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Around 50 people attended a rally outside city hall Monday calling on the Ogdensburg mayor and several councilors to resign from their positions following an arbitration ruling stating that they violated the city charter.

Protesters call on councilors to resign following arbitration ruling

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG -- Around 50 Ogdensburg residents called for the resignation of Mayor Jeffrey M. Skelly Deputy Mayor John Rishe and councilors Bill Dillabough and Steve Fisher prior to the city council meeting Monday.

The calls followed an arbitration decision between the police union and the city that stated the city council and mayor violated the

charter and labor contract when they instructed former City Manager Sarah Purdy to lay off four police officers.

Cindi Layng, who has relatives on and retired from the police force, was among those calling for resignations.

She said that while there have been other protests held, this one is different because the arbitrator's opinion is clear that the majority council violated the charter. The section of the charter the councilors and

mayor have alleged to have violated calls for the immediate forfeiture of the seat.

"They need to resign," she said. Layng noted that Arbitrator James Gross has more than six decades of experience and that his opinion is considered binding on the matter.

Opinions from others in the crowd were similar though some also called on the city to fill a firefighter position that became vacant following a

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Under pressure, districts signal sports return

BY MATT LINDSEY
North Country This Week

Following recent protests from athletes, St. Lawrence County high schools may get students back on the courts and in the rinks, but the season would likely be a short one.

Many St. Lawrence County school officials were busy this week creating safety plans, which were then submitted to the St. Lawrence County Department of Health.

Ogdensburg City School District will offer varsity and JV boys and girls basketball, as well as varsity boys hockey.

The school board there approved the decision unanimously Monday night during a 7-minute virtual meeting.

Superintendent Kevin Kendall said that games are currently being scheduled by Section X, and that the schedule will be forthcoming. Kendall noted that activities likely will not be limited to sports. He said officials are trying to safely organize arts-related activities, which could possibly include a

musical.

No decision on allowing spectators has been made.

"We will be streaming all contests," Kendall said.

For now, there will be no modified sports offered. For basketball, Kendall said that finding enough referees would be challenging and adding more teams to the mix would make it harder to do.

The district offers hoops for boys in girls in seventh and eighth grade, which is four teams, instead of two at most schools.

Once a school approves its safety plan for sports, the plan must be posted on the district website. District then must complete affirmation forms on the NYSDOH website. Following that, public health officials will conduct random spot checks.

If all of the aforementioned conditions are met, school districts in Section X could begin practices for hockey and basketball in mid- to late-February.

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Town of Louisville considers taking ownership of Massena Country Club

BY ANDY GARDNER
North Country This Week

LOUISVILLE -- The Town of Louisville may take over the Massena Country Club.

"We're in the process of negotiating that possibility," said Town Supervisor Larry Legault. "Hopefully either February or March, a decision will be made on which way it's going to be going forward."

The New York Power Authority owns the actual land. Massena Country Club Inc. owns the buildings and equipment. Tim Peets,

president of the Massena Country Club Board of Directors, said they "are in a position to open this year" regardless of whether the transfer happens before the start of the golfing season.

"The Massena Country Club Board of Directors has been discussing a possible transition from a privately run golf course to a municipally run golf course with the town of Louisville. The talks are currently ongoing, and we have no further comment at this time," Peets said in an email.

Legault said the town would only

take over the golf course if it can sustain itself.

"It's got to be self-sufficient ... by membership or greens fees or something like that," the Louisville town supervisor said.

He said the town wants to see the country club remain open, regardless of who runs it.

"It's a recreation facility that's been on the Town of Louisville for over 80 years," he said. "We definitely want to see it open and continue to be a golf course."

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Health Director stepping down

BY ANDY GARDNER
North Country This Week

CANTON -- St. Lawrence County's public health director will step aside in the coming weeks.

Dr. Dana McGuire said she will be full time until the end of March and during the month of April there will be a transitional period.

"I'm looking to stay with the county at some level," she said.

She said she's stepping back for family reasons as she approaches her three-year mark with the department on Feb. 12. "I have a four-year-old daughter. I'm trying to spend some

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O'Burg moves toward preempting sales tax

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG – Ogdensburg will begin working toward preempting the county on sales tax after the county opted not to extend the existing agreement.

If successful that means Ogdensburg would keep any sales tax generated in the city, rather than taking a cut from the county.

The city and the county have feuded over the sales tax distribution formula for more than a year as the county has signaled intent to reduce the amount Ogdensburg receives. This comes at a particularly tough time for the city, which is struggling financially and continues to push toward its constitutional sales tax cap, despite an unprecedented number of cuts.

Jellie said the county has rejected every offer the city has put forward and he was seeking direction from council on where to go next.

Mayor Jeffrey M. Skelly said the city currently gets 6.44 percent of the county's sales tax collections, but makes up about 9 percent of the county's population.

He said if the city preempts it will get sales tax from all online sales as well as sales tax from vehicle purchases.

He said there is also a possibility that the city will receive sales tax for all sales in the 13669 zip code, though that has been disputed by county officials. Jellie said he was putting together a schedule of work for Gray and Gray associates to run the numbers for the city in order to get a cost estimate.

That prompted questions from

the minority councilors who asked if the city would be better off appointing a comptroller to do the work instead of hiring it out.

Jellie said the city is expected to save more than \$50,000 by leaving the position vacant, though it is a position demanded by the city charter.

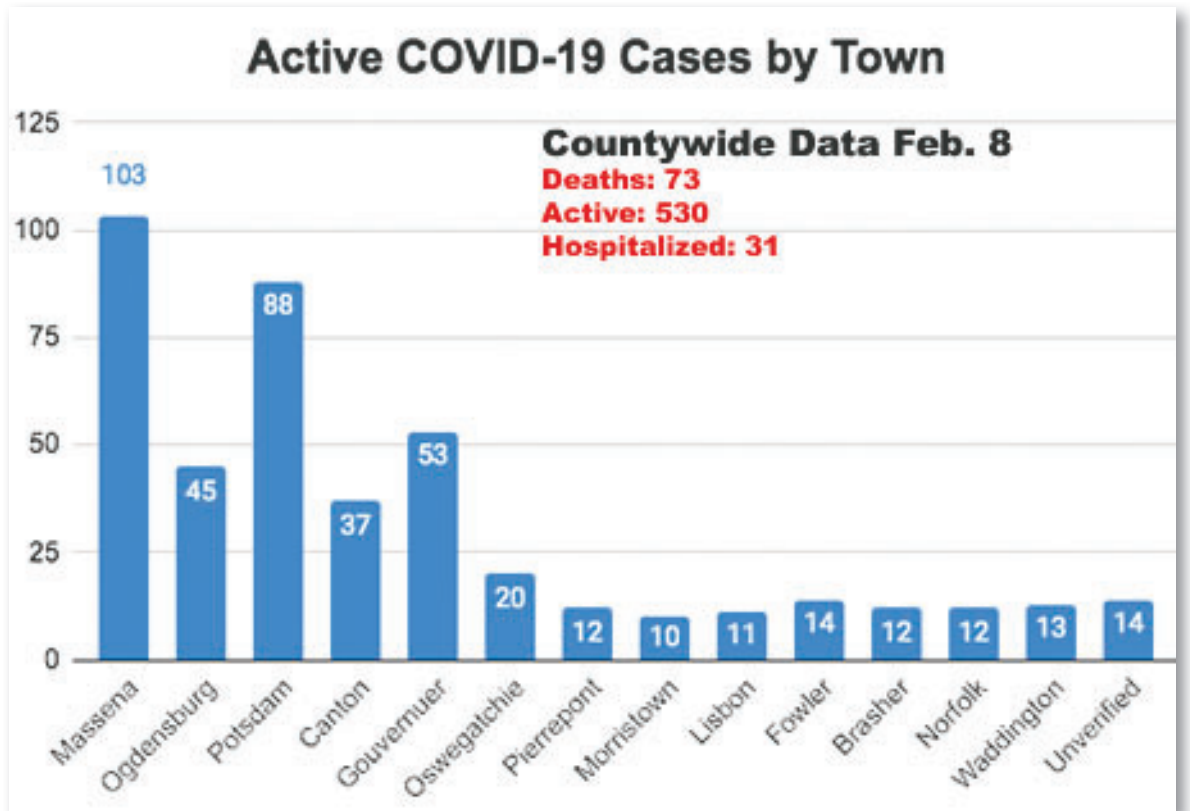
He said the work performed in this case is beyond the scope of work that would be handled by a comptroller anyway.

Deputy Mayor John Rishe sought to have the talks moved to executive session, however Jellie said he discussed that with the city attorney and they did not meet the criteria for executive session at this time.

The negotiations, exempt from public view according to open meetings law, relate specifically to labor contracts. Jellie said exemptions for litigation and contractual related exemptions did not appear to be appropriate at this time either.

Currently, the city receives more of the sales tax revenue than towns and villages but there are some reasons for that. Ogdensburg has its own property tax jurisdiction and must make the county whole for unpaid property and school taxes. For towns and villages, the county covers that gap. However, county legislators argue that Ogdensburg receives more than it deserves. They say the population has declined and the amount of sales taxes generated by the city has likely done the same though no real numbers have been shared publicly to date.

While the city begins investigating the preemption option, they are also seeking to have the county take over property tax jurisdiction.



While cases are trending down across the county Massena is seeing a spike with more than 100 cases active currently.

County clinic now administering 1,000 vaccinations daily

BY ANDY GARDNER
North Country This Week

POTSDAM – The state-run COVID-19 vaccination clinic at SUNY Potsdam is now giving 1,000 vaccinations per day, St. Lawrence County's public health director told county legislators.

Dr. Dana McGuire discussed the latest on the county's vaccination program with the county legislature's Services Committee during their Monday, Feb. 8 meeting.

In addition, the county is lining

up community points of distribution (POD) sites in four towns, but they're not yet open. The county Public Health website says they'll be coming soon at the Ogdensburg Golden Dome, Massena Community Center, Gouverneur Community Center and Star Lake Fire Department. Vaccine eligibility has been expanded to include people with 13 co-morbid conditions that put them at higher risk for COVID-19 complications. People can use the New York State "Am I Eligible?" online tool at <https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov> or call 1-833-697-4829 to see if they qualify.

Dr. Andrew Williams, president of the St. Lawrence County Board of Health, told the county legislators that people with the co-morbidities will be eligible for the shot starting Feb. 15. The county will have to come up with a "systematic way to confirm people do have these conditions," he said.

"Vaccine availability is going to be critical" for getting the newly eligible inoculated, he said.

Massena clinic gets help

MASSENA – A \$4 million grant awarded to Citizen Advocates will

help deliver services at its Massena clinic for individuals with serious mental health and addiction.

The grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) was pursued so Citizen Advocates could expand its Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) program into St. Lawrence County, a press release from the organization said. Currently, Citizen Advocates is operating a CCHBC demonstration program through its clinic in Malone, where it delivers a full array of services to support individuals with a severe or chronic mental health and addiction diagnosis.

