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## Massena preps for legal cannabis

**BY ANDY GARDNER**  
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MASSENA – Massena code officials are looking into what changes they would have to make at the local level to accommodate legal cannabis businesses. Recreational cannabis legalization and regulation is being considered as part of the 2021-22 New York state budget.

At the February Board of Trustees meeting, Deputy Mayor Matt Lebire reported that the Code Committee is now studying that area.

"We are currently exploring impacts on if the state legalizes marijuana, and how we may need to adjust our codes," Lebire said.

Aaron Hardy, Massena's fire department foreman and chief code officer, said he's been looking into local codes in other states that have legalized cannabis for recreational use. It's currently legal in New York state for medicinal use. It has to be prescribed by a doctor and acquired from a medical dispensary, the nearest being in Plattsburgh.

"Right now, we're looking at local codes anywhere from California to Colorado. I'm just starting to look at the documentation up in Maine," Hardy said.

He said researching codes in place elsewhere is a common approach to adding or amending Massena's existing codes.

"We like to look at other municipalities' rules and regulations, see how they've worked for them, and try to use portions of their codes so we don't have to reinvent the wheel," Hardy said.

He said right now, he's focusing on things that would deal with cannabis shops, or dispensaries. That includes regulations like where they're allowed to be located, and where they aren't.

"There are a lot of rules and regulations in

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Photo submitted

## Sledding in Ogdensburg

Ogdensburg resident Cathy Henshaw, and her grandchild, Eli Kampnich, slide together down the hill at St. Lawrence State Park, Rt. 37, Ogdensburg, over winter break.

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## County investigating city's plans

**BY ANDY GARDNER and JIMMY LAWTON**  
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG – A five-member committee of legislators will research Ogdensburg's proposal for St. Lawrence County to take over tax collection and foreclosures for the city.

The committee chair will be Dan Fay, D-Canton. Other members will include legislators Margaret Haggard, D-Potsdam; John Burke, R-Norfolk; and Joe Lightfoot, R-Ogdensburg. Board of Legislators Chairman Bill Sheridan, R-Hammond will also be on the committee, but only to act as a tie-breaking vote, if needed.

Sheridan said they don't anticipate meeting with the city anytime soon. For now, they'll be crunching numbers and analyzing various data to see how it could actually work. County department heads may be brought in to answer questions, as needed, Sheridan said.

Several county legis-

lators seem in favor of exploring some sort of shared services agreement in response to a proposal from the City of Ogdensburg. One member of the board accused the city of retaliating over the stalled sales tax distribution negotiations.

The discussion took place Monday, March 1 during the full Board of Legislators meeting.

County Administrator Ruth Doyle said Ogdensburg is asking for the county to consider taking over things like police dispatching and hazardous materials (hazmat) response. The city has also previously requested the county look at taking over their property tax collection and foreclosure.

"The immediate action items are all underway. One resolution was passed tonight. Property tax foreclosure, that's a complex process," Doyle said, adding that the city and county operate "on very different calendars

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## SLC finally begins sports season; schedule will be fluid

**BY JIMMY LAWTON**  
North Country This Week

The much-debated high-risk sports season is underway in St. Lawrence County, with a variety of safety measures and a fluid and flexible schedule in place.

Section X Director Carl Normandin said the districts have been divided into cohorts to minimize exposure.

"We developed 'cohorts' (that) are based on geography and potential travel time of 40 minutes or less.

This is in an effort to reduce potential transmission to the bus drivers and players/coaches based on being in a confined area with poor ventilation. However, these cohorts will be subject to change based on schools going remote and temporary shut-downs etc," he said in an emailed response to questions.

Normandin said 23 of 24 Section X schools are participating in basketball in St. Lawrence, Lewis and Franklin counties.

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## Assemblyman Walczyk: It's time to 'kick the crown' in New York

**BY JIMMY LAWTON**  
North Country This Week

The United States government is built on a system of checks and balances, where different branches of lawmakers keep power from being concentrated. But sometimes lawmakers are able to leverage a crisis to offset the scales and that's a concern for state Assemblyman Mark Walczyk.

Over the past few months, Walczyk's "Kick the Crown" cam-

paign has gained steam as Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo faces backlash for withholding information regarding nursing home deaths during the early days of the pandemic.

Walczyk, who represents the northern half of St. Lawrence County including Potsdam and Canton, says he thinks Cuomo could be impeached in the wake of ongoing investigations. The investigations have expanded since his interview to include a look into allegations of sexual

harassment.

That's something his fellow GOP members of the state legislator are rallying behind and more Democrats are joining the call.

At the time of a February interview, Walczyk said more information was needed before any impeachment action were to take place and it appears now that such investigations will take place.

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# Councilor 'sorry' after insulting library director

BY JIMMY LAWTON  
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG – Ogdensburg City Councilor Steve Fisher has apologized for a Facebook post that insulted Ogdensburg Public Library Director Penny Kerfien.

Kerfien said she was shocked by the social media screenshot of a message that referred to her as “being bitchy,” and was posted on the Friends of the Ogdensburg Library Facebook Page on a post that called on the public to vote on an upcoming referendum.

Fisher confirmed that he made the post, but he says it was never intended to be public and was part of a private conversation. And while he deleted it within minutes of the upload, a screenshot was widely shared over social media over the weekend.

Kerfien said the message caught her off-guard.

“I was shocked. Mr. Fisher and I have always had polite conversations with one another,” she said.

Kerfien said in general she has a good working relationship with the council and is hopeful it will continue despite the incident.

Fisher said he reached out to Kerfien Monday to offer an apology.

“It was an accident. I called Penny and apologized and she accepted it,” he said.

Kerfien said she’s looking to move past the incident and focus on a vote, which could decide the library’s future. She has been keeping services going at the library despite the ongoing pandemic and continued cuts to the budget. The

library has continued to offer computer access, curbside pickup and crafts for kids over the past year despite the many difficulties presented.

But as the city plans to end all funding of the public library in the upcoming budget, Kerfien will be working to get support from taxpayers. The library wants to collect \$350,000 in taxes from the public in a referendum attached to the school budget, with a vote set for May 18. She said the money is not directly tied to the school budget, and will be voted up or down separately.

“Due to proposed budget cuts in 2022 from the City of Ogdensburg -- the Ogdensburg Public Library is reaching out to school district residents to request funding – please note this is NOT part of the Ogdensburg School District Budget,” a release from the Friends of The Ogdensburg Public Library said.

“The City of Ogdensburg, the Mayor and City Council members have been generous to the Ogdensburg Public Library over the years but they have decided that they can no longer support the library financially – we are hopeful they will continue their moral support moving forward.”

The Ogdensburg Public Library Referendum will cost the taxpayers -- \$58.05 per year for a home assessed at \$65,000 (based on average value) in Ogdensburg; \$58.05 per year for a home assessed at \$65,000 (based on average value) in Oswegatchie and \$75.39 per year for a home assessed at \$65,000 (based on average value) in Lisbon.



Cheryl Shumway | NCTW

## Down hill fun in Ogdensburg

Evrhett Ramie, Brasher, and his grandfather, Joe Ramie, Ogdensburg, slide together down the hill at St. Lawrence State Park, Rt. 37, Ogdensburg, during February break.

## Big grants for St. Regis Mohawk Tribe

AKWESASNE — The St. Regis Mohawk Tribe will receive two federal grants, \$1,500,053 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to improve low-income housing, and \$13,750 from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, who represents St. Lawrence County in the 21st Congressional District,

announced the grants recently.

The money will be used for art and cultural projects. “The St. Regis Mohawk Tribe is an important part of the North Country, and I am pleased to announce new federal funds that will improve their community and preserve their unique culture,” Stefanik said.

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## Geese in Lisbon

Swans and geese don't mind the cold water at Lisbon Beach as they take a dip recently.

# School trustee questions funding for contact tracing as public health struggles to keep up

BY ANDY GARDNER  
North Country This Week

MASSENA – A school board member questioned if district personnel would be paid overtime or otherwise compensated for assisting county Public Health with the contact tracing process.

Trustee Kevin Perretta raised the question during a recent special board meeting.

“For the contact tracing that the school is doing for Public Health, I was just wondering if we could find out and get some sort of report as to the labor effort the school district employees are putting toward this end. Are we paying overtime or any sort of additional compensation to employees with regard to this work that they’re doing for St. Lawrence County Public Health?” he said.

Superintendent Pat Brady said he wasn’t aware of any overtime requests connected with contact tracing. He said it’s mostly building principals and the head nurse contacting staff and student families to inform them of a potential exposure, and to advise them to voluntarily quarantine and wait for Public Health.

“She’s the conduit between

**‘They are now pulling out the bus lists, and where the kids were sitting, so they can look at this, which we have to keep anyway.’**

**Patrick Brady**  
Massena School Superintendent

Public Health and the school. So she’s contacting the administrators involved,” he said. He said they’ll allow the head nurse to take comp time to make up for overtime.

When the potential contacts hap-

pen on a bus, the head nurse works with the director of transportation.

“They’re now pulling out the bus lists, and where the kids were sitting, so they can look at this, which we have to keep anyway,” Brady said. For classroom contacts, the head nurse works with the building principal to look at seating and attendance charts to figure out who could be at risk.

“We know Public Health is backlogged, so if we say it’s Public Health’s responsibility, then we have people showing up in the building the next day who should not be there. So it benefits us for contacting the students and the staff so they don’t show up, and that’s really why we end up being put in that position. We don’t want them here when it’s potentially not safe for them to be here,” Brady said.

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# Legislator opposes support for praising pistol policy

BY ANDY GARDNER  
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CANTON – County legislators passed a bill praising the county court judge for offering a removal of pistol permit restrictions.

The motion passed 13-0-1. The abstention was Margaret Haggard, D-Potsdam, who also abstained when the resolution came up at the Finance Committee meeting a week prior.

Haggard said she abstained “for reasons I made clear at the committee meeting.”

The previous week, Haggard said it wasn’t because of any issues related to firearms, and she recognizes that Storie’s decision on pistol permits is within his purview as an elected county judge.

“I don’t believe this kind of resolution is appropriate when we have a separation of powers. I wouldn’t want the judge weighing in on things we do here,” she said. I’m going to abstain. A no might signal in some ways I’m against guns ... I

swore to uphold the Constitution. That includes all the amendments.”

Legislator Kevin Acres, R-Madrid, introduced the resolution to the full board and said, “this is the end of what we’ve been trying to achieve since 2015.”

The permit restrictions were placed by former County Court Judge Jerome Richards. Current County Court Judge Greg Storie campaigned on promises to rescind many of those.

Legislator Dave Forsythe, R-Lisbon, said he has a permit with restrictions from ex-Judge Richards, and Judge Storie recently removed them.

“I encourage everyone to take advantage of it, because it worked quite well,” Forsythe said.

County Attorney Steve Button said the county clerk has prepared a form for permit holders to apply to have their restrictions removed. It can be downloaded from the county website and must be prepared and mailed to the clerk’s office, who will forward them to Judge Storie.

# Skywest ends Chicago flights, increases D.C. trips

OGDENSBURG — Skywest will continue to be Ogdensburg’s Essential Air Service Provider, but will end flights to Chicago.

Wes Horrocks, a Skywest spokesperson, said the decision was made by the federal department of transportation, but the good news is that flights will continue to Washington D.C. and there will be more access to connecting flights.

Horrocks says Skywest will not reduce the number of daily flights, instead all flights will go to Washington.

While this will mean no more direct flights to Chicago, he says it will help provide more time options for flights out of Ogdensburg and more access to connecting flights daily.

Congresswoman Stefanik announced that the Department of

Transportation has selected SkyWest Airlines Inc. to provide weekly, nonstop, round trip flights from Ogdensburg International Airport (OGS) to Washington-Dulles International Airport (IAD).

