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## Lockwood reopens in Ogdensburg

Ogdensburg's Lockwood arena has reopened after members from the public and city council requested the City Manager to reconsider the decision to keep it closed until at least Jan 16. City Manager Stephen Jellie made the decision after consultation with Ogdensburg School Superintendent Kevin Kendall. Kendall said the school sports teams are doing practices and drills but not competitions. See story on page 16.

## Schools, pharmacies, hospitals scramble to deliver vaccine

BY ANDY GARDNER and JIMMY LAWTON North Country This Week

St. Lawrence County health care providers and government officials scrambled this week to keep up with demand for COVID-19 vaccinations as educators, law enforcement personnel, and people over age 65 became eligible.

All available appointments for vaccines at Kinney Drugs were booked within hours and county officials on Tuesday were setting up five mass vaccination sites throughout the county, including one at SUNY Potsdam.

Teachers were asked to hold off on getting the shots until school districts could set up clinics. As of Tuesday, Walgreen's was not offering vaccines.

The county Public Health remained shorthanded and sought medical and non-medical volunteers to assist with their vaccine distribution efforts.

The dramatic increase in vaccinations came after Gov. Andrew Cuomo increased the number of people eligible. Phase 1B started Monday, Jan. 11 and includes first responders, law enforcement, corrections and probation officers, in-person college faculty and instructors, childcare workers and school faculty and staff. When originally announced, Phase 1B included people over age 75, but Tuesday, Cuomo lowered the age to 65, citing a recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control. Phase 1A has been ongoing since December, primarily for only frontline health workers, nursing home workers and nursing home residents.

Meanwhile, for those unable to snag an appointment for a vaccination, the state is offering an online tool where anyone can check to see if they are

## County hits 4,400 vaccinations

BY ANDY GARDNER North Country This Week

CANTON — There have been well over 4,000 COVID-19 vaccinations administered in St. Lawrence County, but health and pharmacy officials don't know when the next shipment will arrive, or how many doses it will contain.

Dr. Dana McGuire, St. Lawrence County public health director, and Dr. Andrew Williams, president of the county health board, discussed the local vaccination program with county legislators during a Monday, Jan. 14 operations committee meeting.

Dr. McGuire said there are 4,400 reported vaccinations, but those administered through pharmacies to nursing home residents and staff may not show up in the total right away.

"I think it's very likely the pharmacy vaccine of the nursing home population, including their staff ... would put us at a very high rate of vaccine," Dr. Williams said.

Later in the discussion, he added that St. Lawrence County hospitals and agencies have administered every vaccine that's been sent here and none was wasted or returned.

The two health officials said there are daily changes to the state-led vaccination program. Right now, we're in the first phase, which is broken down into three subphases -- 1A, 1B and 1C. Dr. McGuire anticipates it will take 14 weeks from when the first doses were administered in December to reach the third subphase, 1C. That date isn't set in stone.

"I haven't heard anything yet on 1C. I heard to do the completion of 1A and 1B, it will take 14 weeks," she said, adding that there could be overlap between 1A/1B and 1C, but that's uncertain.

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Officials working to establish five mass vaccination clinics in St. Lawrence County.

## Veteran firefighter suspended

BY JIMMY LAWTON North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG — Ogdensburg City Manager Stephen Jellie has restored one firefighter position in wake of two recent retirements, but has also suspended 32-year veteran Ron Bouchard without pay.

Bouchard was issued a 30-day suspension to an assistant chief in the department without past incident or notice, according to Union President Jason Bouchard.

"As of 8:30 this morning, Assistant Chief Mr. Ronald Bouchard was suspended for 30 days, without pay. This discipline was, once again issued without warning, or counseling. Seemingly as a way to silence Assistant Chief Bouchard,

who also serves as the secretary/treasurer of our union, City Manager Jellie seeks to make an example of, Ron. Mr. Bouchard has continuously bargained and fought for our union harder than anyone currently serving this city. We the Local 1799 think that Mr. Jellie's decision is retribution in action, and in no way serves our departmental mission, well-being, nor the purported good faith the city manager would like to establish with our union," Jason Bouchard said.

Jason says Ronald was suspend for doing his job.

"On Jan. 4, Mr. Bouchard and his crew responded to and quelled a structure fire. However, their actions did not meet, Mr. Stephen

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## Massena Library seeks public input on future services

MASSENA — As part of efforts to evaluate services, the Massena Public Library is asking residents to take a survey on how they use the library and what they might want to see in the future.

The survey appeared in the Jan. 9 edition of *North Country This Week*, and can be accessed on the Massena Public Library's facebook page, as well

as the website at [www.massenapubliclibrary.org](http://www.massenapubliclibrary.org).

According to Director Elaine Dunne, the library is in the initial stages of formulating a long-range plan, which will help library officials ensure the goals match the needs of the community.

The survey will be online for one month. Paper survey forms are also available at the library

through curbside services.

"We will use the data gathered from this survey to help determine the goals we will set and the services we will prioritize in our long range plan," she posted on the website.

The survey asks Massena area residents in the village and surrounding area that access

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## Fit testing at United Helpers

Suna Stone-McMasters, a chemical hygiene officer from St. Lawrence University, who volunteered her time to provide fit testing to approximately 300 employees from United Helpers Behavioral Health and Life Skills completes a fit testing exam with Med-Certified Direct Support Professional Beth Garvey, who works at the Spruce Street IRA.

## One displaced in Massena fire

MASSENA — One person was displaced after a Monday night, Jan. 4 fire on Grant Street.

Firefighters received a report of an electrical fire around 11:30 p.m. that night.

Massena Fire Department officials said upon arrival, they upgraded the alarm to a structure fire.

“When we got there, there was smoke coming from the structure. As soon as we got up to the build-

ing, we found heavy flames coming from the furnace area of the trailer,” Chief Paul Brownell said.

“We had a crew go in the front of the house, a crew go in the side to know the fire down.”

He said the doublewide trailer at 40 Grant St. had “a lot of smoke and water damage throughout the structure.

“We had to tear the side of the wall off and cut into the roof.”

The chief said fire investigators determined the fire was accidental and caused by an electrical furnace.

Brownell said no one was injured, and the male resident went to stay with a friend.

Louisville and Norfolk fire departments were on standby while Massena firefighters put out the fire and overhauled the scene over the course of several hours.

## Louisville man charged with false report

LOUISVILLE -- A Louisville man

was arrested Sunday after falsely reporting that his vehicle has been stolen, according to state police.

Troopers said they charged 50-year-old James E. Kelley with providing a false written statement and third-degree falsely reporting an incident.

The charges came following an investigation into a report of a stolen vehicle.

On Nov. 23, 2020, Kelley reported that his car had been stolen from his driveway on State Route 37B in

Louisville, police said.

An investigation by state police revealed his vehicle had been involved in a motor vehicle accident on Nov. 19, 2020, and the driver of the vehicle at the time of the accident revealed she had permission from Kelley to use the vehicle.

Kelley later admitted his vehicle was never stolen and he falsely reported the theft.

He was issued appearance tickets returnable to the Town of Louisville Court.

## SLC names new chief assistant district attorney

BY JIMMY LAWTON  
North Country This Week

CANTON -- Assistant District Attorney Sara Charpentier is St. Lawrence County's new chief assistant district attorney.

A St. Lawrence County native, Charpentier was sworn into the Massachusetts State Bar in 2005, and has since dedicated nearly all of her legal profession to the practice of criminal law.

She returned to the North Country in 2013 to begin her career as a prosecutor for the St. Lawrence District Attorney's Office.

During that time she has spent multiple years working with the St. Lawrence County Drug Task Force, and worked closely with me in multiple confidential cases, as well as the large-scale drug investigation known as “Operation Drop”, obtaining an indictment of over forty defendants, DA Gary Pasqua said.

Attorney Charpentier has also assisted SUNY Canton as an adjunct professor, teaching criminal law and criminal procedure, in addition to periodically assisting with training at the David E. Sullivan Law Enforcement Academy.

“Attorney Charpentier has earned this leadership position through her hard work and dedi-

cation to my Office. She has been, and will continue to be, a valuable asset in our continuing fight for justice for the people of St. Lawrence County.” Pasqua said.

Former chief ADA Jason Marx resigned his position last week.

St. Lawrence County District Attorney Gary Pasqua said he would not comment in detail on the matter but said after some discussion Marx decided to tender his resignation. Pasqua said Jan. 8 will be his last official day on the job.

Pasqua confirmed that Marx was looking for another position within the county system, but did not elaborate further.

When Pasqua beat Mary Rain in a 2017 election, he named Marx as his chief assistant district attorney.

Marx had served in the position before under District Attorney Nichole Duve, but resigned the position in 2012. Pasqua asked Marx to return to the position in December of 2017, because of his past experience in the county and familiarity of the area. At the time Pasqua said that during his search for a chief Marx received praise from his colleagues in Clinton County. Marx also worked as an assistant district attorney and conflict defender in Franklin and Clinton counties.

## Change in law may solve SLC's jury pool problem

BY ANDY GARDNER  
North Country This Week

CANTON — A change in state law may solve St. Lawrence County's problem of a dwindling jury pool.

Bill Sheridan, the county legislature's liaison to the St. Lawrence County Jury Board, made the comment during the full legislature meeting on Monday, Jan. 4.

During the December Operations Committee meeting, Sheridan gave a 2020 jury report and said “we are running out of jurors in St. Lawrence County,” Sheridan told the county legislators.

He said the COVID-19 pandemic led to fewer jury trials in 2020, which he said has a “positive effect” on the county jury pool.

However, at the Jan. 4 meeting, he said the state may shrink the

ineligibility period for those who've been summoned as jurors from six years to four years.

“That helps the situation,” Sheridan, R-Hammond said at the full board meeting. “We sent our votes in in favor of the reduction.”

Sheridan at the Operations Committee meeting said the county sent out over 7,000 juror questionnaires as of November, which resulted in a pool of 5,735, from which they were able to summon 1,830. He says the qualification rate is around 34%.

Sheridan said jurors were summoned 15 times this year, and each time Sweet would stay “in close contact with judge's chambers to avoid unnecessarily summoning jurors to conserve the county's limited jury pool.”

He said scheduling trials got a little complicated, since only one room in the St. Lawrence County Courthouse allows for adequate social distancing -- the legislative boardroom down on the first floor.

“Jury selection and impeachment is also taking place in this board room,” Sheridan said.

There were 3,095 potential jurors summoned for criminal and civil trials. He said there were five civil trials and 12 criminal trials. Jurors were summoned for criminal trials 15 times, they actually appeared eight times and went all the way to a verdict four times.

A total of 505 jurors appeared, and 1,096 received “good service,” meaning they don't have to report for six years, Sheridan said.

For grand juries, 490 jurors were summoned and they appeared for a total of 39 days.

Sheridan said District Attorney Gary Pasqua reported to him that the grand jury process is “running smoothly.”

Pasqua “may have to increase grand juries to two days a week in 2021, versus the one day a week in 2020,” Sheridan said.

He closed the report by saying no town or village requested jurors for any local court action in 2020.

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# City and union debate safety of response policy

BY JIMMY LAWTON  
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OGDENSBURG – Ogdensburg Fire Union President Jason Bouchard says the city manager’s one-vehicle response goes against department of health standards and puts citizens at risk.

“Ogdensburg City Manager Steve Jellie, who recently laid off five firefighters, wants desperately to have his way, no matter how unsafe or how much resistance he gets. Ogdensburg firefighters are unanimously opposed to running only one engine to all emergency calls. The CM simply won’t listen and is pushing us to implement his plan,” Bouchard said in a prepared statement.

Bouchard said one big concern the firefighters have is the growing spread of COVID-19.

Bouchard says interim guidance for fire service agencies to limit potential exposure to covid-19, it advises the opposite of the CM’s “plan.”

“In a section titled, ‘Specific mitigation strategies for firefighting personnel,’ it says to reduce crew

size in each vehicle or increase the number of vehicles in a response, to the extent practicable,” Bouchard says.

“We currently respond to certain calls (including EMS) with a crew of two members on one vehicle. The CM’s “plan” is to now put a crew of four and sometimes five personnel on one vehicle for these calls. So he’s not simply disregarding the DOH strategy for limiting exposure, he’s making a change that goes completely against it, potentially exposing more of our members,” he said.

“There’s so many reasons why his one engine response is a bad idea, and we will eventually pay the price for this thoughtless move. Responding to a structure fire with only one engine, with a backup engine at least 10 minutes behind, could very well have devastating consequences.”

Bouchard says the union is at a complete loss for how and why this is happening.

“One man can ride into the city occasionally (he still doesn’t live here) and alone decide to put our members and the communi-

ty at greater risk. And when he’s strongly advised against it, by DOH Guidance on limiting COVID-19 exposure and by our members who actually respond to emergency calls in the city (which he’s never done), he stubbornly refuses to listen,” he said.

Jellie contended that the complaints were unwarranted and steered the argument back to the ongoing contract negotiations.

“IAFF Local 1799, President Jason Bouchard and Secretary Ronald Bouchard continue their relentlessly selfish 2020 efforts to elicit fear and concern for public safety into the community; their claims are baseless and they are not succeeding.

“The use of one fire apparatus maintains crew continuity of at least 4 personnel, increases initial firefighting effectiveness and maintains a high degree of firefighter safety; firefighting is the primary mission of the fire department. The data supporting a crew of 4 personnel is well supported by national consensus standards and a comprehensive study conducted by the National Institute of Standards and

Technology (NIST), that continues to be well championed by the IAFF,” he said in a statement to the media.

Jellie says took the opportunity to criticize the union and past council members.

“The only real concern for IAFF Local 1799 President Jason Bouchard and Secretary Ronald Bouchard is preserving the lucrative salaries, benefits and perks they believe they are entitled to in the hastily negotiated, unaffordable contract forced on the taxpayers with the assistance of the previous city council in the final days of their administration after suffering a staggering 2019 election day defeat,” he said. “IAFF Local 1799 concern for the staffing level of the organization is not genuine as indicated by their lack of effort in acting upon two recent proposals the city offered that would maintain fire department staffing at the level of 24.

“The proposals also ask President Bouchard and Secretary Bouchard to make concessions to the massive perks and incentives provided to union members in addition to the average cost of \$131,000 per firefighter the city pays for salaries,

health insurance, retirement and overtime”

Bouchard encouraged residents to voice their concerns regarding the response changes.

“We urge city residents to call your elected officials and tell them you choose public safety. We hope to stay safe, so we can safely help those in need. And please don’t forget that five firefighters are out of a job because of Steve Jellie. How much damage will we allow this one man to inflict on our community?”

Jellie called on the union to make concessions.

“As City Manager, and Fire Chief, I continue to ask President Bouchard and Secretary Bouchard to do what is right for the city and release the taxpayers from the heavy burden placed on them to afford fire protection, and cease the fear mongering campaign. Since the beginning of 2020, the current city council has worked decisively to save the City of Ogdensburg from financial ruin, while working equally as hard to revive the City of Ogdensburg; we sincerely request IAFF Local 1799 embrace this concept and help move the city toward brighter days.”

# SLC Democrats call for Rep. Stefanik to resign

St. Lawrence County Democrats are endorsing statewide calls for North Country Rep. Elise Stefanik’s resignation.

On Tuesday, Jan. 5, Jennie Bacon, corresponding secretary for the county Democratic Committee and a Democratic State Committee member representing the 116th District, emailed a statement from Jay S. Jacobs, chairman of the New York State Democratic Committee, to the local press.

