prisons.

Walczyk is happy to see that DOCCS listened to the concerns outlined in his letter. Enacting this ban on inmate visitation will help safeguard the health and well-being of COs across the state, especially those in St. Lawrence and Jefferson Counties.

"I want to voice the perspective shared by many of the people I represent: In a time when New Yorker's aren't permitted to see their loved ones in a nursing home because of COVID-19, it's offensive, inconsistent and irresponsible that their tax dollars are paying for convicted felons in your care to get special

visits," said Assemblyman Walczyk in the letter to Acting DOCCS Commissioner Annucci.

United helpers reports 30th death stemming from COVID

United Helpers has reported another death, bringing the total to 30 since the end of November.

UH officials say the person who died was a resident at its Canton facility. There have been 7 deaths at that facility and 23 at the Ogdens-

burg facility.

Five people are hospitalized due to complications from COVID.

Officials there say there were four new cases reported Monday, three in Canton and one in Ogdensburg.

Man charged after crashing into state police vehicle

FORT COVINGTON — A Hogansburg man was arrested after crashing into a state police vehicle during a vehicle pursuit Jan. 2.

Around 7:55 p.m. that day troopers said they initiated a traffic stop on State Route 37 after officers observed a vehicle driving 46 mph in a 30 mph zone.

The vehicle failed to stop and continued on SR 37 speeding up, officers said.

The driver eventually turned north onto Mary Riley Road and then onto Burns Holden Road, where it he crashed his vehicle into a marked state police vehicle, troopers said.

The suspects vehicle became disabled following the crash and the driver was taken into custody.

Police charged 35-year-old Abraham T. Gray of Hogansburg with third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, fourth-degree criminal possession of a narcotic and two counts of seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, officers said.

He was also charged with fourth-degree criminal mischief and third-degree unlawfully fleeing a police officer, police said.

He was allegedly found in possession of various pills, a quantity of cocaine, and drug paraphernalia.

Gray was virtually arraigned by the Dickinson Town Court and released.

He is scheduled to appear in the Fort Covington Town Court at a later date.

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Susan Jacobs | Submitted

Credit Union donates to Snackpack

The St. Lawrence Federal Credit Union recently donated \$250 to the Ogdensburg Snackpack Program. Above, Susan Jacobs accepts the donation from Hannah Leeder. The Ogdensburg Snackpack Program is a non profit organization providing healthy weekend snacks for children at Grant C. Madill and John F. Kennedy Elementary Schools in Ogdensburg.

'Where's the beef' after Wendy's closure

MASSENA — Wendy's is now closed. Wendy's was one of the original businesses when the mall opened in 1990. The announcement of the closure was made on the St. Lawrence Centre Facebook page Dec. 28. Mickey's Place, which serves baked goods, soups, sandwiches, and fair food, remains open at the mall. Anita Burrito serves Mexican food inside the mall during the winter and outside in a food truck during the summer. The All American Pub, currently closed due to the pandemic, is a full-service restaurant and sports bar. None of the eateries are listed on the St. Lawrence Centre website. Wendy's is still listed as the only restaurant. The mall has lost many businesses and restaurants in recent years as retail outlets across the nation have felt the crunch from online sales. To combat the issue

the mall now offers a variety of entertainment and shopping options. "Before COVID we were on track to filling the mall back up. We were at 80% occupied up from the 28% when I first started. We were making a wonderful community space and having events that were bringing up to 10,000 people in the doors in a day," said mall Manager Erica Leonard. "Now, we can't have events, we can't open some of our entertainment, and most of the businesses have closed down because they couldn't make it. Not because our rent prices are high (which is popular belief) but because no one was buying anything. We work with anyone that wants to be there and we can help with a marketing plan and a business plan to get off the ground and in some cases offer free first months rent to help them get open." Mall hours for January at 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

Farm board delays lowering overtime limits

MADRID — The Farm Labor Wage Board made the decision to delay consideration of lowering the 60-hour farm labor overtime threshold during this unprecedented year. New York Farm Madrid daily farmer and New York State Farm Bureau President David Fisher supported Chair Brenda McDuffie's position of delaying a decision and avoiding any unintended consequences that could negatively impact New York's farmworkers, family farms and access to local food. "I had encouraged giving the process more time to fully evaluate what a lower threshold would mean for all involved, especially with such

limited data from this challenging year. I'd like to thank my fellow wage board members for their time and professionalism and encourage the Department of Labor to continue to work with the farming community to do what is best for our farms and employees. We need each other for agricultural production and our rural economies to flourish," said Fisher. New York Farm Bureau also thanks its members who testified and submitted written comments. The care they have for the men and women who are essential workers on their farms is evident. We all value their work and want the very best for

farm employees, that includes the ability to earn a good livelihood in the profession they have chosen. New York Farm Bureau is the state's largest agricultural lobbying/trade organization.