Congresswoman Stefanik, who represents St. Lawrence County in the 21st Congressional District, has long advocated for increased funding for the Essential Air Service (EAS) program during every appropriations season, as it provides critical funding for rural airports and allows smaller communities like those in the North Country to access the national air transportation system.

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## Lunker in Rensselaer Falls

Liam Riordan, 9, of Rensselaer Falls, recently caught his first Northern Pike, his first fish through the ice and his first fish of the year. The pike was caught on the St. Lawrence River under the knowledgeable guidance and direction of Shawn Kinney and assist by Heather Dean both of Lisbon. The pike weighed in at 11 lbs. 2 oz. and measured 36 inches.

# Ogdensburg City Manager to apply for SAFER grant, union wants to assist

BY JIMMY LAWTON  
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG – Ogdensburg City Manager Stephen Jellie says the city will apply for a SAFER Grant to help offset costs at the fire department, but he will not increase the number of employees there.

The Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant comes from the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and aims to help fire departments keep staffing at levels that allow them to meet industry standards.

A topic of debate in the city, Jellie believes current staffing levels meet those standards, while members of the fire union have been vocal in their disagreement with that belief.

"The SAFER Program accomplishes this by providing funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to assist in increasing the number of firefighters to help communities meet industry minimum standards and attain 24-hour staffing to provide adequate fire protection from fire and fire-related hazards, and to fulfill traditional missions of fire departments," FEMA's website says.

And while the city will seek the grant, Jellie says it won't be to fill positions above and beyond what

the city has budgeted for the years.

"I'm not asking the government for something I don't need and we don't need more than 21 firefighters in the department," he said. "I'm not going to ask for additional money for additional positions."

The Ogdensburg Fire Department's union has been calling on Jellie to seek the grants, which currently allow municipalities to fund positions through grants. They have contended that the city could use that money to keep staffing at 24 members, the number included in the contract between the city and union.

Last year the city did not apply for the grant, which could have been used to save the city a significant amount of money even if it did not use the funding to bolster job numbers. The city has taken a fair amount of criticism for not applying last year.

Currently, one firefighter remains laid-off, and Jellie has no intention of bringing him back until an opening occurs. He said that's not scheduled to happen for at least two years unless another member takes advantage of early retirement incentives offered by the city as the two entities head toward arbitration.

"It's par for the course on how he views emergency situations. He clearly thinks that redundancy is

not a good thing. But in reality it's completely necessary," he said.

Bouchard says it's upsetting that the firefighter is being used like a "hostage" for leverage in negotiations.

"They are going to keep blaming us for Jake Thornton not being here, when here lies a path to bring the last remaining hostage back to work. Because that's how he is being treated," he said.

Bouchard said he is glad that the city is seeking the grant and says it's vital that the fire department help put it together.

"If Mr. Jellie is so inclined to apply for this grant we hope that he will enlist the help from some of our union members who have thousands of hours of experience," he said.

Jellie says the city may have trouble securing the funding.

"One of the problems is you have to show there is financial hardship and right now with everything we're doing I'm not sure that will come through," he said. However, Jellie said with the city's finances still well below where they need to be, he's likely to be able to show that more cuts could be necessary if revenues decline or a major expense is incurred.

The grant application is due mid-March.

## Variants of COVID likely here, doctor says

BY ANDY GARDNER  
North Country This Week

CANTON – One of St. Lawrence County's top public health officials says people should assume that more contagious COVID-19 variants are likely present here. The best way to prevent them from spreading is for people to get vaccinated and continue public health mitigation measures, Dr. Andrew Williams said.

"Ongoing public health measures

and vaccinations are how we can stop these variants from being more of a problem," he said, adding that "rapid, widespread rollout (of vaccines) is important."

Public health measures include wearing a mask, physical distancing, hand hygiene, staying home when sick and staying local.

The St. Lawrence County Board of Health president addressed the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators during their Monday, March 1 meeting. "We should assume it's quite likely we have the variants in our community and take the appropriate steps," the doctor said.

He said the variants have been found in neighboring Jefferson County and nearby Essex County. He believes they could be here because local labs aren't able to test for them. They can confirm infection, but not if it's caused by a vari-

ant. He said the state is looking for them in the North Country region, but they're "less specific in what they're doing in our county."

Clarkson University is doing analysis of wastewater to check for COVID-19. Dr. Williams said they may be able to detect the variants.

"I'm optimistic by monitoring the wastewater for these variants, we'll get information in an innovative way, possibly faster than other techniques," he said. The variants are caused by mutations in the novel coronavirus's RNA. There are now four – the United Kingdom, South Africa, Brazil and New York City variants. The current COVID-19 vaccines are believed to be effective against the U.K. and South Africa strains, but there needs to be more research before that can be confirmed if the Brazil and NYC mutations.

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# Ogdensburg giving back snow days

OGDENSBURG — Ogdensburg City School District will be giving back four unused snow days.

“As you know, the New York State Education Department requires that all schools must be in attendance for a minimum of 180 days each school year,” a statement on the district Facebook page said.

Each year the district builds in several emergency days to its school calendar; this year they included seven days.

So far this year, the district has utilized only one

snow day. The district will be “giving back” four unused emergency days.

There will be no school in the Ogdensburg City School District on the following days:

Thursday, April 1, 2021; Monday, April 12, 2021; Tuesday, April 13, 2021 and Friday, May 28, 2021.

Give back days are subject to change, and should the district be forced to utilize more than two additional emergency days, the above dates could be modified.

# Massena man charged with theft

MASSENA — A Massena man was arrested on a felony after allegedly stealing more than \$1,400 in merchandise from Walmart in Malone on Saturday night.

Troopers said they responded to a reported larceny shortly before 7 p.m. Feb. 27 to the store on U.S. Highway 11

The suspect had fled in a vehicle before troopers arrived on scene but police found his vehicle and made a

traffic stop.

Police say 31-year-old Brian D. Laprade of Massena stole three heated jackets, a Gotrax electric scooter, a Shark Robot vacuum, and a Bissell Crosswave cordless floor cleaner.

When approached by store employees, Laprade fled in a vehicle.

Police said Laprade was also found in possession of other stolen

property from another retailer in the village of Malone. He was also found to be operating with a suspended license. Laprade was charged with fourth-degree grand larceny and second-degree aggravated unlicensed operation, trooper said. He was released with tickets returnable to the Malone Town Court and then turned over to Malone police for further investigation of stolen property.

# Ogdensburg asking state and federal officials to help offset WWTP costs with grants

BY JIMMY LAWTON  
North Country This Week

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

“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 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 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 prin-

cipal 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 governments 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 best person to lead the District Attorney’s Office,” commented St. Lawrence County Republican Party Chairwoman Nancy Martin. “Gary Pasqua has brought credibility, integrity and fairness to the Office of the District Attorney. I could not be happier to endorse the District Attorney for another term.” added County Conservative party Chairman Henry “Hank” Ford.

and reforms in the criminal justice system in New York. Discovery and bail reform drastically changed the day-to-day operations of District Attorney’s Offices across New York State. The St. Lawrence County District Attorney’s office has been able to meet those new demands thanks in part to DA Pasqua having the foresight to implement a completely electronic and paperless discovery system prior to the reforms. Despite the current pandemic, the Office has continued to effectively serve the people of St. Lawrence County without sacrificing public safety. The District Attorney’s Office, in conjunction with local, state and federal law enforcement, conducted Operation Drop at the height of the pandemic resulting in a forty-four defendant drug indictment.” District Attorney Pasqua has been endorsed by both the St. Lawrence County Republican Party Executive Committee and the St. Lawrence County Conservative Party Executive Committee. “DA Pasqua has shown through his hard work, dedication and track record that he is

# 25 percent of SLC residents over 16 now vaccinated

BY ANDY GARDNER  
North Country This Week

Just under one-quarter of those over age 16 in St. Lawrence County have received at least one vaccine dose.

Public Health Director Dr. Dana McGuire announced the update at the Monday, March 1 Board of Legislators meeting.

She said there are about 89,000 St. Lawrence County residents who can get vaccinated, and just over 21,000 have had one dose.

The total population is around 108,000.

Dr. McGuire said the eligible population doesn’t include ages 16

and under because the vaccines aren’t recommended for anyone that young.

Dr. McGuire said pharmacies are handling vaccinations for people age 65 and up, as well as nursing home workers and residents. She said they’ve administered about 1,700 for nursing homes. She said pharmacies have also given just over 5,300 first doses to the elderly at stores.

“They share a big portion of what we’re seeing here in the county as well,” she said.

Dr. McGuire said they’re planning a vaccine POD (point of distribution) at the Ogdensburg Golden Dome during the coming week of March 1.

# Man charged in failed alien smuggling attempt

HOGANSBURG — A Hogansburg resident was arrested Feb. 17 in connection with a failed smuggling incident.

Kyle Thompson, 28, of Hogansburg, was charged with alien smuggling following an announcement made by Acting United States Attorney Antoinette T. Bacon and Robert N. Garcia, Chief Patrol Agent, United States Border Patrol, Swanton Sector.

The criminal complaint alleges that Thompson was arrested while transporting two illegal aliens who had illegally crossed into the United States via the St. Lawrence River near Hogansburg.

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Police attempted to stop Thompson’s vehicle as he fled with the occupants in his vehicle.

Thompson reportedly drove his vehicle into a snowbank and was ultimately apprehended.

There were no injuries to Thomp-

son or the occupants.

Border Patrol Agents from the Massena Border Patrol Station detained Thompson and the two occupants.

The charges in the complaint are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Thompson appeared before United States Magistrate Judge Gary L. Favro on Feb. 18 and was ordered detained.

If convicted, Thompson faces up to five years in prison.

The two occupants of the vehicle are citizens of Romania and illegally present in the United States.

Both were arrested by Border Patrol and are being prosecuted for illegal entry, a misdemeanor.

This case is being investigated by United States Border Patrol and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Stitt.

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# Housing authorities get big funding from HUD

BY ADAM ATKINSON  
North Country This Week

Local housing authority organizations in Canton, Massena and Ogdensburg will be getting over \$1.8 million in federal HUD money for improvements to their housing facilities.

The money is being funneled

to housing authorities across the country from HUD's Capital Fund Program, which is set up to provide money annually to local organizations for improvements, maintenance and upgrades to existing housing units.

Housing authorities can use the funding to complete large-scale improvements such as replacing

roofs or making energy-efficient upgrades to heating system and installing water conservation measures.

According to a press release from HUD three SLC municipalities will receive funding.

- Canton Housing Authority is slated to receive \$437,050.
- Massena Housing Authority is

to receive \$581,726.

• Ogdensburg Housing Authority will get \$861,904.

"We can put that money to good use," said Mary Elman, Massena Housing Authority executive director.

Elman told North Country This Week that the funding will be used to do much needed upgrades and

maintenance to the facilities managed by the Massena organization under the authority's 5-year plan.

The Massena authority manages a total of 241 housing units, 75 of which are family residences and 166 are one-bedroom housing for the elderly and disabled, Elman said.

"We are happy to get the capital fund money," she said.

## OBITUARIES

### Warren Kocher, 81

Waddington

WADDINGTON -- Warren Kocher, 81, passed away Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse. Family and friends were invited for calling hours Sunday, February 28, 2021 from 2pm till 5pm at the Phillips Memorial Home, 28 Clinton Street, Waddington NY. Funeral Services will be private and at the convenience of family. Burial will be in the spring at New Brookside Cemetery Waddington NY.

