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Ogdensburg pressures county to move on consolidating services

BY JIMMY LAWTON North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG – City Manager Stephen Jellie is taking aim at the county legislature as he unveils plans to study a host of shared services.

Jellie's plan includes a combination of ideas he'd like to see studied as well as partnerships he'd like to move forward.

He says the goal is identify duplicated services and see if they can be eliminated in effort to reduce government waste and control costs.

Initiatives he says are already underway to some degree include the transfer of police dispatch to St. Lawrence County, a partnership on remediation of contaminated properties, and transfer or property tax foreclosure jurisdiction.

Talks of police consolidation between county and Ogdensburg raises concern from St. Lawrence County Sheriff.

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But even as he began rolling out his plan, Jellie criticized the county for "stalling" on some of those efforts in the past and said the time for delays is over.

One of the issues he said is the city's effort to transfer dispatch service, an initiative included in the state Financial Restructuring Board's recommendations to improve city finances.

"That's an effort that's been underway for years and there has been no progress and I don't want anyone to think we have made progress," he said.

Jellie wants to perform various consolidation studies, which include law enforcement consolidation between the city police department and sheriff's office, consolidation of employee health

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Massena begins search for mayor

BY ANDY GARDNER North Country This Week

MASSENA – The village is looking for members of the public interested in being appointed mayor until the end of the year.

Village board members discussed how to handle the empty village executive's seat during their Tuesday, Feb. 23 meeting.

The appointment will be to replace Tim Currier, who resigned earlier this month following his December arrest on charges of fleeing a police traffic

stop and throwing a bag of crack cocaine out of his window. Currier was a former Massena police chief until he was elected mayor in 2014.

"If you want to be considered for the position, minimum is a résumé and letter of interest," Deputy Mayor Matt Lebire said.

He said people can't go into the Town Hall because of COVID-19 precautions.

They can, however, mail their documents to the Village Administrator, or use the free dropbox in front of the Town Hall and

indicate village administrator on the envelope.

"For the short-term position, someone with experience would be great," Lebire said.

Trustee Greg Paquin indicated he may know someone with experience who is interested in stepping into the role, but is out of the village until April.

Lebire said they should explore that possibility, since the board won't vote on appointing a mayor at least for another month.

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Athletes won't be required to take COVID tests

BY JIMMY LAWTON North Country This Week

CANTON – St. Lawrence County athletes participating in high-risk sports will not be required to take COVID-19 tests.

The State Education Department told schools Feb. 16 that they could not require testing of athletes playing high-risk sports like hockey and basketball, unless the county public health departments mandate it.

That news is requiring some school districts that approved sports safety plans to revisit their documents as some, like Canton, had planned to require testing.

"On Tuesday, the New York State Education Department issued a memo that unless required by the County Public Health Department, schools cannot require COVID-19 testing as a condition to participate in athletics or extracurricular activities. This memo has placed a number of schools around the state in a difficult situation with their plans no longer being compliant," a statement issued by Canton Central School said.

Canton and other schools are revisiting their sports plans under consideration of the new guidance.

The current St. Lawrence County Public Health's guidance recommends, but does not require, districts to test athletes playing high-risk sports.

There is no intention of changing that plan at this time.

"At this time we will not be revising the guidance we have provided. Schools have developed plans using our guidance disseminated at the end of last month," said county Public Health Director Dr. Dana Olzenak McGuire.

"As schools begin games, we will continue to monitor our positivity rate, daily cases, and hospitalizations to determine whether modification to our guidance is warranted."

St. Lawrence County Public Health said they were seeking additional guidance from the state on whether or not they can mandate testing for student athletes.

With high-risk sports set to begin

Health officials discuss risks

BY JIMMY LAWTON and ANDY GARDNER North Country This Week

As schools move forward with high-risk sports seasons, St. Lawrence County Public Health is acknowledging that the risk to the public will extend beyond those who are participating and could create some additional points of stress for schools.

Public Health Director Dr. Dana Olzenak McGuire and St. Lawrence County Board of Health President Dr. Andrew Williams on Tuesday answered some questions regarding the risks associated with high-risk sports that are set to begin March 1.

Among the risks acknowledged by public health are potential exposures and increased positive cases for athletes and people who have no relationship at all to those participating in the programs.

"The public health challenge is the potential for student athletes to transmit the infection to members of their own families, or members of their community who are more vulnerable to COVID. Those infected might have no relationship to the student athlete. Consequences for these affected individuals could include prolonged hospitalization, chronic disability, or even death,"

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March 1, time is running out for testing plans to be put in place and now it seems there is no intention from public health to require them.

The ruling from the State Education Department issued to schools came after the county prepared its high-risk sports guidelines.

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County to mull handling city tax collection

BY ANDY GARDNER
North Country This Week

CANTON – St. Lawrence County officials and a legislator signaled willingness to explore a proposal from Ogdensburg where the county would take over tax collection and foreclosure from the city.

County Attorney Steve Button discussed the proposal with the board during their Monday, Feb. 22 Finance Committee meeting.

Button said if the county were to agree to the shift, it “could have a significant bearing on the county.”

“It has implications for Real Property, implications for the Treasurer’s Office, implications for my office,” he said.

Button added that the county could also choose “it can only assume a portion of it, or assume none of it.”

He said none of those options are unusual in New York state.

“It might be wise to at least hear out what the city has to say,” the county attorney told the legislators, adding he thinks they should form a committee to further explore the proposal.

“I 100% agree if we are interested in doing this, he’s right on the mark with setting up a committee to investigate it. There’s a lot of variation as to how it will be done,” County Treasurer Renee Cole told the board.

“I think the idea of a committee is absolutely a great idea,” said Legislator Dave Forsythe, R-Lisbon. “These are things on the burner that need to be discussed and I hope we can resolve them.”



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SeaComm pays for rink time

SeaComm recently covered the costs for public skating at the Massena Arena. During the week of February 15, local residents enjoyed time at the ice rink courtesy of the credit union’s Pay-It-Forward Program. This gesture was announced in advance to allow skaters plenty of time to plan their day of fun. Pictured from left are Frank Laughing Jr. with skaters Beau Jackson and Jaxx Laughing.

New vaccination site approved

MASSENA – The Village Board of Trustees ratified a deal so St. Lawrence County Public Health can operate a COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Massena Community

Center, 61 Beach St.

The Massena site will be for people who aren’t able to get to the larger state-run clinic at SUNY Potsdam.

All COVID-19 vaccinations are by appointment only, whether at the larger Potsdam site or smaller sites in Massena, Ogdensburg, Gouverneur and Star Lake.

Walk-ins will be turned away at the door.

Use the online “Am I Eligible?” tool to determine eligibility and schedule vaccination at <https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov> or call 1-833-697-4829.

Public hearing on home rehab funds

MASSENA – The village board will hold a public hearing prior to the start of their March meeting on applying for funding that residents can apply for to fix up their homes.

Deputy Mayor Matt Lebere said they’re seeking \$400,000 from the Community Development Block Grant program, which can be doled out to 10 homes.

They must be “low- and moderate-income households in the village with owner-occupied rehabilitation.”

Village Administrator Monique Chatland said they typically help more than 10 homes, as some just need smaller fixes, like a new furnace.

“Why would anyone be against this? Are there any negatives?” Trustee Christine Winston asked.

“I can’t think of any reason. I don’t think we’ve ever had a bad experience,” Lebere replied.

County to help with city’s contaminated properties

BY ANDY GARDNER
North Country This Week

CANTON – St. Lawrence County’s Finance Committee gave preliminary approval for the county attorney to help Ogdensburg with remediation efforts at four city properties that are believed to be contaminated.

They took the vote during their Monday, Feb. 22 meeting. It has to go in front of the full board next month to be finalized.

The locations are the Shade Roller site, 541 Covington St.; MCYC site, 502 Riverside Ave.; the Kiwanis site, Riverside Avenue; and the Sybron site, also on Riverside Avenue.

Legislator Dave Forsythe, R-Lisbon, said he believes the action “is a long time coming.”

“I think the city will benefit wholeheartedly, as well as the county, from this,” he said. “I can think of nothing more I’d rather see than the waterfront in the City of

Ogdensburg redeveloped, uncontaminated, and made thriving again.”

Legislator Jim Reagen, R-Ogdensburg, said he thinks the proposal is “a golden opportunity to move some of these properties on the waterfront back onto the tax rolls, back into future development. They’re not making additional waterfront property on the St. Lawrence (River) these days.”

“These properties on the St. Lawrence will be some of the most valuable properties this program will clean up and make ready for development,” Reagen said.

The motion notes that the city on Feb. 9 reached out to the county for assistance with getting the waterfront lots cleaned up and ready to go back on the tax rolls.

It also says that since 2015, St. Lawrence County has “remediated or resolved liability at more than 50 environmentally contaminated properties through a series of partnerships with the support of the state of New York.”

Raising money for Special Olympics with Pokemon cards

MASSENA – A Massena man will raise money for the Special Olympics of Northern New York by unsealing and auctioning Pokemon cards over the Tik Tok video app.

Jack Vaisey III, who uses the online moniker Farvarules88, has amassed a Tik Tok audience of close to 14,000 viewers.

In June, he plans on unsealing a special set of Pokémon cards for his audience.

“The decks I buy and unseal will be auctioned off, with half of the proceeds going to special Olympics of Northern New York,” he said.

In the nearer future, Vaisey plans to have an event Saturday, Feb. 27 at 1 p.m. It’s Pokémon’s 25th anniversary, and he’s planning a 100 booster pack opening.

Vaisey is a massive fan of all things pop culture and his account centers around Video Games and Pokémon cards. His streams include video games such as “Fortnite” and “Call of Duty”

He says his unsealing of Pokémon packs has been his “calling card for viral attention.” He also does card giveaways for his fanbase.

People can find more information on Vaisey’s Facebook page: www.facebook.com/farvarules88.

Tik Tok is free for both Android and iPhone, and is available in their respective app stores.

Retiring vet applauded

MASSENA – The village is applauding a well-known Massena veterinarian who is closing her practice after over 40 years.

Deputy Mayor Matt Lebere, who is serving as acting mayor since that seat is now vacant, told village trustees he signed a recognition certificate for Dr. Cynthia Swingle.

He said Swingle has been “an asset to the community since the early 1980s.”

“If you ever met her, you’d understand her compassionate and caring spirit is almost more impressive than her amount of knowledge,” Lebere said. “We thank her for her four decades of service.”

Village to go after lost funds

MASSENA – Village trustees appointed the village administrator to fill out forms to reclaim lost money held by the state comptroller’s office.

“Since we’re not a person, we have to appoint someone to fill out

the forms and file the claim,” Deputy Mayor Matt Lebere told his fellow board members Tuesday, Feb. 23.

He said although they may not have much waiting for them, there’s a “financial responsibility to get every dollar that’s owed to us.”

School phone upgrade planned

MASSENA – The Massena school district’s architects are planning for another capital outlay project that would upgrade the phone system.

“That will actually be a telephone system improvement and upgrades. We have all the technical details and we’re ready to jump into the design boards for that,” IBI Group architect Ed Bernhauer told the Board of Education. “This is the main head system that’s getting upgraded with some server components. A lot of internal equipment is already in place.”

A capital outlay project is a small project that can’t exceed \$100,000. It’s approved by voters in the spring when they vote on the district’s annual budget. The project is eligible for state aid.

“We’ll prepare the documents, but we can’t go out to bid for that particular piece until this May’s budget vote has passed,” Bernhauer said.

A pending capital outlay project will upgrade the fuel depot at the bus garage the district shares with the village.



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City votes to pay county back taxes

BY JIMMY LAWTON
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OGDENSBURG – Ogdensburg will pay St. Lawrence County more than \$800,000 in delinquent taxes owed, a portion of which has been owed to the county since 2003.

The decision to pay the debt was made in a split vote along normal lines with Mayor Jeffrey M. Skelly, Deputy Mayor John Rishe and councilors Bill Dillabough and Steve Fisher supporting the measure.