Online class for restaurateurs

The SUNY Canton Small Business Development Center (SBDC), the North Country Chamber of Commerce and The Hoffman Eells Group CPAs are teaming-up to offer an online workshop aimed at helping restaurateurs and food service providers. The virtual event "Restaurant Survival Strategies" will look at "how to run a successful restaurant during the pandemic," an event announcement says. They say it will help them "consider innovative ideas for attracting and keeping customers, along with a back to basics look at using financial numbers to accelerate your profits and generate cash flow." It will be Jan. 13 from 9 to 10 a.m. and is free. Advanced registration required. Register online at www.canton.edu/sbdc or call (518) 324-7232.

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Wintertime means fun for North Country residents



NCNow photo

Wyatt Ayotte, 3, practices skating for one of his first times, with help from his parents Matthew and Jessica Ayotte, during public skating at Massena Arena Monday, Dec. 28.



NCNow photo

Above, skaters of all ages and abilities took to the ice during public skating at Massena Arena recently.



NCNow photo

Westlyn Thomas, in front, and Paisley McGregor sled down together at Springs Park, Massena, after a newly fallen snow Sunday, Jan. 3.



Heather Lauzon | Submitted

Graysen Lauzon of Ogdensburg builds a snowman after the Christmas snowfall.



NCNow photo

In the photo at right, Massena residents Doug Croley, Robert Moses State Park manager, and Annie Croley set out for a ski at Nicandri Nature Center after a newly fallen snow Sunday, Jan. 3.

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Julie Pahler and Rebecca Rose, fifth grade teachers at Parishville-Hopkinton display their winnings

Teacher duo wins big for PHS students

In October, Kellogg's was offering an unbelievable giveaway for teachers as part of their #gotyourback campaign to give away 1 million NutriGrain bars to teachers.

If one of 579 teachers in a day to apply for the giveaway, Kellogg's agreed to show that they "have your back" by sending you 432

NutriGrain bars for the school's students.

Rebecca Rose and Julia Pahler both set their alarms for midnight to apply by submitting a description of how classes could benefit from the giveaway...and they were winners!

Recently the NutriGrain bars have arrived and PHCS students will benefit from it!

Free meals, other services available for students

The Parishville-Hopkinton School District has a new support program, run by our Community Schools Coordinator/School Mental Health Counselor, for students and their families in need

The Panther Paws Project (3P) is a resource available for all students and their families, where the school works collaboratively to meet the needs in a supportive way that enriches the student's academic, physical, social, and emotional wellbeing.

This is a resource available under the Community Schools Initiative. Services include: access to personal hygiene products and school supplies, access to the Comfy Closet stocked with gently used clothing, assistance obtaining other necessary household items as needed by families, assistance with accessing, coordinating, and establishing community services, help with enrolling in the Backpack Program.

The school has also announced that the free meals for all students will run through the end of the school year, including breakfast and lunch.

The USDA has again extended the Food Service Program for students. Free meals for all students will run through the end of the school year, including breakfast and lunch.

All kids will be able to eat for free, with or without a free and reduced meal application

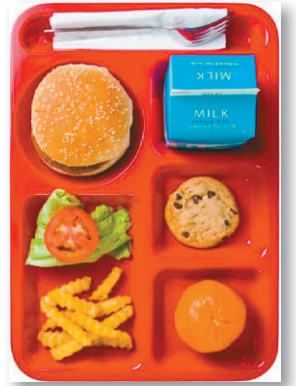
on file. Funding is expected to last through the end of June, but it could run out before then.

The USDA will let the district know and it will be announced when meals will revert back to the free, reduced and paid price structure.

The districts still recommends that family fill out applications if eligible for free and reduced meals, should the funding change, applications will be complete. If a child does not have a current application, they will be charged full price for the meals. Applications can be found on the school website.

The extension of free meals by USDA will not cause a change in the menus. The school might, at times, experience supply shortages and may need to make adjustments.

For more information contact Melany Cline, food service director, at 315-265-4642 ext: 9 or by email at: mcline@phcsd.org.



YouTube Screen shot

A screen shot of the Parishville Hopkinton Central School Senior Chorus performing on YouTube "Wonderful Christmas Time." The concert can still be viewed on the YouTube.com. The music department also arranged for an outdoor caroling concert as cars were able to line the road, and students socially distanced performed for those in attendance.