The initial two-year CCBHC demonstration project has been extended by the federal government due to the success of programs like the one operated by Citizen Advocates, and its ability to deliver critical services to an underserved population.

According to a recent St. Lawrence County Community Health Assessment, hospitalization rates for individuals in Massena needing mental health treatment exceeded the statewide average and rates for other areas in the region. The assessment plan also noted hospitalization for mental health treatment doubled between 2008 and 2016. In addition to mental health, hospitalization rates for substance abuse, alcohol-related diagnoses, and opiate overdoses in Massena greatly exceeded the statewide rates and have increased dramatically over the past several years. Through the increased access to timely mental health and addiction services at its Massena clinic, Citizen Advocates has begun to address community need, the press release said.



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CIRCULATION AUDIT BY

Airport checkpoint upgraded

OGDENSBURG – The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has installed new acrylic shields at the security checkpoint at Ogdensburg International Airport to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

The protective barriers have been installed in areas where TSA officers typically interact with passengers. This includes the travel

document checking podium, the divesting areas where travelers prepare their carry-on property for X-ray screening and the property search areas.

Travelers are reminded to wear a mask and follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) travel guidance as well as local and state advisories regarding COVID-19.

County moves to keep sales tax talks out of public view

BY ANDY GARDNER

North Country This Week

CANTON – After a legislator brought up reintroducing a bill to extend the sales tax distribution formula by one year, county legislators took no action on the motion. The board chair said it could be discussed in executive session, but it's not clear if that met the Open Meetings Law criteria for closed-door talks.

The discussion happened during the Monday, Feb. 1 Board of Legislators meeting. At the Jan. 25 Finance Committee meeting, the board voted down a resolution to extend the current formula by two years, 8-7.

Legislator Rita Curran, R-Massena, asked other lawmakers if there is "interest in reintroducing any of that?"

"Some of us would have interest to try and extend the sales tax agreement by one year," she said.

"I believe those discussions are usually held in executive session, what the strategy would be," said board Chairman Bill Sheridan, R-Hammond.

"I believe I was the person who offered an amendment for one year, and I'd be happy to discuss that in executive session," said Legislator Margaret Haggard, D-Potsdam.

Legislator Joe Lightfoot, R-Ogdensburg, suggested that since no one replied to Curran's call to revisit the motion, there is no interest among the board.

"I don't hear any cry out there to do what Legislator Curran is suggesting. So I think that perhaps silence gives you what the answer is?" he said.

New York State Open Meetings Law gives eight specific topics that are appropriate to discuss in private. Just prior to the executive session, County Administrator Ruth Doyle listed several things the

board planned to discuss.

She said those were to talk about "litigation, negotiations, consideration of 12 appointments and personnel for the use of time."

Sheridan said he believes the sales tax negotiation talks are appropriate for the executive session because they are incidental to litigation and related to the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property, or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale of securities held by such body."

For consideration of 12 appointments, Open Meetings Law allows an executive session to discuss "matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person."

Sheridan later clarified that "personnel for the use of time" referred to "a situation involving employment history of personnel," which is covered under OML.

The decision not to extend the contract has drawn ire from City Manager Stephen Jellie.

"The City of Ogdensburg will survive, and ultimately the city will revive, with or without the support of the St. Lawrence County Legislature. The city acknowledges and thanks all the legislators that supported an extension in the sales tax distribution plan, especially those that support the additional one year extension that would give us the time needed to get our sales tax collection efforts up and running. We sincerely hope the St. Lawrence County Legislative Chairmen, Mr. Bill Sheridan, will recognize the absolute need for leadership in this matter and find a way to bring Mr. Acres and Mr. Lightfoot back to the Republican caucus," he said in a statement issued to North Country This Week.

Ogdensburg Expo canceled, club seeks alternate funding sources

BY JIMMY LAWTON

North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG – The Ogdensburg Expo will once again be canceled due to COVID-19.

The event is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the Ogdensburg Boys and Girls Club.

Ogdensburg Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Thomas Luckie II says the organization is hoping to make up the difference with donations drives.

"The Expo Raffle tickets will be a big part of the clubs fundraising efforts in 2021, we are looking forward to having the Expo event once again in 2022. We have been truly fortunate to have great community support of our youth during this pandemic which has allowed us to assist them and their families in

different but much needed ways this past year. We will continue to do "Whatever it Takes" to impact their lives in a positive way," Luckie said.

The Expo Raffle Ticket will still be available with more chances to win and more prizes. Only 3100 tickets will be sold at \$20 a piece with a chance to win \$15,500 in prizes. Prizes this year include First Prize- \$5000 Courtesy of Blevins Auto Group, Second and Third Prize- \$1500 Gift Certificate from Gardner's Flooring and Furniture, Fourth Prize- \$1000 cash given by the St. Lawrence Federal Credit Union, Fifth Prize- \$1000 Gift Certificate from Save A Lot, Sixth Prize- \$1000 cash from 4 Generation Club Family, Seventh Prize- \$1000 cash in Memory of Charles W. Kelly, 8th Prize- 12- 1

Month Memberships to Northern Physical Therapy.

There will also be five early bird drawings in March leading up to the grand prize drawings on March 28th at a to be determined location. The March 7th drawing will be \$500 donated by an OBGC Board Member, March 14th \$500 each donated by the Pepsi Family of Ogdensburg and Community Bank, N.A. and March 21st \$500 each donated by Moose Lodge 814 and NBT Bank.

Tickets are available from Ogdensburg Boys and Girls Club Board of Director members, at the Ogdensburg Boys and Girls Club, by visiting the club website at www.obgclub.com by clicking on the donate button with any major credit card on pay pal (indicate the donation is for tickets and include cell phone or email address so ticket numbers can be sent to you) tickets are also available at Venmo @ Ogdensburg-BoysandGirlsClub.

City appointment garners outcry from public

BY JIMMY LAWTON

North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG – An appointment to the city's vacancy committee became controversial Monday after the council opted to name a replacement without considering multiple candidates.

Mark Knowlton was appointed to the committee in a 4-3 vote after a short debate.

Councilor Nichole Kennedy offered Michael Tooley as a candidate, which was seconded by councilor Michael Powers, but the nomination failed to gain steam. Meanwhile, Councilor Dan

Skamperle said the city should get a pool of candidates to consider before making any nomination.

Skamperle said he didn't think it was fair to appoint someone without considering other interested candidates.

Powers rescinded his backing of Tooley and agreed the best move would be to gauge interest.

"I think we should vet the community," he said.

He also questioned councilor Steve Fisher if he was in business with Knowlton.

Fisher said he was, but questioned the relevance of Powers' question.

LCS school vote

LISBON – Lisbon Central School District voters are being asked to vote on a district proposal for an energy performance contract that would get the district more aid money toward the initiative. The initiative is not subject to voter approval, but a positive vote would increase state aid for the project by 10%. The district will qualify for an \$161,000 in incentives from utility companies.

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OBITUARIES

David G. Yateman, 89

Massena

MASSENA -- David G. Yateman, 89, a longtime resident of Randall Drive, passed away Thursday morning, February 5, 2021 at Massena Rehabilitation and Nursing Center after a lengthy illness.

David was born on March 1, 1931 in Massena, the son of the late Delbert and Blanche (Somers) Yateman.

He attended Massena Schools and proudly served his country in the US Army from 1948 until his honorable discharge in 1954.

On November 3, 1958, he married Marlene E. Green in Beekmantown.

David was a police officer with the Village of Massena for 10 years before starting at Reynolds Metals where he was a security officer. David enjoyed doing woodworking, hunting, reading and watching western movies and television shows.

David is survived by his wife of 62 years, Marlene; his sons, Gregory and Mary Jo of Massena; Mark of Henderson, Nevada; his grandchildren, Devon, Sarah, and Lia Yateman; his step-granddaughter, Rondee Peterson; his chosen granddaughters, Ashley and Lindsey Dodge; his grandson, Gage Yateman; his step-great grand-

daughter, Riley and Remy Fehr; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by an infant brother, Robert in 1929; and two sisters, Betty Wilkins on November 9, 2014 and Phyllis White on June 26, 2006.

Friends called Monday from 6-8:00 PM at the Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

Funeral services were held privately. Burial will be in Massena Center Cemetery at the convenience of the family. Visitation was occupancy controlled with those attending required to observe social distancing and wear face coverings.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the Massena Rehabilitation and Nursing Center Activities Fund or the American Alzheimer's Association.

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



David Yateman

Terry W. Rafter, 70

Madrid

MADRID -- Terry W. Rafter, 70, a longtime resident of State Highway 345, passed away Wednesday evening, February 3, 2021 at The Unity Hospital of Rochester after a lengthy illness.

Terry was born on January 26, 1951 in Potsdam the son of Geraldine (Planty) Rafter and the late Merlin J. Rafter. He was raised in the Madrid-Waddington area, graduating from Madrid-Waddington Central School.

On August 15, 1970, he married Linda J. Parmeter in Waddington. In 1971, he entered the United States Air Force, where proudly served his country until his honorable discharge in 1974.

After returning home from the military, Terry did carpentry work for various companies including his own. He later went to work for Op-Tech Environmental Services, retiring in 2004. He was proud member of the American Legion Post 420 in Waddington and enjoyed hunting, fishing, visiting with his friends, and cherished the times he was able to spend time with his family during the holidays and birthdays.

Terry is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Linda; his children and their spouses, Shawn and Jenn Rafter of Waddington and Sherry

and Scott Carlin of Russell; his grandchildren, Jessica, Michelle, Michael, Matt, and Austin; and his great grandchildren, Gavin, Isabella, Jaxson, Kaleb, Tobias, and Luna.

He is also survived by his mother, Geraldine Gale of Madrid; his sisters, Linda Dixon of Madrid and Judy and Lloyd Hargrave; his mother-in-law, Betty Parmeter of Waddington; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his father, he was predeceased by a son, Scott Rafter in 1986 and a brother, Ricky Rafter in 1975.

There will be no calling hours. A celebration of his life will be held at a time to be announced.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the American Heart Association.

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



Terry Rafter

BRIER HILL -- There will be a Memorial Service, tentatively planned for late August for Lawrence M. "Larry" Mace, 82, who passed away on Monday February 1, 2021 at his home under the comforting care of his family. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in Morristown.

If friends desire in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Brier Hill Fire Department Dive Team, 2678 State Highway 37, Brier Hill, 13614.

Condolences and photos can be sent online to www.islandviewfs.com

Surviving Larry Mace are his wife of 60 years, Mary Ellen, four sons and daughters-in-law; Gary Lee (Amy), Oswego, NY, Robert John (Rayleen), Leavenworth, KS, Thomas Lynn (Chayo), Mesa, AZ, Douglas Scott (Vanessa) Allentown, PA and one daughter Tammie Lynn Mace, Brier Hill. One sister; Joan Narrow, Myrtle Beach, SC, two brothers-in-law; Robert (Joan) Hawthorne, Hammond, Douglas (Dorothy) Hawthorne, Temecula,

Lawrence M. Mace, 82

Brier Hill

CA and three sisters-in-law; Elaine (Raymond) Langtry, Brier Hill, Kathleen (Pete) Hunter, Brier Hill, Carol Hawthorne, Harrisville, NY.



