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Wood prices not stopping builders

BY ANDY GARDNER
North Country This Week

MASSENA – Although the prices of lumber and other building materials are rising, the village has seen a significant increase in the number of building permits for the first few months of 2021.

Massena Fire Department Foreman Aaron Hardy, village chief code officer, said Wednesday, April 28 that they've issued 51 permits so far this year.

"The bulk of them have been the usual residential roofing, siding, electrical. We have approved plans for one new home in the village, and one new home in the township so far this year," Hardy said.

That compares to 19 building permits issued from Jan. 1, 2020 to the end of April that year.

"I've been surprised. Even with the price of building materials on the rise, our community is still seeing an increase in home renovations and new projects," Hardy said. He added that permits picked up as the year went on,

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Cheryl Shumway | NCTW

Lisbon Beach opens for season

Lisbon Beach and Campground opens for the season on May 1. Here, Gouverneur residents Fred Foster, left, and Todd Menard, set up Foster's camper at the park April 24, prior to the park's opening.

Mayor will vote 'no' on library funding

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG – Ogdensburg Mayor Jeffrey M. Skelly says he plans to vote against the library budget proposition in May, but says he will ensure the library stays open regardless of the outcome.

The mayor has come under criticism from the public for not supporting the library's attempt to secure an additional \$225,000 through a proposition attached to the school budget. The mayor says his problem isn't with the library itself, but how it's been managed.

If the proposition fails, the mayor says he will ask the executive director and all members of the library board to resign. If it passes, he says that means people have made their choice to support the library's current direction.

He says that while the budget vote may be about funding, it's also a referendum of sorts on the library's leadership.

Skelly says his problem with the library is the same he's shared with various city departments prior to ongoing restructuring: the cost of services exceeds the benefits.

'For the record, and to be absolutely clear on this matter, the City of Ogdensburg will not close the Ogdensburg Public Library, however there is going to be significant change and that change will be in 2022.'

Jeffrey M. Skelly
Ogdensburg Mayor

"The Ogdensburg Public Library should be a jewel in St. Lawrence County, but sadly it is not. It occupies an entire building in the city's

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'Hearty' discussions on fate of beach O'burg council hoping to have reopening in July

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG – A May meeting between the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority and the city could determine the fate of the Ogdensburg beach.

City Manager Stephen Jellie said he and Deputy Mayor John Rishe met with OBPA officials last week where both sides aired concerns and had some "hearty" discussions.



Stephen Jellie

Jellie says at a follow up on the discussion he plans to make a presentation to the OBPA Board of Directors at their upcoming meeting.

The council is hoping to get the beach up and running by July, but a lease agreement between the port and the city will be needed before the city can move forward, according to Jellie.

Some members of the public asked if there might be concerns from the Department of Environmental Conservation, but Jellie said that because it was used

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Spring cleanup vouchers now available

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- Vouchers for the Town of Massena spring clean up became available April 26.

Town councilors gave notice at the April 22 meeting and plans to advertise the announcement with local media outlets.

**For vouchers call
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The vouchers can be obtained by town residents who live outside the village by calling the town hall at 315-769-3588 ext 4 or by emailing tpryce@massena.us .

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Refuse may be brought to the Massena Landfill at State Highway 420.

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Ray Belanger | Submitted

Successful Pancake Day in Massena

The Massena Rotary Club held a successful Pancake Day fundraiser said organizers. The effort raised more than \$1,000 according to Rotary Facebook posts. Proceeds from the drive-thru event will fund the Rotary's community service projects. Pictured above are the executive pancake 2021 staff, and the volunteer crew at work.

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Massena to target blighted properties

BY ANDY GARDNER
North Country This Week

MASSENA – Village code enforcement officials are looking out for violations as construction season begins.

The village code has a points-based system for designating a property as blighted. There are three properties in the village that have been cited as such, according to Aaron Hardy, the Massena Fire Department foreman and chief code officer.

Conditions that can accrue points and lead to a blight designation include boarded-up windows or doors, broken or unsecured win-

dows or doors, excessive litter or debris, overgrown grass at least six inches or higher or other overgrown vegetation, or unregistered motor vehicles on the lot. Properties deemed a fire hazard can also be cited for blight.

“These properties are located off of Liberty Avenue. The property owner of the three properties has been notified and given 30 days to contact our office,” Hardy said. “There’s work to be done out there, and we want to continue improving this community.”

Since Jan. 1, Hardy said they’ve handled 90 code enforcement cases, and have issued 24 orders to remedy.

“The bulk of our cases so far have been trash on people’s properties. Last year in the same time period, we had 67 cases,” Hardy said.

On top of that, the Massena Fire Department has conducted 150 commercial fire inspections so far in 2021. Hardy said anyone with concerns related to code or fire safety inspections can always contact the code office. “I’d like to remind everyone that building permits are required in the Village and Town of Massena. If anyone has any questions regarding building permit requirements, opening a new business, code complaints, or fire safety inspections please contact our office at 315-769-6803,” he said.



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Insect exhibit

Myra, Jaden and Carly Lafrance, Akwesasne, view insect specimens on display at Massena’s Nicandri Nature Center. They said the center is one of their favorite places to visit, and they like to walk on their nature trails.



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Rape charge in Massena

MASSENA - A Massena man has been charged in a case that resulted in dozens of counts against him, including rape, sexual abuse, assault, and strangulation.

Media J. Provost, 35, was charged April 22, following the investigation that started Dec. 15, police said.

The charges include nine counts each of first-degree reckless endangerment and unlawful imprisonment; six counts each of first-degree criminal sexual act and child endangerment; and three counts

each of second-degree menacing, second-degree assault, first-degree sexual abuse, first-degree rape, criminal obstruction of breathing, and strangulation.

Provost was arraigned in Massena court by Judge Joe Brown and remanded to the St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility, Canton, in lieu of \$25,000 bail or \$50,000 bond, police said.

Massena Village Police detectives were assisted by the Department of Homeland Security in the investigation.



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Fishing in the city

Ogdensburg residents Walter Fuller and Andice Birdcorrice sit on a bench near the Ogdensburg Marina while waiting for a perch to bite recently.

Ogdensburg councilor says no more money for WWTP

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG – Ogdensburg City Councilor Steve Fisher says he will not approve any additional spending on the Waste Water Treatment Project.

He reluctantly supported a \$1.83 million change order to the project that would allow the city to receive waste from other haulers.

The project should allow the city to bring in revenue to help offset

increases in the water and sewer rates.

But Fisher said he's concerned about the growing costs.

He said that a firm estimate on water and sewer fees has remained elusive and with combined tax rate of about \$60 per \$1,000 of assessed value, he wants to ensure the fees don't grow any higher.

"If you come back again for anything, I'm going to say no," he said,

adding that the ratepayers in the city can't afford it and that it will be a deterrent to businesses.

The massive overhaul of the city's wastewater treatment plan has been underway for more than a year with a cost estimated at over \$42 million.

The council has been looking to state and federal representatives for additional grants to help offset the cost to local taxpayers.

BRIEFLY

Rape charge in O'burg

OGDENSBURG – An active duty Fort Drum soldier has been charged with raping a 16-year-old in Ogdensburg, according to city police. Investigators say they opened the rape investigation on March 3. It resulted in Kamal Hampton, 25, of 10422 Fifth Armored Dr., Fort Drum, being charged with two counts of third-degree criminal sexual act, police said.

Sheriff's office to keep bust windfall

OGDENSBURG – The U.S. Border Patrol Swanton Sector presented recently the St. Lawrence County, Sheriff's Office a disbursement check for \$88,532.81.

On May 27, 2020, Border Patrol Agents from the Ogdensburg Station encountered a vehicle in Canton, following the observation of suspicious activity consistent with illicit cross-border smuggling, said a press release from Border Patrol.

A search of the vehicle led to the discovery of marijuana, ketamine and \$126,576 in United States currency.

Based on the investigation, and with the assistance from the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office, the narcotics were seized by the U.S. Border Patrol and the currency was subsequently forfeited.

The U.S. Border Patrol initiated an asset sharing case with the U.S. Treasury Forfeiture Fund and on March 25, Swanton Sector was notified that most of the currency, \$88,552.81, was approved to be awarded to the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office.

In a ceremony on April 22, Patrol Agent in Charge Timothy Morgan of the Ogdensburg Border Patrol Station presented Sheriff Brooks Bigwarfe a check.

"Border Patrol agents in Ogdensburg depend on the continued collaboration effort with our partners from the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Department," said Morgan.

"This partnership exemplifies cooperation among federal and local law enforcement agencies essential to providing safety to the public and the communities we live in."

The Swanton Sector is responsible for securing the land border between ports of entry in Vermont, New Hampshire, and northeastern New York. The coordination with assistance of citizens is invaluable to the Border Patrol's border security mission and we welcome community members' help to keep our nation's borders safe.

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NYPA holding landowner stabilization meeting

MASSENA — A meeting of the New York Power Authority's Adjoining Landowners Stabilization Board

is scheduled to take place at 1:30 p.m. on May 6. The program is a component of

the 2003 St. Lawrence-FDR Project FERC operating license and provides funding for stabilization of shoreline properties within the St. Lawrence-Franklin D. Roosevelt Power Project boundary.

The meeting can be viewed by visiting the Power Authority's website at www.nypa.gov and selecting "View" within the "Meetings and Webcasts: Watch Live" box near the center of the page.

Contact Karen White 315-842-0893 or Cynthia Brady 315-323-4443 for questions on how to view the meeting.

OFA to hold outdoor ceremony, details to come

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG — Ogdensburg City School District will host an outdoor graduation Saturday June 26, but many details remain up in the air due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Superintendent Kevin Kendall says the event is set for 11 a.m. on the school's football field and Sunday, June 27, has been slated as a rain date. Unlike Massena, which was forced to split graduation into two days, Ogdensburg plans to have just one ceremony.

He said exactly how many guests students will be allowed to invite will depend on public health guidance, but he says it will be a minimum of two.

It's possible that a "proof of vaccination" or "proof of negative" test could be required for attendance, but that hasn't been determined just yet. Kendall said that if one positive

thing came from COVID-19 restrictions, it was moving the graduation ceremony on to the turf.

He expects that will become the new tradition as it was well received by students last year.

