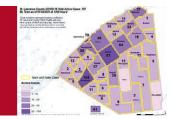
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Concerns remain over Solar project

BY ADAM ATKINSON North Country This Week

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CANTON – Developers are working out the details of a 21-acre solar farm proposed at 161 Meade Road.

The project has already gone before the county planning department, and developers met with the town's planning board on Dec. 15 to review the preliminary site plan.

However, the project thus far has raised concerns with neighboring land owners. The project contractors were directed by the planning board to iron out some of these wrinkles and meet again with the board in January.

According to the site plan presented at the Dec. 15 meeting, the solar farm will be a 5-megawatt facility located on a leased lot owned by Brian Brewer, reported representatives from Chazen Companies, the engineering firm spearheading the construction, and U.S. Light Energy, the company which will own and operate the farm. The facility will sit next to and behind Boyden Brooks Bodyworks and the residence of its owners, Pam and James Rose.

At the meeting Dec. 15, Mark Richardson, C.E.O. from U.S. Light Energy, presented a site plan of the project to the board for review. The New York-based company specializes in community solar facilities, according to its website.

The Roses who were also in attendance were critical of what they viewed as a lack of communication on the matter, and what they felt were needed changes on the plan.

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Cheryl Shumway

Retirement leads to friction

Canton Town Clerk Lisa Hammond, standing at left holding bouquets, was sent off in style by family, coworkers and friends on her last day before retiring from the post recently. She received flowers and well wishes from a gathered crowd outside the municipal building. Her retirement however, led to some outrage from the public after the council decided to appoint Karin Blackburn to fill the remainder of the term instead of the deputy clerk Heidi Smith, who was recommended to the position by Hammond. More than 70 people were in attendance of the online meeting, many expressing concerns regarding the appointment of Blackburn, who resigned days earlier from the town board in order to accept the job. See more on that story on page 2.

Police reform group loses two key members

BY ANDY GARDNER North Country This Week

POTSDAM — The only two Black members of Potsdam's police reform commission resigned last month after a meeting where they said they don't think the body is doing enough to address systemic racism within the Potsdam Police Department.

The Potsdam police advisory committee began meeting earlier this year in response to Gov. Andrew Cuomo's executive order in June to "reinvent and modernize" police policies and procedures.

All departments in New York State have to review their policies and come up with a plan to submit to the state by April. Public input is a requirement. Agencies that don't meet the requirement could lose state funding.

The two who quit are Jen Baxtron and Dr. John Youngblood, who are also coordinators of Black Lives Matter Potsdam.

The meeting took place over Zoom on Dec. 9 and was broadcast over Facebook Live. The tensions emerged as part of a discussion about "what

Trustee apologizes

BY ADAM ATKINSON

North Country This Week

POTSDAM — Village officials commented briefly over the recent resignation of two members of the municipality's police advisory committee.

Members of the village board and the village administrator commented at the village board meeting Monday, Jan. 4 on the outcome of the committee's last meeting in December, which resulted in the resignations of members John Youngblood and Jen Braxton, both members of the local Black Lives Matter group.

"I made comments last week regarding the police committee and just how

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do officers need not just to enhance their performance,

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Sheridan named new St. Lawrence

County Board of Legislators chairman

BY ANDY GARDNER North Country This Week

CANTON — The St. Lawrence County Legislature voted in a new chair and vice chair for 2021.

In split votes, they named Bill Sheridan, R-Hammond, as chair and Larry Denesha, R-DeKalb, as vice chair.

Sheridan said he wants to see the board work toward finding a use for the former county jail, and look at possibly cutting sales tax on home heating fuel. "Some of the goals I'd like to have us entertain for this upcoming year would be to refocus the feasibility efforts of the future plans of ... the old county jail here," he said, adding that he anticipates the board will get a feasibility report sometime this year.

"I think we should be reviewing the options of reducing the sales tax on home heating fuel that was last considered in 2007," the new chairman said.

He also said he thinks the

board should "build up the fund balance for the tough times that lie ahead, especially with the State of New York being billions of dollars in the hole."

Sheridan also said he wants to act fairly toward both political parties that comprise the legislature.

"I think when it gets right down to it, we all have something in common. We all vote in the best interest of the people who put us

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United Helpers gets vaccines

Jennifer Warren, a consultant pharmacist with Health Direct, administers the first dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to Canton's United Helpers Rehabilitation and Senior Care Vice President of Operations Kimberly Blair.

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Clerk appointment draws criticism in Canton

BY ADAM ATKINSON North Country This Week

CANTON — The Canton Town Board took a grilling from members of the public over their appointment of former board member Karin Blackburn to the position of interim clerk.

At one point, many as 72 people attended the Thursday, Dec. 31 meeting where the board made the appointment. That number includes town board members and officials.

Prior to the appointment, town residents in attendance criticized the board's decision to appoint Blackburn over current Deputy Clerk Heidi Smith, who retiring Clerk Lisa Hammond recommended for the post. Hammond is leaving a year early from her current elected term. The political appointment of an interim clerk to serve out the remainder of a vacant term (Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2021) is solely a town board decision. Both Smith and Blackburn interviewed for the position on Dec. 17, said Town Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley. The supervisor said state law indicates that the board cannot take action on an appointment until the vacancy exists. Hammond's last official day was Dec. 30. Blackburn resigned from her town board seat Dec. 21.

Town Councilman Tim Danehy explained the board's decision to choose Blackburn to serve in the clerk's position for 2021. He also addressed public criticism leveled at the board for the choice.

"We don't get a lot of easy wins," Danehy said. "Usually it's a balancing act. . . We always try to find that balance. We always try to do the right thing. Those decisions can be really tough when it comes down to personnel with multiple, qualified candidates, that's going to be really tough."

Danehy said 12 years ago, the board then faced the same situation over whether to appoint the deputy clerk with 10 years of experience to finish a vacated term for the town clerk position. That board opted to select a different candidate instead, in this case Lisa Hammond, who went on to serve out the remainder of the vacant term, but also won several subsequent elections for the post. Danehy refuted claims that the town board was appointing Blackburn to the post for their own personal gain.

"I've had a number of friends, long-time friends, questioning my integrity and there are several that haven't bothered to question it, they have just gone ahead and gone out of their way to tell me I don't have any," Danehy said. "So if anybody can tell me how it's benefiting me on a personal level, I would love to know."

"My decision is in no way a rebuke of Heidi Smith. Heidi is a valued member of our staff. She has proven that," said Town Councilman Bob Washo. "While she does exhibit on-the-job experience, on-the-job experience is not the only consideration when fulfilling a search.

"Karin Blackburn, on the other hand, offered broad work experience and an accomplished resume that was difficult to match. With a background in informational technology, personnel and human resources, budgeting and operational management, Karin has demonstrated the necessary skill set to move the clerk's office forward in an ever changing work environment. These skills are too good to pass up." He also added that the board followed the law in making the appointment "at every step of the way during this process."

Town resident Mary Dolan asked the board what the job requirements were for the clerk's position and what competencies the board was looking for in the specific questhe office on Jan. 4 without being a registrar, without being licensed to sell hunting and fishing licenses, or marriage certificates or death certificates, this town is really at an disadvantage."

"And all I've heard so far is basically people trying to cover their butts to get re-elected and I think

'These decisions can be really tough when it comes down to personnel with multiple qualified candidates, that's going to be really tough.'

> **Tim Danehy** Canton Town Councilor

tions posed to each of the two candidates who applied, Blackburn and Smith. Washo said candidates for the post merely have to be a town resident and be 18 years old, and added that the same questions were asked of both candidates.

"I'm just quite befuddled that Heidi Smith with her experience in that office was not given a better chance at being the town clerk," said town taxpayer Janet Robert. "She has been doing this in that office for quite a number of years, right?... I think she deserved a better chance at that position, and I'm sure that I'm not the only person in the town that feels that way."

"I would like everyone on this call to know that the board clearly doesn't care what the community wants or needs," said Mark Smith, Heidi Smith's husband. "They are putting someone (Blackburn) into this position that has absolutely no experience and when she walks into it's ridiculous," Mark Smith said. "If you really cared what the community and what was best for the town of Canton, you would put someone in that office who has the experience to run it on a day-to-day basis."

Smith said the "only way to fix this" is to encourage people to run for the seat and other town positions next fall. "Because it is time for a change, clearly," he said.

Washo said he appreciates Soulia's frustration with the process, pointing out that it is the same process that was used in 2008 when Hammond was first appointed.

"I think it's an absolute disgrace that she has been overlooked and the way that she has been," Town taxpayer Renee Lomoglio said, after praising Heidi Smith's community involvement. "And I hope that when it comes time for people to be elected that a lot of people are looking at this... to shove somebody in there that has no experience. It's very shady, and people see that in the community."

"I urge everybody when it's time to get to vote to change this," Lomoglio said.

Other comments leveled at the board in the Zoom chat interface were equally scathing.