Among those opposed was Councilor Michael Powers who urged the city to negotiate the price down with the county.

City Manager Stephen Jellie told council the county indicated they had no interest in discounting the money owed, but were willing to discuss accepting payments.

Councilor Fisher said he believed the debt should be paid. He pointed out that the city was quick to request prompt payments from the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority for airport security and said Ogdensburg shouldn't be hypocritical.

The move was also viewed as an effort to begin rebuilding rapport with the county after public and contentious negotiations over the county sales tax.

The city is working with the county on many fronts including having the county take over dispatch for the Ogdensburg Police Department.

Other efforts include an attempt to move the property tax foreclosure authority to the county and a partnership with the county to help clean up contaminated properties.

Skelly said he believed paying the debt in a lump sum and promptly would aid in those efforts.

The debt came to light on Jan. 25 at a Finance Committee meeting when County Treasurer Renee Cole was asking the board to approve a budget change to accommodate sales tax revenue in 2020 that was \$1.8 million more than anticipated.

At that time Legislator Joe Lightfoot, R-Ogdensburg, said Ogdensburg City Manager Stephen Jellie "at one time mentioned that the city owed the county, I think the figure he used was over \$800,000" and asked Cole to clarify how that happened.

"We don't have a ton of information ... other than ours agrees with the liability the city holds on their books, to the dollar," Cole said at the January meeting, adding that the amount is around \$825,000. "It's not going to be a surprise for them."

In the end council agreed to pay the debt after reviewing finances with the city's financial advisor.

Sports mergers approved

OGDENSBURG – The Ogdensburg Central School District Board of Education approved several sports mergers.

Sports mergers with Heuvelton were accepted for boys modified track, boys varsity track, girls modified track, girls varsity track, boys modified and varsity lacrosse and football for modified, JV and varsity.

All mergers are for the 2020-21 sports season.

Football was cancelled last fall due to COVID-19 and is expected to be played this spring if allowed by the state, departments of health and schools.



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Board time on State Park Hill

Ogdensburg residents Kierce Whitney, left, and Gaige Jimenez snowboard down the St. Lawrence State Park hill on Rt. 37, Ogdensburg, over winter break.

O'burg school board discusses pandemic plan

BY MATT LINDSEY
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG – The Ogdensburg City School District Board of Education held a public hearing Monday night and discussed the district's pandemic response plan.

The pandemic plan was added to the revised school safety plan that includes a section on the district's pandemic response plan, according to Superintendent Kevin Kendall.

"It really gives the district clear guidance as how to function and operate in a pandemic situation, which we find ourselves currently in," he said.

The pandemic plan will be part of the safety plan that the school board will adopt each July, the super said.

Board members were given a chance to offer their opinions on the plan.

"I can't say enough bad about this," said Board member Michael Myers. "Every time I read it, it just bothers me."

Myers called into question language in the plan that calls for school officials to track cases of sickness, including suspected cases

of influenza. He said it "drives me nuts" thinking about privacy and HIPAA issues.

"We're giving a report to a bureaucracy that, I already said, thinks we are not essential anyway, now they determine if we have a pandemic on suspected cases ... I just, it drives me crazy," he said.

Board President Ronald Johnson encouraged Myers to speak further with the superintendent over his concerns with the plan.

Elizabeth Testani, board member, asked about the language in the plan that outlines the decision-making process on staying open when there is a confirmed COVID case in the district.

Kendall answered that the protocol is the same that they follow now.

"You're assessing how widespread the case is to determine if a closure is required at that point in time," he said.

Officials determine how many students and staff came in contact with the positive individual, and decide if they can still function for in-person learning.

The hearing lasted a few minutes and there was no public comment. No action was taken.

Massena passes audit

BY ANDY GARDNER
North Country This Week

MASSENA – The village passed a financial audit with flying colors, their independent auditor told the board.

Cary Seyfarth from Seyfarth and Seyfarth CPAs gave the audit results to the village trustees during their Tuesday, Feb. 23 meeting.

"The audit went very well, very good this year," Seyfarth said. "We had no adjustments. That's really pretty rare we don't have some kind of change to somebody's financial statements. We had nothing to change at all this year. [Village Treasurer Kevin Felt] did a good job."

Seyfarth made one minor criticism – the village isn't getting their minutes ready for public inspection on time. Deputy Mayor Matt Lebire said they've taken action to correct that.

"The minutes were way behind. It's really important to keep those minutes up to date. The Open Meet-

ings Law says they have to be available ... two weeks after the meeting. My take on that is they should be ready, here they are, as if they're going to be approved ... they don't have to be approved to give them to the public," Seyfarth said. "You don't want somebody gets something that looks incomplete."

"Our clerk's office has finished all the meeting minutes. They're in the formal draft form and ready to be distributed and will be approved at our next meeting," Lebire said.

Seyfarth said the audit shows the village as having a net position in the negative tens of millions. That's because of anticipated long-term payouts in health insurance and pension costs.

"You're not going to have to pay it out tomorrow. It is a real number," Seyfarth said. "Every municipality in New York has that situation."

He said the only way to reign that in is through future contractual negotiations.

12 percent now vaccinated

BY ANDY GARDNER
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St. Lawrence County has both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to about 12% of the population.

Dr. Andrew Williams, president of the St. Lawrence County Board of Health, reported the latest numbers to the St. Lawrence County legislature Finance Committee during their Monday, Feb. 22 meeting.

He said 21,693 people in the county have received at least one dose. Of that, 12,162 people have gotten both doses. The total county population is 108,047.

Dr. Williams said the county is doing well at vaccinating people age 70 and up, some of the most vulnerable to severe complications or death from COVID-19 infection. He said the county has vaccinated 56% of residents between ages 70 and 79, and 54% of those age 80 and up.

"In a fairly short period of time, we've vaccinated more than half the people who are eligible in that most vulnerable category," he said.

The vaccines are bringing new rules for mandatory quarantine.

Anyone who's had their second shot within two weeks to three months of exposure may not be required to quarantine. The person must also be asymptomatic. The person's vaccination status will also have to be verified.

"The good news is now that people are getting vaccinated, there's the option for them not to go into mandatory quarantine," Dr. Williams said.

He said the person will have to have gone two weeks or more since receiving their second dose. That's how long it takes for the vaccine to be fully effective. The cutoff is three months, and that's because the vaccines are new and there's uncertainty as to how long immunity lasts.

"We're very confident they're effective for three months. They may be effective for four months, or six months. We're just not sure," Dr. Williams said.

He cautioned that although the vaccines are highly effective, immunizing most recipients, but people who get the shots still have some risk.

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Moses plans to run for judge

CANTON – Attorney Andrew Moses will run for St. Lawrence County Family Court Judge. He made the announcement Monday on the steps of the St. Lawrence County Court House. “I will be seeking the Republican and conservative party endorsements. My 29 plus years of experience as an attorney in New York, and my record of dedication to the families of our county has put me in a strong position to effectively manage this complex and challenging court,” he said in a prepared statement. Moses says he is a family man. “I have been married to my wife, Renee for 27 years and we have 2 children. My daughter Rachel graduated from Canton Central School in 2015 and from the University of Hartford in 2019. My son Sam graduates from Canton Central this year and he will be attending RIT in the fall. I am an active member of our community. My wife and I have been co-chairs of the Canton Music Friends for the past 7 years. I am a member of the Canton Central School Board where I have supported our students’ and teachers and where I have fought for fiscal responsibility,” he said. According to Moses, his experience as a family court attorney for the past 29 plus years qualifies him to hold the position of St. Lawrence County Family Court Judge. “I was an attorney for the St.

Lawrence County Department of Social Services for more than 6 years; I was a Deputy County Attorney for St. Lawrence County for more than 13 years; and I ran a private law firm for almost 11 years. I have been a defense attorney, attorney for the child, I have prosecuted juvenile delinquent cases, child support, paternity and abuse and neglect cases,” he said. Family court is responsible for ensuring the safety of children, protecting the victims of domestic violence and settling the many other legal disputes that can occur in families, Moses says. “In most cases that come before the family court, a child’s well being is at stake and when it comes to protecting children, I believe there are no excuses for delay. I have dedicated most of my legal career to family court because I believe protecting children, protecting victims of family violence and helping families that are experiencing disruptions is the most important work an attorney can do,” he said. Moses promises to use his experience and knowledge to ensure family court is efficient and effective. “I want family court to be a place where the rights of all of St. Lawrence County residents are protected; where all of St. Lawrence county residents are given a voice; and where they are treated with respect and dignity.”

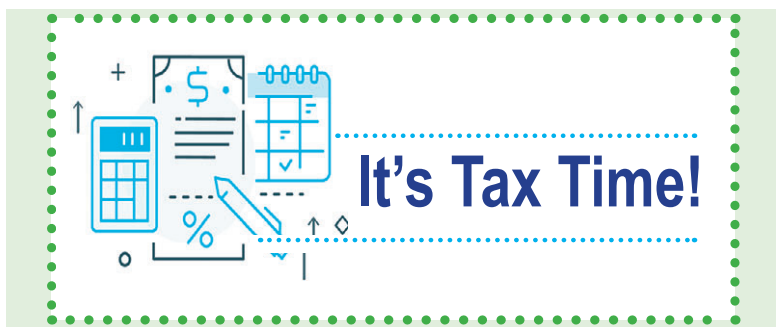
O’burg mayor, councilors refuse to step down

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG – Ogdensburg Mayor Jeffrey M. Skelly says he and his fellow councilors accused of violating the city charter will not step down in the wake of an arbitration ruling. A dispute settled in arbitration between the city council and the Ogdensburg police union included an opinion that the council had violated the labor contract and city charter when the council instructed the former city manager to lay off four police officers. According to the charter such a violation leads to immediate forfeiture of their council positions. The ruling prompted a group of citizens to protest the recent council meeting and begin raising money to file a lawsuit to force resignations of Skelly, Deputy Mayor John Rishe and councilors Steve Fisher and Bill Dillabough. However, Skelly says the decision made by arbitrator James Gross is wrong and that the council acted with the best interest of the city in mind. He said no one will be stepping down and the city will fight any legal action brought against the council. Skelly said the Ogdensburg City Council majority and minority, since taking their oaths in January 2020 has not knowingly, willingly or intentionally acted to violate the Charter of the City of Ogdensburg. “The accusations, insinuations and maliciously false statements to the contrary are not facts, they are just plain fiction and untruths being used in an attempt to overturn the 2019 election and disrupt the definitive progress being made for the city,” Skelly said in a prepared statement. “These efforts are being led by a group of people that obviously do not have the best interest of the city in mind, in fact, a couple of them were ousted in the 2019 Election and they will not stop their disruptive behavior until they irreparably harm the

city,” he said. Skelly says the opposition to the new council members began their “campaign of revenge” within days following the 2019 election. He said they signed irresponsible, unaffordable and financially crippling contracts with each of our employee unions, promising pay raises and benefits the city can’t afford. Since being elected in 2019 through an unprecedented write-in campaign the new administration has been laser focused on cutting expenses and seeking additional revenue options. While they did cut taxes by 10 percent in their first year in office they have faced opposition for their methods which included cuts to the fire department and police departments. They also eliminated the recreation department and the comptroller position. They have also been engaged in a public dispute with the county regarding the amount of sales tax the city receives. Among the biggest hindrances the administration are several labor contracts that were approved by the previous council just prior to the new council majority taking office. “It is truly shameful those individuals used our valued city staff to manipulate public opinion, and even worse some union leaders were convinced these efforts were sincere acts of good faith,” he said. “When I was elected Mayor, we knew the city was in a financial crisis and serious distress, however, we did not know that financial crisis was about to get worse as the global pandemic consumed our nation.” Skelly says the current majority acted to protect the city from further financial ruin and potential bankruptcy when it provided budgetary guidance and policy instruction to then-City Manager Sarah Purdy. “We did not rely on Ms. Purdy to lead us through this challenging time, based on her resistance to every action we proposed, we knew she would not provide the solutions needed. We made a plan, requested legal review from our attorneys and

acted; that is what we are elected to do,” he said. Skelly alleged that Purdy was working actively against the city council’s wishes. Although the council majority voted on a resolution instructing her to lay off four police officers despite legal concerns raised by the minority council, Skelly said it was legal. “The recent opinion of an arbitrator presiding over a matter concerning the police department is wrong. His opinion is not rooted in the law, the city charter or common sense,” he said. “At no time did the city council provide specific instruction to the city manager about any specific employee and the city council did not provide instruction directly to any employee. The city council acted appropriately in providing direction to the city manager with regard to where the budget was being cut and the policy decision of where positions would be eliminated,” he said. Skelly said that at the time the decision was made there was a hope that if the impacts from the pandemic were not as severe as projected, they could bring the impacted police officers back to work. He said they directed the city manager to use the layoff process, instead of abolishing the positions permanently. “We now have a second legal opinion that confirms our actions were correct, legal and within the authority of city council and the intent of the city charter,” he said. That opinion has not been shared publicly at this time. “We stand by those decisions and we are prepared to defend the City of Ogdensburg and the Ogdensburg City Council should either be challenged in a court of law. We won’t let the self-serving actions of a few distract us and we will not resign from office. We took an oath, we promised the community we would save the city, and we will ultimately revive the city,” he said.



