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OVRs chief says suicides, overdoses up

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG – Ogdensburg Volunteer Rescue Squad Chief of Emergency Services Ken Gardner says he's seen a significant increase in suicide and overdose calls as the pandemic lingers on.

"In the last month, we've had eight suicides. In our district, we've had five," he said.

Gardner says he can't blame the increase in deaths and suicides directly on COVID-19 or the impact of isolation, but says he believes it's "not helping."

Gardner says he's seen younger victims and older victims. In addition to gunshots and hanging, he's seen methods used recently that are less common than what he's seen in the past.

"It's scary. It's really something I have not seen in my 35-year career," he said.

"It kind of blows your mind to see young people doing those things," he said.

Gardner spoke briefly at Monday's meeting of the Ogdensburg City Council where he shared some of the information and followed up with North Country This Week Tuesday for an interview.

Gardner said the situation isn't unique to the area, and his observation is supported by the Centers For Disease Control which published information in June 2020 regarding mental health, substance use, and suicidal ideation during the

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Massena face Ogdensburg

Massena's Ethan Firnstein defends against a drive OFA's Trent Sargent in boys basketball action. OFA took games from the Raiders in the opening week of the season.

Massena, O'burg eye uses for federal funds

BY ANDY GARDNER
North Country This Week

MASSENA – The town will wait for more details on the American Rescue Plan before deciding how their share of the pandemic relief bill will be spent.

The town is earmarked for \$1.32 million, according to Sen. Chuck Schumer's office.

"Without seeing all the fine print, it's hard really to commit. It's kind of bland what the criteria was. I'd like to read the fine print before we commit to anything," Deputy Town Supervisor Sam Carbone said. "If anything else, help cover some shortfalls we've experienced over the last year. It's greatly appreciated that we have this funding source coming."

Carbone pointed out that the town in 2020 made mid-year budget cuts when the pandemic hit, and they also haven't been getting pay-

ments from the state-tribal casino compact.

"That's approaching \$800,000 as a shortfall," Carbone said.

He said although there haven't been any decisions on spending the American Rescue Plan funds, they could use it to catch up on paving.

"One thing we did was didn't pave last year. It helped save us some money," Carbone said.

Another option could be an engineering study to extend town water service to the entire town. Right now, there is a water district funded by its ratepayers. Some people outside the district get their water from wells.

"Maybe it could be used for an engineering study for that," Carbone said.

"It spurs more building, having [water] infrastructure available, and more

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City beach, amphitheater, flow of traffic all part of draft development plan

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG – Deputy Mayor John Rishe with some help from fellow councilors has drafted a 30-page Community Development Plan he hopes will be reviewed by the planning board and the public soon with adoption anticipated this summer.

Rishe called for such a plan not long after being elected, but with a focus on cutting costs, preparing such a document is typically a pricey endeavor. Rishe, who serves as an economic developer at the OBPA, decided to take action on his own.

The document addresses economic development and job creation, waterfront redevelop-

ment, downtown redevelopment, tourism, housing, historic preservation, recreation, transportation, education, arts and culture, state facilities and the tax rate.

It explores options to develop the waterfront, foster partnerships with colleges, improve streetscapes, change traffic patterns, preserve historic buildings and ensure the future of state-owned facilities among many other ideas.

Economic Development

The economic development section of the plan calls on the city to hire a business developer, which is budgeted for in the 2021 budget. The person would work with businesses to assist in expansions and implement a

marketing strategy to attract new businesses to the city.

It also discusses a need to develop and market the former Newell Building and work with the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority to attract businesses to the industrial park.

Additionally, it discusses the need to bolster the city's Growth Fund and work to get representation on the Regional Economic Development Council.

Waterfront Development

The St. Lawrence River is often touted as the city's greatest asset, but the city has struggled to capitalize on its waterfront properties due to contamination.

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Wave of evictions expected, applications up 75%

BY ANDY GARDNER
North Country This Week

CANTON – A member of St. Lawrence County's Fair Housing Task Force asked county legislators to consider making a possible incoming wave of evictions as "a legislative agenda item."

John Tenbusch, who is also a St. Lawrence County planner, discussed the matter with the board's Operations Committee during their Monday, March 8 meeting.

Tenbusch said after speaking with Massena Justice Diana Dufresne from the Massena-based Justice and Law Center that there have been 260 eviction applications filed for the county in the last four months. He said that's increased 75% in the last year.

There is currently a statewide moratorium on evictions through April 30, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We're going to be inundated with eviction cases. I am not aware there is any relief provided or planned for renters who have fallen behind on their rent or landlords who can't pay," Tenbusch said. "We want you to be aware of the size and scope of the problem in SLC and ask you to put on your legislative agenda relief for tenants as well."

In February, the Board of Legislators passed a bill calling on the state to provide financial assistance to landlords who may not be able to collect rent fees during the pandemic moratorium.

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Check BMI for vaccine eligibility, health officials say

BY ANDY GARDNER
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CANTON – St. Lawrence County’s Board of Health president is suggesting people check their body mass index. It may make them eligible for COVID-19 vaccination.

Dr. Andrew Williams discussed the statewide eligibility criteria with the Board of Legislators Operations Committee on Monday, March 8.

Since the state added people with co-morbid conditions to those who can now be vaccinated, Dr. Williams said that means about half of the people in the county who aren’t old enough to get the shot can now.

The state defines obesity as one of the 13 co-morbid conditions. Anyone with a BMI of 30 or greater can register for a shot. That’s about 38.1% of adults in the county, Dr. Williams said.

For example, he said someone who is 5’8” and weighs 197 pounds qualifies. There are BMI calculators free online, including one from the CDC. When signing up for a vaccine appointment, the state form just asks if you have one of the 13 condi-

tions. There are no checks for things like height, weight or blood sugar at the vaccine sites. Signing the form as an attestation is all it takes.

“It’s the honor system. We really want people to get vaccinated. We don’t want to put up obstacles. We don’t want to discourage people. We want people to be honest,” he said.

Dr. Williams said those people should consider getting the vaccine.

“It’s quite clear there’s an association between obesity and more severe covid infection,” he said.

In addition to obesity, Dr. Williams said the obesity, lung disease, heart disease, kidney disease and diabetes comorbidities make about 41,000 adults in the county now eligible for vaccination.

That includes anyone with emphysema, “over 8,000 people” in the county, he said.

Anyone with hypertension, or a history of angina, heart attacks, strokes or ministrokes are also eligible, as are cancer patients.

To check eligibility status for vaccination and to make an appointment, go to <https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov>



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Warm weather in Ogdensburg

A group of boys riding bikes, scooters and skateboards enjoy the spring-like weather on Tuesday afternoon, March 9, at the Dobisky Center, Ogdensburg.

Incumbents will seek re-election in O’burg

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG – With a crowd of supports councilors Nichole Kennedy, Dan Skamperle and Michael Powers announced they would seek re-election.

As petitions can’t be filed until March 22, it’s unclear if they will face opponents in primary, but at this time no one else has publicly announced a bid to run to challenge them.

All three councilors have been aligned for the past year acting as a counter voice to the current majority administration of Mayor Jeffrey Michael Skelly, Deputy Mayor John Rishe and councilors Steve Fisher and Bill Dillabough, who were elected following a write-in campaign.

The past year has been contentious, as the new administration has sought to cut taxes.

In the past year the city has dis-

solved the recreation department, appointed a new city manager, cut jobs from the fire department, seen an increase in workplace violence complaints, cut taxes by 10 percent, eliminated the comptroller position and modified the charter.

The decisions have left the city divided, and the incumbents seeking reelection say they provide a voice to the people who don’t approve of the methods used to achieve a lower tax rate.

Councilors Skamperle and Powers could not immediately be reached for contact regarding their reelection bids, but Councilor Nichole Kennedy said she decided to run because she wants to continue being a voice for the people of Ogdensburg.

She says in deciding to run she decided that she wanted to support her fellow incumbents and run in a unified effort.

Kennedy, who is the only woman

on the council, says she is invested in the future of Ogdensburg. She has three children ages 1, 5 and 11 who will be raised in the community and she wants to ensure they grow up with opportunities.

“I’m not at the tail end of my time in Ogdensburg. I’m not leaving when things get tough or my term ends. I’m raising a family here and am in it for the long haul.”

Kennedy says her message to her supporters and other citizens of Ogdensburg is simple.

“Our message to our supporters is ‘we hear you.’ We are actively trying to give you a voice on the council and we will continue to represent you,” she said.

Kennedy said that while the minority council members might not have the votes needed to achieve some goals, their voice is still important and they will continue to raise concerns brought forward to them by the public.”

Library seeks support

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG – The Ogdensburg Public Library Board of trustees submitted a letter to City Council Monday requesting support for a public referendum that would provide \$225,000 in additional tax-

es to help fund the library.

The city has been defunding the library in recent years as it works to balance its books and plans to completely end all funding to the library next year.

The move has pushed the library to collect its own taxes through a public referendum attached to the Ogdensburg School District Budget. Although the two are voted on separately, the referendum includes the entire Ogdensburg school district and will be held at the same time as the school budget vote.

Last year the library was able to secure \$125,000 in funding through a referendum and is now seeking to increase that amount.

“Due to the city’s withdrawal of funding on January 1, 2022, in order to save the library the Ogdensburg Public Library Board of Trustees is presenting a referendum for \$225,000 more on May 18th, 2021,” the letter says.

The council took no action on the matter.



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On the trail

Walking Ogdensburg's Maple City Trail on a warm Tuesday, March 9, are, from left, Lucy, a golden doodle, Sarah, Scarlett and baby Audrey Fitzpatrick, in a stroller pushed by Michael Montalve.

City to reps: Help shoulder WWTP costs

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG – Ogdensburg City Council is asking state and federal officials to help offset costs of the Wastewater Treatment Plant by converting existing loans to grants.

“As presently funded, the rate-payers of Ogdensburg cannot afford \$22.4 million in loan repayments, and certainly not the additional \$5 million in alternate improvements that are still needed to complete the project and have not yet been awarded,” a letter issued to Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, Sen. Charles Schumer, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand and State Sen. Patty Ritchie says.

“We request your assistance with identifying a source of \$5 million in grant funding to implement the remainder of this project and respectfully ask that one of the loans for the project be converted as a grant under criteria for disadvantaged communities,” the letter says.

The letter points out that Ogdensburg is located in St. Lawrence County, which ranks second out of the state's 62 counties in terms of poverty and unemployment rates.

The letter also shed light on the fact that the city is classified by the state as a “Financially Distressed Community” due to its economic condition and present fiscal state.

According to a 2019 report from the state's Financial Restructuring

Board more than 26% of the population is on public assistance and median income is well-below the state average.

The letter also notes that the city has the highest tax rate of any community in the North Country, has lost 31% of its population since 1959 and that 59 percent of property in the city is tax exempt.

“At present, only 20% of the total project cost is grant funding. Meanwhile, the City of Ogdensburg has worked with the state to receive waste from a neighboring municipality – the Village of Heuvelton – whose project is funded by 69 of the total project cost,” the letter says. “We are also being asked to take waste from the Town of Lisbon to assist this community with its waste water problems. We are doing our part with a Project Labor Agreement, but the State needs to do more.”

According to the letter the loans can be modified in the form of principal forgiveness, negative interest rate loans, or grants.

“We would argue that the state's hardship rules be analyzed again and that a larger share of this project be funded by grants by converting a larger share of the loans to grants, and by providing 100% of the \$5 million in critical alternates as grant funds,” the letter says.

The letter notes that a significant portion of the city's water and sewer fees are paid for by tax exempt properties and that should any of

those facilities close, ratepayers would have to pick up the difference.

“We, therefore, ask that New York State and the Federal government's reevaluate our community's disadvantaged status for additional grant assistance based on hardship requirements. It would be less of a financial burden if the smaller \$12,000,000 pass through loans was converted to a grant. We would also request that (you) take into consideration the impact on poor residents who will be paying for the \$5 million in additional costs that will largely serve state facilities,” the letter says.

The letters are signed by the full council, but the idea has been

Public Health Board chair says vaccines appear to be working in SLC

BY ANDY GARDNER
North Country This Week

A top public health doctor in St. Lawrence County says they're not seeing people who have gotten the COVID-19 vaccine ending up hospitalized with the illness.

Dr. Andrew Williams, president of the county Board of Health, talked with the Board of Legislators Finance Committee during their Monday, March 8 meeting.

“We have not had anyone hospitalized in SLC who's been vaccinated ... another endorsement of the effectiveness of the vaccine,” Dr. Williams said.

“We really are not seeing people who are vaccinated turn positive on their testing. We're really not seeing it.”

He is encouraging anyone who is eligible for vaccination to get one.

“Fighting this pandemic is very much a team sport,” he said. “I

think this is a good example of what you can do to fight the pandemic.”

“Vaccinations are going to help us end this pandemic and reopen the economy,” the doctor added. “Vaccinations can increase the activities people can do safely.”

Dr. Dana McGuire, St. Lawrence County Public Health director, said the county has not received updated guidance on masking, social dis-

tancing and travel for those who are fully vaccinated. Fully vaccinated means two weeks after the second shot of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, or two weeks after the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.,

“It's not something we've taken on here in St. Lawrence County, but I do believe it is coming,” Dr. McGuire said. “We're hopeful that it is.”

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County gives nod to help Ogdensburg clean up contaminated sites

BY ANDY GARDNER
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CANTON – County legislators have given the county attorney a go-ahead to help the City of Ogdensburg with efforts to clean up four environmentally contaminated properties.

The Board of Legislators took the action during their Monday, March 1 meeting.

The four lots in question 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.

They'll be cleaned up through a partnership with the state and county that has so far cleaned up over 50 contaminated lots here. 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.