"Concerning' and 'shady' are two great words to describe what is happening here," wrote Kathryn O'Connell in the chat.

According to a press release issued by the town supervisor, Blackburn, who lives in Rensselaer Falls, is currently serving as director of human resources and administrative operations for the Health WorkForce New York, Inc. in Canton and director of Northern Area Health Education Center, Inc. in Canton.

From 2000-2017, Blackburn served as secretary II at the St. Lawrence University donor relations department, chief clerk in the Office of Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs, confidential I secretary in the human resources office and confidential II assistant at the Office of the Vice President of the University and Dean of Academic Affairs at St. Lawrence University, the press release from the town said.

For the past eight years, the new interim clerk has volunteered as a scene support firefighter, secretary, grant writer, and event planner in the Rensselaer Falls Fire Department, said the press release.

She was elected town council member in January 2020 serving on the audit committee, information and technology committee, recreation committee; shared services committee, economic development committee and health insurance committee.

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Cheryl Shumway | NCTW

Snowmobilers finally hit trails Snowmobilers, cross-country skiers and snowshoers took advantage of the newly fallen snow at Higlev Flow State Park. South Colton, last weekend, Signs indicated the separate paths to be used for skiers and sleds.

COVID vaccine questions answered

BY ANDY GARDNER North Country This Week

CANTON — With COVID-19 vaccinations slowly rolling out, the county Board of Health president took a few minutes to discuss some of the frequently asked questions for the vaccine.

Dr. Andrew Williams made the comments during the Monday, Jan. 4 St. Lawrence County Legislature meeting.

The vaccine won't cost anything to people being vaccinated.

'The vaccine is going to be available at no cost," he said.

He said there haven't been any serious side effects, and severe allergic reactions are "extremely rare."

"There have not been any serious side effects related to the vaccines that have been reported. Much like the influenza vaccine, some people get a sore arm, fatigue, maybe a low grade fever or headache," he said, adding that those symptoms go away after a day or two.

"CDC and the Department of Health feel people can get the vaccine as long as they don't have an allergy to the injection form of the ingredients that are in the vaccine," the doctor said. "I'd encourage people to speak with their medical

provider."

He said there are ongoing studies of the vaccine being safe for children and pregnant women.

'The current recommendation is if someone is pregnant and in the priority group, they should have the option and talk about it with a health provider," he said. "Priority group" refers to who gets the vaccine first. Right now, it's going healthcare workers and nursing home residents and staff.

He described reports of the vaccine causing infertility as "internet disinformation."

"More people who received the vaccine became pregnant than people who did not get the vaccine," he said, referring to the trial phases last year.

Dr. Williams said the vaccine does not have any human or animal products, and doesn't contain adjuvants or preservatives.

People who want to get tested don't need a negative COVID-19 test before getting it.

"You don't need any testing before you get the COVID vaccine," he said.

He recommended that anyone who has previously had COVID-19

and recovered should still be vaccinated.

"The rationale for this is we don't know how long antibody protection is present after the natural infection, and we do know people become reinfected," he said.

He said it's also safe to give to people with chronic underlying health problems.

"Emphatically, yes, it's safe," Dr. Williams said. "It's these people who have chronic medical conditions we're hoping will get vaccinated.'

As people get vaccinated, they will still need to follow public health measures aimed at mitigating the spread of COVID-19, like wearing a mask in public and physical distancing.

"It really doesn't change any other of the public health guidances. This may change as more information is available about the long-term vaccine efficacy and as more people get vaccinated," the doctor said.

And also, the state government "has made a decision not to mandate COVID-19 vaccination," Dr. Williams said.

Sheriff joins 'Yellow Dot'

CANTON – The St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office is participating in the New York State Sheriff's Association Yellow Dot Program.

Yellow Dot is a free program designed to help first responders provide life-saving medical attention during that first "golden hour" after a crash or other emergency.

The Yellow Dot in the driver's-side rear window of your vehicle will alert first responders that vital medical information is stored in the glove compartment.

The Yellow Dot Kit includes a Yellow Dot decal and personal information card.

COLTON - Colton-Pierrepont

Central School sent students home

early Jan. 5 after a student tested

informed late this morning that a

"Unfortunately, we were

positive for COVID-19.

district said.

The information card is to be completed as fully as possible, which includes information such as emergency medical contacts, physician information, medications and other important information.

The information card should then be secured in the glove box of the vehicle, and the Yellow Dot decal placed on the rear driver's side window. In the event of an accident or emergency, first responders will have access to pertinent information.

To request a Yellow Dot kit, you can stop at the Sheriff's Office at 48 Court Street in Canton or go to: https://nysheriffs.org/yellowdot.

with the positive individual will also

be notified and will go home imme-

CPCS officials were unsure of

their in-person learning plan until

they have more discussion with

Drug raid leads to meth charges for Potsdam pair

POTSDAM - Two Potsdam residents were jailed on drug charges Saturday following investigation of a possible meth lab at 6602 U.S. Highway 11, according to St. Lawrence County sheriff's deputies.

Ryan L. Moore, 29, and Keri M. Moore, 31, were charged with second-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and unlawfully manufacturing methamphetamine, both felonies, officers said.

The subjects were arraigned in Morristown court and held without bail, deputies said.

Assisting on scene were the New York State Police CCERT and West Potsdam Fire Department.



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local health officials. CPCS student has tested positive for Those with concerns who would COVID-19," a statement from the like to seek COVID-19 testing proactively, there are testing sites avail-

CPCS shifts to remote learning

diately.

Officials said parents of students who are determined to be a contact of the positive individual will

be notified by the school nurse or office to be picked up. Those students will not be allowed to ride the bus. Staff who have been in contact





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Roses for widows

Canton Knights of Columbus did not let COVID-19 stop them from their annual delivery of roses and chocolates to the widows of their council. Getting ready for deliveries recently are Grand Knight John Taillon, Deputy Grand Knight Corey Swinwood and Chancellor Russ Backus.

Towns, villages to keep sales tax share

BY ANDY GARDNER

North Country This Week

CANTON – The St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators ratified a bill that will ensure towns and villages will keep their current share of sales tax allotment, regardless of how negotiations with the City of Ogdensburg play out.

"In recognition of their contributions and the need for budgeting stability in times of great uncertainty, the Board of Legislators commits that regardless of what occurs with the negotiations between the City of Ogdensburg and the county, the county shall not decrease the percentages of sales tax distribution currently allotted to the towns for the period of the present through Nov. 30, 2030," the resolution reads.

"I think this is an excellent resolution," said Legislator Margaret Haggard, D-Potsdam, prior to voting in favor of the motion. She hopes the board going into the future will "abide by this commitment we've made."

She said she hopes "people don't change their minds at the last minute under pressure from constituencies that might have another opinion on this.'

The board's Finance Committee in December tabled a proposed

'I think this is an excellent resolution.'

Margaret Haggard St. Lawrence County legislatort

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 "preempt" and keep the full 4% of sales tax generated within the city limits.

The current sales tax distribu-

Public Health seeks medical, non-medical volunteers for COVID vaccine distribution

CANTON - The St. Lawrence **County Public Health Department** is seeking help from medical and non-medical volunteers as they move forward planning for the anticipated COVID-19 vaccine distribution.

Since the start of the pandemic, the county has reported over 2,000 cases of COVID-19 and the number of cases has continued to rise during the holiday season, said a press release from the agency.

The Public Health Department's goal is to make the vaccine available to all eligible residents of St. Lawrence County and to make the vaccination process as efficient as possible.

In order to do so, the St. Lawrence County Public Health Department is asking for both medical and non-medical volunteers to support community vaccination activities at multiple locations across the county, the press release said.

Medical volunteers are needed to assist with pre-vaccination screenings, vaccine administration, and post-vaccination monitoring. Volunteers in this category include:

- 1. Registered nurses
- 2. Licensed practical nurses
- 3. Licensed physicians
- 4. Licensed physician assistants 5. Licensed pharmacists
- 6. Midwifes
- 7. Dentists /Dental hygienists 8. Podiatrists
- 9. EMS/Community Paramedicine

10. Nursing students and Physician Assistant students

11. 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



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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.

ServNY is a registry of health care and mental health professionals, as well as community residents, who wish to volunteer during a public

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health emergency or major disaster. If interested in registering to be either a medical or non-medical volunteer, please contact the St. Lawrence County Public Health Volunteer Coordinator at JWatson@ stlawco.org or 315-229-3407 or go to https://www.stlawco.org for information on the process.

For additional information, pcontact the St. Lawrence County Public Health Department 315-386-2325 or visit https://www.stlawco.org/.

and always enjoyed spending time

Nancy leaves behind her husband

with her dogs, cats, and horses.