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Amish man killed in collision

GOUVERNEUR — An Amish man was killed Sunday morning after a two-vehicle collision on U.S. Highway 11 near Bristol Road, according to state police. Troopers said they responded to a reported accident around 5:15 a.m. and an investigation at the scene revealed that a horse-drawn Amish buggy occupied by 23-year-old Levi L. Swartzentruber Jr., and 20-year-old Mose L. Swartzentruber, both of Antwerp, was struck by a 2002 Ford Expedition operated by 36-year-old James R. Shuster Jr., of Brushton. The horse was severely injured and was dispatched by law enforcement. St. Lawrence County Coroner Kevin Crosby responded to the scene and pronounced Levi L. Swartzentruber Jr. deceased, troopers said. Coroner Crosby authorized removal of his body from the scene. Mose Swartzentruber was transported to Gouverneur Hospital by Gouverneur Rescue for leg and shoulder pain, officers said. This crash remains under investigation. State police were assisted by St. Lawrence County sheriff’s deputies.

Jailed on felony DWI charge

MASSENA — A Massena man was charged with felony driving while intoxicated following a traffic stop for speeding on S. Racquette River Road, according to state police. Troopers said they charged 56-year old Terry A. Ostraski with felony DWI at 3 p.m. Saturday, officers said. The charge is a felony due to a previous DWI conviction in the last 10 years. He was also charged with first-degree aggravated unlicensed operation, officers said. His blood-alcohol content (BAC) was reportedly .16%. Ostraski was remanded to St. Lawrence County jail without bail.

Grand larceny charge leveled

HERMON — A Lisbon woman was arrested Saturday following investigation of a grand larceny first reported to St. Lawrence County sheriff’s deputies Nov. 1, 2020. Cora Ann Sharpe, 23, was charged with fourth-degree grand larceny, felony, after allegedly stealing debit card information belonging to another person and using that information to make several purchases. Sharpe was arrested and arraigned virtually by Judge Brown of Massena court and released on a ticket returnable to court at a later date, deputies said.

OBITUARIES

Patti A. Olmstead, 58

Waddington

WADDINGTON -- Patti A. Olmstead passed away unexpectedly at home February 17, 2021. Services will be private and at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are with the Phillips Memorial Home, Waddington NY.

Patti was born May 1, 1962 in Suffern NY to the late John and Mary (Conclin) Ladoceour. Patti was married to George Olmstead in June 1984 which ended in divorce.

Patti enjoyed scrap booking and spending time with her grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. You could also spot Patti doing booth work at local craft fairs with Granny.

Patti is survived by her children; Stephen G. Olmstead and girlfriend Janelle Ostroski of Waddington NY, Joseph M. Olmstead and Jamie Bruse of Broadalbin NY, and Colleen M. Olmstead and her companion Frank Trombly of Norwood

NY. Two grandchildren; Tyler J. Olmstead and Alaina M. Olmstead. One brother, Michael Ladoceour and his wife Bonnie. Two sisters; Sandra Ladoceour and her companion Linda Seeley, and Susan and her husband Barry Strate.



Patti Olmstead

Patti is predeceased by her parents and a grandson, Joseph "Little Joe" Olmstead Jr.

Memorial contributions can be made in memory of Patti to the American Breast Cancer Association, P.O. Box 2421 Huntington NY 11743.

Online condolences and remembrance of Patti can be shared with the family at www.PhillipsMemorial.com.

Nancy Mae Winch, 63

Massena

MASSENA -- Nancy Mae Winch, age 63, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at her home with her loving husband by her side. The family has entrusted arrangements to the care and direction of the Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

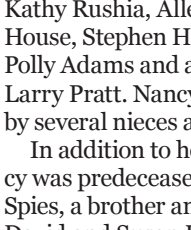
There will be private viewing at the convenience of the family with burial in Calvary Cemetery, Massena in the spring.

Nancy was born in Gouverneur, NY on July 3, 1957 to the late Arthur and Beatrice (Booth) House. She grew up in the town of Macomb with her five brothers and two sisters. She married Arden Winch on March 18, 1993 at the Auburn Church of the Nazarene in Auburn, NY.

Nancy was a talented musician who enjoyed singing and playing her keyboard as well as cooking and baking for her family and friends. She loved being a waitress, serving others and being social. Nancy worked in various restaurants during her career and in one had the privilege, of waiting on the United States Secret Service while President Clinton was dining at the

Veranda Restaurant, in Lake Placid, NY.

Nancy is survived by her devoted husband Arden E. Winch, her two daughters; Dianna Petrie and Jennifer Fravor, two grandchildren; Ryan and Emily Spies along with her four brothers; James and Kathy House, Robert House and companion Kathy Rushia, Allen and Karen House, Stephen House and fiancée Polly Adams and a sister Ruth and Larry Pratt. Nancy is also survived by several nieces and nephews.



Nancy Winch

In addition to her parents, Nancy was predeceased by a son Billy Spies, a brother and sister-in-law; David and Susan House, a sister Jean Easton and a sister-in-law, Cheryl House.

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

MASSENA -- Joseph Carlo Palmisano, passed away at the age of 86 on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at Upstate Medical Center, Syracuse. Calling hours will be held on Thursday, February 25, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at the Phillips Memorial Home, Massena. Funeral services will be held privately with a graveside service with full military honors to be held in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family in the spring. Those who shall be in attendance will practice social distancing and face coverings are required.

Joe was born in Potsdam, NY on September 11, 1934 to Carlo and Theresa (Lamanna) Palmisano.

He graduated from Massena High School in 1954, and later was inducted into the Massena high School Sports Hall of Fame.

Joe also served his country proudly in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict, and later served 10 plus years in the U.S. Army Reserve.

He married the love of his life, Shirley Royer on May 3, 1958 at Sacred Heart Church.

Joseph C. Palmisano, 86

Massena

Joe was employed at General Motors and later at ALCOA, retiring after 30 years of service. Joseph was a member of the Massena American Legion Post No. 79, Massena Elks Lodge No. 1702 and the Knights of Columbus Council No. 1141. Joe was also a lifelong parishioner and communicant of St. Mary's



Joseph Palmisano

Church. Joseph enjoyed his retirement years as a Florida snowbird with Shirley for over 10 years. He loved spending time with his "La Familia" and he enjoyed his two trips to Italy to see family. He enjoyed camping, boating, hunting, dancing and playing cards. He was an antique car enthusiast, winning many car show awards with his restored red 1946 Chevy truck and was an avid Yankee's fan. He will be remembered for his great sense of humor, generosity and hospitality to family and friends.

Joseph was predeceased by his wife Shirley of 58 years in 2016 and brother James Garofalo. He is survived by his loving children; Carl Palmisano of Massena, Theresa and husband James Brenon of Rochester, NY; Daniel and wife Nancy Palmisano of Jacksonville, FL; David and wife Stephanie Palmisano of Ballston Lake, NY and a sister Marylyn Garofalo of Camp Hill, PA. Joe is also survived by eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren along with several nieces and nephews. He was adored and will be greatly missed. Memorial contributions may be acknowledged online at www.heart.org American Heart Association; 2 S Clinton Street #305, Syracuse, NY 13202 or to the Massena Elks Lodge No. 1702; 12 Bowers Street, Massena, NY 13662. Online condolences, photos and memories of Joe may be shared with the family by visiting www.PhillipsMemorial.com.

Sherwood Jacob Smith, 87

West Stockholm

the Rochester, NY area. Sherwood earned his MFA from RIT and taught at SUNY Geneseo. During this period of study, Sherwood discovered pottery and became a brilliant potter. Sherwood spent decades throwing pots and creating sculptures. One of his better selling items of work were Sherwood's birds.

The birds were hand carved in clay and mounted on old barn wood. As recently as 2020, a long Facebook thread among folks from the Potsdam/Norwood area discussed who had a Sherwood Smith Bird. It was lovely for Sherwood to know that people were still enjoying his work.



Sherwood Smith

In 1964, Sherwood chose to return to the North Country and accepted a position teaching art at Potsdam High School; the family settled in nearby Norwood, NY. He took his students on field trips to places including Ottawa, Ontario. Many of those students had their first visit to an art museum with Mr. Smith at the head of the group. He was passionate and appreciative of art and history, and his enthusiasm was contagious.

Over the years, until his retirement in 1987, Sherwood would teach many students who went on to careers in architecture, theater, graphic design and art education. Decades after his retirement, former students would visit and thank him for inspiring them to pursue lives perhaps unimagined otherwise.

Sherwood had a lifelong love of nature and was devoted to the preservation and conservation of New York State's lakes, rivers, and precious Adirondacks. A long-time member of the Beham Sportsman's Club, he looked forward every year to hunting with his older brother Roland, a WWII Air Force pilot and retired TWA Captain. In his 80s, Sherwood was still climbing trees and building tree stands, hunting, and walking in the woods with his camera. Janice and Sherwood lived for many years in a small house in the woods in West Stockholm. This was where he was the happiest, feeding birds on the deck, reading books and The New York Times. Every morning he made Janice a cup of tea and read her the interesting parts of the paper. He followed politics avidly. As his illness was bearing down on him, he made a choice. On January 20, his doctor wanted him to go to the hospital for tests. Sherwood declined. He wanted to watch the inauguration. Sherwood clearly stated, "I have been waiting 4 years for this day."

Sherwood is survived by his wife, Janice; daughters, Freilin Smith Stevens and Merilee Smith; his son-in-law, Richard Stevens; and seven grandchildren, Annalee Garrity, Christopher Garrity Jr., Shannon Garrity, Ray Stevens, Andrew Stevens, Braxton Stevens and Yvonshae Stevens. The family is planning a summer celebration of life. In lieu of flowers, Sherwood wished for donations to the Potsdam Humane Society, 17 Madrid Avenue, Potsdam, NY 13676, 315-265-3199.

WEST STOCKHOLM -- Sherwood Jacob Smith, age 87, peacefully passed away on February 9, 2021. His wife and best friend of 64 years, Janice Busler Smith, survives him. Sherwood was born in 1933 in Sloan, NY to Caroline Smith, nee Kurtzweg and Christopher Smith. He was their 3rd son. Sherwood's parents and two brothers, Roland and Gordon, predecease him.

Sherwood was a gifted artist and a practical young man. He was born during the depression and raised with the frugality of the times. In his family, everyone worked. Sherwood told of childhood memories of picking up and selling coal on the railroad tracks. His keen appreciation of architecture, fine art, crafts and nature led him to become an artist. His practical side pursued art education as a way to make a living.