Legislator Jim Reagen, R-Ogdensburg, called the county board's action "a terrific example of a city-county cooperative arrangement and I think we'll see great

benefits to everyone and to the economy in the future."

"I just would like to thank the county attorney and his staff for their willingness to work on this with the City of Ogdensburg and I believe this will be of great benefit to both the city and the county in the long term in getting these major shoreline property back on the tax roll and back into productive uses," he said. "I thank Ogdensburg City Planning Director Andrea Smith for the efforts she's made over the past decade to get these properties to the point we can move forward."

Burn ban underway kicks off March 16

A burn ban is in effect from March 16 through May 14 in St. Lawrence County and the rest of the state, according to the Department of Conservation.

Violators of the state's open burning regulation are subject to both criminal and civil enforcement actions, with a minimum fine of \$500 for a first offense.

Open burning is prohibited in New York, with several exceptions:

- Campfires less than 3 feet in height and 4 feet in length, width or diameter are allowed.
- Small cooking fires are allowed.
- Fires cannot be left unattended and must be fully

extinguished.

- Only charcoal or clean, untreated or unpainted wood can be burned.
- Ceremonial or celebratory bonfires are allowed.

In towns with a total population less than 20,000, you may burn tree limbs with attached leaves. The limbs must be less than 6 inches in diameter and 8 feet in length (also referred to as brush). However, this is not allowed from March 16 through May 14 due to the increased risk of wildfires.

For more, visit <https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/58519.html>.



Above is Deputy Robert Lent with K-9 Knowlton.

New K-9 deputy in SLC

The St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office's new K-9 Knowlton has

been assigned to handler Deputy Robert Lent.

Deputy Lent and Knowlton completed their training at Phillip's Command Dogs in Olean on Feb. 20.

Knowlton is certified in tracking and narcotics detection. Knowlton's second day on the job showed she learned her training well when she assisted the Canton Police Department in discovering 28.4 grams of cocaine and 14 pounds of marijuana as well as \$24,000 in cash, according to the Sheriff's Office.

K-9 Knowlton is named after the late Keith Knowlton, who served as St. Lawrence County sheriff from 1979 through 1999 and first introduced the K-9 program to the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office in 1982.

"Sheriff Knowlton was a big proponent of the K-9 program that has, over the years, aided in finding lost children, tracking suspects, and discovering of illicit drugs," the sheriff's office said.

"We have to thank Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Special Agent in Charge, Kevin Kelly and Resident Agent in Charge, Russ Linstead for working with the Sheriff's Office and advocating for the K-9 program. For many years HSI has helped provide funding for training and the initial cost for the canines," Sheriff Brooks Bigwarfe said.

Sheriff Bigwarfe has plans to ensure future K-9 dogs will be named in honor of former St. Lawrence County sheriffs, undersheriffs and deputies. Anyone who wants to donate to the K-9 program can send donations to St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office, 49 1/2 Court Street, Canton, NY 13617 and note on the check it is for the K-9 program.

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Heuvelton v Madrid-Waddington

Heuvelton's Jed Crayford follows Coach Josh McAllister's directions trapping Madr-Waddington's Coby Beldock. HCS stayed undefeated in the victory.

St. Lawrence County names interim health director

CANTON – St. Lawrence County legislators appointed Jolene Munger as interim public health director.

They made the appointment during a brief special meeting on Monday, March 8.

Munger will be paid a \$97,933 salary. The resolution for her appointment says she will hold the interim role while a search committee looks for a permanent director.

Munger will replace Dr. Dana McGuire, who is stepping down from her role at the end of March, but may stay on to help with specific projects.

Dr. McGuire in early February said she is leaving the director's post for family reasons.

She was appointed to the position three years ago.

Man charged with poaching, DEC withholding name

LISBON – An alleged poacher was charged by the DEC after he allegedly shot a coyote in another person's yard.

DEC says on Feb. 28, a 15-year-old girl in the town of Lisbon was home alone when she noticed two trucks pull into her driveway. Unknown men exited the truck wearing camouflage and knocked on the door.

At the same time, the teen heard sounds of dogs fighting in her backyard.

She was frightened by the knock and the presumed dog fight and did not answer the door, DEC said.

The girl saw the men proceed into the backyard, heard a gunshot, and watched as they left quickly. The teenager called her parents, who contacted a conservation officer for assistance, DEC said.

The officer's investigation determined the hunting dogs entered the yard from the rear farm field while chasing, and eventually cornering, a coyote. Because they were using

GPS collars, the subjects were able to tell when their dogs had stopped moving, DEC said.

The poachers arrived to get their dogs and took advantage of an easy, but illegal, harvest of the coyote. The officer did not identify the poacher, but thanks to some freshly fallen snow, tracks left behind provided helpful evidence, DEC said.

The officer visited the homes of five known coyote hunters in the area until finally he was able to match the tread pattern left at the scene.

The poacher admitted to shooting the coyote and was issued tickets for trespass and shooting within 500 feet of a dwelling, according to DEC.

DEC did not identify the alleged poacher, and did not respond to a request for his name, age and hometown.

North Country This Week has submitted a Freedom of Information request seeking the name of the person charged.

\$1.5 million will aid tribal housing

AKWESASNE – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced \$1,500,053 for St. Regis Mohawk tribal housing activities.

In New York, HUD awarded \$5,282,749 to 5 Native American communities, which also included the Cayuga Nation, Oneida Indian Nation, of New York, Seneca Nation

of New York, Shinnecock Indian Nation, Tonawanda Band of Seneca, and Tuscarora Nation.

The IHBG Program is a formula grant that provides a range of affordable housing activities on reservations and related areas. Eligible activities include housing development, operation and modernization of existing housing,

housing services to eligible families and individuals, crime prevention and safety, and model activities that provide creative approaches to solving affordable housing problems.

"The IHBG program supports the commitment of Tribes across the country to their communities through funding affordable housing and housing activities," said HUD Acting Secretary Matthew E. Ammon. "The U.S. government has a responsibility to carry out trust obligations to Indian tribes, and with this funding, HUD is acting to meet these obligations."

LaVigne will run for family court judge in SLC

CANTON – St. Lawrence County Family Court Judge Cecily LaVigne Morris has announced that she will not be seeking reelection to another 10-year term in November.

"Serving the families and children of St. Lawrence County has been a privilege and I am grateful for the opportunity to have done so for many years," said Morris. "Opting against another term was not an easy decision, but it is the right one. I look forward to the next chapter and being able to spend more time with my own family and grandchildren."

Judge Morris started her career in the NYS Unified Court System in 1989 as a law clerk to Hon. David

S. Nelson, Family Court Judge. Following his retirement, she continued in the court system as a principal court attorney until her own election.

Morris, a Democrat who also ran with the backing of the St. Lawrence County Conservative Party, was elected in 2011 defeating the Republican opponent with over 63% of the vote.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted and exacerbated many existing struggles and systemic issues facing North Country residents. It's my hope that the next judge will have the professionalism and compassion that families deserve," Morris added.

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OBITUARIES

Frank J. Mittiga, 89
Canton

CANTON -- Frank J. Mittiga, age 89, passed away peacefully at his Riverside Drive apartment. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care and direction of the Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

As per Frank's wishes, there will be no public calling hours. A graveside service in Calvary Cemetery, Massena with full military honors is to take place at the convenience of the family.

Frank J. Mittiga Jr. was born to the late Frank and Angela (Jermano) Mittiga on June 3, 1931 in Massena, NY. He attended Massena schools and graduated from Massena High School, later enlisting into the United States Navy and served his country proudly while onboard the USS Essex during the Korean Conflict. When Frank returned home after his discharge from the Navy, he married Frances H. Cotter on January 11, 1958. She predeceased him in 1975.

Frank worked at his father's restaurant, Frank's Grill and also worked for the TECON Company during the St. Lawrence Seaway construction. Frank also worked for restaurants in the North Country, including the Townhouse Restaurant in Potsdam, NY and owned and operated various taverns in the Potsdam and Massena area. He was a volunteer Fireman for the Louisville and Potsdam Fire

Departments. At one time, Frank was also the St. Lawrence County Fire Department Coordinator.



Frank Mittiga

In his later years, Frank enjoyed the company of his dog "Biscuit" and the many other dogs at Maple Ridge Kennel where he spent much of his time. His love for Italian music, wine and food were many of his favorite

things. He enjoyed many Italian dinners at his favorite restaurant, Sergi's in Canton, NY. Frank enjoyed reminiscing about his family gardens and Italian traditions. He was a generous benefactor to the local food pantry, SPCA and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Frank was also the friend of Mindy Burwell's and Dr. Bill Orlando's family. He spent his last four years with Mindy's family and their three children, enjoying the kid's hockey and lacrosse games, BBQ's, holidays, birthdays and family dinners.

He made wine with Bill and his children for many years at Wine-maker's Depot where he worked for several years. He loved both of their families as if they were his own. From the day he met Bill's children

he would always say "I hope to live long enough to see them all drive", and he did. Bill's youngest daughter "Fred", as he knew her by, is now 21 years old.

Frank had more fables and stories than Aesop, and was always happy to share them. Most were jaw dropping. He was a degree-less Engineer that could fabricate anything out of twine, Duct Tape, wood and glue. And, it would always work to everyone's amazement. It may not have lasted, but it worked!

Frank is survived by his daughter Gina Allee of Oswego, NY, a son Michael Mittiga of New Jersey, two grandchildren; Sarah Allee and Matthew Mittiga. Frank is also survived by a brother Roy F. Mittiga Sr. of Massena, NY along with nephews; Richard J. Donovan of Kendallville, IN, Jeffery, Frankie Mittiga and Roy F. Jr Mittiga all of Massena, NY.

In addition to his parents Roy was predeceased by his wife Frances, a sister Sally Donovan, grandson Travis Allee, and a niece Marie Ann Donovan.

The family requests those who wish to express sympathy to consider making a donation to their favorite charity in Frank's memory.

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

Claude J. Caswell, 73
Madrid

MADRID -- Claude J. Caswell, age 73, passed away early Monday morning, March 1, 2021 at Canton-Potsdam Hospital, surrounded by his loving family.

Phillips Memorial Home in Madrid will be handling the arrangements for Claude J. Caswell. Family and friends were received on Friday, March 5, 2021 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Phillips Memorial Home, 20 Church Street, Madrid, NY.

Funeral services for Claude were held 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 6, 2021 at the Phillips Memorial Home, Madrid with Pastor John Frary officiating.

Burial to be held in Madrid Cemetery at the convenience of the family in the spring.

Those in attendance were asked to observe social distancing and were required to wear face coverings.

Claude is survived by his caring wife of 37 years, Roxine, three children from his first marriage; a son, Travis Caswell and wife Regina of Madrid, NY, twin daughters, Tamra "Tammy" Cary and husband Richard of Liverpool, NY and Julie "Juju" O'Boyle and husband Timothy of Palm, PA; a step-son Ajay Bhandari and wife Lori of Moira, NY; a step-daughter, Nicole Anton and husband David of Delran, NJ, and nine grandchildren. Claude is also survived by two brothers, John Caswell and wife Louise of Grand Island, NY; David Caswell and partner Mary Alice of Schuylerville, NY; three sisters, Elizabeth Gibbs

of Massena, NY; Alice Pharoah of Massena, NY; Doris Pearce of North Tonawanda, NY along with several nieces and nephews.



Claude Caswell

In addition to his parents, Claude was predeceased by an infant daughter, Mary Elizabeth and three sisters; Beatrice Jones, Rose Fifield and Mary Scott.

Claude was born October 18, 1947 in Hermon, the son of the late Claude W. and Frieda B. (Jaycox) Caswell.

He graduated from North Tonawanda High School in 1967.

He worked for 14 years as an Engineer Tech/Driller/Inspector with Atlantic Testing Labs.

He then worked for 25 years as a NYS Corrections Officer retiring in 2007.

On December 15, 1983 he married Roxine Baker at their home in Madrid, NY.

Claude was a member of the 7th Day Church of God and also was a Grange Member in Crary Mills. He loved to go hunting, camping, watch wrestling, game shows and the New York Yankees Baseball team. He was a beloved father, brother, grandfather and husband.

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

Louise M. Leatherland, 73
Massena

MASSENA --The family of Louise M. Leatherland are saddened to inform the community of her passing, early Wednesday morning (March 3, 2021) at her family home surrounded by her devoted and caring family.

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

A Funeral Mass was held at 10:00 AM Monday, March 8, 2021 at the Church of the Sacred Heart with Rev. Mark Reilly officiating. Burial will be held at the convenience of the family in Massena Center Cemetery.

Those who attended the Funeral Service, contacted the St. Peter's Parish office to make reservations for seating at (315) 769-2469. Social distancing and face coverings was observed, and for those who were not in attendance a live stream of the Funeral Service was accessible on St. Peter's Parish Facebook page at <https://facebook.com/MassenaCatholicCommunity/>

Louise was born in Massena on October 5, 1947 to the late Henry and Lorraine (Lalonde) Cootware. She attended and graduated from

St. Lawrence Central High School in 1966 and shortly after was married to her loving husband, Bernard F.



Louise Leatherland

Leatherland on June 25, 1966.

She retired from Massena Central School District as a cafeteria manager in 2013.

Louise enjoyed spending time with her friends and family especially attending sporting events of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved spending time in the Adirondack Mountains participating in nature while kayaking, hiking, cross country skiing and camping. She will truly be missed by her birthday club and workout clubs. Louise was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church and volunteered countless hours helping others at St. Vincent De Paul.