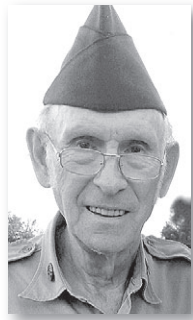
Warren was born on July 19, 1939 in New Martinsville, West Virginia to Glenn and Martha Kocher.

Warren would later move to East Syracuse and was educated in the East Syracuse Minoa School district and would later go on and graduate from Syracuse University. He was a former employee of the NY Power Authority. He is most proud of serving in the US Army. On November 25, 1963 he would marry Judith M. LaFlair and share forty-nine years of marriage until her passing on October 8, 2013.

Warren enjoyed many activities in the community and could be found during the summer at many local concerts at the parks, enjoying wing night at Mack's Tavern, attending local car shows, singing with local churches and being a member of the American legion.

Warren also was a board member of United Helpers, a previous Village trustee for the Village of

Waddington as well as serving the Waddington Volunteer Fire Department.



Warren Kocher

Warren is survived by one son, Scott and Tammy Kocher of Waddington NY; a daughter, Ann Kocher and her companion Timothy Taillon of Norwood NY; grandchildren, Anthony, Jeremy, Casey, Lauren, Nicholas, Dayna and

Dustin; great-grandchildren, Jase, Cole, Tejiri, and Tega; his sister, Marilyn Peet; two nephews, Greg, and David. Also surviving is his canine friend Corporal.

Warren is predeceased by his parents, Glenn and Martha; and his wife, Judith.

Online condolences and memories of Warren can be shared with the family at [www.PhillipsMemorialHome.com](http://www.PhillipsMemorialHome.com)

Memorial contributions can be made in Warren's name to the Waddington Volunteer Fire Dept. 51 Maple Street, Waddington NY 13694 or to the United Methodist Church, 116 Lincoln Ave., Waddington NY 13694 or Waddington First Presbyterian Church, 13 Fenton Street, Waddington NY 13694.

### James Timothy Hurley, 66

formerly of Colton

graduating in 1976.

All of his life, Jim was an avid outdoorsman. Spending over



James Hurley

30 years as a member of the Moose-head Mountain Hunting club, sharing a cabin with his life long friend, David Robert whom he met and befriended at the tender age of 5 years old. David remained an integral part of Jim's life. At

hunting camp he harvested several whitetail and shared many good times and great stories with the boys he grew up with in Colton. The motto being "What goes on at hunting camp, stays at hunting camp."

After college, Jim became an employee at Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station in Scriba. He spent 34 years as a Radiation Protection Technician. There he made life long friends who enjoyed his quick wit, contagious smile and easy going personality. He retired in 2011.

Jim was predeceased by father, Timothy James Hurley Jr, moth-

er, Joan (Normile) Hurley both of Colton NY, and very special uncle Charles "Chuck" Kelly of Ogdensburg.

Jim is survived by his wife and biggest fan, Stacey along with his very special companion, Rudy, his 6 yr old Havenese pup. Also surviving him is a daughter, Erin Hurley of Charlotte NC, one son, Sean (Emily Hoyt) Hurley of Scriba, 2 stepsons, Brad VanGorder of Fulton and Justin (BobbieRae) VanGorder of Oswego. 2 granddaughters, Lillie and Baylee VanGorder of Oswego. Also surviving are 4 siblings, Brother Stephen (Mary) Hurley of Baldwinsville, 3 sisters Ellen Hurley of Tulsa Oklahoma, Jane (Tom) Gilbert of Liverpool, and Nancy Hurley of Burlington VT. Many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and countless friends.

In accordance with Jim's wishes, there will be no services. The family is planning a traditional Irish wake to celebrate his life later in the spring.

Nelson Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

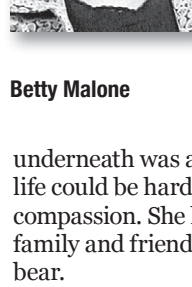
Memorial Donations can be made to the North Country Community College Athletic Scholarship fund.

### Betty Lou Malone, 84

Massena

Malone's Trash Removal Service to this day through their son and staff.

Betty Lou was a hard-working southern girl who chose a hard-working northern guy. Between the two of them they contributed so much to their beloved town of Massena, NY.



Betty Malone

Betty Lou's sometimes gruff personality would confuse people but underneath was a person who knew life could be hard and had a lot of compassion. She looked out for her family and friends like a mama bear.

Betty Lou will be missed but not forgotten.

Betty is survived by a daughter Barbara and husband William Vice of Massena, NY, a son Steven DuBois and companion Edith Dumas of Belmont, NY; seven grandchildren, Taylor, Jason, Samantha, Bill and wife Kana, Aaron, Robert and wife Beibe and Alyssa and her daughter Ellianna Grace Plante along with several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be acknowledged with the Massena Humane Society; PO Box 145 177 South Racquette Road Massena, NY 13662

Family and friends are welcome to share photos, memories and online condolences by visiting [www.PhillipsMemorial.com](http://www.PhillipsMemorial.com).

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## RECENT DEATHS

**RICHARD MORROW**, 65, Lisbon, Mar. 2. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

**ELIZABETH MONROE**, 70, Massena, Mar. 2. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

**RACHAEL LABARGE**, 86, formerly of Massena, Mar. 1. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

**LAMAREAL HARRIS**, 70, Brasher Falls, Feb. 28. Arrangements with Buck Funeral Home.

**DOREEN LAROCK**, 86, Ogdensburg, Feb. 28. Arrangements with French Funeral Home.

**WAYNE GILMER**, 84, Ogdens-

burg, Feb. 27. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

**THOMAS TAYLOR JR.**, Massena, Feb. 27. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

**DARREL BARNES**, 79, Akwesasne, Feb. 25. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

**IKE FULLER**, 83, Massena, Feb. 25. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

**ALBERT MONTROY**, 85, Ogdensburg, Feb. 24. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

**BETTY MALONE**, 84, Massena,

Feb. 23. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

**WARREN KOCHER**, 81, Waddington, Feb. 23. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Waddington.

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**SUBMITTING OBITUARIES:** Families now have the option of publishing obituaries in North Country This Week -- ask the funeral home to submit the obituary for publication in the paper as well as on [NorthCountryNow.com](http://NorthCountryNow.com). For more information or to submit an obituary, email [obituaries@northcountrynow.com](mailto:obituaries@northcountrynow.com) or call 315-265-1000 ext. 33.

# NORTH COUNTRY OPINION

NORTH COUNTRY THIS WEEK | MASSENA-OGDENSBURG, NY | MARCH 6 - 12, 2021

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

First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States

## LETTERS

### There was once life in SLC

Who is watching the store? They closed down GM, RMC, downsized Alcoa, closing prisons and now I see these huge towers touching the clouds to take the electricity away. Watertown just got a solar panel operation up to 2,000 people (with taxpayer subsidies). When will our legislatures see what is happening in SLC?

When was the last time, if ever did you see Bruno, Walzyk, or Stefanick in SLC? Maybe it is time to tell them we do have ZIP codes here, and we get mail even though it takes two weeks.

I remember Cloe Ann and John O'neil, Deedee Scozafava, Jim Wright, Betty Little, Bill Owens all worked for us and their presence was here in SLC also. I have talked with all of them, not their aides and discussed concerns. They were always available.

Now we need the bridge refurbished in Massena-Cornwall for businesses in SLC and Stefanick says no, but wants to open the border. Elise the ice is out, can't walk, or skate now and oh boy that water is cold to swim. Think! This will mean more closed businesses with no way to get here.

It is time to write the "History of SLC" so those following us will know that there was life in SLC.

Last stimulus was very generous to farmers, oil, and industry, (can't get a car as parts not coming from China) but they pocketed the money. Wouldn't money in working people's pockets help businesses?

Bill LaPoint  
Winthrop

### Ogdensburg Public Library referendum vote set for May

The Friends of the Ogdensburg Public Library invite the residents of Ogdensburg, Oswegatchie and Lisbon to vote "yes" on the Ogdensburg Public Library's Referendum

on the Ogdensburg City School District's ballot on May 18 at the Ogdensburg Free Academy.

Due to proposed budget cuts in 2022 from the City of Ogdensburg -- the Ogdensburg Public Library is reaching out to school district residents to request funding - please note this is not part of the Ogdens-

### Ogdensburg Public Library vote is set for May 18

burg School District Budget.

The City of Ogdensburg, the Mayor and City Council members have been generous to the Ogdensburg Public Library over the years but they have decided that they can no longer support the library financially - we are hopeful they will continue their moral support moving forward.

The Ogdensburg Public Library Referendum will be a nominal cost to the taxpayers -- \$58.05 per year for a home assessed at \$65,000 (based on average value) in Ogdensburg; \$58.05 per year for a home assessed at \$65,000 (based on average value) in Oswegatchie and \$75.39 per year for a home assessed at \$65,000 (based on average value) in Lisbon.

For more information, please call Penny Kerfien, executive director of the Ogdensburg Public Library at 315-393-4325 or email her at pkerfien@ncls.org - she would be happy to assist you and answer any questions you may have about the Ogdensburg Public Library and the Referendum on May 18th.

Won't you help us keep their dream alive by supporting the Ogdensburg Public Library's Referendum on May 18th - please vote "yes".

Friends of the Ogdensburg  
Public Library

## NCNOW SURVEY

### The Question:

## What are your favorite things about winter?

WHAT ARE YOUR favorite things about winter in the North Country?

HERE ARE COMMENTS from some survey participants:

'Good sleeping weather. Making winter soups and stews.'

'No bugs. And a good excuse to kick back and stay inside watch tv. I love to feed and watch the birds.'

'When it is over!'

'I simply like the change that four different seasons offer. Also don't like hot weather at all.'

'Nothing I hate winter.'

'My favorite thing about winter is when it ends.'

'Snowstorm.'

'No bugs!'

'In most years it brings people together indoors, I look forward to doing that again while at ease.'

'Snowmobiling, I am going to hit 2,000 miles this year!'

'The end and spring around the corner.'

'More time in doors with electronics.'

'Hearing about the north country weather from our home in Fort Myers, Florida.'

'Quietness of the woods.'

'The smell of clean fresh air.'

'Coziness of being inside. Not



Cathy Whalen | NCTV

having to mow the lawn. No biting insects.'

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

TO TAKE THE CURRENT SURVEY, visit bit.ly/382g4uU.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: Do you

think schools should have the authority to mandate COVID testing of students involved in sports, and other extra-curricular activities?

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.

THE LISBON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a regular Board of Education Meeting on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 6:30 pm in the School Library.



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**LETTERS**

**Bringing firefighter back to work is smart investment**

How cruel do you have to be to simply dismiss the legitimate concerns of firefighters and an affected family, along with a financial solution on bringing firefighter Jake Thornton back to work?

He's now the only Ogdensburg city employee still laid-off. And for no good reason.

At this past Monday's city council meeting, the city manager and councilors were provided a financial justification for bringing Jake back to work, listened to a heartfelt plea from Jake's wife Brittany, and even had a call-in supporter of theirs say that Jake should be brought back.

So why no response from city officials? The city manager has repeatedly asked for others to give him answers or solutions, if they have them. When one was presented on Monday, to pay for bringing Jake back, it seemingly fell on deaf ears.

Three pages of financial information were presented to council members on Monday, along with a letter describing how Jake's return can easily be covered financially.

1. A page from the City's 2021 budget that shows the total salary expense of \$1,479,028 for 21 positions on the fire department.

2. A page listing the salaries of the 21 members who are currently active, along with the addition of Jake Thornton's salary (\$46,574). The total of the 22 salaries is \$1,454,574, which is \$24,551 less than has been budgeted for 2021.

3. A page that shows the project-

ed total cost (salary and benefits) for Jake in 2021 of \$91,022.