As for prom, Kendall says something will be held, but he's not sure what or where just yet. He said a group of advisors and students are working to hash out a plan that meets the state's guidelines.

He says nothing will be held before June 1, which is when looser regulations from the state health department will take effect.

He said the event could take place outdoors, or in the dome, but it's too early to provide any solid information just yet. Schools throughout the county are working to hold proms and graduations that work well for students but also meet regulations set by the health officials.

Ever-changing guidance from the state has made it very difficult for schools to make plans.

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Tribe warns pot sales illegal

AKWESASNE — As the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe works towards the development and adoption of an Adult Use Marijuana Ordinance in consultation with tribal members, the Tribe is reminding individuals that commercial cultivation, processing, and sale of pot remains illegal under tribal jurisdiction.

In accordance with the tribal referendum approved by membership on Dec. 14, 2019; the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe is taking steps to legalize recreational adult use marijuana.

A draft ordinance has been developed and will be presented to tribal members at public meetings for their input and feedback.

Consultation meetings will be

held with tribal members on April 29, and May 6 at 5 p.m. A link to participate in the virtual meetings is available on the Tribal Members Portal located on the Tribe's website at www.srmt-nsn.gov.

Through consultation meetings with membership, the final version of the Adult Use Marijuana Ordinance will oversee all licensing and regulation of adult use marijuana on tribal territory, including sales.

Until such time that the ordinance is adopted and business licenses are issued, no sales or commercial activity involving adult use marijuana is permitted under the jurisdiction of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe.

A summary of the draft ordinance will be presented during the virtual meetings and a full copy is also available on the Tribal Members Portal, as well as from the Tribe's Legal Department and the Tribal Clerk's Office by calling (518) 358-2272.

Tribal Council Resolution 2021-17, "Clarification that Adult Use Marijuana Sales on Reservation are Prohibited Until the Tribe Adopts its Regulations and Issues Licenses," can also be found on the portal.

For any assistance needed to access the Tribal Member Portal, please contact the Tribe's Communications Department at (518) 358-2272 or email communications@srmt-nsn.gov.

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Man spots panther, DEC says it's a cat

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

OXBOW — A St. Regis Falls man is cautioning residents in the Payne Lake area of a large black cat he and his girlfriend spotted near the Oswegatchie access point near Oxbow.

Lanny Gagnier and his friend were looking for a spot to kayak when what he describes as a large cat about 4 feet long crossed in front of them. Gagnier says the animal was too big and muscular looking to be a house cat and thought it may be a panther.

They were able to capture photos of the feline, which is jet black with a long tail.

Gagnier said he reported the sighting to the DEC after residents in that area said they had spotted a similar animal in the region, which is fairly wild and not very populated.

DEC said, based on the pictures and description, that the animal was more than likely a large breed of domestic house cat.

Gagnier said the DEC's deter-

mination does not match what he saw, nor does it account for the size of the animal that he judged by the distance between a set of old vehicle tracks where the cat crossed.

"I measured it out to be at least 4 feet," Gagnier said.

He said they spotted the animal at about 12:30 p.m. "She (Gagnier's friend) thought it was a dog. I thought it was a bear at first," he said.

Gagnier said the animal had large paws and it walked with a long stride.

He said the animal watched them for about 5 minutes before heading into the underbrush.

"It definitely was no housecat," Gagnier said. "I'm not saying it was a panther, but what we saw was a huge cat."

He said their encounter made them both feel uneasy. "And the way it prowled," he said. "It had a very muscular walk."

"It was not intimidated," he said.

Gagnier said he reported the incident because of the potential of a more negative encounter by residents or children in that area with

the animal.

Cougars, or mountain lions, and panthers are not native to the region, but some sightings of what were determined to be animals passing through have occurred over the years.

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James L. LaValley, 93

Massena

MASSENA -- James L. LaValley, 93, of Brouse Road, passed away on April 21, 2021 after a brief illness.

James was born January 27, 1928 to Drexel and Elizabeth (Debin) LaValley. He graduated St. Lawrence Central School.

James proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force from February 1946 – October 1952 as an Airplane Propeller Mechanic.

He was employed at Alcoa and later the Village of Massena retiring in 1990.

James is survived by his long-time companion, June LaClair, his children from his marriage to Ruby LaValley; Joan (Rick) Hatcher of Cape May Court House, NJ, Judy (Dick) Flynn of Stuart, FL, David LaValley of Mount Holly, NC, Joy Maxwell (Charlie Pernice) of Norfolk, NY, his sister, Charlotte French, Brasher Falls, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. James is also survived by June's children: Debbie Frangakis, Bonnie Frary, Randy LaClair, and Valerie Littlejohn.

James was predeceased by his

parents, his son, James B. LaValley, his brothers Harold and Gordon LaValley and his sisters, Mary



James LaValley

Hughes and Patricia Pennington.

James enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating, working outdoors, spending time with his family and having lunch at the Via Main Restaurant. Honoring

his wishes, there will be no funeral service.

The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses and aides at Massena Memorial Hospital for the wonderful care he received in his final days.

Funeral Arrangements for James LaValley have been entrusted with the Phillips Memorial Home Massena. Friends and Family may share stories and offer online condolences at www.PhillipsMemorial.com.

Thomas J. Premo, 66

Hopkinton

HOPKINTON -- Thomas J. Premo passed away at Canton Potsdam Hospital on April 23, 2021.

Calling hours were held on Wednesday April 28 at Phillips Memorial Home in Massena from 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM. A Mass followed at St. Mary's Church in Massena at 1:00 PM and burial with Military Honors followed the service at Mound Hill Cemetery in Nicholville NY.

Thomas was born on September 19, 1954 in Potsdam NY to the late Donald and Thelma Premo.

Thomas attended St. Regis Falls School.

Thomas operated Premo Shell Station in Hopkinton NY. He served in the Military and was released on an Honorable discharge. Thomas was employed as a truck driver, and CNA. He was a hard working handy man with different trades.

He enjoyed spending time with his beloved dogs Buggy, Teddy, and Babe. Tom also enjoyed going to the Casino.

Thomas came from a large fam-

ily of nine children. He is survived by his longtime companion, Louise Fregoe; her sons, Paul and Mark; a brother, Peter Premo of Florida; a



Thomas Premo

brother, Tobey Premo and his wife Tracy of Massena; a sister, Tammy Ramsdell and her husband Bob of Winthrop; a sister, Viola Deon of Florida; also his

brother-in-laws, Harry Dow and Earl Hazen; along with nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his parents, Donald and Thelma Premo; two brothers, Butch and Victor Premo; two sisters, Bonnie Hazen and Janie Dow; and a brother-in-law, Doug Deon.

Friends and family may offer condolences and share memories and of Thomas at www.PhillipsMemorial.com.

Margaret A. Dillon, 54

Akwesasne

Anna's Cleaning Service Akwesasne and Richie's Bar Fort Covington.

She was an Avid Billiard player with several local teams over the last 30yrs, playing as Captain and was always taking care of her teams.



Margaret Dillon

She had the kindest heart and the biggest dimply smile that could light

up a room. She welcomed everyone into her home over the years with open arms and helped so many. She

MASSENA -- Bonnie Burke 78, passed away peacefully on April 23, 2021. Friends and family called at the Phillips Memorial Home Wednesday, April 28, 2021 from 3 - 5 p.m.

Bonnie was a lifelong resident of Massena NY.

She is survived by her two children, Jim Burke (Leslie) and Colleen Thayer (Randy); a sister, Betty Layaw (Judd); five grandchildren, Sarah Nyman (Chris), Ashley Keenan (Jack), Lindsey Coleman (Austin), Paul Davis (Chelsea), and Sally Woolson (Terry); six great-grandchildren, Nora and Henry Keenan, Harper Nyman, November and Louie

Bonnie Burke, 78

Massena

Davis, Aubrey Woolson and many nieces and nephews.

Bonnie was fiercely independent and will be fondly remembered by everyone who knew her for her unwavering zest for life.

Her greatest joy was spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Saint Lawrence County Volunteer Transportation at www.volunteertransportation-center.org.

Friends and Family can leave online condolences and share stories of Bonnie at www.PhillipsMemorial.com.

Dr. Barry J. Newman, 74

Formerly of Ogdensburg

Dr. Barry Joel Newman (74) passed away peacefully on Friday, April 23, 2021 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his family, friends and a great deal of love. A wonderful father, grandfather, brother, uncle, friend, and husband, he will be sorely missed by all those who knew him.

Born November 7, 1946 in Ogdensburg, New York, Barry grew up on a private dairy farm in nearby Kendrew Corners with his parents and favorite sister Karen. He received his undergraduate degree from SUNY Plattsburgh and went on to earn his Ph.D. in Biochemistry at the University of Missouri—Columbia, School of Medicine. While in graduate school, Barry was active duty in the U.S. Army Reserves serving in the special forces medical unit, and was honorably discharged in 1974. He had an exciting business career in the medical sciences field, having the opportunity to travel the world and meet Susan, the love of his life and wife of 37 years.

Barry's many passions included woodworking and carpentry, and he could often be found crafting furniture from fallen trees, remodeling his home and personal paradise in Coral Springs, FL and building his very own "Wayside Pub," which became a bustling hangout for family and friends. He was a devoted father and husband, a spirited golfer, had an enormous

passion for life, and was the truest friend for whom one could ask. You could feel his incredible energy and spirit when he walked into a



Dr. Barry Newman

room, as he was always the life of the party.

Barry leaves behind his wife and best friend, Susan; his loving children, Jennifer and David Galluzzo, Alison and Gary Stallings, Matt, Alex, Kate, and Sarah Newman; five wonderful grandchildren, Alaina, Grayden, Garrett, Gabriella, and Gienna; his beautiful sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Ron Bettinger; many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends; and his guard cats, Lily and Kenzi. He is predeceased by his loving parents, Gordon and Frances.

In Barry's honor and remembrance, please raise a toast of your favorite cocktail, put on your Hawaiian shirt and Panama hat, and dance with your loved ones. Hold them tight and let them know how much they mean to you.

Please consider donating in his memory to St. Jude Children's Hospital, stjude.org, or to the PAP Corps, supporting cancer research at the University of Miami, thepapcorps.org, or text "donategb" to 41444.