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NORTH COUNTRY OPINION

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Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States

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Chuck Larrabee | Submitted

Shipping season ends

The 2020 shipping season came to an end. The Algoma Strongfield is last ship to transit near the Massena-Cornwall bridge on the afternoon of Wednesday, Dec. 30.

LETTERS

City manager putting residents lives at risk

Ogdensburg Firefighters have been issued an instruction by City Manager, Mr. Stephen Jellie, to immediately discontinue our first responder status. This is another move furthering his mission to make our citizens and their families less safe. Mr. Jellie has not only denied those with a sworn duty to act, he has unilaterally deprived our community a significant resource in case of emergency.

He has done so during a global pandemic, when emergency medical service and response is more valuable than ever. This action continues his concerted effort to decrease the services of our department.

Mr. Jellie has previously indicated his goal to minimize the number of EMS calls to which we respond. What could be the reason for such an action? If someone is having a medical emergency, who is he to deny our services to the citizens we took an oath to protect? Of course, Mr. Jellie is using the pandemic as justification.

The fact is, like the brave doctors, nurses, paramedics, policemen, retail workers, etc, we still have a job to do. Our department has been training, following protocols and utilizing PPE, allowing our members to respond safely. Fire departments all over the state and the country are still responding to EMS calls, some despite COVID outbreaks among their membership.

Local 1799 finds this decision by City Manager Jellie as his latest effort in his all-out attack on public safety in our city. A true leader and representative of our department would encourage training our members to ensure a safe response. Mr. Jellie constantly downplays our safety concerns regarding his operational directives. However, here the city manager says he, "cannot risk an outbreak due to us respond-

ing to these calls." This is to say that if a group of our members were infected, it may temporarily disrupt our department.

Local 1799 is confused by his feigned concern. If he is actually worried an outbreak could render us partially incapacitated for a short time, why is he trying to cut our staff by seven positions, immediately and permanently? A move like this carries incredibly much more risk to employees and citizens.

Make no mistake; this is another move by Mr. Jellie to, "lessen the expectations our citizens have of the fire department." Local 1799 has sworn to protect the public, pandemic or not.

Please let the administration know that this type of reckless action is unacceptable, irresponsible, and dangerous.

Jason Bouchard
President Local 1799

NCNOW SURVEY

The Question:

Have you made a New Year's resolution for 2021?

ARE YOU MAKING a New Year's resolution for 2021?

HERE ARE COMMENTS from some survey participants:

'The rare times I have, I haven't stuck to it so it seems useless.'

'To continue living in this crazy upside down world as safely as possible and wishing the best for everyone else.'

'Yes, to make it to next year.'

'Getting out of NYS and as far away from Cuomo as possible.'

'My New Year's resolution is not make any resolutions.'

'Same as usual, need to lose weight. One of these years I will actually do it!'

'People who make New years resolutions are just making excuses not to start sooner. There is no better day to start the today.'

'Help everyone I can.'

'Yes, to bid Donald Trump farewell.'

'Avoid interacting with Democrats at all times.'

'For the first time ever I will make a resolution. The past 4 years have trampled my pragmatic 1960's based



view of the world. Since then i have watched all that we stood for, peace, love, human values, ecology get trampled in our current world. In 2021 I will become active in positive causes.'

TO READ MORE COMMENTS, visit NorthCountryNow.com/ncnow-survey.

TO TAKE THE CURRENT SURVEY, visit bit.ly/2Mx0Whf.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: If you received or will receive a stimulus check, how do you plan to use the money?

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BY BILL SHUMWAY
North Country This Week

The year 2020 brought extraordinary changes to *North Country This Week / NorthCountryNow.com*, as we reacted to survive the effects of the pandemic.

Thanks to community support, we kept St. Lawrence County informed, publishing more than 450 COVID-19 stories during the first ten weeks of the pandemic alone.

Report to the Community

We increased reporting of local government, an expensive community service essential for the success of our

democracy.

NCTW and *NCNow* helped many businesses and organizations communicate to the public by offering advertising discounts and other promotional benefits to keep doors open and convey valuable information.

And we retained our hard-working staff of 21, with only one voluntary layoff, by eliminating overtime hours and cutting other expenses.

The pandemic, combined with increased online shopping and social media use, forced us to implement long-planned changes much faster than expected. Serious declines in advertising from local health care institutions, retailers,

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auto dealers and others continue to threaten our ability to provide important local news.

Unlike North Country Public Radio, which gets more than \$400,000 a year in government funding, or local TV stations that receive millions of dollars in retransmission fees paid by cable and satellite customers, *NCTW/NCNow* has no secondary source of revenue.

Here is how we responded:

- Instituted a paywall on *NCNow*. Viewers can still read 15 stories a month for free, while frequent visitors are now asked to help pay news-gathering costs for about the price of a cup of coffee a week. December viewership was 8% higher than a year ago, with 3.4 million page views.