Louise is survived by her husband Bernard and her children; Renee King of Constable, NY, Tina and husband Vincent Procopio of

Syracuse, NY and Christopher T. Leatherland of Herkimer, NY. She leaves behind her memory to be cherished by her six grandchildren; Brittany Derasha-Jackson and husband Rocky, John Paul King, Kaylee Armstrong, Ethan Procopio, Adison Procopio, and Tylene Donovan and five great-grandchildren; Aydin, Daimen and Aspen Jackson, Kinsley Donovan and Evelyn Villnave. Louise is also survived by her siblings; Jerry Cootware of Stockholm, NY, Richard and Kathy Cootware of Stockholm, NY, John and Nancy Cootware of Wiliamstown, NY, and Bethanne and Roy Beshaw of Louisville, NY along with aunts, uncles, cousin nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Louise is predeceased by her brother Thomas Christopher in infancy.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to Hospice and Palliative Care of St. Lawrence Valley; 6805 US-11, Potsdam, NY 13676 or St. Peters Outreach Ministry; 128 Main Street, Massena, NY 13662.

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

Kesiah E. Henophy, 81
Louisville

LOUISVILLE -- Kesiah E. Henophy, 81, of Willard Road, Louisville, passed away on Friday, March 5, 2021 at Canton Potsdam Hospital.

Kesiah was born on March 31, 1939 in Massena, the daughter of the late Thomas and Catherine (McCallum) Hurteau.

She attended and graduated from Massena High School.

Kesiah married William G. Henophy on November 23, 1957 in Louisville.

She worked for several years at the Unemployment Office in Massena and later at Potsdam State, retiring after 20 years.

Kesiah enjoyed spending time earlier in life with her family on the flow in Parishville, and in later years at their summer cottage in Saint-Anicet, Quebec on the St. Lawrence River.

She always enjoyed being on the water and loved to sit out watching the ships. Kesiah loved her visits with family and friends.

Many will miss her daily phone calls and chats. Kesiah always enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She always liked to be present in their activities, in her later years when she couldn't be there in person, she always would call to see how their games went, how their day was, and to find out what they had planned for the weekend.

Her love of animals will not be forgotten, especially her many beautiful Samoyed dogs.

Kesiah was an active member of the Seaway Valley senior citizens and enjoyed her time traveling with them.

Kesiah was always cooking and loved to provide for others. Everyone always left her home with more than they came with.

Kesiah is survived by her beloved

husband William of 62 years; three children, Patty and husband Harley Newton of Hannawa Falls, Debbie Henophy and wife Shirley

Premo of South Colton and William Henophy Jr.; four grandchildren, Michelle (Mark) Murray, Tom Newton, Mark Henophy and Lauren Henophy (Ray Stevens); step-grandchildren, Shara

Phippen and Cody Russell; nine great grandchildren, Taylor, Shawn and Ryan Murray, Kent Miller, Khloe and Karter Kearns, Olivia Stevens, Payton and Wyatt Phippen; a sister, Maxine and husband Donald Babbie of Westfield Massachusetts, along with extended family in Canada.

She was predeceased by a grandson, Jeremy Kearns, and a daughter in law, Denise Henophy.

Friends may call on Friday, March 12, 2021 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

Funeral services will be privately held for the family. Burial will take place in the spring at St. Lawrence Cemetery, Louisville.

Please note that visitation will be occupancy controlled with those attending required to observe social distancing and wear face coverings. If occupancy limitations are reached, those attending may have to wait outside until occupancy has been reduced.

Arrangements are with the Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena, where friends are encouraged to share memories and offer condolences online at www.donaldsonfh.com.

RECENT DEATHS

DALTON WHITE, 23, Akwesasne, Mar. 5. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

LOUISE LEATHERLAND, 73, Massena, Mar. 3. Arrangements

with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

BERNICE SLATE, 88, Harrisville, Mar. 2. Arrangements with French Funeral Home.

BETTY ROSS, 94, Ogdensburg,

Mar. 2. Arrangements with LaRue & Pitcher Funeral Home.

HELEN MESSINA, 94, Ogdensburg. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

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Ogdensburg seeks proposals for Dobisky concessions

OGDENSBURG — Ogdensburg is seeking a proposals to operate the concessions at the Dobisky Center.

The Dobisky Visitor Center is located in the City of Ogdensburg within its Greenbelt Park System on the St. Lawrence River. Public amenities and recreational facilities within Greenbelt Park include a marina with transient boat slips, boat launch, riverfront boardwalk, swimming pool, walking trails, horseshoe pits, lighted tennis courts, skateboard park, children's playground, volleyball courts and picnic areas.

The Ogdensburg Public Library, Library Park, the Frederic Remington Art Museum all within Historic Downtown Business District are within easy walking distance of the

location.

Specifically, the concession area includes a fully equipped commercial kitchen (389 square feet) and use of the outdoor seating/patio area (1462 square feet). The outdoor patio is sheltered from much of the weather and provides expansive vistas of the St. Lawrence River.

Complete Request for Proposal information packages are available at www.ogdensburg.org under Bid Postings (under the "Notify Me" category), where additional information and details will be found. Proposals will be accepted by the Planning & Development Department at Ogdensburg City Hall, 330 Ford Street, Room 11, Ogdensburg, NY 13669 until 2:00 PM on Friday, April 2, 2021.

Lisbon accepting UPK apps

LISBON -- Lisbon Central School is now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year for Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK), Junior Kindergarten (JK) and Kindergarten. Universal Pre-Kindergarten is for four-year-olds. The program has a strong emphasis on early literacy and early numeracy aligned with the New York State Pre-K curriculum, LCS said.

UPK is a New York State grant funded program that is offered to students free of charge. As UPK students, children are considered new entrants to the Lisbon Central School District. The program follows the regular Lisbon Central School District calendar.

It is a half-day program. Sessions consist of either a half-day, morning session (8:10-11:00 a.m.) or a half day, afternoon session (12:10-3:00 p.m.). Breakfast is served to the

morning group and lunch to the afternoon group.

Children who reside within the Lisbon Central School District and will be four years of age by December 1 are eligible for the UPK program. A child who is age-eligible to attend kindergarten is not eligible for the UPK program.

Children who turn 5 years old on or before December 1 are eligible to participate in junior kindergarten or kindergarten. The junior kindergarten program is a full-day program before heading to Kindergarten.

If you have a child, or know of someone who has a child that falls into these age categories, contact Patti Barney, Keyboard Specialist, at 393-4951 ext. 23133 or email barneyp@lisbon.k12.ny.us for further information and or to begin the registration process.

OBITUARIES

Robert G. Nagle, 58

Massena

MASSENA -- Robert G. Nagle, 58, of Bucktown Road, formerly of Gouverneur, passed away on Monday, March 8, 2021 at home surrounded by his loving family.

Robert was born September 20, 1962 in Gouverneur, NY, the son of the late Richard and Donna (Rice) Nagle Soper. He attended school and graduated from Knox Memorial Central School. Robert later joined the United States Army and was stationed in Germany in the Artillery Division. He was honorably discharged after four years.

Robert worked at Gouverneur Correctional Facility for 25 years, retiring in 2014. He enjoyed watching the New York Yankees and Green Bay Packers play over the years. Robert also liked to hunt and fish in Edwards and Macomb and especially loved the time he spent with his family and grandchildren.

Robert is survived by his wife Diana; four children, Dylan Nagle and companion, Cortney Chartier of Gouverneur, Jenna and husband, Joshua Tarkowski of Gouverneur, Shannon Wilson and fiancé, Nathan Wells of Massena, Kristy

Wilson and fiancé, Jason Mansour of Binghamton; six grandchildren, Addison and Suttyn Tarkowski,

Aden and Harrison Wilson, Jordan Wilson and Alexis Rafter; four brothers, Richard Nagle Jr., Mark Rice, Scott Soper, Steven Soper and Charles Rice; four sisters, Stacia Kroniser, Michelle Hatch, Catherine Webb and Dawn Randall as well as many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by two sons, Robert and Richard Nagle; a step farther, Stewart Soper and two brothers, Sherwood and Sherman Soper.

Per Robert's request there will be no calling hours or funeral services. Arrangements are with the Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena, where friends are encouraged to share memories and offer condolences online at www.donaldsonfh.com.



Robert Nagle

Border agents warn of telephone scam

A new type of telephone scam is targeting residents nationwide in an attempt to gain banking information from unsuspecting residents, said a press release from U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents and officers nationwide are continuing to receive numerous calls from residents concerned about unsolicited calls from scammers posing as U.S. Border Patrol agents and U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers.

Residents are reporting the calls are a pre-recorded message stating, "a box of drugs and money being shipped has your (callers) name on it and it has been intercepted."

The caller is then instructed to press #1 to speak with a CBP Officer/Agent, which then attempts to get the callers banking information.

These calls are phone scams/phishing attempts and residents are urged to not provide the caller with any information.

The Department of Homeland Security and CBP does not solicit money over the phone. If such calls are received, people should make a note of the number and any other pertinent details about the call and immediately hang up, and report the incident if possible.

Phone scams can be reported to the Federal Trade Commission online at <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov/>.

Deputies warn of ongoing scams

CANTON — St. Lawrence County sheriff's deputies are warning the public of a phone scam involving the Department of Motor Vehicle.

Deputies say they received several complaints from local residents about a person who identifies themselves as a member of the state DMV and attempts to gain personal


information from the victim.

The scammer is calling from several phone numbers, including 315-335-8124.

The scammer claims the victim is about to have their driver's license suspended unless some type of personal information or payment is provided.

A similar scam involves a phone call claiming of fraud related to Social Security Numbers. Anyone who receives such a call should hang up.

Deputies are investigating the incidents and ask anyone who had a similar experience to contact them at 315-379-2222.



Morristown Central School

Now Accepting Universal Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registrations for the 2021-22 School Year

Children must be four years old by December 1, 2021 for UPK and five years old by December 1, 2021 for Kindergarten.

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Police prep for holiday

St. Patrick's Day brings to mind shamrocks, leprechauns, pots of gold, and good luck. But no amount of luck can save you from a drunk-driving crash. So whether you're buzzed or drunk on St. Patrick's Day, it doesn't matter.

St. Lawrence County STOP-DWI announced that St. Lawrence County law enforcement agencies will participate in a special STOP-DWI Enforcement Crackdown on impaired drivers March 16 through March 21.

"There will be no warnings," said Michele James, St. Lawrence County STOP-DWI Program. "Our message is simple—Don't drive impaired. Violators can lose their licenses; pay increased insurance rates; may have an ignition interlock device installed in their vehicle; legal bills; pay fines and surcharges as well as DMV fees. When the average DWI costs the offender over \$4,000-\$8,000, wouldn't you rather have a sober friend pick you

up?" All drinking driving fines collected from convicted drunk drivers fund the St. Lawrence County STOP-DWI Program.

State, sheriff's offices and local municipal law enforcement agencies across the state will be out in an effort to reduce the number of impaired driving injuries and deaths.

During this time period, law enforcement will vigorously enforce laws related to driving while impaired with special emphasis on impaired driving either by alcohol or drugs.

Impaired driving is preventable. All it takes is a little planning. If you're headed out for St. Patrick's Day, designate a responsible and sober driver! Remember, "Don't Drive, Get a Sober Ride"

While STOP-DWI efforts across New York have made great strides in reducing the numbers of alcohol and drug related fatalities.

Assemblyman Walczyk says governor's emergency powers not rescinded

North Country Assemblyman Mark Walczyk says Gov. Andrew Cuomo should either resign or be impeached.

A Republican from Watertown, Walczyk cites several recent scandals as the impetus for Cuomo to leave office or face action from the state legislature.

"It's clear to just about every New Yorker that the Governor has become a distraction.

"His office publicly admitted to altering data that shows the real number of deaths in nursing homes that his policy caused," Walczyk said in a prepared statement.

"It's been revealed he ignored serious safety concerns about the Cuomo (formerly Tapanzee) Bridge just to meet his political timeline. In addition, five women

have now come forward and are accusing him of serious misconduct. The Governor has lost the trust of the people. We can't let him sweep all of this under the rug."

Walczyk's statement goes on, "despite all this, the Governor made it clear Sunday afternoon that he is not resigning and plans to draw this out. His contempt is a call for the Legislature to hold the executive accountable if he does not step down."

"This is the reason why my colleagues and I introduced a resolution today that would initiate Impeachment proceedings. If the Governor continues to dig his heels in and does not do the right thing by resigning, then Assemblymembers and Senators need to help New York move on by impeaching the Governor."

Federal funding aids law enforcement

Four St. Lawrence County agencies will receive federal funding for highway safety initiatives.

A recent press release from the state said the awards are part of more than \$37.2 million in federal highway safety grants awarded to 502 programs throughout New York State in 2021.

Receiving funding in St. Lawrence County are:

- Potsdam Village Police Department, \$7,480 for police traffic service;

St. Lawrence County Community Services, \$12,500 for a child passenger safety program;

• St. Lawrence County Community Services, \$76,699 for the program "Traffic Safety a Concern in Rural Areas; and

• St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office, \$4,995 for police traffic service.

These grants provide funding to local, state and not-for-profit agencies for projects that improve overall highway safety and reduce deaths and serious injuries due to crashes. The projects awarded funding focused on three types of driver safety initiatives: highway safety, child passenger safety and police traffic services.

The funding, which is provided by the National Highway Traffic

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Fraud investigation

CANTON — An Oswegatchie man was charged Saturday night following a fraud investigation, according to state police. Francis J. Robert, 49, was charged at 9:18 a.m. with first-degree offering a false instrument with intent to defraud, felony, officers said. Troopers said he was released on his own recognizance.

Lisbon woman charged

OSWEGATCHIE — A Lisbon woman was arrested on drug charges Sunday morning, according to state police. Kaitlyn A. Robinson, 29, was charged at 1:30 a.m. with fourth-degree criminal possession of narcotics, felony, officers said. She was additionally charged with three counts of seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation, police said. Her arrest status was not made public.