Sherwood graduated from Lake Shore Central, Angola, New York in 1951. He then worked for the FBI in Washington, DC as a Card Coder. This time Sherwood spent in Washington, DC was brief but made an impact on the path his life would take. Sherwood returned to Buffalo to attend The State University of Buffalo and graduated in 1956, earning a BA in Art Education. He had fallen in love with the North Country while visiting with his college roommate, Robert Plumb, and so he started his teaching career creating the art programs at two small schools in Lafargeville and Redwood, NY, where he met and fell in love with the school dental hygienist, Janice Busler. They married in 1956 and had two daughters, Freilin Smith Stevens & Merilee Smith.

In 1962, the family moved to

RECENT DEATHS

NANCY WINCH, 63, Massena, Feb. 17. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

PATTI OLMSTEAD, 58, Waddington, Feb. 17. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

JOSEPH PALMISANO, 86, Massena, Feb. 16. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

LINDA LAPOINT, 70, Massena, Feb. 16. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

CHRISTINA SIMMONS, 46, Waddington, Feb. 12. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home,

Ogdensburg. **JOSEPH PALMISANO**, 86, Massena. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

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

To view obituaries online, visit: www.NorthCountryNow.com

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LETTERS

Ideas to make mall fun and profitable

I was reading a news article and it said that they took an old store in the Massena mall and made it into a skating rink. That is a really nice idea.

I have a few suggestions about different things to bring in that are fun to do and maybe help make the mall more busy also.

Why can't we have a YMCA? Or how about if they could get a place and get some Wii game consoles and hook them up to big TVs, and we could have bowling teams.

I know only so many on a team and so many in the room but people who have bad knees can play and senior citizens could play. And the Wii has other games.

It would be fun and people would get exercise.

How about a store where people could bring stuff they are selling on the garage sale sites?

Patty Cole
Massena

City council, mayor have helped city in spite of turmoil

We would like to address the mayor and council with regards to those who have been calling in and writing letters during the council meetings. The name calling, negative comments, and loud distractions are rude and cruel. Some of these will stay with our city manager, mayor, and council members forever.

Is it really necessary to behave with such cruelty? Can you not get your point across without this kind of behavior?

When all of these decisions are made and final to make Ogdensburg better, will there still be hard feelings and disruption among everyone? Do you need to keep saying that we will not be safe when cuts are made? We feel fortunate to have a police department, a fire department, a rescue squad; along with the sheriff's department, and state police here in Ogdensburg to keep the residents safe.

To add to that, we have a DPW

crew to keep our roads and city safe. We know the cuts to the Police and Fire Departments are hurtful to many in the city. Please remember how receptive you were to the mayor and his three supportive councilmen when they were campaigning prior to their election. They, along with the city manager, have cut taxes 10%. To do this and to accomplish future enhancements to the city, painful cuts are necessary.

You all know the financial crisis we are in was not caused by the people you are asking to resign. In fact, some of the people who caused this insolvent situation here in Ogdensburg are the ones most vocal. Whoever has heard of seven year contacts with huge raises?

Does anyone believe that these were put into effect to improve the city? How many of you out there believe that they really were intended to tie the hands of the newly elected council and make it difficult for them to make their promises?

Arbitration and the city charter can be thought of in different ways. They are not the final say and not irrevocable. Some have referred to The Constitution of the United States as similar. We agree; and that is why the Constitution has amendments due to changes in the world.

We know that there will be different views to all of this. The way it appears throughout the county is that only those speaking have the only view. That is not true!

There are many taxpayers out there who are either intimidated or will only speak when it is time to vote. It is time for all of you to stand up together and let those fighting for you know you are with them. Do not let them sneak up and get rid of those with the courage without your vote. Now, we will say thank you to City Manager Stephen Jellie, City Planner Andrea Smith, Mayor Skelly, Councilmen Fisher, Rishe, and Dillabough for having our backs and trying to make improvements under such turmoil. We would also like to thank Cathy Jock, city clerk, and her assistant for making it possible to attend all these meetings virtually. We really appreciate being informed on how our city is progressing. Thank you for allowing our thoughts to be heard at this meeting. Stay safe, healthy, & well.

Dean & Diane Hebert
Ogdensburg

Chain only as strong as its weakest link

The efficiency of any car motor is totally dependent upon the quality of the parts it's made from. Sadly, after witnessing recent events in Washington, D.C., it's obvious that

the engine that runs our government consists of two-bit, penny ante politicians. Not all, but enough to gum up the works. "A chain is only as strong as its weakest link" sort of situation.

Altruism is reserved for saints. It would be naive to think otherwise. The thought of someone running for office with the intention of bettering the whole, regardless of the risk it may present to themselves, is a pipe-dream. It's a Hollywood script, filed under fiction. I get that. But, at least it's a goal to set our sails by. Unfortunately, we've veered so far off course, I worry if we'll ever find our way back.

We live in a "what's in it for me?" time. Gone are the days of our representatives in government exerting effort without the expectation of a reward. Doing exactly what they were elected to do - for the people that elected them - is not a part of their newly, self-defined job-description.

That's because conventional execution of obligatory tasks is considered an option now; an option dependent upon further compensation - in some form or another. Not all politicians are like that, but far too many are.

The unabashed plundering of taxpayer dollars and the insult/ignorance to voters' concerns are as rampant as the devastating virus that has altered our daily lives over the past year.

Blowhard speeches and pompous oratories abound from the highest offices in the land. Modern-day snake-oil salesmen, who preach deceit as loyalty and stupidity as bravery, have relegated public trust to the curb. If one's pants really started on fire when they betrayed the truth, they'd have to put fire-hydrants up and down the House and Senate aisles.

Hypocrisy is the most brazenly used tool in Washington. And that tool is honed by the cowardice of its owner. An official voting for something that doesn't personally reap an immediate reward - despite the fact that it is good for the whole - is as absent in today's world as Mike Pence at a Metallica concert. Regardless if one took an opposing view in the past, it's the particular benefit at a particular time that counts. Plain and simple.

How scary is it? The very essence of what happens to us - and to those whom we cherish - are in the hands of people whose words and commitments have a 24-hour expiration date.

It's in the hands of people who are willing to prostitute themselves at the mere thought of self-enrichment and/or simply to make the party-line happy. The very definition of an unscrupulous mercenary.

Think about that. Think about the abhorrent and unconscionable decisions some elected officials - who are entrusted by us - make in our name.

The voting system doesn't need the overhaul, it's those who run for office that do. Too many charlatans, literally, quit running as advertised once they are installed. Closer inspection is needed to keep our governmental engine from spit and sputtering the way it's been prone to do lately.

Not all of them are clunkers, I remind you, but far too many are.

Tom Valley
Former Ogdensburg resident

Fed up with attacks on Gov. Cuomo

I'm disgusted with people attacking Gov. Cuomo. Whether Republican or Democrat, the governor of NYS faced a monumental task in protecting 19M people from a never-before-seen pandemic. The federal government offered little help; neither employing the Defense Protection Act to increase medical supply production nor banning European travel until 3/16/20.

NYS struggled to handle the highest Covid numbers in the US; as the governor begged for more supplies and filled tracker-trailer trucks with corpses. And all some people could do was find fault and show no appreciation for the difficult job Gov. Cuomo had in coping with this terrible tragedy.

Gov. Cuomo explained his frustration with the lack of consistent federal guidelines and contradictory CDC directives. He held a press conference every day for months to try to be transparent and reassure those who were panicking as the death rate climbed. Still, mean-spirited Rep. Stefanik took every opportunity to slam Gov. Cuomo with her cut-throat bickering.

Now Rep. Stefanik's on the attack again making a big deal over a category recording distinction. Whether nursing home patients died in the home or in the hospital, the deaths were recorded.

For me, the only Covid "scandal" is callous Republicans who showed little interest in health-compromised aged 65+ people, now making up 80% of Covid deaths, since "they're going to die anyway".

Gov. Cuomo took his job seriously and cared about people. I'm fed up with Rep. Stefanik's usual sport of spiteful slandering and anyone who goes along with it.

Martha Hodges
Massena

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LETTERS

The Question:

Should schools begin their year prior to Labor Day?

ST. LAWRENCE County schools are currently scheduled to start their 2021-22 academic year prior to Labor Day. The school calendar calls for students to return from summer break on Friday, Sept. 3. They would then resume school the Tuesday after Labor Day. It is expected that absenteeism will be high that day due to many families traditionally having plans for the final weekend before school begins. The reason for starting Sept. 3 is mainly tied to BOCES students who are often required to have a certain number of hours of instruction to complete their program or earn a certificate. Do you think schools should begin their academic year prior to Labor Day??



Cathy Whalen | NCTW

Schools should start in mid August to give kids the time they deserve in a classroom. Making decisions based on time requirements has nothing to do with looking out for what's best for our children.'

'Too many family traditions have been disrupted due to Covid this year. Let's let people enjoy their last summer weekend traditions before the new school year.'

'Having school year round would be a better idea.'

'Some years it's just how the schedule goes. All the people crying about wanting their kids in school should not complain about when school starts in September.'

'It should be started at a least a week if not more ahead of Labor Day. The primary education system needs to be revamped. We have been in an agrarian education schedule far to long. Be realistic. Have a mid-summer break and a mid-winter break dividing the time off school, so as not to a long hiatus in the summer. Traditional education is no longer acceptable in the world today. Look at the education

systems in Europe and Asia!'

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

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: What are your favorite things about winter in the North Country?

The NCNow Survey is an unscientific poll of visitors to NorthCountryNow.com who choose to participate. Please keep comments to 150 words or fewer; all are subject to editing.

HERE ARE COMMENTS from some survey participants:

'Is there some prohibition to extending the school year by one day in June to maintain the hours of instruction for BOCES students? School could then potentially be released early if snow days remain unused.'

'A day off that early in the year before students get settled into their routine basically negates the first day of school, especially for younger students.'

'It makes no sense to start school on a Friday before a holiday weekend.'

'Given the current situation with the pandemic, schools should be open during the summer.'

'The school year structure is outdated, tied to the agricultural calendar. School should be year round with numerous 2 week breaks to mark different semesters. Education needs considerable reform to return to the 3-Rs as the main thrust of learning, along with the addition of a language other than English. As it is now school is as much a babysitting service the taxpayers foot the bill for even if they don't have kids.'

'Yes, but not on a Friday before Labor Day. Only a school administrator would think that makes sense.'

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along with the dishonest "big tech" operators of several social media platforms, refused to report the facts, and shutdown opposing views that cited thousands of cases of voter fraud, voter machine manipulation, and illegal ballot harvesting and tampering, the majority of American citizens saw through the charade.

We The People are "wide awake" now and will not let it happen again. We will re-group and recruit even larger numbers of freedom-loving Americans from all walks of life, and all ethnicities, who are fed up with being talked down to by the propaganda-spewing, bought-and-paid-for, so-called "journalists" who have failed miserably in upholding their sacred duty as the nation's "fourth estate". (DuckDuckGo the history of that term.)

Elise Stefanik cleaned her opponent's clock, again, in the November election. Donald Trump did the same thing in his race against Clueless Joe. The only difference was: "the fix was in" by those who hate the man, and what he stands for, more than they love America.

David H. Ellis
Hammond

Stefanik fights for values, military, Constitutional rights

Why do I love living in the North Country? It sure ain't the six months of winter weather. I love living in the North Country because it's the most conservative part of New York State, where wholesome values still rule despite some who want to turn St. Lawrence County "Democrat Blue".

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CONSOLIDATION...

care, and consolidation of employee human resources and payroll services.

While the sudden push for such a broad number of studies and plans may seem like a lot, Jellie says many of the ideas aren't new. He says the county has been stalling on them.

"The county administrator and I have discussed 'shared services' and 'consolidation of services' since last fall; unfortunately we have made very little progress. In fact, during the Oct. 7, 2020 Sales Tax Negotiation Meeting I discussed this very topic with then-Chairmen Joe Lightfoot, however he declined to advance those discussions," he said.

For his part, St. Lawrence County Legislature Chairman Bill Sheridan says he has not been contacted by anyone from the city, but based on the reports he's read, he plans to establish a team to work with Ogdensburg.