- Obtained more sponsorships from community-minded organiza-

tions to support news on specialized pages in *NCTW*. Sponsors of more local school news include SUNY Canton, Mort Backus, BOCES and Coryer Staffing; photo pages -- SeaComm and Frazer Software; sports -- North Country Savings Bank; and local food -- Nature's Storehouse, Gardenshare, Serenity Acres and C & M Beef.

- Encouraged "shopping local" in *NCTW*. Special pages with deeply discounted ads promoted maple producers, farm stands, farmer's markets, crafters, wineries and craft beer brewers.

- Helped organizations inform residents about their services, raise money, and advocate for causes on "Spotlight" pages in *NCTW*. Participants included Hospice, Orchestra of Northern NY, St. Lawrence County and Potsdam chambers of commerce, Norwood and Massena libraries, Ogdensburg Firefighters Union, Potsdam Animal Shelter, Claxton-Hepburn and Canton-Potsdam hospital foundations, St. Lawrence County Historical Association, Potsdam Kiwanis Club, St. Lawrence Health Initiative, Nicandri Nature Center, and Art Based Community Cultural Literacy Cooperative.

- Started the *North Country This Week St. Lawrence County Edition*, allowing us to accept state-mandated legal notice advertising from local governments. The paid edition is packed with even more news than our free Potsdam-Canton and Massena-Ogdensburg editions that



Many community-minded organizations are sponsoring special pages in *North Country This Week* to help ensure we can keep St. Lawrence County informed.

will continue to be published. Now, readers can subscribe to the paid edition so they won't miss a copy.

- Obtained advertising from Congressional candidates. Local news media spend large sums reporting on and running letters to the editor about campaigns and elections. But Congressional campaigns nationwide usually don't include local newspapers when placing ads. We are glad our local candidates recognized the importance of *NCTW/NCNow*. However, having raised many millions of dollars, their expenditures with us were just a tiny "drop in the bucket" compared to what they spent on TV and social media owned by out-of-area corporations.

- Along with other newspaper publishers, persuaded Rep. Elise Stefanik to co-sponsor the Local Journalism Sustainability Act. HR 7640 would provide tax credits to advertisers, subscribers and publishers, helping assure local news

media can continue to serve their communities. The bill never made it out of the Ways and Means Committee, but is expected to be reintroduced this year.

- Raised approximately \$20,000 from readers during the first three months of the pandemic, using a model used by public broadcasting.

- Changed distribution of the Potsdam-Canton edition of *NCTW* from Tuesday to Thursday. Now, Monday and Tuesday night county, town and village board meeting coverage is published within days, not the following week.

We are pleased tens of thousands of readers, businesses and organizations rely on and appreciate our website and newspaper. With continued support from all segments of the community, we hope to continue to serve St. Lawrence County for many years to come.

Bill Shumway is editor and publisher of North Country This Week and NorthCountryNow.com.

LETTERS

Pelosi seeks to verbally neuter our language

Friday, Jan. 1, 2021, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi proposed that the terms to be struck from clause 8(c)(3) of rule XXIII, of the House's Code of Official Conduct include "father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, half-sister, grandson, [and] granddaughter."

These terms are to be replaced with "parent, child, sibling, parent's sibling, first cousin, sibling's child, spouse, parent-in-law, sibling-in-law, stepparent, stepchild, stepsibling, half-sibling, [and] grandchild."

Is this an attempt to use "gender-inclusive language" or an attempt to neuter? How can it be gender inclusive when you deny

the right of gender identity to the majority of Americans? What are the ramifications of this action?

Should we assume that all legislation written in the 117th Congress will be void of any real terms that give us an identity? Should we assume that this attempt to verbally neuter us will be carried down to the state and local level?

Should we assume that the House leadership will also seek to eliminate Mother's Day and Father's Day? Should I tell my children to refer to me as parent and not Mom, Ma or Mother? Should Hallmark discontinue the production of cards that reference the birthdays of our brother, sister, mother, father, etc.?

It has been about a year since the arrival of COVID-19 in the US. The economic and public health challenges that COVID-19 has created are enormous. Many businesses have been closed; many never to open again. Rather than try to unite Americans to overcome the challenges of 2021, Speaker Pelosi

chooses to focus her attention on verbally neutering our language.

If you wish to congratulate Speaker Pelosi on this proposed change to the House rules, she can be reached in DC at 202-225-4965.

Nancy Foster
Louisville

Stefanik doing what is right for constituents

Constitution, Constitution, treason, treason, sedition, sedition, my hair is fire! Oh let's not forget we went from, there is no fraud, to there was very little fraud, to there wasn't enough fraud to change the election.