Exposure

LISBON — A Lisbon man was charged after allegedly exposing himself in public on Monday, according to St. Lawrence County sheriff's deputies. Deputies said they charged Patrick Parmeter, no age listed, with public lewdness

stemming from an incident on CR 10. Parmeter allegedly pulled his pants down and made obscene gestures. He was released on his own recognizance, officers said.

Driving while intoxicated

LISBON — A Lisbon woman was charged with driving while intoxicated following a one-vehicle motor vehicle accident March 4 on CR 27, according to St. Lawrence County sheriff's deputies. Brooke A. Parmeter, 30, was charged with first-offense DWI and failure to keep right, officers said. Deputies said she had a blood-alcohol content (BAC) of .15%. She was released on tickets returnable to Lisbon court at a later date.

Massena sales tax dips

MASSENA — The Village of Massena on Feb. 1 received slightly less in a quarterly sales tax from the county than for the same period last year. Village Treasurer Kevin Felt told the board they received \$492,071. That's down \$9,332 from the same period last year, he reported. He said if the federal government passes a COVID-19 relief package that includes direct stimulus payments to people, that could bode well for their next quarterly sales tax take. It made an impact last year when that first one went out," Felt said. "I have a feeling it might help us again" "I'm not really sure where sales tax is going. Statewide, it's down. So far in this part of the North Country this year it's been up. I'm not sure if it's going to continue," according to the treasurer.

Massena appointments

MASSENA — Village trustees

recently made four reappointments to various village boards. The board reappointed Joe Mittiga and Robert VanDusen to the Zoning Board of Appeals. VanDusen will serve as board chair. The board also named John Meddings Jr. to the Joint Recreation Commission. Village trustees took the actions at their Tuesday, Feb. 23 meeting. The board is also soliciting interest from residents who may be interested in serving the remainder of the unexpired mayor term.

Anyone who wants to submit a letter of interest and résumé can send them to the village administrator through mail or by putting it in the dropbox in front of the Town Hall.

Kindergarten screenings

OGDENSBURG — The Ogdensburg City School District will hold kindergarten screenings on Tuesday, May 18 and Wednesday, May 19 at John F. Kennedy Elementary School. Parents with children who will be five years old on or before Dec. 1 can call 315-393-4264 ext. 32915 to schedule an appointment.

Income tax help

MASSENA — Free income tax preparation and electronic filing will be offered by the AARP tax-aid program. The service will be drop off with social distancing and minimal contact. The service is available Mondays and Tuesdays at the Massena Community Center, 61 Beach St., from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The program is not limited to senior citizens. Anyone can use this service. More info, call Sheryl Campbell at 315-212-0450.

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NORTH COUNTRY OPINION

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First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States

LETTERS

Girl Scout Week being celebrated in SLC

Girl Scout Week is celebrated annually to align with Girl Scouts' Birthday on March 12. During this week, Girl Scouts have a longstanding tradition of celebrating our troops and communities—to share information about Girl Scouting and its benefits, to thank our communities and volunteers for the support they provide and to allow our girls to be recognized as Girl Scouts.

With this tradition, we also partner with our faith communities to recognize their support of our Movement and members.

Juliette Gordon Low had a dream. In March 1912, when she brought that first group of girls together in Savannah, Georgia, she wanted them to explore new possibilities and the wonders of the world around them—and she wanted them to do it together.

The GSNYPENN Pathways Council is just one of many Councils all over the US. GSNYPENN covers 26 counties, throughout New York State and a small part of northern Pennsylvania, but here in the north country we are but a small part of this huge council. Our Raquette Valley Service Unit takes in Girl Scouts from five school districts: Madrid-Waddington, Norwood-Norfolk, Potsdam Central, Colton-Pierrepont Central and Parishville-Hopkinton. The girls participating are from ages 5-18 and the adult volunteers that work with the troops are from all the surrounding towns.

Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways is thrilled to welcome you and your girl! Membership dues are just \$25 annually, and financial aid may be available. Whether you have questions about starting a new troop for your girl and her friends, joining a troop, becoming a volun-

teer, or something else, send us a note at info@gsnypenn.org or call us at 1-855021308555. We're here for you!

Marcia Oney
Raquette Valley manager

Proposed mental health cuts should alarm you

Mental health concerns are at an all-time high one year into the global pandemic caused by COVID-19, both for adults facing numerous stressors and for children whose lives have changed dramatically.

Proposed state budget cuts to the Office of Mental Health (OMH), particularly to inpatient treatment beds for children, should alarm you. These services, provided by hard-working essential union members, are critical to the safety and well-being of our communities.

There is consistently a wait-list for children's beds. Now, in their formative years, children have seen their world change entirely. They are no longer in a normal school environment getting the social interaction they need and have been stuck inside due to quarantines and safety precautions.

When you reduce beds, you reduce the ability for those with special mental health needs the opportunity to get better. The results of which can be detrimental. This can create increased homelessness rates, increased domestic abuse incidents, people harming themselves, and people harming others.

The result of not keeping these services funded could even lead to these individuals being thrown into the jail system or the Department of Corrections — and that's not the proper help they need. We can't turn our backs on these individuals.

When these services aren't accessible locally, individuals are forced

to seek help elsewhere across the state. This provides individuals and their families additional costs and stress.

On behalf of these mental health professionals, I ask that you contact your local representatives and demand they work to keep these critical services funded.

In solidarity,
CSEA Region 5 president
Kenny Greenleaf

SLC family court judge endorsement

The Executive Committee of the St. Lawrence County Republican party announces that they have unanimously endorsed Andrew Moses as its candidate for St. Lawrence County Family Court Judge.

Andrew's education and professional experience have prepared him to take on the demanding responsibilities and duties required to be the next Family Court Judge of St. Lawrence County.

Andrew, his wife Renee and their children Rachel and Sam reside in Canton, where he is an active member of the community being a co-chair of the Canton Music Friends and a member of the Canton Central School board. He demonstrates the family values of hard work, integrity and honesty, values that will make him a fair and impartial judge.

Andrew has over 29 years experience as an attorney in NY and throughout his career, he has practiced family law. He believes in putting children first and giving everyone a voice.

Andrew's experience over the last 29 years makes him uniquely qualified to be the next St. Lawrence County Family Court Judge.

SLC Republican Committee
Nancy K. Martin, Chairwoman



Megan St. Thomas | Submitted

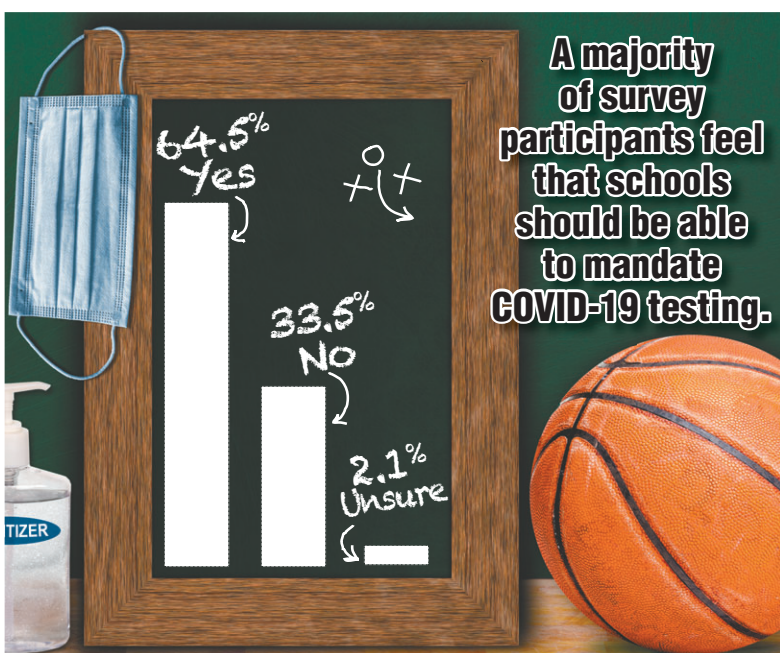
Big catch

Mason St. Thomas, 6 of Chase Mills, caught this 27 inch walleye on his jigging pole at dusk on Sunday, March 7 in Louisville. He's pictured smiling proudly at his catch with his father, Micah St. Thomas.

NCNOW SURVEY

The Question:

Should schools be able to mandate COVID-19 in sports?



A majority of survey participants feel that schools should be able to mandate COVID-19 testing.

Cathy Whalen | NCTW

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. Public health did not mandate testing. Do you think schools should have the authority to mandate

COVID testing of students involved in sports, and other extra-curricular activities?

HERE ARE COMMENTS from some survey participants:

'Better to be safe than sorry. Testing should be required.'

'They also should not be required to wear masks.'

'Should not be having these sports to begin with.'

'Since the state health department isn't looking out for safety then the schools should be able to overstep for the safety of our kids. The state health department is wishy-washy about everything. Nothing makes sense. At least the colleges are doing the testing that should be done before games to prevent the spread.'

'I don't understand why people throw such a fit over COVID testing. It isn't difficult and it's over quickly.'

'Yes. Playing a sport is a choice. Schools should make it mandatory that athletes get tested so they don't spread it to others. The same rule applies to drug testing too.'

'They are not required to undergo testing to attend school, they should not be required to undergo testing to do activities with their schoolmates.'

'In my opinion there should be no extra-curricular activities until school is open five days a week. Parents and Grandparents are being stressed to their limits with this on line learning! Time for schools to open if extra-curricular

activities are permitted period!'

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

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: Have you dined out more, less, or about the same in St. Lawrence County during the pandemic?

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.

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State allows 75 % capacity for eateries

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced that restaurants outside of New York City, which have been operating at 50 percent capacity, can now move to 75 percent capacity starting March 19.

This includes eateries in St. Lawrence County.

“The data has shown that restaurants can operate safely and in accordance with strict health protocols at 75 percent capacity,” Cuomo said. “New York City restaurant capacity will remain at 35 percent capacity.”

“Our fight in the war against COVID-19 continues, but we are encouraged by the decrease in infection and hospitalization rates and the rise in vaccinations,” the governor said.

“As we expand our vaccine distribution and celebrate the arrival of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, we have never been closer to defeating this beast once and for all,” Governor Cuomo said in a press release.

“It is critical that New Yorkers not succumb to COVID fatigue and remain vigilant. Until the day the war is won, we all need to continue the practices we know work - washing hands, social distancing and masking up,” the governor said.

The governor went on to say that the state’s current COVID-19 numbers are a reflection of the state’s actions.

“When we work together, we will see the light at the end of the tunnel,” Cuomo said.



Photo submitted

Donation to Boys and Girls Club

St. Lawrence Federal Credit Union recently donated \$10,000 to the Ogdensburg Boys and Girls Club for the Preston C. Carlisle Youth Athletic Center Project. The Ogdensburg Boys and Girls Club provides for the youth of our community with tireless efforts and endless support. Pictured above are Todd Mashaw, St. Lawrence Federal Credit Union, and Tom Luckie, Ogdensburg Boys and Girls Club.

Vaccine at O’burg, Canton Price Chopper pharmacies

Ogdensburg and Canton Price Chopper pharmacies are now offering COVID-19 vaccinations for people age 65 and up.

They plan to offer both the Johnson & Johnson and the Moderna vaccines, depending on supply. Johnson & Johnson’s is a single-dose vaccine.

Moderna requires one shot and then a booster 28 days later.

Price Chopper will use a new online scheduling system, which is available at www.pricechopper.com/covidvaccine.

A rolling two days of appointments will be shown at once and new appointments will load every day.

While vaccine availability is increasing, distribution remains uneven, so people should continue to check the site for appointments.

The phased allocation of vaccines to designated groups, according to vaccine prioritization guidelines established by each state and immunization jurisdiction and their local health departments, is based in part on guidance from the CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

As the supply increases, vaccination will progress to the next phase.

The state is now vaccinating those in Phase 1a and initial groups from Phase 1b.

Community pharmacies are focusing on those 65 years of age and older.

The hope is to include more groups as soon as the state releases that information.

To determine eligibility for the vaccine and to register for an appointment, visit www.pricechopper.com/covidvaccine/.

The vaccine is available at the Price Chopper/Market 32 stores listed above by appointment only.

If shot “events” are full, customers should continue to check the website on a regular basis for new availabilities.

Those who secure an appointment will receive an e-voucher to print out or display on a mobile device that should be brought to the pharmacy for their appointment, along with a government ID and insurance information.

After receiving the vaccine, each recipient will be asked to remain in a dedicated safe space on the premises for a required observation period of 15 to 30 minutes.

140 residents without broadband, says survey

BY ANDY GARDNER
North Country This Week

CANTON – Out of over 900 responses to the St. Lawrence County broadband survey received through March 5, 140 said they don’t have internet access, or don’t know if they do.

St. Lawrence County Planning Director Jason Pfothenauer updated the Board of Legislators on the survey during the Monday, March 8 Operations Committee meeting.

He added that out of 29 commercial responses, 12 lacked internet access. The county has partnered with the Development Authority of the North Country for the two-pronged survey. Residents can go to <https://www.stlawrencecountybroadband.com> until April 30 and fill out a questionnaire. Meanwhile, DANC is sending a contractor to actually go out and look at all of the utility poles in the county to see where broadband cable is or isn’t, and where it could be added.

“We’ll be able to develop some spatial analysis based on addresses where the gaps are with the broadband,” Pfothenauer said. “That’s going to serve us well as we do a strategic targeting for funds that will help us improve the broadband throughout the county.”

Legislator Larry Denesha, R-DeKalb, said he was initially skeptical of the survey being done online, but he sees the response so far as a good indication.