"It's certainly something we will have to put an awful lot of thought into. Some of these proposals would be quite involved. I plan on putting together a negotiating panel to study these issues and take a look at our options and do what's best for the county in the end," he said.

Sheridan said he hopes something mutually beneficial comes out of the effort and is optimistic it can go smoother than negotiations over the sales tax.

"We have an obligation in this county to work with the city of Ogdensburg and we'll take the requests seriously," he said.

Trumpeting the horn often blown by Gov. Andrew Cuomo, Jellie said consolidation is necessary to eliminate waste of taxpayer dollars. He says most shared services initiatives currently held between municipalities fail to achieve that goal on the scale that's needed.

"We can share salt bins and snow plows but until we have the wherewithal do what the governor wants us to do, we aren't going to see any real savings," he said.

"Instead of just doing these window dressing activities why not discuss consolidation of law enforcement? Why not discuss an entire group health insurance program instead of each of us doing our own? The county has to stop stalling," he said.

Jellie acknowledged that failed sales tax negotiations from the county did delay efforts on other areas that should have been moving forward, but he blamed the county legislators for that failure and said that the county seems to hold a vendetta against the city.

"I ask the county, is it your intent to make the City of Ogdensburg go bankrupt?"

He said aside from legislators Jim Reagen, Dave Forsythe and Rita Curran, there have been no efforts to work with the city.

Jellie said he believes the county is trying to wait out the terms of the current Ogdensburg administration.

"The county has had their way with Ogdensburg for many, many years and it's time for that to change," he said.

Jellie says he believes the county should be taking on more of the expenses shouldered by the city.

"I think the model is upside down," he said.

Jellie says he believes small municipalities are being forced to carry more too much of a load that should be burdened by the state and county governments.

It should be noted that the county does in fact provide many services for all county residents, many of which are mandated, but not funded by the state.

Jellie says he wants to see serious effort put forward to study the

potential shared services as quickly as possible.

"I think we have to have to buy in from the county. I think the state of New York has been very clear they will provide grants for these efforts. There is no shortage of support from the governor," he said. "So let's come to the table Chairman Sheridan," he said adding that it was efforts by Ogdensburg that helped put him in the chairman seat because the city did not believe Former Chairman Joe Lightfoot was giving the city a fair shake.

Sheridan said he's hopeful Ogdensburg and the county can iron out their differences and said he has a lot of respect for Joseph Lightfoot, who he says was a key player in getting the county's finances in order, and Ogdensburg mayor Jeffrey M. Skelly.

"I can respect both sides, the mayor is fighting for Ogdensburg and is doing what he thinks is best for the city and there is Joe Lightfoot, who is a man of his convictions and has been key in getting this county into such good shape and wants to make sure it stays that way."

Sheridan said one of the more difficult tasks outlined in Jellie's plan would be consolidating police services. He said such a restructure would need serious investigation as St. Lawrence County struggles to combat a major drug problem.

"There is a challenge, there is a lot of things to consider and it's going to take some time to do this in a fair way."

MAYOR...

"I would think it would warrant some serious consideration," Lebire said. "We're talking five weeks until April. Realistically, we won't be appointing until the third week of March at the earliest."

"It's an important enough decision I don't think it needs to be rushed," according to Lebire.

Both he and Paquin said they considered asking the board to appoint them to the mayor's seat, but decided against it.

"I have thought about requesting the appointment. I will not be doing so. It's an honor to be a trustee. That's the job I was elected to do," Lebire said. "I've been proud to step up and help the last couple of months."

Lebire also clarified that he is not the mayor. He is the deputy mayor, who under state law is a trustee authorized to assume the mayor's duties.

"There seems to be a little bit of confusion with some thinking I am the mayor, currently. I am not. I'm a trustee, like the rest of us ... [I] fill the duties of the office in the absence of the mayor," he said.

RISK..

they said in a prepared response to questions regarding the decision to move forward with a sports season in St. Lawrence County.

Public health said sports contests also increase the frequency of schools being forced to pivot to remote learning due to spread among athletes and exposures to bus drivers, which has already been a struggle for schools throughout the year.

High-risk sports could also put further strain on the county's contract tracing and case investigation work, which has already been struggling to keep up with case numbers.

"Public health staff and resources are finite. Any increase in demand will take away from other response efforts we are able to carry out including vaccination distribution and administration efforts, as well as case investigation and contact tracing," she said.

Although there is confusion about whether testing can be mandated or not by local health officials, St. Lawrence County Public Health believes athletes should be tested.

"Any plan should implement the guidance outlined by the Public Health Department. Testing is strongly recommended and based on the county's current infection rate it is considered best practice. We expect that schools would implement the safest plans possible," health officials said there response.

In regard to potential mental health issues associated with holding sports or for those impacted by increased school closures, public health said they expected schools have plans in place to address the matter.

"We would expect that superintendents and school boards would take the needs of all their students into account when making these decisions," they said.

SPORTS...

assumed schools could mandate testing for athletes based on public health recommendations, but SED's ruling has called into question whether the public health has that authority or not.

The problem is that the local health department acts on guidance from state health officials and the governor, not SED.

And while Public Health is strongly recommending testing for athletes participating in high-risk sports, at this time they are not requiring it, which means schools can only ask for testing on a volunteer basis.

Under the guidelines issued by the state under the section titled screening and testing the guidance says "responsible parties cannot mandate that patrons/players/spectators complete a health screen or provide contact information but may encourage patrons/players/spectators to do so."

Although public health said they would consider revising the plan based on clarifications from the state, they later told North Country This Week they do not intend to change their plan at this time.

Despite the confusion here, some counties have required testing. With sports seasons underway, it's unclear if high-risk sports in other counties have pushed up case numbers there or if the contests are contributing to schools pivoting to remote learning due to COVID-19 exposures.

Franklin County's plan requires participating districts to have testing plans in place. It also recommends that each student athlete, coach, manager, referee or other individual associated with high-risk sports get tested weekly.

According to St. Lawrence County Public Health, sports like basketball and hockey do increase the risk of spreading COVID-19. However, officials have not indicated to what extent that risk might be to athletes or the broader student body.

"Contact sports increase the risk of COVID-19 transmission. If schools and other organizations, athletes, and their parents/guardians choose to resume higher risk sports, they must do so in a safe manner and give considerable thought to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We must work collaboratively during this pandemic to ensure that our athletes have the opportunity to participate in athletics safely," Dr. Dana Olzenak-McGuire said when the guidelines were issued.

The return of high-risk sports has been controversial in the county, including a protest outside the Section 10 office in Canton, where athletes called on districts to "let them play." Initially, Section 10

school districts were not going to hold basketball and hockey seasons. After pressure from student athletes, their parents and coaches, school boards pivoted in favor of holding shortened seasons.

Some precautions are being taken such as limiting the amount of time athletes are in buses and keeping spectators out of schools,

but details are still being panned out and a schedule has not been publicly released yet.

The St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators passed a resolution calling on districts to allow sports and though they have no direct power over the matter, schools did decide to move forward with some high-risk sports.

Sheriff raises concerns over consolidation talks

BY JIMMY LAWTON

North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG – St. Lawrence County Sheriff Brooks Bigwarfe says Ogdensburg's recently announced plan to investigate replacing some aspects of the city police department with deputies would take "tremendous resources."

On Tuesday City Manager Stephen Jellie announced a multi-pronged effort to share services with St. Lawrence County.

Jellie said he wants to consolidate as many duplicated services as possible, a goal that has been trumpeted by Gov. Andrew Cuomo for years. Among the services included in Jellie's plan were property tax foreclosure jurisdiction, police dispatch, property clean up initiatives and uniformed police duties.

He said Ogdensburg will continue to look at every way possible to keep the city solvent and sees reduction of duplicated services as a key component to doing so.

While no actual plan was put forward, he said the city needed to investigate all options and said that would include seeing what police duties could be taken over by the county.

In a statement issued to local media Wednesday, Bigwarfe said the city has never contacted him about such plans.

"I would like to clarify that no one from City of Ogdensburg Government has contacted me or any member of the Sheriff's Office to discuss or gain input on the possibility of the Sheriff's Office taking on any law enforcement duties in replacement of city police officers.

It would take tremendous resources to fill the void of not having a city police department that is focused specifically on issues inherent to a close-knit population. I fully support the Ogdensburg Police Department and value our partnership in keeping the citizens of St. Lawrence County safe," he said.

Bigwarfe said that the plan would likely have negative impacts for the entire county as the Ogdensburg police force plays a crucial role in the St. Lawrence County Drug force.

"In my 34 years of law enforcement service, I have, and will continue to, support law enforcement in this county. Public safety and first responders must be the top priority for local government leaders," he said. "There is no greater duty of government than to provide for public safety. The St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office works in conjunction with all law enforcement agencies of the County," he said.

Bigwarfe said the Ogdensburg Police Department is an integral part of our law enforcement community and plays an important role in the county's Drug Task Force and in combating the County's increas-

ingly dangerous issues of the drug epidemic and violent crimes that are being committed.

Sheriff says no one from Ogdensburg has contacted him to discuss consolidation plans between the city and the department.

"If we can't maintain a sufficient public safety workforce, not only do communities suffer but the overall safety of its citizens are at risk," he said.

For his part Jellie says his plans to share services with county have been discussed.

"The county administrator and I have discussed "shared services" and "consolidation of services" since last fall; unfortunately we have made very little progress. In fact, during the October 7, 2020 sales tax negotiation meeting I discussed this very topic with then Chairmen Joe Lightfoot, however he declined to advance those discussions," he said.

"My interview yesterday was intended to provide community awareness to the significant activities the City of Ogdensburg would like to study and analyze for the most efficient means of providing service with St. Lawrence County. There are a total of 8 initiatives listed in my proposal, some are in progress, some are waiting for the county to move forward. The study, analysis and final determination to consolidate city and county services, including law enforcement services, is the responsibility of city and county government and it is a mandate from the Governor. We must act collectively and expeditiously to reduce the cost of government services and reduce redundancy and duplication creating unnecessary tax burden on our residents."

Ogdensburg Police Benevolence Union President Justin Polniak reserved comment on the matter, but said they would be following the plan closely as more information becomes available.

"It's too early to say, what the union's response is going to be. The 7 News article did not display enough facts to offer a rebuttal and after reading the sheriff's response and hearing from our chief and the city manager, the union will assess the situation as it moves forward and respond when it is possible and necessary," he said.

Focusing on local, healthy food



SL Cooperative Extension offers virtual cheese making series

CANTON: St. Lawrence Cornell Cooperative Extension offers a four part series virtual classes on Ricotta, Paneer & Cheesemaking Basics, starting March 4.

The first class in the series "Making Soft Cheese and other Dairy Products at Home," will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. and cover making ricotta, paneer along with the basic of cheese making chemistry.

The series continues on March 18 "Making Mozzarella," followed by April 1 "All About Feta," and ending on April 15 with "Yogurt, Butter, Kefir and More."

The class will be filmed live from the Harvest Kitchen and include ample time for Q and A. All pre-registered participants will receive the link to the class recording along with the recipes. This class is made available on a sliding scale from \$0-30. If you are able to contribute towards continued programming, your support is appreciated.

These workshops are part of Celebrating Local Food: A Culinary Series, designed to

inspire residents of the North Country to enjoy the agricultural bounty of the region. The initiative is funded by the Alcoa Foundation.

The classes will be conducted by Gail Huston.

Huston has been a home cheesemaker for over 10 years and professionally at Asgaard Farm and Dairy from 2013-2019. Huston has a Cheese Making certificate from Vermont Institute of Artisan Cheese Making.

She has taken several cheese classes through Cornell University and Peter Dixon at Dairy Food Consulting, as well as having consulted with many professional cheesemakers over the years. She is passionate for making cheese along with a love of sharing this knowledge with others.

The class is a pay what you can afford with fee ranging from \$0-30. To register visit the Cornell Cooperative Extension website at stlawrence.cce.cornell.edu, and click on Events.



Ellen Nesbitt | NCTW

Colcannon makes a great dish to make with left overs from St. Patrick's Dinner with potatoes and cabbage.

