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Sledding in Potsdam

In front, Lillian Bisnett, Potsdam, and Charlotte Montroy, Colton, laugh as they sled down a hill at Clarkson University Sunday.

\$1.25 million water project nears end

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

CANTON — The village's \$1.25 million water and sewer project which extends services to the Tallman Hill subdivision is nearing its official completion.

Village Department of Public Works Superintendent Marty Miller announced at the village board meeting on Dec. 16, that village water had been connected and was flowing to the subdivision.

"The Palmers over on Tallman did

get connected today," Miller said at the meeting. "So there's water hooked in as of today, so that's a good thing on that project."

Miller said that water to the Community Bank facility was expected to be connected soon after a few final work projects were completed at that building.

"That's exciting. That's been a long, long, long process and I think we really need to celebrate that," said Village Trustee Carol Pynchon.

The village plans to do some sort of offi-

cial ceremony for the project completion.

The subdivision on Maple Hill contains more than 30 residential lots, the majority of them yet to be developed and the Community Bank corporate office which employs about 70 people.

Water and sewer problems were traditionally common at the site, which sits across the river from the main village center.

Extending village water and sewer

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County to keep sales tax for towns, villages stable

BY ANDY GARDNER
North Country This Week

CANTON — The St. Lawrence County legislature's Finance Committee tabled an agreement for sharing sales tax revenue with the City of Ogdensburg, and passed a separate resolution that ensures towns and villages will keep their current share.

The committee voted on the two measures during their Monday, Dec. 21 meeting.

The proposed deal would keep the current distribution through Dec. 1, 2023.

At that time, the city's would receive the percentile share as towns and villages. The city would also have the option to pre-empt, meaning opt out of the county deal and collect their own sales tax. If they don't pre-empt, the city would continue to receive sales tax revenue from the county under the same formula as the towns and villages.

The motion to table the new sales tax deal passed 8-7, with mixed support from both parties. Yes votes came from Republicans Joe Lightfoot, Kevin Acres and John Burke, and Democrats Dan Fay,

Margaret Haggard, Suzanne Fiacco, Tony Arquiett and Nicole Terminelli. No votes came from Republicans Rita Curran, Bill Sheridan, Harry Smithers, Larry Densha, Jim Reagen and Dave Forsythe, and Democrat Rick Perkins. The motion to preserve the share for towns and villages unanimously passed. Both bills will have to get a vote in front of the full board to become official.

Ogdensburg City Councilor Dan Skamperele spoke to the board and asked them

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Cottage St. takeover to be studied

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — St. Lawrence Health System will pay for an independent engineering study of its proposal to purchase a section of Cottage Street next to the main hospital campus following concerns raised by the village.

The request for the study comes after the village received a short environmental assessment form from SLHS for the plan, which would involve the municipality decommissioning the street section and transferring ownership to the facility.

SLHS seeks to purchase the street section which connects Leroy and Waverly streets. The hospital plans to utilize the space for additional parking spots for in-patients and visitors, and the space may figure into future expansion plans for the facility.

SLHS plans to initially gate off access to Cottage from Leroy to cut out thru-traffic past the building, while still allowing access to a PET scan trailer there, and they plan to install a crosswalk and walkway for students passing through to Potsdam Central on Leroy Street.

Several members of the public voiced concern over the St. Lawrence Health Systems plans to purchase the Cottage Street section at a public hearing on the proposal held in October.

Village residents who attended the hearing were concerned about the impact the hospital's continued expansion is having on the neighborhood around the building. Several also voiced concern that SLHS plans to purchase the street section seemed sudden and that they were not

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Adam Atkinson | NCTW

A still of the Zoom meeting feed from the Oct. 5 public hearing on the hospital's proposal to purchase a section of Cottage Street shows architect Brooks Washburn going over a rendering of a proposed expansion project for Canton-Potsdam Hospital along the street.

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Siblings go sledding

Siblings Sofie, Mac and Luc Gagner went sledding down Clarkson hill in Potsdam the day after Christmas.

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SLC's top doc urges county residents to celebrate smart

BY ANDY GARDNER
North Country This Week

CANTON — With New Year's Eve just days away, St. Lawrence County's Board of Health president says people should celebrate, but with caution and abiding by public health measures aimed at stopping the spread of COVID-19.

Dr. Andrew Williams spoke with the St. Lawrence County legislature's Finance Committee during their Monday, Dec. 21 meeting.

He showed the board a slide that said a majority of COVID-19 infections are traced back to household and social gatherings.

"I could also put a slide up about how social isolation is bad for someone's health," the doctor said.

"People need to do the holidays. We just need to do them safely."

He said people planning holiday gatherings should plan them taking into consideration what he has been calling "The Five Pillars of Prevention," simple steps everyone should be taking to stop the coronavirus from spreading.

Those include wearing a mask, hand washing, staying home when sick, staying local and "physical distancing, not social distancing," meaning people should stay at least six feet apart.

"We just need to remember that ... family gatherings and social gatherings really do play a significant role in fueling this pandemic," Dr. Williams said.

"People need to connect with one another. They just need to plan safely."

St. Lawrence County has seen a huge spike in COVID-19, especially since Thanksgiving.

The county's rate of new COVID cases per day is 46.4, above the seven-county North Country regional rate of 33.4 new cases per day.

"Since we're a county of just slightly over 100,000, when you compare to the region, we still are having more daily cases," Dr. Williams said.



Cheryl Shumway | NCTW

Sharpening her skills

Megan Walker, of the Norfolk-Norwood Figure Skating Club, practices her skating moves at Zappia Arena, Norfolk, Sunday, Dec. 17.

BRIEFLY

Councilwoman resigns

CANTON — Town councilwoman Karin Blackburn resigned from the town board Monday, Dec. 21. The announcement was made in a press release from Town Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley issued Dec. 23. No formal reason was given for the resignation. Requests for comment from Blackburn were unanswered at the time of this writing. A relative newcomer to the board, Blackburn was elected to the position in the 2019 fall election. She replaced Town Councilman Phil LaMarche who had decided not to run again for the spot after two terms.

Disclosure form approved

CANTON — The Canton village board of trustees as approved a financial disclosure form as part of its municipal ethics code. The village's elected and appointed officials will be required to fill out the form which will allow these municipal personnel to declare any financial dealings which could conflict their government-related duties. The town board approved the disclosure form at its meeting earlier in December.

New director

POTSDAM — The village of Potsdam board of trustees approved the provisional appointment of Erin Cheney to the position of museum director and curator at the Pots-

dam Museum. The board made the appointment at its Dec. 21st meeting. Cheney will be fired at the annual salary of \$35,000. She will need to take the civil service test for the position when it becomes available and score within the top three grades to continue in the position. Former director and curator Miriam VanDeusen retired from the position Nov. 30 after serving in the position for more than thirteen years.

Payment

POTSDAM — The Potsdam village board at their Dec. 21 meeting authorized a payment of \$128,064.92 to Blue Heron Construction for work at the water pollution control facility and the pump station improvement project.

Year-end meeting

HOPKINTON — The Hopkinton town board will hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 30 at 7 p.m. at the Hopkinton Municipal Building, via Zoom. The board anticipates paying any end of year bills, end of year transfers, and any other business that comes before the board. The public can view the Zoom meeting by emailing the Town Clerk prior to 1 p.m. Dec. 30 at townclerk@townofhopkinton.org to receive a connecting link.

Deadline to submit to state is April Sheriff's police reform plan accepted

BY ANDY GARDNER
North Country This Week

CANTON — The St. Lawrence County legislature voted to accept the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office police reform plan, which they have to submit to the state by April.

They voted during a brief special meeting, following a public hearing, on Monday, Dec. 21.