Lawrence Mace

Also surviving are nine grandchildren; Elizabeth, Julissa (Drew), Anthony, Julian, Katie, Matthew, Morgan, Doug (Paige) and Lauren (Adam). Four great grandchildren; Clara Belle Mace, Ashton and Alex Rogers and Camilus Horn. Four God Children; Kevin and Dan Mace, Robyn Bickelhaupt and Roni Dickhout, and several nieces and nephews.

Larry was predeceased by twin daughters, Joni and Janie and a brother Jerry Lee Mace.

Larry was born on November 3, 1938 in Potsdam, son of Maurice and Daisy Mace and attended and graduated from Morristown Central

School in 1958.

Larry served in the US Navy from September 8, 1958 until his honorable discharge on February 14, 1961.

On February 21, 1960 he married Mary Ellen Hawthorne at the Methodist Church in Morristown, with Rev. Charles E. Thompson officiating.

Larry worked as a supervisor at various milk production facilities in St. Lawrence County including Universal Foods and Stella Cheese Plant in Ogdensburg and Heuvelton. After retirement from the cheese industry, Larry worked at Jacques Cartier State Park, operated the Hammond Agway and the Briar Patch Greenhouse in Brier Hill with his wife.

Larry was a fireman and Commissioner for the Brier Hill Fire Department and was a member of the Oddfellows, Hammond Lodge.

Larry enjoyed playing cards and spending time with family and friends where he was famous for his one-liners. Larry will be missed by all.

Eleanor L. Skonieczny, 92

Massena

MASSENA -- Eleanor L. Skonieczny age 92, peacefully passed away on Wednesday February 3, 2021 at Massena Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, with her loving family by her side. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Phillips Memorial Home in Massena.

Friends and family were received on Monday, February 8, 2021 from 4-7 p.m at the Phillips Memorial Home, Massena. A Mass of Christian Burial was held 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at St. Mary's Church. Burial will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family in the spring. Due to COVID-19, face coverings and social distancing will be observed.

Eleanor, known by many as Ellie, was born November 30, 1928 in Massena, the daughter of the late Salvatore and Mary (Marando) Perry. She was a graduate of Massena Central High School.

Ellie married Edward Skonieczny on December 27, 1952 with Father Bernard Kellogg presiding at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Massena.



Eleanor Skonieczny

Ellie enjoyed the smiling faces of the students that came through her cafeteria line at Madison Elementary School from where she retired in 1989.

Ellie a devoted Catholic was active with the Catholic Community. She enjoyed decorating her home for the Christmas holiday and spending time and cooking for her family.

Ellie was predeceased by her loving husband Edward in 1987, a great-granddaughter Avigail in

2000 and six brothers and five sisters.

She is survived by her daughter Cheryl and husband Martin Osuch of Massena, a son and his wife, six grandchildren; Martin Osuch Jr. of Massena, Brandon and Kristie Osuch of Arkansas, Marcy Osuch and partner Julius Cook of Massena, and Nicole and Scott Coupal of Peru, NY. Six great-grandchildren, Skyler, Cameron, Sabrina, Olivia, Kaitlin, and Rayelle. She is also survived by a brother Victor and Olive Perry of Massena, sister-in-laws, Marge, Georgette, Yvette, Debbie, Marie and Carol along with several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be acknowledged with Trinity Catholic Endowment Fund, 188 Main Street, Massena, NY 13662.

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

Patricia M. Olmstead, 65

Chase Mills

a family and moved back to the North Country.

Patricia worked as a comparative shopper for the Hills Department Store from when they opened in 1990 at the St. Lawrence Centre Mall until its closing in 1999. Patricia also



Patricia Olmstead

was known to lend a helping hand when she found out of someone that may have falling on hard times. A truly caring person that would put others before oneself.

Patricia enjoyed spending time with family in Lake George and going to car shows and arts and crafts.

She will be remembered for her love of animals, including her cherished "Phantom" and "Rusty" labs. Patricia also had a true eye for beauty, that was apparent in her many photos of the vast wildlife in her own back yard.

Many will remember her for sharing photos of her grandbabies as they grew up as well as her beloved dogs as she was quick to

share with friends and families the next batch of photos.

She is survived by her devoted husband Danny L. Olmstead of Chase Mills, a son Danny L. Olmstead Jr. of Ogdensburg, her two grandchildren, Dana May and Dawson Lee Olmstead both of Ogdensburg, NY along with her siblings Pam and Cheyanne Allen of Alexandria Bay, NY and Alice and Frank Allen of Gouverneur, NY. Patricia is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brothers Arthur and Jerry Boshane and sisters; Marilyn MacIntosh, Sharla Miller, Glennis Dashner and Trudy Tripp.

Memorial contributions may be acknowledged to the Massena Humane Society; P.O. Box 145 Massena, NY, 13662, Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley; 6805 US-11, Potsdam, NY 13676 or American Cancer Society; 6725 Lyons St, East Syracuse, NY 13057

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OBITUARIES

Gerald "Che Che" Grenon, 90

Massena

MASSENA -- Gerald "Che Che" Grenon, 90, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday January 31, 2021 at the Massena Hospital.

Gerald was born September 16, 1930 in St. Anicent, Quebec to Albert Grenon and Emelia Girard. Gerald honorably served in the US Army during the Korean War. He was united in marriage with Yvonne Leduc and they shared 46 years together, loving each other all their days, until Yvonne's death in 2003.

Prior to Gerald's retirement he was employed as a foreman for the Village of Massena DPW. As a dad and grandfather, he loved to spend with his family at camp in St. Anicet, Quebec, and was known for his annual camp parties.

Gerald was an avid outdoorsman and had a love for fishing, that he passed down to his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He had a contagious personality that everyone loved and always had witty comebacks and punch lines and had an innate ability to put a smile on everyone's face.

Papa Che Che enjoyed his grandchildren and great grandchildren to his fullest, always making his presence known at special events. He enjoyed playing cards with his friends at the VFW. He was a member of the American Legion, VFW, and AMVETS Post 4.



Gerald Grenon

His survivors include longtime companion, Francine Brinkworth, of Cornwall, ON and his son, Gerard "Jerry" Grenon, of Massena. Gerald also leaves behind 5 grandchildren and their spouses, Martin and Magdalena Lonkey, of Marcy, Matthew and Samantha Lonkey, of Massena, Gerard "Jay" Grenon and his companion Melinda Rodriguez, Nicolas and Michelle Grenon & Noell-Rose Grenon and her companion Gus Simard. Gerald also leaves behind 5 great grandchildren, Graci Lonkey, Nathan Barcomb, Gavin Lonkey,

Connor Lonkey, & Hannah Lonkey. He also leaves behind many nieces and nephews

The family would like to offer their heartfelt appreciation to all family and friends that have reached out during this difficult time.

Relatives and friends were invited to attend Gerald's calling hours on Monday from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with a Funeral Mass following at 2:00 p.m. at the Church of the Sacred Heart. The burial will held in the spring at Calvary Cemetery in Massena, NY and will include military honors being rendered by the AMVETS and/or VFW.

Arrangements are being handled by Phillips Memorial Home, 64 Andrews St., Massena, N.Y. Interment will be at Calvary Cemetery in Massena, N.Y. Online Memories and Condolences can be shared with the family at www.PhillipsMemorial.com.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Che Che's name may be made to the AMVETS Post 4, Rifle Squad, 12 Andrews St. Massena, NY 13662.

Patricia M. Flynn, 81

Massena

MASSENA -- Patricia M. Flynn, age 81, passed away after a brief illness at Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, NY surrounded by her loving family.

There will be no public calling hours at this time. The family will have a graveside service at their convenience at a later date in Calvary Cemetery, Massena.

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

Patty was born to the late Richard and Mary (Smith) McCarthy in Massena, NY on March 21, 1939. She attended Massena Schools and married James "Buster" Santimaw in Massena on July 7, 1962. He

predeceased her on September 4, 1980. Patty later married Richard F. Flynn on December 31, 1987 at St. Lawrence Church with the late Rev. Msgr. Floyd Brown officiating. Richard predeceased her on June 23, 2006.



Patricia Flynn

Patty owned and operated the McCarthy Restaurant one located on N Main Street, Massena. She also worked for nearly ten years at P&C Grocery Store as a Deli Clerk. Her passion and creativity was shown best when she began her ceramic studio on

Maple Street, Rope & Knot from 1983 until the early 90's.

Patty is survived by her loving daughter Mary Santimaw of Massena, NY, a son Vaughn and wife Mary Santimaw of Englewood, FL, and a granddaughter Arianna Santimaw of Massena, NY. Patty is also survived by her two sisters Theme McCarthy and Janet Bertrand and a nephew Christopher Bertrand all of Massena, NY.

Memorial contributions may be acknowledged to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; 220 E 42nd St, New York, NY 10017

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RECENT DEATHS

SHIRLEY WOOD, 68, Massena, Feb. 7. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

DAVID YATEMAN, 89, Massena, Feb. 5. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

PATRICIA SKIDDS, 71, Ogdensburg, Feb. 4. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

JUDITH HOLMES, 76, Ogdensburg, Feb. 3. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

ELEANOR SKONIECZNY, 92, Massena, Feb. 3. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

DONALD MICHAUD, 86, Brasher Falls, Feb. 2. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

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CAROL ZWYQHUIZEN, 77, Massena, Jan. 31. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

GERALD GRENON, 90, Massena, Jan. 31. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

SHIRLEY CHRISTENSEN, 87, Heuvelton, Jan. 30. Arrangements with Lawrence Funeral Home, Canton.

ELIZABETH FILION, 82, formerly of Massena, Jan. 28.

AARON ASHLEY, formerly of Ogdensburg, Jan. 6. Arrangements with Hogg Funeral Home.

PATRICIA FLYNN, 81, Massena. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

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Public offers support and criticism for city

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG – Ogdensburg's majority council received a letter of support Monday for their efforts in reducing costs for the city, but two other letters read aloud at the meeting took aim at those same actions.

Ogdensburg resident John Mart agreed with recent claims by the city that the controversial fire union contract passed by the previous council was not sustainable.

For months the council has taken heat as it worked to reduce numbers at the fire department well below the 24 firefighters called for by the contract. City Manager Steven Jellie also reduced minimum staffing from five members working at a time to four.

Mart said he was dismayed by in-fighting among council members and said outside forces seem to be influencing council members.

"I feel as a citizen of Ogdensburg and a taxpayer that some people don't realize Ogdensburg cannot afford a 7-year contract which is unheard of anywhere. I am amazed that the former Mayor and Council approved this as they were leaving office, thinking it was a great thing but common sense should have told them it was not," he said. "Further negotiations would have to be forthcoming just to keep the City of Ogdensburg afloat. One easy solution would be to have all of these people who collect a check from Ogdensburg to move into the city and pay taxes like the rest of us," he said.