“I think that’s a sign that we’re probably reaching some of the folks that needed to be reached,” he said.

Part of the questionnaire is actually answering questions, and part is a speed test. The speed test can be done on a cell phone but it has to be connected to wi-fi. Using the phone’s data plan “would give us a false response for the speed test,” Pfothenauer said.

People can also call the Planning Office for assistance at 315-379-2292.

The county is advertising the survey at the mass COVID-19 vaccination clinic in Potsdam. They’re also looking at advertising it through flyers on public transit buses, and with home-delivered meals through the Office for the Aging.

Colorectal screenings offered

OGDENSBURG — As New York State re-opens businesses and ease COVID-19 restrictions, CHMC joins other healthcare facilities to provide colorectal cancer screenings and many other elective procedures.

CHMC has made careful consideration of the risks and benefits of providing colorectal cancer screenings during COVID-19, along with ensuring safety for both patients and healthcare personnel.

With proper precautions and following COVID-19 guidelines issued by organizations like the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the ACS allows for Claxton-Hepburn to provide life-saving screenings safely.

Claxton-Hepburn providers offer several options for colorectal cancer screening for people at average risk. For example, stool-based tests, such as fecal immunochemical testing (FIT) or a stool DNA test, can be done in the privacy of your home.

If you get a positive stool test result, you will need a colonoscopy.

Other screening options include CT colonography (virtual colonoscopy), flexible sigmoidoscopy, and traditional colonoscopy.

Colonoscopy is the best option and considered the gold standard in colorectal cancer screening.

Your health care provider can help you determine what screening schedule and which screening tests are best for you at this time.

CHMC follows the American Cancer Society’s (ACS) colorectal cancer screening guidelines, which recommend people at the average risk of colorectal cancer start screening at age 45.

People who are in good health and with a life expectancy of more than ten years should continue regular colorectal cancer screening through the age of 75.

For people ages 76 through 85, the decision to be screened should be based on a person’s preferences, life expectancy, overall health, and prior

screening history.

People over 85 should no longer get colorectal cancer screening.

The ACS defines people at average risk for colorectal cancer if they do not have a personal history of colorectal cancer or certain types of polyps, a family history of colorectal cancer, a personal history of inflammatory bowel disease (ulcerative colitis or Crohn’s disease), or a confirmed or suspected hereditary colorectal cancer syndrome, such as familial adenomatous polyposis or Lynch syndrome.

The ACS recommends that people at increased or high risk of colorectal cancer might need to start colorectal cancer screening before age 45, be screened more often, or get specific tests.

This includes people with a strong family history of colorectal cancer or certain types of polyps, a personal history of colorectal cancer or certain types of polyps, a personal history of inflammatory bowel disease, a known family history of a hereditary colorectal cancer syndrome such as familial adenomatous polyposis or Lynch syndrome.

If you’re at increased or high risk of colorectal cancer, have a conversation with your health care provider to learn more.

Your provider can discuss your screening options, as well as determine what type of screening schedule you should follow.

Most private insurance and Medicare, and Medicaid cover the cost of the variety of colorectal cancer screenings.

In the instance a patient needs a colorectal cancer screening and is uninsured or underinsured, generous grants from the St. Lawrence Cancer Fund enables CHMC to provide these folks free colorectal cancer screenings.

For more information or to schedule a colorectal cancer screening, contact us at 315-713-5251.

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OFA's Justice McIntyre drives against Massena's Luke Greco helping the Blue Devils to a victory.



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Heuvelton's Ali Trathen drives toward the basket in a game against Edwards-Knox. Heuvelton gained a win in the second meeting between the two teams.



Andy Gardner | NCTW

Massena's Ella Oakes tries to block Salmon River's Emma Gibson from passing the puck to a teammate. The Raiders won the Thursday, March 4 game 2-1.



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Massena's Deshawn Walton goes high on a drive to the goal challenged by OFA's Trent Sarget who scored 26 points in OFA's victory.



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Massena's Tori Jacobs (34) and OFA's Abby Raven contend for a rebound in NAC Girls Basketball action. The two teams split on a pair of games.



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Massena skater Brooke Terry gets ready to make a move around Salmon River defender Myranda Collette. The Raiders won the Thursday, March 4 game 2-1.

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Medications can be dangerous for drivers

Impaired driving claims thousands of lives every year. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, nearly 30 people die in drunk driving crashes every day in the United States.

Drivers recognize the dangers

of driving after consuming alcohol, but consuming other, seemingly less threatening substances also can put drivers in danger, even during times of day when drivers would otherwise think the roads are as safe as possible.

In its 2013-14 National Roadside

Study of Alcohol and Drug Use, the NHTSA found that 10 percent of week-day, daytime drivers surveyed tested positive for prescription and/or over-the-counter drugs.

It's vital that drivers recognize certain facts about OTC and prescription drugs and keep them in mind before getting behind the wheel.

- The side effects of OTC drugs can be serious.

It's easy to write off the side effects of medications that can be purchased as easily as a candy bar.

However, the NHTSA notes that OTC medications can induce drowsiness, cause nausea, cloud drivers' judgment, and adversely affect drivers' hand-eye coordination.

- Some prescription medications have been linked to higher risk of crashing.

Opioids, sedatives, muscle relaxants, and some antidepressants have been associated with increased crash risk.

- Mixing medications can impair driving ability.

Mixing drugs with alcohol also can produce side effects that impair driving ability, even for drivers who do not feel as though they consumed an amount of alcohol that would normally compromise their ability to drive safely.

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What to look for when test-driving pre-owned vehicles

Pre-owned vehicles have become hot commodities in recent years, reflecting a change in what drivers are looking for when it's time to get a new ride.

Test drives remain a great way to get a feel for pre-owned vehicles and prospective buyers can consider various factors to determine if a given car or truck is for them.

• **Comfort:** Comfort is a big consideration, and there's no reason to downplay the importance of comfort when shopping for pre-owned vehicles. Consider the available headroom and legroom, but also take note of comfort-based accessories that the vehicle may or may not have.

For example, if you've grown accustomed to heated seats on your existing

vehicle, then a pre-owned vehicle without such seats, or one without functioning heated seats, will likely bother you.

• **Visibility:** Make sure your test drive is long enough to give you an accurate idea of a vehicle's visibility. Blind spots may not differ much in new versus older models or even in vehicles made by the same manufacturer, but they can differ considerably between manufacturers.

Get a feel for blind spots during the test drive to determine if you'll be comfortable driving a given vehicle.

• **Connectivity:** Compatibility with devices can make it easier to use GPS and stream music while driving, so don't hesitate to connect your phone when test driving a vehicle.

Why is tire rotation so important?

Vehicle owners need to keep maintenance on the mind to ensure their cars and trucks are operating at peak capacity.

Various components should be checked and serviced at key intervals. Oil changes and fluid top-offs are part of routine maintenance, but it can be easy to forget about other important parts of the vehicle, including tires.

Rotating tires is vital to their upkeep. Bridgestone Tires advises that tire rotation involves routinely repositioning a vehicle's tires in specific patterns from front to back and side to side. According to Big O Tires, the front tires tend to wear on the outside edges because the tire leans over when a driver turns a corner. The rear tires just follow the front ones, so they usually wear more evenly. By leaving tires in place, the

outside edges on the front tires will wear down much faster than the rest and those tires will need to be replaced sooner.

Rotation may be required by tire warranties. Rotation also keeps the tires working properly.

Experts generally advise tire rotation every 6,000 to 8,000 miles, even if they do not show any signs of wear. It is challenging to determine if weather treads are uneven or how much wear has been sustained just by looking at them. Rotating tires can prolong the life of tires and decrease how frequently they need to be replaced.

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Celebrating 100 days of school

Brandon Downs first grade class at Nightengale Elementary celebrated 100 days of school recently as many other classes did around the county! Some of the students dressed as they thought they might look if they were 100 years old.

Madison Elementary teacher to receive award for excellence in teaching science

MASSENA -- Darcie Fregoe, a sixth-grade Earth science and social studies teacher at Madison Elementary, has been named the 2021 recipient of the Edward C. Roy Jr. Award for Excellence in K-8 Earth Science Teaching.



Darcie Fregoe

The award was announced on February 24 at a staff meeting on Zoom, presented by

Ed Robeck, director of the Department of Education and Outreach at the American Geosciences Institute. As part of the award, Fregoe will receive a check for the amount of \$2,500.

She will receive the award in April at the National Earth Science Teachers Association (NESTA) Friends of Earth Science Reception during the 2021 National Science Teaching Association Conference.



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Virtual homework help available again for Massena students grades 5-12

MASSENA -- The Homework Helpline is back!

This collaboration between Massena Central School and SUNY Potsdam and St. Lawrence University assists students in grades 5-12 with various subjects like math, science and Spanish.

The program runs from 4-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday through April 9. Parents and students can log on from the schools webpage at www.mcs.k12.ny.us, click on Parents at the top of the page, and then Homework Hotline on the left side of the page. Click the grade level and subject from the menu.

For more information about the program, parents can reach out to Stephanie Allen by email to sallen@mcs.k12.ny.us.

Homework Hotline: Spring 2021

Gr 5	Gr 6	<p>Directions</p> <p>Click the colored tab to join the course you need help in. SLU/SUNY Tutors are waiting!</p> <p>4-7 PM Monday-Thursday</p>	Gr 9-12	Gr 9-12
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Gr 6	Gr 7-8		Gr 9-12	Gr 9-12
ELA	ELA & Math		Social Studies	Biology
Gr 5-8	Gr 5-8	Gr 8-12	Gr 8-12	Spanish
Science	Social Studies	See tutor schedule here		

The Homework Helpline menu bar on the Massena Central webpage.

Mission complete

Massena High School student, Logan Premo recently completed the "Wood Duck Challenge" in his shop class. This challenge is sponsored by NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation and DEC and submitted in New York Outdoor News. Students have until May 15 to build a duck house according to specs, and submit a photo to NY Outdoor News. They receive a badge and information kit, their photo printed in the NY Outdoor News, and the satisfaction knowing they helped out wildlife.

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Spring time casts along the Oswegatchie

Richard Teriele fishes along the Oswegatchie River across from Ogdensburg's Hosmer Marina on Tuesday afternoon, March 9. He said he was enjoying fishing with the warm weather.

Registration now open for farm day camp

North Wind Farm Day Camp will return for 2021 and registration is now opened.

There will be weekly themes such as Warrior Week, Junior Gardener, Medieval Times, and A Bug's Life – Farm Day Camp 2021.

Farm Day Camp hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Children should arrive between 8 and 8:30 a.m. and depart between 4:30 and 5 p.m.

The cost is \$190 per week, with discounts available for registering for three or more weeks. They plan to offer their most popular specialty camp again this summer – Animal Showmanship. The four-week camp gives children the opportunity to learn in depth information about animal care and concludes with

showing an animal at the St. Lawrence County Fair.

A Covid Mitigation and Safety Plan will be released soon. Children will be wearing masks any time they are not socially distanced. They will have hand washing stations and all staff members will always have hand sanitizer and cleaning wipes with them. They will have a daily pre-screening procedure in place.

Registration for North Wind After School 2021-2022 is also now open. Students at Canton Central can be bussed directly to the Learning Farm. The After School program ends at 5:30 p.m. each day. The cost is \$100 per week. If there is a need for a continued Remote Learning Assistance Program, it

will be addressed at a later date.

To register a child, go to app.campdoc.com/register/ccenorthwind. For more information about North Wind Farm Day Camp or After School at Cornell Cooperative Extension of St. Lawrence County, contact Jackie Card at jtc292@cornell.edu or 315-379-9192 ext.234

Reading challenge offered

OGDENSBURG — Ogdensburg Public Library invites children ages 5-11 to participate in their April reading challenge.

The two children who read the greatest number of pages this April will each win a bug themed reading basket. All prizes provided through donations.

To participate, fill out a reading calendar with the number of pages you have read each day in April and return it to Ogdensburg Public Library by May 5.

Reading calendars can be found online at www.ogdlib.org or can be picked up at the library.

Winners will be chosen May 6.

Perch fish fry to be served at Amvets

MASSENA — A perch fish fry will be held each Friday throughout April 2 by the Massena Amvets Ladies Auxiliary.

The meal will be takeout only and

can be picked up at 12 Andrews St. The cost is \$11.

Meals will be ready beginning at 5 p.m.

Info, 315-764-0686.

2021 concert series planned

NORWOOD -- The Norwood Village Green Concert Series has announced nearly 20 concerts for this year.

Events take place downtown Norwood in the park. All social distancing and other COVID-19 guidelines will be followed.

The protocols are extensive and will be fully available to the public before the first event but here are some of the considerations in place.

- Capacity on band shell – 33% meaning that performing groups will be limited to 7 performers. There will be screening of performers and series workers.

- Capacity of Audience – 33% of designated area meaning an audience limit of 500. There will be social distancing by households and individuals

- Designated area – will be well marked and the protocols will be limited to this designated area.

- The series “pass the bucket” will be modified and the audience limitation will effect this in a negative way.

“In deference to the pass the bucket situation and other financial considerations the series will need further donations to complete the season in a financially stable way,” said event organizer Joe Liotta. “Over the past two years the series has received some very generous financial support from many individuals, businesses, foundations, and organizations. Those moneys are still on hand and a big thank you to all is extended.

All donations are tax deductible as the series is a 501-C3 non profit. Checks should be made payable to The Norwood Village Green Concert Series and mailed to Norwood Village Green Concert Series, 3 Bicknell Street, Norwood, NY.

“What is now needed is for others to step forward. That would include past donors but would include new donors,” Liotta said.