This is the war cry of the left, the Democrats, the RINO's, and the pathetic excuse we have for media in this country. Well as a farmer I am an expert in the waste products of cattle and I can assure you all of it is certified bullcrap! So let's just break this down shall we? To start there are specific checks and balances in the Constitution for these situations. Specifically the 12th Amendment, Article 1 section 4, and most important Article 2 section 1 clause 2.

Moving on since our schools fail to teach history especially to journalism students. I'll be happy to give a history lesson. In 2000 the electors were challenged by Democrats. In 2004 electors were challenged by, yup Democrats. In 2016 Mad Max from California challenged the electors. But I digress let's go back to 1960 when Hawaii's electors were challenged by, again Democrats. Oh yes there was a little thing back in 1876 with the Hayes/Tilden election. Seems like again the Democrats committed fraud by exploiting people who couldn't read, so they put Lincoln's (a Republican) picture next to the Democrat candi-

date's name. Once again the Democrats committed fraud and the Republican came out victorious.

So when I hear these attacks against Congresswoman Stefanik from people who hate the Constitution, have no understanding of our history, and throw around words they don't even understand I have to speak up. By the way I encourage all the quote leadership in the Republican Party to do the same. Elise is doing what is right. She is not only fighting for free and fair elections. She is also our voice and she is the only one that can represent the over 65% of the people in the district who agree with me 100%. That is her job, this is what she is supposed to do, and I am very proud of her for doing so.

Finally I forgot Democrats keep throwing around Democracy. It's an attack on Democracy. Well newsflash for all of you educated folks on the left from a dumb farmer. The word Democracy is not in the Constitution, we're a Constitutional Republic!

Russ Finley
Lisbon

Trump supporters remind me of Lloyd Christmas

Friendly limousine driver Lloyd Christmas, stomach aflutter and confusing genders, asks beautiful socialite Mary Swanson, "What do you think the chances are of a guy like you and a girl like me ending up together?"

"Not good," Mary softly responds. "Not good like one out of a hundred?" Lloyd asks.

"I'd say more like one out of a million."

Lloyd processes Mary's answer before shouting with glee, "So you're telling me there's a chance!"

Back in what I'm not so sure is

the real world, during this past 4th of July weekend on the St. Lawrence River in Alexandria Bay and waterways around the nation, boaters paraded in groups flaunting Trump flags and banners. You wouldn't think Trump flotillas would bring to mind comedy classic Dumb and Dumber, but they do. Lloyd Christmas, like millions of similarly cerebral but far less lovable MAGA Americans, cannot face reality. Mary Swanson, despite her friendly demeanor, does not love Lloyd Christmas. And America, despite its countless MAGA flags, does not love Donald Trump.

Trumpers need to learn that data is not the plural of anecdote. I get it, Mr. MAGA, you live in rural America, your friends like Trump, you go to Alex Bay and see Trump flotillas, your anti-Biden Facebook posts from QAnon get countless likes, and you turn on the TV and watch FOX News and Newsmax and see thousands of your likeminded mask-less compatriots jam packed into airport hangars for Trump superspreader rallies. There's no way he could've lost to Biden!

Except he did. Roughly 81 million Americans voted for Biden. That's 7 million more than Trump's 74 million. The only reason it was even slightly close is the Electoral College, which is just affirmative action for conservative white people. Biden supporters are every bit as American as MAGA voters, and they are a lot more diverse and representative of the full American populace, even if the EC structurally values them less.

What are the chances Trump's coup attempt works, one in a hundred? I'd say more like one in a million, to which I'm sure Trump and his delusional base would say, "So you're telling us there's a chance!"

Sean Pidgeon
Morristown

With Sincere Thanks

On behalf of the Buffham Family, we would like to say thank you to everyone for the cards, food, and donations of money. Everything was greatly appreciated during the loss of my loving husband and loving father.

NORTH COUNTRY THISWEEK

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Free dinners for almost 300 people

The Knights Of Columbus Council #258 In Ogdensburg served a free community Christmas dinner. Meals were pre-ordered and delivered to help follow COVID safety guidelines. A group of 25 people volunteered to deliver meals to almost 300 people. Pictured from left are Bill Taylor, Bishop Terry Lavalley, Sherry McCarthy, Jim McCarthy, and Steve Perretta.

BRIEFLY

Five-hour course

OGDENSBURG -- Ogdensburg City School District will offer a five-hour safe driving course Monday, Jan. 11 and Tuesday, Jan. 12. Sign up: call Cindy O'Grady 315-393-0900 x31920 .