Mart also drew attention to one of the incidents included in a recent arbitration decision, in which a police officer is alleged to have followed and taken pictures of the mayor.

"It is ridiculous to think that someone within the police department gave an order to a rookie patrolman to take pictures of the mayor and his activities. I cannot believe this is being allowed. I would have to think this would be misconduct, but what do I know? Apparently, the police department

doesn't answer to anyone," he said.

Details surrounding what actually happened between the officer and the mayor have not been made public, though an arbitrator who looked at the issue said there was not enough evidence presented at arbitration to determine if the mayor had violated the charter following the incident.

A letter from Carrie Demers read Monday asked councilors if they intended to step down in the wake of an arbitration ruling that says they violated the charter when they directed the former city manager to lay off police officers.

"I have never been embarrassed to be a citizen of Ogdensburg, until now," she said. "It is bad timing to reduce the numbers of police and firefighters during a global pandemic. Shame on you."

Another letter from Michael Brashaw said that he's been watching, reading and listening to the council's activities for 13 months but felt it was time to speak his mind.

"While I have not always agreed with decisions made by past city councils or city managers, I have never been compelled to write a letter until now. After following all of the motions that this council has been passing with complete disregard for our city charter I feel I cannot be quiet any longer," he said.

Brashaw said that the violation alleged in the arbitration ruling was done with malice, despite the city manager's assertion to the contrary.

"You have disregarded these citizens, even when they told you that your actions were breaking our city charter," he said.

Brashaw went on to say there will be justice, likely referring to community efforts to bring an Article 78 action against the majority council aimed at forcing them to forfeit their positions.

"You are a detriment to our city and it is time that we, the people of Ogdensburg, take action to stop your efforts that are destroying our city. We will not stop until justice is served and our city charter is once again followed," he said.

Man charged with raping child

HEUVELTON – A Heuvelton man was charged Feb. 8 with raping a child under age 15, according to state police.

Troopers said they arrested 46-year-old Arric L. Hunter following an alleged incident that occurred Feb. 5 around 8 a.m. in Depeyster. Hunter reportedly threatened the victim with a knife. He was charged with second-degree

rape, third-degree criminal possession of a weapon, endangering the welfare of a child, second-degree unlawful imprisonment, and second-degree menacing, officers said.

Hunter was virtually arraigned before the Town of Canton Court and due to previous felony convictions, he was remanded to St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility without bail.

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County votes to support high-risk sports season at schools

BY ANDY GARDNER
North Country This Week

CANTON – A St. Lawrence County legislative committee voted 11-4 to pass a resolution appealing to Section 10 and area school districts to allow high-risk winter sports.

The board's Services Committee, which comprises all 15 county legislators, passed the motion at their Monday, Feb. 8 meeting. It followed a group of a few students, parents and a coach who addressed the board at their February meeting urging their support for high-risk sports. The Board of Legislators doesn't make those decisions. It's up to Section 10 and individual school districts.

No votes came from legislators on both sides of the aisle – Democrats Margaret Haggard, D-Potsdam, and Suzanne Fiacco, D-Stockholm, and also Republicans John Burke, R-Norfolk and Dave Forsythe, R-Lisbon.

Legislators who spoke against the motion didn't oppose allowing sports. They didn't feel it's the Board of Legislators' job to tell Section 10 and school districts what extracurriculars to permit. Also, local media earlier on the day the

committee voted reported that Section 10 and area school districts are working on safety plans for allow high-risk sports.

"I think we're getting out of our lane and we need to stay in our lane," Haggard said. "They're working on this. We need to allow them to go through the process. I was very impressed by the parents and kids who came and spoke last week."

"Basically the seasons are over," Forsythe said. "What are we going to get? There's not going to be fans, there's not going to be playoffs. What are we going to accomplish besides feeling good about our vote?"

Fiacco, a Colton-Pierrepont Central science teacher, said she doesn't think the board should be picking extracurricular activities to advocate for.

"These kids are not in school five days a week but you want them to participate in sports?" she said.

Even some of those who later voted yes seemed hesitant to support the bill as presented.

"My hesitance ... has nothing to do with the resolution. We've appealed to the state for other things. When sports go forward, I don't want these parents and ath-

letes to think it was these 15 people who gave it to them," said Legislator Nicole Terminelli, D-Massena. "Public Health has sanctioned sports moving forward. Now it's about the five pillars, it's about getting the infection rate down."

The Five Pillars are simple, everyday public health measures everyone should be doing to stop the spread of COVID-19. They are properly wearing a mask, hand washing, staying home when sick, physical distancing and staying local.

Later in the discussion, Arquieta responded to legislators who said they feel the county board is going too far in passing a bill supporting an action by an independent governing entity.

"The notion we shouldn't tell other boards how to operate ... is contrary to every resolution to the NYS Assembly or NYS Senate," he said.

Legislator Larry Denesha, R-DeKalb, was among the yes votes but noted it's not the county's job to make decisions on interscholastic sports.

"The burden is on the Section 10 athletics governing body and the individual SDs, not the BOL. I would certainly support a decision by Section 10 and the districts to move ahead, provided they follow the established guidelines," he said.

Other legislators who voted in favor of the motion said they think pandemic life is taking a toll on youth.

"There's been no measure as to the mental state of the youth in SLC how they're feeling ... in general this whole feeling of isolation," said Legislator Kevin Acres, R-Madrid.

"We are not ordering Section 10 to do anything. We are adding our voices ... to urge others to look at how many school districts have moved in this direction and provided this opportunities," said Legislator Jim Reagen, R-Ogdensburg.

He added that he's concerned about the "very real risks of social isolation and the mental health problems that come along with that."

Public health says strange calls may be tracing

BY ANDY GARDNER
North Country This Week

CANTON – St. Lawrence County's public health director says people should answer phone numbers they don't recognize. It could be COVID-19 contact tracers. During the Monday, Feb. 8 St. Lawrence County legislature Services Committee meeting, Dr. Dana McGuire discussed the department's shift to mostly virtual contract tracers.

"We have really moved to a virtual team for case investigation and contact tracing," she told county lawmakers. "It's really important to just answer the phone."

A slideshow she showed said it would most likely be a number

with a 518 area code.

When cases started to explode after Thanksgiving, it was taking sometimes several days for case investigators and contact tracers in Canton to get to each new case. Now, with help from the state's virtual teams, they're getting to new cases in 24 to 48 hours, Dr. McGuire said.

"Because we have just all this extra help, we have been able to decrease that time it takes just to get to people," she said.

Although COVID-19 cases in general appear to be starting to trend downward, Public Health reported 93 active cases in Massena and 73 active cases in Potsdam as of noon on Feb. 8. There were 34 new cases reported that day, with 475 total active cases, 31 people hospitalized and 73 total deaths.

City eyes options for settling debt with county

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG – Ogdensburg City Manager Stephen Jellie says the city intends to settle its debt to the county, but questions the county's timing for addressing the matter.

St. Lawrence County legislators questioned if they could clear a debt of over \$800,000 that the City of Ogdensburg owes the county from unpaid property taxes 18 years ago. The discussion took place during the legislature's Jan. 25 Finance Committee meeting when County Treasurer Renee Cole was asking the board to approve a budget change to accommodate sales tax revenue in 2020 that was \$1.8 million more than anticipated.

It was also asked if withholding the city's sale tax share to cover the debt was an option, though the

answers remained unclear.

City Manager Stephen Jellie said the city plans to address the debt need, but that it's not a new issue.

"The City of Ogdensburg recently received a history of delinquent property tax owed to St. Lawrence County (SLC) by Treasurer Renee Cole in the amount of \$825,827.00. While there is some level of agreement on the amounts owed to SLC it is imperative that all legal concerns are satisfied and the debt validated prior to the City of Ogdensburg initiating payment," Jellie said.

Jellie said the City of Ogdensburg paid the 2020 amount due immediately upon presentation and there is no question about the validity of that debt.

"Questions continue to remain how these past monies could be owed, some dating back as far as 2003, 2004, 2005 and the remainder from 2013 – 2019, without previous city councils or the county legislatures acting decisively to remedy the matter," he said.

"Regrettably the county, under the leadership of then Chairmen Joseph Lightfoot and Finance Chairmen Kevin Acres chose to pursue this significant debt at the same time as they are forging ahead with plans to abandon the long standing sales tax distribution agreement and take up to \$11M dollars from the city over 10 years."

The county did recently choose not to extend the sales tax distribution formula beyond November and has discussed restructuring it. The city meanwhile is signaling that it may attempt to collect its own sales tax rather than rely on the county's formula for sharing.

Meanwhile the city is also looking to have the county take over liability of delinquent property taxes. Currently the city has to make the county and school whole for delinquent taxes. The city also takes ownership of the properties, which are then offered at auction.

If the county were to take over the jurisdiction it would save the city significant money, but would also move the delinquent properties ownership to the county.

Jellie said he's hopeful the county won't pressure the city to make an immediate payment which he says could hurt the city's already shaky financial situation.

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LETTERS

City officials making hard decisions to benefit majority

This letter is to all the citizens of Ogdensburg. I for one support what the current council is trying to do and believe there is more who also feel that way.

It is never easy having to make difficult decisions but they have to be made. I want to say I fully support our fire, police and city workers. But at what cost? Stop blaming the current elected officials for doing the right thing. And that is putting the city back on a strong financial base.

If fingers need to be pointed at anyone, it's the previous administrations. Currently approximately \$.75 cents of every tax dollar goes to paying the salaries of the fire, police, DPW and administration. That leaves approximately 25 cents to take care of everything else.

What we get for that is terrible road repairs, sidewalks that are unsafe, parks that can't be maintained, infrastructure that are repaired with bandaids, city rec buildings you have to rent because city needs money, distressed homes because people are afraid to fix up or repair for fear of being unreasonably taxed, city vehicles that are outdated because no capital improvement money has never been budgeted, a water treatment facility that is so outdated, again no capital improvement monies in the previous budgets to account for updates, this list is never ending.

New business is totally non-existent. To make matters worse our previous council were poor losers and decided to give out contracts that were just absolutely unheard of and not sustainable with this cities current financial situation. Even the state has stated that to improve finances there needed to be personnel cuts. So lets put the blame were it clearly belongs. On them not the current council (meaning 4 newly elected). I'm sorry there have been layoffs.

But when my taxes are being raised just to cover these unheard of contracts enough is enough. What makes the approximately 150 city employees more important than the 9900 good citizens of Ogdensburg who want a better city to live in. Many who live on fixed incomes. I have not seen any protests for all of the people who have lost their jobs at Claxton Hepburn (300) or United Helpers (150) and many other small business layoffs, are those peoples jobs not just as

important .

Obviously not. So what makes city jobs more important. Absolutely nothing. It's just a cold hard fact that the city has no money. That's it, nothing more. I'm all for getting a pay raise within reason. These contracts are not within reason. Especially when it's put on the back of the 40 some percent tax payers. About 60 percent of the city property is exempt.