Nancy Lynn Morehouse, 61

Potsdam

POTSDAM -- Nancy Lynn Morehouse, age 61, of Potsdam, NY, passed away after a brief battle with cancer on Tuesday December 29, 2020, under the care of Hospice and her loving family. As per Nancy's wishes, no public calling hours or funeral services will be held at this time. A celebration of life will be arranged at a later time at the convenience of the family. The family has entrusted arrangements to the care and direction of the Phillips Memorial Home, Madrid.

Nancy was born on February 26, 1959 to the late Olive "Marie" (Flood) and Edward Hyde in Ogdensburg, NY.

Nancy was a 1977 graduate of Lisbon Central School. In the 1970's she worked alongside her mother at the family operated, Marie's Diner, on Route 68. Nancy married Terry Morehouse on September 20, 1980 at the First Presbyterian Church in Canton, NY.

She began working at NYSARC in 1992 as a direct care staff at the Norwood facility and remained there until the onset of her illness. Throughout her 28 years of service at NYSARC, the dedication and compassion she showed to her clients was recognized and revered by all who worked with her. Her infectious laughter and spirited personality will be missed dearly.

Nancy enjoyed cooking for her loved ones, spending time with her boys in the garage while they tinkered on projects and prepared for local demolition derby's, as well as being surrounded by her family and friends. Her sense of humor and quick wit were unmatched and appreciated by all who held her dear. She was an animal enthusiast

RECENT DEATHS

LAWRENCE LOOMIS, 54, Potsdam, Jan. 3. Arrangements with Garner Funeral Home, Potsdam. GERALD SMILGIN, 80, Canton, Jan. 3. Arrangements with Garner Funeral Home, Potsdam. ROBERT CASSELL, 68, Norwood, Jan. 2. Arrangements with Buck Funeral Home, Norwood. MERRILL BRAINARD JR., 84, Potsdam, Jan. 2. Arrangements with Lawrence Funeral Home, Canton.



of 40 years, Terry Morehouse; their sons, Chad Morehouse and his companion Kim Johnson of Evans, GA, Corey More-

Nancy Morehouse

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house and his wife Samantha Morehouse of McNeal, Arizona, Cole Morehouse and his companion Mallory James of Canton. Nancy is also survived by her grandchildren, Owen, Rachel, Reed, Rory, Hayden, and Lennox. She is also survived by her siblings, Butch Hyde of Cortland, Carol (Bill) Whitmarsh of Cortland, Beverly Parmeter of Lisbon, Susan Lawton and her companion Ben Fifield of Lisbon, Debbie Stone of Pierrepont, Dorothy (Neil) Conant of Potsdam, Wayne (Cathy) Hyde of Lisbon, Shirley Montroy of Ogdensburg, Donny Hyde of Lisbon, Jerry (Berta) Hyde of Lisbon, Amy (Tom) Stearns of Louisville, and John Hyde of Lisbon; as well as many nieces and

She was predeceased by her sister Cindy Hyde in 1983, her father Edward Hyde in 2007, her mother Olive "Marie" Hyde in 2009, and her infant daughter Chelsea Morehouse in 1990.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Nancy's name to the Potsdam Human Society at 17 Madrid Ave, Potsdam, NY 13676.

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



deal to keep the current distribution through Dec. 1, 2023. At that time, the city would receive the same 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 Democratic and Republican legislators.

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

tion 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.

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lrodriguez@cantonny.gov to sched-

ment staff to answer any questions

Applications will be due to the

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village no later than noon on Jan.

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Leigh Rodriguez, director of Eco-

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The Target Area may be refined

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and 1-22 Park Street.

NYMS program.

tonny.gov to register.

the press release said.

cantonny.gov.

Village plans to apply for

'Main Street Program'

CANTON - The Village of Canton intends to submit an application

to the 2020 New York Main Street

through the NYS Office of Homes

ing grants to building owners for renovation of mixed-use buildings.

Project proposals are being sought

renovation and improvement proj-

ects relating to façade restoration,

creation and/or renovation of sec-

and/or renovation of lower-level

basement commercial units, and

health and safety improvements.

funding round.

Ancillary COVID Relief projects

may also be considered in the 2020

Canton's historic downtown

Economic Development office.

Street and adjacent side streets,

Street (between Riverside Drive

and North Country Savings Bank),

3 East Main Street (St. Lawrence

County Historical Association),

more specifically: 1-127 Main

business district is the target area,

Included are sections of Main

said a press release from the Canton

ond story residential units, creation

that request funds to assist building

Grant program (NYMS) offered

and Community Renewal. The program provides match-



Chervl Shumway | NCTW

Passing the puck in Potsdam Junior hockey players Brynlee Desrosier and Brodee Desrosier practice their skills at Potsdam's Pine St. Arena recently.

Clarkson 'sledding hill' closed to public

POTSDAM — The Clarkson "Sledding Hill" off of Clarkson Avenue is closed to the public. It is only open for Clarkson students to use as part of keeping their campus-based outdoor activities available to them and in an environment where there is ongoing testing and surveillance for COVID-19.

While the sledding hill is closed to the public, the Munter Trail will remain open for the Potsdam Community to use. School officials ask everyone to follow social distancing

protocols and wear a mask when they see others on the trail.

The Clarkson campus in Potsdam is open only to authorized visitors, employees, and students as well as vendors making pre-arranged deliveries.

For admissions, they are welcoming future students and up to two guests to tour the campus. More information on how to make an appointment is at https://www. clarkson.edu/undergraduate-admissions/admissions-visits-events-

tours.

The only people allowed for on-campus visits who are traveling from states contiguous to New York: New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts. Connecticut or Vermont. Everyone in the party must provide satisfactory answers on the health screening form required the day of the visit. All visitors are required to wear face masks (able to cover both the nose and mouth) at all times during their visit. Neck gaiters are not acceptable face coverings.

UH death toll now at 30

United Helpers has reported another death, bringing the total number of deaths at its facilities to 30 since the end of November.

UH officials say the person who died was a resident at its Canton facility.

facility and 23 at the Ogdensburg facility.

Five people are hospitalized due to complications from COVID-19.

Officials there say there were four new cases reported Monday, three in Canton and one in Ogdensburg.

NCTW named official newspaper

CANTON - The St. LawrenceCounty legislature voted to make North Country This Week their official newspaper for 2021 and 2025.

Legal notices, election notices and official notices of canvass will appear in the paper.

The county is using a five-year rotation schedule for their offi-

cial paper. For 2022, it will be the Watertown Daily Times, then the Tribune Press in 2023, the Courier Observer in 2024 and back to North Country This Week in 2025.

North Country This Week became eligible for official newspaper status after adding a paid edition that covers all of St. Lawrence County.

It's Tax Time!

BRIEFLY

Tree inventory plan

POTSDAM - The village board of trustees has adopted plans for community and urban forest management and a tree inventory plan. The board adopted the plans, the 2020 Urban and Community Forest Management Plan and the 2020 Village-wide Tree Inventory at its Dec. 21 meeting. The management plan was added as an addendum to the village's 2021-2022 Comprehensive Plan.

Incident involving gun, knife

COLTON – A Colton man was arrested Sunday stemming from a menacing complaint dating back to Sept. 27, according to St. Lawrence County sheriff's deputies. Durek D. Ruberton, 42, was charged with second-degree menacing and second-degree reckless endangerment stemming from an incident on State Highway 56, officers said. He allegedly displayed a gun and knife to another party during a dispute, deputies said.

DWAI arrest, accident

POTSDAM - A Canton womanwas arrested Dec. 29 following investigation of a personal-injury accident that took place Dec. 10, according to state police. Amanda M. Young, 33, was charged with first-degree operating a motor vehicle while ability impaired by drugs, officers said. She was released on her own recognizance, police said. Details about the accident were not provided.

Disclosure law passes

CANTON – The Canton town board has passed a resolution to approve a financial disclosure form for town officials and appointees under the auspices of the town and village's newly minted ethics law passed last year. The disclosure will require the elected and appointed town officials to list financial dealings they are involved in. Such disclosures will allow the officials to be able to fulfill their duties without potential influence compromises.

able future. Starting on Jan. 4, the library will open on Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon, and 2 to 8 p.m., and on Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 5 p.m. The library is open for in-person visits by appointment and is offering curbside pickup of materials. "We intend to make an additional announcement at a future date when we revert back to our normal operating hours," the library said.

Dam contract change

POTSDAM – The village board of trustees here approved a change order request for the East Dam hydro-electric generating plant

There have been 7 deaths at that

Airport service sought

POTSDAM — The Village of Potsdam is calling for proposals from private companies to provide airport consultant services. Sealed proposals will be accepted by the village clerk until Jan. 18 at 4 p.m. Completed proposals will be reviewed and evaluated by the village in anticipation of awarding a contract. According to a notice posted on the municipality's website, the village reserves the right to reject or waive any and all proposals. For more information, contact Village Administrator Greg Thompson at gthompson@vi.potsdam.ny.us.

Construction bill payment

POTSDAM - The Potsdam village board approved paying a bill for construction at the airport at their meeting Monday, Jan. 5. Passero Associates will be paid \$4,190.03 for services rendered through Nov. 30 for the parallel taxiway reconstruction, widening, and replacement of medium intensity taxiway lighting.