So there'd still be a shortage of \$19,897 to cover all the remaining costs (benefits) listed for Jake. But that shortage is easily made up by the savings to the city for no longer having to pay unemployment for Jake and not having to pay hazard pay to one shift on the fire department.

Hazard pay is currently being paid to the five members of the shift Jake would return to.

Those five members are all receiving \$3 more an hour. That equates to paying \$31,200 a year if it were to continue. Bringing Jake back would cause the hazard pay to cease on that shift, because they would then have the required six members assigned.

In conclusion, there's more than enough financial justification to bring Jake Thornton back to work. The city invested in him, training and equipping him as both a firefighter and an EMT, but he remains laid-off. What sense does it make to take the chance of losing that investment if he moves on?

Especially when bringing him back is easily covered financially.

Also, why be so cruel as to leave him laid-off unnecessarily when he has a family to support and can help keep city residents safe? There's no good reason.

Ron Bouchard  
Ogdensburg

**County police reform plan fails to address issues**

The following letter was submitted to the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, regarding police reform.

In June 2020, Gov. Andrew Cuomo issued Executive Order #203, which required local governments that operate police forces to submit a plan which describes how they will reform how their police operate in the community:

In St. Lawrence County, the Sheriff's Office began to work on a police reform plan.

The sheriff held two public meetings: Oct. 14 in the afternoon, and Oct. 21 in the evening. On Dec. 21, 2020, the Board of Legislators approved a police reform resolution.

The Leadership Team of the NYS Poor Peoples Campaign: North Country Committee believes that St. Lawrence County's effort to conduct police reform does not meet the standards of Gov. Cuomo's Executive Order #203 because:

- a. The effort does not address the particular needs of the communities served by such police agency;
- b. The effort does not promote community engagement to foster trust, fairness, and legitimacy;
- c. The effort does not address any

racial bias and disproportionate policing of communities of color.

We have not seen a county police reform plan.

We have only seen a PowerPoint presentation, and a board resolution.

Will the county submit a PowerPoint presentation to NYS? Where is the plan?

- The Village of Canton has a police reform plan on its website and invites public comment. Why doesn't St. Lawrence County do this?

We do not feel that two public meetings, held more than five months before the deadline for submission of a police reform plan, provided sufficient opportunity for community involvement.

- Why were there no community surveys, why were there not meetings in every community, why was there no continued public outreach?

- Why can't there be additional public meetings between now and April 2021?

NYS reports that Persons of Color (POC) make up 7% of the county's population, but account for 15% of all arrests, 21% of all felony arrests, and 25% of all those sentenced to prison.

- Has the county's reform plan addressed these statistics? What is the county's response to these statistics?

What will the county do to make sure that POC are not disproportionately targeted by the police?

Did the board of legislators or the sheriff attempt to involve People of Color in their reform planning? If so, when? What groups?

- Did the board or the sheriff involve Black Lives Matter group?

- Did the board of the sheriff involve the Poor Peoples Campaign? Representatives from the Poor Peoples Campaign attended the public meetings held in October, as well as a public meeting held in July.

They can attest that these meetings were basically presentations, not opportunities for community discussion.

Was the board or the sheriff aware of public demonstrations to promote racial justice, including fair treatment by police, that took place across the County throughout the summer and into the fall and winter?

- Over 1,000 people marched in Potsdam on June 1.

- More than 200 persons attended a demonstration in Canton the next weekend.

- Demonstrations and marches were held in Gouverneur, in Massena, in Ogdensburg, and other communities.

- Did the Board or the Sheriff attempt to involve the people who organized these demonstrations, or who participated in these demon-



Mac Shoen | Submitted

**Snowy perched**

A snowy owl perches on a tree Feb. 5 at Hawkins Point outlook in Massena.

strations? If yes, then how? If not, why not?

The Poor Peoples Campaign is aware that the Sheriff's Office has proposed to have all of its officers wear body cameras.

This is an important step, and we support it strongly. We demand that the Board of Legislators support this body camera program through the budget.

The Poor Peoples Campaign is also aware that the Sheriff has proposed to hold a public meeting 4 times per year in locations around the County.

This is not sufficient outreach or community involvement.

The Poor Peoples Campaign demands that the county establish a citizen review board,

to ensure an open, citizen-controlled process for:

- providing public accountability over the powers exercised by local law enforcement,

- preservation of the integrity of local law enforcement, and

- a forum for citizen complaints regarding local law enforcement to be heard and reviewed fairly and impartially.

Smaller communities that maintain local police forces might be invited to participate in a county-level citizen review board.

The Leadership Team of the NYS Poor Peoples Campaign: North Country Committee stands ready to work with St. Lawrence County to achieve police reform that addresses the needs of communities served by the Sheriff's Office, that promotes community engagement, and that addresses racial bias and disproportionate policing of communities of color.

Leadership Team of the NYS Poor Peoples Campaign: North Country Committee  
Jamey Merkel, Canton  
Raamitha Pillay, Colton  
Jaclyn Ryan, Canton  
John Tenbusch, Waddington  
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People with comorbidities, underlying conditions can make appointment

## More North Country residents eligible for COVID-19 vaccine

The governor's office recently released the list of comorbidities and underlying conditions that New York State will use to determine eligibility for the COVID-19 vaccine.

New Yorkers who have one of the comorbidities on the list will be eligible for the vaccine beginning Feb. 15.

The full list of comorbidities and underlying conditions is available below. The list is subject to change as additional scientific evidence is published and as New York State obtains and analyzes additional state-specific data.

Adults of any age with the following conditions are now eligible for vaccination due to increased risk of moderate or severe illness or death from the virus that causes COVID-19:

Cancer (current or in remission, including 9/11-related cancers)

Chronic kidney disease

Pulmonary Disease, including but not limited to, COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), asthma (moderate-to-severe), pulmonary fibrosis, cystic fibrosis, and 9/11 related pulmonary diseases

Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities including Down Syndrome

Heart conditions, including but not limited to heart failure, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathies, or hypertension (high blood pressure)

Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) including but not limited to solid organ transplant or from blood or bone marrow transplant, immune deficiencies, HIV, use of corticosteroids, use of other immune weakening medicines, or other causes

Severe Obesity (BMI 40 kg/m<sup>2</sup>), Obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> or higher

but < 40 kg/m<sup>2</sup>)

Pregnancy

Sickle cell disease or Thalassemia

Type 1 or 2 diabetes mellitus

Cerebrovascular disease (affects blood vessels and blood supply to the brain)

Neurologic conditions including but not limited to Alzheimer's Disease or dementia

Liver disease

New York residents with these conditions

join the list of those the governor has deemed already eligible to receive the vaccine which includes those over the age of 65, healthcare workers, "essential" workers and teachers and education workers.

Vaccination eligibility for other population groups is expected in coming months.

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## Winter school sports finally here

At long last, high school winter sports season is finally underway. COVID-19 concerns delayed the season by about three months.

Games began Monday, Mar. 1. Practices started in late February. Here are photos of games and practices early this week.



Dave Shea | NCTW photo

### Lisbon, Madrid-Waddington tip off

Lisbon's Ethan Martin scores on a strong move against Madrid-Waddington. M-W won the game by one point, 59-58.



Dave Shea | NCTW

### Morristown breaks away

As Section X high school sports games got underway Monday, Morristown's Javen Joannette breaks away from Hammond's Austin McCarty. Morristown won, 57-50.



Dave Shea | NCTW

### Glides to basket

Drew Harmer glides to the basket to score for Madrid-Waddington against Lisbon.



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### Ogdensburg practice

Ogdensburg goalie Landon Jackson faces a break-away threat in a pre-season practice at the Richard Lockwood Arena.

"If winter comes, can  
spring be far behind?"

-Percy Bysshe Shelley

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## NYPA warning residents of changing river conditions

MASSENA— The New York Power Authority (NYPA) is warning recreational users of the St. Lawrence River to be aware of potential changes in river conditions during the winter season and to heed the warnings.

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

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

Members of the public should:

- Keep back a minimum of 800 ft. from the Long Sault Dam spillway and Robert Moses Power Dam, both on the upstream and downstream side

- Use caution on and near the river
- Be aware of changing river conditions and strong currents

The release of water at Long Sault Dam can occur with very little notice, so caution and awareness along the river, especially in the South Channel, and near the Long Sault Dam spillway and the Robert Moses Power Dam is advised at all times.

Information on water levels is at: [http://ijc.org/en\\_/islrbc](http://ijc.org/en_/islrbc)

Actual outflows will depend on conditions in the St. Lawrence River. Spilling activities may take place through the remainder of winter and into the spring season.



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## OFA hockey gets in pre-season practice

Above, Chase Jacobs makes a save in heavy pressure in an Ogdensburg Free Academy preseason practice at the Richard Lockwood Arena. Below, Karson LaRose breaks up ice with the puck in a preseason practice at the Lockwood Civic Center.



## Safe boating course offered on Zoom

MASSENA — A boating safety class will be offered, via Zoom, April 21-22 from 5 to 9 p.m. each night.

Participants need to attend both virtual classes and pass a test at the end. Cost is \$35 per person, payable to USCG Aux Massena Flotilla 01-01.

Mail check to Bruce Burditt, 747 County Route 25, Malone NY by April 7.

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

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

Call 518-483-5073 with any questions. Class is limited to 20 people.

## Youth turkey hunt offered

MASSENA — New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECOs) in St. Lawrence County are partnering with the Massena Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation to offer youth ages 12 to 15 the opportunity to hunt turkey this spring.

The hunt is a two-day event that starts with an educational portion at the Massena Rod and Gun Club at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 17, followed by a hunt day on Saturday, April 24. The hunt will feature special COVID-19 precautions to ensure a safe learning environment, includ-

ing health questionnaires, capacity limits to ensure social distancing, and mask usage.

Interested youth hunters must possess a New York State small game license and valid turkey tags. The event is free to the participants, and equipment will be provided if necessary. The event is hosted by the Massena Rod and Gun Club and sponsored by the National Wild Turkey Federation and the New York Conservation Officers Association.

For more information on the event, contact Lt. Troy Basford at 315-265-2757 or ECO Ian Helmer at 315-559-8503.

## Holiday deer hunt planned

Starting at the end of this year, St. Lawrence County hunters can travel to participate in a new "Holiday Deer Hunt" between Christmas and New Year's Day in the southern zone.

The season begins Dec. 26, 2021.

The Department of Environmental Conservation announced the adoption of a new regulation to establish a "Holiday Deer Hunt" by extending the late bow and muzzleloader hunting seasons for deer from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1.

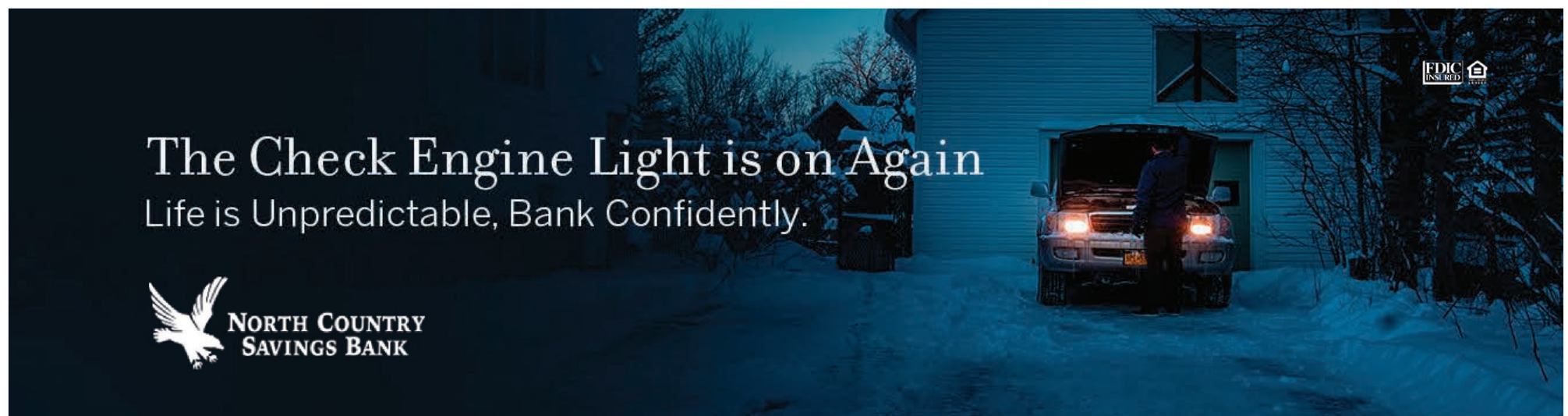
"As part of our ongoing efforts to capitalize on the growing interest in hunting, we're excited to announce that beginning this December, the

Holiday Deer Hunt will provide new opportunities for New Yorkers and visiting hunters to venture afield during a time when families and friends are gathered together for the holidays and students are home on school break," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos.