WIC clinics

St. Lawrence County WIC program has scheduled the following clinic dates and times: Ogdensburg - Salvation Army, 401 Franklin St., Jan. 12, 13, 18, and 27, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Jan. 13, from 12:15-6 p.m.; Massena - Community Center, 61 Beach St., Jan. 8, 26, from 9:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

ADK chapter slates ski

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Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) welcomes the public to take part in the following event: Saturday, Jan. 9, Ski into Clear Pond. In the White Hill Wild Forest in Parishville. The trail is 4-5 miles round-trip, moderately strenuous. ADK members will hike if there is no snow. Contact David Trithart dtrithar@twcny.rr.com.

Fish fry

OGDENSBURG -- The Ogdensburg Knights of Columbus, 721 Hasbrouck St., will serve a fish fry Friday, Jan. 8, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Menu: fries, mac & cheese, coleslaw and a roll; or pulled pork on roll, fries, mac & cheese and coleslaw. Costs \$12. 315-393-7990 to pre order. Only pickup and delivery are being offered.



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Sledding down Springs Park hill

Jessica McGregor and Brantley Eurt, Norfolk, sled at Springs Park, Massena, after a newly fallen snow Sunday, Jan. 3.

OCP announces 2021 shows

OGDENSBURG -- A production of "Shimmer" that had been set for Jan. 24 has been rescheduled for March 28.

The latest lineup change means the first performance of the 2021-22 season will begin with a showing of "Forever Young" on Feb. 27 at 4 p.m. at the George Hall Auditorium at Ogdensburg Free Academy.

The latest shift in the 2021-22 season lineup is the result of a continuing lack of clear guidelines from New York State regarding social distancing rules related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We still can't do anything until we get clear direction from the governor's office in Albany," Ogdensburg Command Performances Administrator Sally F. Palao said. "We can't finish processing tickets until the state gives out the latest rules for attendance and explains the social distancing protocols for public performances."

She said the lack of clear directions by state officials for public performance venues is frustrating and has made it necessary to

again shift the opening date for the upcoming OCP season kickoff.

"It's very frustrating for us and for the touring companies, and it is equally if not even more frustrating for the public," she said. "I had four calls just the other day from people wanting to know when we will be presenting."

She added, "It's important to point out that none of those people wanted their money back for tickets, they just want to get out and get to the shows. They want to know when they can go and what to expect."

The lingering Covid-19 pandemic and the lack of advice from Albany on public performance guidelines has already forced the Ogdensburg-based theater group to make multiple changes to its new season lineup. The season was originally slated to kick off Dec. 16.

"We'll keep rolling with the punches the best we can," Palao said. "I want to thank the public for their patience and support."

Those with questions about shows and tickets can contact the box office by going to the OCP web-

site at <https://ilovetheatre.org/> or by leaving a message at: 315-393-2625 or by email: ocp@ogdensburgk12.org.

Shows and times for the OCP 2021-22 season as it stands now:

Forever Young: Saturday, February 27, 2021 - 4 PM

Rhythm of the Dance: Thursday, March 11, 2021 - 7:45 PM

Shimmer: A Winter Cirque Revue: Sunday, March 28, 2021 - 4 PM

Broadway Bound: 3 Redneck Tenors: April 15, 2021 - 7:45 pm

What a Night!: Thursday, May 20, 2021 - 7:45 PM

Songs and Stories of Neil Diamond: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 - 7:45 PM

A Rocky Mountain Christmas: The Music of John Denver & Holiday Favorites: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 - 7:45 PM

All shows will be held at George Hall Auditorium, Ogdensburg Free Academy.

Virtual concert from Pickens

HEUVELTON -- A virtual musical performance by Shawn Stoddard is planned Thursday, Jan. 21, at 7 p.m. This is part of the "Odd Thursdays at Pickens Hall" series.

This biweekly event, held on the first and third Thursday of each month, showcases St. Lawrence County musicians.

Singer-Songwriter Shawn Stoddard is the frontman for The Backwater Blues Band. He plays a variety of acoustic music ranging from the 70's to current, plus originals, all with a blues twist.

Concertgoers can watch the virtual performance via Facebook Live at Pickens Hall's page at www.facebook.com/pickenshall1854.

Historical film focuses on Bishop's residence

OGDENSBURG -- Legend says that Madame America Vespucci designed the home now known as the Bishop's Residence, according to City of Ogdensburg Historian Julie Madlin.

She says the double house, built for \$25,000 in 1855, was the home of two prominent families as well as several bishops of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg.

In the center was the land office for the Parish iron and lead mines of Rossie.

