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MCS eyes sex discrimination policy

BY ANDY GARDNER
North Country This Week

MASSENA — The Massena Central School board is crafting a new Title IX and sex discrimination policy under Trump administration rules that could soon change.

Policy Committee Chairman Paul Haggett told the board that they “got a little bit of a sneak peek from a new policy that we’re going to be considering soon, policy 3421, Title IX and sex discrimination.”

Title IX prohibits sex discrimination at schools that receive federal funds. It says, “no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.”

“It’s based on guidance that was received from the Trump administration. Obviously things may change in terms of the Department of Education guidance going forward,” he said.

Haggett described it as a “very lengthy, very complicated policy.”

“There were a few things that made us pause a little bit before we start talking about it for real. It’s not on the agenda for this evening because [Superintendent Pat Brady] wanted to have a few questions and clarifications ironed out with the school attorney before some official back and forth with the (policy) committee,” he said.

SEE DISCRIMINATION PAGE 12

Ogdensburg issues layoff notices to fire union members

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country Now

OGDENSBURG — City Manager Stephen Jellie confirmed that the city will be issuing layoffs to seven members of the Ogdensburg Fire Department effective Jan. 1.

The notices had been foreshadowed in the recent budget that de-funded the positions. In the past few weeks Jellie has offered retirement incentives of \$25,000 for those who are eligible and

says he believes an agreement could be reached that would avoid the layoffs in lieu of retirements.

Jellie says its possible further incentives could be offered if willing union were to show interest in working on an agreement.

“Unfortunately we are preparing the notices which will be going out soon. However, I truly remain hopeful that we can come to an agreement that allows us to avoid layoffs,” he said.

Such an agreement is

unlikely to occur prior to Jan. 1, as the retirement incentives have been in play for sometime and none have yet been taken.

The union has been reluctant to negotiate with the city due to concerns regarding the authenticity of the offers. Members point to their existing contract that defines the number of firefighters the city is to employ. They’ve also referred to the offer as coercive in nature

SEE LAYOFFS PAGE 12



Winter fun in Ogdensburg

Graysen Lauzon of Ogdensburg built a snowman after the Christmas snowfall. St. Lawrence County has had a mild entry into winter, with few snow showers, but swinging temperatures has resulted in quick melts. No snow was expected over the New Year holiday and temperatures were to rise as high as 45 degrees on Saturday, according to the National Weather Service.

Union will seek legal action after hearing

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG — Ogdensburg Professional Firefighters Local 1799 President Jason Bouchard says that if an injunction isn’t granted following the Jan. 8 hearing, the contract violations will be challenged in court.

Judge Mary Farley issued an order that denied a call for an immediate restraint on layoffs prior to the hearing, but set a date for the union to present their case.

On Dec. 18, the firefighters filed papers with the State Supreme Court in St. Lawrence County asking the court to halt any reduction in staff, and to maintain the staffing levels within the Department until the matter is resolved by a neutral arbitrator.

“The court will decide on the union’s injunction application after hearing from the parties on 1/8/21. Even if the injunction is denied, the city’s actions still violate the contract and

will be challenged through traditional arbitration,” Bouchard says.

“Until then I’ll reserve Commenting until the judge rules in the coming weeks. If the city elects to abolish positions, it will not only violate our CBA but put the public at significantly greater risk.”

In September, Ogdensburg Firefighters, filed an improper practice charge alleging violations of the Public Employees Fair Employment Act ranging from unlawful discrimination and retaliation, interference with the internal operations and administration of a union, and failure to negotiate.

In the recently passed budget the city cut seven positions at the department and announced plans to have only four firefighters on at a time, both of which are violations of the contract, according to Bouchard.

However, City Manager

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NCNow photo

Taking to the ice in Massena

Skaters of all ages and abilities took to the ice during public skating at Massena Arena Dec. 28.

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Vaccinations underway at Ogdensburg hospital

OGDENSBURG — Moderna's COVID-19 vaccinations for staff members are underway at Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center (CHMC).

A recent shipment of vaccines allotted 300 doses to CHMC employees.

"Healthcare workers are not in a bubble - they are in the front lines all day, and then they have to go home. They want to put their family finally at ease," said Dr. Michael Seidman, the first CHMC Moderna vaccine recipient, and CHMC medical director. "They want to be able to do their job and take care of people. The biggest threat to our continuity of care is having enough

healthy staff available to care for sick patients. You can't take care of sick people if you don't have enough healthy staff members.

This vaccine can protect our staff, and in turn, protect our patients."

CHMC continues to work with state and local officials and other healthcare facilities in planning the distribution of future vaccine shipments for frontline workers and the general community.

"We all want to shut down the pandemic and to get things back to normal," Seidman said. "This is everyone's job, not only healthcare workers, and it only happens if people get vaccinated."

Ogdensburg school board discusses possibly testing students for COVID-19

BY MATT LINDSEY
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG — Ogdensburg City School District Board of Education members and school officials 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 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," respond-

ed 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.



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Faulty wiring leads to fire in Lisbon, house saved with help from city firefighters

LISBON — A faulty electrical outlet has been blamed for a fire on Pray Road Sunday evening.

Ogdensburg Professional Firefighters Local 1799 says they responded last night around 7:05 p.m. to a request for mutual aid from Lisbon Fire following a reported structure fire. Engine 1, under the command of Assistant Chief Raymond LaRock, responded to 68 Pray Road with a crew of three men, according to the fire department's Facebook page.

"After a rapid response, fire personnel advanced a

pre-connected attack line into the involved structure.

The homeowner had discovered the fire inside the wall, and mostly doused the visible flames," firefighters said. Ogdensburg and Lisbon firefighters reportedly used the handline to completely extinguish the fire.

The wall was then opened up for overhaul and to check for any possible extension using our thermal imaging camera.

The fire is believed to have been caused by a faulty electrical outlet.

Massey appointed city court judge

OGDENSBURG -- Keith S. Massey, Jr. has been appointed as the second Ogdensburg City Judge.

Massey will serve with recently elected Ogdensburg City Judge Marcia L. LeMay., replacing Judge Michael Geebo.

Massey previously served as Chief Assistant District Attorney for St. Lawrence County, as a Deputy Attorney General for the State of New Jersey, and clerked in the Criminal Division of the New Jersey Superior Court.

Massey received his Juris Doc-

tor in 2004 from the University of Notre Dame, and completed his undergraduate degree at St. Peter's College. He was admitted to the New York Bar in 2005, and is also a member of the bars of New Jersey, the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Massey currently resides in Ogdensburg with his wife, Sarah.

BRIEFLY

CHCM COVID freezers

OGDENSBURG -- Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center (CHMC) owns two ultra-cold freezers with the ability to store over 50,000 doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines. They need -94F (-70C) temperatures for storage.

Reorganizational meeting

MASSENA — The Town Council's organizational meeting for 2021 will be Monday, Jan. 4 in the town hall's room 30. It will be livestreamed on the Town of Massena Facebook page.



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Salvation Army helps 142 households with Christmas

OGDENSBURG — The Ogdensburg Salvation Army helped spread Christmas joy to 120 families with children. It also gave food to 142 households in need this year.

"The Salvation Army Corp matches local donations, which is awesome," said Lt. Mark Devanney, Corps Officer of Ogdensburg's Salvation Army.

Many organizations, churches and community members assisted with donations.

Most of the toys came from Marine Toys-for-Tots and the Dollar Tree.

DMV closed in O'burg

OGDENSBURG — The Department of Motor Vehicles office in Ogdensburg is closed until Jan. 4, according to a post on the St. Lawrence County Clerk's webpage.

No reason was cited for the closure.

DMV offices around the county are open by appointment only.

The DMV offices will honor appointments for St. Lawrence County residents as well as residents of adjoining Jefferson and Franklin Counties, the website said. Those living in other counties must go to the DMV there. The local DMV offices reserve the right to refuse service for out-of-county residents, the website said.

Appointments to the various DMV offices in the county can be made by visiting <https://www.stlawco.org/Departments/County-Clerk/DMV>.