Herbs that can reduce the need for salt

Salt has long been used to add flavor to people's favorite foods. In fact, the use of salt as a means to preserving foods and adding flavor to recipes dates back to ancient times and has led to countless conflicts ever since.

According to History.com, wars over access to salt reserves in China are believed to have been fought as early as 6,000 B.C. Though that shows just how valuable salt has been throughout much of human history, it doesn't indicate the negative effects that can result from diets that feature excessive amounts of sodium.

The American Heart Association notes that sodium plays an essential role in the human body by regulating the kidneys and helping to control the body's fluid balance. However, excessive amounts of sodium can compromise heart health.

The AHA notes that excessive amounts of sodium in the bloodstream pulls water into the blood vessels, increasing the total volume of blood within them. As more blood flows through blood vessels, blood pressure increases. Over time, that can adversely affect blood vessels. Higher blood pressure forces the heart to work harder and increases a person's risk for heart disease.

If it's flavor cooks are aiming for, it's possible to reduce reliance on sodium and increase

the use of fresh herbs without sacrificing flavor. Such a transition can improve heart health and introduce a host of new flavors at meal time.

The AHA notes that basil has a sweet and fresh flavor profile and is best added to a dish right before serving. Freshly cut basil leaves can be added to any number of dishes, including tomato sauces, pastas, salads, pizzas, and eggs.

Cilantro are the delicate leaves and stems of the coriander plant. Like basil, cilantro should be added to a dish right before serving and should not be cooked. Cilantro can be paired with beans, tomatoes, corn, and avocados among other foods, and is widely used when preparing Mexican foods at home.

The AHA notes that Greek dishes often combine oregano, mint and lemon to create a memorable, delicious flavor profile. If chopping fresh oregano, strip the leaves from the stem and then discard the stem.

Parsley isn't just a garnish used to add aesthetic appeal to plates. Flat-leaf parsley provides a light and fresh flavor, while the AHA notes that curly parsley offers a slightly peppery profile. Parsley is typically added to a dish during the final minutes of cooking or right before serving, and can be paired with chicken, fish, potatoes, and pasta among countless other foods.

Recipe of the Month

Traditional Irish colcannon is a great St. Pat's Day side

As the great melting pot, Americans adopt "ethnic" foods, but many would be hard pressed to find these dishes on the dinner table in those countries of origin.

For example, corned beef and cabbage is the staple for many on St. Patrick's Day here in the U.S. but certainly not a go-to in Ireland. So in honor of the Irish, think about cooking up some stew, colcannon or boxty (potato pancake) this March 17.

While there are many variations of colcannon recipes, this traditional one includes a hint of bacon.

- 1 1/2 lbs of russet potatoes
- 7 1/2 c chopped cabbage
- 8 green onions chopped

- 1 c milk
- 1/3 c butter
- 3/4 t salt
- 1/4 t pepper
- 4 bacon slices

Boil potatoes covered with water. Cook cover over medium heat for 12-15 minutes or until almost tender. While cooking potatoes, crisp up 4 slices of bacon, and then saute with cabbage.

In a small saucepan, combine green onions and milk. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered for 5-6 minutes or until onions are soft.

Drain potato mixture. Mash with cabbage/bacon, milk mixture, butter, salt and pepper.

Maple tours to be offered in March

CANTON -- Cornell Cooperative Extension of St. Lawrence County will be recognizing maple season even as the State Maple Week-end is on pause this year.

CCE announced they will offer Maple Tours on two Saturdays in March.

The public can register for either of two time slots on March 13 from 10 a.m. to Noon or 1 to 3 p.m., or on March 27 10 a.m. to Noon or 1 to 3 p.m.

The 4-H educators and CCE staff will guide people along a journey of all things maple. The tour includes a wagon ride to the sugar bush, tree identification, maple processing and a tasty cup of hot maple cream.

Visitors should follow all COVID-19 protocols.

Registration can be made on the website at <https://stlawrence.cce.cornell.edu> under the events tab. The fee is \$5 per person.

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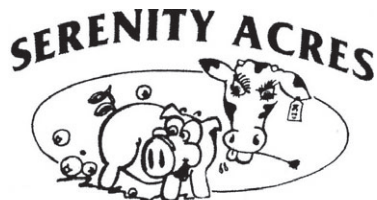
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MCS pandemic plan under public review; Board of Ed checking Title IX draft

BY ANDY GARDNER

North Country This Week

MASSENA – The Board of Education has a communicable disease pandemic plan out for a 30-day public review. Meanwhile, the board had a first look at a draft of their new Title IX and sex discrimination policy.

Pandemic Safety Plan Addendum

The new law requires public employers to come up with a plan if there's a future pandemic, of how we would keep our employees safe and continue with our operation with our employees," Superintendent Pat Brady told the school board. "We've also run this by our district Safety Team. The other requirement was that we share it with our union leadership. That had to be done by Feb. 4. That has been shared. One of our unions did have some questions. We went back and forth and had those questions answered."

Since it will be added to the district's safety plan, they need a public hearing and 30-day public comment period. He anticipates the hearing will be at the March board meeting. They need to have it in place by April 1, Brady told the school trustees.

The plan specifies which workers are essential and nonessential, should another pandemic be declared.

"Essential" is defined as a public employer contractor who must be physically present to perform his or her job. An 'essential worker,' as defined, has to be on the job and can't work from home. Nonessential workers have to be present at work, but we've broken that into three different tiers," Brady said. "They would have access to technology to do their job function, so we have to have a plan for that."

Tier one job duties must be performed fully in person, no exceptions. Tier two work can be done at school, while some can be done at home. Most tier three work could be done

at home, but the employee can come in for emergencies or other situations that warrant it.

The superintendent said they have a plan to avoid overcrowding when employees are in the buildings, as well as a how to get supplies like PPE and disinfectants.

The entire plan is on the district's website at <https://tinyurl.com/19lonz2b>

Title IX and Sex Discrimination

"Title IX refers to a 1972 federal education law that mandated equal access to things like athletics and academic programs for everyone in schools," Policy Committee Chairman Paul Haggett said at the Thursday, Feb. 11 Board of Education meeting. "It's a new and comprehensive policy that's required by education law for schools that receive federal funds. Most of them do. This was required for us to have on the books because we get federal

funds."

The policy defines sex discrimination, how to report it, the process for grievances, how to handle an investigation into a complaint, the Title IX coordinator's duties, whistleblower protections, anti-sexual harassment training, recordkeeping and other areas.

"The HR assistant is going to serve as the Title IX coordinator and would be lead investigator where there would be a complaint," Haggett said.

They are proposing to use the "preponderance of evidence" standard, which is a lesser standard than the other option of "clear and convincing evidence."

"The legal counsel recommended the lower standard because it lowers the liability of the district," Haggett said.

School board trustees will vote on the policy during their March meeting.

CDP receives \$1.7M grant for Head Start programs

The St. Lawrence County Community Development Program, Inc. will receive a \$1,782,880 grant from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

The funding will be used to support Head Start projects in the St. Lawrence County area.

The Head Start program provides comprehensive early childhood education and development services to promote school readiness for low-income children.

"I am proud to announce that valuable taxpayer dollars will be returned back to the North Country in the form of this significant grant," said North Country Congresswoman Elise Stefanik.

"Head Start is a very important program for children and families in our community, and it is essential that we continue to provide federal resources to support its mission of ensuring school readiness. I will continue, as I have each year, to advocate for funding programs like these that have significant impact within our rural communities," she added.

Currently about 350 students are served in St. Lawrence County in center-based and home-based Head Start programs.



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Welding institute

Four of Southwest Tech welding students got the opportunity to visit the Advanced Welding Institute in Vermont. From left to right: Dakota Babcock, Gouverneur; Kurtis Griggs, Clifton-Fine; Carter Hubbard, Gouverneur; and Jeffery Bush, Edwards-Knox.



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Groundhog salute

In early February in honor of Groundhog's Day, students at the UPK class at Madill Elementary in Ogdensburg made paper groundhogs peeking out of the burrow. They all saw their shadows and declared six more weeks of winter.

Feb. 2, Groundhog's Day falls half way between the winter solstice and the spring equinox. Before turning to the groundhog in the "new world" Germans would look to badgers or hedgehogs as the weather predictors.

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Safety first when power washing your home this spring

Spring cleaning is a great way for homeowners to clear their homes of clutter. As people spend extra time indoors in winter, items can quickly pile up around the house.

Spring is a great time to clean up such clutter, but interior spaces are not the only areas of a home that can benefit from some extra attention once the weather warms up.

Harsh winters can take a toll on home exteriors. Dirt and grime can build up on exterior home surfaces over the course of the winter, affecting the appearance of the siding of a home as well as outdoor entertaining areas.

Power washing is a great way to give a home a fresh, clean look in spring. But there's more to power than simply renting the right equipment and getting to work. The Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention notes that there are many risks associated with using power washers.

For instance, the CDC says strong spray from power washers can cause serious wounds that initially seem minor. However, such wounds can lead to infection or disability if left untreated. In addition, if manufacturer safety instructions are not followed, electric shock can occur due to improper use.

Homeowners who are intending to power wash their own homes this spring should first determine if they're physically capable of doing so. Power washers can be difficult for some people to control, so it's imperative that homeowners honestly assess their physical abilities before renting a unit. The CDC urges homeowners who determine they can safely handle power washers to

take these additional safety steps to make sure the process of cleaning their home exteriors goes smoothly.

- Never point a pressure washer at yourself or others.
- Do not attempt to push or move objects with spray from the washer. If anything is in your way, turn the power washer off and then move the obstruction.
- Never use a gasoline powered washer in an enclosed space, which can increase the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Always test the ground fault circuit interrupter (circuit breaker or outlet) before using a pressure washer.
- Always plug a properly grounded pressure washer into a properly grounded receptacle.
- If an extension cord must be used, keep the pressure washer's

power cord connection out of and away from any standing water, and use a heavy duty extension cord with components rated for use in wet locations. Keep both the power cord and extension cord connections as far away as possible from the item being washed and away from any water runoff. While power washing, periodically take note of the location of the extension cord connections to ensure they are not in a puddle.

· Wear rubber-soled shoes that provide some insulation when using the pressure washer.

· Never cut or splice the pressure washer's power cord or extension cords.

· Never remove the grounding prong from the pressure washer's power cord plug or the extension cord.

· Pause the project if a circuit breaker is tripped. Always have a qualified electrician check the pressure washer for electrical problems after it has tripped a circuit breaker.

· Never allow children to operate a pressure washer. Keep children at a safe distance when an adult is using a pressure washer.

Revitalize your lawn after the long winter

When the spring thaw arrives, lawns may be in dire need of some TLC. The following techniques can mitigate winter-related lawn damage.

- Clear out debris. Remove scattered leaves, branches and other debris that has been strewn across the property.
- Dry out snow mold. To alleviate snow mold, rake the lawn to loosen matted grass and facilitate the drying-out process.
- Aerate the soil. Aeration involves loosening soil or poking holes to allow nutrients to move freely to roots.
- Kill weeds before they spread.
- Overseed the lawn. Chances are there are some bare spots that have formed over the winter.
- Apply nutrients. Fertilizer and compost can restore nutrients to the lawn that may have been used up over winter.

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Art 4 Art's Sake video series begins

POTSDAM — SLC Arts returns for a special edition of the Art 4 Art's Sake video series starting Monday, Feb. 22.

For the next several weeks, SLC Arts will host interviews with local arts and culture nonprofits as part of the Northern New York Community Foundation's #GiveNNY campaign.

The campaign began Monday, Feb. 15, and ends on #315Day, Monday, March 15. It encourages community giving by unifying North Country nonprofits, highlighting how they strengthen the region.

To support the campaign and benefit 61 nonprofits across Northern New York, visit nnycf.org and click on the 315Day icon.