The Northern Symphonic Winds and The All Star Big Band under the direction of Wally Siebel had to be replaced. The groups were too large for the protocols and both were dependent on a Crane Youth Music component. CYM is going virtual

again in 2021.

Two Canadian groups, Aviva Chernick, and Sultans of String were rescheduled to 2022. Border crossings are currently not permitted and a timely lifting of this ban is problematic.

The series proudly presents its 48th annual season “Taking a Sad Song and Making it Better”.

All concerts at 7 p.m. except where indicated. The inclement weather location will be the Norwood-Norfolk school auditorium, if available. If not the performances will still take place outdoors.

Thursday, May 27: St. Lawrence County Music Educators Solo Festival (If interest is shown). This event is pending, with the time to be announced; Thursday, June 3: Rustic Riders - 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. for NNCS. The concerts will be streamed to those students who opted to learn remotely, and 7 p.m. for the general public; Thursday, June 10: Annie and the Hedonist; Sunday June 13: String Solstice with guest artist Andy Van Duyne; Thursday, June 17: Honey Dew Drops, plus an afternoon workshop; Sunday, June 20: The Giroux Brothers; Thursday, June 24: The Brubeck Brothers – Celebrating Father Dave Brubeck's 100th anniversary (This group replaces Northern Symphonic Winds.); Sunday, June 27: Johnny and the Triumphs featuring Gwen Tracy

Thursday, July 1: The Gibson Brothers; Sunday, July 11: Jordan Davidson with Toni Zygadlo & Lonel Woods with Julie Miller ; Thursday, July 15: Mikaela Davis and Southern Star; Sunday, July 18: The Mammals with special guests The Restless Age, led by Mike Merenda (Pete Seeger's grandson) and Ruthy Unger (Jay Unger and Molly Mason's daughter). This group replaces Sultans of String; Thursday, July 22: Shimul Zaman and Len Mackey; Sunday, July 25: Maggie Gould and Nanni Assis & Friends; Thursday, July 29: The Brass Firemen

Sunday, Aug. 1: Koehler and Kelly; Thursday, Aug. 5: The Girls; Sunday, Aug. 8: Waydown Wailers; Thursday, Aug. 12: Topaz Reunion Concert

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Ice shanties need to be pulled by March 15

OGDENSBURG – Late season ice fishing can provide hours of enjoyment, but it also requires extra precautions when venturing out on the ice, according to the Ogdensburg United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Strong late winter winds and waves, and rising air temperatures can weaken the ice in the same locations where you have fished safely all winter, a Coast Guard press release said. Checking the thickness of the ice on every trip can mean the difference between a memorable day fishing or an unfortunate plunge into the icy waters.

As a reminder, per New York State law, all ice shanties must be marked on the outside with the owner's name and address in letters at least 3 inches high. Shanties must be removed from all waters by March 15 to prevent them from falling through the ice in spring and becoming hazards to navigation.

Four inches is the recommended standard for walking on the ice.

Coast Guard officials say to check the thickness with a spud or chisel as you proceed as ice thickness is not consistent. Remember that a little water on top of the ice makes it extremely slippery increasing the risk of falling. When walking on ice, keep your center of gravity over your front leg. Walk like a penguin keeping your knees slightly bent, walking flat footed while taking short shuffling steps. To be extra safe, it might be best to leave your pickup truck or ATV on shore.

Here are a few reminders to assist fishermen in planning a late winter outing on the ice. Remember ICE.

I – Information – remain informed by checking the weather and ice conditions before going out. Know your intended destination on the ice and how to call for help.

C – Clothing – wear enough clothing to prevent hypothermia. Dress for the water temperature, not the warm air temperature. Pick bright colors and reflective clothing to aid searchers should you end up needing help.

E – Equipment – Bring safety equipment: a cell phone, marine radio, Personal Locator Beacon, life jacket/float coat, a whistle or noise making device, screw rivers or ice picks which can help you pull yourself out of the water should you break through the ice. Your cell phone or marine radio can summon help should your ice break away and drift away from shore.

Complete an ice plan should include: The names and number of persons going on the ice as you should never fish alone; where and when you are leaving from your destination, and when you will return. List the cell phone number for everyone in your fishing group. Identifying information about your vehicle(s) and where it will be parked. Leave your plan with a reliable person who will notify the Coast Guard or other rescue organization if you do not return as scheduled. Should your plans change, be sure to notify the person holding your ice plan.



Dave Shea | NCTW

American Red Cross blood drives slated

The American Red Cross is calling on healthy St. Lawrence County blood donors during Red Cross Month.

People who donate between March 15-26 will receive a free Red Cross t-shirt, while supplies last. Below is a list of upcoming blood

drives in St. Lawrence County over the coming weeks:

Hammond
March 22: 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Hammond Central School, 51 South Main Street
Lisbon

March 16: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Lisbon Volunteer Fire Department, 7002 County Route 10
Massena

March 17: Noon - 5:30 p.m., St Lawrence Centre, 6100 State Route 37; March 30, noon - 4 p.m., Massena Moose Lodge #1110, 4 Ames St
Ogdensburg

March 16: 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Ogdensburg Presbyterian Church, 423 Ford St.; March 20, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Grace Covenant Church, 7 Laboda Drive.

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

Massena takes on OFA

Ethan Firnstein of Massena goes up strong against a defensive challenge by OFA's Dave Venrsey.

Easter Bunny hopping in to Brier Hill

BRIER HILL -- The Easter Bunny is making a special trip to the Brier Hill Fire Department to deliver Easter goodies at a free event on Sunday, April 3 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

They will be practicing safe social

distancing and wearing masks.

Attendees should make sure everyone in their vehicle is also masked.

There is no need to get out of a car. The Easter Bunny will come to you.

Garden transplant orders accepted

DEPEYSTER -- Bittersweet Farm is now accepting orders for garden transplants.

Certified organic through NOFA-NY, Bittersweet has been providing the North Country with plants for over 20 years.

All transplants are started from seed on the farm, or are dug from

the Bittersweet gardens.

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SUICIDE...

COVID-19 Pandemic.

“Elevated levels of adverse mental health conditions, substance use, and suicidal ideation were reported by adults in the United States in June 2020,” the report says. “The prevalence of symptoms of anxiety disorder was approximately three times those reported in the second quarter of 2019 (25.5% versus 8.1%), and prevalence of depressive disorder was approximately four times that reported in the second quarter of 2019 (24.3% versus 6.5%).”

The report notes that given the methodological differences and potential unknown biases in survey designs, the analysis might not be directly comparable with data reported on anxiety and depression disorders in 2019.

However, according to the survey, “approximately one quarter of respondents reported symptoms of a (Traumatic Stress Related Disorder) related to the pandemic, and approximately one in 10 reported that they started or increased substance use because of COVID-19. Suicidal ideation was also elevated; approximately twice as many

OVRs responded to multiple suicides in the past month and say overdoses are rising.

respondents reported serious consideration of suicide in the previous 30 days than did adults in the United States in 2018, referring to the previous 12 months (10.7% versus 4.3%).”

From Gardner’s anecdotal perspective, things have gotten worse, not better since then.

He says while overdoses were on the rise prior to the pandemic, he estimated he’s seen a 25 percent increase in recent months.

He said the suicides and overdoses are not accounting for a significant portion of the 2,500 calls he expects to see this year, but the frequency has made them feel “almost routine.”

“It’s sad. I don’t know what there is that we can do to stop it,” he said. St. Lawrence County does have

a 24-hour crisis outline, Reachout that people struggling with suicidal thoughts or drug addiction can turn to. Reachout is a “free confidential, non-judgmental crisis and information hotline serving the residents of St. Lawrence County,” according to the county website. The phone number is 315-265-2422.

St. Lawrence County also provides some substance abuse services through the Human Service Center, which can be reached at 315-386-2048. Mental Health Services are also available though that number.

On top of the increase in such calls, Gardner says the Ogdensburg Volunteer Rescue Squad has struggled with a reduction in active volunteers.

He says he understands volunteers being cautious of putting themselves at risk of exposure during a pandemic, but with vaccinations available he is hopeful to see things pick up. He says he has a great group of volunteers and paid staff that are doing as much as they can, but says they are seeking additional volunteers.

Anyone interested in helping the squad can call 315-393-0837.

Sen. Ritchie says governor maintains emergency powers

Sen. Patty Ritchie R-Heuvelton says the Governor’s emergency powers remain in tact despite what’s being said.

“To be clear, legislation advanced today that’s being painted as a revocation of the Governor’s emergency powers does nothing to change the current dynamic in Albany. In fact, it actually makes things worse by removing the original April 30th expiration date on the Governor’s unchecked authority.

“The Executive Orders from the past year—everything from how many people can be in your home to onerous regulations on businesses—are still in place and our state remains under one-person

rule. I understand the need to have guidelines protecting public health during an unprecedented, global health crisis. However, as the pandemic continues the Legislature needs to be part of making the decisions that govern our daily lives.

“If the Majority was serious about returning our state to a system of checks and balances, they wouldn’t have negotiated this backroom deal with the Governor, who in recent days has been the focus of very serious, troubling allegations. Simply put, legislation advanced today was nothing but a hollow political gesture that unfortunately, continues to prevent the Legislature from doing its job,” she said.



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TOWN OF STOCKHOLM PLANNING BOARD MEETING LEGAL NOTICE • PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Stockholm Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, Winthrop. This meeting is on the request for an 8 Lot Subdivision by Mighty Pine, LLC on the property located on the Corner of Brookdale and Hurley Roads located in the Town of Stockholm. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a face mask is required to enter the building and the six feet social distancing is in effect. These meetings are open to the public. Any written comments may be submitted to the Town of Stockholm Planning Board, 540 State Highway 11C, Winthrop, NY 13697. DATED: March 10, 2021. Chad Colbert, Chairman, Stockholm Planning Board.

VPFA Family Housing LLC (the "LLC") filed Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on 2/24/21. LLC office location: St. Lawrence County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served to LLC, c/o Potsdam Housing Authority, 100 Racquette Road, Potsdam, New York 13676. Purpose: any lawful activity.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEARING-Project Number 2020-0265 •NOTICE: HEARING ON VARIANCE FROM APA ACT SHORELINE RESTRICTIONS, Project No. 2020-0265, pursuant to Executive Law § 806, on application of Mark Glauser and Gina Lee-Glauser for a variance to expand an existing single-family dwelling in the Town of Parishville, St. Lawrence County, in a Resource Management land use area on the APLUDP Map; tax map number: Section 66.122, Block 1, Parcel 58.11. Hearing by teleconference on March 24, 2021 at 12 pm, at <https://tinyurl.com/APA-VarianceP2020-0265>; and 1-518-549-0500 Local, Access Code: 185 411 6809. Interpretation/transcription services available to hearing impaired persons upon request at least 5 days prior to hearing date. Comments must be received by March 25, 2021 via email to PublicComment@apa.ny.gov Additional information at www.apa.ny.gov

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the Town of Parishville and in compliance with Section 1660 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law all roads in the Town of Parishville will temporarily be closed to all vehicles in excess of six (6) tons including load. Closings are in effect upon the erection of signs and will remain in effect until the authorized

PUBLIC NOTICE

removal of signs. Dated: March 04, 2021. Steven Hart, Highway Superintendent, Town of Parishville.

The Village of Norwood will have a public hearing on the Village police reform at 5 pm March 16th, 2021 Followed by the regular monthly meeting at 6 p.m. The meetings will be via zoom, anyone wishing to attend please contact the Village Clerk at 315-353-2372 for more info.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Chair of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators that the Chair and the members of the Board of Legislators of the County of St. Lawrence will meet at the Board of Legislators' Chambers, Court House, located at 48 Court Street, Canton, New York, at 5:45 p.m. on Monday, April 5, 2021, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing regarding: PROPOSED LOCAL LAW A (NO.) FOR THE YEAR 2021, "A LOCAL LAW RE-ESTABLISHING THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY MULTI-USE RECREATIONAL TRAIL SYSTEM AND ESTABLISHING A TRAIL PERMITTING PROCESS" • Section 1. Title • Section 2. Statutory Authority Section 3. Purpose • Section 4. Legislative Findings • Section 5. Definitions • Section 6. Designation of County Reforestation Lands for Current Trail Development • Section 7. Development of ATV Trails on Designated County Reforestation Lands • Section 8. Amendments to the Trail System • Section 9. Interconnecting Public Highways • Section 10. Operation of ATVS on the St. Lawrence County Trail System • Section 11. St. Lawrence County ATV Trail Permits • Section 12. Reference to ATV • Section 13. Severability • Section 14. Effective Date • **FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that copies of the proposed Local Law in its entirety are available on the St. Lawrence County website at www.stlawco.org or at the Office of the Clerk of Board of Legislators at Canton, New York, where they may be inspected or procured by any interested person during business hours. March 4, 2021 • Kelly S. Pearson, Deputy Clerk, St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators.

PUBLIC HEARING: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE Town of Louisville Board of Appeals will hold a public meeting on March 15, 2021 6:30 pm at the Louisville Municipal Building 14810 SH 37 Massena NY to discuss an area variance for the C-G property located at 15807 SH 37. March 3, 2021 William Helmer, Chairman

NOTICE OF FORMATION

Notice of Formation of Trego Realty Group LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Sec-

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retary of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/29/2021. Office of location: St Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail copy of process to: Elizabeth Lee Trego, 5 Rosebrier Ave, Massena NY 13662. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

State Street Grooming, LLC - Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 2/12/21. Office: St Lawrence Co. Designated agent of LLC upon whom process may be served is Johanna Kingsley, 311 CR 15, DeKalb Junction, NY 13630. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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.