The Rosseel family occupied the east house. John Rosseel was born in Ogdensburg in 1822, son of Joseph and Louisa Rosseel. His father, Joseph, was the land agent for the Parish estate for 50 years and later John followed in his father's footsteps. In 1849 he married Lydia Raymond who was born in 1817 in Potsdam, NY and they had 3 children. As a child Mr. Rosseel was sick and became crippled as a result, but went on to captain two of Parish's schooners until his father's death when he took over as land agent. He served on the Board of Trustees in the 1850s for the village of Ogdensburg and was mayor of the city in 1875. Mr. Rosseel died in 1888 and is buried in the Ogdensburg Cemetery.

Lydia Rosseel was very active in the Presbyterian Church. She was president of the local Women's Foreign Missionary Society and a lifetime member of the National chapter. She died in Ogdensburg in 1890 and is buried in the Ogdensburg Cemetery. Their son Frank Rosseel was a well respected writer and artist.

The Westbrook family resided in the west side of the house. Charles R. Westbrook was a prominent attorney, who was born in 1827 in Fishkill, NY. In 1851 he married Sarah Seymour and they had 5 children. He was admitted to the bar at age 20, but could not practice

until he reached the age of 21. Mr. Westbrook moved to Ogdensburg and practiced law from about 1855-1881. His wife Sarah was born in Peekskill, NY in 1831. Charles died in 1900 and Sarah in 1906. Both are buried in the Ogdensburg Cemetery.

Bishop Wadhams purchased the house from George Parish for \$5,475 in 1879 making extensive repairs. Because the Diocese of Ogdensburg was not incorporated at the time, all property was owned by St. Mary's Cathedral with most of it deeded to Father Mackey, who was not inclined to change this. Priests who assisted Father Mackey at the cathedral had to live in the Bishop's house rather than the rectory, including Father Conroy who later became bishop himself. No one wanted to upset the old priest. Finally Father Mackey signed the release for the mortgage in 1883 which separated this house from St. Mary's Cathedral properties. In 1922 the property was renovated and the interior was partitioned. Today the Bishop of Ogdensburg still resides there.

To watch a YouTube video about the Bishop Residence, visit <https://bit.ly/35ceTYx>.

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under the same formula as the towns and villages. The motion to table the new sales tax deal passed 8-7, with mixed support from both Democratic and Republican legislators.

Ogdensburg and St. Lawrence County have been negotiating the sales tax distribution formula for some time. Both sides recently agreed to keep the formula as is for one year as details on how best to distribute the taxes are hammered out.

The sales tax charged by the county was originally intended to offset state mandated costs, specifically Medicaid. For decades, the county collected 3% on each dollar, while the state collected 4%.

In 2013, St. Lawrence County successfully convinced state lawmakers to collect an extra 1%, increasing total sales tax in the county from 7 to 8%.

St. Lawrence County shares its portion of sales tax revenues with towns and villages although no such requirement exists. The county is, however, obligated to negotiate with the City of Ogdensburg.

The state basically allows for two options. The city and county can agree to a set amount of sales tax sharing, or the city can "pre-empt" and keep the full 4% of sales tax generated within the city limits.

The current sales tax distribution method is not straightforward as the original 3% is calculated differently than the 1% added Dec. 1 2013.

Fifty percent of the first 3 cents collected per dollar goes to the county government. The remainder is split between the city of Ogdensburg, which receives 6.44 percent, and the county's 32 towns and villages, which split 43.65 percent.

On the additional 1 percent added in 2013, the county collects 83%, the city gets 6.44% and towns and villages split 10.56%.

Ogdensburg's larger share than municipalities has logic behind it — because of Ogdensburg's city status, it follows different rules. For instance, the city must make up for school taxes that come up short, and pay for maintenance of its bridges. For towns and villages, the county absorbs those costs.

REGS...

would be using appear to be more accurate than others on the market.

"It appears to be, but we really don't know, Myers responded.

Myers asked why they are even testing students if science shows that masks work at stopping the spread of COVID.

The Board was socially distanced with about half of them wearing facemasks and half not wearing them. Myers was not wearing a facemask.

"This is a situation where you know, our hands are tied," responded OCSO Superintendent Kevin Kendall. He said the district must do the required testing in order to stay open if the region enters a yellow zone.

Myers asked what would happen if the school did not get enough volunteers for testing.

"If we cannot test 20% of our population we're faced with no other choice but remote instruction,"

Kelly said.

She added that students would not be tested if they objected to it, even if their parents had signed a permission slip.

Superintendent Kendall stressed that none of this will happen if the district stays out of the "yellow zone" designation.

"Let's hope we never have to go down this road," he said.

All tests would be done by a nurse and is done at no cost to school districts.