Two members of the public spoke during the hearing.

Michael Owen of Colton said he feels the document should be a framework for reducing the police presence in St. Lawrence County, with the Sheriff's Office being its lead agency.

'I believe we have a great police reform package, and we've done our due diligence.'

Brooks Bigwarfe
St. Lawrence County Sheriff

"What I'm advocating for is the Sheriff's Office to be the lead agency for all law enforcement in St. Lawrence County," he said. "We need to shrink police and law enforcement budgets ... there are just too many cops."

Pat Green of Lisbon suggested a "posse" be deputized to assist the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office with enforcing laws.

"Look up posse comitatus. The computers won't even tell you what it is," he said. "We need a posse. They could take care of the drug problem in Massena, in St. Lawrence County. They could be the eyes of the sheriff. They'd have the power to make testimony for warrants."

Prior to ratifying the plan, legislators briefly debated if they should vote on it at their January board meeting. That came after Legislator John Burke, R-Norfolk, said one of his constituents wanted to comment but wasn't able to at the meeting.

"We've all had ample opportunity," he said. "If any of our constituents haven't had that opportunity, I'd like

to see them have that opportunity."

"I was questioned by some people from our district saying this is right before Christmas. A lot of people aren't going to take the time to attend this public hearing," said Legislator Dan Fay, D-Canton.

"I have put out to the public on many occasions, they can call me, come see me personally. We've had many public forums where they were welcome to speak," Sheriff Brooks Bigwarfe said to the legislators. "I

believe we have a great police reform package, and we've done our due diligence."

Bigwarfe held two community forums on the reform plan during autumn.

"I think that we've done our due diligence. That's what Albany is requesting. If you look in the final whereas ... it sounds like these regional town hall meetings will continue," said Legislator Kevin Acres, R-Madrid.

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New LED lighting will save village \$15k

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

CANTON — The village board of trustees recently approved several proposals from National Grid to convert its various municipal lighting systems over to LED lighting which is expected to save more than \$15,000 annually for the municipality.

Systems at the municipal building, DPW building, recreation pavilion, golf course clubhouse and the wastewater treatment building were each audited by National Grid for conversion projects, said Village Mayor Mike Dalton.

“The project at each location changes existing fluorescent lighting to LED lighting. Each location has unique requirements for lighting so the proposals break down by building. The Village can pick and choose which proposal(s) to accept, however all of them will

save us money annually,” Dalton told North Country This Week.

The conversion projects at each of the five facilities are largely funded by National Grid with a smaller share covered by the village.

According to proposal documents, all five conversions will save the village a total of \$15,541.75 annually in electrical bills.

Each project, with estimated annual savings in KWH and dollars, along with total cost, and village and National Grid shares are as follows:

- Municipal Building conversion will save 26,879.3 KWH and \$2,988.98 annually; total project cost is \$11,221.58 with the village covering \$2,351.41 of that and National Grid paying \$8,870.17.

- Village DPW barn conversion will save 5,063.59 KWH and \$563.07 annually; total project cost is \$1,605.92 with the village

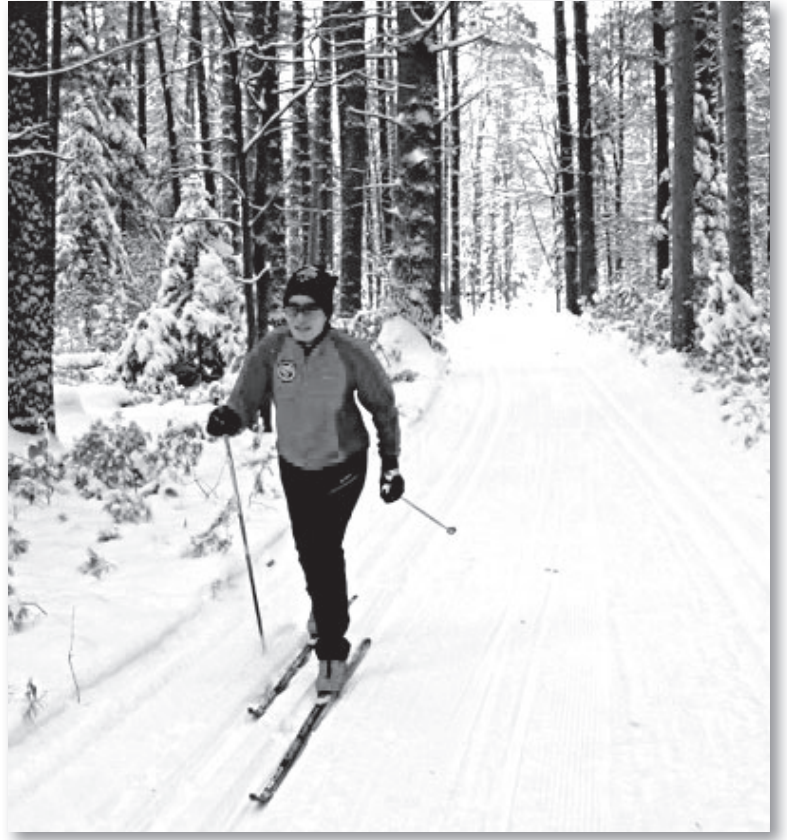
paying \$80.30 of that and National Grid covering \$1,525.62.

- Canton village arena/pavilion conversion will save 70,108.62 KWH and \$7,796.08 annually; total project cost is \$21,836.16 with the village covering \$1,091.81 and National Grid contributing \$20,744.35.

- Village golf club conversion will save 19,401.31 KWH and \$2,157.43 annually; total cost is expected to be \$8,723.79, with the village paying \$2,321.36 and National Grid covering \$6,402.43.

- Village wastewater plant conversion will save 18,311.09 KWH and \$2,036.19 annually; total cost is estimated at \$6,471.34 with the village paying \$428.68 of that and National Grid covering \$6,042.66.

There is no upfront cost to the village required for any of the projects. The village has the opportunity to cover its share in its monthly electric bills in installments.



Danielle Jerry | Submitted

Skiing lessons offered

If there is snow, Friends of Higley Flow will offer adult nordic ski lessons. Starting Jan. 31, a series of four consecutive Sunday lessons are planned from 1:30 to 3 p.m. The first lesson is free, with the three additional lessons costing \$30. To register, contact Higleymasters@higleyfriends.org. For updated info, visit Friends of Higley Flow website Higleyfriends.org or their Facebook page.

Eight people impacted after Canton blaze

CANTON — Eight people were impacted following a fire on Dutton Road early Monday morning, according to a Red Cross press release.

Volunteers from the Central & Northern New York Chapter of the American Red Cross provided

immediate emergency aid to 8 people after a fire early Monday morning, Dec. 28 on Dutton Road, the release said.

The Red Cross provided financial assistance that can be used for necessities such as shelter, food, and clothing to two adults and six

children, ages 15, 14, 13, 11, 3, and 18 months. Volunteers also offered emotional support.

One resident is eligible for veterans' services.

Attempts to contact the Canton Fire Department were unsuccessful.

Town board cancels meeting due to problems with Zoom

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

CANTON — The Canton Town Board was forced to cancel a Zoom meeting called for Wednesday morning, Dec. 23 to appoint a new town clerk after technical difficulties blocked some potential attendees from logging into the meeting.

Due to a pass code prompting issue, several attendees, including a town board member and the town attorney were having difficulties logging into the session.

“It is with unfortunate news, that for some reason we are having technical difficulties again with the system,” Town Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley said at the meeting. “A lot of people could get in the meeting, but we are hearing that several people cannot get into the meeting.”

Longtime clerk Lisa Hammond announced earlier this month that she would be retiring from the position. The board was expected to make an appointment for her replacement at the Dec. 23 meeting.