The new season provides an additional seven days of late season hunting with bows and muzzleloaders. Hunters must purchase a bowhunting or muzzleloading privilege to participate in the late bow or muzzleloader seasons and may use all deer carcass tags valid during those seasons.

The expanded season will only apply to New York's southern zone.

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## Random act of kindness in Lisbon

LISBON -- Lisbon Central school appreciates all of its bus drivers and monitors as well as First Student drivers and monitors for all they do each and every day. And a recent generous act of kindness does not go unnoticed.

A group of students, as well as the driver, Tammy Cook, and monitor have been waving to Michelle Moore, one of the school routes for a couple of years.

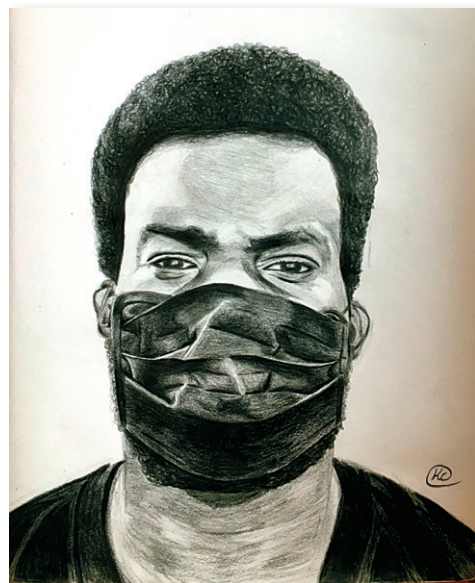
Due to the COVID outbreak they did not see her for some time. They were so happy to see her out there again, that student Troy Kerr brought in some homemade banana bread for her. They stopped the bus to give her the gift from the heart.



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### Planting time

7th grade science students at JW Leary Junior High, Massena, have been working on growing plants in class, and they have been eating the lettuce they grew in the school salads!



Charcoal drawing by Kristen Crump

## Student art on virtual display at Remington

BRASHER FALLS -- St. Lawrence Central congratulates Cassadee Brothers, Kristen Crump, Mariah Crump and Lillian Rose-Murray for their contributions to the Frederic Remington Virtual Art Exhibit.

The above drawing entitled "I Can't Breathe" was done by Kristen Crump, 11th grade, done in charcoal.

Students from Brasher Falls, Colton-Pierrepont, Edwards-Knox, Hammond, Immaculate Heart, Lisbon Central, Norwood-Norfolk, Ogdensburg Free Academy, Parishville-Hopkinton, Potsdam Central and Salmon River all participated in the show which can be viewed virtually on the Frederic Remington Art Museum website at [www.fredericremington.org](http://www.fredericremington.org).

## Technology plans approved by state

Investment plans for new technology for five St. Lawrence County school districts have been approved under the auspices of the state's Smart Schools program.

According to a press release from the governor's office, the four plans are among 78 plans approved from school districts statewide which total \$59.9 million. Presumably, the plans are to be funded through the state's \$2 billion Smart Schools Bond Act.

The local schools with approved plans include:

- Gouverneur Central School, \$334,886 total plan cost, of which \$331,200 will be used for classroom technology and \$3,686 for non-public schools programs;
- Heuvelton Central, \$195,371 total cost which will go classroom technology upgrades;
- Madrid-Waddington, \$232,999 total cost, with \$63,000 of that to fund school connectivity and \$169,999 for high-tech security;
- Norwood-Norfolk, \$545,610 for classroom technology upgrades; and
- Parishville-Hopkinton Central, \$179 for

school connectivity upgrades.

The plans were approved by the Smart Schools Review Board, composed of the Director of the Budget, the Chancellor of the State University of New York, and the Commissioner of the State Education Department.

With the Smart Schools Bond Act, school districts are investing in technology such as computer servers, interactive whiteboards, tablets, desktop and laptop computers, and high-speed broadband and wireless connectivity, the press release said.

## Two area teachers receive grants from State Farm

MASSENA -- Two area teachers recently received grants from the New York State Farm Teachers Assist program

Faith Gignac who teaches at Jefferson Elementary School in Massena, and Angela Weston who teaches at Grant C. Madill Elementary in Ogdensburg were among 40 across the state who received \$2,500 each to help their individual schools.

One of the goals of the grant is to recognize innovative teachers who are finding new and creative ways to teach and motivate their students during the COVID 19 pandemic.

Gignac application took a three-pronged approach to creatively teaching and motivating students.

She plans to use the fund to purchase atten-

tion boosting tools, sensor stimulation materials, and calming items for the classroom to help student focus at their seats each day. Items such as wobble stools, inflatable seat cushions, kick bands for chairs and desks, wiggle feet cushions, fidget and sensory toys, squishy pencil wraps, bubble timers, glitter wands, and moving sand frames would greatly benefit her first graders.

In addition Gignac also plans to purchase "Keep Books" for students. These are books students will be able to do daily reading practice, and then take them home.

The third purchase is for a variety of materials such as markets, scented stickers, bookmarks, fun erasers, and occasional special items for indoor recess such as kinetic sand,

puzzles, games, and play-doh.

"These types of materials for motivating and exciting my students will help them experience the joy and fun of a pre-pandemic era childhood," said Gignac.

Weston will be using her grant to purchase times materials to support a technology lab she had been creating over the past year. The technologies include: drones, robotics, 3D printing, engineering and design, and circuitry.

The funding will provide materials to each student whether they are working at home or in-person at school.

A complete list of winners can be found at <https://newsroom.statefarm.com/ny-teachers-assist/>.



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## Daily skating open to the public in Massena

These students were among the dozens of skaters at one of Massena Arena's daily public skating sessions open during school break.

## Virtual poetry slam to be held on Zoom

On Friday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m., SLC Arts will host a virtual poetry slam on Zoom.

Poets will compete over two rounds in front of a panel of judges and audience.

There will be a 20-minute intermission where guest featured poet Sara Cantwell will perform a selection of original poems as the judges tally their scores.

Tickets are required for participants and audience members, and will go on sale March 5th on SLC Arts' website.

The entry fee is \$10 for non-creative-partners, \$5 for basic creative partners and students, and free for enhanced creative partners.

To learn more about the Creative Partnership program, visit SLC Arts' Partnership Program page.

Performance sign-ups will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Poets who would like to perform in the competition may sign in to the Zoom call the day of the event at 6 p.m.

The first 12 performers who sign in will be selected to compete.

There will also be opportunities for two contenders (non-competitor poets) to read one of their poems after the second round.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three performers.

Rules for performing and more information on this event are available on SLC Arts' website.

## Blood drive at 61 Beach Street

MASSENA — St. Lawrence Health System is sponsoring a blood drive through the Adirondack Regional Blood Center on Wednesday, March 10.

It will be at the Massena Community Center, 61 Beach St.

Appointments are from 12:15 to 2:45 p.m.

Donors must be healthy, at least 16 years old, and weigh at least 110 lbs. Advanced registration is not

required.

Donors are asked to wear a mask and provide identification. COVID-19 screening will be conducted upon entry.

For more information, call CVPH at (518) 561-2000 and ask for the Donor Center.

For a list of upcoming blood drives sponsored by St. Lawrence Health System, visit <https://www.stlawrencehealthsystem.org/events>.

## Drive-through corn beef served

WADDINGTON -- The Waddington United Methodist Church will serve a drive-through corn beef & cabbage dinner on Wednesday, March 17 starting at 4 p.m.

Price is \$10.

Menu consists of corn beef & cabbage, rolls and pie.

Wear a mask and stay in your car. Pull up to side door to order.

## SUNY artists show work

OGDENSBURG — The artwork of SUNY Potsdam students is featured in a juried exhibit running Feb. 27 to March 28 at the Frederic Remington Art Museum.

The Remington 2021 College Student Juried Art Exhibition contains the work of 11 SUNY Potsdam students. SUNY Plattsburgh, Clarkson University and St. Lawrence University students are also represented in the show, which features a virtual open reception on Saturday, Feb. 27 from 2 to 3 p.m.

A Zoom invitation to the event can be obtained by emailing [desmond@fredericremington.org](mailto:desmond@fredericremington.org).

The paintings, photographs and sketches grapple with sober as well as natural themes.

Whether it's the hue of an empty classroom, the color of a lost handkerchief held by a dog, the reflection of water in a Canton gorge or the cast of inchoate grief-blue and much of what it can mean mark the student work. But so does the hope in sunflowers.

SUNY Potsdam students who had work accepted to the Remington show are Martin Arquitt, Lindsey Baker, Chris Falcon, Mara Frisbee, Liv Gonia, Chloe Koegel, Alexis LaBarge, Charlie Patterson, Allison Perham, Wanya Simmons and Krista Larock Wells.

Many of the pieces will be on sale, with one third of the proceeds benefitting the museum and the rest going to the student artists.

LaBarge '21 went back 100 years to find inspiration in the American illustrator Coles Phillips and his "fadeaway girls," the subjects of Life Magazine covers popular in the early decades of the 1900s, with their

edges always vanishing in the background of the illustration.

The dissolution can represent the profound transformation and losses of World War I, the 1918 influenza pandemic, the advent of the automobile and the heavy industrialization that ended the "horse and buggy" sensibility of earlier times.

"What I'd like to pass on through 'Life 1926' is trying to bring alive Phillips' art techniques," LaBarge said. "Look at how simple his illustrations are, and they are still taking the world by storm."

SUNY Potsdam Presidential Scholar Marie Amell '21 was chosen to have her black and white charcoal drawing, "Elements of Nature," appear in the 120 Degree Intercollegiate Art Regional, a partnership of the Arts Center of the Capital Region, the Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council and Saratoga Arts.

The juried fine art exhibition, running from March 5 to April 16, features the work of students attending an accredited college or university within 120-mile radius of Troy, Glens Falls or Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

The exhibition travels to a different host site each year, highlighting the best of collegiate art students in the region.

An exhibit reception and awards ceremony are set for March 26, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The ceremony will be recorded live on Instagram and can be viewed by following @capregion-artscenter.

More information can be found at [www.artscenonline.org](http://www.artscenonline.org).

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PALS photo

After-school students with the Police Activities League of Massena (PALS) celebrated their 100th day of school on Feb. 24 with a cake and several events including the number 100. Holding the cake are Peyton Murray, left, and Juliana Dennis.