Bacon, is also St. Lawrence County Democratic Election Commissioner, but she did not send the statement in that capacity.

The statement calls on Stefanik to resign after she came out in sup-

port of efforts to overturn the 2020 presidential election.

Jacobs’s statement says: “I am today calling for the resignation from office of Congresswoman Elise Stefanik (R-Schuylerville). In my more than 19 years as a party chairman I cannot remember a time that I have called upon a Republican or Democratic official to resign – even when under indictment – as I have always felt that one is innocent until proven guilty. Through her statement today indicating her intention to support the effort to contest the legitimately certified electors in the 2020 Presidential race, Congresswoman Stefanik has thrown in her lot with

those colleagues who seek to violate their Constitutional oath to “protect and defend” the Constitution by seeking to overthrow the legitimately elected incoming President of the United States.”

“Congresswoman Stefanik knows that there are no ‘contested electors’ for her to oppose as every state, under their Constitutional obliga-

tion, has certified the legitimacy of the electors now being sent to the Congress. Similarly, she knows that there has not been presented any unrefuted and discredited evidence of any massive voter fraud in any state that she is going to challenge. She knows that there are no ‘serious questions’ as to the legitimacy of the electors that she will seek to

challenge.

Her statement alleging that she is seeking to defend democracy is a sham – and she knows it, thus violating her oath of office. By her own words, she has discredited the office that she holds, has violated the oath that she has taken and has embarrassed the district and entire state that she purports to serve.”

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# City manager to present update on police reform work at upcoming council meeting

BY JIMMY LAWTON  
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG -- Ogdensburg City Manager Stephen Jellie said he expects to have an update on the state mandated police reforms at the Jan. 25 meeting. Other communities are much further along in the process. St. Lawrence County, for instance, has already completed the process for the Sheriff's Office. Deputy Mayor John Rishe sought an update Jan. 11 as state mandated deadlines are quickly approaching. The steering committee includes the city manager, police chief, school superintendent, and a representative from the district attorney's office. He said two other members have been reached out to

and are expected to join. Jellie said he doesn't expect the process to be a difficult one in Ogdensburg where the police and the public have strong ties. He said that under former Chief Andrew Kennedy a lot of effort was put into building a trusting relationship between the city and the community. He said Kennedy also did a good job of grooming leaders like Police Chief Robert Wescott and lieutenants Corey Maxner and Mark Kearns. "Our police enjoy a pretty good relationship with the community. I think it is in a pretty positive place," he said. A timeline regarding the police reform process will be presented at the next council meeting. The meeting will be held online Jan. 25 at 6 p.m.

# Waddington supervisor deployed by National Guard to assist with pandemic

WADDINGTON -- Waddington Town Supervisor Alex V. Hammond has been promoted to the rank of Captain in the New York Army National Guard and has been activated to help fight the COVID-19 pandemic. Hammond ran for the New York Assembly District 116 in 2020, challenging the Republican incumbent Mark Walczyk. Last spring, when the pandemic broke out, both Assemblyman Walczyk and Supervisor Hammond were called

to active duty. Walczyk served just over a month while Hammond served just over three months. This second activation for Supervisor Hammond comes in the wake of uncertain times in the country. Just a week ago, the US Capitol building was stormed by protesters prompting the New York Army National Guard to send 1,000 troops to Washington D.C. Hammond will be stationed at the Javits Center in New York City, which last spring was converted to a

field hospital at the order of Governor Andrew Cuomo. Hammond will continue to fulfill his duties remotely as Waddington Town Supervisor. "I urge everyone to follow the state COVID guidelines and ensure we do our part to stop the spread. We will make it through these turbulent times by working together to solve our problems. Do what's right and show you care for one another by policing yourselves and your families."

# Two face drug charges in Oswegatchie

OSWEGATCHIE -- State police arrested two St. Lawrence County residents on drug charges following a traffic stop Sunday afternoon on State Highway 37. Troopers said they stopped a 2002 Chevrolet Avalanche shortly before 5 p.m. The operator, 31-year-old Quinton J.

Lancto, Gouverneur, and passenger 28-year-old Amber L. Gilmore, Canton, were arrested after they were found in possession of heroin, methamphetamine, and drug paraphernalia. Lancto was also found to be driving while under the influence of drugs, troopers said.

He was charged with DWAI-drugs, seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, and second-degree criminal use of drug paraphernalia, officers said. Gilmore was charged with seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, police said.

# Assistance for residents struggling due to COVID

Assistance is available for St. Lawrence County residents who are struggling due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. St. Lawrence County Community Development Program received funding through the CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act) to assist income-qualified individuals. Help is available for educational expenses, vocational expenses, rent, mortgage, utility payments, vehicle repairs, employment supplies and expenses, and school supplies. To qualify for assistance with this funding, an individual must have been impacted by COVID-19. This could mean a loss in employment, reduced

hours, or an increase in expenses as children have been home from school, etc. Income qualifications are 200% of the federal poverty level. For a family of four, that would be \$54,400 or less per year to qualify. To apply for assistance, contact your closest CDP Neighborhood Center. Locations are in Canton (315-386-3541), Massena (315-764-0050), Potsdam (315-265-3920), Gouverneur (315-287-3370), Ogdensburg (315-713-8036), and Colton/Pierrepont/Parishville (315-244-0069). The Neighborhood Centers are currently by appointment only.

## OBITUARIES

### Jean Snelgrove Zagrobelny, 100 formerly of Massena

Those who knew Jean in her later years, knew that her wonderfully wry sense of humor only got better with age and that she remained her feisty self until the end. The family wishes to express heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the staff at United Helpers Maplewood



Jean Zagrobelny

CANTON: Jean Snelgrove Zagrobelny, formerly of Massena, NY, died peacefully on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at United Helpers Maplewood Campus in Canton, NY. She was 100 years old. Following graduation from Massena Central schools, Jean married Bronic Zagrobelny in 1940, and raised 5 children, Jill, Joan, Jan, Jere and Bronic Jr. Caring for her family and her home meant everything to her. She was a devoted mother who strove, and succeeded, in raising strong independent children. In addition to cleaning, cooking and child-rearing, she always managed to be stylishly dressed and she created a home for her family that was comfortable and beautifully decorated. With her husband Bronic, she was active in volunteering with local fraternal organizations including American Legion Post No. 79, Moose Club, and AMVETS Post No. 4. Jean was predeceased by her husband, Bronic, her son, Jan, son-in-law Lou McKay and a grandson Michael McKay. She is survived by her son, Bronic Jr., daughters Jill McKay and Jere Zagrobelny of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, Joan Zagrobelny and partner Paul Harrison of Sandwich, MA, daughter-in-law Debbie Zagrobelny of Massena, NY and 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Campus in Canton who so lovingly cared for Jean while she was there. Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of the Phillips Memorial Home, Massena. There will be no public calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Trinity Catholic School Endowment Fund; 188 Main Street, Massena, NY 13662 or Massena Meals-on-Wheels; 70 E Hatfield St, Massena, NY 13662. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday January 18, 2021 at the Church of the Sacred Heart in Massena. Burial will take place in Calvary Cemetery in the spring at the convenience of the family. Family and friends are welcome to share memorial and online condolences by visiting [www.PhillipsMemorial.com](http://www.PhillipsMemorial.com)

### Glenden J. Barse, 56 Massena

Glenn is also survived by his brother Clifton (Clyde) Barse and companion Patty Jean, his brother Jeremiah Barse and family, his brother Nathan Barse, his nephew Derreck and wife Leslie and their twins Landen and Danyka Barse. Glenn worked hard to support himself and his family, and had the true gift of being a "Mr. Fix-It" to many members of the community. Glenn volunteered for many summers with the Greater Massena Area Soap Box Derby even before he became a "Derby Dad". Glenn was happiest when he was surrounded by family and friends, or watching his beloved New Orleans Saints.



Glenden Barse

MASSENA -- Glenden J. Barse, age 56, of Malby Ave. passed away peacefully under the care of his loving family and Hospice after a brief illness. Glenn was born on December 14, 1964 to Clifton and Laura (Donie) Barse in Massena, NY. The family has entrusted funeral arrangements to the care and direction of the Phillips Memorial Home, Massena. Calling hours for Glenn, will be held Friday January 15, 2021 at the Phillips Memorial Home, Massena from 4:00 pm until the time of services at 7:00 pm with Rev. Jack Down presiding. Interment will be held at the convenience of the family in Calvary Cemetery during the spring. Guests are respectfully asked to wear face coverings and practice social distancing. Attendance will be monitored controlled to ensure safety for family and friends. On November 14, 1987, Glenn married the love of his life, best friend, and fishing buddy Lynn Rusaw. Glenn and Lynn enjoyed 33 years of marriage. Glenn is survived by his loving wife Lynn, their children Kaileigh Chambers, Noelle Barse and companion Josh Peets, Tyler Barse of Massena, NY and his two beautiful granddaughters; Mercedes Barse and Harley Chambers who were 'Papa's girls' and held a very special place in his heart. Glenn was a very proud father and Papa, always making time to be with his family.

Glenn worked hard to support himself and his family, and had the true gift of being a "Mr. Fix-It" to many members of the community. Glenn volunteered for many summers with the Greater Massena Area Soap Box Derby even before he became a "Derby Dad". Glenn was happiest when he was surrounded by family and friends, or watching his beloved New Orleans Saints. Glenn was predeceased by his father Clifton, and a nephew Kyle Barse. In lieu of flowers the family would wish for any memorial contributions to be acknowledge with Hospice and Palliative Care of St. Lawrence Valley; 6805 US-11, Potsdam, NY 13676 or Police Activities League of Massena (PAL); 30 Bayley Rd, Massena, NY 13662. Family and friends are welcome to share memories, stories and online condolence by visiting [www.PhillipsMemorial.com](http://www.PhillipsMemorial.com)

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**OBITUARIES**

**Herrick T. Bulger, 67**  
Massena

MASSENA -- On Tuesday, January 5, 2021, Herrick T. Bulger, of 8 Prospect Ave, passed away at his home surrounded by his loving family after a courageous battle with cancer, at the age of 67.

Herrick was born June 19, 1953 in Massena, New York to Herrick Bulger and Katherine (French) Bulger Weegar. On September 10, 1977, he married his wife, Joan Hatch, at St. Mary's Church, in Massena, New York, with Reverend Lawrence Marullo officiating.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Joan; and their three children, Timothy and Cathy Bulger, Oswego, Kristan and Gabriel Laramay, Massena, and Patrick Bulger, Massena; his 5 grandchildren, Hayleigh Armstrong, Audrey and Kinsley Bulger, and Judah and Levi Laramay; and his favorite child and furry companion, Biscuit.

He is also survived by his brother, Thomas and Shelly Bulger, Tehachapi, California; and two sisters, Kathleen and James Serviss, Massena and Patricia and Michael Harpenau, Marietta, Georgia; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, sister-in-law, Marie Bulger, and

nephew, Bradley Bulger.

He graduated from SUNY Canton with a degree in Mechanical Technology. He then continued his education at North Carolina A&T State University, in Greensboro, North Carolina. Wanting to continue his professional growth he received his Kentucky Real Estate license, while living in Taylor Mill, Kentucky. Herrick retired from the New York Power Authority in June 2015, where he worked as an Electrician. For many years previous to that, he held various positions from Mechanical Engineer to Plant Superintendent at Kelsey Hayes Diecasting, in Howell, Michigan.

**Herrick Bulger**

Herrick enjoyed spending time with his family. Nothing brought him more joy than seeing his family and friends enjoy time at the camp he built himself, in the Adirondacks. Many hours were spent relaxing and enjoying life on his Pontoon Boat,

this is where you would find Herrick in his element. When not on the lake, Herrick could often be found fixing anything from electrical, to plumbing, to carpentry. If you ever needed something fixed or built, Herrick was always more than willing to lend a hand. He truly enjoyed helping others. Herrick could also be spotted around town, top down, in his 1951 Crosley Super Sport, with either his bride, Joan or his four-legged companion, Biscuit.

A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating his life was held Saturday at 11:00 AM at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Burial will be in the spring at the convenience of the family in St. Mary's Cemetery, Waddington. Due to the current health crisis, social distancing, seating restrictions, and face covering guidelines were followed while in the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Herrick's memory to the Louis McClure-Bee Tabakin Building, Hope Lodge, 237 East Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401-3412.

Arrangements are with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena, where friends are encouraged to share memories and offer condolences online at [www.donaldsonfh.com](http://www.donaldsonfh.com).

**Emmett F. Fleury, 85**  
Massena

MASSENA -- Emmett F. Fleury, 85, of 372 Larue Road, passed away Thursday morning, January 7, 2021 at Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Emmett was born January 14, 1935 in Bombay, the son of the late Henry and Elizabeth (Boyer) Fleury and attended schools in Bombay. On July 29, 1957, he entered the US Army, proudly serving his country until his honorable discharge on July 28, 1959 as a Specialist First Class. On June 2, 1962, he married Kathleen M. Kellison at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Msgr. Skelly officiating.

Emmett was a truck driver and diesel mechanic for many years with various companies retiring from Griffith Oil Company. After his retirement he worked with Marshall Hall. He was a member of the Teamster's Union and truly loved working on anything mechanical. He was a communicant of St. Peter's Parish and enjoyed woodworking, camping, fishing, hunting, golfing, and cherished the time he was able to spend with his family.

Emmett is survived by his wife, Kathleen; his children, Stephen (Elizabeth) Fleury of San Jose, California and Shelly (Michael) Burnett of Massena; his grandchildren, Nina (Brian) Boggiano of Massena, Maria Burnett (John Judware) of

Massena, Shane (Chelsea) Burnett of Malone, and Aiden Fleury of San Jose; his great-grandchildren,

Nathaniel Farrell and Aubree Farrell, Emmanuel, Sean, Alliana, Ariana, Paisley, and Conner Burnett, John Beaudoin, and Joseph Ferguson; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his siblings, Donald, Leo, Lyle, Walton, and Paul Fleury, Elsie A. French, Pearl Brown, Pauline Smith, Ona Giles, and Betty Dominy.

Friends called on Wednesday 2 - 4 and 7 - 8:30 PM at the Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena where a prayer service was held privately. Visitation was occupancy controlled with those who attended required to observe social distancing and wear face coverings.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing may consider memorial contributions in his memory to Massena Rescue Squad or the American Heart Association.

Friends are encouraged to share memories and offer condolences online at [www.donaldsonfh.com](http://www.donaldsonfh.com).



**Emmett Fleury**

**Roxanne "Lillian McAloon" Compoli, 66**  
formerly of Massena

Roxanne "Lillian McAloon" Compoli, born in Massena, NY, October 25, 1954 passed away at Crouse Hospital on January 5, 2021 due to Covid-19 complications.

She was the daughter of the late John Broughton McAloon and Irene (Kirkey) McAloon. She also took great pride in her descendants Michael and Bridget (English) of County Fermanagh, Ireland.

She is survived by her devoted and loving husband, James H. Compoli and their wonderful son, Nicholas J. Compoli.

She is also survived by her brother, Paul J. McAloon, Massena, NY; her sisters, Jamie McAloon, Hixson, TN, Rachaelle Warriner, Massena, NY, Paulette Valerino, Davie, FL, Anne (Patrick) Reagan, Punta Gorda, FL and Barbara Wing, Punta Gorda, FL., and last, but not least, her loving nieces, nephews, great and great-great nieces, nephews, and many friends that brought so much joy and love into her life.