Hammond, who is also the Rensselaer Falls village clerk and still serving in that capacity, worked for the town in various capacities for more than 30 years. She was appointed to the town clerk's position in December 2008.

Her last day as town clerk was to be Dec. 30.

The town board is expected to make the appointment at its upcoming year end Zoom meeting Thursday, Dec. 31 at 10 a.m. Visit the town's website at <https://cantonny.gov/> for login information for the Zoom session.

SLCHA raises \$300,000 toward fundraising campaign goal

CANTON — The St. Lawrence County Historical Association's Campaign for the People of St. Lawrence County surpassed the \$300,000 mark on Monday, Dec. 21.

The \$500,000 fundraising campaign will increase the internal endowment that will allow the Historical Association to fund and create new exhibits and programming while expanding educational outreach activities.

“It has taken some time but I have kept an optimistic approach to the campaign. It's truly amazing how generous people can be especially during these tough times,” stated Campaign Coordinator Paul D. Mitchell. “It's evident the Historical Association is a unique and special place to many people.”

“I'm so pleased to see the following that SLCHA has, both in St. Lawrence County and elsewhere,” new executive director Ashley Maready said. “When I started here in October, I didn't yet know the depths of that support, and I

was hopeful that we could surpass \$300,000 before the end of 2020. In 2021 and beyond, I intend to grow the institution in ways that benefit our generous supporters.”

Tax-deductible gifts, in any amount, can be mailed to SLCHA, P.O. Box 8, Canton, NY 13617. Supporters can also donate by visiting the SLCHA website at www.slcha.org, click on the Donate button and donate via PayPal. The public can also drop off a contribution at the Silas Wright Museum, 3 East Main St., Canton, and while there, get a glimpse of what the Historical Association has to offer.

“We are wearing masks, practicing social distancing and complying with all pandemic protocol,” Mitchell said.

Museum hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information about the campaign, call Mitchell at 315-386-8133.

BRIEFLY

Planning board appointees

CANTON — The village board of trustees at its Dec. 16 meeting appointed two new members to the planning board. Kara McLuckie was appointed as a sitting board member and Chris Rotramel was named

as an alternate.

New copier approved

POTSDAM — The Potsdam town board has approved the purchase of a new copier for \$6,065.18. The board approved the purchase at

its meeting Monday, Dec. 8. The town will buy the new equipment, a Kyocera TASKalfa 4053ci, from Advanced Business Systems. It will replace the current copier, Cannon Image Runner C2030, which is 8 years old. The resolution passed by the board said the current copiers provider, Usherwood, will no longer be providing service on the older copier.

Reorganizational meeting

RENSELAER FALLS — The Rensselaer Falls village board will hold its annual reorganizational meeting Jan. 2, 2021 at 6 p.m. on the Zoom cloud conferencing platform. The meeting is open to the public. To join the online meeting session visit <https://bit.ly/3aMGTP7>. Attendees can also attend by phone on a conference call by calling 315-261-9498 five minutes before the start of the meeting.

DWI accident

MADRID — A Richville man was charged with driving while intoxicated following investigation of a personal-injury accident Dec. 15 on SH 310, according to St. Lawrence County sheriff's deputies. Tuff R. Sturtevant, 22, was charged with first-offense DWI and consumption of alcohol in a motor vehicle, officers said. His blood-alcohol content (BAC) was reportedly .16%. Injury details were not provided. He was cited and released.

Colton town offices closed

COLTON -- The Colton Town Offices and Town Buildings are closed until further notice. Tax payments are to be mailed to the Tax Collector, 94 Main St., Colton NY 13625 or can be put in the secure drop box to the left of the front door. Appointments can be made by calling 315-262-2810 and pressing option 1.

Stockholm town office closed

STOCKHOLM — The Town of Stockholm Office will be closed Dec. 21 to 27 for the holiday season, and will close at noon on Dec. 31.



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OBITUARIES

Josephine "Jo" P. Swift, 89
formerly of South Colton

Josephine "Jo" P. Swift, 89, of Baldwinsville peacefully passed away on December 20, 2020. She was the youngest of six children born on March 4, 1931, to the late Joseph and Sophia Swiech Powroznik of New York Mills. It was at St. Mary's Church in New York Mills where she married her husband of 71 years, George M. Swift.

In addition to her parents, she was pre-deceased by a son, George Merrill, Jr., who died in infancy, as well as her brothers Stanley and Walter Powroznik, and sisters Genievive Winnicki, Ceceilia Chras and Leocadia (Lee) Mitsler.

She is survived by her husband George and three children, Bruce (Cheri) Swift of Liverpool, NY, Susan Swift of Hamlin, NY, and Cynthia Swift Harrison of Stowe, VT; four grandchildren, Leslie Swift (Donald Pingleton), Jenessa (Chris) Williams, Julian Harrison and Abbey Harrison; and three great-grandchildren, Grace Pingleton, Avery Williams and Jacob Williams. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Mom was an excellent cook and baker.

Her kitchen wall was adorned with ribbons from the NYS Fair for prize winning jams, jellies and pies.

She enjoyed having dinner parties for family and friends where she could exhibit her skills.

To this day, the debate still rages

on as to which dessert was the best, her lemon pie or the sour cream cookies.



Josephine Swift

Josephine spent 27 years in South Colton where in addition to her duties as Mother, housekeeper and spouse, she worked in the family general store.

She ran the Snack Bar at the Snow Bowl for a couple of seasons.

She served as President of the Alter Rosary Society of St. Paul's Church in South Colton. Mrs. Swift served as President of the Potsdam Women's Republican Club, was a member of the St. Lawrence County Women's Republican Club and Republican Committee person for Town of Colton.

She was a delegate to the New York State Republican nominating conventions in 1962 and 1966.

In 1976, she and George sold the family store and moved to Canton.

In 1968, Josephine started working at Canton ATC, now SUNY Canton, in the alumni office.

She gradually moved up the ladder from the alumni office to Continuing Education Director to Assistant to the College President. She was a strong advocate for Emergency Medical Technician

training in St. Lawrence County. She was most proud of a procedural handbook she authored, "Academic Protocol: Doing It Right," which was distributed throughout the SUNY system. She received numerous awards and citations from Boy's and Girl's Scouts, many St. Lawrence County Fire and Rescue Squads, U.S. Government agencies including the Customs & Border Protection, Department of Health and Human Services, the Social Security Administration and the U.S. Army for establishing an offsite continuing education program at Fort Drum. Mrs. Swift retired from SUNY Canton after 26 years of service in 1995. After Jo retired, she became the first recipient of both a lifetime honorary membership in the SUNY Canton Alumni Association and the President's Meritorious Service Award.

In retirement Jo and George enjoyed spending winters at Jekyll Island, GA, where she learned to paint and continued to entertain.

There will be no calling hours. Funeral services will be private and at the convenience of the family. Burial will be in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Colton, in the Spring.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Jo's memory may be made to the Colton Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 304, Colton, NY 13625, or Canton Fire & Rescue, 77 Riverside Drive, Canton, NY 13617.

David J. Burnett, 80
Brasher Falls

BRASHER FALLS -- David J. Burnett, 80, passed away Dec. 14, 2020 from complications of Covid-19, after a stay of nearly 5 weeks in Canton-Potsdam Hospital. Arrangements are with Hammill Funeral Home in Winthrop.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

David was born Dec. 27, 1939 in Lawrence, to Joseph James and Esther Wells Burnett.

He grew up in Hopkinton, leaving home before the age of 13 to support himself by working on farms in the area, boarding with the farmers, and attending various local schools.

In 1959, he married Shirley Judware in Malone.