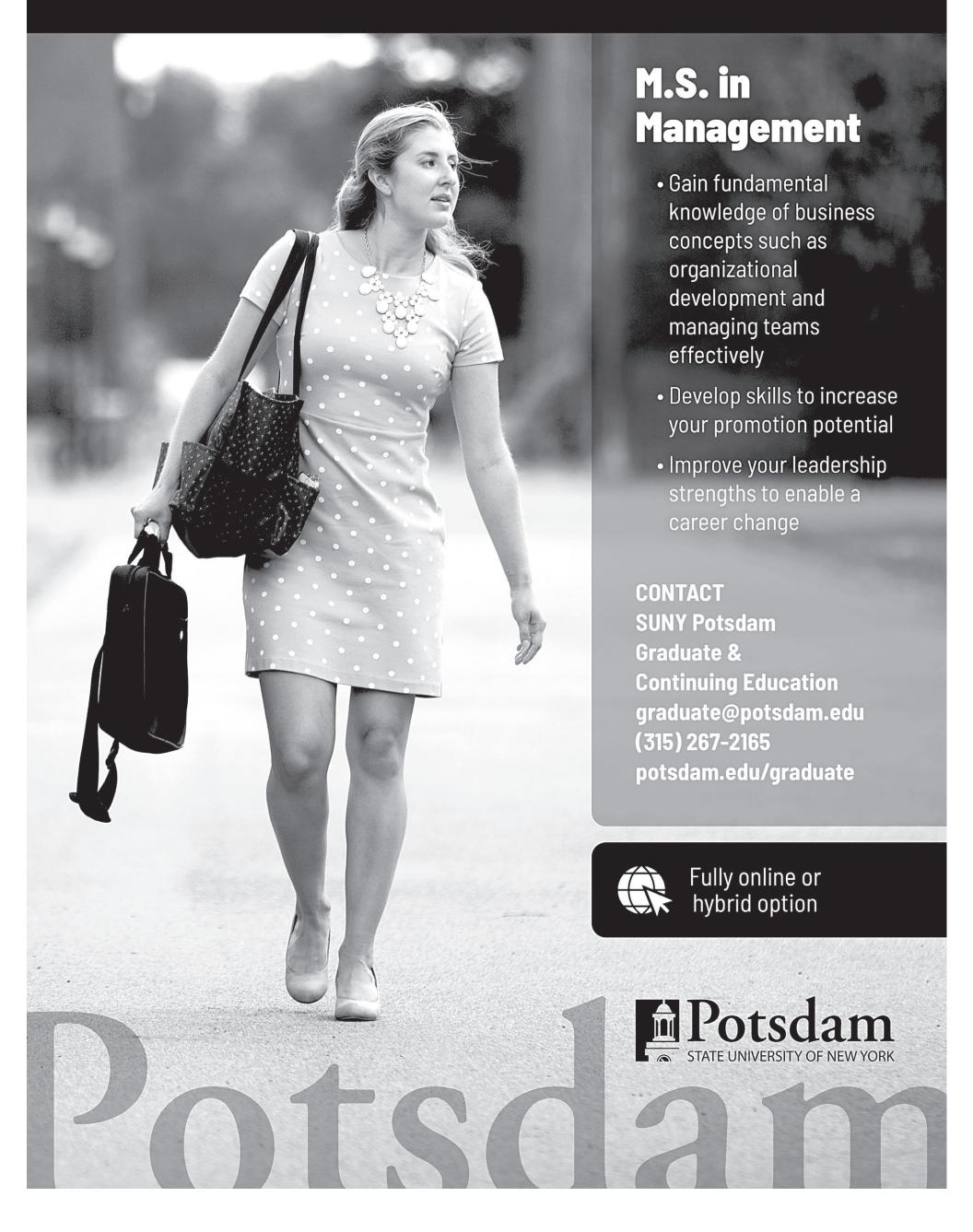
Library hours change NORFOLK - The Hepburn Library of Norfolk will change operating hours for the foreseerenovation project at their meeting Jan. 5. The change to the general construction contract with Eaton Corporation and the New York Power Authority called for \$13,565 to be added for the replacement of the GSU relays and repair of a breaker, and \$8,795 for replacement of a gear box coupling. The total amount approved was \$22,360, which will be covered by the project's \$63,278.27 contingency account. The project is financed by the New York Power Authority.





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SOLAR...

According to the site plan map presented at the meeting, the Roses' property will be screened from the solar farm by a row of Northern Bayberry or arborvitae trees and the project will feature a 100-foot setback around the Rose property. About .017 acres of wetlands in the development lot owned by Brewer are to be filled in for the project, pending approval by the Army Corps of Engineers, and about 2.1 acres of trees are to be removed.

The company will utilize a lease agreement with Brewer, which will allow them access to the site via a right of way across the front of the Rose property. The right of way will also allow them to direct power out of the solar farm on newly installed poles.

One of the main concerns for the Roses was the expected 70 dbs of ambient noise created by inverters located on concrete pads in the middle of the site.

Also, they felt the tree screening would not be adequate. The trees are expected to max out at full growth at 12 feet, but not for a few years. Company representatives said the limited maximum growth of the trees was necessary to prevent the screen from blocking solar exposure of the panels at maturity. The panels themselves will be 12 feet high.

Other discussion at the meeting concerned construction along the right of way at the front of the Rose property.

'This is a lot for me to take in right now. You (project contractors) forwarded these documents to me this morning and my day had already started," said James Rose, neighboring property owner. Rose said he hadn't heard from a company representative since November. "This is the first I'm seeing it right now.'

"Yes, they've made some changes. "There is a lot more changes that I can see that need to be made," Rose said.

Richardson apologized for the lack of communication with the Roses. He pointed out that the company's first obligation in the process is to work with the planning board on the site plan, not neighboring property owners. However, he offered to meet and discuss the concerns raised by the Roses directly.

"That would be appreciated, but again, we've got a little bit of a sour taste because that hasn't happened," said Pam Rose.

According to documents presented at the meeting, the solar facility will carry an escrow account to fund eventual decommission of the facility. Decommissioning is to take place within 12 months following the permanent cessation of operations and "abandonment" of the facility. Under the plan, the

be charged to remove all of the installed components and "use commercially reasonable measures to restore the applicable portion of the facility site to a state as close as reasonably possible to its pre-construction condition," the documents said.

After some discussion, planning board director Mike Morgan directed Richardson to communicate directly with the Roses on the plan before the board would consider site plan approval. "We would be uneasy with moving forward until you have a chance to talk with them," Morgan said.

Morgan said the Chazen project was the first major solar project the board has had to consider, with two more planned soon, one of which will be located on Route 11 across from the hospital building just outside of the village of Canton headed towards Potsdam.

"This is our first one and we want to make sure we do it right," Morgan said.

Morgan said he would direct the town attorney to research the easement agreement with the Roses and provide some further guidance. He asked the developers to reconvene with the planning board on Jan. 19 with greater detail on the noise concerns voiced by the Roses and the solar facilities signage plan.

For more information on U.S. Light Energy, visit https://uslightenergy.com/about/.

CHAIR...

here in the first place. I realize it's a big job. It's especially going to be a big job to fill Joe Lightfoot's shoes. He's done an incredible, great job as chairman," he said. "I'll try to be fair and open minded to both sides of the aisle when I'm doing this job in the next year as your chairman."

Dave Forsythe, R-Lisbon, nominated Sheridan for the post. Lightfoot, R-Ogdensburg; and Denesha

seconded. Margaret Haggard, D-Potsdam, nominated John Burke, R-Norfolk. Burke often breaks ranks with his GOP colleagues and votes

alongside the Democrat minority. Tony Arqui-

ett, D-Winthrop; Suzanne Fiacco, D-Stockholm; and Nicole Terminelli, D-Massena seconded Burke's nomination.

Sheridan won the nomination 9-6, mostly along party lines. He received votes from Republicans Jim Reagen, Forsythe, Lightfoot, Harry Smithers, Denesha, Kevin Acres and Rita Curran, and he voted for himself. Rick Perkins,

voted for Sheridan.

For vice chair, Lightfoot nominated Denesha, with seconds coming from Forsythe, Curran and Acres. Terminelli nominated Arquiett. Denesha was confirmed to the vice chair position with an identical 9-6 vote.

APOLOGY...

appreciative I am of all of the verv hard work that members are doing to confront very difficult issues. And it takes courage to do so, especially in a public format," said Village Trustee Alexandra Wilke. "All we can hope to do is do better by each other each and every day."

"Thank you Maggie (McKenna, village trustee) and Alex for your work on the committee. I know that there have been some challenges but I know you guys will see it forward," said Trustee Abby Lee.