Rolanda Jackson, Lynette White; her mother-in-law, Donna Jarvis; brother-in-laws, Ronnie and Jimmie Dillon; many chosen children; nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to her parents, Anna was predeceased by her brothers, Anthony "TJ" Jackson, Jr. and Matthew Jackson (Lynette).

Friends may call Thursday 12-3:00 and 5-8:00 PM at the Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena where funeral services will be held privately. Burial will be held later in the spring in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Hogsburg.

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

Margaret M. McDonald, 99

Massena

MASSENA -- Margaret M. McDonald, long time resident of Talcott St. passed away peacefully



Margaret McDonald

Friday afternoon (April 23rd, 2021) at her home surrounded by her family and hospice care.

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

Margaret was born on July 24th, 1921 in Harrisville, NY the daughter of the late Clarence and Agnes (Wight) Mantle. She graduated from Harrisville High School and attended Good Samaritan School of Nursing, graduating in 1942.

Margaret enlisted in the United States Navy as a Registered Nurse. She was very proud of her military service, where she spent time serving her country proudly in the Pacific Theater during World War II. Following her Honorable Discharge in 1946, Margaret started her nursing career at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Watertown, NY.

Margaret who was known more fondly as "Peggy", met and married Walter J. "Big Mac" McDonald in Watertown, NY on October 20th, 1951. In 1952 her husband accepted a promotion as BCI position in Massena where they relocated along with their son Paul. Walter died unexpectedly in 1964. Peggy continued her nursing career at the Massena Memorial Hospital retiring as a Night Supervisor after 33 years of dedicated service.

Peggy and her husband Walter built their summer camp at Wilson Hill on the St. Lawrence River in 1955, with some of her fondest memories spent for nearly 67 years with her family and friends.

Throughout the better part of her life Peggy kept very active, participating in cross-country skiing, swimming, taking her furry canine friends out to Barnhart Island State Park where she would run her dog and walk almost weekly.

She was a member of the Massena Elks Lodge No. 1702, a communicant of Sacred Heart Church. She volunteered for Meal on Wheels until 2019. Peggy enjoyed going to the gym at Hart to Heart Fitness three times a week with her friends up until a few years ago.

Peggy is survived by her three granddaughters, several great-grandchildren, a brother Dr. Donald Mantle of Alexandria Bay, NY along with nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her son Paul and brothers, Frank and Malcolm Mantle.

Friends and family are invited to call on Friday, April 30th, 2021 from 12:30 to 1:30 PM at the Phillips Memorial Home in Massena. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 2:00 PM at the Church of the Sacred Heart with Rev. Mark Reilly officiating. Burial immediately to follow funeral services in Calvary Cemetery, Massena. For those in attendances, face coverings and social distancing will be observed.

Those wishing to honor Peggy's memory may consider memorials to Massena Meals-On Wheels, 70 E. Hatfield St. Massena, NY 13662 or Massena Humane Society, P.O. Box 145, Massena, NY 13662.

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

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Walleye and northern pike seasons kicks off May 1, but cold water concerns remain

St. Lawrence County anglers will hit the water May 1 as northern pike, walleye and pickerel fishing seasons kick off, but caution is urged as water temps remain low.

While the weekend marks the transition to open water fishing for may, anglers are urged to review regulations and limits set forth by the DEC, which can be found https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/fish_marine_pdf/fishguide.pdf.

It also comes with some risk for those bracing the cold waters.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is encouraging all boaters to check their safety equipment before launching their boat and pay attention to new regulations.

"Boaters need to remember that water temperatures are still dangerously cold. It only takes about 10 minutes for a boater exposed to cold water to begin to experience deteriorated strength. This may cause boaters to lose the ability to pull themselves back onto their vessel. It is important when boating in waters at these temperatures to avoid boating alone and remember to dress for the water temperature, not for the air temperature. Also, be mindful that children and smaller adults will succumb more rapidly to exposure to cold water, the auxiliary said," a release from the auxiliary says.

Lifejackets (PFD) stored during the winter season should be checked for tears, broken buckles

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U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

or straps. Writing a contact phone number on the inside of the PFD can allow emergency responders to quickly determine if someone is in distress or help get a lost life jacket back to you. One properly fitted life jacket is required for each person on board. The Coast Guard Auxiliary encourages all boaters to always wear a life jacket while boating and is required for all boaters under 12 years of age.

Boaters are also reminded to check the registration expiration date and for proper operating lights on boats and trailers.

"All emergency flares have an expiration date printed on them and should be replaced if expired or damaged. The gauge on fire extinguishers should be checked to ensure internal pressure is still sufficient to discharge the extinguishing powder. Check for proper operation of the emergency cutoff switch on boat and personal watercraft motors," the auxiliary said.

"As of April 1, 2021, use of the safety cutoff switch and lanyard is required by Coast Guard regulations for all power vessels less than 26 feet in length with an engine of three horsepower or more. If equipped, check the horn for proper operation."

Provide a float plan to someone reliable remaining ashore to include your route, destination, number of people aboard, a description of your vessel, and the estimated time of return. Ask them to contact the Coast Guard if a trip has gone beyond the return time indicated, the auxiliary said.

Ogdensburg Journal returning

OGDENSBURG – The Ogdensburg Journal will return to the city June 3.

Former Ogdensburg Journal editor Matthew J. Curatolo will assume the managing editor role, according to a "Coming Soon" edition that appeared in Ogdensburg residents' mail boxes this week.

Also returning to the Journal is Dave "Doc" Shea, who served as sports editor at The Journal for decades.

The Johnson Newspaper Corp. announced the closure of The Ogdensburg Journal and the St. Lawrence Plaindealer in June of 2019.

In the announcement from the news organization they said "readers in those communities had already chosen the Watertown Daily Times as their source for news and information."

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RECENT DEATHS

MARGARET DILLON, 54, Massena, Apr 25. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

MARGARET TERRANCE, 69, Akwesasne, Apr. 24. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

DR. BARRY NEWMAN, 74, formerly of Ogdensburg, Apr. 23.

MARGARET MCDONALD, 99, Massena, Apr. 23. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

BONNIE BURKE, 78, Massena, Apr. 23. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

BETTY SUNDAY, 85, Akwesasne, Apr. 23. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

VERNON DAWLEY, 86, Ogdensburg, Apr. 22. Arrangements with LaRue & Pitcher Funeral Home.

BETTY GRANT, 81, Ogdensburg, Apr. 22. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

ROBERT MEAD, 89, Ogdensburg, Apr. 22. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

MICHAEL, 64, and **PAMELA**, 55,

DURANT, Winthrop, Apr. 22. Arrangements with Hammill Funeral Home, Winthrop.

JAMES LAVALLEY, 93, Massena, Apr. 21. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

MARVIN LEBARGE, 74, Lisbon, Apr. 21. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

LAREATTA CHAMBERS, 85, Ogdensburg, Apr. 20. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

TIMOTHY BAKER, 69, Ogdensburg. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

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 265-1000 ext. 33.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL HEARING, BUDGET VOTE, AND ELECTION LISBON CENTRAL SCHOOL, TOWN OF LISBON, COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Lisbon Central School District, St. Lawrence County, Lisbon, New York will be held in the Lower Library in said District on Thursday evening, May 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. DST for the presentation of the proposed 2021-22 school budget. Copies of the proposed budget will be available for public review beginning Friday, April 30, 2021, at the office of the Superintendent of Schools at Lisbon Central School.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the vote on the proposed 2021-22 school budget will be held by voting machine, for all qualified voters of the Lisbon Central School District, in the main lobby of the Lisbon Central School District on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. DST at which time the polls will be opened to vote upon the budget and the following matters:

Election of Board Members

NOTICE IS GIVEN, that petitions nominating a candidate for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Education no later than Monday, April 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

The following vacancies are to be filled on the Board of Education:

Term: 5 years – Mr. John McBath (last incumbent)

Each petition must be delivered to the Clerk of the Board, must be signed by 25 qualified voters of the District, must state the name and residence of the candidate and must describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated including the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent. Official petitions may be obtained from the Clerk of the Board from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a copy of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any District resident beginning April 30, 2021 at the office of the Superintendent of Schools at the Lisbon Central School from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that at said annual election to be held on May 18, 2021, the following proposition will be submitted:

BUS PROPOSITION

Shall the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Lisbon Central School District is hereby authorized to purchase and finance student transport vehicles, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto, and expend a total sum not to exceed \$1,000,000, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District, in the principal amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, shall be issued, and such obligations may be issued in excess of the constitutional debt limitation of the School District.

If necessary, due to space constraints on the voting machines, said proposition may be presented in substantially the following abbreviated form:

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that in-person voting will be conducted in a manner consistent with NYS Department of Health guidelines intended to protect voters and school district personnel and may include the requirements that voters wear masks and maintain proper social distancing.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that qualified voters may obtain applications for

absentee ballots from the office of the Clerk of the School District. Completed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk of the School District no later than 5:00 P.M. prevailing time, on May 17, 2021, and must be received no later than 5:00 P.M., prevailing time, on May 11, 2021 if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter. Completed applications received after 5:00 P.M. on May 11, 2021, will require the voter to personally appear at the Office of the Clerk of the School District to receive an absentee ballot. A listing of all persons to whom an absentee ballot is issued will be available for inspection by any qualified voter during regular business hours in the Office of the Clerk of the School District through May 17, 2021. Guidance regarding absentee voting due to concerns related to COVID-19 will be published on the School District's website when available and questions may also be directed to the District Clerk at 315 393 4951 x 23185 or woodsk@lisbon.k12.ny.us.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk at 315 393 4951 x 23185 or woodsk@lisbon.k12.ny.us. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 pm on April 22, 2021. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail.

A qualified voter must be a citizen of the United States of America, at least eighteen (18) years of age and be a resident of the District for a period of 30 days preceding the voting date. In addition, no person shall have the right to register or vote at any school district meeting or election who would not be qualified to register or vote at an election in accordance with the provisions of Section 5-106 of the election law. This includes convicted felons and those adjudged mentally incompetent by a court.