All videos will air live at 3:15 p.m. on SLC Arts' Facebook, starting Monday, Feb. 22. The following organizations will participate on these dates:

- Monday, Feb. 22 — Ogdensburg Command Performances
- Thursday, Feb. 25 — North Country Children's Museum
- Monday, March 1 — North Country Arts Council
- Tuesday, March 2 — Clayton Opera House
- Thursday, March 4 — Orchestra of Northern New York
- Monday, March 8 — Sci-Tech Center of Northern New York
- Tuesday, March 9 — St. Lawrence County Historical Association
- Thursday, March 11 — Remington Art Museum
- Monday, March 15 — SLC Arts



Photo submitted

Trail break

Above are cousins Harry Kench (Long Island), and Randy Brossoit (Ogdensburg) enjoying a break on the way from Ogdensburg to the Skunks Nest in Hermon. It is a 27-mile trip 1 way, and takes about an hour and 40 minutes each way. 'The county snowmobile trails are open and in great shape,' said photographer Hal Kench. This section of trail is maintained by the Heuvelton Punchlock Travelers snowmobile club.

Library offers fun for kids

OGDENSBURG — The Ogdensburg Public Library is offering activities for all ages this March.

Crafts for children will be Irish folklore themed for youngsters and tax forms will be available for older kids.

The library is open to the public for browsing and curbside pickup. Patrons are encouraged to reserve a computer during business hours.

Teen Discord link: <https://discord.gg/Mj6yVeE>. Register for events by calling 315-393-4325
Browsing and computer hours

are Mondays and Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Curbside hours are Mondays and Tuesdays, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Thursdays, Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Friends of the Ogdensburg Public Library Bookstore will be closed till further notice.

Reserve a craft by calling 315-393-4325. Complete the craft at home. Each kit contains a short Irish Folktale or Poem and everything you need to complete a craft.

Boating safety class offered

MASSENA — A boating safety class will be offered, via Zoom, April 21-22 from 5 to 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 check to Bruce Burditt, 747 County Route 25, Malone NY by April 7.

Books will be mailed to participants, so be sure to include return address and email address. An invitation to Zoom.us for the class will be emailed.

The boater's license is good in all 50 states. Minimum age to take the class is 10 years old.

Call 518-483-5073 with any questions.

Class is limited to 20 people.

DEC: Be safe on trails

With the recent snowfall, the state law enforcement and forest rangers are reminding snowmobile riders in St. Lawrence County and other areas to make safety their priority in an effort to reduce the number of personal injury and fatal accidents.

So far this season, there have been seven fatal snowmobile accidents statewide, claiming eight lives.

Recommendations for safe riding include:

- Prior to starting your ride, check over the snowmobile to make sure it is in good working order and carry emergency supplies.

- Always wear a helmet and make sure to wear the proper snowmobile gear including bibs, jackets, boots, and gloves.

- Always ride with a buddy or at least one other person.

- Ride responsibly and within your abilities.

- Always ride to the right side of the trail especially at hill crests and curves.

- Operate at a speed which is safe and prudent for the given conditions.

- Respect landowners, obey posted signs, and stay on the marked

trail.

- Frozen bodies of water are not designated trails. If planning to ride on ice, proceed with caution and be aware of potential hazards under the snow. Consider wearing a snowmobile suit with flotation built-in and carry a set of ice picks as a precaution.

- Never drink alcohol or use drugs and ride.

Everyone operating a snowmobile should be familiar with safe riding practices and all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. The best way to learn is by taking a snowmobile safety course. To find a course, visit <https://parks.ny.gov/recreation/snowmobiles/education.aspx>. A safety certificate is required for youth between ages 10 and 18.

Snowmobile rules apply on all local and club trails, as well as the 10,500-mile Statewide Trail System, which traverses 45 counties and includes lands under the jurisdiction of state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), New York Power Authority/State Canal Corporation, local governments, and many private landowners.

Red Cross blood drives slated

Upcoming American Red Cross blood donation events from Feb. 22 through March 15 in St. Lawrence County include:

Brasher Falls

March 11, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., St Lawrence Central School, 1039 St Hwy 11C

Heuvelton

Feb. 27, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Pickens Hall & General Store, 83 State St

Lisbon

Feb. 26, 3-7 p.m., Lisbon Hepburn Library, 6899 County Route 10; March 10, 2-6 p.m., Lisbon Hepburn Library, 6899 County Route 10

Massena

Feb. 22, 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., St Lawrence Centre, 6100 State Route 37, March 11, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Hori-

zons, 56-58 Main Street

Ogdensburg

March 3, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Salvation Army, 401 Franklin St

Waddington

March 1, 1-5 p.m., Waddington United Methodist Church, 116 West Lincoln Avenue

A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood.

Register at 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org.

BRIEFLY

Food distribution

MASSENA — St. Peter's Outreach Ministry, 128 Main St., will hold a food distribution on Saturday, March 20, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. or until all food is gone. The distribution is only open to St. Lawrence County residents.

Fish fry

MASSENA — A perch fish fry is planned each Friday through April 2 at the Massena Amvets Auxiliary 4, 22 Andrews St. The meal is takeout only and costs \$11 per meal. Info, 315-764-0686.

Elks fish fry

OGDENSBURG — Ogdensburg Elks Lodge 772, 322 Caroline St., will hold fish fries for lunch and dinner on Fridays through April 2. Meals will be served from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. those days. The meal includes salad, coleslaw, hand cut fries, homemade mac & cheese half and half. The cost is \$13. Call 315-393-5430 to order. The meal is open to the public and delivery is available.

Gardening class

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Jefferson County will hold an on-line program, "Vegetable Gardening for Beginners" on Saturday, March 13 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The program will educate beginning gardeners and those new to the North Country on garden planning, soil preparation, variety selection, when to plant, and garden culture. Grow your own vegetables to save money and increase nutrition. Register at <http://bit.ly/3pJaiSO> For more information contact Sue Gwise at sjg42@cornell.edu or 315-788-8450.



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Taylor Green is a 15-year-old girl from Massena who cut her hair to donate to the non-profit organization Children With Hair Loss. She is donating more than 13 inches of hair. 'Please consider growing your own hair out to donate to such a beautiful cause' said Tanya Green, who submitted the photo. More info, www.childrenwithhairloss.us.

Top honors at youth tourney

WADDINGTON — A Parishville youngster took top honors in a recent youth fishing tournament.

The tournament, held Jan. 18, raised \$400 for the Waddington Rescue Squad's new ambulance fund.

Event organizers say 25 children participated with 14 fish caught, totaling 277 inches in length.

Nine-year old Scott Taylor of Parishville took home first place with a 32-inch fish. In second place was 16-year old Avery Hill, with a 30-inch fish and Charlie Clark-Vallene, age 11, placed third with a 24.5-inch catch.

The plan is to make this an annual event, organizer Julie McBath said.

"Special thanks to Greg and Karla Mintz, Caleb and Tannor from the Madrid-Waddington National Honor Society, MWCS High School Principal Joe Binion, and Lisbon Superintendent Pat Farrand for their support and help with the event," she said.

Sponsors for the event were Riverbay Adventure Inn and Rentals and Off the Grid Guide Service.



NCNow photo

Skiing with grand parents

Massena residents Mason, 6, Aleksa, 4, and their grandfather, Fred Siemkiewicz, ski at Nicandri Nature Center, Massena, Wednesday, Feb. 17. Although the building is now closed until at least Feb. 27 due to a COVID exposure, the outdoor trails are still open.

New nurses scholarship

CANTON -- A graduate of the inaugural class of SUNY Canton nurses has created a scholarship to lessen the financial burdens of north country students who follow in her career field.

Maryalice Grotkowski Blake, a 1968 alumna, donated \$25,000 to the SUNY Canton College Foundation, Inc., to establish an endowment. Beginning next year, it will provide \$1,000 annually to a student enrolled in the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing program, with preference given to graduates of Ogdensburg Free Academy (OFA).

Both her and her husband, T. James Blake, are OFA graduates. The couple now resides in Milwaukee, Wis. Maryalice wanted to highlight their connection to the area through the scholarship and help future generations avoid the struggles she faced when paying for education.

After graduating, Maryalice worked at several hospitals, including Albany Medical Center, St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital, and Hancock Memorial Hospital in Greenfield, Ind. She also traveled extensively with her husband who was a lieutenant colonel in the Army. James was stationed in West Germany, Korea and various U.S. military installations. He was also an associate dean at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

The Blake's donation is the latest in a string of donations bolstering the college's two- and four-year Nursing programs. Previously, the family of a late SUNY Canton Nursing Professor contributed the funds necessary to name the Dr. Mary Ann Caswell Nursing Simulation-Hospital in Wicks Hall. The high-tech immersive space is modeled after a working emergency room. Maryalice and Jim were able to tour the classrooms last summer during their first visit to SUNY Canton in more than 50 years.

On honor roll at Massena

MASSENA — The J. William Leary Middle School announces the second quarter honor roll. Honor roll includes students with a grade average between 85 and 92, high honors is for grade average between 92 and 100.

7th Grade High Honors: Jacob Baillargeon, Hailey Boulais, Christopher Boyea, Devan Butterfield, Charles Cameron, Asher Cardinal, Andrew David, Emme Delisle, Brynn Deshaies, Alana Dominguez, Kaitlyn Dostie, Jordan DuBray, Sadie Fent, Kate Finnegan, Keara Frost, Karsyn Goodfellow, Emma Gushlaw, Connor Hazelton, Lauren Henning, Benjamin Hoxie, Jeremiah Hurlbut, Rebecca Hynes, Joie-Lynn Jabaut, Jack Jarrett, Zachary Johnson, Rory Lawrence, Allie Lincoln, Makenzie Maurer, Brody Miller, Collin Miller, Jacob Monroe, Arieonna Murphy, Camden Murtagh, Mackenzie Oldenburgh, Carson Roberts, Kaniehtentha Thompson, Drake Villnave, Jocelyn White, and Hannah Worthley.

7th Grade Honors: Callen Aldous, Jack Allen, Amie Ceesay, Shekinah Chakranarayan, Lily Coffin, Kara Delosh, Morgan Farnsworth, Carley Fregoe, Lillian Fregoe,

Anthony Guimond, Wesley Hall, Aydria Hamilton, Michael Herrick, Mylynn Laughing, Drake Love, Col-

in Mayer, Jack McCabe, Noah Miller, Sage Murray, Trinity Osgood, Benjamin Patrick, Lucas Regan, Makoa Rogers, Cullin Smith, Breigh Steenberg, Jaycee Sweeney, Mason Thomas, and Deacon Tsibulsky.

8th Grade High Honors: Samantha Arney, Alia Beamis, Isabel Beard, Evan Bovay, Amerie Delormier, Katelyn Earl, Meghan Firnstein, Shelby-Lynn Firnstein, Alexis Galligan, Sophia Greco, Madison Henry, Alexander Hynes, Madison LaDuke, Isabelle Laughlin, Molly LaVack, Haylee Love, Taylor Mitchell, Hannah O'Shea, Emma Pollack-Marashian, Sophia Prentice, Garrett St. Hilaire, Haileigh St. Louis, and Zander Wilhelm.

8th Grade Honors: Aiden Beckstead, Hannah Burnham, Lillian Carr, Rylee Cole,

Owen Converse, Taylor Ellsworth, Jeffery Ford, Cade Fregoe, Maxwell Garrow, Chelsea Gay, Natalee Gooshaw, Trent Howland, Laila Jarrett, Grady Jock, Kian LaPrade-Jock, Dominic LaShomb, Adrianna Love, Alex Mather, Kathryn Mayer, Darby McCarthy, Cory Monacelli, Hannah Morgan, Dominic Murtagh, Lauren Park, Darrien Pastomerlo-Coates, Christianna Phelix, Natalia Rosario, Adrianna Summers, Cullen Taraska, Kayla Topa, and Lexis Wright.

On the presidents list at JCC

Jefferson Community College has named the following students to the 2020 Fall Semester President's and Dean's Lists. The students named to the President's List earned a grade point average of 3.75 to 4.0. The students named to the Dean's List earned a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.74. To be eligible for President's or Dean's List recognition, full-time

and part-time students must meet applicable credit hour requirements.