Roxanne was a 1972 graduate of Massena Central High School and a 1974 graduate of Mater Dei College, Ogdensburg, NY and attended Oswego State College.

She moved to Syracuse, NY in 1976, working for Napa Auto Parts, Tracey Road Equipment for 27 years, Oro Farms of Guatemala and currently as an Administrative Assistant at Tornatore and Company, CPAs, P.C.

Roxanne was a very active individual taking part in many social organizations, especially proud of her Irish heritage.

She completed the Dublin Mar-

athon twice in 1999 and in 2004 in support of the Arthritis Joints in Motion Program.



**Roxanne Compoli**

Dhuine Uasail and assumed other various duties.

Roxanne just loved the Parade and dressed as a "Lady Leprechaun" and she called it, "Getting her Irish on." Every March she would send out her Irish Wisdom to brighten one's day.

The parade was her favorite time of year as she looked forward to Mass at the Cathedral and that famous walk down Nancy Duffy Lane and a kiss from her good friend, Miss Judy!

Her life otherwise was quite full, she was a member of the Salt City Red Hat Sizzlers in case you didn't know, their motto is "Girls just wanna have fun," and indeed, they did, with their boas and her famous purple and red heels.

Roxanne deeply practiced her faith.

She was a devoted 7th grade CCD teacher at St. Matthew's School, she was the Irish historian for the L.A.O.H. (Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians) and one of the founding members of the CNY Irish Coa-

lition. She currently served as President of the Transportation Club of CNY, a great passion of hers to raise money to donate scholarships to worthy CNY students, a dedicated Red Cross Apheresis Donor, and a NYS Notary Public.

To all that have known her if only even briefly brushed her path she thanks you for your love and your support and if she made you smile, share that memory.

She does not want your tears but your belief in God's will and then you will be at peace knowing you were touched by a person who cared for all and had a life well lived!!

We would sincerely like to thank the Crouse Covid ICU staff for their compassion and quality care.

A Funeral Mass will take place on Friday, January 15, 2021 in Holy Cross Church, Dewitt at 11:00 am. For those who wish to attend the Funeral Mass remotely, please visit <https://vimeo.com/498038178/57b399c90d> at 11:00 am on Friday, January 15, 2021.

Private entombment will take place in St. Mary's Cemetery Mausoleum.

A lifetime celebration for Roxanne will be held at a later date. She always loved a party.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the C.W. Bud Cragin Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 252 Syracuse, NY 13206. This fund provides scholarships for deserving students of the greater CNY area to further their education.

Words of comfort may be expressed at [TJPFuneralHome.com](http://TJPFuneralHome.com).

**William H. Ball, 74**  
Lisbon

LISBON -- William "Bill" H. Ball of Lisbon, passed away January 5, 2021, unexpectedly at home surrounded by his loving family.

Bill was born September 29, 1946 in East Syracuse to George and Ruth Ball.

Bill was an active member of the United States Air Force and was discharged after 22 years of service.

He would later take a position at the Parkway Country Store where he enjoyed talking to the customers

and making hearty sandwiches for them to enjoy.



**William Ball**

Bill is survived by his wife Patricia Ball, a step-son Darin LaGarry

of Massena; a step-daughter Karen King of Noblesville, IN; a step-son, Hannan LaGarry of Chadron, NB; and step-son Damon LaGarry of Las Cruces, NM.

Funeral services for Bill will be private per his request. Arrangements are with the Phillips Memorial Home of Waddington.

Memories and online condolences maybe shared with the family at [www.PhillipsMemorial.com](http://www.PhillipsMemorial.com).

**RECENT DEATHS**

**WILLIAM PORTEOUS**, 96, formerly of Lisbon, Jan. 11. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

**JANET SELLERS**, 82, Ogdensburg, Jan. 9. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

**IRMA GRANT**, 83, Ogdensburg, Jan. 9. Arrangements with O'Leary Funeral Service, Canton.

**THOMAS DAVID**, 88, Akwesasne, Jan. 8. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

**MATAYIA GARROW**, 25, Akwesasne, Jan. 8. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

**EMMETT FLEURY**, 85, Massena, Jan. 7. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

**HOWARD CLOCE**, 85, Lisbon, Jan. 6. Arrangements with Lawrence Funeral Home, Canton.

**MARTHA LAFRANCE**, 74, Akwesasne, Jan. 6. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

**HERRICK BULGER**, 67, Massena, Jan. 5. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

**RICHARD COTA**, 86, Ogdensburg, Jan. 5. Arrangements with O'Leary Funeral Service, Canton.

**ROXANNE COMPOLI**, 66, formerly of Massena, Jan. 5. Arrangements with TJP Funeral Home.

**WILLIAM BALL**, 74, Lisbon, Jan. 5. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Waddington.

**HERRICK BULGER**, 67, Massena, Jan. 5. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

**DALE GONIO**, 70, Heuvelton, Jan. 4. Arrangements with Nicholson Funeral Home.

**THOMAS PRATT**, 85, Massena, Dec. 31. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

**ISABELLA MILLER**, 85, Ogdensburg, Dec. 28. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

**ESTELLA KNOWLTON**, 92, Heuvelton. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

**GLENDEEN BARSE**, 56, Massena. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

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# County approves body cams for deputies

BY ANDY GARDNER

North Country This Week

CANTON — A St. Lawrence County legislative committee gave preliminary approval for the Sheriff's Office to spend \$60,000 to equip all of their road patrol deputies with body cameras.

The Operations Committee unanimously voted in favor during their Monday, Jan. 11 meeting. It will have to go in front of the full board in early February before it's official.

Sheriff Brooks Bigwarfe said the money will buy a five-year contract from the Axon Company for 34 cameras, one for each of the 32 deputies and two spares, plus licensing fees and cloud storage.

He said they have to buy the cloud storage because the recorded videos are subject to discovery at trial and can't legally be kept on the county's server. He said deputies should have them recording whenever they're on the job, and there will be sanctions for deputies who

turn them off.

"They do know there's policy they will follow regulations, and if they don't there will be consequences," he said. "They want to show people they're doing the right things out there. This is a good thing for deputies."

The sheriff said there will be a learning curve, but part of the deal will pay for Axon sending people to assist with getting them set up and showing deputies how to properly use them. At the end of each shift, an officer would remove their body camera and place it on a charging station. While it charges, the footage will upload to the cloud server, and any updates for the camera software will download and install.

"It's powered up for the whole shift, then you record with the button in front of you," the sheriff said. "We've been testing these with four of our officers on a pilot program, and they will last for 12 hours."

The cameras are turned on with a large button that faces outward. It has to be held for three seconds to

stop recording, which is designed so a bump or jostle won't power down the device, the sheriff said. It also has indicators on the top that the person wearing it can see that it's on and recording.

Bigwarfe, who has "been a proponent of body cams for many years now," said the deputies are in favor of using them.

"There's been a lot of positive feedback from our officers who are wearing these, that they really like them and they're glad to have them," he said.

He says the advantages for deputies include helping "confirm the nature of events and support accounts that are articulated" and also evidence gathering, and also as a resource for investigating use of force or civilian complaints.

"We come up with quicker resolutions," he said. "They've done studies that show we have fewer lawsuits and litigation in those departments that have body cams than those that don't."

Legislator Jim Reagen, R-Og-



Above is the Axon-brand body cameras that St. Lawrence County sheriff deputies will likely be using in the near future. The big button in the center turns it on, and has to be held for three seconds to turn the device off.

densburg, applauded Bigwarfe and Undersheriff Sean O'Brien for the months of research and work they put into finding a vendor and crafting a policy for the use of the body cams. "I really believe your

leadership on this issue is going to go a long way to helping people to realize your department and our law enforcement community is committed to fair treatment for everyone," he said.

# County knocked on by state in ethics audit

An audit of St. Lawrence County's ethics policies and procedures done by the state comptroller's office criticizes the county for a number of officials who didn't fill out conflict of interest disclosure forms. The audit also says the county didn't provide adequate ethics training to all officers and employees.

The audit looked at Jan. 1, 2017 to Sept. 30, 2018. The audit says that "county officials generally agreed with our recommendations and have initiated or indicated they planned to initiate corrective action."

The audit says that in 2017 and 2018, all 15 members of the Board of Legislators had to file financial disclosure statements which are used to determine conflicts of interest.

"In 2017 and 2018, 60 percent of the Legislators, 59 percent of officers and employees and 97 percent of other required filers' disclosure

statements were not filed, were filed late and/or had questions left blank," the audit says. "The Ethics Board did not administer the County's disclosure system by ensuring all financial disclosure statements were actually filed, filed on time or complete. We found that 84 percent of required disclosure statements were not filed, filed late and/or had questions left blank. Under these circumstances, there is a significant risk that potential conflicts of interest were not identified and/or not reported to the Ethics Board."

It does not name any specific legislators. A table in the audit document says the county treasurer didn't file a disclosure statement in 2018, nor did the director of public health. It says that the chief confidential investigator didn't file a form in either year, the same for three social services attorneys. The community services and human resources director each failed to file in 2017, as did the county sheriff,

the audit says.

It cites one unidentified member of the Board of Ethics did not file the disclosure statements in both years.

"In 2017 and 2018, 15 Legislators were required to file disclosure statements. However, in 2017, two Legislators did not file, two filed disclosure statements with questions left blank, two filed late and two filed late and with questions left blank. In 2018, two Legislators filed disclosure statements with questions left blank, five filed late and three filed late and with questions left blank," the audit says. In 2017, 37 officers and employees were required to file. However, 13 did not file, six filed disclosure statements with questions left blank, three filed late and one filed late and with questions left blank. In 2018, 36 officers and employees were required to file. However, 12 did not file, six filed disclosure statements with questions left blank, one filed late and one filed late and with questions left blank. In 2017, 87

other individuals associated with the County were required to file. However, 81 did not file, one filed a disclosure statement with questions left blank, one filed late and one filed late and with questions left blank. In 2018, 95 other individuals associated with the County were required to file. However, 83 did not file, three filed disclosure statements with questions left blank, five filed late and two filed late and with questions left blank."

The audit also says the Board of Ethics "did not offer training and education, including educational materials to all officers and employees on the requirements of the code of ethics during our audit period."

The document says the county attorney told auditors that he did provide the training "to certain county officials and employees," but didn't have documentation to support the claim.

"In an effort to help ensure proper ethics oversight, the Legislature may wish to have Ethics Board members complete training

on the provisions of law relating to conflicts of interest and ethics," the audit says.

The audit contains a response from Legislator Joe Lightfoot, R-Ogdensburg, who was chairman of the Board of Legislators when the response was written on Oct. 9 of last year.

"The county will be creating a corrective action plan as a part of the final report associated with the audit on ethics oversight," Lightfoot's letter says. "The St. Lawrence County Board of Ethics was created in 2009 to provide ethics oversight in a formal manner. It has been a valuable resource since its creation and will continue to evolve and improve the work required. The aforementioned items included in the preliminary draft findings will be discussed further with the Board of Legislators."

The complete audit, which includes the response letter from the county, can be read online at <https://tinyurl.com/yxnabnwy>

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## Judge denies attempt to block fire dept. layoffs as union and city likely to begin arbitration soon

BY JIMMY LAWTON

North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG — An injunction that would allow laid-off firefighters to continue working as the city and union hash out a deal in arbitration has been denied.

"The court concludes any arbitration award which might later be rendered in the Union's favor will not be rendered ineffectual by the failure to grant a preliminary injunction in this special proceeding. If the Union is successful, harm to the Union or its members may be remedied by the awards of reinstatement, back pay, and accrued but unpaid benefits," Judge Mary Farley said in her order.

At a hearing held Thursday, the city and union attorneys pleaded their cases in front of Supreme Court Judge Mary Farley. The ruling was issued Monday, Jan. 11.

Ogdensburg Fire Union Local

1799 had sought to reinstate members who were laid off in a manner they say violates their existing contract with the city. The city argued that the contract was not sustainable and could not bar the city from reducing staff.

The matter is likely to head to arbitration, but details on where that process is at have not been made public. In her ruling, Judge Farley notes that burden is heavy and lies with the movant, which in this case is the union.

Farley said the union did not meet the burden of showing that any award through arbitration would be rendered ineffectual by denial of a preliminary injunction.

In regard to the "Likelihood of Success on the Merits," which is a legal factor in determining her decision, Judge Farley also ruled the union did not make a "strong showing" by "clear and convincing evidence" of the likelihood of suc-

cess on the merits.

Farley also factored potential irreparable harm into her decision.

"Although the city's anticipated actions may not eliminate the possibility of irreparable harm resulting from the Union's health and safety concerns, the Union has not shown the possibility of harm to be 'imminent, not remove or speculative.'"

In regard to balancing the equities, Farley said the union fell short of tipping the balance of equities in its favor.

"The harm to the union and its members — loss of employment with benefits, as well as potential increase in personal risk for those who continue to work under reduced staffing — is severe. Nonetheless, the court must conclude that the union has not carried its burden of showing the equities sufficiently tip in its favor to merit a preliminary injunction here," she said.

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Chad W. Green, owner of Donaldson Funeral Homes, along with their new funeral director, James S. Francia.

## New funeral home director at Donaldson

Longtime funeral director, James S. Francia has joined the staff of Donaldson Funeral Home, which has locations in homes in Potsdam and Massena.

Chad W. Green, owner of Donaldson Funeral Home in Massena and Donaldson-Seymour Funeral Home in Potsdam, along with directors Brendon J. Hardy, Glenn L. Seymour, and Brian T. Eddy, made the announcement.

Francia brings to the funeral home 15 years of experience in the funeral home industry with 8 years as a licensed funeral director. He has served communities in the North Country, particularly in Madrid, Waddington, and Massena at the Phillips Memorial Homes. "We look forward to James bringing his expertise, compassion, and commitment to the community to the families that have chosen us to assist them during death of their loved ones," a press release from the funeral home said.

Donaldson Funeral Homes have served North Country communities since 1933 and currently offer funeral directors with over 80 years of combined funeral service experience. They offer burial or cremation services to all ethnic, cultural, and religious denominations. Additionally, they offer complimentary pre-need funeral consultation at either of their funeral homes or in the privacy of a person's home.

To contact Francia, or any of Donaldson's other directors, regarding past services, current pre-need or future pre-need consultations, contact either of our office. In Massena, stop in at 100 North Main St.; and in Potsdam at 4 Cedar St.; by calling 315-769-3579 or 315-265-4240. More info is also online at [www.donaldsonfh.com](http://www.donaldsonfh.com).

## Stewart's Shops raises cash for children's programs

Stewart's Shops, with locations in Ogdensburg, Massena, Heuvelton, Potsdam, Winthrop, Canton and Gouverneur, raised over \$1.88 million for local children's organizations during its 2020 Holiday Match program.

From Thanksgiving Day through Christmas Day, Stewart's customers donated \$941,207 to the program. Each individual donation is matched penny for penny by Stewart's Shops. There are no administrative costs and 100% of the funds benefit local, non-profit children's organizations, the company said.

This year, the program collected \$43,000 more than last year despite Covid and all of its challenges.

Generous customers have helped raise nearly \$32 million since 1986.