"I want to echo some of what I heard," said Village Administrator Greg Thompson. "It's hard when you sit in an administrative position and you know you have deadlines you have to meet. No one is doing anything to intentionally downplay the concerns of anyone in the community.'

'We work hard to make sure that Potsdam is open, that it's vibrant and that it's welcome to anyone who comes within those boundaries," Thompson said. "We will do our best. We will work through this. We'll get through this together. That's how we got to where we are now."

"There are some challenges. There are some uncomfortable discussions to be had. But I know we will have them and I know we will meet the deadline for the governor. And I know that going past April this village will work hard to continue to earn the trust of every individual that resides in or enters into our boundaries each and every day."

The committee, formed of village officials, the police chief and community members, and like many others in communities across New York, is charged with finding ways to meet the state mandate for police reform by this spring.

POLICE...

but to make them feel safe?" Village Administrator Greg Thompson, who was moderating the discussion, read the question

from the meeting agenda. The discussion turned to what could be done to help how community members get a better grasp on the police perspective. Committee member Maggie McKenna, a village trustee,

had brought up hearing that officers in Potsdam deal with negativity from the public on the job, such as through social media and their official email accounts.

"Black Lives Matter folks are in their kind of bubble and they feel a certain way, and police officers feel a certain way, and they're not really thinking how we're working together," she said.

Dr. Youngblood later chimed in and said the point of the group should be about addressing racism within police ranks.

"We're not going to make it look like the police are victims of African Americans," he said.

Maggie set this up as ... two bubbles. She literally said the Black Lives Matter group and the police. She set them up oppositionally. It's dangerous," he said. "This started off as a dangerous dichotomy, one I've spent so much time going against: that it's not Black against police or police against Black."

Youngblood said he sees North Country law enforcement in a positive light, but being seen on a live internet broadcast disagreeing with their perspective doesn't make him feel safe.

"I've always complimented the police in this area. I've always bragged about my experiences with the police in this area. Now, chief, I'm saying this conversation has me shaky scared," Youngblood said. "I don't think you can imagine how scary it is to be someone on Facebook Live who's taking a disagreement with the police.'

He's no stranger to death threats. In 2015, he received several on the SUNY Potsdam campus, where he is a communication professor.

"I am someone who knows very intimately what it is to receive death threats ... the conversation we're

having and the venue where we're having it could lead to more," he said.

Baxtron said she wants Potsdam police to own up to past mistakes, specifically referencing the unsolved 2011 murder of 12-yearold Garrett Phillips. Chief Mark Murray, who was part of the meeting and was one of the investigators of the murder, didn't say anything about the case. Thompson pointed out it's the subject of an ongoing lawsuit, so the chief's "hands are completely tied."

Later in the meeting, Baxtron said she thinks police leadership, including Murray, should be making public statements condemning racism.

"I don't understand how this came down to me making a blanket statement," Murray replied. "If you go around telling people 'I'm not a racist, I don't endorse racism,' you're kind of racist."

Why is it a problem for you to condemn it?" Baxtron asked.

The chief said he feels the department condemns racism "with every call we respond to as an agency, the way we treat people, the way we act ... I don't need to go around making

statements to a Facebook group." "You don't understand, Mr. Murray," Baxtron replied.

The meeting ended cordially. Thompson said he thinks "we made progress today for the first time."

Youngblood said he doesn't have any negative feelings toward McKenna, who later apologized and said she didn't mean her comment to pit two sides against each other.

"I tend to agree with Maggie on almost every single thing she says," Youngblood said. "I'm more concerned with what others might hear in this conversation."



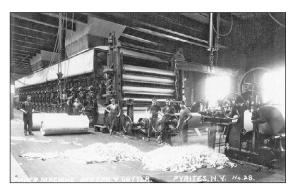
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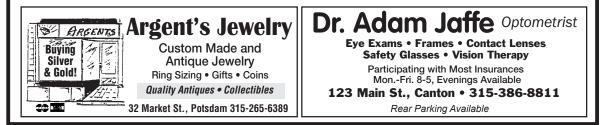




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BY BILL SHUMWAY North Country This Week

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The year 2020 brought extraordinary changes to *North Country This Week / NorthCountryNow. com*, as we reacted to survive the effects of the pandemic.

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And we retained our hard-working staff of 21, with only one voluntary layoff, by eliminating overtime hours and cutting other expenses.

The pandemic, combined with increased online shopping and social media use, forced us to implement long-planned changes much faster than expected. Serious declines in advertising from local health care institutions, retailers, auto dealers and others continue to threaten our ability to provide important local news.

We kept St. Lawrence County informed, publishing more than 450 COVID-19 stories during the first ten weeks of the pandemic alone.

Unlike North Country Public Radio, which gets more than \$400,000 a year in government funding, or local TV stations that receive millions of dollars in retransmission fees paid by cable and satellite customers, *NCTW/ NCNow* has no secondary source of revenue.

Here is how we responded:

• Instituted a paywall on *NCNow*. Viewers can still read 15 stories a month for free, while frequent visitors are now asked to help pay news-gathering costs for about the price of a cup of coffee a week. December viewership was 8% higher than a year ago, with 3.4 million page views.

• Obtained more sponsorships from community-minded organizations to support news on specialized pages in *NCTW*. Sponsors of more local school news include SUNY Canton, Mort Backus, BOCES and Coryer Staffing; photo pages -- SeaComm and Frazer Software; sports -- North Country Savings Bank; and local food -- Nature's Storehouse, Gardenshare, Serenity Acres and C & M Beef.

• Encouraged "shopping local" in *NCTW*. Special pages with deeply discounted ads promoted maple producers, farm stands, farmer's markets, crafters, wineries and craft beer brewers.

• Helped organizations inform residents about their services, raise money, and advocate for causes on "Spotlight" pages in NCTW. Participants included Hospice. Orchestra of Northern NY, St. Lawrence County and Potsdam chambers of commerce, Norwood and Massena libraries, Ogdensburg Firefighters Union, Potsdam Animal Shelter, Claxton-Hepburn and Canton-Potsdam hospital foundations, St. Lawrence County Historical Association, Potsdam Kiwanis Club, St. Lawrence Health Initiative, Nicandri Nature Center, and Art Based Community Cultural Literacy Cooperative.

• Started the North Country This Week St. Lawrence County Edition, allowing us to accept state-mandated legal notice advertising from local governments. The paid edition is packed with even more news than our free Potsdam-Canton and Massena-Ogdensburg editions that will continue to be published. Now, readers can subscribe to the paid edition so they won't miss a copy.

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gressional candidates. Local news media spend large sums reporting on and running letters to the editor about campaigns and elections. But Congressional campaigns nationwide usually don't include local newspapers when placing ads. We are glad our local candidates recognized the importance of NCTW /NCNow. However, having raised many millions of dollars, their expenditures with us were just a tiny "drop in the bucket" compared to what they spent on TV and social media owned by out-of-area corporations.

• Along with other newspaper publishers, persuaded Rep. Elise Stefanik to co-sponsor the Local Journalism Sustainability Act. HR 7640 would provide tax credits to advertisers, subscribers and publishers, helping assure local news media can continue to serve their communities. The bill never made it out of the Ways and Means Committee, but is expected to be reintroduced this year.

• Raised approximately \$20,000 from readers during the first three months of the pandemic, using a model used by public broadcasting.

• Changed distribution of the Potsdam-Canton edition of *NCTW* from Tuesday to Thursday. Now, Monday and Tuesday night county, town and village board meeting coverage is published within days, not the following week.

We are pleased tens of thousands of readers, businesses and organizations rely on and appreciate our website and newspaper. With continued support from all segments of the community, we hope to continue to serve St. Lawrence County for many years to come.

Bill Shumway is editor and publisher of North Country This Week and NorthCountryNow.com.

LETTERS

2020 West Potsdam first responders memory tree

The following names are from the West Potsdam first responders memory tree:

• Robert Pierce remembering Dewey Pierce, Ben Pierce, Marjorie Pierce, and Lee Pierce

• Chris and Scott Grant remembering Gary Grant

• Bill & Betty Grant remembering Marguerite Grant, Liz & Raymond Cutler, Barb Emerson, Rick & Mary Ann Miller, Harold Wilson, Dick & Helen Grant, Ardis Barnes, Leroy & • Sharon Miller remembering Richard & Mary Anne Miller

• Jane Plastino remembering Pearl Gilson, Paul Haggerty, Cecil Matthie, and Richard Morrow

• Charles & Sarah Bates remembering Bill & Lucy Bates, Nick & Mary Nichols, Paul & Cindy Fobare, Charles Nichols, Ronnie Richardson, Ross Logan, Tommy Logan, Bonnie Munson

• Amanda Potter remembering Julia Davis

• Ardith Richardson remembering Dewey Pierce

Lori & Mark Richardson

• Stephen Davis & Alison Noble remembering Julia Davis, Max Wilcox, Gary Grant, "Popeye" Noble, Remington Kimble, Robert Sloan, and Catherine Sue "Susie" Frank Stephen David

West Stockholm Vol. Fire Dept.