Kylie Saleen Vaughan of Hammond was named to the President's List; and Jaxen Turner LaPiene, Ogdensburg; Alice LaMay Braglin and Spencer Pease, both of Hammond, were named to the Dean's List.

SUNY College maintenance supervisor credits staff

CANTON -- Derek J. Bateman credits the good people he works with at SUNY Canton for helping the college weather the pandemic, a press release from the college said.

Bateman was recently promoted to maintenance supervisor 3 in the college's Cooper Services Complex. He oversees 17 physical plant employees in the HVAC, plumbing, trades and electrical departments.

He began his career as a temporary employee in the carpentry shop in 2002. He then earned two certificates and an engineering Technology associate degree at SUNY Canton. In 2007, he was hired for the full-time position of plant utilities engineer 1, a major career accomplishment after earning a degree in the field. Bateman was previously promoted in 2013 to plant utilities engineer 2.

Bateman shares admiration for all of the staff members he works with on a daily basis. He and all of his colleagues were deemed essential workers at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The entire physical plant contributed to the most memorable accomplishments during his 18-year career, he said.

"We worked responsibly, we showed up to work everyday knowing the dangers of the virus," he said. "I think this shows the dedication the employees, from management down, have for this college."

Bateman shared pride in the achievements of all of the essential employees who kept the college running while faculty, staff and students were working -- and learning -- remotely.

The college's physical plant employees conducted a deep cleaning and sanitized the entire campus; helped package and mail students' personal items; constructed plastic barriers for employees who would be working face-to-face with the public; replaced ventilation filters and installed AtmosAir Bipolar Ionization units; among many other tasks.

He said while guidelines and recommendations were changing weekly, college employees managed to work safely and follow all the protocols.

Bateman resides in Ogdensburg with his wife, Ginny, and their two daughters. His future plans include watching SUNY Canton grow, prosper and become an even more successful educational facility.

Applicants sought for award

OGDENSBURG — The Ogdensburg Area Zonta Club is seeking applications for their 2021 Adult Learner Award.

This award, established several years ago by the Ogdensburg Zonta Club, is offered to area adult female non-traditional learners who are at least 25 years old and who have completed at least one year of higher education and are continuing on in their educational pursuits. The applicant must be a permanent resident of St. Lawrence County and reside within a 25-mile radius of Ogdensburg.

More information and the applications are available by contacting Tracie Kroeger at 393-8905 or

kkroeger@tweny.rr.com.

Completed applications should be returned to Tracie Kroeger, 912 Jay St, Ogdensburg, NY 13669 (or emailed to the address above) by April 30.

KUDOS

Nathan Cree has been named to the SUNY Adirondack Dean's List for the Fall 2020 semester, majoring in Criminal Justice. Nathan is a former student at St. Lawrence Central High School, graduating from St. Joseph's Catholic Secondary School.

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Spectrum donates to FD

WINTHROP — Spectrum recently announced a donation of \$500 to Brasher-Winthrop Volunteer Fire Department, as part of the company's national community philanthropic program, Spectrum Employee Community Grants, said a press release from the company.

The donation was part of a \$1 million programming commitment through year-end 2021, the company said.

The funds will be used to pur-

chase an Industrial Hard Mount Washer-Extractor and associated dryer for use towards the maintenance of PPE for firefighter health and safety during these times of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"On behalf of the Brasher-Winthrop Fire Department, I would like to thank Spectrum for their contribution and for the support of our Fire Department, its volunteers and our community," said Chief Patrick Kowalchuk.

Adding to agricultural district

CANTON — From March 1-30, St. Lawrence County will accept applications from property owners to add land to Agricultural Districts 1 and 2.

The County's agricultural districts can help protect sound farming activities from nuisance lawsuits and unreasonable land use regulations.

There are two ag districts in the county. Agricultural District 1 primarily consists of agricultural lands in the western and southern por-

tions of the county, and Agricultural District 2 spans across the county's northern and eastern regions.

Digital maps showing whether land is in an ag district are available online at <https://maps.danegis.org/ima/>

Applications to add land to Ag District 1 or 2 can be accessed at <https://www.stlawco.org/folder-share/616>, obtained at local municipal offices, calling the County Planning Office at 315-379-2292, or by emailing lbartalo@stlawco.org.

NY taking applications for cannabinoid retailers, processors, distributors

The New York State Department of Health is now accepting applications from businesses seeking to operate as cannabinoid hemp processors, retailers or distributors. The applications are available on the Cannabinoid Hemp Program's webpage at https://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/hemp/#_blank.

In October, Governor Cuomo announced that the Department filed proposed regulations to regulate cannabinoid hemp products in the state.

Cannabinoid hemp products include many CBD products currently available for purchase, including tinctures, vaporizations, oils, topicals, pills, capsules and food or beverages.

"Opening the application process for businesses looking to be part of the growing hemp industry in New York State is a critical step in the process of expanding our economy and building back better. Licensing gives processors, distributors and retailers the ability to help

ensure the hemp industry's long-term viability," Cuomo said. "This exciting opportunity to be a part of the state's regulated Cannabinoid Hemp Program is great news for farmers and consumers."

The Cannabinoid Hemp Program is licensing cannabinoid hemp processors, distributors and retailers and setting quality control standards that all cannabinoid hemp products must meet including manufacturing, packaging and labeling and laboratory testing requirements.

The program will help organize and legitimize the growing cannabinoid hemp industry in New York while protecting consumers from sub-standard and potentially dangerous products.

In 2015, the Governor launched the Industrial Hemp Agricultural Research Pilot Program, supporting farmers and further boosting economic development in upstate New York.

Since then, New York's hemp

program has expanded significantly, making New York one of the leading hemp producing states in the country.

Hemp is a sustainable, carbon-sequestering crop that is capable of being transformed into hundreds of products including textiles, furniture, fuel, food, construction materials and personal care items.

Any business extracting or manufacturing cannabinoid hemp in New York State, whether in intermediate or final form, must obtain a Cannabinoid Hemp Processor license. Cannabinoid Hemp Processor licenses are divided into two license types: "Extracting and Manufacturing" and "Manufacturing Only."

An "Extracting and Manufacturing" license permits a processor to extract and/or isolate cannabinoids from hemp to create crude oil, distillate, isolate or other intermediary products for further refinement, and allows licensees to manufacture cannabinoid hemp products.



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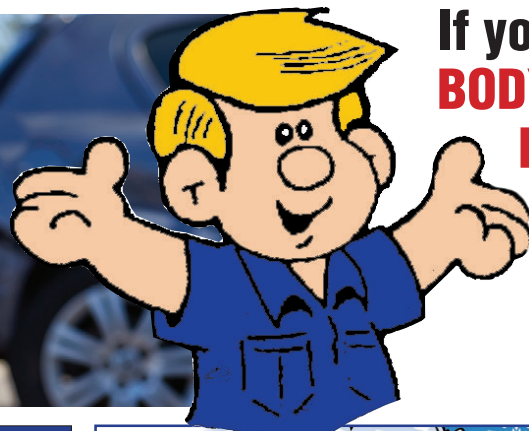
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NOTICE OF FORMATION

Publication Notice of Application for Authority of Foreign LLC. NAME: Polaris Renewables LLC. The Application for Authority was filed with the Secretary of State of New York State (SSNY) on February 1, 2021. Office Location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Polaris Renewables LLC, 21 Leroy Street, Potsdam, New York 13676. Term: Perpetual. Purpose: To engage in technical consulting and commercialization of renewable polymer technology and for any other activity authorized by the State of New York.

MOUNTAIN CAT FARM LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 5/8/2020. Office: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 320 Chapel Hill Road, Colton, NY 13625. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Trivia Test

1. THEATER: Which city was the setting for the musical "Cabaret"?
2. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "veritas vos liberabit" mean?
3. TELEVISION: What was the name of the pet "dog" on "The Flintstones"?
4. ASTRONOMY: What is a zenith in terms of our solar system's sun?
5. HISTORY: How many days were in an ancient Roman week?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of zebras called?
7. LITERATURE: Which 19th-century novelist's last work was titled "The Mystery of Edwin Drood"?
8. AD SLOGANS: Which brand of pet food uses the slogan, "Tastes so good cats ask for it by name"?
9. U.S. STATES: Which state's residents might be called "Nutmeggers"?
10. GEOGRAPHY: Which four countries are included in the United Kingdom?

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- 9 Cardinal cap letters
- 12 "Othello" villain
- 13 In - (lined up)
- 14 Weeding tool
- 15 Reality show for aspiring entrepreneurs
- 17 PC key
- 18 Minor quibbles
- 19 Hospital sections
- 21 Type of beam
- 24 Pack (down)
- 25 Reverberate
- 26 Rubber wedge, say
- 30 Small battery
- 31 All better
- 32 Actress Thurman
- 33 Hoedown musicians
- 35 Author Harte
- 36 Seeing things
- 37 Tubular pasta
- 38 Tribal emblem
- 40 Coffee, slangily
- 42 Mess up
- 43 Temporary
- 48 GPS suggestion
- 49 Last write-up
- 50 Despot
- 51 British verb

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- 10 Snatched
- 11 Reply to "Shall we?"
- 16 White wine cocktail
- 20 Mornings (Abbr.)
- 21 Piece of lettuce
- 22 Exotic berry
- 23 Elm, for one
- 24 Low digits
- 26 Union payment
- 27 Bruins legend
- 28 Portent
- 29 Canape spread
- 31 South Carolina uni-
- 34 Decorate
- 35 Actor Warren
- 37 Beetle
- 38 Garr of "Tootsie"
- 39 Scraps
- 40 Unite
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- 44 Showtime rival
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- Background in steel or wood construction would be helpful.

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS Either:

- A) Graduation from a New York State registered or regionally accredited college or university with a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture, Civil Engineering, Civil Engineering Technology, Construction Technology or Fire Protection and Safety; OR
- B) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with an Associate's Degree in Architecture, Civil Engineering, Civil Engineering Technology, Construction Technology or Fire Protection and Safety and one (1) year of full-time paid experience in building or fire prevention inspection, building construction work or in a building trade; OR
- C) Currently possesses a New York State Department of State Code Enforcement Certification as mandated in the State of New York Title 19 NYCRR Part 434.5 (Certification of Code Enforcement Personnel) and has completed any necessary In-service Code Enforcement Personnel Training to maintain proper certification;
(Candidates stating, they possess the NYS Department of State Code Enforcement Certification will be required to provide proof of such certification and that the certification is currently in compliance with the regulations set forth under the State of New York Title 19 NYCRR Part 434.5 (Certification of Code Enforcement Personnel) OR
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SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS: Pursuant to the Department of State Division of Building Standards & Codes in the State of New York the incumbent must:

- Complete Basic Training requirements within eighteen (18) months of appointment.
- Obtain certification after completing the required Courses 9A16, 9B16, 9C16, 9D16, 9E16 and 9F16.
- Maintain the required yearly in-service training (24 hours annually) and any required advanced in-service training.

Applications must be received by **Thursday, April 1, 2021** at 4:00 p.m. To apply, please complete a Civil Service application along with a resume and cover letter to: "Code Enforcement Officer Search" c/o City Clerk's Office, 330 Ford Street, Room #4, Ogdensburg, NY 13669. Applications are available at <https://www.stlawco.org/sites/default/files/HumanResources/APPLICATION.pdf>. Please contact Andrea Smith, Director of Planning and Development, at asmith@ogdensburg.org or (315) 393-7150 with questions.

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This is a part time position of 22.5 hours per week over the course of Monday-Friday. The pay is \$20.42 per hour.

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Please direct questions to:
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(315) 764-3700, extension 3011.

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Application Deadline: Mar. 19, 2021

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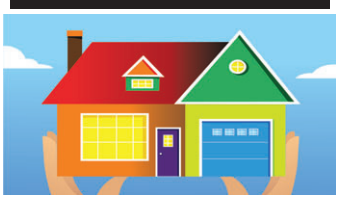
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