The company said 1,754 children's organizations received funding from last year's Holiday Match campaign. A listing of all the charities that received Holiday Match funding last year is available at [stewartsshops.com](http://stewartsshops.com).

All local children's charities are encouraged to apply for funding annually from the program.

Organizations can apply online at [stewartsshops.com](http://stewartsshops.com) through Jan. 31. All groups applying must be locally based, benefit children under 18, and be a qualified, charitable 501c3 organization. All the funds will be allocated in March.

## Grant for eCommerce software

POTSDAM — Professor Daqing Hou, the Director of the Software Engineering program at Clarkson University has been awarded a grant from the Innovation Corps program (I-Corps) of the National Science Foundation.

The award supports their proposed software products that aim to prevent and detect fraudulent

eCommerce using biometrics.

The team consists of Blaine Ayotte (Entrepreneurship Lead, ECE Ph.D. student), Ahmed Wahab (co-Entrepreneurship Lead, ECE PhD student), Eddie Ma (Industrial Mentor, VP of Engineering at Lacuna Technologies), and Daqing Hou (Technical Lead and PI of the project).

## New SeaComm branch nears completion

MASSENA — SeaComm Federal Credit Union has made significant progress toward the completion of its eighth retail branch location at 21 Essex Way in Essex, VT. The planned 3,500 sq. foot building is scheduled to be completed in the spring.

The credit union has branches in Massena, Potsdam, Malone, Canton, Ogdensburg and Plattsburgh NY as well as South Burlington, VT.

"We are excited to add this new branch to our growing footprint in Vermont," said SeaComm President and Chief Executive Officer Scott A. Wilson. "As we come to its completion, we are excited for the opportunity to continue to grow and enhance the high-quality service that our members expect and deserve."

"Similar to its newest location at 1680 Shelburne Road in South Burlington, the branch will feature a welcoming, efficient design in line with SeaComm's brand, which reflects a modern approach," a press release said. "The new branch will offer a complete

lineup of services for all financial needs; including personal accounts, auto and recreational vehicle loans, mortgages, business solutions, investments and more. The branch will include a two-lane drive-through area, a 24/7 ActiveEdge® ATM that offers game-changing security solutions, electronic cash recyclers at the teller stations, and a charging station for electronic vehicles."

Project design firm, P.W. Campbell of Pittsburgh is overseeing the project as the design/build firm and local contractors are used in its construction, SeaComm says.

"Now that we've expanded our membership in the state of Vermont, it's important that we maintain our commitment to provide the best possible experience for our members. This new branch will help ensure we meet that promise well into the future," Wilson said.

SeaComm is a member owned financial cooperative based in Massena, with more than 49,880 members and assets exceeding \$640 million.

## North Country Chili Cook-off changes format

The Volunteer Transportation Center, Inc. (VTC) will host the 22nd Annual North Country Chili Cook-Off but in a format unlike any other year.

They need businesses to participate in the cook off and fundraiser.

Due to the pandemic, for this year it will focus only on the "Professional" category and be held at participating restaurants throughout Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties, said Mr. Papineau.

Instead of a one-day event, the new version of the cook-off will be hosted during the entire month of February in a "pub crawl" format, where those wishing to sample and vote on their favorite entries may do so at restaurants featured in a program circulated by the VTC.

Restaurants interested in participating can do so for free this year by filling out an entry form and either enter a chili from their existing menu or create a special chili for this event.

Chefs are encouraged to offer samples of their entries at a cost of their choosing – which could even be free or free with purchase.

The idea will be to get as many people to vote for their entry as possible.

Those wanting to cast votes will be able to do so online through the VTC website, [www.volunteertransportation.org](http://www.volunteertransportation.org), or by submitting their votes at participat-

ing establishments. The entry with the most votes will get a special plaque denoting them winner of the special edition People's Choice Award.

In addition, participating restaurants will be able to win a Top Fundraiser Award by collecting donations for the Volunteer Transportation Center. The participating team with the highest amount raised will receive this recognition.

"Our committee realized the best way to maintain the spirit of this event was to take the aspects that make it great and host them in a way that allows for social distancing and other practices that help us stop the spread of COVID-19," said Jeremiah S. Papineau, Director of Communications and Foundation Director for the VTC.

The cook-off, chaired by Amy McEathron, who also serves as American Legion Auxiliary Department of New York Leadership Chairperson, will raise funds to support the transportation of veterans and their family members by our dedicated volunteers.

The North Country Chili Cook-Off Planning Committee is in the process of seeking restaurants interested in participating in the event as well as sponsors. To participate in the Cook-Off call 315-755-2918 or email at [jeremiah@volunteertransportation.org](mailto:jeremiah@volunteertransportation.org).

## Annual Super Saturday tax prep service cancelled

MASSENA — SeaComm Federal Credit Union recently announced that it will not host its annual Super Saturday tax preparation events normally held in February and March.

The credit union's decision to cancel the event is an effort to ensure the health and safety of its staff and membership during the ongoing pandemic.

While the program will not take place at the credit union this year, it is expected to resume in 2022.

The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program

will continue to provide free tax preparation for qualifying taxpayers. For further information on VITA sites near you or where to file online taxes for free, visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

For information on in-person tax preparation through the AARP Foundation, visit [aarpfoundation.org/taxhelp](http://aarpfoundation.org/taxhelp).

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## LETTERS

### Stefanik must resign: A Mohawk perspective

Generations ago our Mohawk-Iroquois ancestors were adamant about teaching the eastern colonists the elements of representative government.

We taught that all political, spiritual and social leaders were servants of the people, subject to their will and had a sworn duty to protect the rights of those who reside on their respective territories.

We introduced the caucus and impeachment to those who would create the American state. We set high moral standards for our government representatives. We showed the colonists how our leaders were selected with personal qualities such as humility, kindness, honesty, gratitude and compassion as not only priorities but requirements.

All of our leaders made a solemn oath to uphold our ancestral laws; they realized that any breach would result in their recall after which they were forever denied a return to their former status. Our leaders were specifically forbidden from engaging in promoting acts of violence and should they do so would incur severe penalties.

We know now that five human beings lost their lives when a mob invaded the US Capitol. We know US Rep. Stefanik was part of the Congressional group which aided that mob by defying the US Constitution and she abandoned her duties by allying with outgoing President Trump as he inflamed the situation when he endorsed a march to the Capitol.

We know that Rep. Stefanik has, without cause and in defiance of dozens of court rulings, continued to violate her sacred oath by challenging the Constitution even after she knew there were fatalities in the attack which placed her peers in mortal jeopardy. Because of this there have been calls for her to resign or even face criminal charges for her unapologetic actions. Should Stefanik stubbornly cling to office, her standing in Congress has been negated and she will have no ability to carry out her obligations as a representative of this district.

Stefanik has, in truth, become a liability, a pariah, in Congress and to the residents of the 21st District. She should summon her last vestiges of moral courage and resign. Under our laws she would certainly be impeached.

Doug George-Kanentiio  
Akwesasne

### City mandate unsafe, union says

Ogdensburg City Manager (CM) Steve Jellie, who recently laid off five firefighters, wants desperately to have his way, no matter how unsafe or how much resistance he gets.

Ogdensburg Firefighters are unanimously opposed to running only one engine to all emergency calls. The CM simply won't listen and is pushing us to implement his "plan".

When given multiple reasons why the change should not be made, including actual scenarios we face, he simply shrugs them off. He doesn't even try to justify or give logical reasons for the change, he just says, 'oh well, it's what I want.' He's obviously making this decision as City Manager, not as a responsible Fire Chief.

Our department's Assistant Chiefs provided a long list of concerns back in October and he didn't even consider them. How is that leadership? No former Chief of our department would have even thought of instituting such a change after receiving unanimous opposition from department officers and firefighters.

One big concern we currently have, and shared with the CM, is the growing spread of COVID-19. In a NYS DOH online document titled, interim guidance for fire service agencies to limit potential exposure to COVID-19, it advises the opposite of the CM's "plan".

In a section titled, specific mitigation strategies for firefighting personnel. Specific mitigation strategies for firefighting personnel, it says to; "Reduce crew size in each vehicle or increase the number of vehicles in a response, to the extent practicable."

So with this DOH recommended mitigation strategy and COVID-19 cases in our community on the rise, the CM wants to put more of our personnel on one vehicle. Does that make sense?

We currently respond to certain calls (including EMS) with a crew of two members on one vehicle. The CM's "plan" is to now put a crew of four and sometimes five personnel on one vehicle for these calls. So he's not simply disregarding the DOH strategy for limiting exposure, he's making a change that goes completely against it, potentially exposing more of our members.

There's so many reasons why his one engine response is a bad idea, and we will eventually pay the price

## NCNOW SURVEY

### The Question:

# How do you plan to use your stimulus check, if you receive one?

**IF YOU RECEIVED** or will receive a stimulus check, how do you plan to use the money?

**HERE ARE COMMENTS** from some survey participants:

'Pay my taxes.'

'Didn't need it so we are giving most to those who do.'

'All of the above if possible.'

'I'll just put it in the bank. Most of the people getting this don't really need it. For the ones who do need it, the amount is completely inadequate.'

'Need to hang onto it for essential items during the next shutdown.'

'Down the road we will be paying dearly for all the free money that has been handed out. Helping people is one thing, but giving so much money that it didn't pay to go back to work is idiotic. There is no thing as a free ride and the working people will pay dearly in the coming years.'

'Used mine to pay down debt.'

'Buy a new gun.'

'Property taxes are due and heating costs start increasing now through April, so any help at this point is appreciated'

'\$600 Doesn't get you far. It will go

for this thoughtless move. Responding to a structure fire with only one engine, with a backup engine at least 10 minutes behind, could very well have devastating consequences.

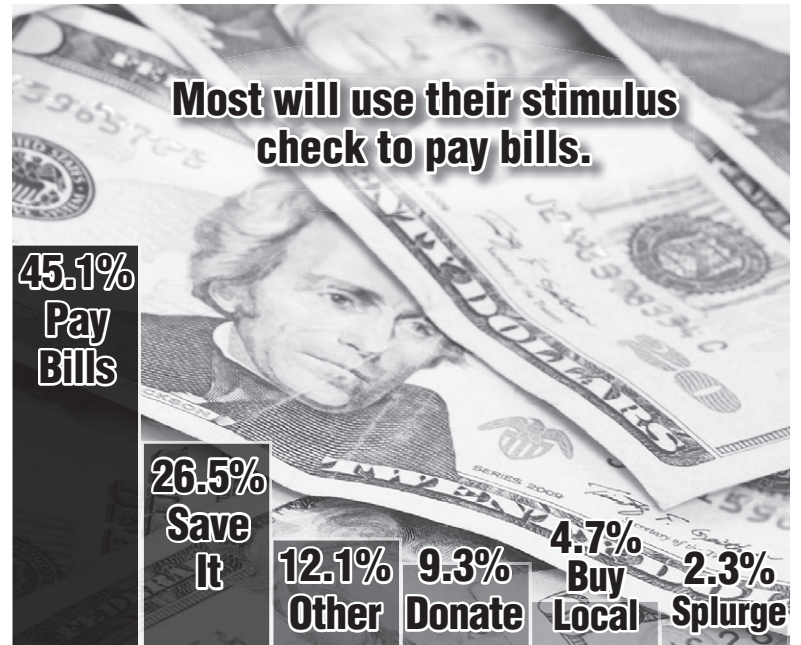
We're at a complete loss for how and why this is happening. One man can ride into the city occasionally (he still doesn't live here) and alone decide to put our members and the community at greater risk. And when he's strongly advised against it, by DOH Guidance on limiting COVID-19 exposure and by our members who actually respond to emergency calls in the city (which he's never done), he stubbornly refuses to listen.

We urge city residents to call your elected officials and tell them you choose public safety. We hope to stay safe, so we can safely help those in need. And please don't forget that five firefighters are out of a job because of Steve Jellie. How much damage will we allow this one man to inflict on our community?

Jason T. Bouchard  
President, IAFF Local 1799

### Stefanik doing what is right for constituents

Constitution, Constitution, treason, treason, sedition, sedition, my hair is fire! Oh let's not forget we went from, there is no fraud, to there was very little fraud, to there wasn't enough fraud to change the



Cathy Whalen | NCTW

to our bills first, but wish there was enough to get my kids more of what they need. But am grateful to get what help we get.'

'Save half and spend half on restocking the pantry.'

'Anyone who received a check should spend it, whether it is on a splurge or bills. Stimulus checks don't help the economy if they go into savings. Shop and shop local whenever you can.'

**TO READ MORE COMMENTS,** visit [NorthCountryNow.com/ncnow-survey](http://NorthCountryNow.com/ncnow-survey).

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**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:** Do you support installment payments for traffic fines?

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

tion, have no understanding of our history, and throw around words they don't even understand I have to speak up. By the way I encourage all the quote leadership in the Republican Party to do the same. Elise is doing what is right. She is not only fighting for free and fair elections. She is also our voice and she is the only one that can represent the over 65% of the people in the district who agree with me 100%. That is her job, this is what she is supposed to do, and I am very proud of her for doing so.

Finally I forgot Democrats keep throwing around Democracy, Democracy. It's an attack on Democracy. Well newsflash for all of you educated folks on the left from a dumb farmer. The word Democracy is not in the Constitution, we're a Constitutional Republic!

Russ Finley  
Lisbon

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## USE SAVINGS FOR...

### Repair of bridge

'In two years, eliminating five fire positions would give the city enough money to repair the Lafayette Street bridge. Each year the condition of the aging span worsens.'

### Shade Roller clean-up

'In two years, a five-person reduction at the fire department would provide enough money to complete cleanup at the former Shade Roller industrial site, paving the way for the long-awaited redevelopment of a key portion of our waterfront.'

### Rehab cheese plant

'In one year, eliminating five fire positions would give us the money to remediate the old cheese plant factory near the Oswegatchie River and return that property to the tax rolls'

### Replace seawall

'In one year, the removal of five positions from the fire department would give us the money to replace and repair the Oswegatchie River seawall along the Maple City Trail'

### Repair city hall

'In one year, the five-person reduction at the fire department would provide enough additional tax revenue to make roof and other needed repairs to our historic City Hall.'

*The following is an open letter to Ogdensburg city residents from Mayor Mike Skelly.*

Dear City Residents,

There is no easy or softer way to better position Ogdensburg for future growth except for continuing the path that we began just over a year ago after taking office.

After being sworn into office as mayor, I soon realized that myself and the other incoming elected officials had inherited a city mired in debt and with no clear future plan.

The city stood at the brink of bankruptcy, with state officials warning that we would soon be unable to raise enough money to pay our bills.

In the past one year we have taken immediate steps to right the financial ship left floundering by previous city councils.

We have merged departments and reduced the municipal workforce to help make ends meet. At the same time, we have lowered property taxes 10 percent, a move to give breathing room to property owners and encourage development.

In the coming year we strive to lower taxes even more.

Our ongoing attempts to reduce manpower and lower expenses within the Ogdensburg Fire Department are part of ongoing efforts to control costs.

Every other department in the city has suffered cuts, and it's my belief that without tackling our current out of control fire protection spending, the city will never find the resources needed to encourage long term economic growth.

Reducing the fire department workforce by five positions will save taxpayers approximately \$650,000 annually.

It is real money and real savings that can be better utilized elsewhere.

A reduction of five firemen will still leave the department with four persons per shift, which is an adequate number to ensure public safety.