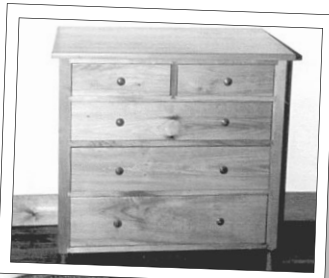
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First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States

NORTH COUNTRY THIS WEEK | MASSENA-OGDENSBURG, NY | MAY 1 - 7, 2021

LETTERS

Local Girl Scout leaders recognized

April 22 is designated as National Girl Scout Leader's Day. Girl Scout volunteer leaders have been positively impacting girl's lives since the beginning of Girl Scouting in 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low organized the first Girl Scout Troop in Savannah, Georgia. These leaders are often beacons for girls as they approach womanhood. They provide a foundation of confidence, experience, respect and courage

that stays with a young woman throughout her lifetime. A year has passed and we are still in the process of dealing with the coronavirus pandemic. But the Girl Scout volunteers have been going strong to see that the girls stay safe and still can experience activities, events, and badge work to keep them involved with the Girl Scout program.

Here in St. Lawrence County we are but a small part of the larger picture of Girl Scouting. Our area

known as Raquette Valley Service Unit is a part of the Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways Council which consist of 26 counties.

As a result of these adult volunteers in our area giving of their time, talent and support, the Girl Scout program is being made available to 100 girls ages 5-17 in the Raquette Valley Girl Scout Neighborhood which takes in five area school districts: Colton-Pierrepont, Parishville-Hopkinton, Madrid-Waddington, Norwood-Norfolk, and Potsdam.

A special thank you to the following people who are making it possible for the Girl Scout activities happening as part of the Raquette Valley Neighborhood: Katrina Bailey, Jen Milburn, Nichole Hartigan, Marilyn Paradis, Katie LaShomb, Tonya Fisher, Stacie Cole, Leslie Gray, Laura Perry, Liberty Stannavage, Lisa Wilson, Sue Scott, Nicole LaFave, Julianne Doyle, Carolyn Zanta, Jamie Fairchild, Sara Schulz, Samantha Ibey, Cheryl Gagne, Nicole Dimon, Sue Donahue, Amanda Jones, Ellen MacMasters, Lauren Breggs, Jill Taylor, Jessica Foster, Amanda Felt, Samantha Seguin, Kim Willard and all the other troop committee members and parent volunteers who also assist with the troops.

The organization is a world wide group and for these girls to be able to take advantage of the Girl Scout program opportunities and in fulfilling the mission, that girls lead with courage, confidence and character, is a definite plus to their future. The Girl Scout program makes it possible for girls to build character and skills for success in the real world. Again, thank you adult volunteers for all your help.

If you happen to see any of these people, please express a "Thank you" for all their dedication in helping to make Girl Scouting available. Also, we would like to take time to thank all the parents/guardians who support the Girl Scout troops in our area and allow their daughters to participate in the program and the different communities who allow the troops to hold their meetings at various locations.

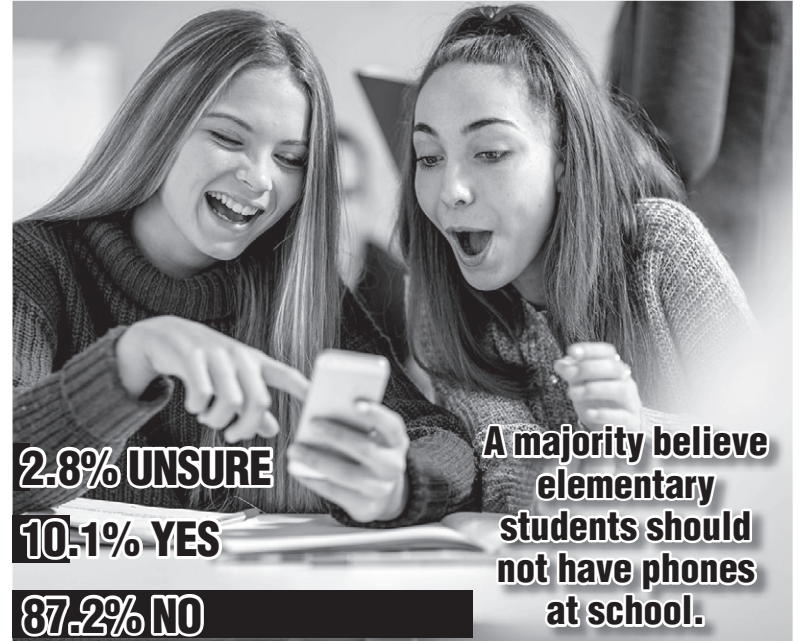
Anyone needing more information regarding the Girl Scout program or volunteering call 1-800-943-4414 or checkout the gsnypenn.org website.

Happy National Leaders Day!
Marcia Oney, RV Chairperson
Chase Mills

NCNOW SURVEY

The Question:

Should elementary students be allowed cell phones at school?



Cathy Whalen | NCTW

CELL PHONES are becoming more popular at younger ages and many students in St. Lawrence County bring them to school which can create distractions from their work and safety concerns. Some local schools do not allow elementary students to use them at all during school. Do you believe elementary students should be allowed to have phones at school?

HERE ARE COMMENTS from some survey participants:

"With remote and hybrid instruction, many students use their phones to do their school work. Instead of banning them, parents need to step up and teach kids how to use them responsibly - it shouldn't just be the teachers' problem. After all, it takes a village."

'Absolutely not. In fact, no students, regardless of age should be using cell phones during school hours.'

'Why would an elementary school kid need a cell phone in school? There are probably 50 working

telephones in the hands of adults on the campus that aren't used to their educational and social detriment.'

'I believe elementary students should be allowed to have cell phones to be used for emergencies only. With such a high rate of mass shootings, I feel all students should be allowed to carry cell phones. There would have to be rules in place regarding personal use during school hours, but it's better to be safe than sorry.'

'If they need to call a parent, legal guardian, go to school office!'

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

TO TAKE THE CURRENT SURVEY, visit bit.ly/2QrB8Wn.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: Have you noticed more ticks so far this spring than in previous years?

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LETTERS

Video shows Black Lives Matter sign thief in Massena

The following video was sent to Massena PD: bit.ly/3aFuL8N. Here's hoping this racist thief is identified and arrested soon. The ignorance and fear that drive such behavior do not excuse it. Ideally, the basic lesson that actions have consequences is learned in childhood... sometimes, later.

Black lives matter, even after stealing a yard sign. Facts trump ignorance and fear, every time. Here are two facts:

1. Black Lives Matter does not mean Only Black Lives Matter.
2. Black Lives Matter means Black Lives Matter, Too.

The first step to solving any problem is to recognize it.

Innocent melanin-gifted people are more than three times as likely to be killed by police. Undisguised voter suppression, attacks on freedom of assembly, prosecutorial and judicial abuses, the prison industrial complex, and the school-to-prison pipeline are shameful features of our country in 2021, as are restricted access to capital and healthy food, de facto redlining and segregation, and the ever-elusive freedom of the melanin-gifted to live life without being subjected to suspicion, criminalization, and state-sponsored violence.

The status quo will not change

until enough decent people take action. The era of the innocent bystander is over, and good riddance.

Each and every one of us must ask: What can I do to help make constructive change happen? -- and then do it.

Massena Police arrested a man for stealing Black Lives Matter yard sign. He was processed and issued an appearance ticket for the charge of petit larceny and is expected to appear in court next month.

I'm deeply grateful to Officer Truax and Massena PD for their speedy public service.

Scott Allen Bennett, LICSW (MA), LCSW (NY), BCD
Massena

Cost for library small, compared to huge benefit

"Libraries are a cornerstone of democracy—where information is free and equally available to

everyone. People tend to take that for granted, and they don't realize what is at stake when that is put at risk."—Carla Hayden

The library has been an important part of my life for as long as I can remember. As a child, I visited the library often to borrow books and participate in library programs. My college work-study assignment was in the college library. After receiving my teaching degree, I became certified as a K-12 library media specialist. This is when I really learned the value of a good library.

As a school librarian, I collaborated often with the public library, not only to borrow books, but for programs such as the Book Battle and author visits. My students were encouraged to use the public library during the summer months, when the school library was not available to them.

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Perhaps you would like to use the computers or the wifi in the library. You may attend a meeting there or one of the many informative or craft sessions offered.

Bring your children or grandchildren! They will love Sophie, the resident turtle, the various children's crafts and programs available, and, of course, the books and other materials available in the children's room.

The Friends of the Library even

have a used bookstore in the basement! Students are tutored in the library. I have proctored online college exams in the library. Girl Scout troops meet in the library, as well as other groups.

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**Books are just
one part of a library**

“When I read about the way in which library funds are being cut and cut, I can only think that American society has found one more way to destroy itself,” so stated Russian-born American author and professor of biochemistry at Boston University. He authored over 500 science fiction and popular science books. “Closing a public library is child abuse, really, because it hinders child development,” said Alan Bennett, English actor, author, playwright. And, those are exactly my sentiments as I read all about the plight of the Ogdensburg library.

I’m now a retiree but in my youth I was a member of the library club through four high school years. Even though I changed career moves, my love of the library never changed.

People who think a library is just about books are dead wrong. Books are the most obvious and easily understood part of a library but it is just a part. There is so much more. The Ogdensburg library system also loans out a variety of audio and video media, provides computer and internet services, is the keeper of local history (the entire Ogdensburg Journal is maintained there on microfiche) and houses genealogical

sources, library programs (including digital) and a meeting room that facilitate community groups.

Famous librarians include Benjamin Franklin, Melville Dewey, Golda Meir, J. Edgar Hoover, Casanova (really!), Lewis Carroll, Jacob Grimm of Grimms’ Fairy Tales fame, Laura Bush, Eratosthenes (Greek scholar who discovered the system of latitude and longitude and made significant contributions to astronomy and also the chief librarian of the Great Library of Alexandria), Pope Pious XI and, saving the best for last, and most important to this area is none other than our own St Lawrence, one of the patron saints of the library who was killed by the Romans in 258 for refusing to turn over the collection of Christian treasures and documents he was entrusted to protect. (Who could vote against him?).

Famous people whose quotes state their ardent library affection, admiration and value include:

- Albert Einstein - “The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library.”

- Neil Gaiman - “Google can bring you back 100,000 answers, a librarian can bring you back the right one.”

- J.K. Rowling - “When in doubt go to the library.”

- Ray Bradbury - “Libraries raised me. Without libraries what have we? We have no past and no future.”