Legal Notice Articles of Organization of Seaboard Solar Holdings NY, LLC Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law. **FIRST:** The name of the limited liability company is: **Seaboard Solar Holdings NY, LLC. SECOND:** The county, within this state, in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is ST. LAWRENCE. **THIRD:** The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The address with or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: InCorp Services, Inc. One Commerce Plaza 99 Washington Avenue, Suite 805A, Albany, NY 12210-2822. **FOURTH:** The limited liability company designates the following as its registered agent upon whom process against it may be served within the State of New York is: InCorp Services, Inc., One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Avenue, Suite 805A, Albany, NY 12210-2822. **FIFTH:** The limited liability company is to be managed by: ONE

INVITATION TO BID

(2021-03) 2021 Material Bids for St. Lawrence County

Pursuant to Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, State of New York, **Sealed bids will be received at the St. Lawrence County Purchasing Office, 48 Court Street, Canton, New York 13617 until 2:00 p.m., March 30, 2021** at which time and place they will be opened and read aloud for the purchase of materials to be used by the St. Lawrence County Highway Department for the next twelve months. Detailed specifications and requirements may be secured at the St. Lawrence County Purchasing Department for the following items:

1. New Steel Sheet Piling
2. New Steel Guiderails & Posts
3. New Miscellaneous Structural Steel
4. Lumber and Supplies
5. Reinforcement Rods
6. Transit Mix Concrete
7. Bag Portland Cement
8. Hot Mix Asphalt
9. Gravel & Sand
10. Crushed Stone
11. Liquid Calcium Chloride & Liquid Magnesium Chloride for Gravel Road Stabilization & Sand Stockpiles
12. Corrugated Culvert Pipe: Steel & Plastic – (Piggy-Back)
13. Explosives and Accessories
14. Geotextile
15. Sign Posts and Hardware – (OGS)
16. Precast Concrete Retaining Wall System – (Extended)
17. Pavement Reclamations – (17-I Extended)
18. Bridge Construction Supplies
19. Construction Testing Services (Soil, Asphalt & Concrete)
20. Environmental Laboratory Service
21. Subsurface Exploration Service
22. Aluminum Sign Blanks
23. Recycled Structural Thermoplastic Composite Materials
24. Crane And Rigging With Pile Installation Services

All bids must be accompanied by a non-collusion statement. St. Lawrence County reserves the right to reject any/or all bids. Please mark all bids with the appropriate BID ITEM AND NUMBER, in separate envelopes, and mail to:

St. Lawrence Purchasing Office
48 Court Street, Canton, New York 13617
March 9, 2021

NOTICE OF FORMATION

OR MORE MANAGERS. I certify that I have read the above statements. I am authorized to sign these Articles of Organization, that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and that my signature typed below constitutes my signature. Wendy Hefley (signature) –

NOTICE OF FORMATION

Wendy Hefley, ORGANIZER, 3773 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 500S, Las Vegas, NV 89169-6014. Filed with the NYS Department of State on 9.14.2020. File number 200914010688: DOS ID 5835162. Filed by Wendy Hefley, 3773 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 500S, Las Vegas, NV 89169-6014.



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North Country EMPLOYMENT

To Place Your Ad: 315-265-1000 | NorthCountryNow.com/Classifieds

HOME CAREGIVER WANTED

to join our team of amazing caregivers that provide care for our parents in their home in Canton. Prior eldercare experience, CNA, or LPN a plus. We currently have 2-3 nightshifts open 8pm-8am and other potential opportunities for shifts. Little care is required at night and there is separate caregiver room with double bed for sleeping, monitors in our parents rooms, and a computer. If you are outgoing, responsible and caring, and would like to learn more, please email me at eauster@schulich.yorku.ca

RIVER HOSPITAL

is hiring a **CARDIAC ULTRASOUND TECHNICIAN** to work on a per diem basis. This person will be instrumental in beginning our new program. We will work around availability of other work schedules. Please visit www.riverhospital.org to learn more about River Hospital and all of our programs.

CALL CENTER REP, GOUVERNEUR: \$13.25/hr, Rotating Shifts - Mon-Sun 7am-9pm. Diploma/GED Required. RX and Customer Service/Call Center Experience Preferred. Background and Drug Screen Required. Call Amanda 585-736-1358

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CASHIER/FREIGHT PERSON OPENING at Evans & White ACE Hardware. Applicant should be highly motivated and responsible. Mornings and afternoons, weekdays and Saturdays. Apply today at 1 Maple St., Potsdam.

Grounds/Maintenance person wanted for an apartment complex in Canton. (315)386-2166 tn

CARPENTERS WANTED, Excellent pay for experienced carpenters, must have 5 years verifiable experience, own transportation. 315-250-0650 tn

Madrid-Waddington Central School

Seeks



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL (UPK-5)

Elementary School Principal: Madrid-Waddington Central School District, located in the St. Lawrence River Valley in Northern New York, seeks a dynamic educational leader who can work effectively and collaboratively with staff, students, administrative team members, and community. The Madrid-Waddington Elementary School is a UPK - 5 building of 335 students with a reputation for academic excellence amid a nurturing, respectful climate.

Qualifications: The District seeks a strong instructional leader with a demonstrated record of academic and professional success to join a highly qualified, motivated staff. Preferred candidates will have elementary level teaching, administrative and CSE experience. New York State SAS or Building Level Certification (or equivalent) required. Salary is commensurate with experience; 11 month position.

Application deadline: March 26, 2021.
Anticipated start date: July 1, 2021.

Application and list of required documents is available from the District Office (315) 322-5746 x 35221 or District Website www.mwस्क12.org
Direct all correspondence to:

MR. ERIC BURKE, SUPERINTENDENT
Madrid-Waddington Central School District
PO Box 67, Madrid, NY 13660

MWCS is an affirmative action, EOE



City of Ogdensburg Employment Opportunity

The City of Ogdensburg is currently accepting applications for the position of **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**. The salary range is \$52,438 - \$68,307 with fringe benefits.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS Either:

- 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
- 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
- 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
- Three (3) years of full-time paid experience as described in (B) above.

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.

This is a provisional appointment. The successful applicant will need to take a civil service examination and score within the top three interested candidates in order to be permanently appointed.

The City of Ogdensburg is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Billing Specialist: Under the direction of the Accounts Receivable Supervisor, the Billing Specialist in Third Party Billing and Accounts Receivable will compile, process and maintain third party billing of and Accounts Receivable of Health Services in a manner consistent with medical, administrative, ethical, legal and regulatory requirements in all areas of the Business Office. The Billing Specialist assumes responsibility for third party billing and accounts receivables, including the timely submission of claims to third party payers, rebilling, posting payments and adjustments, aged/open claims follow-up, and denial management. Status: Full-time, Non-exempt. Deadline: 03/24/2021.

Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.smt-nsn.gov.

KITCHEN HELP: Maxfields, Mama Lucia & Cactus Grill - Day Prep 9-3, Evening Cook & Evening Dishwashers. **OPEN INTERVIEWS:** Tuesday, Wed & Thursday 11:30-2:30. March 9, 10 & 11th at Maxfields. Ask for Larry.

Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley is accepting applications from experienced RNs interested in providing team-centered, home-based care. We are looking for full-time nurse case managers, per diem RNs and On Call and admission nurses to join our team. Interested in learning more about the role of a Hospice nurse? Give us a call to speak with one of our amazing nurses or spend a day with a nurse to really see what it's like! Qualifications: current NYS RN license and 2 years of experience in the acute care setting. Call, 315-265-3105, or email Ruth Fishbeck, rfishbeck@hospiceslv.org for more information or an application.

LANDSCAPE SERVICE (Apr thru Nov) spring cleanup, weed control, fertilizing, planting, mulching, pruning, fall cleanup. Your truck, my tools, pay mileage, comp ui, experience required. (315-323-8127)

Penski Staffing

A @iTech Company

CorTech, LLC is a service-oriented staffing/recruiting company dedicated to working closely with our clients. We are currently hiring for PRODUCTION WORKERS, a CUSTODIAN and MACHINE OPERATORS. We also have several other positions available at this time. For more information please apply at www.cortech.net or Contact our office (315)265-8860.

The Town of Parishville seeks a FULL-TIME RECREATION MAINTENANCE WORKER. The position will be responsible for the operation of the Parishville Recreation Park. Minimum Qualifications: Two (2) years of experience in both indoor and outdoor maintenance work involving some grounds maintenance as well as the use of hand and power tools. Preferred Qualifications: Knowledge of maintenance and repair of motorized equipment, construction experience. Be prepared to sign a release authorizing a thorough background check; be in physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position; hold a clean driving record. Salary is contingent on experience. Submit letter of interest, resume and three professional references to Town of Parishville, PO Box 155, Parishville, NY by March 19, 2021.

NORWOOD-NORFOLK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2021-2022 school year: 1

Seeking

CORNERSTONE SERVICES

PLUMBING • HEATING • COOLING

Dispatcher/Scheduler Norwood office

Locally owned and operated, Cornerstone is a fully-staffed HVAC contractor. \$13-20/hour

Responsibilities:

- Maintain Technicians daily schedule and dispatch technicians calls are completed
- Schedule return service trips parts are in
- Maintain the on-call schedule for technicians
- Maintain customer database
- Clear, concise communications with department managers, employees, and customers including keeping customers informed to schedule and requested lead times
- Provide customer account with maintenance contract billing information

Required Qualifications:

- Advanced customer service skills and ability to multi-task
- Organized, with attention to detail
- Geographical knowledge of service area or map reading skills
- Verbal and written communication skills and computer skills
- High degree of professionalism
- High school diploma or GED
- Two years related experience and/or training in customer service, dispatch/scheduling or project management, or equivalent combination of education and experience
- Ability to pass background check

Desired Qualifications:

- Working knowledge of HVAC industry
- 1 year of dispatch/scheduling experience
- Advanced level skills using Microsoft Office products.

TO APPLY
Contact Josh at **315-353-4515**
or stop office during regular business hours
32 S Main St. • Norwood

FTE SCIENCE TEACHER (Biology Certified), 1 FTE MATH TEACHER, 1 FTE TECHNOLOGY TEACHER, 1 FTE READING TEACHER. Applications can be downloaded from the school website (www.nncsk12.org) or obtained in the District Office at NNCS. Please include a cover letter, resumé, copy of certification, transcripts, and letters of reference with professional application. Deadline to apply is March 23, 2021. NNCS is an EEO Employer. NYS Education Department fingerprint clearance is required for all appointments.

Looking for CNAs or experienced caregivers ASAP to assist me in the morning 6am-9am, 4.00pm-5pm, and 7.30pm-10.15pm. \$17-\$22/hour Call for details 315-769-7134. I need help now or I'll have to go to a nursing home.

SUNY Potsdam Child Care Center, Inc. invites applicants to fill several positions: Part-Time, Full Time, and Substitutes to work with Infants, Toddlers, Preschool and School Age children beginning March 2021. Qualifications preferred: A.A.S. in Early Childhood Education or related field, Infant/Toddler or Preschool CDA, and experience working with young children. Send a letter of interest with an updated resume and three current reference letters to: Lori Moulton, Director, SUNY Potsdam Child Care Center, Inc., 185 Outer Main Street, Potsdam, New

York 13676. Applications accepted until positions are filled. SUNY Potsdam Child Care Center, Inc. is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

SUBSTITUTE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Salmon River Central School District is currently accepting applications for the following substitute position: Substitute Nurse (LPN/RN); Applications can be found at www.srk12.org/employment/. Submit a completed application to: Angela Robert, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Salmon River Central School, 637 County Route 1, Fort Covington, NY 12937. The Salmon River Central School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, political affiliation, gender, age, marital status, sexual orientation, pregnancy, military status, veteran status, genetic predisposition or carrier status, ancestry, disability or any other legally protected status in regard to employment opportunities or educational/vocational programs or activities which it operates.

Construction Laborer- Entry Level, \$14 per hour, FT, Travel required, Minimum 1 year construction experience and NYS Driver's License required. Offer contingent on background and drug screen. Call Amanda 585-736-1358.

Warehouse Workers Needed Gouverneur \$12.50 per hour, 1st shift. Must be available weekdays and weekends. Standing, Bending, Lifting up to 50lb. Offer contingent on background and drug screen. Call Amanda 585-736-1358

EDWARDS-KNOX CENTRAL SCHOOL has anticipated openings for a FTE Tenure Track Earth Science/Physics Teacher and a FTE Tenure Track Counselor for the upcoming 2021/2022 school year. All certifications and pending certifications will be considered. Applications are due by 9AM on Monday, March 15, 2021. Substitutes in all areas are also being accepted, this is an ongoing search without an application deadline. Applications can be submitted at www.ekcsk12.org. Transcripts should be sent to the attention of Brandi Graham, District Clerk, 2512 CR 24, Hermon, NY 13652.

RN CASE MANGAGER. Would you like to be a Hometown Hero? Today, it's riskier than ever being an RN. HSNNY understands the concerns surrounding staying safe at work but still making a difference in the lives of your patients. The safest place for our patients to be is at HOME! COVID-19 cases are on the rise in our county and now more than ever, our community needs homecare. We strive to keep our nurses safe while out in the community by requiring mandatory pre-visit screening and providing necessary PPE for all high-risk environments. Our patients appreciate our dedication to keeping them in their home environment amidst the pandemic. Stay safe while becoming the Hometown Hero we know you can be and apply immediately! Applications for RNCM being accepted through March 26, 2021. Click to apply. <https://us59.dayforcehcm.com/CandidatePortal/en-US/hamistergroup/Site/HEALTHCARE/Posting/View/124>

Potsdam Specialty Paper, Inc. is seeking to fill **Plant Maintenance MECHANIC** posi-



Clarkson™

Employment Opportunities

Administrative Assistant (Potsdam, NY)

The successful candidate will be responsible for preparation and execution of all mailings generated by the Admissions Office. The candidate will process and distribute incoming departmental mail, maintain inventory of admission materials, maintain inventory of admission office supplies, and manage admission email and fax accounts. This candidate will also process and generate leadership and achievement awards, answer telephone and refer call, process registrations for on and off campus events, assist with the processing of applications, acceptances/denies, and deposits, assist with covering for administrative assistant (front desk) when out of the office.