Locations, office hours and contact phone numbers for DMV offices in St. Lawrence County are:

- Canton, 80 State Highway 310, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 315-386-1408
- Gouverneur, 1227 U.S. Highway 11, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., 315-287-7034
- Massena, 21 Harrowgate Commons, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 315-764-1727
- Ogdensburg, 206 Ford St., Room 100, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 315-393-5386.

MCS fuel plan moves forward

MASSENA — The second phase of a project to replace fuel dispensers at a shared school district/village transportation facility will take about a week in February, according to a district architectural contractor.

Ed Bernhauer from the IBI group told the Board of Education that the low bid of \$99,650 for the project came from Environmental and Fueling Systems, based in Troy.

"We were happy to see that they were the low bidder because they were actually consultants in the design phases of the project," he said. "We're familiar with this company. We've done a number of projects with them before."

The work to replace the two fuel dispensers should start Feb. 13 and finish around Feb. 21, Bernhauer said. The first phase happened in August and replaced the fuel island understructure and put in temporary tanks.

Capital outlay projects are up to \$100,000, eligible for aid reimbursement, and are approved as part of the district's annual budget, rather than as a separate item like the ongoing \$49.5 million capital project.

Massena OKs deal with Humane Society

MASSENA — The Town Council ratified an agreement with the Massena Humane Society that will keep them at their South Racquette Road location through 2032.

The board approved the contract, which covers Jan. 1, 2021 to Dec. 31, 2032 at their December meeting as a two-year contract with the humane society expires at the end of this year. The lease charges \$1 per year for the humane society to lease the facility on town-owned property. There are plans to add a 100-foot by 100-foot addition. Under the new deal, any addition needs town board approval before work can start.

"It's the same language we've had

with them," Town Supervisor Steve O'Shaughnessy told the board.

MHS will have to pay taxes, assessments and utilities for the facility. They're also required to have public liability and property damage insurance.

The town with the MHS for the animal shelter for four quarterly payments of \$10,000, for a total of \$40,000 annually. That's the MHS's expense for operating the shelter for dangerous dogs, and also lost, stray or homeless dogs and cats. The humane society provides financial

reports each quarter before they get the payment.

The town also pays \$13,500 in a separate contract for animal control to handle dog complaints and pick up strays.

In addition to serving Massena, the Massena Humane Society contracts with Louisville, Norfolk, Dickinson, Brandon and Waverly to shelter homeless animals from those towns.

Adoptable animals at the MHS shelter are posted at massena.petfinder.com

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They are information portals, educational institutions, modern

day community centers, and an integral part of successful and vibrant communities.

"Being a library trustee carries much responsibility and decision-making in the overall well-being of the library and its service to the Ogdensburg community," a press release from the library said.

"Trustees are responsible for short- and long-term strategic

planning, sustainable funding, adherence to library laws and best practices, and supervision of the library's executive director.

The library board meets a minimum of ten times a year, and each trustee is assigned to at least one subcommittee relevant to their skills and/or interests.

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workshops, and other related events throughout the year to further enhance their understanding of library law, operations, and management."

Those interested can send a letter of interest along with a resume or CV via email to mmclagan@ncls.org, or by postal mail to: Board of Trustees, Ogdensburg Public Library, 312 Washington Street,

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OBITUARIES

Helen Wood White, 78

Massena

MASSENA -- Helen Wood White, 78, of Meadowview Lane, passed away Friday afternoon, December 25, 2020 at Canton-Potsdam Hospital after a brief illness.

Helen was born on the St. Regis Mohawk Reservation on June 10, 1942, the daughter of the late Jacob "Jake" and Mary (Bero) Wood. She attended schools on the Reservation before graduating from Salmon River Central School. She was married to Guilford White for 25 years.

In the mid to late 1960's, Helen worked in Data Processing starting in Boston, continuing at SUNY Potsdam and later in Utica. After returning to the Massena area, she became active with Massena Hospital Auxiliary, where she donated countless hours of her time over her 25 years of service. She was proudly recognized for service being honored as the Auxiliarian of the Year. Helen was also active for 10 years with the Massena Hospital Foundation, serving as their vice-president for 3 of those years.

She enjoyed working out at Heart to Heart Fitness Center, visits to the casino, traveling in her car, and visits and lunches with her many friends and family. Helen cherished the wonderful memories and precious time she shared with her granddaughter, Jocelyn.

Helen is survived by her children and their spouses, Andre Rieksts and his wife, Lisa Francis of Brasher; Dewi White of Massena; and

Justin and Julie White of Massena; her grandchildren, Jocelyn, Connor and Leah Francis; her twin brother, William Wood and his wife, Claire of Fairport; her sisters, Diane Linzy and her husband, David of Rochester; and Darlene Jacobs of Akwesasne; her sister-in-law, Christine Wood of Akwesasne; her godchild, Thomas Cook;

many nieces, nephews, and cousins; and her beloved cat, Russell.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her siblings, twins Philip "Dewey" and Phyllis Swamp, Joseph Wood, and Louise (Alec) Cooke.

At her request, services will be held privately with the Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena. A public funeral mass and memorial meal will be held in June 2021 in coordination of her birthday.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing may consider memorial contributions in her memory made to the charity close to her heart, Massena Hospital Auxiliary, One Hospital Drive, Massena, New York 13662.

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



Helen White

Kevin Lee Legge, 56

Massena

MASSENA -- Kevin Lee Legge, age 56, of Urban Drive, passed away peacefully after a brief battle with stage four cancer on December 24, 2020 at Massena Hospital.

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

As per Kevin's wishes, there will be no public calling hours or funeral services.

Kevin was born on September 20, 1964 to the late Arthur J. and Iris Mae (Vinson) Legge in Waterbury, CT. Kevin attended schools in Connecticut and later obtained certification at the Porter & Chester Institute, a technician school located in Oakville, CT.

Kevin Worked for Pratt & Whitney, an aerospace manufacturing company for many years before relocating and moving to the North Country, where he started work at Sears.

Shortly after their closure Kevin began his career with Walmart in Massena, and was a Mod Team Associate, until his health made it difficult to continue work in late October. Kevin was a very intellectual being, a self-proclaimed techno-geek who had an insatiable appetite for books and was well-read on many topics.

Some of his favorite authors included but not limited to, Dean Koontz, Stephen King, and Piers

Anthony.

He would enjoy countless hours making crafts and writing poetry and stories, some of which he even had sold on Amazon.

Kevin also enjoyed programming, cooking, playing video games (Guild Wars, Runes of Magic, Torchlight, The Witcher), and long drives in the country.

Kevin is survived by his companion Jacqueline Searle and her children Carl L. and Samuel J Searle both of Massena, NY, a sister Iris and husband Ronald Shaw of Moria, NY, two half-brothers; John Stephen Legge of Tucson, AZ and Arthur Legge, of Waterbury, CT. three half-sisters Colleen Pfeiler, Denise Schultze, and Deborah Legge all of Waterbury, CT. Kevin is also survived by several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents Kevin was predeceased by his sister Debbie Cayia.

Family and friends are encouraged to share memories of Kevin and online condolences by visiting www.PhillipsMemorial.com.



Kevin Legge

Edmund A. Barr, 47

Russell

RUSSELL -- A visitation for Edmund A. Barr, 47, of Russell will be held on Saturday, January 2, 2021, at the LaRue & Pitcher Funeral Home from 2-4 p.m. Mr. Barr died unexpectedly on Sunday, December 27, 2020, at the Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center Emergency Room.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaRue & Pitcher Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

Edmund A. Barr was born on September 23, 1973, in Ogdensburg, he is the son of Daniel John and Hilda Jane (Peck) Barr.

He was a 1992 graduate of Ogdensburg Free Academy.

On September 21, 2019, he married Jessica Whitford, a previous marriage to Renee Tatro Robinson ended in divorce.

Edmund joined the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision in May of 1998. Over the course of his 22-year career, he worked at Auburn, Greenhaven, Upstate, and currently, Ogdensburg Correctional Facility.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman, he enjoyed spending time on the St. Lawrence River, boating, and spending time with his family.