So if the city is going to return

'It is never easy having to make difficult decisions, but they have to be made. I...fully support our fire, polic, and city workers. But at what cost?'

to being a vibrant growing city, then all this me first mentality needs to end. Learn to agree to disagree. Be part of the solution not part of the problem.

It is fine to have different opinions without being disrespectful and making it personal. So let's come together and bring Ogdensburg back to the city we all want.

Mark L. Demers
Ogdensburg

City needs to rehire laid off firefighters

Ogdensburg's City Manager needs to do the right thing and bring at least one laid-off firefighter back to work (if not all three). The three still laid-off are: Aaron Charlton, Tim Stevenson, and Jake Thornton.

He also needs to do the right thing and apply for a Staffing For Adequate Fire And Emergency Response (SAFER) grant. The application period opened Feb.8, and the application deadline is March 12.

I recently retired from the Ogdensburg Fire Department after 32 years of service, and I'm very thankful for the opportunity I had to serve our community. But, I'm also highly concerned that three firefighters are still laid-off and are now being held hostage by the city manager.

This is what he recently stated

to Local 1799's President: "The city will not reinstate any additional personnel until we reach an agreement or a final decision directing reinstatement is ordered by a court." But this is what he's telling the media: "I am imposing a hiring freeze on all departments until further notice."

First of all, bringing a laid-off member back to work is not a hire. Also, there's 20 firefighter positions funded in the 2021 budget, and there's currently only 19 on the job. So a "hiring freeze" doesn't apply to this situation, especially when the message sent to Local 1799, by the City Manager, is that he wants to use the laid-off firefighters as leverage to get a deal on contractual staffing levels.

I retired, in part, because I believed it would bring one of our laid-off members back to work. I'm deeply disappointed that it didn't happen and place full responsibility on the City Manager and his deceptive tactics. The last three retirements resulted in either a layoff being averted or members being brought back to work. So why not this time? There's no legitimate excuse.

In regards to the SAFER grant, which it appears the City Manager has no intention of applying for (?), the following information about the grant is pertinent (received from the IAFF via email):

Hiring Overview: Allows career, combination and volunteer fire departments to improve or restore staffing levels for frontline fire fighters for a more effective level of response by providing financial assistance in three categories:

- Rehire: Rehiring fire fighters who have been laid-off within the two years prior to the start of the application period.

- Retention: Retaining fire-fighters facing imminent layoff – within 120 days of the close of the

'I retired, in part, because I believed it would bring one of our laid-off members back to work.'

application period.

- New Hire: Hire new, additional fire fighters.

Key Hiring Changes:

- No annual salary limits
- No prescribed cost-share
- Grant funds can be now be used to rehire laid-off firefighters and retain fire fighters facing layoff

- Extensions to the period of

performance are now allowable

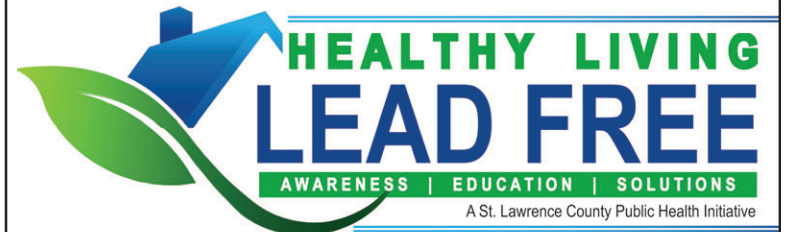
- No supplanting requirement
- No minimum budget requirement

So why not apply? The answer is clear; the City Manager wants to keep recklessly cutting the fire department, so he doesn't want to apply for a grant that helps maintain adequate staffing.

To OFD firefighters, please stay safe in the unsafe environment you're being forced to operate in.

To Ogdensburg residents, please understand who is responsible for these unsafe conditions. The operational changes made by the City Manager are already causing problems, which will only escalate over time. And him using laid-off firefighters as leverage, is just wrong.

Ron Bouchard
Retired OFD Assistant Chief



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Town should not get involved with country club

The Town of Louisville is actively working on taking over the Massena Country Club and its operation starting as soon as possible.

They have alluded to the fact that there will be no taxpayer money used in this endeavor.

Where is the funding coming from to support this country club?

Certainly they would not use our tax money to fund this without a public vote would they?

According to the town board minutes, Gail Schneider, Dan Okeefe and our town supervisor, Larry Legault, want to move this forward without any input from the residents they allegedly represent.

In my opinion, the town board should be taking care of the basic operation of the town and not be in the golf course business.

If the country club goes bankrupt, the town of Louisville residents

will be responsible for the building and assets on land it does not even own, once this agreement is complete.

The country club owes approximately 80,000 in back taxes and that will have to be paid before the take over can occur. Who will pay the taxes on this??

Who on the board has ran a successful business, let alone a golf course?

The town board has been very vague if not secretive with the details of this take over.

I would like our representatives to inform the public of all the details of this merger and I would like to see the public have a voice in this merger of assess and certainly long term liabilities.

Please contact the town board and demand that this merger is voted upon by the residents they represent and make your voice heard.

Roy "Slim" Beshaw
Louisville

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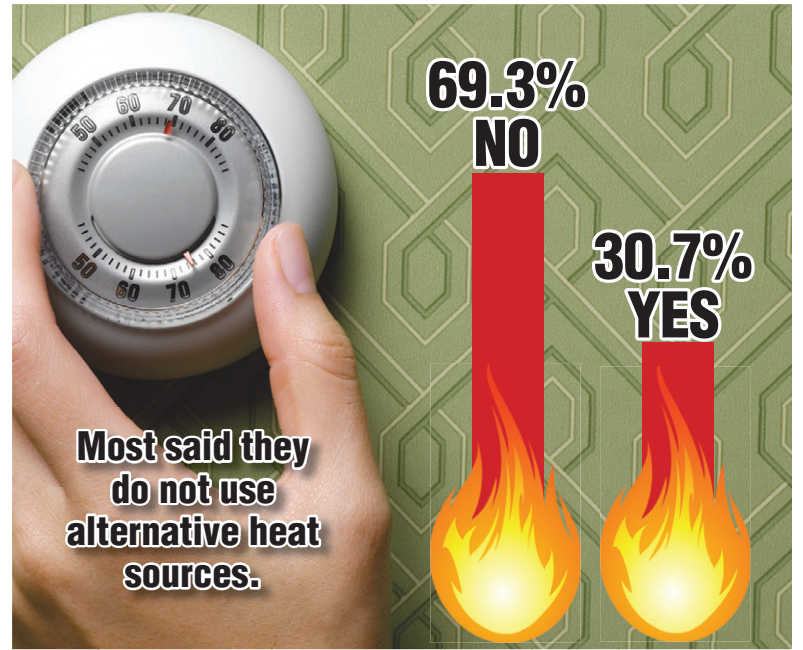
ST. LAWRENCE County legislators discussed if there's a way to get grant money to people in sub-standard housing who don't qualify for Housing and Urban Development (HUD) assistance. Some residents are heating their homes with space heaters, or with the ovens in their kitchens, said Legislator Larry Denesha R-DeKalb. 'We've got people trying to keep their houses warm. They're risking fire. They're risking their lives. They don't have any options,' he said. Do you use a space heater, an oven, or any alternative and potentially dangerous heat source in your home?

HERE ARE COMMENTS from some survey participants:

"Space heater for a while due to the heat pump being useless at freezing temps...oil filled radiator type are the safest."

"We have an oil/rice coal combination that has saved us at least \$1000-1300 over just oil yearly in heating costs. We definitely would support a program to help those who cannot afford proper/safe heating in their homes."

"I'm lucky enough to live in a house in good repair, with a good



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heating system. Others aren't so lucky."

"No choice. No money. Have to choose between food or heat."

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

TO TAKE THE CURRENT SURVEY, visit bit.ly/36WPcfz.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: Are you satisfied with the rollout of the COVID vaccine program in St. Lawrence County?

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Massena Nature Center | Submitted

Nicandri trails now open

Director Tracy Thomas skis on the groomed trails at the Nicandri Nature Center, Massena. The trails for skiing and snowshoeing are open daily from dawn to dusk. There is no building access without a reservation, but you can hit the trails any day. Reservations for building access and to borrow equipment are available Sunday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday can be made at <https://signup.com/go/vRHtSm> or calling 315-705-5022.

Masons holding citrus sale

St. Lawrence Masonic Charities is holding its annual citrus sale. Orders are taken until Feb. 15.

Citrus will be delivered March 6.

Citrus available are: California navel oranges 2/5 bushel for \$26; red grapefruit 2/5 bushel for

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Museum open to public Valentine's Day

OGDENSBURG — This Valentine's Day, the Frederic Remington Museum will let people stroll among the Remington's work. The museum will be open 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, the occasion.

Cost is regular museum admission and includes a self-guided tour, a museum interpreter in the gallery to answer questions and tell stories, one flower and one pre-packaged heart shaped sugar cookie per couple.

Reserve time-entry tickets by calling (315) 393-2425 or book in advance online at www.fredericremington.org. Space will be limited to 20 people per two-hour blocks, 10 couples from 1 to 3 p.m., and 10 couples from 3 to 5 p.m. Walk-in spots are not guaranteed.

Face coverings are required. The museum will be using timed-entry ticketing to limit attendance to promote physical distancing.

Library offering curbside craft pickup

OGDENSBURG — Ogdensburg Public Library remains open with reduced hours and is offering curbside craft programs for area youth.

One craft will be for elementary age children and the other for children aged 18 months to 4 years. The elementary aged crafts feature African American inventors and each kit includes the bio of an inventor and an activity or craft.

Those crafts can be picked up Feb. 4, 11, 18 and 25 at no charge.

Reserve a craft by calling 315-393-4325. Each kit contains a short fact sheet featuring an African American inventor and everything to complete a craft or activity based

on one of their inventions.

Younger children will receive a craft teaching them important pre-literacy skills and concepts like colors, shapes, letters and numbers. Each Toddler kit will also include a free picture book. Those will be available Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 12.

Reserve a craft by calling 315-393-4325. Each kit contains an early literacy pamphlet with a song and instructions for a craft, the materials and a free picture book.

The library is open for browsing and computer use Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. On Wednesdays access is from 3:30-6:30 p.m. and on Thursdays

and Fridays from 1:30-4:40 p.m.

Curbside hours are 1:30-4:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays. On Wednesdays pickup is 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. On Thursdays and Fridays curbside is 9:30 to 12:30.

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Get schooled on wedding terminology before big day

Couples about to embark on their wedding journeys will likely learn a thing or two about party planning once their engagements are over and they are newly married. Wedding planning can seem overwhelming and a tad confusing at times, but a crash course in wedding terminology can help couples make more informed choices along the way.

- Blusher: A short, single-layer veil that covers the bride's face before the ceremony.
- Boutonnière: A single flower bud

worn by the men in the bridal party.