Associate Controller (Potsdam, NY)

The Associate Controller is a key member of the Controller's Office staff, providing direct support to the Controller with the annual audit and preparation of financial statements and other financial reporting for the University, as well as serving as the primary point of contact in the absence of the Controller. The Associate Controller has primary responsibility for supervising the Research Accountant and working with that position to manage all grants accounting and financial reporting, including the annual A-133 audit completion and reporting. Other duties include managing, maintaining and enhancing accounting systems utilized by the University. Additionally, the Associate Controller is responsible for creating and maintaining manuals, procedures, forms and web-pages utilized by the Controller's Office for both internal and external users, including related training and support for campus users of systems maintained by the Controller's Office.

To view full posting and for more information on how to apply, visit <http://www.clarkson.edu/hr> and click "Career Opportunities" below

Careers at Clarkson.

An equal opportunity /affirmative action employer, Clarkson actively seeks and encourages applications from minorities, women and people with disabilities. Prior to a final offer of employment, the selected candidate will be required to submit to a background check including, but not limited to, employment verification, educational and other credential verification, and criminal background check. Positions located at our Potsdam, NY campus.



Potsdam Central School

Vacancies for 2021-2022 School Year:

- Special Education Teacher -- Elem.
- Elementary Teacher
- School Counselor (Guidance) -- MS
- Social Studies Teacher
- Technology Teacher --MS

An application link is available on the PCS webpage.

For questions, contact:
Ms. Davida M. Martin, Office of the Superintendent
29 Leroy St., Potsdam, NY 13676
315-265-2000, ext. 733

Application deadline: March 26, 2021 • EOE

Sudoku

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

Answers found elsewhere in this paper.

Human Resource Specialist

needed in Canton, NY.

Apply at: www.AtlanticTesting.com/careers

itions. The successful candidate will have the ability to maintain, install, repair and trouble shoot process equipment and infrastructure to support reliable mill operations safely. Ensure that work is in accordance with relevant codes. Complete reactive maintenance on production line to recover from equipment failures by repairing mechanical and structural components. Perform or assist with facility related repairs and projects. Execute plant prevention maintenance program according to PM schedule to minimize downtime. Work with team members and operators to ensure the efficiency of the daily production schedule. Minimum Requirements: Possess a High School Degree or GED. New York State Journeyman card in applicable trade is preferred. In lieu of this certification, we will consider individuals who have partially completed the apprenticeship program or who have 3 years of industrial mechanical experience in a related field. For those hired into the position without Journeyman certification, enrollment in the Apprentice Program is required. An AA degree in mechanical, electrical or industrial maintenance is a plus. Excellent troubleshooting and problem solving skills. Possess good written and verbal communication skills. Ability to work in a manufacturing environment with exposure to noise and

temperature fluctuations. Must be willing to work some weekends, frequent overtime and respond to call-ins. Our company offers a competitive wage and benefits package on day one, including medical/prescription, dental, life, vision, 401(k) plan. Paid leave and holidays. Interested candidates possessing the requisite qualifications should send cover letter and resume by March 12, 2021: Business Leader, Potsdam Specialty Paper, Inc., 547A Sissonville Road, Potsdam, NY 13676.

Potsdam Specialty Paper, Inc. is seeking to fill a **PLANT MAINTENANCE ELECTRICIAN** position. The successful candidates will have the ability to install, adjust, maintain and troubleshoot plant equipment such as: hydraulics, pneumatics, blowers, pumps, fans, air compressors, cranes and power distribution systems. A proven electrical ability including machine repair, PLC's, motor controls and VFD's is required. The ability to work with team members and operators to ensure the efficiency of the daily production schedule is also required. Excellent troubleshooting and problem solving skills. Possess good written and verbal communication skills. Ability to work in a manufacturing environment with exposure to noise and temperature fluctuations. Must be willing to work some weekends, overtime

and respond to call-ins. Minimum Requirements: Requires a High School Diploma or equivalent. New York State Journeyman card in applicable trade is preferred. In lieu of this certification, we will consider individuals who have partially completed the apprenticeship program or who have 3 years of industrial electrical experience. An AA degree in electrical engineering technology is a plus. Non-Journeypersons will be required to complete the apprenticeship program. Our company offers a competitive wage and benefits package on day one, including medical/prescription, dental, life, vision, 401(k) plan. Paid leave and holidays. Interested candidates possessing the requisite qualifications should send cover letter and resume by March 12, 2021: Business Leader, Potsdam Specialty Paper, Inc., 547A Sissonville Road, Potsdam, NY 13676.

Potsdam Specialty Paper, Inc. is seeking a **CONTROLS ENGINEER** to monitor and maintain the distributed control system hardware, software, process control networks and the defect detection system. This position is also responsible for limited IT hardware requirements. Duties include but are not limited to: Develop new and maintain existing controls and safeguards. Recommend new automated solutions to machine functions. Oversee all SCADA and Controls systems use, development and system health. Provide advanced technical direction to E&I Technicians. Review/implement software upgrades and patches. Process automation, engineering development & maintenance as it relates to the SCADA and controls systems. Manage Ametek vision system and Measurex scanning system. Oversee the development and maintenance of AutoCAD prints for all electrical systems throughout the plant. Update LOTO systems. Position Requirements: Prefer an associate with an BS degree in Electrical Engineering with 2 years' experience or an AAS degree in electrical engineering with 4+ years progressively responsible experience in electronic instrumentation, automation engineering, troubleshooting and/or project management. Salary commensurate with experience. Competitive benefit package. Medical/prescription, dental, vision, 401(k) plan, life and LTD. Interested candidates possessing the requisite qualifications should forward a letter and resume by March 12, 2021: Business Leader 547A Sissonville Road, Potsdam, New York 13676

PROCESS ENGINEER

wanted in Ogdensburg. The successful candidate will possess an Engineering degree with an emphasis on chemical, mechanical or industrial engineering. Successful candidates must be willing to learn all aspects of the manufacturing process and demonstrate good organizational and time management skills. Starting wage dependent on experience. Interested applicants may drop resume off to 110 Denny Street or email kim@hoosiermagnetics.com.

DENTAL HYGIENIST NEEDED to join our close-knit team. We serve all demographics of the population, from preschoolers to the elderly, and we operate a busy office with high levels of traffic. The ideal candidate will have a calm, reassuring and friendly demeanor as well as the ability to multitask in a fast-paced atmosphere. A valid NYS Hygiene license is a must. If you are interested please send your resume to guldan.dds.pllc@wny.twcbc.com

AUTOCAD/REVIT/DRAFTSPERSON

Tisdal Associates, an engineering firm in Canton, NY, is currently accepting applications for a Draftsperson. Associates or Technical Degree in Drafting with a focus on engineering. 2+ years experience with AutoCAD. REVIT experience a plus. Full time position. Complete benefits package. Submit resume to bdanko@tisdalassociates.com

THE HAMPTON INN is seeking a part-time housekeeper. This person should be flexible, willing to work weekends, attentive to details and reliable. Please apply at the Hampton Inn, 169 Market St., Potsdam.

MECHANICAL ENGINEER / MECHANICAL DESIGNER

Tisdal Associates, an engineering firm in Canton, New York, is currently accepting applications for a Mechanical Engineer/Mechanical Designer for HVAC system design. AAS in HVAC Engineering Technology or Bachelor's of Technology in Mechanical Engineering. 2-3 Years relevant experience preferred. Full time position. Complete benefits package. Submit resume to bdanko@tisdalassociates.com

Environmental Protection Technician:

The Environmental Protection Technician of the Water Resources Program (Water Resources Technician or Technician) will perform laboratory and field assessments to monitor the environment and investigate sources of pollution, including those that affect health, under the direction of a program manager, scientist or other specialist. These assessments may include a variety of protocols and require the use of scientific instruments. This work usually involves the collection of samples containing gases, soil, water, biota and other materials for testing or identification. Technicians will perform an analysis of results and prepare reports summarizing findings. Status: Full-time, Non-exempt. Deadline: 03/10/2021. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.



Adjunct Clinical Instructors for Pre-Licensure Nursing Programs

The State University of New York (SUNY) College at Canton is seeking adjunct clinical instructors to teach in the clinical setting for the pre-licensure nursing programs. Clinical experiences at area hospitals, long term care facilities, and health care facilities.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Clinical instruction using criterion referenced methods of evaluation; collaboration on course content, implementation, and evaluation; maintain an effective relationship with clinical sites.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor's degree in nursing. Master's degree in Nursing or progress towards completion of a Master's degree in nursing required to be hired for a second semester. Must possess a valid, unencumbered RN license in New York State, and the American Heart Association Healthcare Provider BLS for Adults, Infant, and Child.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Candidates will have two or more years of experience in clinical nursing practice and prior teaching experience.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: open until filled; application review begins immediately.

Persons interested in the above position should apply online at <https://employment.canton.edu/> Prior to a final offer of employment, the selected candidate will be required to submit to a background check including, but not limited to, employment verification, educational and other credential verification, and criminal background check.

SUNY Canton is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer, with a commitment to building a culturally diverse and pluralistic faculty to meet the needs of our diverse student population and strongly encourages applications from minority and women candidates.

Office Manager / Bookkeeper
Experience Necessary

Apply within or call

10 Willow Street • Massena • 315-769-9929



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St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES is looking to fill the following positions:

Teacher of Speech and Hearing Handicap

This position will provide speech and language improvement services to students in the general education setting as requested by school districts. The successful candidate will need to possess the knowledge and expertise to evaluate, habilitate, and rehabilitate speech, language, communication and hearing disorders. Appropriate NYS certification is required.

Special Education Teachers

Special Education Teachers are responsible for designing and implementing lesson plans that meet with student's IEP goals. These positions will be located within school districts in St. Lawrence County. Students with disability certification is required.

The BOCES application can be accessed & submitted online at www.sllbooces.org. Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled. EOE

srmt-nsn.gov.

Maxfields & Cactus Grill: Day & evening Cooks, Evening food runner, Pizza chef. Call Larry for interviews - 315-212-2707.

Primary Care Medical Office seeking FULL-TIME LPN. Salary commiserate with experience. Excellent retirement benefits. Please mail resume to 31 Hospital Dr Massena NY 13662, or email to drgupta-massena@gmail.com

LPN/MA Position Available
Primary Care office in Massena looking for an energetic, fun Nurse or MA to add to our great team. Jobs include rooming patients, answering calls, and various in office procedures/labs. Send resume to North Country Adult Medicine 38 Hospital Dr. Massena, NY 13662

Female caregivers wanted for elderly, disabled woman in Russell. Tasks include all aspects of personal care as well as house-keeping and cooking. Applicants must be capable of turning 180 lb patient. Experience

with hoier lift and incontinence care preferred. Employment is through Community Health Center of the North Country. Please text 315-244-6389 or email Samantha at all-paws512@aol.com

St. Lawrence County Department of Social Services is accepting applications for a COMMUNITY SERVICES WORKER position. Compensation includes generous benefits and starting annual salary of \$36,610. This is a provisional appointment. The successful applicant will need to take a civil service exam and score within the top three interested candidates to be permanently appointed. Applications and information regarding the minimum qualifications are available on St. Lawrence County's website at www.stlawco.org/Departments/HumanResources. Please respond with applications to Human Resources, St. Lawrence County, 48 Court Street, Canton, New York, 13617. AA/EEO.

St. Lawrence County Department of Social Services is accepting applications for a SENIOR CLERK position. Compensation

MASSENA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

is currently accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year for the following

Motor Vehicle Operator - Food Service

Please refer to <https://www.mcs.k12.ny.us> Human Resources - Job Opportunities for professional application process.



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Morristown Central School

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SUBSTITUTES

are currently needed for the following positions:

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- Teacher's Aide
- Clerical Worker
- School Monitor
- Teaching Assistant

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MASSENA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

is currently accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year for the following

Secondary Physical Education Teacher

Secondary Special Education Teacher

Secondary Math Teacher

School Psychologist

(Ant.) Foreign Language Teacher - French

(Ant.) Art Teacher

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NYS School Psychologist certification is required.

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TRANSPORTATION SUPERVISOR

QUALIFICATIONS:

A. Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a Bachelor's Degree, plus three (3) years of full-time or its part-time equivalent paid experience in student transportation in one or more of the following areas: planning, budgeting, routing, scheduling, arranging contracted services for student transportation, office management (including responsibilities for personnel and payroll operations), one (1) year of which shall have supervision; **OR**


B. Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma, plus seven (7) years of full-time or its part-time equivalent paid experience as described in the above paragraph, one (1) year of which shall have included supervision; **OR**

C. Any equivalent combination of training and experience as defined by the limits of A and B.

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- TELEVISION:** Which 1980s-'90s sitcom featured the Conner family?
- LANGUAGE:** What does the Greek prefix "pan" mean in English?
- MOVIES:** Which artist sang the song that inspired the movie title "Pretty Woman"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is the first primary color that babies can see?
- GEOGRAPHY:** What is the world's longest cave system?
- MEDICAL:** What is a fasciculation, the medical term for a common ailment?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president was the only one to be elected a U.S. senator after leaving office?
- GEOLOGY:** Emerald and aquamarine are types of which mineral?
- U.S. STATES:** What was the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution?
- MEASUREMENTS:** What dosing measurement (metric) is used to administer liquid medication?

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