In his younger years, he had fond memories of spending time at Granny Peck's camp on the St. Lawrence playing cards.

The annual Barr Family Pig Roast was an event he would put on that all the Barr family would look forward to, as he loved cooking and was an excellent cook.

His greatest pleasure was spending time with his sons; four-wheeling, tinkering, and being at Hunting Camp.

He loved his many faithful Canine companions over the years.

He was a past member of the Constable Volunteer Fire Department and a member of the National Rifle Association.

He is survived by his wife Jessica Barr of Russell, his parents Daniel and Jane Peck of Ogdensburg, his sons; Eddie D. Barr of Virginia and Matthew J. Barr of Malone, his stepdaughters; Kelsie Leigh Matthews and Hailey Marie Matthews of Russell and his grandson, Bryce Walker Matthews. His siblings; Elizabeth Jane Barr of Ogdensburg, Lt. Matthew John Barr and his wife (Stephanie) of Virginia, and Daniel Barr and his wife Marilyn of Ogdensburg also survive him. He is survived by his nieces; Eliza Jane and Rachel Marie Hamilton of Ogdensburg, Brittany and Felicia Barr of Ogdensburg and Valerie Matos and her husband Anthony of West Virginia. He is also survived by his nephews; Adam Barr and his wife Morgan of Virginia along with his great-nephews, Aiden and Caleb Barr of Virginia.

Donations in Edmund's memory may be made to the Ogdensburg Rescue Squad 1223 Picking Street Ogdensburg, NY 13669. Online condolences may be made at www.LaRuePitcher.com.

PLEASE NOTE: For those attending the calling hours on Saturday, January 2, 2020, from 2-4 p.m., COVID-19 safety protocols will be in effect, including; wearing a mask and social distancing.

Also, please be prepared to stand outside of the building while the line moves indoors, as only a limited amount of visitors are permitted inside the building at one time.

On behalf of the Barr family, we thank you for your cooperation.



Edmund Barr

Jackie Downey, 66

Norfolk

NORFOLK -- Jackie K. Downey, 66, a resident of Plum Brook Road, passed away Wednesday evening, December 23, 2020 at Upstate University Hospital after a brief illness.

Jackie was born on April 2, 1954 in Massena, the daughter of the late Ivan and Harriett (Skiff) Carr. She attended Massena schools graduating from Massena High School.

On September 16, 1972, she married Christopher E. Downey in Massena.

Jackie worked for at time at Big Daddy's Pizza and Little Caesar's Pizza before moving to Indiana with her family.

After returning back to the North Country, she worked for various companies before becoming a dealer with the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino, she retired from AMC.

She volunteered for the annual St. Lawrence Bowfishing Championship and enjoyed watching

Nascar, dolphins, reading, camping, and traveling.

Jackie is survived by her husband, Chris; her children and grandchildren, Shawn and Amy Downey and their daughter, Olivia, of North Carolina and Julie and William Wilson and their son, Beau, of Massena; her brother, Terry and Brenda Carr of Chase Mills; several half siblings; and her beloved dogs, Tucker and Shelby.

At her request, there will be no calling hours or funeral service.

A celebration of her life will be held in the Spring of 2021 at a time and location to be announced.

Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to the Massena Humane Society.

Arrangements are with the Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena, where memories and condolences may be shared online at www.donaldsonfh.com.

Crossword Answers

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OBITUARIES

Eric S. "Rick" Szarka, 73

Massena

MASSENA -- Eric S. "Rick" Szarka, 73, a longtime resident of Spruce Street, peacefully passed away Monday morning, December 21, 2020 at his home.

Rick was born on December 7, 1947 in Massena, the son of the late Andrew C. and Irene (Geng) Szarka. He attended Massena schools graduating from Massena High School in 1966. Following graduation, he entered the US Navy, proudly serving his country for 4 years.

Rick married Lynn Reynolds and was blessed with two children before their marriage ended in divorce.

Throughout his life, Rick enjoyed his life as a salesman, working for Seaway VW for a time and most of his working career with WMSA Radio, where he cherished the many years and friendships he made at his "office" at Bob's Barber Shop on Main Street, Massena. Rick was also a building inspector for the Village of Massena for 19 years and worked for a brief time with General Motors.

Rick had a robust personality that would brighten any room and a wonderful ability to build and keep friendship throughout his life. He was a member of the AMVETS, American Legion, and VFW and former member of the Massena Moose Lodge. He loved the time

he was able to spend in the woods, watching football, watching Formula One Racing, and cherished the time he was able to be with his grandchildren.



Eric Szarka

Rick is survived by his children, Melissa Gravelle of Cornwall and Todd and Trudy Szarka of Massena; his grandchildren, Mickial, Makayla, Max, Nastassia, and Kay Cie; his companion, Esther Reid of Massena; his sister, Joan (James) Szarka-Eddy of Massena; his brother, Andrew Szarka of Massena; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a brother, Jay Szarka.

At his request, there will be no services at this time. A celebration of his life will be held in 2021 at a time and location to be announced.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley or the Gerald R. Roy AMVETS Post #4.

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

MASSENA -- Barbara K. Pepe, age 91, passed away on Wednesday, December 23, 2020 at Massena Rehabilitation & Nursing Facility. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Phillips Memorial Home in Massena. There will be no public calling hours at this time. A Memorial Mass will be held at the convenience of the family in the spring at St. Mary's Church, Massena, with interment to be held in Calvary Cemetery, Massena.

Barbara was born on October 4, 1929 in Watertown the daughter of Kenneth and Ella (McRae) Kenney. She graduated from Immaculate Heart Academy, where she was an outstanding member of the swim team. After graduation, she worked as a telephone operator for NY Telephone and Telegraph.

She married Joseph Pepe at Sacred Heart Church on November 17, 1951. He predeceased her on April 26, 2011.

After her children were older, she worked as an Avon Lady, and cashier at Brad's Big M Supermar-

MASSENA -- On Monday December 21, 2020 the family of Andrew J. Middlemiss, age 26, said their last goodbyes to their caring and thoughtful son after a brief illness at Canton-Potsdam Hospital.

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

Callings hours for Andrew will be held Thursday December 31, 2020 starting at 1:00 p.m. until the time of services at 3:00 p.m. with Rev. Don Curry officiating at the Phillips Memorial Home, Massena. Internment in Foxwood Memorial Park, Ogdensburg will take place at a later date at the convenience of the family.

Andrew Jeffrey Middlemiss was born on January 7, 1994 to his father Jeffrey Middlemiss and mother Jodi Sharpe in Ogdensburg, NY. He attended Massena Schools and graduated from Massena Central High School in 2012 and later continued his education at SUNY

MASSENA -- Susan Ann Small, age 62 of State Highway 420, passed away unexpectedly early Christmas morning, December 25, 2020, at her home.

Susan was born on June 30, 1958 in the town of Massena to Lyle E. and Ann D. (Bertrand) Murray. The family has entrusted funeral arrangements to the care and direction of the Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

Susan is survived by her mother, Ann Murray Bergeron, and her stepfather, Robert Bergeron, of Massena, NY; one brother, Robert, and Darlene Murray, of Horseheads, NY; two sisters, Carolyn and Bruce Converse and Catherine and Ted Scott, both of Massena, NY. Susan is also survived by four nephews and one niece; Jason and Amanda Converse, of Massena, NY, Chris and Angelina Converse, of North Lawrence, NY, David and Morgan Murray and Matthew and Katherine Murray, both of Elmira, NY, and Amanda and Ryan Schoellkopf of Savannah, GA. She also leaves behind her loving companion of several years, Bruce Casselman,

Barbara K. Pepe, 91

Massena

ket in Massena until her retirement.

After both Joe and Barb retired, they spent winters enjoying their condo in Palm Bay Florida, making friends with many in the complex. She continued to winter in Florida for several years after Joe passed away. Barb was an avid fisherman and later



Barbara Pepe

golfer, scoring her first hole in one at age 63. She loved reading and instilled that love of books in her children. She was a fabulous cook, known as "The Lasagna Queen" for her traditional Christmas dinner with family and close friends. She was accomplished at knitting and crochet and enjoyed crosswords and jigsaw puzzles. Barb also contributed greatly to the profit at the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino.