- Canapés: Bite-sized appetizers served during the cocktail hour of a reception.
- Civil ceremony: A marriage ceremony conducted by a council official or justice of the peace at a municipal location rather than house of worship.
- Cocktail hour: Typically an hour-long interlude between the wedding ceremony and the main dinner of the reception. Guests have time to arrive and mingle before being seated.
- Corkage fee: A fee some establish-

ments charge to allow guests to bring their own wine.

- Dais: A podium or platform raised from the floor where the bride and groom are seated.
- Deposit: A percentage of the total cost of service given to a vendor to secure a date for their services.
- Dragées: Round, small edible balls of sugar that appear on wedding cakes.
- Escort (seating) cards: Printed cards that direct reception guests to their seats.

- Fondant: A sweet, pliable product used to decoratively cover layered cakes. It can be used in lieu of straight buttercream.

- Handle wrap: Ribbon or fabric that wraps around the stems of a bouquet the bride and wedding party carries.

- Maid/matron of honor: The title given to the woman who assists the bride and stands closest to her at the altar. "Maids" are those who are unmarried, while "matrons" are women who are.

- Master of ceremonies: An individual who will work with the DJ or band to announce the various compo-

nents of the wedding reception.

- Nosegay: A small bouquet or flower arrangement typically given to the mothers of the bride and groom before the ceremony.

- Processional/Recessional: Musical pieces that mark the entrance and exit from the wedding ceremony.

- Receiving line: A line of the key people in the wedding who welcome and greet guests.

- Stationery: All of the paper products used at the wedding, including invitations, programs and enclosures.

- Tablescape: A word that describes the multiple components of centerpiece designs.

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Tips for the perfect honeymoon

Honeymoons are big business. According to a recent Conde Nast Bridal Infobank survey, the average couple spends more than \$5,000 on their honeymoon, indicating just how much meaning couples assign to their first official trip as newlyweds.

- Plan and book early. In a study, online wedding resource The Knot found that the average engagement length was 15 months. That gives couples plenty of time to plan their weddings, but also a great chance to book their honeymoons well in advance. Fifteen months affords couples the chance to piece together the perfect honeymoon on their own or shop around for package deals.

- Delay the honeymoon. Couples without much wiggle room in their budgets or those who simply want to save money can delay their honeymoons, choosing to take their getaways months after they tie the knot. This provides couples with more traveling flexibility. And depending on when couples get married, delaying the honeymoon may push the trip into the vacationing

off-season, when more affordable deals can often be found.

- Resorts might not advertise it, but many offer special amenities to honeymooning newlyweds. Some may provide complementary spa services, while others might offer free room upgrades if they have any vacancies.

- Give ample consideration to all-inclusive honeymoon packages. Whether couples are working on tight budgets or planning their honeymoons without regard to cost, all-inclusive packages may be worth the extra money upfront. All-inclusive packages tend to include meals, some beverages and fun activities that couples would otherwise have to pay for à la carte. All-inclusive packages may also remove some of the work of planning the honeymoon because couples won't need to tirelessly research activities and find the most affordable local vendors. Couples can examine the nuts and bolts of all-inclusive packages to make sure they include activities and foods they're likely to enjoy.



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How to handle rain on your wedding day

Brides and grooms fear the prospects of rainy wedding days. But even couples who have contended with everything from a few drops to an all-out deluge on their wedding days look back fondly on the ceremonies and receptions.

- Have a rainy day game plan. Rain affects outdoor weddings more than any other type of ceremony or reception. If the goal is to exchange vows outdoors, work with the venue to make this possible with a tent or gazebo. If the weather is especially foul and windy, move it indoors.

- Wear waterproof cosmetics. Women in the bridal party, including

the bride, can ask their makeup artists to use durable, waterproof products. • Know vendors' rain policies. Some live musicians will not play in damp weather. Florists may need to make accommodations for arrangements blowing in the wind. Wedding insurance may help cover the costs of nonrefundable cancellations.

- It is okay to get upset if the weather turns for the worse. But don't dwell on it. Guests will sense negative energy, and couples should set the tone of sticking it through despite a little adversity - which can be a good lesson for the marriage as well.

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From left, Jacob Spies of Hammond, and Ogdensburg residents Ryan Kinney and Sydney LaJoy show the large pike caught at the Black Lake Fish and Game Club Ice Fishing Derby.



A group of anglers from Gouverneur were among the hundreds of participants in the Black Lake Fishing Derby.

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Region's best spots for ice fishing

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

- Blake Falls Reservoir, Parishville; walleye, yellow perch; Brookfield Boat Launch Site off Raquette River Road
- Carry Falls Reservoir, Colton; walleye, yellow perch, tiger muskellunge; Brookfield Boat Launch Site off Carry Falls Road
- Sylvia Lake, Fowler; trout, lake trout, yellow perch, panfish; Sylvia Lake Fishing Access Site off Pumphouse Road
- Higley Falls Reservoir, Colton; walleye, northern pike, Yellow Perch; Higley Flow State Park off Campbell Point Road
- Horseshoe Lake, Piercefield; tiger muskellunge, walleye; Horseshoe Lake Fishing Access Site off NYS Route 421
- Norwood Reservoir, Norwood/Orion; walleye, yellow perch, black crappie; Brookfield Boat Launch Site off Outer Maple Street
- Lake Ozonia, Hopkinton; trout, landlocked salmon; Lake Ozonia Fishing Access Site off Old Road
- Piercefield Flow, Piercefield; northern pike, walleye, yellow perch; Municipal launch off NYS Route 3
- Tupper Lake, Piercefield; lake trout, northern pike, walleye, panfish; Municipal Park, Tupper Lake Fishing

Access Site off NYS Route 30

- Pleasant Lake, Macomb; northern pike, walleye, yellow perch; Municipal launch
- Rainbow Falls Reservoir, Parishville, walleye, yellow perch; Rainbow Falls Boat Launch off Raquette River Road
- South Colton Reservoir, Colton/Orion; walleye, yellow perch; South Colton Reservoir Boat Launch off Raquette River Road
- Stark Falls Reservoir, Colton/Orion; walleye, yellow perch, tiger muskellunge; Stark Falls Boat Launch off Joe Indian Road
- Star Lake, Fine; Trout; lake trout, landlocked salmon; Star Lake Fishing Access Site off Youngs Road
- Yellow Lake, Rossie; northern pike, yellow perch; Yellow Lake Fishing Access Site off St. Lawrence Co. Route 10 on Liscum/Hall Road
- Black Lake, Morristown; northern pike, yellow perch, black crappie, walleye; Black Lake Boat Launch Site off St. Lawrence Co. Route 6
- Cranberry Lake, Clifton; northern pike, yellow perch, black crappie; Cranberry Lake Boat Launch Site off Columbian Road.

Anglers are asked to follow all of the special regulations required to fish in St. Lawrence County waters. Find those online at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/31493.html>.



Camden Jones, Hammond, displays a large catch at the Black Lake Fish and Game Club Ice Fishing Derby.



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The Black Lake Fish and Game Club Ice Fishing Derby held Jan. 30 had 841 registrants, including over 200 kids. A total of 147 pike were brought to the three stations, with the largest pike caught at 34.5 inches in length, and the average size 26-28 inches, according to their Facebook page.

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Student inspired by her teachers creates program of appreciation at Lisbon Central School

BY ELLEN NESBITT
North Country This Week

LISBON -- Lisbon Central School has been recognizing faculty and staff through the Noble Knights program since the beginning of December - an average of about two people each week, thanks to an idea from a 10th grade student.

High school student Kinslee Davison brought the idea of students recognizing our faculty and staff to Principal Lauren Morley in November. But it was something that she had been thinking about since the spring of 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic had changed the way education was conducted, and how students learned.

Davison worked with Principal Morley and they crafted the recognition form and sheets for student messages about who they nominate. There are three boxes for the nominations (both offices and the cafeteria), Kinslee collects the nominations, and the school announces the honorees over the public address each week and provide recipients with a gift for their hard work, dedication and impact to the school community.

The Noble Knights Act program is open to all in the school. Faculty, staff, students and employees are encouraged to make nominations and drop their printed cards in boxes around the school.

Recently, through a faculty Zoom meeting, Kinslee shared a speech about how school staff have positively impacted her and others.

"It has brought great joy to our whole district," said Principal Loren Morley. "Students are showing how grateful they are while faculty and staff are feeling appreciated and loved. It has been wonderful for moral in our district during these challenging times!"

In her speech, Davison explained her motivation for the Noble Knights Act program.



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Kate Springs, standing with her award, was honored by her fourth grade class. Kinslee Davison is on the left, and teaching assistant Julie Lalonde back right. The nomination read: "She is kind. She teaches me good stuff. She is like part of my family. She is always there when I need here."

"Going remote personally was something I was not prepared for, however I know I was not the only one," she said. "Looking back to those 4 months, I'm beyond proud and grateful for everyone at LCS."

She explained it was the week of May 4, teacher's appreciation week. She tried to send a email to say thanks to all her teachers she had or a faculty member saying how much she appreciated them. It took her a few days to get through them all, and some even brought tears to her eyes, she said.

By the fall, and returning to in-person classes, Davison said she still wanted to do more. She thought about joining one of the school clubs, but admitted she wasn't really a joiner and nothing really sparked her interest. And she wasn't interested in sports. But what could she do?

"I knew that I could create a club or act that would spark me, it was getting the strength to do it," she admitted. "Looking back, bringing my idea to Mrs. Morley is one of the best decisions I've ever made."

She says the faculty, staff, teachers, administrators are the reason she gets out of bed in the morning and strides to do things out of her comfort zone.

"To this day I wouldn't be the person I am if I didn't come across the people in this school," she told the group at the meeting. "If you are to only remember one thing I have said, please have it be you all are amazing people and have impacted so many lives and on the days kids act out or they day seems to feel like forever, remember that I appreciate you!"

District seeks voter support to garner additional funding for energy saving project; no increase in tax levy

Lisbon Central School District is embarking on energy conservation improvements to dramatically increase efficiency and save money.

The work will be fully funded over the 18-year contract period by savings in energy and associated costs.

Between the state aid generated and the savings realized by these improvements, there is no impact on the local tax levy.

The estimated net savings from energy utility reduction is \$1.1 million over 18 years or 37.37%.

The initiative is not subject to voter approval, but a positive vote from the community would increase state aid for the project by 10% (approximately an additional \$95,000 in state aid).

The district will also qualify for an estimated \$161,000 in incentives from local utility companies.

The districts energy savings performance contract with Day Automation Systems, Inc. calls for:

- LED lighting to be installed throughout the school

- Building automation systems upgrade
- Building envelop improvements in all district buildings

The target date for starting work is June 2021. The school will continue updating social media with information in the weeks until the vote.

The vote is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 23 from 1 - 9 p.m. in the main lobby of the school.

Voters must be a citizen of the U.S., at least 18 years of age and a legal resident at least 30 days prior to the vote. Voters need not be a registered voter.

Applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the school district clerk between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays. Absentee ballots must be received by 5 p.m. on the day of the election in the office of the school district clerk.