## Arts roundtable to be held

On Wednesday, March 24 at 1 p.m., SLC Arts will host their second Regional Arts Roundtable of the year, discussing websites. Guest panelists will discuss the benefits and importance of having a website as an artist, as well as other recommendations for website creation. Participants can register in advance for this Zoom conference. SLC Arts started their Regional Arts Roundtables at the start of the pandemic to keep North Country nonprofit organizations in touch

with one another. Since then, the Roundtable grew to become a professional resource for North Country community members, with each meeting focusing on a specific topic. At each roundtable, guest panelists discuss the topic and answer questions from participants. Participants must register in advance. To view the previous roundtable conference on social media, visit SLC Arts' Facebook page.

## Film screening, talk slated

There will be a film showing and Zoom discussion of "Kiss the Ground" on March 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. The Climate Change group at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton has teamed up with the North Country 350 Alliance to present a program of interest to all gardeners, farmers, landowners and those concerned about climate change on our planet.

This documentary about healing the soil "strikes a fine balance between hope and despair, with hope winning out," according to a New York Times review at <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/22/movies/kiss-the-ground-review.html>. Those who would like to join this event, email [sjcoordinator@uucan-tonny.org](mailto:sjcoordinator@uucan-tonny.org) to get the link.

## Nicandri trails still open

MASSENA – The Nicandri Nature Center reopened to the public Feb. 27, after closing for a week due to COVID concerns. The Massena nature center is open for inside visitors on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays by reservations made online at [nicandrinaturecenter.org](http://nicandrinaturecenter.org) or calling

315-705-5022 during open hours. Admission is free, and there are also free cross-country ski and snowshoe rentals available. Outdoor trails are available for use every day, without reservations. The nature center is located in Robert Moses State Park, at 19 Robinson Bay Road.

## Students celebrate 100 days with PALS

MASSENA – After-school students attending the Police Activities of Massena (PALS) celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> day of school Feb. 24 with a variety of fun activities involving the number 100. Activities included stacking 100 cups and doing 10 exercises each for 10 seconds.

There were also cakes decorated with the number 100 to celebrate the party. "The goal was to congratulate our youth for making it to 100 days of school, especially during this challenging year and to encourage them to keep going," said director Zachary Monroe.

## Clothing giveaway planned

MASSENA -- Massena Baptist Church, 5 Dover St., is gearing up for its third quarterly clothing giveaway. It will be on Friday, March 5 and Saturday, March 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. All clothing will be sorted by size. What started as an event to help

for back-to-school time has turned into a quarterly activity to help the community. The last two giveaways each served around 120 people over the two day period. Limited donations are accepted by calling the office at 315-769-0898.

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## Eagle viewing along the river

Winter is a great time to view bald eagles in New York State especially along the St. Lawrence River, said a press release from the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

Viewing from a safe distance and at planned observation sites can offer an exhilarating and memorable experience.

Wintering eagles begin arriving in December and concentrations continue to rise throughout January and February.

The Hudson River, the Upper Delaware River watershed, and sections of the St. Lawrence River are great places to view bald eagles in the winter.

DEC maintains two well-marked viewing areas in the Mongaup Val-

ley on the Rio and Mongaup Falls reservoirs.

The following tips will help you have the best possible experience:

- Use binoculars or spotting scopes instead of trying to get a little closer.
- Don't do anything to try to make the bird fly.
- Respect private property and avoid restricted areas.
- Scan the tree line for eagles that are perched in the treetops.
- Look overhead for eagles soaring high in the sky.
- Arrive early (7 a.m. - 9 a.m.) or stay late (4 p.m. - 5 p.m.), when eagles are most active.
- Be patient – this is the key to successful viewing.

## Swim offered at adult ed classes

OGDENSBURG – The Ogdensburg City School District will offer an evening swim program as part of its adult education program.

Classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday, beginning March 9 and

will run through Thursday, April 29.

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some of these states," Hardy said. "We're trying to work through what could work best for the Massena community."

If the village government decides to amend their local code to accommodate cannabis businesses, it would be subject to a public hearing where people would get to give input to the board members prior to any vote.

"When it finally comes time to look to put something on the books, the village is obviously going to have a public hearing on it, and we always look forward to public feedback, as these are rules and regulations for the community. Everyone in the community should be allowed to have input," Hardy said.

Massena currently has several liquor stores operating within village zoning. Also, most grocery stores, gas stations and drug stores in the village sell things like beer, wine, and malt beverages.

## SPORTS...

"Each county has its own health mandates and guidelines along with several schools that have established more restrictions so cohorts (will) be different, boys hockey has 9 schools in 2 counties so cohorts will be setup again to reduce travel to the greatest extent possible and exposure based on each counties' directives as well," he said. "Girls hockey has 5 schools in 2 counties, so their events and cohorts are extremely limited this season."

Normadin said travel, testing, and district restriction are creating some unique matchups this season. But the goal was to provide safe opportunities.

"Schedules will be done on a week-by-week basis in an effort to ensure those teams that are eligible and can play will be matched up based on the travel, testing and potential competitiveness."

Normadin said teams have travel time restrictions in place.

"The time restrictions have been designed based on limiting the time of potential exposure for the protection of students, bus drivers, event personnel sport officials etc," he said.

"There are many other safety measures in place based on each school's safety plan, which adhere to public health guidelines. Social distancing when possible, masking, etc will all hopefully help reduce potential spread. Additional safety measures such as sending JV and varsity teams on separate busses will also be in place."

The season will be a short one and no post season will be held.

## CROWN...

Walczyk said that while the recent events will likely help achieve the goal of limiting Cuomo's emergency powers, his aim was always higher than reigning in the power of one person. He says "Kick the Crown" is essentially a call to solidify the checks and balances included in the United States of America's governing doctrine.

He says it's about reinforcing the people's relationship with their government and acknowledging the democratic principles.

Walczyk said the campaign is rooted in the imagery from the New York State seal, which depicts the crown of King George III laying at the feet of Lady Liberty. He said that imagery conveys the dangers of concentrated power.

Walczyk says that while not a monarch, he believes the governor over the past year has attempted to act like one in some cases.

The governor has come under fire for using his power to control

the flow of information, especially regarding fatalities at nursing homes in New York.

Walczyk was quick to point out that Cuomo may have made an honest mistake regarding his handling of nursing homes in the early days of the pandemic and said that Assembly oversight wouldn't have likely prevented the tragic series of events that claimed thousands of lives.

He said sometimes tough decisions have to be made and it's easy to look back without context and say how something should have been handled differently.

However, he said where Cuomo has truly erred is how he lied and covered up his mistakes rather than owning up to them and worked to bury the truth.

Walczyk said he believes Cuomo is serving his last term as governor and says he expects that if the governor avoids impeachment, he'll be voted out of office at the next election.

Why? Because he says Cuomo has failed to own up to his actions and while people may forgive mistakes, they don't like being deceived.

He said Cuomo should have taken responsibility rather than make excuses and should not have attempted to control public information to save his own skin.

Since the interview, the situation for the governor has grown worse. Cuomo is now being accused of sexually harassing staff members and is facing calls from federal Democrats like Sen. Chuck Schumer for more investigations into the allegations.

Walczyk says too much concentrated power leads to bad things and while he did vote in support of extending the governor's emergency powers, he said it's long past time to rescind them.

Walczyk says the governor has acted well beyond what he thinks was necessary in his continued micromanagement of the state during the pandemic.

While the merits of the governor's orders can be debated based on individual beliefs, it's true that schools, businesses, religious organizations and health officials have been subject to an ever-changing slate of executive orders that seem to change as fast as they are announced.

Walczyk said he believes there is a role for an executive and that the powers are designed to be able to cut through some red tape, but they should also be limited and kept in check.

He said the U.S. grew from a rebellion against a monarch and New Yorkers should work to ensure that one person isn't granted too much power.

For those interested, Walczyk has created kickthecrown.com, which includes merchandise depicting Lady Liberty kicking a crown as well as a petition calling on Cuomo to give up his emergency powers.

"If you've had enough of the 'kingly rule' of New York's Governor Cuomo and you want to restore representative democracy, add your name below," the website says. "It's high time we 'Kick the Crown' and

join together to oppose the executive powers the Governor abused since March of 2020. Co-equal branches of government provide checks and balances so that no one person or one branch gains too much power and ultimately, the people of this great state are all represented."

## CONSOLIDATION...

and have very different requirements."

Legislator Joe Lightfoot, R-Ogdensburg, suggested they look to Oswego County, which has a deal with the City of Oswego to auction foreclosed city properties.

Doyle said she could report back to the board on options for sharing hazmat services and dispatching.

Legislator Jim Reagan, R-Ogdensburg, said he thinks, "we can be a model of the rest of the state on how a county and municipalities can work together."

"We may not be able to do all of them ... I think there's opportunity as we've shown earlier tonight to do some of them, and to streamline services, and in some cases improve services to the people of the county and the people of the city," he said.

One legislator said he supports shared services, but voiced some skepticism over the city's proposals.

"I know how important the shared services are. There are very few towns in St. Lawrence County that could exist without shared services of some description," said Legislator Larry Denesha, R-DeKalb. "I think anyplace we've got the ability to share services, we should. I stress: shared services ... I do not support Ogdensburg transferring the cost of something to St. Lawrence County."

"I support Mr. Denesha's comments. I agree with him," said Legislator Margaret Haggard, D-Potsdam.

Legislator Tony Arquetti, D-Helena, said he thinks Ogdensburg is trying to push some of their costs onto the county as revenge for the impasse in negotiating with the county a new sales tax distribution formula.

"I think the elephant in the room is we went through a lengthy, lengthy attempted negotiation with Ogdensburg on sales tax distribution, they refused to come to the table after ... offering them an additional year of increased sales tax revenue they shouldn't have been getting. This is simply retaliation. This isn't any attempt to share services," he said. "I'm interested in doing what we as a county are obligated to do. I'm not interested in offering up shared services ... to a city that had every opportunity in the world to do the best for the people, come to the table with sales tax negotiations, and come out of it with the best deal for the people they could possibly get."

Throughout the negotiations Ogdensburg made multiple proposals to the county that were not accepted.

Haggard later asked if the shared services proposals could possibly extend to other towns and villages in the county.

"We have the ability through the

shared services panel to have those types of conversations," Doyle said. "The state's willing, when savings can be demonstrated, to provide some funding to assist with that."

Following the meeting City Manager Stephen Jellie said he was very appreciative of the county's decision to investigate shared service.

"The City of Ogdensburg is very appreciative of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators action to authorize the County Administrator and County Attorney to work collectively with us on remediation efforts of our waterfront properties. We are grateful for the knowledge and experience that Mrs. Doyle and Mr. Button will bring to this important effort. We should all be very excited about returning these parcels to the tax rolls and restoring the greatness of our St. Lawrence River Waterfront District. We sincerely hope the County will be as willing to expediently act upon the other consolidation and shared services initiatives we put forward. It is the city's intent to actually see these initiatives cross the finish line so taxpayers in St. Lawrence County and the City can realize the reduction in property taxes so desperately needed. For too many years consolidation and shared services initiatives amounted to little more than giving the image of change while actually not changing at all;

we must do better, we must do more and we must do it now," he said. But Jellie did take issue with comments made by Arquetti and legislator Kevin Acres.

"The City of Ogdensburg does take issue with the fictional rambling of Legislator Tony Arquetti at Monday's meeting in reference to the City of Ogdensburg's efforts to negotiate an agreement on sales tax distribution. His remarks are false to say the least, and a futile attempt at changing a narrative well defined by the actions of both parties. The City of Ogdensburg provided 4 different proposals in response to the County's initial proposal to take \$11M over 10 years from Ogdensburg and each of those were rejected by the County," he said.