To watch the entire meeting, visit <https://www.facebook.com/OgdensburgCitySchoolDistrict/videos/1168219476927864>.

MASSENA...

due to contacts at school.

"Over the holidays, we have started to see some students testing positive with coronavirus which at this point have not led to quarantine by any people within the school buildings given the timing. There are also some staff quarantines from positive cases outside of school," Brady said. "Our hope is that all of this will be limited as we prepare to return to school next week. This may be wishful thinking given the expected surge due to gatherings during the holidays. We will keep you posted."

The Joint Recreation Commission continues to hold public skating and hockey at Massena Arena. Everyone coming to the arena is required to fill out a COVID-19 screening form before entering, which is at <https://bit.ly/2JPQcK1>. They have daily time slots for each, with full schedules on their Facebook page, Massena Recreation Commission. Here is the schedule for Friday, Jan. 8 to Sunday, Jan. 10:

Friday, Jan. 8: 9 to 9:50 a.m. Senior Skate; 10 to 11:20 a.m. shinny hockey; \$5; 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Public Skate; \$3; 1 to 2:45 p.m. and 3 to 4:45 p.m. Shiny hockey; \$5; 5 to 5:50 p.m. Squirt A hockey; 6 to 6:50 p.m. Mites hockey; 7 to 7:50 p.m. Squirt B hockey; 8 to 8:50 p.m. Peewee B hockey; 9 to 9:50 p.m. Bantam B hockey

Saturday, Jan. 9: 8:45 to 9:50 a.m. Mites hockey; 10 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. Massena Figure Skating Club; 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. Mosquitos hockey; 1:30 to 2:35 p.m. Squirt A hockey; 2:45 to 3:50 p.m. Peewee B hockey; 4 to 4:50 p.m. Squirt B hockey; 5 to 5:50 p.m. Peewee A hockey; 6 to 6:50 p.m. Bantam B hockey; 7 to 7:50 p.m. Bantam A hockey; 8 to 8:50 p.m. Public Skating, \$3; 9 to 9:50 p.m., private rental

Sunday, Jan. 10: 8:45 to 9:50 a.m. Squirt B hockey; 10 to 10:50 a.m. Peewee B hockey; 11 a.m. to 12:05 p.m. Peewee A hockey; 12:15 to 1:05 p.m. Bantam A hockey; 1:15 to 2:20 p.m. Bantam B hockey; 2:30 to 3:20 p.m. Public Skating, \$3; 3:30 to 4:20 p.m. Mites hockey; 4:30 to 5:20 p.m. Mosquitoes hockey; 5:30 to 6:20 p.m. Squirt A hockey; 6:30 to 7:20 p.m. Girls 12U hockey; 7:30 to 8:20 p.m. Public Skating, \$3

COVID...

It's not clear if there have been any staff sickened at any of the four prisons. NYSDOCCS says "for security reasons," they don't disclose the number of staff by facility who have tested positive, are hospitalized or are in quarantine.



Anne Mooney | Submitted

Snow fun in Winthrop

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Answers found elsewhere in this paper.

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Perform complex medical laboratory tests for diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease. May train or supervise staff. Salary: \$53,976 - \$62,670. Status: Full-time, Non-exempt. Deadline: 01/20/2021. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov.

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 4. TELEVISION: What was the name of the mansion in the TV series "Dark Shadows"?
 5. ANATOMY: What are the tissues that hold bones together?
 6. SCIENCE: What is the study of plants called?
 7. MOVIES: What are the main food groups, according to Buddy in the movie "Elf"?
 8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the scientific adjective used to describe fish?
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Send letter of interest, resume and three **current, signed and dated** written letters of reference to Head Start, One Commerce Lane, Canton, NY 13617.

Deadline is until the position is filled. Head Start is an EOE.



Library Building Supervisor

St. Lawrence University has an opening for a Library Building Supervisor. This is a temporary, part-time position January-April, covering nights and weekends. Duties include student supervisory, public service, security, and technical responsibilities in the St. Lawrence University libraries. Open and close Owen D. Young Library and Launder Science Library according to schedule. Assist patrons using library resources and technology as appropriate. Responsible for specific circulation, periodical, interlibrary loan, and information technology tasks while supervising student workers and maintaining building safety and security. Must be able to work independently to cover a combination of evening, night and weekend shifts.

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Part-Time Dispatcher

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Qualifications: High School Diploma (or equivalent) required. Excellent oral and written communication skills required. Must be able to follow verbal and written directions. Must be able to deal with highly confidential matters; have ability to remain composed and multi-task in high pressure environment during emergency situations. Must have experience working with computer applications, strong working knowledge of Windows applications preferred. Must be able to work evenings, nights, weekends and holidays as requested.

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