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ATHLETICS...

Potsdam, Canton and Massena are set to discuss plans Thursday. Clifton-Fine, Heuvelton, Edwards-Knox and Norwood-Norfolk have already approved plans. While most haven't taken official action, districts seem to be largely signaling toward holding a shortened sports season for high-risk sports following pressure from athletes and their families. Less than two weeks ago, the schools were hesitant to make that move due to COVID concerns. While daily cases are trending down in the county, there are major hot spots in Potsdam and Massena. "At this time, based on the present health crisis in Franklin and St. Lawrence counties, and due to concerns about logistics necessary to make these programs safe and successful, Section X school districts are not ready to commence high risk winter sports," a release from Section X said last week.

However they did acknowledge they'd be watching the situation and were having ongoing discussions regarding the decision. "The Section X school districts are committed to an ongoing discussion regarding the evolving health and safety conditions and their ability to meet public health guidelines. In the interim, school districts will continue to meet and work on required plans so that when feasible, a return to high-risk athletics will be as safe as possible."

The announcement to shut down sports prompted protests from athletes and their family despite concerns regarding the plausibility of holding sports as nearly half of the 24 districts were remote at the time. Athletes gathered at the Section X office in Canton as well as a recent St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators meeting and even called for sit-ins at local districts to put pressure on officials to allow sports.

Legislators on Monday passed a resolution in support of holding sports despite any risk that may be involved. However, according to NYSDOH guidance, if school is closed for in-person learning due to an increase in confirmed COVID-19 cases, school-sports are suspended until in-person education resumes.

Once a school approves its safety plan for sports, the plan must be posted on the district website. Districts then must complete affirmation forms on the NYSDOH website. Following that, public health officials will conduct random spot checks.

If all of the aforementioned conditions are met, school districts in Section X could begin practices for hockey and basketball in mid- to late-February.

Wrestling and competitive cheerleading are traditionally offered in the winter season, but have been moved to the Fall II season. The Fall II season is also slated to offer girls' swimming, volleyball, and football. Specific season start and end dates are still being determined, and will be based in part on the success of the winter season.

Athletic directors and the Section X office will work on final sport schedules after each district completes the steps needed.

RESIGNATION...

termination last week. During the meeting the cries for resignation continued by several members of the public including Ogdensburg City Police Benevolent Association President Justin Polniak.

"As you already know, the Union filed a grievance in May of 2020, which claimed a violation of the city charter and collective bargaining agreement when it passed a reso-

lution directing the city manager to lay off four police officers. The matter went to arbitration, where an arbitrator determined that the city had in fact violated both the charter and the contract when it passed the resolution. According to the charter, a violation of the provisions in question shall result in forfeiture of office. We know that there were four councilors that voted in favor and three that voted against passing the resolution. The four that voted in favor are required to forfeit their offices according to the law of city. We are aware that the city's defense is that the resolution was passed as a body and not as individuals. I don't find this argument compelling and nor does my union rep Jose Manjarrez, who told me that the city's position is as meritorious as the city's defense to the original grievance. Specifically that the resolution had no legal significance. Jose said that is nothing short of verbal gymnastics and bal-lyhoo. In short it is without merit. For these reasons, I am making a respectful demand that councilors Skelly; Rishe; Dillabough; and Fisher forfeit their office immediately," he said.

The meeting opened with a call from Mayor Michael Skelly asking his fellow councilors to come together. He said he knew there would be attempts by councilors to belittle other councilors, but said doing so only hurts the city. Councilor Michael Powers also called for resignations, but none of elected officials chose to do so.

"I think the violators of the charter should remove themselves from their seats," he said. Powers said he and members of the public warned the majority at the time that the action was a violation of the charter. Deputy Mayor John Rishe defended his position noting that the arbitrator was not a lawyer or a judge and the city followed the opinion of an attorney prior to passing the resolution that was alleged to be a violation of the charter.

"I don't know how people think they are judge and jury and get to decide these things," he said. Rishe said that from his perspective there was no charter violation. "He's not a lawyer," he said. "I don't think he has a law degree." He said the city had two opinions from attorneys that the action was not a violation.

"It's really a question of interpretation. I do disagree and we'll take it from there," he said. It's likely that the issue will be settled in court.

Laying and others said a group of citizens is crowd funding money to hire an attorney to file an Article 78 action against the city.

She said there are attorneys ready and willing to take the case that believe it has merit.

Others who spoke at the meeting included Michael Tooley who questioned if the city should even

be holding the meeting since three councilors and the mayor should have forfeited their seats.

No resolution calling for resignations was put forward by the minority councilors though one was sent to the city manager but rejected following advice from attorneys.

GOLF...

The Town of Massena had discussed possibly taking it over, but they've stepped aside after Louisville expressed interest.

"We had offered back ... beginning of 2020 that if Louisville and the Town of Massena could work together to keep that alive, we were willing to look at different options," Town Supervisor Steve O'Shaughnessy said. "Larry Legault felt he wanted to work on this project. So we said 'ok, fine.'"

DIRECTOR...

more time at home," she said, adding "and there's days I don't get to see her."

She said although her role as public health director "is stepped up a bit" during the pandemic, that's not her reason for making the decision.

"I had a very hard time making this decision. It's difficult, but it's something I feel I need to do at this time," she said.

She said she is appreciative of the public's response during the pandemic, and feels the relationship between her department and the community is stronger because of it.

"It's been an honor to serve the community, particularly during this time," Dr. McGuire said. "As a whole I think the community has really pulled together and supported the response.

"I want to say thank you to everyone for all the support. We've strengthened relationships throughout the community with partners we've had, with partners we've made."

She urges people, even after getting vaccinated for COVID-19, to continue following public health measures aimed at stopping the virus from spreading.

"It's still important to follow all of the guidelines - wearing a mask, hand hygiene, social distancing, being aware of your symptoms, getting a vaccine," she said. "Just because you get a vaccine doesn't mean you don't have to follow those guidelines or isolation or quarantine. There's still some things about the vaccine we don't know."

In her relatively short time as director Dr. McGuire was successful in securing funding and launching initiatives to fight drug epidemic as well as programs aimed at helping reduce the amount of lead in homes.

She established a coalition to help combat the county's opioid epidemic and helped bring overdoes mapping technology to the county to allow services to be targeted to areas of need.

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NOTICE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

that the Village of Canton Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, commencing at 6:10pm, to consider a proposed local law that would place a moratorium on solar energy system development and on the installation and use of battery energy storage systems in the Village of Canton, New York through August 31, 2021. The local law prohibits the construction or establishment of any solar energy system, and the installation or use of any battery energy storage system within the Village of Canton during the duration of the moratorium, and directs that neither the Village Planning Board nor Zoning Board of Appeals may process, review, render any determination, or grant any approval or variance of any kind with respect to any solar energy system or battery energy storage system within the Village of Canton during the duration of the moratorium. A copy of the proposed local law may be obtained from the Village Clerk or viewed on the Village's website.

The public hearing will be conducted by use of Zoom video-conference, as authorized by Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Order 202.15 and subsequent extensions including Executive Order 202.92. The public is invited to view or listen to the public hearing, and to comment during same, by any of the following means:

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Public comments may also be submitted via email addressed to Mayor Michael Dalton at MDalton@cantonny.gov or by regular mail addressed to the Mayor at 60 Main Street, Canton, New York 13617, to be received by 4:00pm on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, which will be made part of the record of the public hearing.

DATED: February 8, 2021

Sally Noble, Canton Village Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

that the Canton Village Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, commencing at 6:00pm to consider a proposed subdivision of property located on Tallman Road in the Village of Canton (Tax Map #88.058-4-31). The property is located in the R-2 zone, and is described as Subdivision Lot #21 (Instrument #2016-13022), comprising approximately 1.93 acres of land. The applicant proposes to divide the property in half. Public comment will be received concerning the subdivision proposal, and possible environmental impacts, if any.

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DATED: February 7, 2021

Sally Noble, Canton Village Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

Legal Notice **Public Hearing for Tax Cap**
Time: Feb 16, 2021 05:30 PM Village of Norwood New York Local Law No. 1 of the year 2021

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Norwood, New York; **A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF NORWOOD TO AUTHORIZE A PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, SECTION 3-c FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 VILLAGE BUDGET**

SECTION 1: Purpose and Intent. It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Village of Norwood pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, and to allow the Village of Norwood to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2021-2022 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c. The Board is obligated to prepare a responsible budget, which meets the Village's mandated obligations and delivers the high level of services that residents expect, while minimizing the tax burden on taxpayers. SECTION 2: Authority This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law, Section 3-c, which authorizes a local government's governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body. SECTION 3. Tax Limit Override The Board of Trustees of the Village of Norwood is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2021 that requires a property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law, SECTION 4. Severability If any provision of this local law is held to be invalid or unenforceable in whole or in part, such invalidity or unenforceability shall attach only to such provision or part thereof and the remaining part of such provision and all such other provisions shall continue in full force and effect. SECTION 5. Effective Date This local law shall be effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State. Topic: Public Hearing for Tax Cap Time: Feb 16, 2021 05:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearing Village of Canton

The Village of Canton will hold a public hearing on February 17, 2021 at 6:15pm for the

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purpose of hearing public comments on the Village of Canton's current Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project: 175ED927-19, Assistance to Dairy Queen in the amount of \$300,000. The public hearing will be conducted by use of Zoom video-conference, as authorized by Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Order 202.15, as continued by subsequent Executive Orders through and including Executive Order 202.92. The public is invited to view or listen to the public hearing, and to comment at the appropriate time:

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The CDBG program is administered by the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR), and provides resources to eligible local governments for housing, economic development, public facilities, public infrastructure, and planning activities, with the principal purpose of benefitting low/moderate income persons. The hearing will provide further information about the progress of the ongoing CDBG project. Comments related to the effectiveness of administration of the CDBG project will also be received at this time. The hearing is being conducted pursuant to Section 570.486, Subpart of the CFR and in compliance with the requirements of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

If special accommodations are needed for persons with disabilities, those with hearing impairments, or those in need of translation from English, those individuals should contact Sally Noble, Clerk, at snoble@cantonny.gov, or (315) 386-2971 at least one week in advance of the hearing date to allow for necessary arrangements. Written comments may also be submitted to lrodriguez@cantonny.gov or delivered to:

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Village of Canton, Office of Economic Development

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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

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

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NOTICE OF FORMATION

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- 10 Hereditary
- 11 Honey bunch?
- 20 Louis
- 21 Oaxaca water
- 22 Haunting
- 24 Hotel area
- 25 "Humbug!"
- 26 "Suits" network
- 27 Disco guy on "The Simpsons"
- 29 Young fellow
- 30 Guitar's kin
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- 39 Notoriety
- 40 Russian river
- 41 Some wines
- 43 Crisp cookie
- 45 Libertine
- 46 Mideast airline
- 47 Author Bellow
- 49 100%

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NOTICE OF FORMATION

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE: Village of Norwood Regular Board Meeting Time: Feb 16, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89385941186?pwd=SE5KNE1UUWpTZ3MyeHNwRnBoZTNjZz09> Meeting ID: 893 8594 1186 Passcode: 494607

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the following dates are holidays for the Louisville Town Employees who are not covered by a labor contract for the year 2021: January 1 New Year's Day, January 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day, February 15 President's Day, April 20 Good Friday, May 31 Memorial Day, July 5 Independence Day, September 6 Labor Day, October 11 Columbus Day, November 2, Election Day, November 11, Veteran's Day, November 25, Thanksgiving Day, December 23, Christmas Eve and December 24, Christmas. Joanne Cameron, Louisville Town Clerk 2/8/2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Louisville Town Board will hold their regular monthly meetings at the Louisville Municipal Building at 6:30pm for the year 2021 on the following dates: February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10 and December 8. Joanne Cameron, Louisville Town Clerk 2/8/21

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SERVICE TECHNICIAN needed - Blevins Ford - Gouverneur - full time position, experience preferred but not required, pay commensurate with experience, benefits, paid vacation. Call Ashley at 315-287-0200, or inquire within.