- Anne Herbert - “Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries. (She was a noted American journalist)

- Patick Ness - “Librarians are tour-guides for all of knowledge.” (Twice Carnegie medal winner).

Where are you heading with your life? Each direction is good if there is a library along the way. Help save your community with your YES vote on May 18th.

With a shout out to the wonderful library staff at the Morristown Library.

Suzanne Boyer
Morristown

**Mayor urges no vote
on library referendum**

The Ogdensburg Public Library is asking residents of the city of Ogdensburg and the towns of Lisbon and Oswegatchie to support a taxing referendum on May 18 to provide an additional \$225,000 in funding to pay for operations at the facility.

I for one, plan to vote no on the proposition.

For years the library in Ogdensburg has been mismanaged by a board of trustees that have done very little to seek creative solutions to how to improve operations and increase patronage. They have done so during a period when library funding was being cut back by city officials.

The library has known for years that funding was slowly being cut back because the city government – the taxpayers – could no longer simply pour money into library coffers. Yet during that same period the library did little to make plans for streamlining operations.

Six years ago the city was funding the library to the tune of nearly \$550,000 a year, and each year since then the facility has seen the funding reduced incrementally. The library knew the cuts were coming, the cuts were discussed annually with library officials, and yet each year the library muddled along, doing little that can be considered new and creative to increase usage and offset those cuts.

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This year the library is receiving \$162,000 in direct support from city council, and next year – a year later than originally planned – library operating funds will be zeroed out.

Today, there are “Save Our Library” signs dotting Ogdensburg streets, suggesting that some unforeseen event has brought on the library’s demise.

To be honest, the signs should say “The Ogdensburg Library has wasted your money for years, we are sorry.”

The Ogdensburg Public Library should be a jewel in St. Lawrence County, but sadly it is not.

It occupies an entire building

‘The new direction that the city council has taken is aimed at lowering taxes and find new and more efficient ways to run our departments.’

in the city’s historic district along with a beautiful sprawling park overlooking the St. Lawrence River. No library in this region has such lush surroundings and does so little with it.

Our library should be remodeled to include a coffee shop or café, perhaps a gift shop.

Make it a destination, make it a place where people want to go.

The entire upstairs of our library is barely used at all. What a great place for a computer center.

The new direction that city council has taken is aimed at lowering taxes and finding new and more efficient ways to run our departments.

For years we threw money at the library and other departments and accomplished little except for burying taxpayers in debt.

As a result of consolidations and smart thinking we have developed a leaner and more efficient city staff across the board. The library should be no exception. We can do better, and we should.

Money is not the key to saving the library, innovation and greater effort is what is lacking. During the last decade taxpayers have spent millions of dollars on the library and all of that money has not saved it.

However, what will save it is a new mindset. Our library board should be among the most creative thinkers in the community, yet they have done little, if anything, to show us that they are.

Mike Skelly
Mayor of Ogdensburg

Mayor lacks facts about library operations

Ogdensburg’s mayor, Mike Skelly, continues to amaze.

When the Library Board presented its findings and recommendations regarding a councilor’s online harassment of the library director, Skelly was heard to say he was going to remember that.

At the same meeting, he and his majority councilors refused to appoint citizens to fill vacant seats on the library board.

Now, Skelly publishes statements accusing the director and board of mismanagement and saying he

plans to vote against the library referendum.

Councilor Fisher has made statements that he doesn’t support the referendum. This is starting to smell like revenge.

Skelly goes on to say that the library will remain open with a change in staff and board members, indicating that some changes would create income. Really? A library budget of over \$300,000 can be replaced with a gift shop and coffee shop?

That would be in direct competition with Philips Diner and Val’s at the corner of Ford and State streets and with the Remington Art Museum.

Do gift and coffee shops in Ogdensburg actually earn \$300,000 profit each year? And

contrary to what Skelly says, the top floor of the library is used every day.

The local history collection is housed there.

There is a meeting room Girl Scouts use, where confidential meetings can be held, work space for staff and an auditorium where pre-school and dance class celebrations are held, and where, in non-covid years, the semi-annual book sales are held.

It appears Mr. Skelly has spoken without having all the facts. He doesn’t go to the library. He doesn’t meet with the board or staff to learn how a library works.

Judge for yourself where the mismanagement is.

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Potsdamopoly produced by national game-making company

BY MATT LINDSEY

North Country This Week

POTSDAM – A national game-making company has created and is selling Potsdamopoly, which highlights the many attractions of the town and village.

The new game is made by Late For the Sky. Late for the Sky Marketing Manager Michael Schulte said the company is working regionally with

Walmart locations across the U.S. and is always looking for new cities or towns for their games.

He said research shows there is equal or greater interest in games that feature smaller cities and towns, such as Potsdam, versus larger places such as Chicago or New York City.

He described it as “civic pride” for the town.

Local resident Beth Robinson was surprised when she saw that her

business was included in the game, right on the front cover. She owns SwingTime Mini Golf, located at 7065 U.S. Highway 11, between Potsdam and Canton.

Robinson’s business is grouped with the Roxy Theater and Summer Festival.

Among other landing spaces, the Potsdam-centric board game also includes the fire department, North Country Children’s Museum, Sergi’s,

Potsdam High School, and even the infamous toilet gardens.

“I am happy I wasn’t the cheapest property,” Robinson joked.

The toilet gardens are the cheapest property listed, priced at a reasonable \$70.

Although Robinson was never consulted about her business being included in the game, she says is thrilled that it is included.

Robinson said that, “it’s kind of neat” that her business is seen as a staple in the community after opening just over five years ago. “It’s great publicity,” she said.

Potsdamopoly is now for sale at Walmart, 7494 U.S. Highway 11. It is located near the electronics and toys. The games retail for \$19.98.

“Everyone in lockdown, what is better than playing a game of your own town,” he said. .

Schulte said the company uses city and town websites, chamber sites, and a bit of social media to determine what places, events or other areas will earn a space on the game board.

He said they like to acknowledge points of interest, such as parks, versus businesses; noting that they try

not to “pick favorites” when it comes to businesses.

There have been at least three other versions of Potsdamopoly made locally. One version came out in the 1980s, one in the early to mid-90s, and a version in 2014.

“We research several cities and counties around New York to make a very localized game about a specific area,” said Bill Schulte, one of the owners of Late for the Sky. “We always make sure that the locals love their town before we take on a project. We try to make the content as authentic as possible. So, we are reaching as many people as we can. We launch the sales exclusively at the local Walmart store in Potsdam. Naturally, Walmart likes to connect to their local customers, and everyone appreciates the fact that the games are made in the USA. Also, several other New York cities and counties are on the drawing board for development and manufacturing.”

Late For the Sky has been making custom games since 1984 and is based out of Ohio. For more, visit <http://www.lateforthesky.com/>.

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Price Chopper/Market 32 recently announced that all 81 of its New York stores, including its shops in Canton, Potsdam, Gouverneur, Ogdensburg and Massena, are now accepting EBT SNAP payment as part of Instacart’s first multi-chain wave of payment integration expansion.

EBT SNAP participants will now be able to shop Price Chopper / Market 32’s NY stores, via the Instacart online site and mobile app.

Once an Instacart customer profile is created, customers can enter their EBT food card information to pay.

A secondary form of payment will be needed for non-

food items such as taxes, tips and fees per federal SNAP guidelines. Customers can then enter their zip code to determine the nearest participating store to them and begin selecting items from the array of EBT-eligible products.

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MCS names valedictorian and salutatorian

MASSENA — Massena Central High School has named its valedictorian and salutatorian for the graduating class of 2021

Valedictorian

Massena Central High School has chosen Luke von Borstel as the valedictorian of the graduating Class of 2021.

Luke is the son of Noreen and Douglas von Borstel.

Luke's overall GPA is 99.49. He has earned these grades in the highly rigorous context of the IB Diploma Programme, which is the single most challenging program available to Massena students, the school said.

In June, upon successful completion of his program, he will earn the prestigious IB Diploma.

"As a student, Luke is intellectually thirsty, willing to grapple with complex subject matter, and enjoys the process of learning as much as the outcome.

Luke is known best in our school community for his leadership, determination, and his empathetic nature.

He seeks to improve the world through caring acts of selfless kindness. Luke leads his way in the world with a positive energy and enthusiasm that is contagious and permeates all that he does.

"His confidence and strong moral compass empower him to stand for what is right, even when that means interceding on others' behalf. He utilizes his own social status to lift up underdogs and in doing so, elevates the climate of the entire school. Luke is a champion for all," the school said in a press release.

Luke holds membership and leadership roles in many clubs and organizations, the school said. He is the vice president of both the National Honor Society and Spanish



Luke von Borstel

National Honor Society, and president of Interact Club.

Luke is also a member of Link Crew, Learn to Lead, Pep Band, and Marching Band.

He is a four-sport varsity athlete who plays soccer, basketball, football, and lacrosse. As a senior, Luke was a team captain and was recognized as 1st Team All-Northern in Boys' Varsity Soccer.

Luke has done extensive volunteer work in his community and is regularly tapped for mentorship roles. He also holds a part-time job. Luke loves to hunt, fish, and ride dirt bikes as well as to hike, backpack, and tent in the Adirondacks.

Next year, Luke will attend the University of St. Joseph in West Hartford, Connecticut, where he will study to become a physician's assistant and play men's lacrosse.

"Luke is the embodiment of all that it

means to be a Valedictorian and a Massena Red Raider. Congratulations, Luke. It will be our distinct pleasure to watch your undoubtedly bright future unfold," the school said.

Salutatorian

Massena Central has named Jacob Bressard as the Massena Central School's Salutatorian for the 2021 school year.

Jacob is the son of Jennifer Chevalier and Michael Bressard.

"Jacob Bressard is an impressive young man whose commitment to excellence permeates our school climate, elevating those around him. In the classroom or within the community, Jacob pursues quality in all that he does," said the school. "His inherent love of learning, combined with raw intellect, and steadfast work ethic has powered him to the number two spot in his class of 204 students with a grade point average of 98.96."

Jacob is poised to receive the prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma in June, said the school.

Jacob's teachers have described him as a student who has a personal standard that he upholds in everything he does.