Barbara is survived by her two children, David and Cookie Pepe

of Massena and daughter, Susan Pepe and companion Dodie Hanks of Watertown, NY; two granddaughters, Olivia (Andy) Marlow of Massena, and Tara (Steve) Fuller in Plattsburgh; and two great-grandchildren. Barb is also survived by her brother, Larry and wife Fran Kenney of West Yarmouth, MA; along with many nieces, nephews, and friends who considered her an important part of their extended family.

She was predeceased by two sisters, Pauline Delaney and Kay Putnam.

Memorial contributions may be shared with The Massena Volunteer Emergency Unit (Massena Rescue Squad); 341 E Orvis St, Massena, NY 13662, or St. Peter's Parish Capital Fund; 188 Main Street, Massena, NY 13662.

Online condolences and memories are encouraged to be shared with the family by visiting www.PhillipsMemorial.com

Andrew J. Middlemiss, 26

Massena

Canton.

Andrew was a very caring individual who always thought of others first. At the end of his young life, he was gracious enough to become an organ donor and was able to share the gift of life with two recipients with life threatening illnesses.



Andrew Middlemiss

He enjoyed spending time playing video games and loved the company of his two cats, Lilly and Lucy.

Andrew is survived by his mother, Jodi and husband Jamie Sharpe of Massena, NY and father Jeffrey and Lisa Middlemiss of Brier Hill; he is also survived by step-brothers, Jordan Sharpe of Bethlehem, PA, Jonah and wife Meghan Sharpe of

Plattsburgh, Douglas Reynolds of Massena; a step-sister, Christina Thornhill and wife Shannon Furgison-Thornhill of Ogdensburg; nephews, Trenton Sharpe of Bethlehem, PA, Jamie Fugison, Tristin Thornhill and Trenton Thornhill all of Ogdensburg; and a very caring and very close aunt, Tami Soper of Syracuse; along with several other aunts, uncles and cousins.

Andrew was predeceased by his sister, Cathy-Jo Middlemiss; two uncles, Mike and Dennis Soper of Brier Hill; along with his grandparents, Rick and Joan Soper of Brier Hill, Keith and Shirley Middlemiss of Ogdensburg; and step-grandparents, Carl and Helen River of Richville.

Memorial contributions may be acknowledged with the Muscular Dystrophy Association; 6315 Fly Rd #102, East Syracuse, NY 13057.

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

Susan Ann Small, 62

Massena

and his sons Travis and Dylan, all of Massena along with several great nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and many life-long friends that meant so much to her.



Susan Small

Susan was predeceased, in life, by her father, Lyle E. Murray in 2001.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, Susan's family will be holding funeral services with a celebration of her life in the summer of 2021. Information will be later forthcoming. Susan will be laid to rest with her father in Calvary Cemetery in Massena.

Susan graduated from Massena Central High School in 1976 along with Norwood BOCES School of Cosmetology.

Susan was a self-employed hairdresser in Massena for over 43 years. At one time she was the own-

er of Southern Exposure Tanning Salon in Massena.

A marriage to Robert Small ended in 1988.

Susan will always be remembered for her wonderful heart, caring soul, independence, perfectionism, and eye for detail, perhaps being the reason she was always the last to arrive anywhere. Susan was an avid bowler and enjoyed bowling and running many leagues at Pappy's Bowlmor Lanes in Massena. She also enjoyed knitting and sewing. Susan also enjoyed staying in contact with all her old classmates on the Facebook memories page for the Class of 1976.

Susan will be sadly missed by her loving family, her many lifelong friends, and her two rescue cats, Mr. Johnson and Miss Kitty.

Memorial contributions may be acknowledged to the Massena Humane Society; 177 Massena South Racquette River Rd, Massena, NY

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

RECENT DEATHS

ROSELLA LISCUM, 101, Ogdensburg, Dec. 26. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

MARGARET GAUTHIER, 77, Brasher Falls, Dec. 25. Arrangements with Hammill Funeral Home, Winthrop.

HELEN WHITE, 78, Massena, Dec. 25. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

AUDREY MCGRATH, 93, Ogdensburg, Dec. 25. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

SUSAN SMALL, 62, Massena,

Dec. 25. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

KEVIN LEGGE, 56, Massena, Dec. 24. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

JOSEPH MONTGOMERY, 93, Ogdensburg, Dec. 24. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

LISA GUSHEA, 59, Heuvelton, Dec. 24. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

BARBARA PEPE, 91, Massena, Dec. 23. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

PAUL MONTPETIT, 65, Ogdensburg, Dec. 23. Arrangements with LaRue & Pitcher Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

RONALD COBB, 78, Ogdensburg, Dec. 23. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

GERALD SHOLETTE, 83, Ogdensburg, Dec. 22. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

JANET GROTH, 98, Ogdensburg, Dec. 22. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

ANDREW MIDDLEMISS, 26, Massena, Dec. 21. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

ERIC SZARKA, 73, Massena, Dec. 21. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

DAVID BURNETT, 80, Brasher Falls, Dec. 14. Arrangements with Hammill Funeral Home, Winthrop.

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First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States

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LETTERS

Firefighters urge safe New Year's celebration

New Year's Eve is a night to celebrate, and firefighters want you to make a few resolutions for a safe December 31.

The most obvious resolution is to avoid drinking and driving. This may sound simple enough, but it goes beyond not getting behind the wheel when you've had too much.

It means planning for a designated driver, a cab or rideshare service and also means encouraging others to be safe as well.

If you are planning a party at your home, make sure your guests get home safely or stay overnight.

If you plan to drink to ring in the new year, know your limits.

The faster we drink, the more the alcohol affects our bodies. A standard drink (12 ounces of beer, 4-5 ounces of wine or 1.5 ounces of hard liquor) takes us nearly one hour on average to metabolize.

Know the signs of inebriation: confusion, a short attention span, coordination difficulties and slurred speech are all signs that you are inebriated and should stop drinking. And remember, despite the myth, coffee is not an antidote to alcohol; it will not sober you up.

Of course, the New Year's Eve celebration is about more than drinking.

Many people set off fireworks to celebrate the turning of the calendar.

Firefighters urge caution when using any type of fireworks display – these are usually best left to professionals.

Home firework displays are an especially poor idea with holiday parties and crowds.

If you choose to go out for your celebration, be sure your phone is fully charged so you can call 9-1-1 in the event of an emergency or call a driver, cab or rideshare to get home safely.

Be aware of your surroundings, know where the emergency exits are located. Also pay attention to crowd size.

If you feel uncomfortable, it is always a better choice to play it safe and find a new spot to ring in the new year.

Finally, remember to plan for your children to have a happy new year. Set a curfew and encourage young drivers to stay off the road overnight.

With these simple New Year's Eve resolutions, you can safely enjoy the end of 2020 and start with a happy 2021.

Thank you!

Tyler Mulvenna
Massena Firefighter, BSI, MFI

OFD says Xmas Eve offer is not in good faith

City Manager Steve Jellie had conflicting Christmas Eve messages for Ogdensburg Firefighters:

"I make the below offer (with all the media as my witness) as a Christmas eve offering of good faith and reconciliation."

This was sent in an email to us (and the media) by Jellie on Dec. 24.

The "offer" simply added \$5,000 to the City's original \$20,000 retirement incentive.

But, the original "offer" gave until January 31, 2021 to retire, while

this new "offer" gives only until December 31, 2020. He claims this should bring "reconciliation".

We ask, how is he that out of touch with what's going on? A coercive retirement incentive fixes all the damage done? By coercive we mean he wants eligible members who aren't ready to retire, to accept his "offer" so he doesn't have to layoff other members, as he himself proposed.

He wants us to help the City violate our contract, because if more than three retire, we go below 24 members, which violates our contract.