The savings will also give us the additional revenue to accomplish the following needed

infrastructure repairs in the city.

- In two years, eliminating five fire positions would give the city enough money to repair the Lafayette Street bridge. Each year the condition of the aging span worsens.

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the fire department would provide enough money to complete cleanup at the former Shade Roller industrial site, paving the way for the long-awaited redevelopment of a key portion of our waterfront.

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give us the money to replace and repair the Oswegatchie River seawall along the Maple City Trail.

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The projects listed above are critical and have been ignored for years because city government did not have the money to move forward.

As a result, our infrastructure problems have continued to worsen, and potential development opportunities that will bring jobs and fresh tax dollars have remained stagnant and incomplete.

As Mayor of Ogdensburg, I ask for public support and understanding

as we continue to make financial and other structural reforms needed to return our city to its former glory.

The cuts we are moving forward with at the Ogdensburg Fire Department are not arbitrary or shortsighted.

To the contrary, they are aimed at giving all city residents a chance for a prosperous future for themselves and the generations to come.



Mayor Skelly

**'Our ongoing attempts to reduce manpower and lower expenses within the Ogdensburg Fire Department are part of ongoing efforts to control costs.'**

Mike Skelly  
Mayor



## BOCES Students of the Month named in December

The three BOCES Career & Technical Centers in St. Lawrence County have recognized outstanding students.

Seaway Career & Technical Education Center in Norwood is pleased to announce Samantha Foster as the Potsdam Rotary Club Student of the Month for December 2020.

At Northwest Career and Technical Center in Ogdensburg, Jaselyn Pomales-Santana was recognized as the December Student of the Month. Pomales-Santana is majoring in Cosmetology.

At the Southwest Career & Technical Center in Fowler, Breana Drake, daughter of Brian and Kimberly Drake, was selected as the December Student of the Month, sponsored by the Gouverneur Chamber of Commerce. She attends Gouverneur Central and is enrolled in the Allied Health Program.

Other students receiving Program Student of the Month honors at Seaway Tech include: Rose Bigelow, Canton, Building Trades; Natalie Currier, Canton, Cosmetology; Abigail Cary, Norwood, Criminal Justice; Avery Collins, Parishville-Hopkinton, Education & Human Services; Conor Taillon, Parishville-Hopkinton, HVAC/R; and Gavin Thompson, Canton, Natural Resource Management.

At Seaway Tech, Foster is a student in the Software Development & Business Design Program. From Brasher Falls Central School District, she is daughter of David & April Foster.

In the junior year of SD & BD, students learn how to develop web pages through the use of HTML, CSS, and JavaScript along with understanding of design concepts and how



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**Samantha Foster, Seaway Tech student of the month for December**

they affect the world of web development.

They are also introduced to more advanced programming skills with PHP and MySQL. They develop websites, web software packages and other projects.

In their senior year, students learn advanced web design, advance software development, web server management and business. Senior work is geared towards preparing for more client-based interactions and web projects to prepare them for the changing dynamics of the software development world.

“Sam is very focused and shows a great deal of initiative in this program,” said instructor David Wells. “She never fails to turn in assignments on time. She is always willing to help fellow students and is a pleasure to have in this program”.



BOCES | Facebook photo

**Students in TASC, were recently learning about conduction, convection and radiation and the math behind it. Cory Hammond is enrolled in the program which is part of the Community Connections program at St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES.**

## Program offers alternative educational opportunities

The Community Connections program at St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES in Ogdensburg and Canton offers a supportive setting that encourages students to become productive citizens through developing skills that promote academic and personal growth.

Students have active involvement in their academic/career goals and develop their personal and social goals. They learn to take responsibility for their choices and how to contribute to their community.

Students who have been classified as having a disability with an IEP; not succeeding in traditional classes due to attendance and/or behavior issues; or are not prepared for an educational setting are eligible for this program.

Academically students work on basic skills, Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) Learning Standards and Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC, formerly known as GED). They are able to work towards exiting high school obtaining a CDOS Certificate, TASC (Equivalency

Diploma), and some also exit with Career and Technical Education Endorsement/Certification.

Students increase their ability to interact in a socially acceptable manner with peers and adults in a variety of settings and learn to develop self control and conflict resolution skills.

They are also learning to participate in community service for the benefit of others and learn the rationale for it, which helps to enhance their self image through positive contributions to the community.

At work sites, students develop transferable work skills for various careers; develop and demonstrate a positive work ethic; and are able to explore employment opportunities.

Through recreation in the program, students learn about healthy lifestyles and can explore individual recreational activities such as model building, playing games and learning music, in addition to sports activities.



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### Staying focused

Potsdam Central High School photo students helped each other learn how to use their tripods and macro lenses in class recently! Collin Haggett was very focused and really absorbed in the process.

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## St. Lawrence County working to get vaccines out

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Dr. Williams called the vaccine roll out a “rapidly evolving issue.”

“I think we’re just going to have to keep the communication lines open, make sure the public is informed,” he said.

“What we will ensure is any vaccine that comes to SLC that we have anything to do with will be injected into recipients’ arms as quickly as possible.” “I think you should hold us to doing that kind of a job,” he said to the county legislators.

Phase 1A included frontline healthcare workers, nursing home residents and nursing home staff.

A new group now eligible for vaccines in phase 1B is anyone age 75 or older. They will be vaccinated by local pharmacies.

Also now eligible for vaccines under phase 1B are first responders or support staff for first responding agencies, corrections officers, probation departments and those working in juvenile detention or rehab facilities, all pre-k through grade 12 school faculty and staff, contractors working in school districts and group childcare.

Also now eligible for phase 1B vaccinations are in-person college faculty and instructors, employees or support staff in childcare settings, licensed, registered, approved or legally exempt childcare providers, anyone working in public transit, public-facing grocery store workers and anyone living or working in a homeless shelter.

Most of those will be arranged through the employer or union.

Later in the meeting, Legislator Joe Lightfoot, R-Ogdensburg, asked County Administrator Ruth Doyle if the county has found enough volunteers to assist with the vaccination program.

“I would say at this point not yet, but that’s balanced about how much we’ll be getting,” Doyle said.

“So we’ve not been advised

on how much vaccination we’ll receive?” Lightfoot said.

“Or when,” Doyle replied.

People can go online to see if they are eligible for vaccination at <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-vaccine-eligibility.page>

There is also a hotline for New York state residents to schedule vaccination appointments. It’s available 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days per week: 1-833-697-4829

The county needs medical and non-medical volunteers for vaccine administration.

Medical volunteers are needed to assist with pre-vaccination screenings, vaccine administration, and post-vaccination monitoring. Needed volunteers in this category include: registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, licensed physicians, licensed physician assistants, licensed pharmacists, midwives, dentists /dental hygienists, podiatrists, EMS/community paramedicine or nursing students and physician assistant students. Governor’s executive order 202.86, released 12/28, also extends permission to retirees who are medical professionals and still in good standing the ability to volunteer

Non-medical volunteers are needed to assist with operations and activities at the vaccination sites, such as registration and check-in, data entry, greeting and routing participants, traffic flow, and other administrative tasks.

Volunteers will work in collaboration with the St. Lawrence County Public Health Department and the local hospital systems to vaccinate county residents.

Those interested in volunteering will register through ServNY. If interested in registering to be either a medical or non-medical volunteer, contact the St. Lawrence County Public Health Volunteer Coordinator at [JWatson@stlawco.org](mailto:JWatson@stlawco.org) or 315-229-3407 or go to <https://www.stlawco.org> for information on the process.



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## Ways to cut costs during retirement

The average person will spend more than 50 years in the employment sector.

As retirement draws closer, many professionals begin to daydream about giving up the commute and having more time to pursue their personal interests.

Even if planning for retirement has been many years in the making, it can take some time for a person to become acclimated to having less income.

According to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, "older households," which are defined as those run by someone age 65 and older, spent an average of \$45,756 in 2016, or roughly \$3,800 a month.

That's roughly \$1,000 less than the monthly average spent by typical American households. Housing, transportation, health care, and food are some of the biggest bills retirees will have to account for.

Aiming to have savings in addition to any other retirement income or government subsidy coming in to cover that amount is a step in the right direction.

Retirees can make their money go further if they take inventory of their spending and make some cuts where possible.

Know where your money is going. It's impossible to save without knowing what your expenses are each month. Many people are surprised to learn how much little things add up over the course of a month. For example, spending \$4

for a take-out coffee each day can quickly become an expensive luxury. Add all expenses and see where you can trim, especially if there's a deficit each month.

Consider extra health care. In the United States, Medicare participants can choose Medicare Supplement Insurance plans to help reduce out-of-pocket health care costs. Medicare Parts A and B only cover some of your health care costs. Supplemental insurance can cover some of the costs not covered by original Medicare, like copayments, deductibles and coinsurance, according to AARP.

Pare down on possessions. Take inventory of what you have and scale back where possible. If you are no longer commuting to work, you may be able to become a one-car household. Downsizing your residence can help seniors avoid spending too much of their retirement time and money maintaining their homes.

Take advantage of senior discounts. Take advantage of the many discounts that are offered to seniors. Retirees can usually save on restaurants, travel, groceries, and much more by simply shopping on specific days or verifying their age when checking out.

Purchase less expensive life insurance. According to Cheapism, a site that advises consumers about how to be more frugal, the chief purpose of life insurance is to replace income to ensure the financial security of dependents in the event of death. Retirees may have no dependents and little income. Therefore, a large life insurance policy may not be necessary, especially if you've already set aside funds to cover funeral costs.

Pay off a mortgage. Housing is many people's most substantial expense. Paying off a mortgage can free up more money each month and allow retirees to spend their golden years doing as they please.

## Local help with your Medicare questions.



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## Vaccines for ages 65 and up to be offered at Kinney pharmacies

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Appointments will be available at all NY Kinney pharmacies for those age 65 and up beginning Thursday, Jan. 14.

Kinney's operates drug stores throughout St. Lawrence County and the North Country.

On Tuesday, Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced that adults over the age of 65 are now eligible to be vaccinated. The original cutoff age was 75, before being changes to 65.

By New York State mandate, Kinney pharmacists will be able to vaccinate by appointment only. In addition, eligible people

must complete New York state's mandated vaccination forms and schedule their vaccination appointments online.

Interested persons should visit <https://kinneydrugs.com/pharmacy/covid-19/vaccination-scheduling/ny/> for all necessary information, including:

- How to schedule a vaccination appointment (for those 65+ only)
  - Link to all NYS-mandated online forms;
  - Link to Kinney's online appointment scheduler
  - Expectations for vaccination appointments
  - Senior transportation resources by county
  - Facts on the Moderna vaccine
- There will be no out-of-pocket cost to the patient.

## Help seniors adapt to technology

If seniors have had a hard time adapting to technology, their families can try these strategies to make that transition go more smoothly.

- Go over product manuals with seniors. The senior caregiving experts at Home Care Assistance note that older adults are less likely to learn through experimentation than they are by reading instructions in the manual. When helping seniors learn to use new devices, go over the owner's man-

ual with them as you set up the device. Mark important pages in the manual so seniors know where to go for quick answers if they experience any issues logging in or using certain apps.

- Look for senior-specific devices and guidebooks. Seniors make up an enormous segment of the population, and tech companies have long since recognized that there's a market for products designed specifically for aging men and women. When shopping for devices for seniors, look for those that have been designed to help them overcome issues that have proven problematic for aging adults in the past. Devices that feature touchscreens with large menus, easily accessible navigation tools and simplified features can help seniors as they learn to use new technology.

- Be patient. Some seniors are excited by the prospect of learning to use new technology, while others may be hesitant. Patience is essential when working with an aging loved one who's intimidated by technology. Take the time to explain apps and features and don't take it for granted that seniors will know how to use a device or recognize what a device can do.

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R.J. Norman | Submitted

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**Dealing with cancer during the COVID-19 pandemic**

The COVID-19 outbreak of 2020 caught many people, particularly those in the western hemisphere, off guard. As the virus spread, the lives of hundreds of millions of people throughout North America and Europe changed dramatically and seemingly overnight, prompting many to wonder if they or their loved ones were going to get sick.

No one was thought to be immune to COVID-19, though many people were unfortunately believed to be more vulnerable to the disease than others. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, older adults and people with serious chronic medical conditions are at the greatest risk of getting sick from COVID-19.

The American Cancer Society notes that cancer patients, like groups with an elevated risk of getting sick from COVID-19, must do all they can to avoid being exposed to the virus. That's because the immune systems of cancer patients, particularly those in active chemotherapy and bone marrow transplant patients, can be severely weakened. In fact, in March 2020 officials with the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center warned that early data from China and Italy, two countries which experienced early and widespread outbreaks of the disease, indicated that cancer patients would be at increased risk of getting the virus.

Are all cancer patients at risk?

Dr. Steve Pergram, the medical director of infection prevention at Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, said that patients with blood malignancies are most at risk for COVID-19. Blood malignancies include non-Hodgkin lymphoma, chronic lymphocytic leu-

kemia, acute myeloid leukemia, acute lymphoblastic leukemia, and multiple myeloma. While people with these forms of cancer may be most at risk of getting COVID-19, it's important to note that all cancer patients, including those who recently concluded treatment, are vulnerable. Those who concluded treatment should know that the aftereffects of treatment can linger long after treatment programs have ended, and those aftereffects may continue to compromise patients' immune systems.

What can cancer patients do to protect themselves from COVID-19?

Cancer patients should embrace the safety protocols recommended by the CDC, including social distancing measures and limiting direct contact with other people. Seniors in cancer treatment should take advantages of opportunities to limit their exposure to COVID-19, such as visiting grocery stores during seniors-only hours and opting to participate in digital religious services instead of in-person services. In addition, patients can work with their cancer care teams to devise ways to continue receiving treatment without elevating their risk of exposure to COVID-19.

Cancer patients also may need to adjust their expectations in regard to visits with their physicians. Dr. Len Lichtenfeld of the ACS noted that cancer patients may need to book virtual follow-up visits with their physicians or even delay preventative procedures aimed at reducing the likelihood of recurrence.

COVID-19 does not discriminate, but cancer patients may be among the most vulnerable to getting the virus. Learn more about cancer and COVID-19 at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

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# Organizations scramble to push vaccinations

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eligible for vaccinations. Even if people aren't eligible, they can sign up for email alerts or go back and re-check as new phases open. That website can be viewed at <https://on.nyc.gov/3bu8Rq9>

There is also a hotline for New York state residents to schedule vaccination appointments. It's available 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days per week: 1-833-697-4829.

## Senior Vaccinations

Appointments at Kinney's, only for those age 65 and older, have to be scheduled through their website at [kinneydrugs.com](http://kinneydrugs.com).

As of late morning on Tuesday, all of their appointments were booked. A notice on the page said more appointments will open as more vaccine becomes available, and people should not call stores to check for availability.

"Response has been tremendous and currently, all appointments are booked; however, additional appointments will open up as more vaccine becomes available," the

Kinney's notice says.

"We ask that you please do not call your local store, as they are focused on serving patients and will have no additional information. Instead, please check this site often. Thank you so much for your patience!"

## Mass Vaccination Sites

Dr. Dana McGuire, St. Lawrence County Public Health director, told the county legislature Monday night SUNY Potsdam will host one of five regional mass vaccination sites.

Health officials are also hoping to set up similar operations in Ogdensburg, Massena, Star Lake and Gouverneur to handle what will undoubtedly become much greater demand as more residents become eligible to get vaccinations.