"He is the kind of young man you can assign a job to and walk away with full confidence that it will be completed efficiently and above expectation," the school said. "Jacob has also contributed purposefully to his school and community.

"In terms of character, you would have a tough time finding anyone with anything negative to say about this young man. His inherent kindness and patience led him into natural leadership positions within our two main school mentoring programs, Learn-to-Lead and Link Crew. These same qualities have made Jacob a sought-after peer tutor."



Jacob Bressard

Jacob is a member of the National Honor Society and the French National Honor Society.

He has also served as the vice president of the Interact Club.

Jacob is a four-sport athlete involved in hockey, football, soccer, and lacrosse. He served as team captain in the latter two. Jacob also holds a part-time job.

In his free time, Jacob enjoys hiking, skiing, snowmobiling, ice-fishing, and kayaking. He also loves to bake and cook with his family.

Jacob plans to attend the University of Rochester this fall, majoring in biomedical engineering. Jacob

"Bressard embodies all of those qualities one would hope to see in a salutatorian. Congratulations Jacob we are so proud of you," the school said.

O'burg valedictorian and salutatorian tapped

The Ogdensburg City School District announces Sloane Ryan as the valedictorian and DeAnna Fennessy as the salutatorian for the Class of 2021.

Valedictorian

Sloane Ryan is the daughter of Garth and Molly Ryan of Ogdensburg. With a grade point average of 99.28, she ranks number one in her class of 106 seniors.

Ryan will graduate in June 2021 with a Regents diploma with Advanced Designation with Honors and an annotation that denotes mastery in mathematics and science.

Outside of academics, Ryan is well-known in our district and community as an outstanding vocalist and actress, having starred in community productions and school productions.

She performed vocal and instrumental solos for NYSSMA for years, and she has participated in very competitive All-County, Area All-State, All-State, and All-Eastern vocal programs.

She is also a member of NHS, marching band, drama club, Key Club, Student Council,



Sloane Ryan

and much more.

Furthermore, Ryan holds two part-time jobs and has completed many group community service hours as a Key Club and National Honor Society member.

Ryan is the recipient of the Alan Krause Citizenship Award.

This year, Sloane represented OFA on WWNY TV7 News at Noon as an Academic



DeAnna Fennessy

All-Star and also as an Arts All-Star in a separate interview.

Ryan is interested in pursuing a major in music, and she is considering attending one of the following universities: Columbia University, Syracuse University, Crane School of Music at Potsdam, Fredonia State University, McGill University, or New York University.

Salutatorian

DeAnna Fennessy is the daughter of Cheryl Doerr and Robert Fennessy of Ogdensburg.

With a grade point average of 98.86, she is ranked 2nd in the class, a position maintained throughout her high school career.

She will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors with an annotation that denotes mastery in math and science.

This past fall, she earned Advanced Placement Scholar status, given to those students who earn a score of 3 or higher on three or more Advanced Placement Exams.

Fennessy has been a member of the Student Council and National Honor Society since 10th grade.

She was class vice president during her tenth grade year. She has also participated in winter and spring track since 9th grade.

Fennessy intends to major in political science and then pursue a law degree.

She is currently considering attending the following universities: Emory University, Georgia State University, or Syracuse University.



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Understanding asthma as allergy season returns in SLC

The arrival of spring and summer is typically welcomed with open arms. Warm air, green grass, colorful flowers, and, of course, vacations are just a few of the many reasons to celebrate spring and summer.

Spring and summer also marks the return of allergy season. According to the American College of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology, allergies are the sixth leading cause of chronic illness in the United States.

For many people, allergies are a minor seasonal nuisance that are overcome by tak-

ing over-the-counter medications or staying indoors on days when allergen levels are especially high. But the World Allergy Organization notes that a history of allergies is a known risk factor for developing asthma.

The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute defines asthma as a chronic condition that affects airways in the lungs. The airways carry air in and out of the lungs, and when people have asthma, these airways can become inflamed and narrow, compromising a person's ability to breathe.

Many asthma patients are diagnosed during childhood. The ACAAI reports that most children with asthma exhibit symptoms prior to their fifth birthdays. Asthma symptoms also may appear in adults older than 20, and such instances may be attributed to adult-onset asthma. Certain adults may be more likely to get adult-onset asthma than others.

The ACCAI notes that it can be hard to recognize symptoms of asthma in very young children. That's because the bronchial tubes in infants, toddlers and preschool-aged youngsters are already small and narrow. Head colds, chest colds and other illnesses may further narrow these airways. So symptoms of asthma could be mistakenly associated with colds or other illnesses. A nagging cough that lingers for days or weeks or sudden, scary breathing emergencies are two symptoms of pediatric asthma. Parents also


can be on the lookout for these symptoms:

- Coughing, especially at night
- A wheezing or whistling sound when breathing, especially when exhaling
- Trouble breathing or fast breathing that causes the skin around the ribs or neck to pull in tightly

• Frequent colds that settle in the chest
Like pediatric asthma, adult-onset asthma can be easy to miss. That's because of natural changes in muscles and a stiffening of chest walls, both of which are associated with aging and therefore often attributed to age. The symptoms of adult-onset asthma are similar to those of pediatric asthma, and adults who suspect they might be experiencing asthma symptoms despite no history of the condition can ask doctors to conduct some specific tests designed to detect asthma. A lung function test and a methacholine challenge test are two ways doctors can detect adult-onset asthma.



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historic district along with a beautiful sprawling park overlooking the St. Lawrence River. No library in this region has such lush surroundings and does so little with it," Skelly said in a letter sent to North Country This Week. "Our library should be remodeled to include a coffee shop or café, perhaps a gift shop. Make it a destination, make it a place where people want to go. The entire upstairs of our library is barely used at all. What a great place for a computer center."

Ogdensburg Library Board of Directors President Michelle McLagan says the library does not want to compete with the Remington museum, which has a gift shop or local businesses that sell coffee. She also noted that establishing such a shop would require investment in both construction and employees.

"It would take a construction grant and someone has to staff it. You then have state health regulations that need to be met," she said. "How much is that going to cost? How are we going to compete with small businesses? That's not what the library is about," she said.

Library Executive Director Penny Kerfien notes that the city's draft comprehensive plan refers to the library as a treasure, and says the library often uses the nearby park to host events year round and says events are often held upstairs as well.

"We have a computer center on the main floor of the library that has 8 public access computers (four at this time, due to COVID). They are free of charge and we also have free WiFi," she said. "The upstairs of the library has a conference room that can be used by any community group, there is a local history room and there is the auditorium. The auditorium is used for any and all events for the library and local community groups."

Kerfien says there have been History Talks presented by the city Historian, pre-school graduations on the stage, The Friends of the Library Sweetheart Soiree fundraiser, the Friends book sales, library programs - from animals to dog sledding and a girl scout troop is using for meetings because it allows the necessary space to comply with COVID regulations.

Skelly says the new direction that city council has taken is aimed at lowering taxes and finding new and more efficient ways to run city departments. He contends that current library leadership has failed to follow suit.

"As a result of consolidations and smart thinking we have developed a leaner and more efficient city staff across the board. The library should be no exception. We can do better, and we should," he said.

"For years we threw money at the library and other departments and accomplished little except for burying taxpayers in debt," he said.

Kerfien says the library has made some deep cuts. She said the library recently went from seven full-time positions down to just two full-time positions. She said the library has six part-time staff members that work 20 hours or less per week. This includes two maintenance staff members and four clerks.

For Skelly, the cuts were too late and the services provided are too few.

Skelly was critical of the library for what he says was a failure to act as the city trimmed the library over the past six years.

"The library has known for years that funding was slowly being cut back because the city government - the taxpayers - could no longer simply pour money into library coffers. Yet during that same period the library did little to make plans for streamlining operations," Skelly said. "Six years ago the city was

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Jeffrey M. Skelly
Ogdensburg Mayor

funding the library to the tune of nearly \$550,000 a year, and each year since then the facility has seen the funding reduced incrementally. The library knew the cuts were coming, the cuts were discussed annually with library officials, and yet each year the library muddled along, doing little that can be considered new and creative to increase usage and offset those cuts."

This year the library is receiving \$162,000 in direct support from city council, and next year - a year later than originally planned - library operating funds will be zeroed out, Skelly said.

McLagan says the city's library budget doesn't tell the whole story. She says that the city's line item for "fundraising" may be zeroed out. That's because the library is limited in how it can raise money from fundraisers. She says the Friends of the Ogdensburg Public Library, a non-profit organization, perform such tasks instead. She says the friends find areas where the library needs extra help and holds events, book sales and other innovative charities to help supplement the library where the budget falls short.

McLagan said that while it may not appear in the city's budget the fundraising is essential to keeping the library solvent. She said the library is also part of Northern New York Community Foundation, which allows them to be considered interested donors seeking to help other organizations. Additionally, the Ogdensburg Public Library is part of the Amazon Smile program, which donates small percentages of purchases to the Friends of the Public Library when shopping through Amazon Smile.

"Today, there are 'Save Our Library' signs dotting Ogdensburg streets, suggesting that some unforeseen event has brought on the library's demise. To be honest, the signs should say 'The Ogdensburg Library has wasted your money for years, we are sorry,' he said.

Skelly says he will vote "no" on the funding proposition because money isn't the answer to fixing the problems at the library.

"Money is not the key to saving the library, innovation and greater effort is what is lacking. During the last decade taxpayers have spent millions of dollars on the library and all of that money has not saved it," he said. "However, what will save it is a new mindset. Our library board should be among the most creative thinkers in the community, yet they have done little, if anything, to show us that they are."

At a recent council meeting, the city debated the method for filling library trustee positions. Traditionally the library board made recommendations for appointments, which the mayor typically rubber-stamped.

However, Skelly has signaled that he will not be appointing the three trustees recommended by the board as he feels new leadership is needed. He said he does not intend to make appointments until after the vote.

McLagan says she will be voting 'yes' on the library proposition.

"I'm going to vote yes because I believe it's important that a viable vibrant community has a public

library that supports people from all walks of life," she said, adding that the library is crucial to the long-term success of the city's growth.

Skelly says regardless of the outcome, the library isn't going anywhere.