This is what's behind Jellie's "offering of good faith". He wants to pit our members against each other and wants to blame us for the layoffs, because if our guys don't accept his retirement coercion, he'll say WE should have saved the jobs. Please don't fall for this ruse.

Jellie also found time on Christmas Eve to post a shameful letter on the City of Ogdensburg's official website.

It appears he was lashing out after reading our letter about him posted on North Country Now that morning.

On the City's website, under "News & Announcements" and titled "Letter & Attachment from City Manager Regarding Fire Department", he went off on our union members and our department (the very same one he claims to be Chief of).

That aside, you have to read it to see how wrong it is that he thought it appropriate to post such a letter on the City's website, because he tries to degrade and shame city firefighters.

Like we've stated; his misinformation campaign is getting more outrageous. The following points stand out:

In reference to our call for the City to apply for a SAFER grant to fund positions he says, "we will not do that. We will apply for grant funds that sustain and enhance what we really need, not simply what we want." We NEED an adequate number of personnel to fight a fire.

He claims that, "if the city was forced into bankruptcy we may lose ALL city jobs." This was in reference to our negotiated contract. As if we alone would be to blame. Scare tactic.

He conflates the cost of a firefighter once again and says that, "This cost...is not sustainable without sacrificing all other city services and infrastructure". Hyperbole and scare tactic.

He outright accuses our members, city employees in good stand-

ing, of wanting to "see this city in ruin to maintain...personal entitlements and agendas".

Hyperbole, scare tactic, and ridiculous, especially coming from Jellie; a man who's never lived in this city says that those who've lived here their entire lives care less than he does about it.

From our view, the "ruin" is coming from the personal agenda of four politicians and the man they hired to carry it out; Mr. Jellie.

We provide essential, lifesaving services to this community. What has Jellie done since he's been here, besides try to tear down others and cripple public safety?

In the words of Billy Joel, "We didn't start the fire. No, we didn't light it, but we tried to fight it."

Finally, Jellie claimed that it's difficult for him to "witness public servants so entrenched in what is best for themselves and not what is best for the community."

This is highly offensive to all of our members, who are ready and willing to put their lives at risk to help others in need. And it's mere projection, in that we all see who's only looking out for themselves.

So in the first message from Jellie on Christmas Eve, he's looking for "good faith and reconciliation".

In his second (on the City's website) he shows why that's not possible. This is what we're dealing with.

We thank the citizens of Ogdensburg for their continued support and we hope to keep them informed.

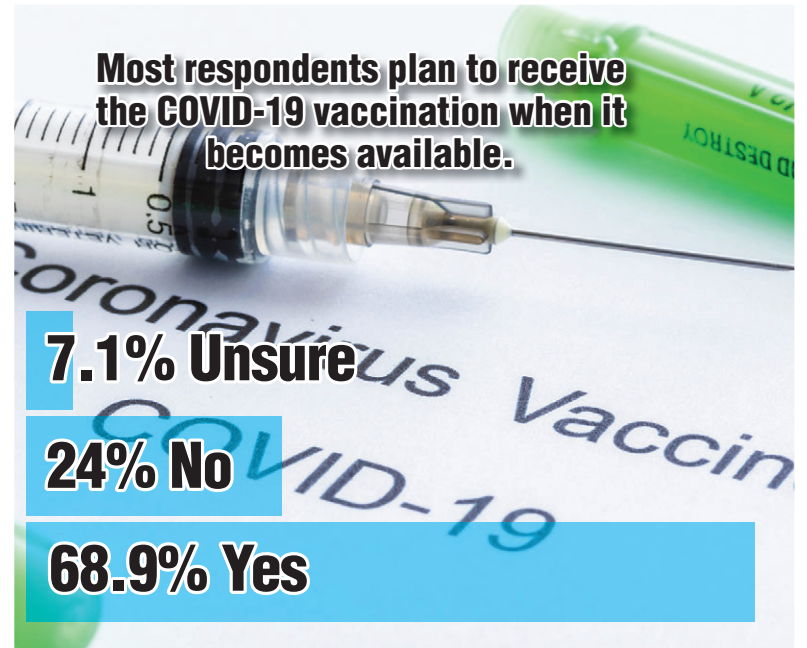
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NCNOW SURVEY

The Question:

Do you plan to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, once it is available?



Cathy Whalen | NCTW

ST. LAWRENCE HEALTH System (SLHS) has received an initial shipment of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines. This vaccine is administered as a two-dose series, three weeks apart. Once available, do you plan to receive the vaccine?

HERE ARE COMMENTS from some survey participants:

'Yes. Be a fool not to. I want to go back to hugging my grandkids and traveling to see them. Zoom is great, but is no substitute for a real hug.'

'I would say yes, but I will have to see how it affects people with allergies like myself.'

'Not until I know it's safe. Not enough testing was done to ensure that it is safe.'

"No, and I'm a health care worker! Hasn't been on the market long enough to know the long term affects."

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

TO TAKE THE CURRENT SURVEY, visit bit.ly/3ps0Jdj.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: Are you making a New Year's resolution for 2021?

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Alden Vilas Mansion profiled in new video

OGDENSBURG — City historian Julie Madlin created a new video out about the historic Alden Vilas Mansion.

This home was a mansard style house built for Alden Vilas, who was a well known businessman in Ogdensburg. He was born in Vermont in 1806 travelling on foot to Montreal and arriving in Ogdensburg in 1822. He and his cousin, Erastus Vilas, operated a tannery together until 1831 when he opened a shoe and boot business on Ford St. He married Ellen Baldwin in 1837. She was the daughter of Thomas and

Sarah Chandler Baldwin and they had 10 children. Mrs. Vilas died in 1884. Mr. Vilas served as a village trustee for 2 terms in the 1840s and died September 26, 1899.

The next residents of the house were William L. Proctor and his wife Dolly Howard. Mr. Proctor was the manager of Skillings, Whitney & Barnes Lumber Co. He was born in New Hampshire in 1837 son of Israel Proctor and Mary Barnes and died in New Jersey in 1897. Mr. Proctor was very active in the community and is credited in securing the location of the state hospital in Ogdens-

burg. He was mayor of Ogdensburg from 1870-75 and 1884-86, was a member of the First Baptist Church and superintendent of the Sunday School for many years. In addition he was a founder of the city hospital and orphan asylum. Mr. Proctor was also active in the Republican Party. He was part of the Republican State Committee and was a national delegate and presidential elector, voting for Benjamin Harrison in 1888.

Dolly Howard Proctor was born in Ogdensburg in 1842, the daughter of Rev. Joel Howard and Nancy Cronkhite. She married William Proctor in 1861 and they had six children. Mrs. Proctor established the Howard Cold Water Brigade, a temperance organization, which helped many young men better themselves and establish themselves in careers. She loved the Adirondacks and always invited those with health problems to come with her. Mrs. Proctor was a member of the Sweat-si chapter of the DAR and was a relative of President Taft. Dolly Proctor remained in the house until 1904 when Mr. and Mrs. John Seely purchased the home.

John A. Seely descended from Joab Seely, who came to Ogdensburg in 1820 and was a part of the Seely's who formed the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1630. John Seely was in the jewelry business at 226 Ford St. with his father until his father's death. This was later the site of the Hippodrome Theater. In 1890 Mr. Seely organized a brass fixture company called J.A. Seely Manufacturing and patented a number of inventions including a steering gear for power boats.

He married Elizabeth Chapman in 1890, who was the daughter of Richard and Amanda Chapman. Mr. Seely was active in St. John's Episcopal Church and the Century Club. Elizabeth Seely was vice-president of the Society of United Helpers for many years. After her husband's death in 1921 Elizabeth Seely remained in the house until she died in 1932. After being vacant for several years, Frank A. Augsbury purchased the house and unfortunately demolished it in 1936.

Post serves 230 dinners

MASSENA -- Amvets Post 4 served more than 230 free traditional turkey dinners to those in need in the community on Christmas Day.

This year, only take-outs or delivery were offered due to the pandemic. Members, sons, and the Ladies Auxiliary donated their time to orga-

nize, prepare, serve, and deliver the meals. Many volunteered their vehicles as well as their time to deliver meals. AmVets members expressed appreciation to those who donated food and money. Donations received will be used for the Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship fund.