In 1961, with his wife and two daughters under the age of two, he set out for California in an old car crammed full with their belongings, and very little money.

Always a hard worker, he began providing for his family by doing odd jobs, but quickly found more gainful employment, and as the years went

by he continually moved up until he owned his own roofing and construction company, employing several other men.



David Burnett

For a time, he lived in the LA area, but was very happy when he was able to move away from the city to the small town of Bishop, CA.

Here he became very active in the community, through the Masons, Clampers, Lions Club, Elks Club, and Little League.

His marriage ended in divorce many years ago, and several years ago, after over 50 years as a Californian, he moved back to northern NY near his siblings and old school friends. Once again he became involved in the community, joining the Lions Club, the Hopkinton His-

torical Group, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints.

A real people person, he also enjoyed eating lunches and gabbing with the senior citizens at LBSH, attending senior citizen dances, playing cards, and transporting his many Amish friends to their appointments and errands.

David is survived by his ex-wife, Shirley of Bishop, CA, daughter Tammy (Brian) Mackenzie of Pahrump, Nevada, son Dale (Marisa) of West Valley City, Utah, 9 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren, as well as his "adopted granddaughter," Jasmine Ruiz. He also leaves six siblings in NY State: Arthur of Wolcott, Jean (Jack) Edwards, Dennis, and Dale of Winthrop, Richard of Parishville, and Andy of Potsdam, as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, his brothers Albert and Paul, sister Eleanor Davis, and his daughter, Victoria Kilmer.

Tributes can be shared at www.hammillfh.com.

Floyd L. Bump, III, 35
formerly of Parishville

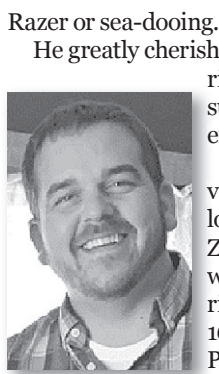
BEEKMANTOWN -- Floyd L. Bump, III, "Tripper", 35, passed away peacefully early Wednesday morning, December 23, 2020 at his home on Point Au Rouche Road with the love and support of his family at his side after fighting a courageous battle with cancer.

Floyd was born on November 22, 1985 in Potsdam the son of Floyd and Lois (Hanson) Bump.

He was a 2003 graduate of Parishville-Hopkinton Central School.

Floyd worked for Kinney Drugs for a couple years before starting with Walmart in 2008, where he was still employed as the Manager of the Plattsburgh store, until having to retire due to his health.

Floyd loved working for Walmart and had a great love for the outdoors - especially when he was riding his



Floyd Bump, III

Razer or sea-ducking. He greatly cherished the memories he made this summer with his entire family.

Floyd is survived by his loving husband, Zack Schober, whom he married on August 16, 2019 in Parishville; his parents, Floyd "Sonny" and Lois Bump; his sister, Allisia

Tyo and her husband, Kyle of Parishville; his niece, Kylie Tyo, whom he adored; his grandmother, Jean (Ralph) Neverette of Colton; several aunts, uncles, and cousins; and his

beloved pugs, Maddie and George.

Friends called at the Donaldson-Seymour Funeral Home, 4 Cedar Street, Potsdam on Sunday from 1-4:00 PM and 6-9:00 PM. Funeral services were held Monday 10:00 AM at Fairview Cemetery, Parishville with Pastor Linda Dunning, officiating.

Due to current health restrictions, visitation was occupancy controlled and those attending were required to wear face coverings and observe social distancing.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to Hospice of the North Country, 358 Tom Miller Road, Plattsburgh, NY 12901.

Friends are encouraged to share memories and offer condolences online at www.donaldsonseymour.com.

Beverly J. O'Brien, 86
Canton

CANTON -- Beverly J. O'Brien, 86, of County Route 27 passed away suddenly on Sunday, December 20, 2020 at Claxton Hepburn Medical Center.

Bev was born on June 3, 1934 in Canton, the daughter of the late John and Florence Conklin.

On September 8, 1956 she married the late Dick O'Brien at St. Mary's Church in Canton.

Before her retirement Bev enjoyed being a food services employee at Canton Central School and was a homemaker and babysitter for many years while her children were young.

She loved baking and cooking for family, friends and neighbors.

She also loved spending time with her family in Rochester, NY and maintaining her old homestead that she cherished and loved with

her late husband.

She is survived by her children, Cathy Brown (Bruce) of Rochester, and Sandy Ruddy (Pete) of Rochester; five grandchildren, Ben and Nick Brown, Emily (Josh Valletta), Jamie and Danny Ruddy all of Rochester; one great grandchild Ellowyn Valletta of Rochester; her sisters, Terry Faucher, Donna Hosley; and her brothers, John Conklin, Jim Conklin, Francis Conklin, Dick Conklin and Gary Conklin.

In addition to her parents, Bev was predeceased by her sisters, Shirley Elliott, Kate Karpowich and Jean Gemmill.

Per the wishes of Mrs. O'Brien, a private graveside service will be held at the Jerusalem Cemetery in Canton.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bev's memory to a char-

Judy A. Peck, 66
Nicholville

NICHOLVILLE -- Judy A. Peck, 66, passed away on Monday December 21, 2020 at her home, comforted with the love and care of her husband Roger, and family.

Arrangements are entrusted to Hammill Funeral Home in St. Regis Falls. There will be no public services at this time. A graveside service will be held at Mound Hill Cemetery in the spring.

Judy was born in Potsdam on August 20, 1954, daughter of the late Manley and Rita (Francis) Lucas and graduated from St. Regis Falls High School.

She married Roger Peck on April 7, 1973. They each contributed love, laughs, and worked diligently all while raising their family and creating their life together.

For many years Judy was the owner and operator of the family business, Pecks Store in Nicholville and then worked another 12 years at the Price Chopper in Malone.

Those who knew and loved her best will always remember Judy's excitement of playing cards.

She will be greatly missed by those she leaves behind, her husband of 47 years, Roger; chil-

dren, Terri and Aaron White of Dickinson, Trisha Peck and Paul Doupe of Syracuse, and Darrin



Judy Peck

and Stacie Peck of Brockport; 8 grandchildren, Zachary, Alexander, and Lucas White, Trista and Paige Doupe, and Katelyn, Brendan, and Jackson Peck; sister, Cathy LaBar of St. Regis Falls, 2 brothers; Tracy Lucas of St. Regis Falls, Tony Lucas

of Nicholville and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Besides her parents, Judy was also predeceased by her brother, Timothy Lucas.

For those wishing to express an act of kindness, memorial contributions can be made in Judy's honor to the Tri-Town Rescue Squad.

Memories and condolences can be shared with Judy's family at www.hammillfh.com

RECENT DEATHS

CAROL CHAMPNEY, 82, formerly of Potsdam, Dec. 25. Arrangements with Garner Funeral Home, Potsdam.

ROGER BEAULIEU, 66, Norwood, Dec. 24. Arrangements with Donaldson-Seymour Funeral Home, Potsdam.

JACKIE DOWNEY, 66, Norfolk, Dec. 23. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

FLOYD BUMP III, 35, formerly of Potsdam, Dec. 23. Arrangements with Donaldson-Seymour Funeral Home, Potsdam.

JANICE MCINTOSH, 78, Hannawa Falls, Dec. 23. Arrangements with Buck Funeral Home.

LUCIA BURLINGAME, 74, Norfolk, Dec. 22. Arrangements with Buck Funeral Home, Norfolk.

JEROME WILSON, 84, Colton, Dec. 21. Arrangements with Buck

Funeral Home, Colton.
BEVERLY O'BRIEN, 86, Canton, Dec. 20.

JOSEPHINE SWIFT, 89, formerly of South Colton, Dec. 20.