"For the record, and to be absolutely clear on this matter, the City of Ogdensburg will not close the Ogdensburg Public Library, however there is going to be significant change and that change will begin in 2022. Regardless of how the taxpayers vote in the upcoming referendum, the library cannot sustain itself with the current business model and needs new leadership on its board of trustees to make the difficult decisions that must be made to advance the library into the future."

BEACH . . .

as a beach in the past, he believes any hurdles in that area can likely be managed.

He said he has not reached out to the DEC yet, because the city first needs to secure access and a lease agreement.

While Jellie said estimating an operating cost for the beach was difficult at this time, he believed it would cost no more than \$50,000. He expected the city would need at least three lifeguards.

Councilor Nichole Kennedy said she had heard lifeguards were in

short supply at this time as many were unable to get their certifications renewed due to the pandemic.

Reopening the city beach is included in the city's draft community development plan and at a recent meeting Deputy Mayor John Rishe said he'd like to see it happen this summer. The city took action to support his call in March by setting a goal to open the beach in July.

The plan has support from Sen. Patty Ritchie who sent a letter to the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority asking for cooperation with the city in reopening the beach.

PERMITS . . .

with 197 building permits issued for all of 2020.

In 2021, there are also commercial building projects that have received permits to get underway.

"McDonald's and Taco Bell have had updates, and we continue to work on the new Kentucky Fried Chicken and the Mill project on Water Street," he said. The Mill project would turn a historical building into a brewpub with upstairs apartments.

The town and village Planning Boards have also issued permits for new businesses this year.

"The village and town planning boards have also been busy so far this year. The Village Planning Board has approved six new busi-

nesses and the Town Planning Board has approved four," he said.

"I'd like to remind everyone that building permits are required in the village and town of Massena. If anyone has any questions regarding building permit requirements, opening a new business, code complaints, or fire safety inspections please contact our office at 315-769-6803," Hardy added.

CLEANUP . . .

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On the green for first match

Madrid-Waddington and Potsdam Central School golfers met for their first match of the season. Here, coaches Aaron Jones, M-W, and Chris Johnson, Potsdam, discuss procedures with players before the match. The M-W Yellow Jackets won by two strokes 316 - 318.

Rocktober to premiere on YouTube

MASSENA -- A pre-recorded performance of Massena High School's Rocktober 2020 will go live via YouTube Premiere on Saturday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m.

The show can be viewed by going to www.mchsmusical.com and clicking on the link. The link will also be posted on the Massena High School website, as well as various other Facebook and social media accounts.

Due to COVID-19 and related restrictions, they were not able to present their annual Rocktober show this past fall.

"We held auditions and prepared songs but the show was not able to happen as normal. Subsequently, we've decided to record the show and release it as a complete performance on YouTube, albeit several months late," MCHS music teacher Chris Lincoln said.

This particular Rocktober performance features 14 Massena High School students singing a variety of songs from Fleetwood Mac, Brandi Carlisle, Adele, Maren Morris, Bridgit Mendler, Sara Bareilles, and more. They are supported by a full band featuring Rob Zolner on guitar,

Shawn Patrick on bass, Jon Hunkins on drums, and Chris Lincoln on piano/guitar.

The songs were rehearsed and then video recorded and audio recorded. The show was shot using four video cameras from different angles and the audio was recorded and then overdubbed.

Typically, Rocktober is an annual fundraiser for the MCHS Musical Theater Department and, although the show is free to watch, there will be opportunities for viewers to donate via PayPal and other methods.

Due to the forced cancellation of "Newsies," which would have been their 2020 annual Spring musical show, the musical theater department endured some significant losses of capital used to produce the shows each year.

"All donations of any size are appreciated as we move forward and rebuild after this pandemic," Lincoln said.

For questions, contact Choral and Music Theater director Chris Lincoln via email at clincoln@mcs.k12.ny.us

Deadline looms for inclusion in sale directory

OGDENSBURG -- The deadline to be included in The Greater Ogdensburg Chamber of Commerce's annual City Wide Garage Sales directory is May 19.

The sales are scheduled for Friday, May 28, Saturday, May 29 and

Sunday, May 30! These City Wide Garage Sales have attracted customers from all over St. Lawrence County and as far away as Ottawa in the past.

The directory will be for sale for \$3 after Wednesday, May 26 at the

Chamber Office, 318 Ford Street, or Kimro's Medicine Place. For more info on the City Wide Garage Sale call Laura Pearson at 315-393-3620.

This is a great opportunity for you to clear out the clutter and make some extra money, too! Think "green" and recycle those items that are just gathering dust in your home. The Chamber will list your garage sale in our directory for \$5 - info shared in the directory are: address of the sale, dates and times and a brief summary of items in your sale. Deadline to submit your info for the directory is Wednesday, May 19th at 4 pm so the directory can be printed on time. To request a directory form you can call the Chamber at 315-393-3620 or via email at chamber@gisco.net or visit our website at: www.ogdensburgny.com.

COVID-19 Protocols from ESD: Garage and yard sales - as informal events for the sale of used goods by private individuals in residential settings - are permitted to operate so long as sellers ensure that:

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2. Appropriate face coverings must be used by people in areas or situations where they are likely to come within six feet of another individual, in accordance with Executive Order 202.17, as extended.

3. Adequate hand hygiene supplies (e.g. hand sanitizer) and regular cleaning/disinfection protocols are in place.

Sellers may consult the New York Forward safety plan template for additional precautions that they should consider implementing during such sales.

BRIEFLY

Food distribution

MASSENA - St. Peter's Outreach Ministry (formerly St. Vincent de Paul), 128 Main St., will offer a food distribution for St. Lawrence County residents only on Saturday, May 15 from 9-10:30 a.m. The distribution will close earlier if items are depleted.



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The "Arthur Redux" cast and crew. First row: Tonya Ott. Second row: Ainsleigh Amo, Gabriella Ott, Madelyn Rowley, Emma Murray, Nekoda Barse, and Hannah Gardner. Third row: Kayden Skelly, Rheana Cameron, Logan Moran, Sarah Garber, Delia Payne, Madison Miller, and Karly Skelly.

Fourth row: Jackson Duprey, Graci Chase, Myah Myers, Dylan Sovie, Sloane Ryan, Angela Dwyer, Jillian LeBel, Christopher Dwyer, Cole Siebels, Christopher Rodriguez, Myles LaPoint, and Macy Murdock.

Children's Theater presents 'Arthur Redux'

OGDENSBURG — ACT Children's Theater at St. John's will present "Arthur Redux" on ACT's YouTube channel beginning Friday, April 30, at 7:15 p.m.

This is the first full stage play put on by this Ogdensburg children's theater and it will be a fully virtual production.

Taking place in the present day at the Good Ship Avalon Inn in Brewster, MA, "Arthur Redux" tells the story of a typical weekend at the inn, at which the Mordred Society is holding their annual convention. Their job is to debunk myths and legends and pretty much just ruin everyone's fun. They are soon joined by Fay Morgan, a mysterious reporter with her own agenda. Everything

appears to be running smoothly, until King Arthur and his wizard Merlin arrive from the past to confront an unknown evil! This family-friendly moral comedy has a little something for everyone. Made up of elementary, middle, and high school students from across the North Country, this show is sure to get you laughing and cheering for good to triumph over evil.

For more information about ACT Children's Theater at St. John's, find them on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

While the show is free to view, donations to the theater are always welcomed to provide theater opportunities to area youth.

BRIEFLY

Steak dinner

OGDENSBURG -- The Knights of Columbus, 721 Hasbrouck St. will serve a steak dinner Friday, April 30 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Includes a baked potato, toss salad and roll. Also available, fish fry with mac and cheese, cole slaw and a roll. \$12. Order: 315-393-7990. Each choice is limited to 60 dinners.

Chicken BBQ

LISBON — A take-out only chicken BBQ will be held Saturday, May 15, at the United Presbyterian Church, 26 Church St. starting at 4 p.m. \$12. Includes a half chicken, salt potatoes, cabbage salad, baked beans, a roll and dessert. Pre-orders start at 2 p.m. 315-394-8303.

Boating safety class

MASSENA — The USCG Massena Auxiliary will offer a boating

safety class via Zoom on May 26 and 27 from 5-9 p.m. each night. Participants need to attend both virtual classes and pass a test at the end. Cost is \$35 per person payable to USCG Aux Massena Flotilla 01-01. Mail a check to Bruce Burditt, 747 County Route 25, Malone, NY 12953 by May 12. Call 518-483-5073 for more information. Books will be mailed to participants so a return address, e-mail address and telephone number is required.

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- Heuvelton, May 1 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Pickens Hall & General Store, 83 State St.
- Madrid, May 3 from 3:30 p.m.-8 p.m. at Madrid Community Center, 1833 State Highway 345;
- In Massena on May 6 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Horizons, 56-58 Main St.; and on May 12 from 12-5:30 p.m. at St Lawrence Centre, 6100 State Route 37;
- Norwood on May 14 from 12:30-5:30 p.m. at Village of Norwood offices, 15 S. Main St.
- Ogdensburg on May 5 from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Ogdensburg Presbyterian Church, 423 Ford St.; and May 8 from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at

Grace Covenant Church, 7 Laboda Dr.

- Waddington on May 14, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Waddington United Methodist Church, 116 W. Lincoln Ave.

Donators can download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit Red Cross blood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment.

BRIEFLY

Food distribution

MASSENA — A food box distribution will be held Thursday, May 6, at 1 p.m. until all is gone at 189 Main St. The event is sponsored by the First United Methodist Church and St. Peter's Outreach Ministries.

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LoKo Arts Festival to offer free and virtual events from April 29 to May 9

POTSDAM — SUNY Potsdam's Loko Arts Festival will be April 29 to May 9 with all events free and virtual.

There will be music performances, art workshops, gallery exhibitions, visiting artist talks and other events.

The schedule can be downloaded from <https://www.potsdam.edu/sites/default/files/LoKo2021.pdf>

Events will be livestreamed on <https://getinvolved.potsdam.edu> and clicking the events tab. Events marked below with an asterisk require advance registration on that website.

The schedule of remaining events includes:

Saturday, May 1: 3 p.m., Campus Tour: The Art Museum Permanent Collection guided presentation video tour with Collections Manager, Romi Sebald '85. She will talk about some of the most prominently displayed public pieces of SUNY Potsdam's art collection while viewers see the artworks as they appear on campus. This will be followed with a live Q&A with Sebald and Art Museum Director April Vasher-Dean; 7:30 p.m., Cabaret Performance: "For Love: Songs of Love, Hope and Coming of Age," the showcase will feature numbers from "The Sound of Music," "A Chorus Line," "Pippin" and others. The performance is devised, produced, and performed by students.