BRIEFLY

Blood drive

MASSENA – St. Lawrence Health System is sponsoring a blood drive through the Adirondack Regional Blood Center on Wednesday, Jan. 6 at the Massena Community Center, 61 Beach St., noon to 3 p.m. Donors must be healthy, at least 16 years of age, and weigh

at least 110 lbs. More info: 518-561-2000.

Food distribution

MASSENA — A food distribution will be held Saturday, Jan. 16, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. or until food runs out at St. Peter's Outreach Ministry (formerly St. Vincent de Paul), located at 128 Main St. Only St. Lawrence County residents are eligible.

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Getting ready for ice fishing season

Anglers in St. Lawrence County can stay busy all winter by targeting some of their favorite fish species through the ice, said the state's Department of Environmental Conservation website.

If you've never been ice fishing before and would like to test the waters - learn how to ice fish.

While most freshwater fish can be caught through the ice, only certain species are in season through the winter, the website said. Some popular species to target through the ice in New York: Yellow Perch, Northern Pike, Walleye, Lake Trout, Brown Trout, Atlantic Salmon, Black Crappie.

Ice fishing is permitted on many waters in New York State, but not all. Review state fishing regulations for ice fishing specific rules.

Ice shanties must be marked on the outside with the owner's name and address in letters at least 3 inches high. Shanties must be removed from all waters by March 15 to prevent them from falling through the ice and becoming hazards to navigation.

Baitfish are commonly used when ice fishing. Make sure your baitfish are certified disease free when you purchase them. Never dump unused baitfish or water from your bait bucket into a lake or pond. Undesirable aquatic invasive species might be mixed in with your bait or bait water.

Safe ice should be your number one consideration when ice fishing. A minimum of three to four inches of solid ice is the general rule for safety. Ice thickness, however, is not uniform on any body of water. The guidelines presented here are based on new, clear ice on non-running waters. Since ice thickness can vary on a lake, check the ice periodically to stay safe.

Ice thickness guidelines:

- 2 inches or less, Stay Off
- 4 inches, Ice fishing or other activities on foot
- 5 inches, Snowmobile or ATV
- 8-12 inches, Car or small pickup
- 12-15 inches, Medium truck

This guide is based on new, clear ice on non-running waters. Slush ice is about 50 percent weaker. Clear ice over running water is about 20 percent weaker. Double the recommendations for white ice. Many ice anglers do not like to fish on less than five inches of ice, and do not like to drive a pick-up truck on less than 15 inches of ice.

Be cautious in areas where "bub-



André Lynch | Submitted

André Lynch of Ogdensburg shows a northern pike he caught during a day of ice fishing on Black Lake in 2015. Lynch, along with Gary Corbine and Erin Corbine of Ogdensburg and Dallas Bastien of Heuvelton caught 15 pike that day, 10 of which were keepers.

blers" are used to protect docks. They can produce thin, unsafe ice some distance away. Be especially alert in areas near shore, over moving bodies of water, and where streams enter and exit lakes and ponds.

Remember, use the buddy system while ice fishing, the DEC said.

Best bets for ice fishing in St. Lawrence County include the following bodies of water. The listings include town, species and access tips.

- Blake Falls Reservoir, Parishville; walleye, yellow perch; Brookfield Boat Launch Site off Raquette River Road
- Carry Falls Reservoir, Colton; walleye, yellow perch, tiger muskellunge; Brookfield Boat Launch Site off Carry Falls Road
- Sylvia Lake, Fowler; trout, lake trout, yellow perch, panfish; Sylvia Lake Fishing Access Site off Pump-house Road
- Higley Falls Reservoir, Colton; walleye, northern pike, Yellow Perch; Higley Flow State Park off Campbell Point Road
- Horseshoe Lake, Piercefield; tiger muskellunge, walleye; Horseshoe Lake Fishing Access Site off NYS Route 421
- Norwood Reservoir, Norwood/Orion; walleye, yellow perch, black crappie; Brookfield Boat Launch Site off Outer Maple Street
- Lake Ozonia, Hopkinton; trout, landlocked salmon; Lake Ozonia Fishing Access Site off Old Road
- Piercefield Flow, Piercefield;

northern pike, walleye, yellow perch; Municipal launch off NYS Route 3

- Tupper Lake, Piercefield; lake trout, northern pike, walleye, panfish; Municipal Park, Tupper Lake Fishing Access Site off NYS Route 30
 - Pleasant Lake, Macomb; northern pike, walleye, yellow perch; Municipal launch
 - Rainbow Falls Reservoir, Parishville, walleye, yellow perch; Rainbow Falls Boat Launch off Raquette River Road
 - South Colton Reservoir, Colton/Orion; walleye, yellow perch; South Colton Reservoir Boat Launch off Raquette River Road
 - Stark Falls Reservoir, Colton/Orion; walleye, yellow perch, tiger muskellunge; Stark Falls Boat Launch off Joe Indian Road
 - Star Lake, Fine; Trout; lake trout, landlocked salmon; Star Lake Fishing Access Site off Youngs Road
 - Yellow Lake, Rossie; northern pike, yellow perch; Yellow Lake Fishing Access Site off St. Lawrence Co. Route 10 on Liscum/Hall Road
 - Black Lake, Morristown; northern pike, yellow perch, black crappie, walleye; Black Lake Boat Launch Site off St. Lawrence Co. Route 6
 - Cranberry Lake, Clifton; northern pike, yellow perch, black crappie; Cranberry Lake Boat Launch Site off Columbian Road.
- Anglers are asked to follow all of the special regulations required to fish in St. Lawrence County waters. Find those online at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/31493.html>.

Best trails for skiing, snowshoeing in region

St. Lawrence County offers many trails and wilderness areas to cross-country ski and snowshoe.

The following are a few of the most popular trails.

Brasher State Forest, off County Road 50, Brasher Falls, or Rt. 11 at St. Lawrence Central School, free, www.dec.ny.gov/lands/7999.html.

Suny Canton College, 15 km of trails, accessed from Parking Lot 6 across from French Hall, bear left at the Y, free.

Catamount Forest, 9 miles South of South Colton on the East side of State Route 56. Limited parking available at Catamount Mountain trailhead, just South of the lodge driveway. Groomed trails open to the public, www.catamountlodge.com/abouttheforest.html

Clarkson University, five miles of trails, accessible from parking lot on hill campus by Center for Advanced Materials Processing (CAMP) by big green water tower, free, people. clarkson.edu/~outdoors/trails.html.

Dillabough State Forest, off Russell-Pierrepoint Rd., 7 km, free.

Fort Jackson Park, Hopkinton.

Glenmeal State Forest, Town of Pierrepoint, off County Road 24, accessed from Rt. 68, <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/91697.html>, 1.9 miles of trails, free.

Postwood Park And County Forest, Hannawa Falls, 13 km of trails starting at parking lot, 1.6-mile loop and 4.1 mile loop, free.

SUNY Potsdam Lehman Park, off Rt. 56, Potsdam, 4 km. of trails, free.

Remington Recreation Trail At Partridge Run Golf Course, Out-

er State Street, Canton, several miles of groomed trails, warm-up building, free; <http://www.cantonnewyork.us/wp-content/uploads/2010/08/trails.pdf>.

River Hill, begins on Southville-West Stockholm Road, off Rt. 11B, 5 miles northeast of Potsdam, 2.3 miles of trails, free; <https://www.stlawco.org/data/files/Departments/Planning/RiverHill.pdf>.

Robert Moses State Park/Nicandri Nature Center, off Rt. 37, 3 miles north of Massena, 6+ miles of groomed trails, free, trails managed by Nicandri Nature Center; trails open dawn to dusk daily; free equipment loans at the center; www.nicandrinaturecenter.org.

St. Lawrence Golf/Country Club, off Rt. 11, Canton, access behind Best Western, from Pike/Russell Roads, 25 miles of groomed trails, free.