VIRGINIA DITTMAN, 91, formerly of Canton, Dec. 16. Arrangements with Cremation Society of Virginia.

EDWIN WRIGHT SR., 81, formerly of South Colton, Dec. 16. Arrangements with George G. Bensing Funeral Home, Moorestown.

WILLIAM COLLINS, 87, formerly of Canton, Dec. 16. Arrangements with Lawrence Funeral Home, Canton.

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to support the new agreement.

"We ask you for your support to keep this going. I think it's better for everybody that we all move forward," he said. "I think it's in the best interests of everybody ... that we look to each other as partners."

Legislators who voted against tabling the sales tax agreement to the January Finance Committee meeting said they think the county should help financially struggling Ogdensburg.

"They're not blowing smoke when they say they're going to be losing substantially," Forsythe said. "Do I like this resolution as presented? No, I don't." He said that's because "we don't know what the city generates" in sales tax revenue.

"I've repeatedly warned the board that the problem with this, tampering with the sales tax, divides us and pits our communities against each other. It certainly is dividing this legislature," Reagen said. "I think it's important to treat the City of Ogdensburg fairly ... rebuild its finances, grow its economy, get our waterfront properties back on the tax roles."

Lightfoot said he wasn't comfortable voting on the deal that night because he thinks the board needed "information we don't have."

"I don't see a clear formula for how this is going to be distributed, especially in light that everyone is overlooking when the city pre-empts ... the county loses 1.5% of whatever is collected in the City of Ogdensburg. That's not being taken into consideration," he said. "There's nothing wrong with holding off on this for two weeks, three weeks, four weeks."

Ogdensburg and St. Lawrence County have been negotiating the sales tax distribution formula for some time. Both sides recently agreed to keep the formula as is for one year as details on how best to distribute the taxes are hammered out.

The sales tax charged by the county was originally intended to offset state mandated costs, specifically Medicaid. For decades, the county collected 3% on each dollar, while the state collected 4%.

In 2013, St. Lawrence County successfully convinced state lawmakers to collect an extra 1%, increasing total sales tax in the county from 7 to 8%.

St. Lawrence County shares its portion of sales tax revenues with towns and villages although no such requirement exists. The county is, however, obligated to negotiate with the City of Ogdensburg.

The state basically allows for two options. The city and county can agree to a set amount of sales tax sharing, or the city can "pre-empt" and keep the full 4% of sales tax generated within the city limits.

The current sales tax distribution method is not straightforward as the original 3% is calculated differently than the 1% added Dec. 1 2013.

Here's how it works.

Fifty percent of the first 3 cents collected per dollar goes to the county government. The remainder is split between the city of Ogdensburg, which receives 6.44 percent, and the county's 32 towns and villages, which split 43.65 percent.

On the additional 1 percent added in 2013, the county collects 83%, the city gets 6.44% and towns and villages split 10.56%.

Ogdensburg's larger share than municipalities has logic behind it — because of Ogdensburg's city status, it follows different rules. For instance, the city must make up for school taxes that come up short, and pay for maintenance of its bridges. For towns and villages, the county absorbs those costs.

'They're not blowing smoke when they say they're going to be losing substantially.'

David Forsythe
St. Lawrence County Legislator

The press release said SLHS will pay for the cost of the village to hire an independent engineering consultant to conduct a study on the "impacts to vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian traffic" if the transfer were made.

The firm will also determine if the health system's plan is consistent with the 2016 village complete streets policy.

The study is to be completed and reviewed before the village completes its environmental review of the proposal. A copy of the short environmental assessment form submitted by the health system and the village's review and findings on the proposal can be viewed and downloaded at the village website, www.vi.potsdam.ny.us. Copies are also available from the village clerk.

STREET...

aware of the move.

According to a press release issued by the village planning department recently, the transfer plan would have "moderate to large impacts on traffic within the community and adjacent residential neighborhood."

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service to the site has been in the works for several years.

The project involved branching off from the main village water and sewer lines through Bend in the River Park, and then boring beneath the Grasse River. The lines were then laid up Tallman Hill on the other side, to the subdivision.

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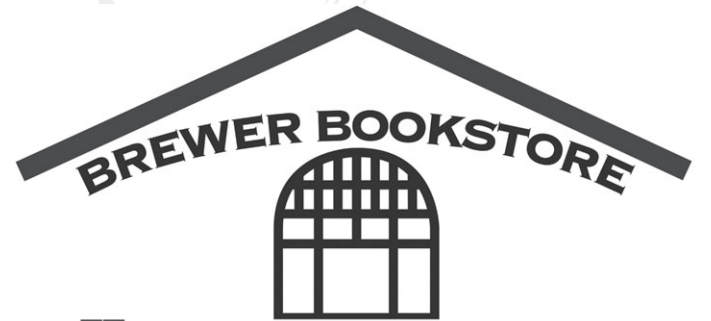
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First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States

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LETTERS

Be kind to each other, smile as we head to 2021

It goes without saying that most of year 2020 has been very challenging at the least. From the onset of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) in early February, our lives have been in turmoil never experienced before. Wearing of facemasks, washing hands frequently and social distancing became the norm as we left our abodes and ventured with limitations for necessary and essential needs to survive.

So here we are with millions of positive cases in the United States and the loss of 350K+ in deaths. Infliction of great sorrow, deep depression and instability has found its way into our homes and personal lives with often bleak forecasts for our futures.

Going to the movie theater, inside dining, in-house personal banking, in-house entertainment to name just a few, are "normal things" that most of us enjoyed doing daily,

weekly or once in a while that were often utilized to enhance our lives as a whole.

All this is difficult and hard to accept and deal with, but to have additional strain put upon each of us with the outcome of the National Election, senseless killings, rhetoric caused by demonstrators destroying personal property and so on.

What about essential workers? How often does one thank doctors, nurses, store clerks, highway workers, EMT's, fire & police, telephone and electric linemen, food service workers, garbage collectors and the immense multitude of people who perform services to others who solely depend upon those providers in our way of life? Yes! 2020 has been an exceptionally challenging, trying and difficult year for everyone, including you.

In the past, we've sent out to friends and acquaintances hundreds of holiday greetings cards, wishing them well, being safe and enjoying precious moments with

family, friends and loved ones. Unfortunately, this holiday season we're a bit financially strapped; however, please accept our best wishes for a healthy, safe and when you're not wearing a facemask, displaying a big smile upon your face. God knows, this world needs people to be kind to one another and a smiling face is a good beginning.

Nancy A. & Henry W. Walters
Potsdam

Those who fail to see election fraud are ignorant

Why am I not surprised at the ignorance of those who refuse to believe that there was no election fraud.

The only possible explanation for this is that they only get their news from the mainstream media or they turn a blind eye to the facts because it shatters their perception of reality.

Only a fool would not want all allegations of election fraud investigated. What possible reason would there be to not investigate? Only one, to hide the truth. The cases that have been thrown out in court have been for two reasons, either leftists judges or procedural mistakes.

It's just been reported that the entire infrastructure of our country has been hacked and you fools refuse to believe that the election could not have been?

Wake up, smell the coffee, the Democrats are not who you think they are, they are not beholden to the American people. Biden? Seriously? Anyone who actually did vote for that dope is indeed a dope themselves.

Mike Elvison
Knapps Station

NCNOW SURVEY

The Question:

Do you plan to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, once it is available?

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Gouverneur Hospital, Massena Hospital, and other neighboring hospital facilities in accordance with governmental guidelines. Once available to you, do you plan to receive the COVID vaccine shot?

HERE ARE COMMENTS from some survey participants:

'Yes. Be a fool not to. I want to go back to hugging my grandkids and traveling to see them. Zoom is great, but is no substitute for a real hug.'