Also now eligible for vaccinations are in-person college faculty and instructors, employees or support staff in childcare settings, licensed, registered, approved or legally exempt childcare providers, anyone working in public transit,

**'Response has been tremendous and currently, all appointments are booked; however, additional appointments will open up as more vaccine becomes available.'**

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public-facing grocery store workers and anyone living or working in a homeless shelter.

## Faculty and Staff

St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES and all districts were working with local hospitals to set up on-site vaccination clinics for educators and school staff.

Although some faculty and staff have taken the initiative to get vaccinated on their own, officials say school employees should hold off for now.

"Public school employees should not be going through the process on their own," St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Director of Communications and Marketing Rebekah Mott said.

Mott said that details are still being hashed out but said that setting up the on-site clinics will allow for a faster rollout on the whole and allow better tracking and reporting on district numbers.

She asked for patience for those who are eager to get the vaccine.

"I know people don't want to wait. But this is a good thing, it's a light at the end of the tunnel. It's going to be a system that's easier for teachers and staff and it will be more efficient," she said. "The hospitals are telling us that once we get everything in place it will be easy."

Mott said the districts have the space to allow for mass vaccinations. With a focused segment of the population, they can get the job done in a more streamlined process than setting up individual appointments, she said.

Mott said she's unsure of the amount of vaccine currently available in the county, but more is expected soon.

While the governor indicated it could take up to 14 weeks to complete phase 1B, Mott said she expects school employees to be vaccinated much sooner.

## Volunteers Needed

The county needs medical and non-medical volunteers for their vaccine administration efforts as even more people become eligible to receive the vaccine.

Medical volunteers are needed to assist with pre-vaccination screenings, vaccine administration, and post-vaccination monitoring. Needed volunteers in this category include: registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, licensed physi-

the ability to volunteer

Non-medical volunteers are needed to assist with operations and activities at the vaccination sites, such as registration and check-in, data entry, greeting and routing participants, traffic flow, and other administrative tasks.

Volunteers will work in collaboration with the Public Health Department and local hospital systems to vaccinate county residents.

Those interested in volunteering can register through ServNY, a registry of health care and mental health professionals, as well as community residents who wish to volunteer during a public health emergency or major disaster.

If interested in registering to be a medical or non-medical volunteer, contact the county Public Health Volunteer Coordinator at [JWatson@stlawco.org](mailto:JWatson@stlawco.org) or 315-229-3407 or go to [www.stlawco.org](http://www.stlawco.org) for information on the process.



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## Annual school exhibit opens on Jan. 16

OGDENSBURG — The Frederic Remington Art Museum's 24th Annual Middle School & High School Art Exhibit will open on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021.

The exhibition will be presented in a digital format at [www.fredericremington.org](http://www.fredericremington.org) and on the Museum's Facebook page.

The public is invited to a special virtual reception on Saturday, Jan. 16 from 2-3 p.m. The reception will offer an opportunity to meet the young artists, and some teachers.

To attend the virtual reception, email Laura Desmond at [desmond@fredericremington.org](mailto:desmond@fredericremington.org) for a digital invitation.

The exhibition includes work by students from schools throughout our region, including: Brasher Falls Central School, Colton-Pierrepont Central School, Edwards-Knox High School, Hammond Central School, Immaculate Heart Central School, Lisbon Central School, Norwood-Norfolk Central School, Ogdensburg Free Academy, Parishville-Hopkinton Central School, Potsdam Central School, and Salmon River Central School.



Della McLendon | Submitted

## Full moon over O'burg

Photographer Della McLendon recently took this picture of a full moon in Ogdensburg.

## VFW Post to serve spaghetti

OGDENSBURG — Ogdensburg VFW Post 293b Auxiliary will serve a spaghetti and meatball dinner Feb. 5 from 5 p.m. until sold out at 1112 Champlain St.

The meal costs \$10 and includes spaghetti, meatballs, tossed salad, bread and dessert.

For delivery, call 315-714477.

## Workshop on river marketing

CANTON — A public workshop for a Grasse River Blueway Marketing Plan will be held Thursday, Jan. 21 on the Zoom platform.

The Town of Canton is leading a cooperative effort among towns,

villages, and hamlets from the Town of Russell to the Town of Massena to develop the marketing plan for the Grasse River Blueway, said a press release from organizers.

The marketing plan will help attract residents and visitors to the Grasse River corridor for sustainable tourism and recreation that strikes a balance between economic development and preservation of the corridor's open spaces and natural resources.

Those planning to attend must register in advance. Registrations are accepted by email to Eve Holberg at [eholberg@jklstudio.com](mailto:eholberg@jklstudio.com).

Zoom meeting login information will be distributed to registrants via email before the meetings.

Responses are still welcome for the Grasse River Blueway Marketing Plan survey. The survey asks how people think the corridor should be promoted. Respondents can also submit their "hidden gems" of the Grasse River, and areas that can help promote the Blueway.

The Grasse River Marketing Plan survey is available through this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GrasseRiverBlueway>.

## Lockwood Arena reopened to public

BY JIMMY LAWTON  
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG — Ogdensburg City Manager Stephen Jellie has reopened the Lockwood arena after discussions with the Ogdensburg school superintendent.

Two letters were read aloud during the Monday, Jan. 11 City Council meeting asking officials to reconsider its decision to delay the reopening of the city's ice arena until January 16. The pleas did not fall upon deaf ears.

The letters said the activity and physical outlet provided by the facility was critical to the physical and mental well being of area youth figure skaters and hockey players.

Councilors Dan Skamperle and Nichole Kennedy echoed the call, saying it should be opened, as long as guidelines were being followed.

Deputy Mayor John Rishe also supported the ideas, as long as it was allowed under state and county health guidelines.

Kennedy said the youth organizations have been strictly following all guidance.

Jellie said the school's arena was closed down for a reason and that sports school sports were cut off for the same reason.

He said he discusses the issue with the Ogdensburg School District superintendent weekly, and will continue to keep making decisions that are best for public safety.

Jellie said Superintendent Keving Kendall said that although competitions aren't being held, the school is allowing for drills and practices.

Jellie did note that Ogdensburg is among the communities with the highest rates of COVID-19 spread in the county.

"As recall sometime in the fall our rates started to spike and they've continued to be high ever since," he said.

Jellie said he wants to see the arena open as well, but only if it's not going to contribute to the spread of COVID-19.

"We don't want to keep the Lockwood closed one day longer than it has to be," he said.

Jellie based his decision on the opening on talks with the school superintendent and what he's seeing at the schools.

Councilor Kennedy pointed out that kids are congregating regardless. She said dance studios are open and operating as well and that as far as she was aware there were no cases stemming from there.

Jellie agreed that youth organizations have done a great job and that there had been no complaints, but pointed out that COVID-19 is still spreading.

Jellie said with the vaccine being rolled out he wants to ensure the city is helping get to the finish line and not contributing to the spread.

## Public hearing slated on use of local wildlife areas

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is holding a virtual public information session on Habitat Management Plans (HMPs) for Fish Creek and Swallow Bluffs Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) in St. Lawrence County, and Collins Landing WMA in Jefferson County on Tuesday, Jan. 19 from 1-3 p.m.

The event will feature an hour-long presentation about the WMA's history, habitat goals, and planned management actions, followed by a question-and-answer period.

The meetings will be conducted by teleconference.

This presentation will be recorded and made available to the public after the session.

Visit <https://bit.ly/3nJyHcl> to register for the event or go to any

one of the WMA's listed below on DEC's website to register for the public information session.

Fish Creek WMA is located in Macomb and DePeyster. It is 4,537 acres consisting of wetland, forest, grassland, and shrubland, and a popular destination for hunting, trapping, fishing, and bird watching.

Swallow Bluffs WMA is located in Lisbon and Waddington. It is 55 acres consisting of forest, grassland, and shrubland, and is a popular destination for bird watching, specifically bank swallows.

Collins Landing WMA is located in Alexandria and Orleans in Jefferson County. It is 51 acres consisting of wetland, forest, and grassland, and used as a destination for waterfowl, turkey, and deer hunting, as well as bird watching.

HMP Goals for each WMA vary. HMPs with specific goals for each WMA are available online:

- Collins Landing: [https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/wildlife\\_pdf/yfifcollandhmp.pdf](https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/wildlife_pdf/yfifcollandhmp.pdf)

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## SLC Arts calls for exhibit entries

POTSDAM — SLC Arts invites artists to submit their work for their first exhibit of 2021: Black & White. For this exhibit, no specific medium is preferred, but the content must be in black and white.

Submissions are due by Jan. 21, and artists may submit up to five pieces.

This exhibit will be held virtually, with an unveiling over Zoom Thursday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. Starting this year, SLC Arts' exhibits will be juried shows, with the following fees: \$10 for non-partners, \$5 for basic creative partners, and free for enhanced creative partners. To learn more about their Creative Partnership Program, read more on their website.

Submissions can be made through SLC Arts' submittable page. For more information about other exhibits happening this year, visit their website.



Anne Mooney | Submitted

## Snowman practicing COVID masking

Anne Mooney, who submitted the photo, and George McHugh of Winthrop recently built this snowman who is observing public health measures meant to stop the spread of COVID-19.

## Sourdough class offered

The class Starting with Sourdough will be on Saturday, Jan. 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. Here is an opportunity to improve your baking skills from home. This class is ideal for individuals with no or introductory experience with any type of bread baking. The class will cover what sourdough is, how to tend the "starter" used to create the loaves, demonstrations of kneading along with tips for baking.

The session is available on a sliding scale, \$0-30 so that participants pay what they can afford. The class will be filmed live and all questions are welcome.

The instructor for this session is Alexandra Brown, caretaker of River Road Farm. Alex has baked with sourdough starter for over a decade, both professionally and then as an active home hobby. The facilitator for this session is Flip Filippi Extension's Local Food Program Leader in St. Lawrence County. Flip shares, "Using sourdough starter is an exciting way to harness the power of fermentation with the craft of baking, and this workshop is an ideal way to jumpstart your journey with these methods".

Registration is required. Reserve your spot via the events calendar at <http://stlawrence.cce.cornell.edu/> or by contacting Cooperative Extension at (315) 379-9192, ext. 229 or [harvestkitchen@cornell.edu](mailto:harvestkitchen@cornell.edu). Once registered, all participants will be sent the hyperlink to join online. All registrants will receive the class recording along with a resource sheet to encourage future kitchen adventures.

## Ski to High Rock slated

The Laurentian Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) welcomes the public to take part in Ski to High Rock on Saturday Jan. 23.

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This system of locks, canals, and channels in Canada and the United States permits oceangoing vessels to travel from the Atlantic Ocean to the Great Lakes of North America, as far inland as Duluth, Minnesota, at the western end of Lake Superior. This is the first of several Director's Dialogues planned for this year. RSVP by phone or email (below) for the Zoom presentation contact information, including phone audio, if preferred.

Maready has spent her career working as a historian and museum professional. She has a Bachelor of Arts in History and Philosophy from Hood College (2006) and a Master of Arts in Applied History from Shippensburg University (2008). Before joining SLCHA as the Executive Director in late 2020, she was the Curator of Collections & Exhibitions for the Erie Canal

Museum in Syracuse, NY. She has also worked for history museums in Kansas, Arkansas, and Pennsylvania.

Free online presentation using Zoom. RSVP by Tues., Jan. 12, 4 p.m., via phone or email, to receive the login information.

The SLCHA hours are Tuesday-Thursday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. They are closed Sundays and Mondays.

For more information about SLCHA and St. Lawrence County history, or to become a member, call 315-386-8133, e-mail [info@slcha.org](mailto:info@slcha.org), or visit the website at [www.slcha.org](http://www.slcha.org).

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# State declares free fishing weekend

The State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is encouraging New York's new and experienced anglers to get outside and safely enjoy ice fishing during the winter months.

"From small local ponds to large lakes and reservoirs, New York has a tremendous array of ice fishing opportunities for anglers to experience close to home," DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said. "Many fish species are active throughout the winter months and the fishing can be just as good as during the open water season. As always, before venturing onto the ice, DEC asks all anglers to make sure the ice is thick enough to fish safely."

Four inches of solid clear ice is usually safe for anglers accessing ice on foot. Ice thickness can vary on waterbodies and even within the same waterbody. Anglers should be particularly cautious of areas of moving water and around boat docks and houses where bubblers may be installed to reduce ice from forming. Testing the ice can easily be done with an auger or spud bar at various spots. Fishing with a family member or a friend is also encouraged for safety. Local bait and tackle shops are a great resource for finding out where there is safe ice and what anglers are catching.

As part of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's NY Open for Fishing and Hunting initiative, the weekend of Feb. 13-14, is a designated free fishing weekend. The requirement for a fishing license is waived during this period. This is a great opportunity to try ice fishing for the first time or for experienced anglers to take friends ice fishing for the first time.

Beginning ice anglers are encouraged to download the Ice Fishing Chapter (PDF, 3.7MB) of DEC's I FISH NY Beginners Guide to Freshwater Fishing for information on how to get started ice fishing. Additional information, including a list of waters open to ice fishing, can be found on the DEC ice fishing web page and the Public Lakes and Ponds maps.

The use of fish for bait is popular when ice fishing and bait fish may be used in most, but not all, waters open to ice fishing.

Anglers should take these important steps when using baitfish while ice fishing:

- Review and follow the DEC baitfish regulations;
- Make sure that the use of baitfish is permitted in the waterbody by checking the special regulations by county section of the Freshwater Fishing Regulations Guide;
- Use only certified disease-free bait fish purchased at a local tackle store or use only personally collected bait fish for use in the same waterbody in which they were caught;
- Do not reuse baitfish in another waterbody if the water the baitfish were purchased in has been replaced; and
- Dump unused baitfish and water in an appropriate location on dry land.

DEC reminds anglers to make sure that they have a valid fishing license before heading out on the ice. Fishing licenses are valid for 365 days from the date of purchase.

Ultimately, ice fishing is a great way to enjoy the outdoors during the winter months while practicing social distancing. Unlike some other styles of fishing, ice fishing is unique because groups can spread out and fish safely together. DEC is reminding anglers to be SMART when fishing this year:

- Socially distance at least six feet apart;
- Mask - Wear one when you cannot maintain social distancing, especially in parking lots and along footpaths;
- Avoid sharing gear when possible;
- Respect your fellow anglers and the resource by providing space and practicing ethical angling; and
- Take out what you bring in or place trash in receptacles.

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## NOTABLE

Clarkson University doctor of Physical Therapy student Paige Weston '23, Ogdensburg, has been awarded the Kafka-Phillips Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship was created to celebrate Kathleen Kafka, and Reed Phillips who shared a strong dedication to the physical therapy profession, and is awarded annually to a first-year DPT student.

## Making the president's list

The State University of New York at Potsdam recently named 1,046 students to the President's List, in recognition of their academic excellence with a GPA of 3.4 or higher in the Fall 2020 semester.

Area students on the list include, from Norwood: Brandon Beattie, Taylor Bond, Anneke Chudzinski, Brandi Delosh, Emily Jarvis, Sici Kahrs, Cortney McDonald, Shannon McDonald, Connor McGinnis, Madison McLean; and from Norfolk Lacey Bosjolie, Karli Clark, Alyssia Simons, Reanna Taylor.