Upper And Lower Lakes Wildlife Management Area, (Indian Creek Nature Center), off Rt. 68, Canton, 8 km of trails, free, www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/66126.html.

Wilson Hill Wildlife Management Area, Louisville, from State Route 37, turn onto State Route 131 to Willard Road, turn north and follow the road, 1.6 miles of trails, www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/9324.html.

Swamper Dome, Louisville Arena. The trail is approx 2 miles in length running from behind the Arena through the woods skirting a 90 acre meadow and back into the woods down along the Grasse River and back to the arena.

Local Mountain Club chapter planning outings in 2021

The Laurentian Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) is planning a ski tour and snowshoe event.

The club welcomes the public to take part in its events. Those who have questions or want to go on a particular event, contact the leader/organizer for that event. Questions about the overall program or about the ADK, contact Joan Trivilino at 315-276-1663 or joantrivilino@hotmail.com.

• Saturday January 23: Ski to High Rock. This almost 8 mile round trip ski tour begins in Wana-kena and follows an old truck trail to a beautiful outlook over the

Oswegatchie River. Mostly level, moderate. Contact Holly & Neil Woodworth at (315) 848-2953 or hswoodworth@gmail.com.

• Saturday February 27: Snowshoe to Pinnacle Mountain. Near Santa Clara. 4 to 5 miles RT. The first 1.5 miles is flat, and then a 380 foot rise on the mountain trail. Moderate. Contact trip leader Tom Ortmeyer, tortmeyer@gmail.com or 315-244-3707.

• Saturday March 20 Spring Equinox Road Walk. 4-6 miles along one of the branches of the Grass River. Moderate. Contact trip leader Tom Ortmeyer, tortmeyer@gmail.com or 315-244-3707.

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United Helpers employees and residents received large donations of food and activities from the community to support them during COVID. Many local schools donated, including Northwest Tech, Southwest Tech, Seaway Tech, Hammond Central School, Ogdensburg City School, and Lisbon Central School.



Photo submitted

The St. Lawrence Masonic Charities on behalf of their 11 lodges made a donation to the Massena Free Community Meal in support of their feeding program. Above in the photo are meal volunteers Sandy Donaldson, Susan Plante and Kathy Perry and Tim Pitcher, president of the St. Lawrence Masonic Charities and WM Dewitt Forbes Masonic Lodge 513.



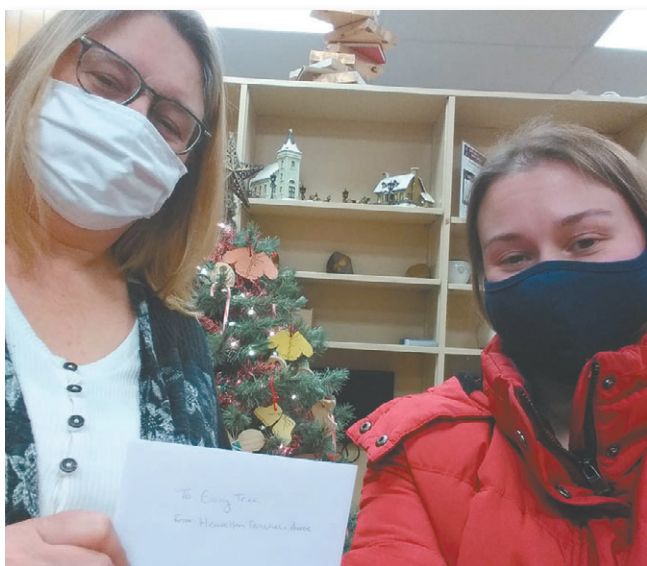
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Lt. Mark Devanney, Corps Officer of Ogdensburg's Salvation Army, stands amid bags of toys provided by the Marine Toys for Tots program for 120 families with children. Food was also given to 142 Ogdensburg area households, thanks to local donations and matched by the Salvation Army Corp.



Photo submitted

Boyden Brook Body Works of Canton recently donated \$500 to Lights on the River in Lisbon. Pictured from left are Bob Santamoore, Jon Santamoore (event organizer), Craig Coffey and his daughter Delaney. In the last decade, Lights on the River has raised over \$150,000 and collected over 30,000 pounds of food for local food pantries.



Tara Facey | Submitted

The Heuvelton Teacher Association (HTA) recently donated to the Heuvelton Giving Tree. Above, are Lora Martin (Head of Giving Tree), left, and Jamie Bush (HTA member), on the right. HTA donates to a chosen organization every month. The last Friday of every month Teachers donate \$5 in order to support the community in different ways. For the month of November, HTA is donating to the Giving Tree.



Massena Rotary | Submitted

The Massena Rotary Club donated \$200 to the Trinity Catholic School Scholarship Fund in memory of recently deceased Charter Member Sam Cappione. Pictured are Trinity Catholic School Principal Joyce Giroux and Massena Rotary Club President Patrick Brady.



SeaComm photo | Submitted

SeaComm recently completed a \$25,000, five-year pledge donation in support of the Massena Memorial Hospital Foundation. The funds have been used to support the foundation's mission to enhance patient care and ensure the needs of the public are met by the hospital. The foundation works in partnership with hospital staff to bridge gaps for equipment purchases, technology upgrades, and patient comfort initiatives. Pictured from left are MMH Foundation Executive Director Julia Rose and SeaComm President and Chief Executive Officer Scott A. Wilson.

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SLHS designated as COVID vaccine distribution access point

Upon receiving the initial shipment of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines last week, St. Lawrence Health System (SLHS) was designated by New York State as an access distribution point for other healthcare

institutions.

Along with providing the vaccine to some of its own essential healthcare workers from Canton-Potsdam, Gouverneur, and Massena hospitals, SLHS has been deemed the point institution to assist five other hospitals in St. Lawrence, Jefferson, and Franklin counties. Some Phase I-level healthcare employees from the neighboring hospitals have already started coming to Canton-Potsdam Hospital to receive the vaccine.

"We are honored to be assisting our fellow healthcare colleagues by administering the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to them," said SLHS Chief Administrative Officer Jeremy Slaga. "We are all in the business of keeping North Country residents healthy, and that means our essential workforce must also be kept healthy so we can do our jobs of caring for our patients and community members."

The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine must be given in a two-dose series, with 21 days between doses. The Food and Drug Administration announced this week that they also support

the Moderna vaccine being used for emergency use. If the drug is granted emergency use authorization within the next couple of days, local hospitals are hopeful to have it in-hand next week. The Moderna vaccine is also given in two doses, but at a 28 day interval.

SLHS will administer the vaccines in accordance with New York State's Administration Program, which is divided into five phases.

"The State has not provided specific dates for each phase, which will vary depending on the frequency of future vaccine shipments; but as soon as they determine when the general public can start being vaccinated, SLHS will make an announcement to the public," Mr. Slaga stated. "Individuals who may have questions about which phase they are included in should contact their primary care provider."

New York State's proposed distribution plan is:

- Phase 1: Healthcare workers in hospital settings, with priority given to those in intensive care units, emergency units, and

those providing medical services in high-risk COVID-19 settings; long-term care facility workers who interact with residents; and at-risk, long-term care facility patients.

- Phase 2: First responders; teachers/school staff, childcare providers; public health workers; other essential frontline workers who regularly interact with public (pharmacists, grocery store workers, transit employees, etc.), or maintain critical infrastructure; other long-term care facility patients and those living in other congregate settings; and individuals in the general population deemed particularly high risk due to comorbidities and health conditions.

- Phase 3: Individuals over 65, and individuals under 65 with high-risk.

- Phase 4: All other essential workers.

- Phase 5: Healthy adults and children (general population).

For state updates to timing and phase determinations, visit <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-dr-aft-new-york-state-covid-19-vaccination-administration-program>.

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Essential employees in Akwesasne begin vaccinations

AKWESASNE — Following the early arrival of 200 doses of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, Saint Regis Mohawk Health Services announced plans to begin vaccinations Dec. 29.