'I would say yes, but I will have to see how it affects people with allergies like myself.'

'If it helps prevent Covid and helps allow us to rebuild our economy safely, then yes. I would like to see more studies done on side effects though.'

'Not until I know it's safe. Not enough testing was done to ensure that it is safe.'

'I think my chances of surviving COVID-19 are better with the vaccine than without it.'

'No, and I'm a health care worker! Hasn't been on the market long enough to know the long term affects.'

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

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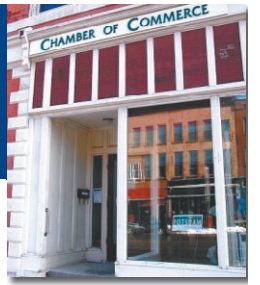
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Each award recipient was selected from a long list of nominations submitted through social media and email.

"Our member businesses have worked harder than ever through unprecedented times," said Rob Bicknell, chamber vice president. "We are happy to recognize these businesses for going above and beyond throughout the Pandemic."

The 12 categories are filled with 11 Potsdam businesses that were recognized for their perseverance and hard work by their community.

"It's heartwarming to read through the comments and experiences that were had at these businesses this year," said Kourtin Stowell, executive director. "Selecting the recipients was not easy, and I couldn't imagine how we would have ever selected just one business of the year for 2020."

This project was just another example of how important local businesses are, and just how much they contribute to the overall success (and health) of the community.



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Sue Bellor | Submitted

The SLC Chapter NYS Women Inc made their annual donation of money and needed items to Renewal House. Renewal House Sexual Assault Case Manager V. Wilmot accepted the needed items and spoke to chapter members about her job and all that Renewal House does. Above, from left, Renewal House Representative V. Wilmot, SLC Chapter NYS Women Inc. members Courtnie Toms, Patricia McGrath, Eowyn Hewey, Erica Leonard, President Sue Bellor, and Debra Langevin.



SeaComm photo | Submitted

SeaComm recently donated \$1,000 in support of the Potsdam Neighborhood Center. The funds will be used to provide nourishment for low-income families, as the pandemic continues to bring new challenges to food security throughout the North Country. The donation will also assist with other emergencies such as utilities, fuel, and shelter. Pictured from left are SeaComm Assistant Branch Manager Ashley Allen and Potsdam Neighborhood Center Director Crystal Hayes.



Photo submitted

Margaret Finen of Finen Maple Products in Norwood recently presented Dan Monica, 1st Assistant Chief of Norwood Volunteer Fire Department, with a donation of \$750 to the department. The money was raised from the proceeds of the 'Haunted Trail' held during October in Finen's sugar woods.



Helping Hands photo | Submitted

Some local residents will be able to taste some venison this year following a DEC donation. NYS DEC Officer Scott Atwood pictured above on the right, delivered over 100 pounds of venison to Helping Hands in Hannawa Falls. He is pictured with Tom Chappell, Helping Hands executive director. Joe Briggs, of Little Joe's Butcher Shop in Crary Mills, processed the meat free of charge.



Michael Griffin | Submitted

The Potsdam Holiday Fund, serving more than 260 families this year, recently received \$250 from Casella Waste Systems. The fund provides gifts, warm clothing and food to families with children and senior citizens in the Potsdam area who are in need of assistance during the holiday season. The program serves families in need in Potsdam, Madrid, Hopkinton, Nicholville, Brasher Falls, Chase Mills, Fort Jackson, West Stockholm and Winthrop. Donations to the program are always welcome and appreciated and may be sent to the Potsdam Holiday Fund at PO Box 827, Potsdam NY 13676. More information about the program is available at www.potsdamholidayfund.org. Above, Skip Bisnett (left), gives a donation to Pam Yugaris, president of the Potsdam Holiday Fund.



Tom Chappell | Submitted

UPS Driver Jeff Stone organized a fundraiser with his co-workers and unions to assist Helping Hands of Hannawa Falls. Stone reached out to Helping Hands organizer Tom Chappell, who assured him that any money he collected could be used to feed many of the needy families whose homes he drives by on a daily basis. Between the drivers and the union, \$500 was raised. Helping Hands will use the money to buy Christmas hams for local families in need. Above, from left, Jeff Stone, Amanda Bidwell and Jeffrey Norman.



Photo submitted

St. Lawrence Federal Credit Union made a recent donation to the North Country Children's Museum in Potsdam. Above, on the right, is Sharon Vegh Williams, co-Founder and executive director of the museum accepting a check from Alyssa Hicks, branch manager at the Potsdam branch.

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Practicing off-ice

Owen Logan defends the goal as Tomi Husinec makes a shot during a neighborhood street hockey game on Farmer Street, Canton, recently. The boys, along with teammate Grady Nee, not shown, are members of the Canton Hockey's Steel Team.

Local Mountain Club chapter planning outings in 2021

The Laurentian Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) is planning a ski tour and snowshoe event.

The club welcomes the public to take part in its events. Those who have questions or want to go on a particular event, contact the leader/organizer for that event. Questions about the overall program or about the ADK, contact Joan Trivilino at 315-276-1663 or joantrivilino@hotmail.com.

• Saturday January 23: Ski to High Rock. This almost 8 mile round trip ski tour begins in Wana-kena and follows an old truck trail to a beautiful outlook over the

Oswegatchie River. Mostly level, moderate. Contact Holly & Neil Woodworth at (315) 848-2953 or hswoodworth@gmail.com.

• Saturday February 27: Snowshoe to Pinnacle Mountain. Near Santa Clara. 4 to 5 miles RT. The first 1.5 miles is flat, and then a 380 foot rise on the mountain trail. Moderate. Contact trip leader Tom Ortmeier, tortmeye@gmail.com or 315-244-3707.

• Saturday March 20 Spring Equinox Road Walk. 4-6 miles along one of the branches of the Grass River. Moderate. Contact trip leader Tom Ortmeier, tortmeye@gmail.com or 315-244-3707.

Season opener canceled

CANTON — The St. Lawrence University men's hockey team's 2020-21 season opener at Colgate, originally scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 27, was canceled.

To ensure the health and safety of St. Lawrence's players, team personnel and the entire St. Lawrence community, the team is following all county, state and University guidelines regarding COVID-19 protocols.

The Saints will look to start the season at home on New Year's Eve with an ECAC Hockey game against Quinnipiac, with the opening face-off scheduled for 4 p.m. at Appleton Arena.

While no fans will be allowed to attend St. Lawrence games at Appleton this season, all games will be live streamed on ESPN+ (US) and Stretch Internet (international feed).

Getting ready for ice fishing season

Anglers in St. Lawrence County can stay busy all winter by targeting some of their favorite fish species through the ice, said the state's Department of Environmental Conservation website.

If you've never been ice fishing before and would like to test the waters - learn how to ice fish.

While most freshwater fish can be caught through the ice, only certain species are in season through the winter. Some popular species to target through the ice in New York: Yellow Perch, Northern Pike, Walleye, Lake Trout, Brown Trout, Atlantic Salmon, Black Crappie.

Ice fishing is permitted on many waters in New York State, but not all. Review state fishing regulations for ice fishing specific rules.

Ice shanties must be marked on the outside with the owner's name and address in letters at least 3 inches high. Shanties must be removed from all waters by Mar. 15 to prevent them from falling through the ice and becoming hazards to navigation.

Baitfish are commonly used when ice fishing. Make sure your baitfish are certified disease free when you purchase them. Never dump unused baitfish or water from your bait bucket into a lake or pond. Undesirable aquatic invasive species might be mixed in with your bait or bait water.