Proposed virtual presidential parade route

Here is a proposed route for the virtual inaugural parade for President Joseph R. Biden Jr.

After being sworn in by Chief Justice Roberts and after the appropriate ceremonies, and after a military review at the Capitol, the Presidential party will be escorted by vehicles and military security directly to St. John's Episcopal Church. They will disembark and the President will hold up a copy of the Constitution for all to see. A photo of this moment will be immortalized by photograph. From there the military escort and the presidential party led by the president will walk across Lafayette Park to the White House. Joseph M. Liotta Norwood

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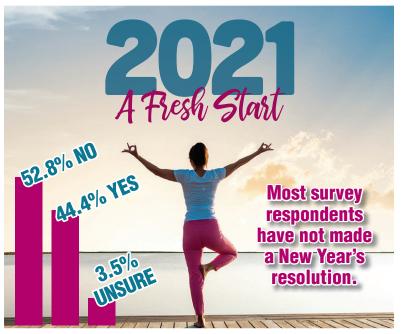
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NCNOW SURVEY

The Question: Have you made a New Year's resolution for 2021?



ARE YOU MAKING a New Year's resolution for 2021?

HERE ARE COMMENTS from some survey participants:

'The rare times I have, I haven't stuck to it so it seems useless.'

'To continue living in this crazy upside down world as safely as possible and wishing the best for everyone else.'

'Yes, to make it to next year.'

'Getting out of NYS and as far away from Cuomo as possible.'

'My New Year's resolution is not make any resolutions.'

Cathy Whalen | NCTW 'Same as usual, need to lose weight.

One of these years I will actually do it!'

'Yes, to bid Donald Trump farewell.'

'People who make New years resolutions are just making excuses not to start sooner. There is no better day to start the today.'

'For the first time ever I will make a resolution. The past 4 years have trampled my pragmatic 1960's based view of the world. Since then i have watched all that we stood for, peace, love, human values, ecology get trampled in our current world. In 2021 I will become active in positive causes.'

'Help everyone I can.'

'Avoid interacting with Democrats at all times.'."

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: If you received or will receive a stimulus check, how do you plan to use the money?

The NCNow Survey is an unscientific poll of visitors to North-CountryNow.com who choose to participate. Please keep comments to 150 words or fewer; all are subject to editing.

LETTERS

Not a good look for local law enforcement

Regarding the ongoing law enforcement enhancements, the Potsdam Village Police and the sheriff's department would do well to remember their dismal performance in the early stages of the Nick Hillary murder investigation.

This is most important as Mr. Hillary and company are overdue to ride in and clobber the Village of Potsdam and others as soon as conditions permit.

It was a pretty damning performance at the time and fits right in with the adventures of last summer. Just saying, we're not likely to look good here.

> Carter Houk Canton

Canton holiday decorating contest winners announced

With the home-bound gloom of 2020, Canton was enlightened and lighted up by many homeowners this year in both the village and the rural town of Canton, so we came up with a new a "Holiday Home Decorating Contest" and now are announcing the winners chosen by five judges, the prize donors, and the grandchildren honorees for each prize.

With Covid-19 mask and space guidelines observed, the three winners were awarded their prize money checks, Monday, Jan. 4, in the Heritage Island small pavilion on Canton's West Main Street Grasse River bridge. A limited number of guests are invited. People were able to watch from their cars in the surrounding parking lot. of the event, with Chamber Executive Director Tammy Mackin teaming with me on coordination and logistics. "This was a good start for our first year, with many homes lighting up, so we look forward to building on the event in 2021, with ideas welcome from the community." said Ms. Mackin.

Liz and Bill Thomas, 50 Finnegan Road, won the \$250 prize in "the Best Decorated House" category. Donors are Kathy and Michael Crowe, 51 State Street, naming their five grandchildren as honorees: MacKenzie Shehan (South Hills, NC), Catherine and Maya Sanchez Crowe (Ottawa, Canada), Talai and Aiden Crowe (Natick, MA); and two great grandchildren, Layne and Hadley Shehan (South Hills, NC).

Colleen and Curt Ross, 8 Howe Boulevard, won the \$200 prize in "the Best Decorated Outside Trees" category. Donor Jane W. Lammers, 9 University Avenue, named her two grandsons, Silas and Colden Hill Wheeler (Sunnyvale, CA) as her honorees.

Diane Letourneau and Bob Ahlfeld, 45 State Street, won the \$100 prize in "the Best Children's Yard Art" category. Donors Joseph and Shirley Lamendola, 27 Fairlane Drive, named as their honorees, grand sons Spencer Bruce, student, Columbia University, New York City and Parker Bruce, student McGill University, Montreal, Canada. We thank our five contest judges for their effort and enthusiasm. The judges were: Kelley Glasgow, Canton elementary school counselor; Greg Kiah, Canton high school art teacher and varsity girls' soccer coach; Paula Jones, Canton 5th grade teacher; Ashley Maready, new Executive Director, St. Lawrence County Historical Association and former Curator of Collections and Exhibitions, Erie Canal Museum, Syracuse; and Paul Mitchell, former St. Lawrence Plaindealer Editor for 30 years and present fundraiser for the St. Lawrence County Historical Association.

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NY21 deserves better than Stefanik

I write this letter in complete confusion about the support of the congressional representative from NY21 and her opposition to the support of the Electoral College Certification.

President-elect Biden received more than seven million votes than did Mr. Trump.

The National Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security, the State Department, and every single state board of elections has confirmed the accuracy and security of the vote from November 3,2020.

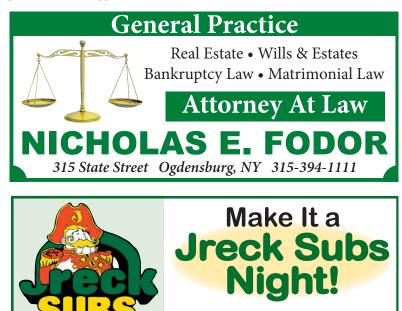
Ten Republican and Democrat former Secretaries of Defense have all endorsed the validity of the November election.

Noted Republicans from around America have supported the validity of the results of the election. president and his supporters are damaging to the constitutional processes set forth for our country. We deserve much better in NY21. Ms. Stefanik, for reasons I do not understand, has never represented the interests of the common people of our district.

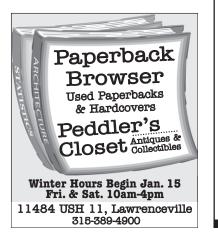
Loyalty, honesty, integrity, character, following the guidelines of the constitution and our founding leaders seem to be foreign concepts to her.

She does understand ambition and "feathering her own nest". I don't know a single soul who supports what she supports. We deserve better in NY21 and America deserves better. Lawrence Casey

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Julie Pahler and Rebecca Rose, fifth grade teachers at Parishville-Hopkinton display their winnings

Teacher duo wins big for PHS students

In October, Kellogg's was offering an unbelievable giveaway for teachers as part of their #gotyourback campaign to give away 1 million Nutrigrain bars to teachers.

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If one of 579 teachers in a day to apply for the giveaway, Kellogg's agreed to show that they "have your back" by sending you 432

Nutrigrain bars for the school's students. Rebecca Rose and Julia Pahler both set their alarms for midnight to apply by submitting a description of how classes could benefit from the giveaway...and they were winners! Recently the Nutrigrain bars have arrived

and PHCS students will benefit from it!

Free meals, other services available for students

The Parishville-Hopkinton School District has a new support program, run by our Community Schools Coordinator/School Mental Health Counselor, for students and their families in need

The Panther Paws Project (3P) is a resource available for all students and their families, where the school works collaboratively to meet the needs in a supportive way that enriches the student's academic, physical, social, and emotional wellbeing.

This is a resource available under the Community Schools Initiative. Services include: access to personal hygiene products and school supplies, access to the Comfy Closet stocked with gently used clothing, assistance obtaining other necessary household items as needed by families, assistance with accessing, coordinating, and establishing community services, help with enrolling in the Backpack Program.

The school has also announced that the free meals for all students will run through the end of the school year, including breakfast and lunch.

The USDA has again extended the Food Service Program for students. Free meals for all students will run through the end of the school year, including breakfast and lunch.

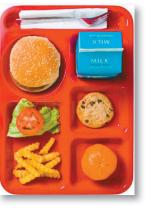
All kids will be able to eat for free, with or without a free and reduced meal application

on file. Funding is expected to last through the end of June, but it could run out before then.

The USDA will let the district know and it will be announced when meals will revert

back to the free, reduced and paid price structure.

The districts still recommends that family fill out applications if eligible for free and reduced meals, should the funding change, applications will be



complete. If a child does not have a current application, they will be charged full price for the meals. Applications can be found on the school website.

The extension of free meals by USDA will not cause a change in the menus. The school might, at times, experience supply shortages and may need to make adjustments.