On-Call Maintenance Tech for local apartment complex. On emergency call 2 weeks per month, including weekends. On-call hours: 5pm-8am weekdays plus 24 hours on the weekends. Weekly stipend to be on call and hourly rate for service calls handled. E-mail resume to gnewman@cwny.com for more info.

COACH OPENING - SPRING 2020-2021: MODIFIED BASEBALL. Must possess or be eligible to apply for NYS Coaching Certification, Current First Aid and CPR Certification. New York State Education Department fingerprint clearance is required. Applications

are available on-line at www.nncsk12.org or contact the District Office, Norwood-Norfolk Central School (315-353-6631). NNCS is an EEO Employer. Send letter of interest and application to: Nathan Plantz, Athletic Coordinator, Norwood-Norfolk Central School, 7852 State Highway 56, Norwood, NY 13668, by February 26, 2021.

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Community Health Nurse position with the St. Lawrence County Public Health Department. \$54,926 (35 hour/weeks) with excellent benefits. For more information, please contact the Public Health Department at (315) 386-2325, Ext 3401. To complete an application, please go to www.hr.stlawco.org

POSITION AVAILBLE

Ophthalmology Technician

Experienced Preferred but will train

Willing to travel to Potsdam and Massena

Full Time, M-F

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Massena, NY 13662



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To ensure proper handling of applicant information, those interested must follow this process. Calls, mail, e-mail or hand delivery will not be accepted.

Qualified Applicants must:

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RESIDENT AIDE: Under the direction of the Resident Aide Supervisor, the Resident Aide will work collaboratively with all staff to ensure a safe, supportive, and trauma-informed environment. Responsible for monitoring activities, transporting residents to outside activities, and providing programming. Status: Full-time, Non-exempt. Deadline: 02/17/2021. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov

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Qualifications: Graduate of a one year or 18 month accredited Ultrasound Program or Registered Radiologic Technologist. Is eligible for and/or has American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonography certification. Must maintain current BLS certification.

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PRODUCTION OPERATORS wanted in Ogdensburg. The successful candidate will be responsible for packaging finished products as well as other tasks assigned by the production supervisor. Must be capable of lifting up to 55 pounds while stacking on pallets. Must be able to operate a forklift and other manufacturing equipment. Position will require rotating shifts monthly. Wage ranges from \$17.00 to \$20.89 per hour. Interested applicants may drop resume off to; 110 Denny Street or email kim@hoosiermagnetics.com.

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**Diocesan Coordinator - Office
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This position provides support in the financial operation of parishes, schools and related entities in the diocese including technical support in the use of QuickBooks Pro and standard accounting practices.

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A Bachelor's Degree in accounting with two years audit experience is preferred.

Knowledge of QuickBooks Pro accounting software is required. Candidates should possess excellent verbal and written communication skills, have the ability to work independently and manage/establish priority for several projects at the same time.

Travel throughout the diocese is necessary on occasion.

Submit letter of interest, resume and three professional references to:

**Human Resources Office, Diocese of Ogdensburg,
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QUALIFICATIONS:

- Valid NYS RN or LPN License (BS degree preferred)
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- Knowledge of MS Office
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Work flexible hours to meet training needs

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Massena, NY**

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Recovery Coach/Peer:

The individual chosen for this position will demonstrate an understanding and belief in the recovery process, Recovery Oriented Systems of Care, and be strengths-based. A Recovery Coach will be able to engage peers and visitors at assigned worksite in constructive conversations about personalized recovery goals while sharing their story as a tool to empower the individual to see hope for their future. Recovery Coaches will have an excellent understanding of the principals of recovery coaching, as explored in the Connecticut Center for Addiction Recovery's (CCAR) Recovery Coach Academy. The candidate will understand the power of language and use current and stigma-free language in the workplace and while working with peers on an individualized basis. A solid understanding of community resources in the Northern Economic Zone desired. A Recovery Coach will understand and embrace the concept of multiple pathways to recovery fully, be familiar with a variety of them, and be willing to learn about more as time goes on. Employment Stan-

dards: Minimum of a high school diploma or equivalency •Knowledge of basic crisis intervention and motivational interviewing skills preferred •Completion of CCAR's Recovery Coach Academy •Completion of CCAR's Ethical Considerations •Completion of CCAR's full suite of trainings within one year of hire •Certified Recovery Peer Advocate- Provisional or Full preferred. Job Duties: Provide on-call recovery coaching for members of SVPC and/or designated worksite as requested •Provide education to peers on the recovery process and resources available to them, including but not limited to Family Support Navigator •Collaborate with Assessment and Referral Coordinator to ensure that peers connect with services including but not limited to housing, vocational services, benefits, and treatment •Obtain necessary releases of information as needed, abide by the Health Insurance and Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), federal, state, and confidentiality law •Provide members with one-on-one recovery coaching sessions to help them meet their own goals as they pertain in their recovery •Complete all required documentation promptly and in a manner congru-



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certification within one year of hire date. EEO, excellent salary and benefits. Submit resume and cover letter to Kathryn Favaro, The Valley Recovery Center, 206 Ford Street Suite 301, Ogdensburg, NY 13669 or via email to kfavaro@svpc.net by **FEBRUARY 22, 2021**.

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Assistant Professor Criminal Justice

The State University of New York (SUNY) College at Canton and the Center for Criminal Justice, Intelligence & Cybersecurity invites qualified applicants for one full-time, tenure track Assistant Professor (other ranks considered) or full-time, Lecturer beginning August 2021. The Center for CJ, Intelligence & Cybersecurity offers seven 4-year degrees and one 2-year degree both online and in-person.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR TENURE TRACK:

Ph.D. or other terminal degree in related field. ABD status in a terminal degree program meets requirements for Instructor rank. Related professional experience required. A J.D. is acceptable if accompanied by professional experience related to the applied focus of the position. Faculty will be expected to engage and be proficient in online course delivery, program and curriculum development and assessment, academic mentoring, scholarly activities and institutional service. Online and in-person teaching is expected with the ability to teach hands-on, applied courses.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR NON-TENURED TRACK:

Master's degree in related field and professional experience. Faculty will be expected to engage and be proficient in online course delivery, program and curriculum development and assessment, academic mentoring, and institutional service. Online and in-person teaching is expected with the ability to teach hands-on, applied courses.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR TENURE/NON-TENURED TRACKS:

Preferred candidates will have prior college level teaching experience in either the online or face-to-face environment.

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Duties:

- Teach face-to-face, online and flex classes related to Criminal Investigations, Violent Crime Analysis, Investigation of Death, and Investigative Interviews
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- **Interested candidates should submit:** (1) a letter of interest, (2) C.V., (3) teaching philosophy, and (4) statement of equity and inclusion that reflects upon candidate's experience and vision regarding the teaching and mentorship of students from diverse backgrounds, and (5) contact information for three professional references.
- **Application Deadline:** open until filled; application review begins immediately. Persons interested in the above position should apply online at <https://employment.canton.edu/> Prior to a final offer of employment, the selected candidate will be required to submit to a background check including, but not limited to, employment verification, educational and other credential verification, and criminal background check.

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TOWN OF CANTON FULL TIME CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

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DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves responsibility for administering and enforcing the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building code or a local fire and/or building code if approved by the State Fire Prevention and Building Code Council. Under general supervision, provides for the coordination of all activities relevant to ensuring compliance with the appropriate laws, codes, rules and regulations.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Either:

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- Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with an Associate's Degree in Architecture, Civil Engineering, Civil Engineering Technology, Construction Technology or Fire Protection and Safety and one (1) year of full-time paid experience in building or fire prevention inspection, building construction work or in a building trade; **OR**
- Currently possesses a New York State Department of State Code Enforcement Certification as mandated in the State of New York Title 19 NYSCRR 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 NYSCRR Part 434.5 (Certification of Code Enforcement Personnel) **OR**
- Three (3) years of full-time paid experience as described in (B) above.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:

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.

This will be 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.

Application deadline: **February 19.**

Job description and application form available on town website: www.cantonny.gov

Send completed application, resume, three letters of recommendation and copy of certification(s) to:

Town Clerk Karin Blackburn
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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.

Competitive salary and benefits. Submit cover letter and resume to Chelsea Bartlett via Bamboo HR link, <https://svpc.bamboohr.com/jobs/view.php?id=9> or via email at CBartlett@svpc.net by **March 10th, 2021**.

Morristown Central School

408 Gouverneur Street, Morristown, NY 13664

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Current Job Vacancies:

Long-Term Substitute Spanish Teacher - late April - June
 Modified Baseball Coach
 Baseball Scorekeeper/Timer
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Anticipated Tenure-Track

Teaching Vacancies for 21-22 School Year:

Elementary Teacher B-6 - Two Positions
 Technology Education
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New York State Certification required. Experience and Multiple Certifications Preferred.

Submit letter of interest, resume, certifications and unofficial transcripts (if applicable), three letters of reference and an online application: <https://greenrockets.org/page/2610> no later than **February 19, 2021** to:

Ms. Stacey L. Basford, District Clerk
 PO Box 217, 408 Gouverneur St.,
 Morristown, NY 13664

Please Note: All materials requested must be submitted on time in order to be considered.

The Stables at Windy Point

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

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St. Lawrence Health System

Gouverneur Hospital

Nursing Supervisor

The *Nursing Supervisor* provides supervisory coverage of the Nursing Department, various patient care areas, and Gouverneur Hospital in general.

The chosen candidate will assess patient care requirements on each unit by making rounds in the Emergency Department, MSP, and all other areas of the Hospital.

This individual is required to have knowledge of Hospital and nursing policies and procedures, and allows independent judgement in their interpretation.



Required: A minimum of three years' experience.

Gouverneur Hospital is a not-for-profit, critical access hospital that is certified for 25 beds.

View detailed posting and apply online at StLawrenceHealthSystem.org

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St. Lawrence Health System

Gouverneur Hospital

Medical Surgical Pediatric Registered Nurses

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