Safe ice should be your number one consideration when ice fishing. A minimum of three to four inches of solid ice is the general rule for safety. Ice thickness, however, is not uniform on any body of water. The guidelines presented here are based on new, clear ice on non-running waters. Since ice thickness can vary on a lake, check the ice periodically to stay safe.

Ice thickness guidelines:

- 2 inches or less, Stay Off
- 4 inches, Ice fishing or other activities on foot
- 5 inches, Snowmobile or ATV
- 8-12 inches, Car or small pickup
- 12-15 inches, Medium truck

This guide is based on new, clear ice on non-running waters. Slush ice is about 50 percent weaker. Clear ice over running water is about 20 percent weaker. Double the recommendations for white ice. Many ice anglers do not like to fish on less than five inches of ice, and do not like to drive a pick-up truck on less than 15 inches of ice.

Be cautious in areas where "bubblers" are used to protect docks. They can produce thin, unsafe ice some distance away. Be especially alert in areas near shore, over moving bodies of water, and where streams enter and exit lakes and ponds.



Adam Leggett | Submitted

Shawn McGregor of Canton took first place in the Pierrepont Fire Dept's Open Boundary Ice Fishing Tournament in 2014 with this 9.14-pound, 33-inch pike. He caught it by jigging a shiner in Ogdensburg.

Remember, use the buddy system while ice fishing, the DEC said.

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

- Blake Falls Reservoir, Parishville; walleye, yellow perch; Brookfield Boat Launch Site off Raquette River Road

- Carry Falls Reservoir, Colton; walleye, yellow perch, tiger muskellunge; Brookfield Boat Launch Site off Carry Falls Road

- Sylvia Lake, Fowler; trout, lake trout, yellow perch, panfish; Sylvia Lake Fishing Access Site off Pump-house Road

- Higley Falls Reservoir, Colton; walleye, northern pike, Yellow Perch; Higley Flow State Park off Campbell Point Road

- Horseshoe Lake, Piercefield; tiger muskellunge, walleye; Horseshoe Lake Fishing Access Site off NYS Route 421

- Norwood Reservoir, Norwood/Orion; walleye, yellow perch, black crappie; Brookfield Boat Launch Site off Outer Maple Street

- Lake Ozonia, Hopkinton; trout, landlocked salmon; Lake Ozonia Fishing Access Site off Old Road

- Piercefield Flow, Piercefield; northern pike, walleye, yellow perch; Municipal launch off NYS Route 3

- Tupper Lake, Piercefield; lake trout, northern pike, walleye, pan-

fish; Municipal Park, Tupper Lake Fishing Access Site off NYS Route 30

- Pleasant Lake, Macomb; northern pike, walleye, yellow perch; Municipal launch

- Rainbow Falls Reservoir, Parishville, walleye, yellow perch; Rainbow Falls Boat Launch off Raquette River Road

- South Colton Reservoir, Colton/Orion; walleye, yellow perch; South Colton Reservoir Boat Launch off Raquette River Road

- Stark Falls Reservoir, Colton/Orion; walleye, yellow perch, tiger muskellunge; Stark Falls Boat Launch off Joe Indian Road

- Star Lake, Fine; Trout; lake trout, landlocked salmon; Star Lake Fishing Access Site off Youngs Road

- Yellow Lake, Rossie; northern pike, yellow perch; Yellow Lake Fishing Access Site off St. Lawrence Co. Route 10 on Liscum/Hall Road

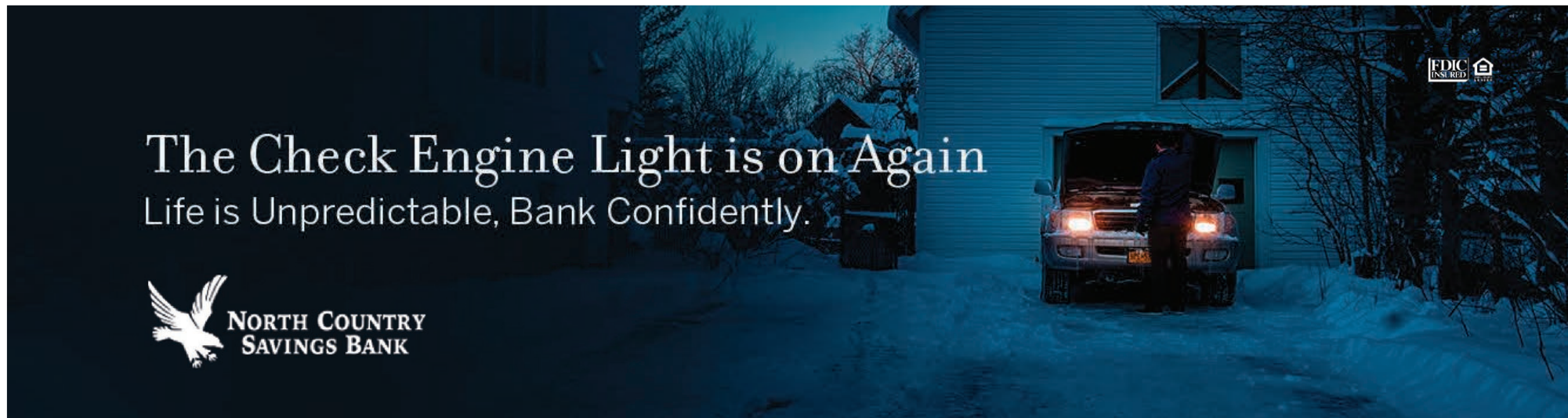
- Black Lake, Morristown; northern pike, yellow perch, black crappie, walleye; Black Lake Boat Launch Site off St. Lawrence Co. Route 6

- Cranberry Lake, Clifton; northern pike, yellow perch, black crappie; Cranberry Lake Boat Launch Site off Columbian Road.

Anglers are asked to follow all the special regulations at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/31493.html>.

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Standing with the Linda Kitay Censor plaque from left are Canton Central music department faculty members: Tim Savage, Kimberly Busch, Bridget Hall, and Robert Bickford

Gifts that keep on giving

Music program benefits from donations

CANTON -- The Canton Central School music faculty took a moment during a recent department meeting to pose in front of the high school auditorium where a plaque has been placed "In Loving Memory of Linda Kitay Censor."

Memorial funds have been generously donated by brother Michael Kitay and husband Walter Censor for the indicated musical

instruments and equipment.

During the 2019-20 school year, purchase of a Baldwin Piano for the Banford Music Room, two Yamaha Tenor Saxophones for the Middle School Jazz Band, and restoration of the Steinway Grand Piano in the auditorium were realized.

Thus far in 2020-21, funds have been used in conjunction with Canton Music Friends

to purchase two years' worth of SmartMusic premium subscriptions for four faculty and 250 music students – greatly enhancing the ability to function in fun and meaningful ways both in-person and remotely.

To date, \$31,000 has been generously donated by the Kitay Censor families – with Linda's daughters becoming involved as of this year.

"Linda was a 1956 Canton Central School graduate" school officials said. "We are most grateful that her family has chosen to honor her memory in this fashion. We would also like to thank our friend Connie Meng for making this connection a reality and CCS Business Manager Denise "Dee" Folsom for helping us to foster this relationship and manage these funds in an appropriate manner."

Seaway Tech announces Rotary Club December Student of the Month

NORWOOD: The Seaway Career & Technical Education Center announces Samantha Foster as the Potsdam Rotary Club Student of the Month for December 2020.

She is a student in the Software Development & Business Design Program from Brasher Falls Central School District and is the daughter of David & April Foster.

In the junior year the program, students learn how to develop web pages through the use of computer languages HTML, CSS, and JavaScript along with gaining an understanding of design concepts and how they affect the world of web development.