"Mr. Arquetti contributed absolutely nothing to this effort with exception of outright criticism and disdain toward a few of the county legislators that we actually worked in earnest to make a deal. Mr. Arquetti and his close ally Legislator Kevin Acres will not be successful in their continued efforts to stop Ogdensburg from prospering. We do genuinely hope that both of these legislators will remember that Ogdensburg is a large part of St. Lawrence County, and what is good for Ogdensburg is good for St. Lawrence County."

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## NOTABLE

If you asked Massena native Emmalyn Dupree, what her future looked like when she began her undergraduate studies at Clarkson University, earning a doctorate likely would not have been part of her response, said a press release from the college. But thanks in part to the McNair Scholars Research Program offered to her as a Biomolecular Science major at the university in Potsdam, Dupree found a path that has led her to complete her PhD in Chemistry.

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## Merrifield is this year's award winner

OGDENSBURG – One of the highest compliments any nurse or caregiver can receive is, “you’re the kind of person I would want caring for my parents.”

That’s a compliment received by this year’s Wayne N. Ladouceur Award winner, Robert “Bob” Merrifield, a long-time LPN at United Helpers Rehabilitation and Senior Care in Ogdensburg.

At the close of this year’s presentation, which was held in front of a small audience made up of Merrifield’s family and co-workers, United Helpers Vice President of Development Christa Carroll shared the sentiment which was passed to her by a member of the nominations review committee.

Merrifield received two nominations for the award, one from Director of Nursing Brittany Thornton, and another from his nurse supervisor Marie Woods.

Criteria for the award includes giving generously of one’s self, the ability to see beyond one’s own needs, a strong personal drive to

SEE MERRIFIELD ON 17.



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## Nicandri closed till Feb. 27

Liam Osoway, Waddington, shows his aunt, Amanda Major, Boston, some of the exhibits at the Nicandri Nature Center, Massena, during a visit Feb. 17. Although the building is now closed until at least Feb. 27 due to a COVID exposure, the outdoor trails are still open.

## Makes LeMoyne dean’s list

Le Moyne College has named local students to its Fall 2020 Dean’s List.

Area students include: Austin Bleau, Heuvelton; Mallory Cameron, Margaret Crowley, Caroline

Lalone, and Sarah Nichols, all of Ogdensburg; Hayden Hoerner, Massena; Octavia Viskovich, Norfolk; and Danielle Hough, Waddington.

## Rock Fund gives \$100,000 to local nonprofits

The Rock Charitable Fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation recently awarded nearly \$100,000 to six nonprofit organizations in St. Lawrence County to preserve and maintain churches and cemeteries in the region.

St. John’s Episcopal Church, Massena, received a \$23,775 grant to restore exterior brickwork and repair windows and landscaping. Deteriorating brick in areas on the east side of the church will be replaced along with other repairs.

Gouverneur First United Methodist Church received a \$17,475 grant to restore two stained-glass windows included in a multi-year restoration. The building is veneered with native Gouverneur marble and the trimmings of Potsdam sandstone.

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Waddington, received a \$14,000 grant to restore its prominent stained-glass window behind the altar. Established in 1818, it is the oldest Episcopal Church north of the Mohawk River.

The native stone structure is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Waddington Historic District.

Lisbon Cemetery Association received an \$8,315 grant to support restoration and replacement of more than 100 damaged stones. Monuments will be cleaned, restored, and preserved.

Purmort Cemetery Corp., Depyster, received a \$650 in support to remove a dying maple tree. Its removal will prevent damage that would be caused should the tree be left to fall on its own.

The Roman Catholic Church of Saint Mary, Canton, received a \$35,000 grant to support the first phase in its campaign to restore and protect its historic structure and property. Funding will support

repairs to the bell tower, statue, trim, and foundation.

The Rock Charitable Fund was established at the Community Foundation in 2019 through a bequest from St. Lawrence County resident and retired Lieutenant Colonel of the United States Army Marjorie J. Rock, who passed in February 2017 at the age of 96.

Because of her foresight and thoughtful generosity, Ms. Rock’s desire to support St. Lawrence County will be perpetuated for generations to come.

Applications for 2021 grant funding from the Rock Charitable Fund will be accepted this fall with up to \$100,000 available. Contact Kraig Everard, Community Foundation director of stewardship and programs, kraig@nnycf.org, or 315-782-7110, to obtain a grant application or learn more about this funding opportunity.

Rock graduated from Heuvelton High School in 1937. In 1941, she graduated from the three-year nursing program at Flower Fifth Avenue School in New York City.

The following year, she joined the U.S. Army Nurse Corps, serving in North Africa and Italy during World War II.

She spent six years teaching in nursing programs, and returned to active Army service in 1954 to assist with medical courses for enlisted personnel and helped to establish a medical education system, particularly in the United States, Japan and Germany.

In 1970, she retired from the U.S. Army as a Lieutenant Colonel and returned to St. Lawrence County, joining her mother in Ogdensburg to help with her care. She earned many honors during her Army service, including the Bronze Star and Army Commendation Medal.

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## OFA grad creates scholarship for nursing students

An Ogdensburg Free Academy graduate and member of the inaugural class of SUNY Canton nurses has created a scholarship to lessen the financial burdens of north country students who follow in her career field.

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

Both her and her husband, T. James Blake, are OFA graduates.

The couple now resides in Milwaukee, Wis. Maryalice wanted to highlight their connection to the area through the scholarship and help future generations avoid the struggles she faced when paying for education.

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

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These are all areas where those who know Merrifield say he excels.

"One of Bob's greatest qualities is his generosity," wrote Thornton in her nomination.

"I have worked with Bob since 2013 and have witnessed this on many occasions."

When a co-worker was studying for her GED exam, Merrifield tutored her, on his own time, to help ensure she would pass the test. When another co-worker's home was lost in a fire, he was the first person to suggest, and establish a fundraiser to assist her and her family.

Another time, several employees shaved their heads in support of a co-worker with cancer. Merrifield was one of the first to participate.

More recently, employees of the facility were fit-tested for N-95 res-

pirators to allow them to work with resident whom had COVID-19.

Merrifield typically sports a "chin-strap," however, his facial hair was interfering with the mask's ability to provide a proper seal on his face.

"Bob was unable to secure the seal the first few times, so I told him we would try again later. A short time later, he returned to my office after going into the bathroom and shaving his facial hair. He said, 'I'm ready now,'" Thornton recalled. "While many people were scared about the possibility of being exposed to the virus, Bob was determined to be there for his residents."

Merrifield has been a nurse in the United Helpers family for 30-plus years. He resides in Heuvelton with his wife. He has two grown daughters.

Ladouceur's wife, Cheryl, chose the criteria for the award picking traits exhibited by her husband and things he was known for, not just in the United Helpers family, but also across the entire city of

Ogdensburg.

Each nomination must also include an additional letter of support from someone other than the nominator.

In her letter, Bobbi Jo Holmes noted that Merrifield works in the building's dementia unit, something that requires patience, caring, and a special set of skills.

"He is one of the most caring and generous people I have ever known. He is always there for his co-workers, and his residents. He is very deserving of this honor," she wrote.

The Wayne N. Ladouceur Award was created in memory of and in honor of Ladouceur, a longtime United Helpers volunteer, board member and former board president.

The award is funded through an endowment created by his wife and more than 80 other friends and family members.

Video of the presentation may be viewed at, <https://youtu.be/9aSRqDTdin4>

## SUNY supervisor credits staff

SUNY Canton maintenance supervisor reflects on college's essential physical plant workers

Derek J. Bateman of Ogdensburg credits the good people he works with at SUNY Canton for helping the college weather the pandemic.

Bateman was recently promoted to Maintenance Supervisor 3 in the college's Cooper Services Complex. He oversees 17 Physical Plant employees in the HVAC, plumbing, trades and electrical departments.

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

Individual success is not Bateman's entire point of pride, and he shares

admiration for all of the staff members he works with on a daily basis.

He and all of his colleagues were deemed essential workers at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The entire physical plant contributed to the most memorable accomplishments during his 18-year career.

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

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

"We did it," he said. "We prepared the college for the students' return. It's because of the way the College treats its employees, and the enjoyment people get from working here. They say if you surround yourself with good people, good things happen. And I think that's what happened here."



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

meeting, in connection with the Black Water Solar Partners, LLC Project, as described below. As a result of the (1) ban on large meetings or gatherings pursuant to Executive Order 202.1 issued on March 12, 2020, as supplemented, (2) ban on non-essential gatherings of individuals of any size for any reason pursuant to Executive Order 202.10 issued on March 23, 2020, as supplemented and (3) suspension of the Open Meetings Law relating to public hearings pursuant to Executive Order 202.15 issued on April 9, 2020, as supplemented, each as issued by Governor Cuomo in response to the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Public Hearing will be held electronically via webinar rather than in person. Members of the public may attend the Public Hearing by viewing and commenting on the Project and the benefits to be granted to the Company (as defined below) by the Agency during the Public Hearing by logging into Zoom Meeting: [rwilliams@slcida.com](mailto:rwilliams@slcida.com) and must be received no later than 10:00 am on March 17, 2021. A transcript of the public hearing will be made available at a later date. The public will have an opportunity to see and hear the meeting live and provide comments. Comments can be provided through the written chat section of the Zoom meeting, in addition to providing written comments via email, as outlined in the paragraph above. Please check the meeting information posted on the Agency website for further instructions to access the meeting, and to find copies of the application and the cost benefit analysis. DATED: March 3, 2021

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing (the "Public Hearing") pursuant to Section 859-a(2) of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (the "Act") will be held by the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") on March 18, 2021, at 10:30 a.m., local time, via Zoom meeting, in connection with the Royal Solar Partners, LLC Project, as described below. As a result of the (1) ban on large meetings or gatherings pursuant to Executive Order 202.1 issued on March 12, 2020, as supplemented, (2) ban on non-essential gatherings of individuals of any size

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**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**  
Public Notice There will be a Special Board Meeting of the Board of Legislators held on Monday, March 8, 2021, at 5:20 p.m., at the Board of Legislators Chambers, 48 Court Street, Canton, and broadcasted live via YouTube, for review and possible action on a resolution appointing an Interim Director of Public Health for St. Lawrence County, and any other business that may come before the Board. The Operations Committee Meeting will immediately follow the Special Board Meeting.

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
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Zoom meeting, in connection with the Ruler Solar Partners, LLC Project, as described below. As a result of the (1) ban on large meetings or gatherings pursuant to Executive Order 202.1 issued on March 12, 2020, as supplemented, (2) ban on non-essential gatherings of individuals of any size for any reason pursuant to Executive Order 202.10 issued on March 23, 2020, as supplemented and (3) suspension of the Open Meetings Law relating to public hearings pursuant

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Answers found elsewhere in this paper.