For more information contact Melany Cline, food service director, at 315-265-4642 ext: 9 or by email at: mcline@phcsd.org.





YouTube Screen shot

A screen shot of the Parishville Hopkinton Central School Senior Chorus performing on YouTube "Wonderful Christmas Time." The concert can still be viewed on the YouTube.com. The music department also arranged for an outdoor caroling concert as cars were able to line the road, and students socially distanced performed for those in attendance.



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Winter Wonderland arrives in the North Country







Above, several families were sledding at a hill on Clarkson University campus following a recent snowfall.

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In the photo at left, from left, Canton skaters Ashlyn Beeles and Callie Tebo and Gouverneur skater Saige Stowell enjoy public skating at Massena Arena Monday, Dec. 28.

Owen Bonno, 1; Grayson Bonno, 2; Levi Bonno, 3; and Parker Bonno, 5, all take their first sled of the year.









NCNow photo

Molly Finnegan I Submitted

Charlotte Haught, 4, Madrid, and her cousin puppy, Josie, enjoyed making a snowman with Charlotte's aunt. Molly Finnegan.

Chelsea McBain | Submitted Emery, 3 and Grayson, 4, enjoy the snow at their GaGa's house in Canton.

Milo LaFountain, 5, hits the cross-country ski trails at Higley Flow State Park, South Colton, Saturday with freshly fallen snow. He is from New Jersey, visiting Potsdam for the holidays.



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Sled season in full swing

Lillian Bisnette, Potsdam, and her grandmother Eve Bisnett, sled together down a hill at Clarkson University recently.

Higley Flow group publishing calendar

McWilliams honored

by Winterfest. 17

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COLTON - Fundraising efforts by all non-profit organizations have been challenged by Covid. Like most other organizations the Friends of Higley Flow State Park Friends' group has had many of its fundraising activities affected.

That being the case, one of the group's resourceful Board members, Lorraine Gowing put her creative abilities to use to create a 2021 calendar using photos taken in the park and on its surrounding waters.

Calendars featuring photos from the 2019/2020 Friends of Higley Flow State Park Photo Contest as well as other photos will be for sale beginning in early January with orders already being taken. They are \$20 each with proceeds going to the Friends to continue their support of the Park.

Contact Lorraine Gowing at garygowing@aol.com or 315-212-8293 to place an order. Include name, address and telephone number. Local orders will use contactless hand delivery or may be picked up at the Park Office from 7:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Out of area calendar purchases will be shipped for an additional cost. Provide a check made payable to Friends of Higley Flow State Park or cash at time of delivery.

Cross country ski lessons

 $\operatorname{COLTON}-\operatorname{Now}$ that winter has arrived, the Friends of Higley Flow will offer cross-country ski lessons for all wanting to learn to ski or to enjoy the sport more by improving your technique.

Lessons will be totally outdoors with use of the Higley Lodge as a restroom and not as its usual aprèsski gathering place.

Starting Jan. 31, a series of four consecutive Sunday lessons are planned from 1:30 to 3 p.m. The first lesson and registration is free, three additional lessons will be offered for \$30.

Rental skis are available at the Higley Flow State Park headquarters before the lesson for beginners or those without skis for only \$7 per adult.

This year in addition to our regular volunteer instructors, Jenny Townsend, Danielle Jerry and Bob Platte, the group is recruiting additional skiers to help coach.

Those interested in registering for lessons, helping coach, or more information, contact nordicmasters@higleyfriends.org. Or just keep an eye on the Friends of Higley Flow website higleyfriends.org or Facebook page.

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Winter Reading Challenge

NORWOOD - Norwood Public Library's Winter Reading Challenge begins Friday, Jan. 1. Participating children can earn a free book. Teens can participate for a chance to win a \$25 Amazon gift card. Adults can earn a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate to the Hometown Market in Norwood. Prizes are sponsored by the Friends of the Norwood Public Library. More info is on the public library website: www.norwoodnyli-

Drive through dinner

DEKALB JUNCTION -- The United Methodist Church hosts a drive-thru chicken and biscuit dinner Tuesday, Jan. 12, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Meals are available for a free will offering. To pre-order call 315-

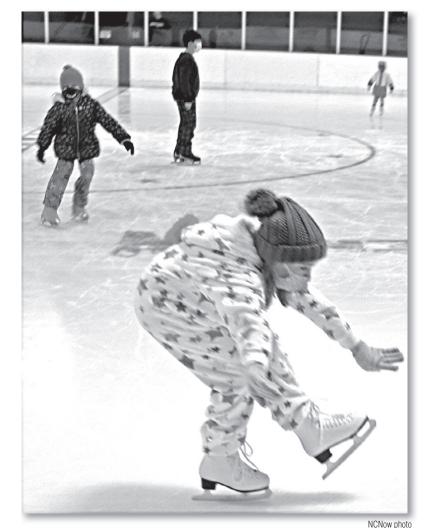


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The Colton Winterfest Committee is recognizing a long time resident for her dedication to the Winterfest project despite the event being canceled for 2021. Ruth McWilliams was honored with a plaque on the Colton Town Hall board room wall for her leadership in bringing the annual Winterfest to fruition regardless of the hurdles North Country weather put in the way over the last 15 years. Ruth and her husband Joe are the former owners of Catamount Lodge on Route 56 in the area south of South Colton hamlet. They recently sold the property in order to spend more time near family in Virginia.



PJ Day at Zappia Arena

Reagan Hayes, of the Norfolk-Norwood Figure Skating Club, practices her skating moves at Zappia Arena, Norfolk, recently during 'PJ Day.'

Jaremczuk now certified

POTSDAM -- St. Lawrence Health Systems announces Clinical Research Coordinator Daniel Jaremczuk, recently passed the exam to become a Certified Clinical Research professional.

He is a member of the St. Lawrence Health System Clinical and Rural Health Research Department's team.

The Clinical Research Department offers a number of different

clinical trials, and looks to area residents to become involved in them through program advocacy, volunteer support, or participation as a patient.

Most recently, the department was selected to take part in the Operation Warp Speed COVID-19 clinical trials involving outpatients who are currently infected with the virus.

Memorial names listed

CANTON -- Canton's Holiday of Lights Committee announces the following memorial names and donors for the 2020 Crowell Memorial Tree special red ribbon tags.

In Memory of: Kirk Stone, given by Jeanne Stone, Richard Stone,

Warner, Anthony DeMaio, James Chisholm and Neil Coir by Mary Krenceski; Polly Dumoulin and Al Dumoulin by Marcy Barney; Ortha Sibbitts and Otis VanHorne by Ron Frank & Joyce Lilholt; Emerson



Dale Best, Jr. and Lindsay Newvine

Best, Jr. - Newvine engaged

HARRISVILLE -- Lindsay Newvine and Dale Best, Jr. recently announced their engagement.

Lindsay is the daughter of George and Joni Macaulay of Gouverneur. She is a 1999 graduate of Gouverneur Central School and 2003 graduate of SUNY Potsdam.

She is employed as a mental health services coordinator for St. Lawrence County Community Services.

Dale is the son of Dale Best, Sr. of Harrisville.

He is a 1994 graduate of Harrisville Central School and is employed as correctional officer for NYS Department of Correction and Community Supervision.

The wedding is being planned for August 7, 2021.

Sheets - Martin engagement

MADRID -- Jessica Lynn Sheets, Madrid and Michael Robert Martin, Waddington, recently announced their engagement. A spring 2022 wedding is planned.

Sheets is the daughter of David and Susan Sheets, Madrid and a 2016 graduate of Madrid-Waddington Central School. She also completed the Northwest Technical Center's criminal justice program in 2016. She received her credentialing through Families Together in Albany.

She is a family peer advocate, as well Jessica Sheets, Michael Martin as a YALE Coordinator for NRCIL.

Martin is the son of Michael and Missy Martin, Waddington and Marc and Jaqueline Montreal, Ogdensburg. He is a 2007 graduate of Madrid-Waddington Central employed in the transportation industry.

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Photo contest winners listed

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The Laurentian Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club recently announced the results of its 2020 photo contest.

The grand prize was awarded for the photo "A Perfect Mirror" by Jeff Miller of Potsdam and was taken August 1, 2020, looking over the Raquette River from the day use area on the Red Sandstone Trail on Sugar Island.

Other category winners: Artistic: "The Fall Forest and the One Fall Tree" by Jeanna Matthews of Massena; Landscape: "October Morn, Boreas Ponds" by Holly Chorba of Winthrop; People: "Autumn Serenade (Paul Cutter on Sax)" by Duncan Cutter, Nicholville; Action: "Snake 1, Frog 0" by Bob Platte, Potsdam; Nature: "Over the Edge, Roaring Brook Falls" also by Matthews.

Honorable mentions: Jean Matthews for "Barn Window and Ladder at Birdsfoot Farm"; Jeff Miller for "Chicken of the Woods" and "Beaver Dam in Autumn", and Blair Madore of Potsdam for "Teamwork=Accomplishment" and "Transporting Bridge Materials".