They are also introduced to more advanced programming skills with PHP and MySQL coding. In addition, they develop websites, web software packages and other computer-based 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".

Other students recognized as students of the month for December at Seaway Tech in their respective programs include: Rose Bigelow, Building Trades from Canton; Natalie Currier, Cosmetology, Canton; Abigail Cary, Criminal Justice, Norwood; Avery Collins, Education & Human Services, Parishville-Hopkinton Central; Connor Taillon, HVAC/R, Parishville-Hopkinton Central; and Gavin Thompson, Natural Resource Management, Canton.



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Taking a break

Students at Heuvelton Central have the opportunity to take a break in the Calming Room. Jayce Lawrence took a few moments recently to use an the exercise ball. With lower light, and a quiet space, other students use the room to eat a snack, or read, or check out the computer.

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SLHS named access point for COVID vaccine

POTSDAM – Upon receiving the initial shipment of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines last week, St. Lawrence Health System (SLHS) was designated by New York State as an access distribution point for other healthcare institutions.

Along with providing the vaccine to some of its own essential healthcare workers from Canton-Potsdam, Gouverneur, and Massena hospitals, SLHS has been deemed the point institution to assist five other hospitals in St. Lawrence, Jefferson, and Franklin counties. Some Phase I-level healthcare employees from the neighboring hospitals have already started coming to Canton-Potsdam Hospital to receive the vaccine.

The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine must be given in a two-dose series, with 21 days between doses. The Food and Drug Administration announced this week that they also support the Moderna vaccine being used for emergency use. If the drug is granted emergency use authorization within the next couple of days, local hospitals are hopeful to have it in-hand next week. The Moderna vaccine is also given in two doses, but at a 28 day interval.

SLHS will administer the vaccines

in accordance with New York State's Administration Program, which is divided into five phases.

"Individuals who may have questions about which phase they are included in should contact their primary care provider, said SLHS Chief Administrative Officer Jeremy Slaga."

New York State's proposed distribution plan is:

- Phase 1: Healthcare workers in hospital settings, with priority given to those in intensive care units, emergency units, and those providing medical services in high-risk COVID-19 settings; long-term care facility workers who interact with residents; and at-risk, long-term care facility patients.

- Phase 2: First responders; teachers/school staff, childcare providers; public health workers; other essential frontline workers who regularly interact with public (pharmacists, grocery store workers, transit employees, etc.), or maintain critical infrastructure; other long-term care facility patients and those living in other congregate settings; and individuals in the general population deemed particularly high risk due to comorbidities and health conditions.

- Phase 3: Individuals over 65, and individuals under 65 with high-risk.

- Phase 4: All other essential workers.

- Phase 5: Healthy adults and children (general population).

For state updates to timing and phase determinations, visit <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-draft-new-york-state-covid-19-vaccination-administration-program>.

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EMS workers get vaccinated

CANTON -- St. Lawrence County's EMS providers are starting to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Critical care medical providers are included among hospital and nursing home staff in the first round of New York state vaccinations, according to a post on St. Lawrence County Emergency Services Facebook page.

"This year, we have had the arduous task of combating the COVID-19 pandemic", EMS Coordi-

nator Jon Mitchell said in the post. "Medical providers, first responders, and other essential workers deserve the utmost praise for their continued dedication in providing for the community in which they serve."

In addition, I would like to thank the clinical researchers, medical staff, and other professionals for their commitment in creating, testing, and distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine."

Health clinics closed, alter hours for New Year's holiday

POTSDAM – Canton-Potsdam Hospital's Colton Walk-in Center at 8 Golf Road, Colton; and Potsdam Urgent Care Center at 49 Lawrence Avenue, Potsdam, will be closed or have modified hours for New Year's day.

Both locations will be closed Jan. 1, 2021. Urgent Care will be open Dec. 31 with modified hours of 8

a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Canton-Potsdam Hospital Emergency Department at 50 Leroy St., Potsdam, is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Normal business hours for the Colton Walk-In Center are 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday – Thursday; and normal hours for Urgent Care are daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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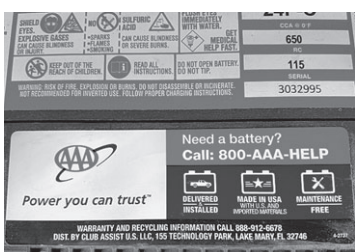
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Sibling snow fun in Canton

Snow arrived Christmas night to the delight of many youngsters across St. Lawrence County. 'They loved having snow for the holiday,' said photographer and mother Kellen Harrington. Pictured are her daughter Addyson Andrews, 12, and son Kellen Harrington, 3. The photo was taken in Canton.

Tips for safe snowmobiling

During the COVID-19 pandemic, snowmobile safety courses continue to be offered, said a press release from the state Parks and Recreation Department. Successful completion of this course, results in the issuance of a NYS Snowmobile Safety Certificate.

This certificate is required for youth between ages 10 and 18 to operate a snowmobile, but all riders can benefit from taking a course that provides fundamental information which all should possess to ensure the safety of both rider and other trail users.

State Park Police, State Troopers, Environmental Conservation Police Officers, Forest Rangers and local enforcement agencies enforce State Laws on snowmobile trails, including instances of unsafe or reckless operation, speed limits including the state's maximum speed of 55 MPH, and operating while intoxicated.

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

The New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) reminds New Yorkers to register their snowmobiles. Registrations must be renewed annually and may be

renewed on the DMV website.

Snowmobile safety courses remain available, with limited class size under state Health Department safety guidance. A listing of available classes can be found online at <https://parks.ny.gov/recreation/snowmobiles/safety-courses.aspx>.

Recommendations for safe riding include:

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

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

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

Ride responsibly. Always ride to the right side especially at hills and curves.

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

Respect landowners, obey posted signs, and stay on the marked trail.

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

Never drink alcohol or use drugs and ride.

For more information, visit <https://parks.ny.gov/recreation/snowmobiles>.

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NORFOLK — Anyone in the Norfolk-Raymondville area who was unable to attend the Dec. 19 food distribution at the Norfolk-Raymondville Food Pantry, and are in need of food, can call 315-212-0520 to set up a convenient time to meet at the Food Pantry. Those who received food from another local service agency for Christmas are still able to receive food from the food pantry for December.

Chicken and biscuit dinner

DEKALB JUNCTION -- The United Methodist Church, 4302 US Hwy 11, hosts a drive-through, pick-up chicken and biscuit dinner, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, donations accepted as free will offering, call 315-347-3016 to reserve a meal.

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- 12 Cattle call
- 13 "Arrivederci"
- 14 "So be it"
- 15 Wordplay specialists
- 17 Hindu royal
- 18 Locate
- 19 Piece of cheesecake?
- 20 Subsequently
- 22 Reedy
- 24 Concoct
- 25 Good news for bargain hunters
- 29 Bard's "always"
- 30 Unrefined
- 31 Id counterpart
- 32 Ruins
- 34 Touch
- 35 Cincinnati team
- 36 Gets up
- 37 — Valley (California ski resort)
- 40 Family member
- 41 Cather's "One of —"
- 42 Expensive seafood
- 46 Platter

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- 7 "Mayday!"
 - 8 Leatherneck
 - 9 Mideast nation
 - 10 Options list
 - 11 Use scissors
 - 16 Gush forth
 - 19 Snapshots
 - 20 Sleeping, perhaps
 - 21 Release
 - 22 Cafeteria stack
 - 23 Greet the villain
 - 25 Motivate
 - 26 "— Dictionary"
 - 27 Chills and fever
 - 28 Deteriorates
 - 30 Staff
 - 33 In poor taste
 - 34 "— She Sweet?"
 - 36 Strategic tricks
 - 37 Turfs
 - 38 Resign
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