Sunday, May 2: 3 p.m., Fiber Arts Showcase: "Stitches In Situ," a rainbow of knits, crochets and other wonders of weaving will adorn the SUNY Potsdam campus throughout LoKo.

Participants will have to look closely and act quickly if they want to experience them all as the works vary in size and duration. Viewers will see various styles and designs, from images of nature to experimentation with color throughout our campus. Join the artists in Zoom for their reveal and discussion. The artists will talk about technique, inspiration, and installation, followed by a period of Q&A; 6 p.m., Crane Encore Performance (2018): Prokofiev "Alexander Nevsky, Op. 78" and Vaughan Williams "Dona Nobis Pacem," Crane Chorus and Crane Symphony Orchestra with 2018 Dorothy Albrecht Gregory Visiting Conductor Antony Walker, soprano Suzanne Kantorski, guest artist mezzo-soprano Suzanne Hendrix, and baritone Jonathan Stinson.

Monday, May 3: 7 p.m., art opening: BFA Thesis Exhibit, will document the gallery installation of three artists' exhibition and include the artists themselves explaining their methods, inspirations, and hopes for the viewers' experience with the art. This will be followed by a live Q&A session with the student-artists.

Tuesday, May 4: 6 p.m., Crane Encore Performance (2015): Brahms "A German Requiem," Crane Chorus and Crane Symphony Orchestra with 2015 Dorothy Albrecht Gregory Visiting Conductor Joseph Flummerfelt, guest artist soprano Nicole Cabell, and guest artist baritone Craig Verm.

Wednesday, May 5: 3 p.m., presentation & workshop Drama League Award Nominee by 2015 grad Dan Mertzluft, a three-part discussion starting with a 1-hour moderated

session during which Dan will share some of his most extraordinary achievements since graduating, two of the session, Dan will lead an audition-type workshop that will include five selections of contemporary musical theatre pieces and art songs, all of which are composed by Dan; part three is a presentation will include a moderated Q&A session with Dan.

Thursday, May 6: 6 p.m., Crane encore performance (2017): Poulenc "Gloria" and Rachmaninoff "The Bells," Crane Chorus and Crane Symphony Orchestra with 2017 Dorothy Albrecht Gregory Visiting Conductor JoAnn Falletta, guest artist soprano Elizabeth Caballero, guest artist tenor Charles Reid, and guest artist baritone Kevin Deas.

Friday, May 7: Art Opening: "Art Attack" Exhibit, w creative works by SUNY Potsdam students in a virtual exhibit opening on The Art Museum webpage at www.potsdam.edu/museum. Available to view from May 7 to June 7; Dance: Spring 2021 Media Dance Works Series, Presented by Department of Theatre and Dance. Under the guidance of Dance Profes-

sor Cynthia DuFault, student choreographers collaborated with both

New Media and Crane students to present a collection of short dance films. Available to view on cyndance.org from May 7 to June 7; 7:30 p.m., theatre performance: SUNY Potsdam Department of Theatre & Dance presents "Every 28 Hours Plays," a series of one-minute plays which were created to support the ongoing movement for racial justice in our country.

Saturday, May 8: 3 p.m., printmaking exhibit: "Why Do We Print?" showcase of past and present student printmaking work, with the aim of spreading awareness of the uniqueness and joys of printmaking as a medium. "Why Do We Print?" -- Why do we? Why do artists turn towards this method of artmaking over other artforms? This exhibition seeks to answer this question, using student's work and words, Q&A event; 6 p.m., Crane encore performance (2019): Hindemith "Apparebit repentina dies" and Mozart "Mass in C-minor," Crane Chorus and Crane Symphony Orchestra with 2019 Dorothy Albrecht Gregory Visiting Conductor Kent Tritle,

tenor Benjamin Johnson, soprano Kayla Kovacs, bass Shavon Lloyd, and soprano Emma Marhefka.

Sunday, May 9: noon to 5 p.m., concert festival Madfest, a music festival hosted by Madstop Records (the student-run independent record label located at SUNY Potsdam) that showcases the work of Potsdam students alongside local St. Lawrence County artists; 7:30 p.m. opera performance: Crane Opera Ensemble presents "Magic, Madness, and Mayhem," entirely directed, rehearsed, and recorded remotely via Zoom. With works by Rodgers and Hammerstein, Mozart, Gilbert and Sullivan, Simon and Norman, Pauline Viardot, and Jerry Herman.

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PREMIUM SERVICES COUNSELOR - COMPANY DESCRIPTION: Center for Sight is the North Country's premiere full-service ophthalmology center. We provide exceptional eye treatment and eye care services in Watertown and Ogdensburg. We are looking to broaden our depth of service by expanding our premium service lines to St. Lawrence County and the surrounding areas. This includes not only ophthalmic care but cosmetic and laser treatments as well. **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:** Applicant must be able to: Maintain full menu working knowledge of all premium products -Work in concert with the Premium sales team to drive business -Exceed sales and retention goals -High Proficiency in both written and verbal communications (public speaking and presentation) -Excellent relationship building and interpersonal skills -Assertive, persistent and results-oriented approach -Strong time-management organization and analytical skills -Strong work ethic with high personal accountability -Ability to be flexible, prioritize and manage multiple tasks/projects -Ability to work well under pressure. **RELATIONSHIPS - WHO YOU'LL BE WORKING WITH:** Candidate will be reporting to the Director of Premium Services and working with a team of senior members of the practice. **START DATE:** As soon as possible. **REQUIRED SKILLS:** -Results Driven (Must have) -Analytical Thinker (Must have) -Leadership (Must have) -Collaboration and Teamwork (Must have) -Conflict Resolution (Must have) **COMPENSATION:** \$16 - \$18 hourly. Job Type: Full-time. Send resume to dprashaw@cfsnny.com.

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Senior Clerk - Procurement Coordinator

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Qualifications: High School Diploma (or equivalent) required. Associate degree in finance, accounting, business administration or related field from an accredited institution preferred. Minimum of three years of experience in a technology driven and customer service oriented work environment with minimal supervision. Excellent verbal and written communication (ability to interpret, identify, restate customer needs, present solutions, and provide information). Ability to operate and train others on the use of handheld devices such as barcode scanners and iPads. Equivalent combinations of education and work experience will be considered.

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are available online at:www.srmt-nsn.gov. **NURSE CASE MANAGER:** Through a case management approach, the Diabetes Nurse Case Manager provides diabetes prevention education and nursing care for persons at high risk and self-management education for persons with diabetes. This is met in collaboration with the Saint Regis Mohawk Health Service (SRMHS) medical providers by implementing the Indian Health Service (IHS) Standards of Care. STATUS: Full-time, Exempt. Deadline: Open Until

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5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which island nation is home to lemurs?
6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the birth flower for people born in November?
7. GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Harz Mountains located?
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9. MUSIC: Which rock group performed the 1970s song "Doraville"?
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Answers found elsewhere in this paper.



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(Salary Commensurate with Experience)

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- Application (can be obtained in the Superintendent's Office at OFA or downloaded from our school website)
- Resume
- Copy of New York State Teaching Certificate(s)
- Original College Transcript(s)
- Letters of Reference
- Application deadline is **MAY 3, 2021**

All requested materials are to be submitted to:
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ANTICIPATED VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT: Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES (EO/AAE) is currently accepting applications for the following positions: Extended School Year Programs at Chateaugay and Tupper Lake CSD • Special Education Teachers; • Teaching Assistants; • Teacher Aides; • Registered Nurses; • Licensed Practical Nurses; • BCBA (P/T); • Occupational Therapist (P/T); • Speech Pathologist (P/T); • Physical Therapist (P/T); • Teacher of Visually Impaired (P/T). Application Deadline: May 2, 2021. Qualifications, job description and application can be found online at: www.fehb.org/employmentopportunities. Queries should be directed to: Stephanie Bannon, HR Coordinator, FEH BOCES, 23 Husky Lane, PO Box 28 Malone, NY 12953, 518-483-6420 ext. 1028 sbannon@feh.org

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Tribal Court Administrator:

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CANTON TIRE is looking for a full time mechanic.

Must have experience and have own tools. M-F 8-4. Send resume to jamilier67@hotmail.com.

ANTICIPATED VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT. St. Regis Falls Central School District (EO/AAE) is accepting applications as follows: For the following positions effective September 1, 2021: Math Specialist; 5 Technology Teacher. For the following 6-week Summer Positions 2021: Registered Nurse, Teacher Aide, Teaching Assistant, Speech Therapist, Psychologist, IPK Teacher. For the following 2-week Summer 2021 Skill Building Programs: Reading and Math, K-2 Teacher, 3-5 Teacher, 6-8 Teacher. Applications are available at www.stregiscsd.org or by calling (518)856-9421 ext 1007. **Deadline to apply is:** May 3, 2021. Please submit completed application along with a current resume, copy of college diploma(s), copy of Teaching Certificate, complete/official transcripts of all Undergrad/Grad work, and letters of recommendation to: Marlee Burnett, Superintendent's Administrative Assistant, St. Regis Falls Central School, PO Box 309, 92

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EOE

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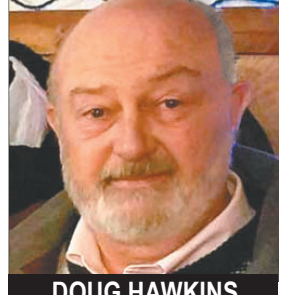
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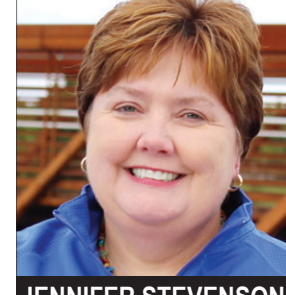
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I currently work with the local community writing grants, fundraising, and assisting in various business development activities. This has allowed me to understand the community and local area better. I started in the real estate industry as an additional way to help the community, meet new people and help share the beautiful North Country with others.

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In her free time, Brittany enjoys walking, hiking and whatever she can do to stay active.

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