Students from Massena: Breanne Allen, Emily Allen, Anah Bogdan, Madison Brown, Shanley Burke, Chase Cameron, Madison Cox, Lindsay Farnsworth, Matt Ford, Mekayla Fountaine, Dani Fregoe, Megan Fregoe, Jacob LaValley, Hannah Laneville, Robin Love, Madeleine Mailhot, Noah Manning, Colin Michaud, Kaitlin Murphy-Prashaw, Chloe Nemier, Kiernan O'Donnell, Jamie Orlando, Kailey Peets, Shelby Perkins, Jonnileigh Price, Molly Proper, Kayla Stevens, Makayla Szarka, Skyler Trumble, Emily Vierno, and Kassondra Whoston.

From Hogansburg: Taylor Francis, Colonie Gray, Karson Herne, Lauren Martin, Stephanie Pierce, Tiarraray Square, Brounetta Terrance; from Akwesasne Taylor Swamp and Shane Tarbell, and Ansatasia George from Rooseveltown

Students from Ogdensburg: Tanner Armstrong, Sierra Ashley, Brandi Barkley, Ashley Barr, Kellen Bertrand, Marissa Bigelow, Cassandra Bolesh, Desirae Graveline, Payton Horton, MeSean Johnson, Courtney Loffler, Taylor Mack, Kali Martin, Nolan O'Donnell, Raleigh Planty, Shelby Ross, Alexa Weeks, Jennifer Wells, and Morgan Wright

From Hammond: Hanna Ceresoli, Ryleigh Gaige, Riley Martire, Peter Pease.

From Madrid: Josh Barkley, Zoey Flanagan, Marissa Johnston, Kerry Mayette, Olivia Rubin, Alexis Sullivan, Michael Wells. And from Waddington: Jenna Marcellus, Alexis Rivera, Jake VanHouse, Alexis VanPatten.

From North Lawrence: Josphine Beck, James Gardner, Deven Leggett, and Shane Murphy. And from Winthrop: Breanna Anderson, James Farrell, and Marissa, Kelley McKenna Daoust and Felicity Sarsfield from Brasher Falls and Kaylee Wood and Michael Carlisle from Nicholville.

Other students include: Rhiannna Chapin, Brier Hill, Melissa Devereaux, Leigha Laparr, Tori Laparr, Trenton Sullivan Emily Basford, Eliza Martin and Kaitlyn Sibley of Heuvelton; Claire Donaldson, Maya Randle, and Abbie Thompson, Libson; and Kiki Chartrand, Oswegatchie.

## Excelling at SUNY Oneonta

SUNY Oneonta recently announced local students named to the Dean's and Provost's list. Madison Mahady, Winthrop; and Randi Mere of Massena were named to the Dean's list with a GPA of 3.5; and Emily LaGarry, Massena, was named to the Provost's List with a GPA of 4.0.



Debbie Murray | Submitted

## Holiday sleigh gift

The Town of Morristown received the gift of a holiday sleigh from the family of Chuck Kelly. Kelly, an award-winning journalist and strong advocate for the North Country, passed away in 2018 at the age of 83. Pictured are Maureen Silver, Bridgette Dolan, Therese Kelly, Steve Silver and Bob Dolan.

## New doctor at Massena and Canton-Potsdam hospitals

POTSDAM – American Board Certified Emergency Medicine Specialist Laura Mulvey, MD, has joined St. Lawrence Health System's medical staff, and will practice at Canton-Potsdam Hospital and Massena Hospital.

Dr. Mulvey earned her medical degree from Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx; and received her residency training through Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn.

"I am excited to take on new challenges within St. Lawrence Health System and work with a new group of patients and colleagues," Dr. Mulvey said.

"I have been living in the North Country for the last three years in the High Peaks region. I enjoy all that the North Country has to offer, particularly mountain biking, rock climbing, skiing, and hiking. This, combined with the excellent educational and outdoor opportunities for my three children, and being part of the community are what make the North Country home for me," she added.

Dr. Mulvey provides comprehensive care in all matters requiring immediate attention, including chest pain, stroke, and seizures. She also provides trauma care from motor vehicle and farming accidents, sports injuries, burns, allergic reactions, difficulty breathing, and especially during these challenging times, infectious diseases relating to the management of coronavirus illnesses.

For more information about Dr. Mulvey, visit <https://www.stlawrence-healthsystem.org/providers/laura-mulvey>.

## Local schools get Youth grants

The Northern New York Community Foundation recently awarded \$1,500 in Community Spirit Youth Giving Challenge grants to two St. Lawrence County schools.

A committee that included Community Foundation staff and a retired junior high school teacher judged and scored the applications with results as follows:

\$500, Canton-Potsdam Hospital Foundation, Canton, Olivia White, Canton Central School

\$500, Help Sami Kick Cancer Foundation, Canton, Vivian Coburn, Canton Central School

\$500, Renewal House for Victims of Family Violence, Jazmine Carpenter, Morristown Central School

As public health guidelines safely permit, the Community Foundation and schools will work with winning students in the coming weeks to coordinate visits to their respective charitable agencies to present grants and learn more about the organizations they chose.

The initiative was launched in 2017 to introduce middle school stu-

dents to concepts of philanthropy and community needs.

The challenge seeks to engage youths as they explore the meaning of community and are empowered to recommend grants to support their concepts that strengthen the quality of life in the region. Students write an essay that articulates their definition of community and explains what makes it a great place to live, work and play.

Participants are then asked to name a charitable organization that makes their community a better place through its service to residents.

In the past four years, 83 students have been selected to present 79 grants totaling \$40,000 to 67 different nonprofit organizations that serve tri-county residents. Since the Community Spirit Youth Giving Challenge began, 397 students representing 21 school districts across the region have applied to the program, recommending grants to 160 different charitable organizations.

## Massena native wins American Prize 2020

A former Northern New York resident has been named as one of six winners of the American Prize 2020, honoring artists who have "sustained excellence" over a number of seasons as laureates in the competitions.

Jennifer Bellor, composer, Las Vegas, NV, and daughter of Susan and Ken Bellor, Massena, has an extended list of accomplishments.

Her most recent album, "Reflections at Dusk" was released in November 2019 and showcases instrumental music inspired by the Nevada sunsets, according to the American Prize website. It has been described as "crepuscular," "mystical," and "magical."

Jennifer Bellor has been presented by Washington National Opera at the Kennedy Center, American Composers Orchestra, Seattle

Women's Jazz Orchestra, Wuhan Philharmonic Chamber Series, Las Vegas Philharmonic, Lviv Philharmonic, Transient Canvas, ShoutHouse, UNLV Wind Orchestra, Clocks in Motion, Sonic Cluster Duo, Eastman New Jazz Ensemble, Eastman Saxophone Project, Elevate Ensemble, and many others in the US and abroad. She is currently the resident Clock Shop Composer for the percussion quartet Clocks in Motion.

Bellor earned a PhD in music composition at Eastman School of Music, a Master of Music degree in composition at Syracuse University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in music at Cornell University.

She is on the music composition faculty at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and artistic director of the new music series Nextent.

## United Helpers employees fit-tested for N-95 masks

OGDENSBURG -- United Helpers employees working in the company's 11 Individual Residential Alternatives (IRAs) or at Gateway Apartments will each be fit-tested for N-95 masks, thanks to the generosity of a Canton woman who will be volunteering several hours of her time to do so.

Shortly before Christmas, Suna Stone-McMasters, who works as a chemical hygiene officer for St. Lawrence University, reached out to United Helpers to offer her services to the organization.

While employees of the IRAs and the apartment therapy program at Gateway Apartments have been wearing surgical masks at work since the pandemic began, United Helpers Director of Residential Services Colleen Aldridge said that with a recent uptick in virus cases in the area, ordering N-95 masks for staff made sense.

"When Suna approached us about fit testing for our Behavioral Health and Life Services team, we couldn't say no," Aldridge said. "We are so very grateful to her for offering us her time and expertise to help further protect our employees."

Fit testing began this week at the Spruce Street IRA in Ogdensburg, and will continue into the New Year until approximately 300

employees have been fit tested.

Each testing session takes roughly 10 minutes and includes instruction from Stone-McMasters on how to properly put on, take off, and care for an N-95 mask.

Each session also includes testing to ensure that a standard N-95 mask will properly seal around each employee's face. Larger or smaller masks will be ordered for employees who need them.

To determine if a standard N-95 mask will work for each person, they put on the mask, and then put on a hood covering their face. Stone-McMasters then leads them through a series of exercises to determine if they can "taste" a substance that has been sprayed into the hood.

If they can taste the substance, it means a seal has not been created. Should the mask prevent them from tasting the substance, it means a proper seal has been created, and a standard N-95 mask will provide them optimum protection.

By the time she is complete, Stone-McMasters will have volunteered more than 40 hours of her time on this project.

Those who would like to lend volunteer assistance to United Helpers can go to <https://unitedhelpersneeds.hwapps.org>.

## Riverview group gives gift certificates to United Helpers

OGDENSBURG — Riverview Correctional Facility's Make A Difference Committee recently gave over \$1,500 in restaurant gift certificates to United Helpers.

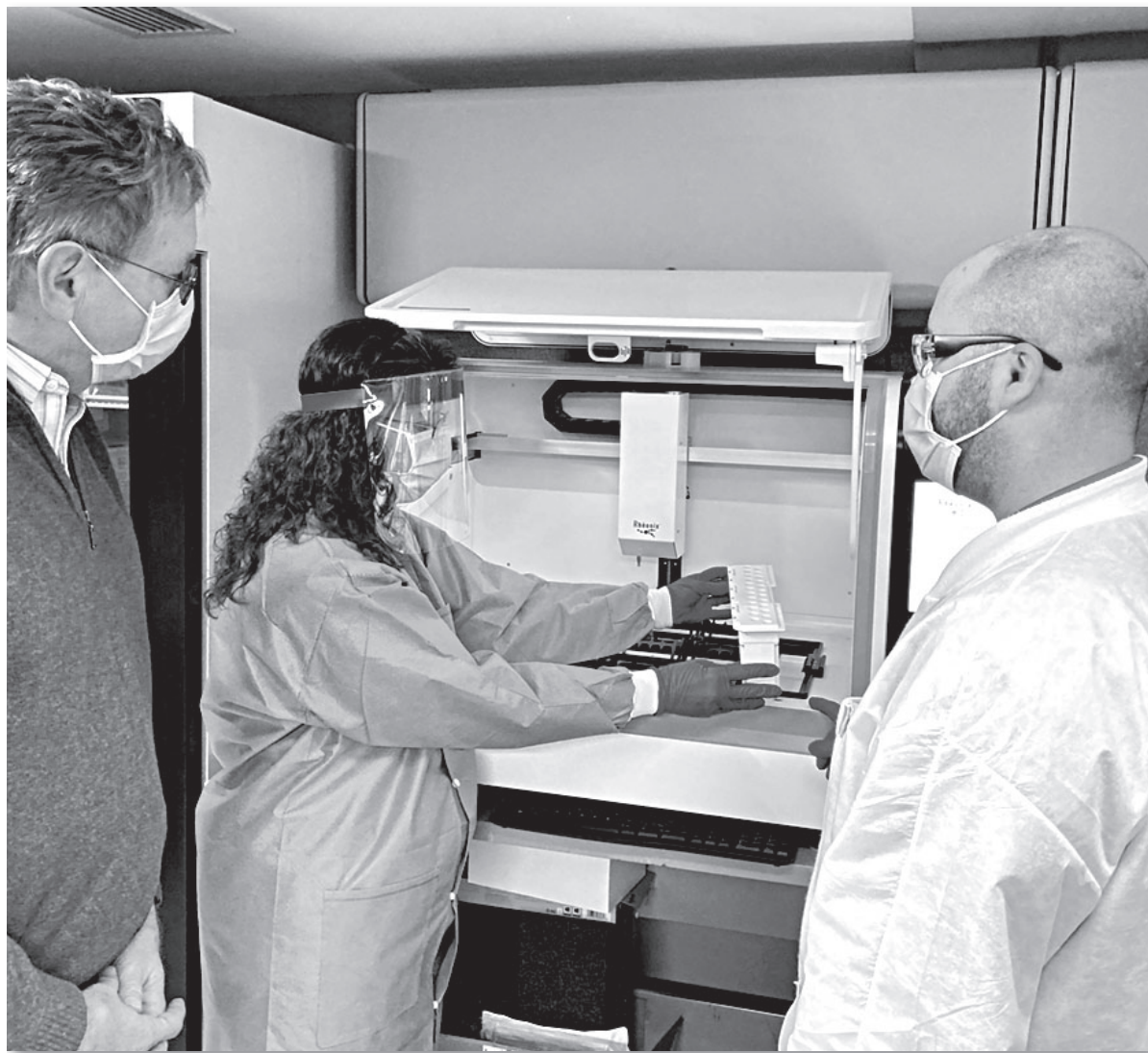
Prison employees donated the cash, which bought the gift cards from local eateries.

"The outbreak of Covid-19 has affected so many residents and staff members that those not ill were working multiple shifts away from

their families to take care of over 150 residents," said a news release from the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision.

"Employees from Riverview Correctional felt that this would help the employees to deal with the personal strain they are under and everything they have had to deal with during these difficult times."





St. Lawrence Health Systems | Submitted

## Rapid testing for COVID-19

Canton-Potsdam Hospital Director of Laboratory Services Dr. Spurgeon Smith observes the teamwork of Clinical Laboratory Technologists Elizabeth St. Pierre and Christopher Saucier as they simulate how a tray of vials is inserted into a Rheonix fast-testing unit to check them for COVID-19.

### SUSPENDED...

Jellie's newly, abruptly imposed, untrained directives. With a miniscule crew of only five, Assistant Chief Bouchard, a 32-year dedicated employee, mitigated the potential disaster.

"The quick thinking by he and his crew avoided something that could have been much worse," Jason said.

Jason said the suspension, which was issued Jan. 12, came more than a week after the incident. He questioned why there was a delay and why he wasn't counseled first, considering his unblemished 32-year record.

"Our Union is steadfast in our distrust of current city administration. To discredit and punish a 32-year veteran for performing his duties is unconscionable.

"This only proves that our unanimous distrust of this group is justified. Mr. Jellie and the four men he represents have waged an all-out war on our department, our service we provide, and our families. Local 1799 will not stand by as Mr. Jellie continues to discipline our members however he sees fit," Jason said.

Jason also called for the public to show support for the suspended firefighter.

"I ask the public to harshly consider Mr. Jellie's directives and more importantly ask the city manager, what exactly, other than destroying our invaluable department, is he doing to better Ogdensburg? We will wait," he said.

Jellie confirmed the suspension, but did not provide details. On Tuesday Jellie issued the following statement.

"The City of Ogdensburg will reinstate the employment of one of the four remaining laid off firefighters, effective 13 January 2021 – the total number of laid off firefighters is now 3.

"The City continues to urge the IAFF Local 1799 President Jason Bouchard to meet and collectively work on a plan that enables the city

to regain a strong financial standing and return all laid off firefighter personnel to duty. Since taking office in January 2020, the new Ogdensburg City Council has acted decisively to save the city from financial ruin, while working equally as hard to begin the revival of the city, and it is our sincere desire to have IAFF Local 1799 join us in those efforts."

### LIBRARY...

the Massena Public Library to rate current services offered, as well as to rate the importance of various programs, services, and access to equipment.

It also asks people to elaborate on what could be improved, and how the library benefits users and the community.