"Receiving the vaccine earlier than expected is certainly pleasant surprise. We did not expect the distribution would be directly from the manufac-

turer, which was the case, thus cutting out middle people and getting here faster than expected," said SRMT Health Services Director Michael Cook.

In accordance with the U.S. Centers for Disease Controls and Prevention's recommended guidelines, voluntary vaccinations were to commence Tuesday with frontline healthcare workers, tribal police officers, and

other tribal personnel who interact with the public daily.

The first group will receive a Prime shot, which is the first of two shots that needs to administered for the Moderna vaccine. The second shot, or Booster, will be administered 28-days afterwards.

Depending on the number of doses remaining, Health Services announced that vaccinations will

be expanded for a second group to receive inoculations on the following Tuesday, Jan. 5. The second group is open for seniors ages 65-years-old or more.

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The tribe anticipates that additional doses of the vaccine will be available in April or May for public vaccinations.

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LAYOFFS...

because it is aimed at getting firefighters to retire who are not interested in retiring. In a recent letter Union President Jason Bouchard said that the city manager's claim that the city is facing financial ruin is nothing more than a scare tactic. He says options to fund the department exist in the form of grants, which would allow the department to downsize over time. The existing contract includes reducing the department to 24 members through attrition, but does not include a set date for when they must occur. The union has initiated legal action in an attempt to stall the layoffs until an agreement can be settled in arbitration and plans to begin

that process next. For his part, Jellie says the current staffing levels are unsustainable. He says the past council signed a contract that bound the current council from controlling staffing numbers and that it included benefits and raises that surpass what city revenues can handle. Jellie has pointed to a report from the state financial review board, which suggested 19 members would be a more adequate number for the department, as grounds for his claims that reductions are necessary. He says the salaries are disproportionate to other departments in the city and must be brought in line to ensure the well-being of the city's finances. In an average salary comparison provided by Jellie, which includes

overtime, salaries, sick leave incentive, time accruals payouts, longevity incentive, health insurance buyout, retirement, social security and health insurance, show the discrepancy. According to Jellie the average cost among the remaining 20 union member is \$131,968 in the 2021 budget. The average cost per union member in the police department is 123,442 and the average cost of union department of public works members is \$83,967. Average cost comparisons of salaries only show the fire union members at \$70,767, the police union members at \$63,971 and public works union members at \$51,702. The numbers provided do not delve into the years of service, which may or may not be contributing to the higher salary averages. According to Jellie the seven positions scheduled to be cut from the department will save the city \$769,712. That amounts to an average cost of about \$109,958 per union member scheduled to be cut from the budget.

DISCRIMINATION...

New Title IX regulations from the U.S. Department of Education include governing how schools and universities should respond to allegations of sexual assault and harassment. Critics say it narrows the definition of sexual harassment and the scope of complaints that can be investigated. They also say it gives more rights to the accused that could discourage victims from coming forward, such as holding live judicial-style hearings where the accused can question evidence and cross-examine accusers. Proponents say the new Title IX rules balance taking sexual assault victims seriously while maintaining due process for the accused.

generous and genuine retirement incentive offer to \$25,000 with the sincere desire to have eligible personnel opt to retire in lieu of layoff off 7 firefighters. While there is no denying that the consequences of some decisions will be personally impacting, it is most important that the entire community recognize these decisions are absolutely necessary. The City of Ogdensburg is at a significant financial crossroads and we must continue to take very decisive actions to save the city while working equally as hard to revive the city," Jellie said. While the order would allow the city to layoff firefighters as planned in the budget, that could change pending a Jan. 8 hearing where the union will be allowed to present a "show of cause."

HEARING...

Stephen Jellie says the contract was irresponsible and allowed the previous council to bind the current council into an unsustainable financial situation. "City of Ogdensburg leadership continues to call on President Jason Bouchard and Secretary Ronald Bouchard to work collectively with the city and end the back and forth, unproductive discussions that have ensued for the past several weeks. The city recently increased the very

If successful, the union members would be made whole for any financial loss associated with the layoffs. Jellie said he remains hopeful that the city and the union can reach an agreement outside of court. "I wish we wouldn't spend one more dollar or one more ounce of energy asking the courts to decide for us things that we could decide on our own," he said. Jellie said he believes if the city and union could sit down and meet a common solution could be found.

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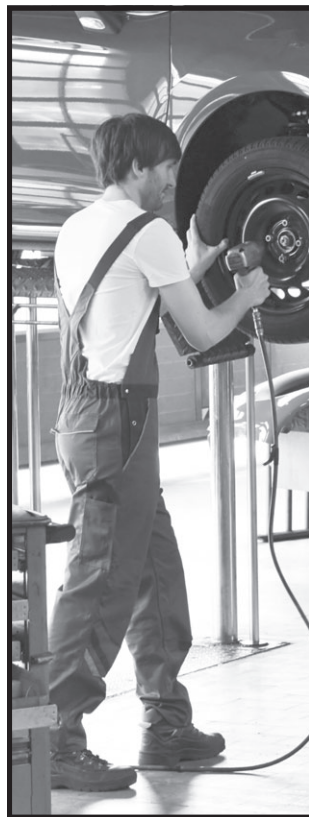
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Standing with the Linda Kitay Censor plaque from left are Canton Central music department faculty members: Tim Savage, Kimberly Busch, Bridget Hall, and Robert Bickford

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Music program benefits from donations

CANTON -- The Canton Central School music faculty took a moment during a recent department meeting to pose in front of the high school auditorium where a plaque has been placed "In Loving Memory of Linda Kitay Censor."

Memorial funds have been generously donated by brother Michael Kitay and husband Walter Censor for the indicated musical

instruments and equipment.

During the 2019-20 school year, purchase of a Baldwin Piano for the Banford Music Room, two Yamaha Tenor Saxophones for the Middle School Jazz Band, and restoration of the Steinway Grand Piano in the auditorium were realized.

Thus far in 2020-21, funds have been used in conjunction with Canton Music Friends

to purchase two years' worth of SmartMusic premium subscriptions for four faculty and 250 music students – greatly enhancing the ability to function in fun and meaningful ways both in-person and remotely.

To date, \$31,000 has been generously donated by the Kitay Censor families – with Linda's daughters becoming involved as of this year.

"Linda was a 1956 Canton Central School graduate" school officials said. "We are most grateful that her family has chosen to honor her memory in this fashion. We would also like to thank our friend Connie Meng for making this connection a reality and CCS Business Manager Denise "Dee" Folsom for helping us to foster this relationship and manage these funds in an appropriate manner."

Seaway Tech announces Rotary Club December Student of the Month

NORWOOD: The Seaway Career & Technical Education Center announces Samantha Foster as the Potsdam Rotary Club Student of the Month for December 2020.

She is a student in the Software Development & Business Design Program from Brasher Falls Central School District and is the daughter of David & April Foster.

In the junior year the program, students learn how to develop web pages through the use of computer languages HTML, CSS, and JavaScript along with gaining an understanding of design concepts and how they affect the world of web development.

They are also introduced to more advanced programming skills with PHP and MySQL coding. In addition, they develop websites, web software packages and other computer-based projects.

In their senior year, students learn advanced web design, advance software development, web server management and

business.

Senior work is geared towards preparing for more client-based interactions and web projects to prepare them for the changing dynamics of the software development world.

"Sam is very focused and shows a great deal of initiative in this program," said instructor David Wells. "She never fails to turn in assignments on time. She is always willing to help fellow students and is a pleasure to have in this program".

Other students recognized as students of the month for December at Seaway Tech in their respective programs include: Rose Bigelow, Building Trades from Canton; Natalie Currier, Cosmetology, Canton; Abigail Cary, Criminal Justice, Norwood; Avery Collins, Education & Human Services, Parishville-Hopkinton Central; Connor Taillon, HVAC/R, Parishville-Hopkinton Central; and Gavin Thompson, Natural Resource Management, Canton.



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Taking a break

Students at Heuvelton Central have the opportunity to take a break in the Calming Room. Jayce Lawrence took a few moments recently to use an the exercise ball. With lower light, and a quiet space, other students use the room to eat a snack, or read, or check out the computer.

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