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Ruler Solar Partners, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Company"), filed an application with the Agency requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of: (A) the acquisition of a sub-leasehold interest in an approximately 38.5 acre parcel of land, being a portion of a 207.3 acre parcel of land, located at 5704 County Road 6, Town of Oswegatchie, New York 13670 (the "Land"); (B) the construction on the Land of an approximately 38.5 acre solar electric generating photovoltaic facility (the "Improvements"); (C) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of related fixtures, machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (collectively, the "Equipment" and, together with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); and (D) the sub sub-lease of the Issuer's interest in the Facility back to the Company pursuant to a project/leaseback agreement. The Company will own a leasehold interest in the Facility from the current owner through a long-term lease. The Agency will acquire an interest in the Facility. The financial assistance contemplated by the Agency will consist generally of the exemption from taxation expected to be claimed by the Company as a result of the Agency taking an interest in, possession or control (by lease, license or otherwise) of the Facility, or of the Company acting as the agent of the Agency, consisting of: (i) an exemption from state and local sales and use tax with respect to the construction and renovation of the Facility and (ii) an exemption from general real property taxation with respect to the Facility, which exemption shall be offset, in whole or in part,

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by contractual payments in lieu of taxes (the "PILOT") by the Company for the benefit of the affected tax jurisdictions. A representative of the Agency will be available at the above stated time to hear all persons with views in favor of, or opposed to, either the location or nature of the Facility, or the proposed financial assistance being contemplated by the Agency. In addition, at, or prior to, such hearing, interested parties may submit to the Agency written materials pertaining to such matters. Such materials may be submitted to the Agency at 19 Commerce Lane, Suite 1, Canton, New York 13617 or at rwilliams@slcida.com and must be received no later than 10:00 am on March 17, 2021. A transcript of the public hearing will be made available at a later date. The public will have an opportunity to see and hear the meeting live and provide comments. Comments can be provided through the written chat section of the Zoom meeting, in addition to providing written comments via email, as outlined in the paragraph above. Please check the meeting information posted on the Agency website for further instructions to access the meeting, and to find copies of the application and the cost benefit analysis. DATED: March 3, 2021

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that pursuant to Resolution of the Hopkinton Town Board, St. Lawrence County, New York; and in compliance with Section 1660 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, all Town Highways in the Town of Hopkinton will be temporarily closed to all vehicles having gross weight in excess of five tons per axle, upon erection of signs and will remain in effect until the authorized removal of the closing signs. Dated: March 1, 2021 • Stephen Green, Highway

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Supt., Town of Hopkinton - **SUPERVISOR'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020** • The detailed Annual Report of the Supervisor of the Town of Hopkinton has been filed in my office at 7 Church St., Hopkinton, NY. These reports for the year 2020 are public record and are available for inspection by all interested persons during regular office hours. Dated: March 1, 2021 • Richard L Powers, Town Clerk, Town of Hopkinton.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION**

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

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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:

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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 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) – 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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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/](http://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 pre-disposition 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.

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Vacancy Announcement: Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES (EO/AEE) is currently accepting applications for the following position: Principal Account Clerk (Residency Waived). Current split location: Brushton-Moira CSD 60%; St. Regis Falls CSD 40% Application Deadline: March 11, 2021. Appointment will be provisional pending

Civil Service exam to be announced later. Qualifications, job description and application can be found online at: [www.fehb.org/employmentopportunities](http://www.fehb.org/employmentopportunities). Queries should be directed to: Stephanie Bannon, Human Resources Coordinator, Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES, 23 Husky Lane, PO Box 28, Malone, NY 12953, Phone 518-483-6420 ext. 1028; E-mail: [sbannon@fehbo.org](mailto:sbannon@fehbo.org)

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- Elementary Teacher
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For questions, contact:  
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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-Journeyman 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

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**BONUS POINTS FOR EXPERIENCE WITH:**

- Prior transportation or supply chain experience
  - Previous customer service experience
  - Knowledge of FMCSA rules and regulations
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**WHAT YOU BRING TO THE TABLE:**

- Ability to multi-task and manage time-sensitive situations
- Basic computer skills
- Able to communicate clearly, concisely, and personally in both written and verbal forms of communication
- Able to foresee problems & difficulties and solve proactively
- Be creative, persuasive, and adaptable
- Team player who takes feedback constructively

**BONUS POINTS FOR EXPERIENCE WITH:**

- Prior transportation or supply chain experience
- Previous customer service experience
- Knowledge of FMCSA rules and regulations
- Basic knowledge of driver hours of service (HOA) regulations

**BILLING CLERK:** Seeking Billing Clerk to join team at Lavalle Transportation.

Responsible for issuing and distributing invoices to customers on a timely basis. The ideal candidate will be proactive to ensure customer service is provided at the highest level

**WHAT YOU BRING TO THE TABLE:**

- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Collaborate with other departments to ensure billing accuracy
- Communicate professionally in writing and orally
- Attention to detail

**BONUS POINTS FOR EXPERIENCE WITH:**

- Knowledge of Microsoft Office, particularly Excel
- Billing and financial concepts

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**WHAT YOU BRING TO THE TABLE:**

- 2+ years of experience in desktop support with Windows 10
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- Hands on experience installing and maintaining hardware and software
- Ability to learn and adapt quickly in a fast-paced environment
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**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS** Either:

A) Graduation from a New York State registered or regionally accredited college or university with a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture, Civil Engineering, Civil Engineering Technology, Construction Technology or Fire Protection and Safety; OR

B) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with an Associate's Degree in Architecture, Civil Engineering, Civil Engineering Technology, Construction Technology or Fire Protection and Safety and one (1) year of full-time paid experience in building or fire prevention inspection, building construction work or in a building trade; OR

C) Currently possesses a New York State Department of State Code Enforcement Certification as mandated in the State of New York Title 19 NYCRR Part 434.5 (Certification of Code Enforcement Personnel) and has completed any necessary In-service Code Enforcement Personnel Training to maintain proper certification;

(Candidates stating, they possess the NYS Department of State Code Enforcement Certification will be required to provide proof of such certification and that the certification is currently in compliance with the regulations set forth under the State of New York Title 19 NYCRR Part 434.5 (Certification of Code Enforcement Personnel) OR

D) 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](mailto: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.**

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**VENUE COORDINATOR**

The **Venue Coordinator at The Stables at Windy Point** oversees all aspects of event planning and management. The majority of events occur each weekend, spring through fall. During the off-season and throughout the year, responsibilities for the Venue Coordinator include venue marketing, reviewing and responding to inquiries on a daily basis, maintaining perspective and client communication ongoingly in a timely manner, schedule and lead informative tours of venue with prospective clients.

During the active season, responsibilities include meeting with clients to work out event details, schedule and plan with staff for setup and cleanup, and be present at each event to ensure smooth operation throughout the event. A successful candidate must understand the complex needs of different events and diverse clients, and will be extremely organized, approachable, tactful and diplomatic, and possess outstanding communication and writing skills. They must be tech savvy, and able to spend time on their feet.

More complete information about this role may be found on our website: [www.windypointstables.com](http://www.windypointstables.com)

Please email resume to: [Windypointstables@gmail.com](mailto:Windypointstables@gmail.com)

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](mailto:kim@hoosiermagnetics.com).

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**Wight & Patterson, Inc.** This is a full-time position in the feed production side of the business. Must be able to handle 50 - 80 lb. feed bags and work as a team. It will also require following a feed mixing formula, which will also require reading and math skills. Applicant must also hold a valid driver's license. Apply at Wight & Patterson Inc. 8 Miner st. Canton NY 13617. Applications are available in the office.

**AUTOCAD/REVIT/DRAFTSPERSON**  
Tisdell 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@tisdellassociates.com](mailto:bdanko@tisdellassociates.com)

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**MECHANICAL ENGINEER I/ MECHANICAL DESIGNER**  
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**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,

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

All written correspondence should be addressed to Human Resource Office, Massena Central School District, 84 Nightengale Ave., Massena, NY 13662.

**Application Deadline: Mar. 19, 2021**



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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.srmt-nsn.gov](http://www.srmt-nsn.gov).

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**General Engineer (Civil/Sustainability) Great-Lakes St Lawrence Seaway Massena, NY**

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For guidance please watch 'How to Apply for Federal Jobs', among other informational videos, on [www.youtube.com/user/usajobsapp](http://www.youtube.com/user/usajobsapp). For additional questions email U.S. Department of Transportation's Auto-mated Staffing Office - [TRANSJOBS@dot.gov](mailto:TRANSJOBS@dot.gov).



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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.
- D. Special Requirement: Possession of a current CDL Class B license with a P (Passenger) endorsement, issued by the State of New York at the time of appointment.
- E. School Bus Driver (SBDI) Certification. Article 19 A Examiner Certification.

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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](http://www.stlawco.org/Departments/HumanResources). Please respond with applications to Human Resources, St. Lawrence County, 48 Court Street, Canton, New York, 13617. AA/EOE.

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

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### Maintenance II (several openings)

We have several opening for both full-time and part-time maintenance workers in St. Lawrence County.

We are seeking a part-time caretaker at Castle Ridge Manor in Lisbon. That position is for 15 hours per week.

We also have full-time openings at Mill Yard Estates in Parishville and an full-time opening for a position that is split between Mill Site Manor in Hammond and Columbia High Manor in Morristown.

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**IMMEDIATE CONSTRUCTION HELP WANTED** - Residential Finished Carpenter-Employment background to include 10 years or more of experience, have your own basic tools, knowledge of kitchen cabinet installation, crown molding, interior doors, window trims, ceramic tile for walls and floors. Work in St. Lawrence County and surrounding area. Must have valid driver's license and reliable vehicle. Pay determined upon eligibility and experience. 3 professional references required. Send resume to [strateconstruction@yahoo.com](mailto:strateconstruction@yahoo.com)

**LOSURDO FOODS, INC.**  
is accepting applications for production workers. Full time position. Benefits include: Medical, Dental, Life, LTD, 401k, and some paid holidays. Apply in person at 34 Union St. Heuvelton, NY

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St. Lawrence County  
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## HEAD START has the following openings:

### Bus Driver for our Gouverneur Center:

Responsibilities include safe transporting of preschool children to/from the Head Start Center. Position requires a clean NYS Driver's License. Must be at least 21 years of age. Candidates must have a minimum of a Class C CDL, with an "S" and "P" endorsement license. Follow NYS Article 19A regulations. We would be willing to train.

**Bus Monitor for our Gouverneur Center:** Person must have a minimum of a high school diploma or its equivalent. Person should enjoy working with preschool aged children

**Substitutes in all positions are needed.**

**Positions follow the school schedule/holidays.**

**Please call the Head Start Main Office at 315-386-8574 for more specific detail.**

Send letter of interest, resume and three **current, signed and dated** written letters of reference to Head Start, One Commerce Lane, Canton, NY 13617.

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

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- Degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field preferred.
- Car and phone required.
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  2. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of Nevada?
  3. LANGUAGE: What is a lexicon?
  4. HISTORY: What was the first sport played on the moon?
  5. LITERATURE: In his will, what gift did Albus Dumbledore give to Ron Weasley in the Harry Potter book series?
  6. MOVIES: What was the first Disney song to win an Academy Award for best original movie song?
  7. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Bermuda?
  8. INVENTIONS: Who first invented a successful vaccine for rabies?
  9. ASTRONOMY: Which two planets in our solar system do not have moons?
  10. MATH: What is the Arabic equivalent of the Roman numerals MDCCCXII?
- Answers found elsewhere in this paper.

## Seaway Valley Prevention Council



### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR

The Seaway Valley Prevention Council (SVPC) is seeking a dynamic, self-starting professional to serve as its full-time **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR**.

The **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR** will work as part of a team on the Advancing Tobacco Free Communities (ATFC) grant. The Coordinator will be responsible for creating and maintaining professional relationships with community partners, educating government policymakers, and mobilizing community members to foster an environment that successfully demands tobacco control policy. The program's areas of focus include smoke-free multi-unit housing (SFMUH), tobacco-free outdoors (TFO), and point of sale (POS).

Applicants must possess knowledge in implementing work plans, excellent written and oral communication skills, work independently with self-motivation, and proven ability to be a team member. This position requires working some evenings and weekend hours and travel throughout Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence Counties. The position also requires some overnight travel. The minimum requirements are a bachelor's degree in Public Health or a related field such as health education.

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## ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

### Adjunct Instructor of Accounting

The Economics Department of St. Lawrence University invites applications for an **adjunct instructor of Accounting** to teach one or two sections of Financial Accounting in the fall 2021 semester, from August 25 through December 17, 2021. The University expects that all fall 2021 classes will be offered in-person, on campus.

To view the complete job description, including minimum qualifications required, as well as application instructions please visit: <https://employment.stlawu.edu>.

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