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- Volcanic crater
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- Fine, at NASA
- Marry
- Dishonor
- Actor Rory
- Squid dish
- Big fair, for short
- "Oops!"
- Drench
- Peruse
- Facts and figures
- Guitar master Paul
- Tolkien creatures
- "Parkland"
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- Request
- Motorcycle maker
- "The Raven," for one
- Actor Gibson
- Stick
- Is patient
- Gulf War missile
- "Funny!"
- Oodles
- Manitoba tribe
- They can take a yoke
- the crack of dawn
- Agrees silently
- Piercing tool

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Answers found elsewhere in this paper.



# Legal Notices

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Archaut Enterprise, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/26/2020. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served upon him/her to: 6604 State Highway 56, Potsdam, NY 13676. Purpose: to engage in any lawful business or activity.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice Of Public Hearing **The Village of Canton** will hold a public hearing on January 20, 2021 at 6:15pm for the 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 202.87. The public is invited to view or listen to the public hearing, and to comment at the appropriate time: Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83636210658?pwd=VHNiK21HRGhPdjdM1Y1grSDE3VkdRUT09>. Meeting ID: 836 3621 0658 • Passcode: 115724. Dial by your location +1 646 558 8656 US (New York). The link is also available at [www.cantonny.gov](http://www.cantonny.gov). 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 1 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 con-

## LEGAL NOTICE

tact Sally Noble, Clerk, at [snoble@cantonny.gov](mailto: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 [Irodriguez@cantonny.gov](mailto:Irodriguez@cantonny.gov) or delivered to: Leigh Rodriguez, Program Manager, Village of Canton, Office of Economic Development 60 Main Street Canton, New York 13617.

## LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE  
**PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLICATION FORMATION OF A NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY PURSUANT TO NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW SECTION 203:**  
 1. The name of the limited liability company is **Five Ponds Forest Management LLC**. 2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Department of State is **December 21, 2020**. 3. The county in New York in which the office of the company is located is **ST. LAWRENCE**. 4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the company upon whom process may be served, and the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the company served upon him or her to: **Five Ponds Forest Management LLC PO Box 191 Wanakena, NY 13695**. 5. The term of the limited liability company shall be perpetual. 6. The purpose of the limited liability company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized.

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, that the undersigned, the collector of taxes of the Town of Russell, has received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes for the Town of Russell for this fiscal year **January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that the undersigned will receive the taxes listed on said tax roll at her office in the Town Hall at 4 Pestle Street Town of Russell, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York, during regular business hours from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Monday thru Friday, except holidays. **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that taxes may be paid to the Tax Collector without interest on or before the

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**First day of February.** Taxes received after the 30- day penalty free period shall have interest added at the rate of one per cent for each month or fraction thereof until such taxes are paid or until the return of unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer, pursuant to law. The date for the return of unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer is **June 2, 2021** Dated:

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December 28, 2020 .Tess L. Eells Collector of Taxes Town of Russell

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Under the direction and supervision of the Assistant Chief Financial Officer, the Controller is accountable for the planning, organization, direction and control of the daily accounting operations within the Finance Department. The Controller will oversee

## Trivia Test

1. U.S. PRESIDENTS: The poem "O Captain! My Captain!" was written after the death of which president?
  2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the weight of a U.S. quarter?
  3. MOVIES: What was the name of the skyscraper in the drama "Die Hard"?
  4. TELEVISION: What city was the setting for the sitcom "Mork and Mindy"?
  5. SCIENCE: What is the study of knowledge, reality and existence called?
  6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are male blue crabs called?
  7. GEOGRAPHY: What is the highest point in Japan?
  8. FOOD & DRINK: The acai berry is native to which continent?
  9. LITERATURE: Who wrote the "Winnie-the-Pooh" book series for children?
  10. MEASUREMENTS: What is an angstrom?
- Answers found elsewhere in this paper.

# Ultrasound Tech

The University of Vermont Health Network—Alice Hyde Medical Center is looking for an Ultrasound Tech. Be part of a dynamic and growing team that offers a wide range of services for the community. We take pride in caring for our patients and partnering with our health care providers to deliver exceptional patient care.



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### REQUIREMENTS:

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3. Graduate of accredited Radiology program helpful, but not required.
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Visit [alicehyde.com/careers](http://alicehyde.com/careers) for a complete job description and to submit an online application.



[UVMHealth.org/AHMC](http://UVMHealth.org/AHMC)

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 Alice Hyde Medical Center

## MASSENA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

is currently accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year for the following anticipated position:

### Special Education Teaching Assistant

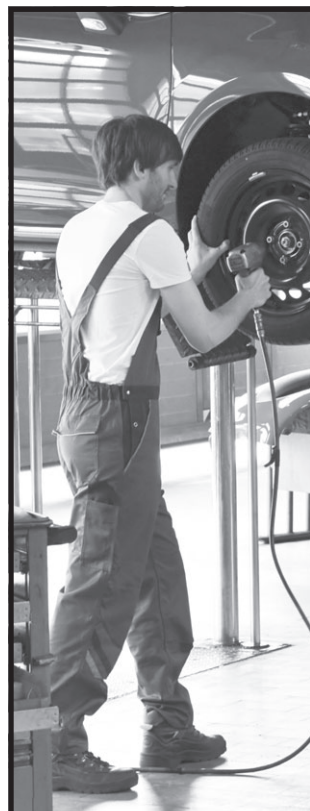
Please refer to <https://www.mcs.k12.ny.us> Human Resources - Job Opportunities for professional application process.



Please direct questions to:  
**Isloanbarkley@mcs.k12.ny.us** or  
 (315) 764-3700, extension 3011.

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

**Application Deadline: Jan. 20, 2021**



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the tribal general fund, other governmental funds and the annual audit preparation. Assist the Assistant Chief Financial Officer with establishing departmental policies and procedures to implement the goals of the SRMT Strategic Plan. Salary: \$54,561.80 - \$120,868.80. Status: Full-time, Non-exempt. Deadline: 02/04/2021. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: [www.srmt-nsn.gov](http://www.srmt-nsn.gov).

**LABORATORY TECHNICIAN:**

will be responsible for Analyze and record test data to issue reports that use charts, graphs, or narratives. Analyze the results of tests or experiments to ensure conformity to specifications, using special mechanical or electrical devices. Collect blood or tissue samples from patients, observing principles of asepsis to obtain blood sample. Conduct blood tests for transfusion purposes and perform blood counts. Conduct chemical analyses of body fluids, such as blood or urine, using microscope or automatic analyzer to detect abnormalities or diseases and enter findings into computer. Status: Full-time, Non-exempt. Deadline: 02/11/2021. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: [www.srmt-nsn.gov](http://www.srmt-nsn.gov).

**CLINICAL MANAGER:**

Under the direction of the Medical Director, the Clinical Manager is responsible for leading efforts to improve quality of outcomes and clinic operations to improve the overall patient experience. Status: Full-time, Non-exempt. Deadline: 02/11/2021. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: [www.srmt-nsn.gov](http://www.srmt-nsn.gov).

The Waddington Recreation Commission is seeking applications for a RINK TECHNICIAN and a RINK ATTENDANT. Job descriptions can be obtained from the Town and Village Website: [www.townofwaddington.com](http://www.townofwaddington.com) or [www.villageofwaddington.com](http://www.villageofwaddington.com). Applications must be submitted by January 22nd to Carol Burns, Town Clerk 46 Maple St. Waddington, NY 13694.

Head Start has an opening for a TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR beginning August 2021 with paid training in the interim. The position is at our Administrative Office in Canton. Full time, 35 hours per week, 43 weeks/year. Individual must have a minimum of CDL - C with Article 19A and "P" & "S" endorsements. Experience with supervision preferred as well as bus driving related knowledge of New York State regulations. Substitutes in all positions are needed. Positions follow the BOCES schedule/holidays. Please call the Head Start Main Office at 315-386-8574 for more specific detail. Send letter of interest, resume and three current, signed and dated written letters of reference to Head Start, One Commerce Lane, Canton, NY 13617. Deadline is until the positions are filled. Head Start is an EOE.

PART-TIME Home Health Aide needed to work MONDAY - FRIDAY in my Potsdam home. 315-212-5497.

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT Salmon River Central School District is currently accepting applications for the following position: WATCHKEEPER. Application Deadline: January 20, 2021 Full job description and application can be found at [www.srk12.org/employment/](http://www.srk12.org/employment/). Submit a completed application to: Angela Robert, Assistant Superintendent, Salmon River Central School, 637 County Route 1, Fort Covington, NY 12937 The Salmon River Central School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, political affiliation, gender, age, marital status, sexual orientation, pregnancy, military status, veteran status, genetic pre-disposition or carrier status, ancestry, disability or any other legally protected status in regard to employment opportunities or educational/vocational programs or activities which it operates.

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Head Start has the following openings: Classroom Aide/Bus Monitor for our Massena Head Start. This is a part time position. Person must have a minimum of a high school diploma or its equivalent. BOCES Certificate of Early Childhood, CDA, or substantial experience in early childhood daycare preferred. Substitutes in all positions are needed. Positions follow the school schedule/holidays. Please call the Head Start Main Office at 315-386-8574 for more specific detail. Send letter of interest, resume and three current, signed and dated written letters of reference to Head Start, One Commerce Lane, Canton, NY 13617. Deadline is until the positions are filled. Head Start is an EOE.

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**Junior Systems Administrator**

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Requirements include a Bachelor's Degree in IT or a computer-related discipline (or equivalent technical training and certifications), 3-5 years hands-on configuration and support of complex Microsoft-based server systems, MS Exchange, etc., experience deploying and supporting workstations (Win 7, Win 8, Win 10), network devices, servers, and wireless devices in a multi-site business environment.

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**Financial Aid Director**

The State University of New York, College at Canton invites applications for the position of **Director of Financial Aid**. Reporting to the Director of the One Hop Shop Student Service Center, the director has primary responsibility for leadership, planning, resource management and administrative oversight of the Financial Aid Office. The Financial Aid Office at SUNY Canton assists prospective students, current students, and their families in identifying the necessary financial resources to attend SUNY Canton, including financial aid advising, processing and facilitating the financial aid application process and providing sound strategies in budgeting, alternative aid sources and debt management during and after college.

**Essential Functions:**

- The Director administers all federal, state, and institutional policies and procedures relating to student financial aid, student employment & scholarships, creating budget projections coordinating the day-to-day management of the Financial Aid Office, supervising office staff, preparing all federal, state, and institutional reports pertaining to aid/scholarships such as FISAP, FADS, NCAA, etc. and serving as liaison to state and federal funding agencies. Additional responsibilities include:
- Oversee administration of the Title IV Federal Financial Aid Program: PELL Grants, SEOG, College Work Study, Stafford Loans, Plus Loans, and other loans and programs that may be established. Oversee administration of New York State aid: TAP Grant, State scholarships including the Excelsior Scholarship.
- Serve as an active member of various committees throughout SUNY Canton and/or on state/regional financial aid organizations as may be appropriate. Coordinate provision of services to stakeholders and maintain a complete understanding of all University, State and Federal financial aid rules, regulations, policies and procedures.
- Review and update the Federal Program Participation Agreement (PPA). Develop and implement both short and long-range goals and objectives for the Office of Financial Aid.
- Assist in counseling students, parents, etc. regarding financial aid eligibility and debt management matters, as well as analysis and awarding of financial aid funds.
- Promote collaboration with all units of the college to support student learning and student success.
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- Develop, design, revise, and update all publications (website, college catalog, and other media) relating to financial aid, such as financial aid applications, forms used for tracking applications, correspondence forms, and brochures.
- Develop strategies to support enrollment & retention that aligns with institutional goals and objectives and that comply with federal and state regulations.
- Present financial aid workshops for prospective students & parents and make visits to area schools and career fairs to promote financial aid availability to students.
- Provide opportunities for financial aid staff to receive regular training and professional development.
- Maintain active membership and participation in professional organizations such as NYSFAAA and NASFAA.
- Coordinate audits of financial aid records.
- May perform other related duties as assigned.

*We are seeking candidates who possess communication and interpersonal skills sufficient to work effectively with an increasingly diverse array of students and colleagues and who have demonstrated a commitment to creating, fostering and sustaining an inclusive environment in and out of the classroom.*

**Required Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's degree from a US Department of Education accredited college or university;
- Minimum of five years of progressively responsible experience in higher education administration role; knowledge of applicable federal and state laws, statutes, campus processes, and awareness of law and policy proposals affecting financial aid service;
- Knowledge of applicable federal and state laws, statutes, campus processes, and awareness of law and policy proposals affecting financial aid service;
- Demonstrated commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion; experience developing, organizing, and administering budgets;
- Experienced technology user including enterprise level and desktop tools deployed to improve services;
- Strong personnel management skills including strategic planning, the ability to manage multiple functions, and organize institution resources to meet goals and objectives;
- Excellent interpersonal, verbal and written communication skills.
- Ability to travel to state, federal or regional financial aid conferences as necessary.

Must be eligible to access all federal aid websites in order to administer and oversee these sites for all relevant staff. Federal regulations require that the incumbent in this position be in good standing on all

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- Minimum of seven years of progressively responsible leadership experience in financial aid at a college or university;
- Experience in supervision of professional staff;
- Experience with collective bargaining and union contract administration;
- and, Experience with the Ellucian Banner Platform System.
- Master's degree preferred.
- We are, especially, seeking candidates who have engaged in professional development activities to enhance knowledge of diversity, equity and inclusion and have worked collaboratively across various departments in fostering success of underrepresented groups and a supportive and inclusive environment for all.

**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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**Laboratory Technician:**

Perform complex medical laboratory tests for diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease. May train or supervise staff. Salary: \$53,976 - \$62,670. Status: Full-time, Non-exempt. Deadline: 01/20/2021. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at [www.srmt-nsn.gov](http://www.srmt-nsn.gov).

**Resident Aid:**

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. Salary: \$26,104 - \$40,456. Status: Full-time, Non-exempt. Deadline: 01/20/2021. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at [www.srmt-nsn.gov](http://www.srmt-nsn.gov).

LMHC, LCSW, or Psychologist: Full-time and part-time telehealth professionals to work in a private outpatient office. Flexible hours, and benefits. Send resume and cover letter to [mhcsnny@gmail.com](mailto:mhcsnny@gmail.com)

**ANTICIPATED VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

St. Regis Falls Central School District (EO/AEE) is accepting applications for the following positions: 1. Part-time Bus Driver, 2. Substitute Bus Driver. Application deadline is January 19, 2021. Applications are available at [www.stregiscsd.org](http://www.stregiscsd.org) or by calling (518)856-9421 ext 1007. Please submit applications to: Marlee Burnett, Superintendent's Administrative Assistant, St. Regis Falls Central School, PO Box 309, 92 North Main Street, St. Regis Falls, NY 12980 or email to: [mburnett@stregiscsd.org](mailto:mburnett@stregiscsd.org)

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# Nursing Supervisor

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**REQUIREMENTS:**

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2. Recent clinical and management experience preferred, with a minimum of three years Supervisory/Charge experience.
3. Demonstrated ability to function in a leadership position and to perform with sound judgment.

Visit [alicehyde.com/careers](http://alicehyde.com/careers) for a complete job description and to submit an online application.



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Alice Hyde Medical Center

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**Human Resource Assistant**

**Cerebral Palsy Association of the North Country**

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## MAINTENANCE MECHANIC

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