The contest was organized by Tom Ortmeyer of Potsdam and judged by Geri Ames, Massena; Cyndi Grover, Colton; and Jean Giblin of Ottawa,ON.

The contest photos can be found at the Laurentian Chapter website at https://adklaurentian.org.

DeSantis graduates

The family of Hunter DeSantis, formerly of Canton, is extremely proud to announce her graduation, with honors, from SUNY Empire in Saratoga. Hunter earned her degree in Community and Human Services in December. She is a 2017 graduate of Canton Central School, and is the daughter of Tim and Judy Filipchuk of Ottawa.

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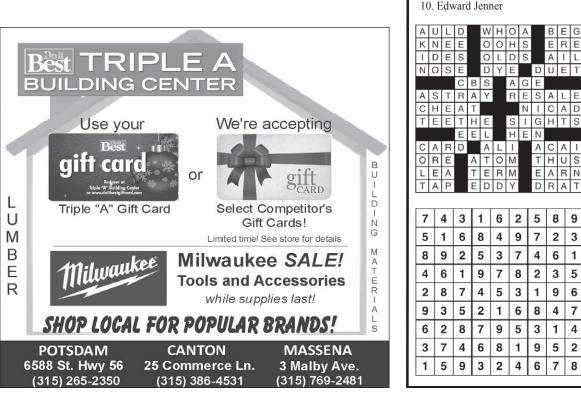
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Mark Stone, Lisa Ames and Michael Ames; Joseph & Ruth Ramoda, by Thomas H. Romoda; Ceylon "Lefty" Allen, Frances C. Allen and Paula Comuntzis by Joyce Allen; Duane Dittman, Marie Creighton, Nancy McDonald, John Witherhead, Paul

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SUNY Canton prof pens Halloween study

CANTON – A SUNY Canton professor's research has taken a dark path while creating a lesson about creativity and cultural awareness around a spooky holiday.

Eunjyu Yu, who teaches English at the college recently published the chapter "Writing Culturally: Flash of Halloween!" in the book "New Ways in Teaching with Creative Writing" published by TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) Press.

Yu, who is an immigrant and a non-native English speaker, draws upon her own experiences with American culture to provide a basis for others to learn.

"Being a non-American, Halloween was the most shocking holiday for me," she said. "We don't really have a comparable holiday in South Korea.'

She explained while there is a traditional Korean holiday to revere ancestors, scary costumes, trick-ortreating and other traditions seemed astonishing, even a bit startling. Now, having lived in the United States for about 20 years, she's overcome her culture shock.

Her chapter includes a lesson plan designed to help students develop specific language and create a flash fiction story situated within a Halloween setting. Flash fiction is a brief written work that utilizes traditional elements including character development and plot. Yu wrote her own piece to include within the lesson plan as an example, which incorporated richly illustrative imagery and costumed children on their quest for candy.

"It is essential to understand the host culture while acquiring a new language," Yu said. "The knowledge of cultural context often expedites the language learning process."

The book serves as a lesson plan for educators who are teaching advanced English as a second language courses. Yu's goal is to inspire teachers to enhance both English language learners' and native speakers' cultural sensitivity as well as advance their creative writing skills.

As one of SUNY Canton's most prolific researchers, her latest publication ties in with her previous published studies emphasizing a culturally inclusive approach to maximize student outcomes.

Yu doesn't currently own a Halloween costume, but has considered dressing up as a pink butterfly to represent transformation.

"Even though Halloween was so strange to me the first time I saw it, I've come to enjoy and appreciate the differences in culture," she said.

Clarkson team honored for welding paper

POTSDAM -- Clarkson University team receives award for their paper from the American Welding Society.

Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering Professors Daryush Aidun and Marcias Martinez, along with Marharyta Pliazhuk '20 and graduate student Carlos Reyes have been awarded the Charles H. Jennings Award from the American Welding Society for their paper "In-situ Monitoring of Transient Strain Formation in Vertical Welds".

This study looks at measurements of strain during manual weldments. The results of the study were validated through collaboration with professor John Goldak and Hossein Nimrouzi from Goldak Technologies, in Ottawa.

This study highlights the formation of complex residual stress fields during welding processes. These residual stresses are localized and can have detrimental effects on structural integrity and remaining useful component life of welded structures.

The study also highlights the importance of the Clarkson team's collaboration efforts with international partners, as well as their local resources such as those provided by Clarkson's machine Shop, and certified welder Mark Hebel.

The Charles H. Jennings award is sponsored by the American Welding Society in honor of Charles H. Jennings, who served as American Welding Society's President from 1951-52. This award is presented for the most valuable paper written by a college student or faculty representative published in the Welding Journal during the previous calendar year

Mussen promoted to administrative assistant

CANTON -- Melissa A. Mussen, Rensselaer Falls, has become an example of the career mobility available for promising employees at SUNY Canton, most recently moving to the role of administrative assistant in the One Hop Shop Student Service Center.

She began working for the College Association in 2012 as a maintenance staff and delivery person. She's also been a food service employee at Roos Court in

MacArthur Hall, and a cleaner for the Physical Plant. She became a provisional office assistant in the One Hop Shop Student Service Center in 2016, earning permanent status and promotion within the following year.

Mussen is enrolled in the Business Administration program and expects to graduate in fall 2021.She is a 1998 graduate of Canton's Hugh C. Williams High School.

Seon receives excellence award

POTSDAM -- Dr. Seon, an assistant professor of technology in the SUNY Potsdam Department of Business Administration, has been awarded the Thomas L. and Jane D. **Russell Distance Education Faculty**

Excellence Award for his teaching method using inquiry-based learning.

He challenges students in his business process analysis class to identify problems and inefficiencies in real-world business processes, then create workarounds and solutions that push the envelope through their use of information systems and technology solutions.

"The goal of education should be to create a generation of problem-solvers," Levius said. "This can only be done if the schools are teaching our students how to use their imaginations."

SUNY Potsdam faculty have made it one of the College's pillars to find innovative ways to stimulate learning through direct experience. This is particularly challenging and also important during a pandemic that is catalyzing rapid change and testing the human ability to adapt and thrive. Levius' plan, where students brainstorm in collaborative online communities, prompts independent and nimble thinking and the development of passion and initiative.

Roadmaps to an organization's or business's success must now consider the effects of COVID-19, which could be an overdue accelerant for unlocking the potential of digital transformation, Levius said.

"A key ingredient is the re-engineering of business processes," he said. "Ultimately, to improve any firm, business or organization, you have to improve your business processes to make it more efficient and effective.

Levius teaches in the Master of Science in management program -the first fully online degree program

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Thomas L. and Jane D. Russell endowed the award to encourage high impact practices in SUNY Potsdam's distance education program. The award recognizes SUNY Potsdam faculty who conduct their courses in an exemplary manner, providing a financial incentive to improve their distance education courses and reward those who make courses available as widely as possible.

On Vermont dean's list

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University of Vermont names local students to the Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester. To be named to the dean's list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.

Students include: Benjamin Temkin of Canton; and Cole Varney of Potsdam.

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Farm board delays lowering overtime limit

MADRID - The Farm Labor Wage Board made the decision to delay consideration of lowering the 60-hour farm labor overtime threshold during this unprecedented year.

New York Farm Madrid daily farmer and New York State Farm Bureau President David Fisher supported Chair Brenda McDuffie's position of delaying a decision and avoiding any unintended consequences that could negatively impact New York's farmworkers, family farms and access to local food.

"I had encouraged giving the process more time to fully evaluate what a lower threshold would mean for all involved, especially with such limited data from this challenging year," Fisher said.

"I'd like to thank my fellow wage board members for their time and professionalism and encourage the Department of Labor to continue to work with the farming community to do what is best for our farms and employees. We need each other for agricultural production and our rural economies to flourish," said Fisher.

"New York Farm Bureau also thanks its members who testified and submitted written comments. "The care they have for the men

and women who are essential workers on their farms is evident.

"We all value their work and want the very best for farm employees, that includes the ability to earn a good livelihood in the profession they have chosen.

New York Farm Bureau is the state's largest agricultural lobbying/trade organization.

Local diners ask 'Where's the beef?' after Wendy's closure

MASSENA – Wendy's is now closed. Wendy's was one of the original businesses when the mall opened in 1990.

The announcement of the closure was made on the St. Lawrence Centre Facebook page Dec. 28

Mickey's Place, which serves baked goods, soups, sandwiches, and fair food, remains open at the mall, Anita Burrito serves Mexican food inside the mall during the winter and outside in a food truck during the summer.

The All American Pub, currently closed due to the pandemic, is a full-service restaurant and sports bar.

None of the eateries are listed on the St. Lawrence Centre website; Wendy's is still listed as the only restaurant

The mall has lost many businesses and restaurants in recent years as retail outlets across the nation have felt the crunch from online sales.

To combat the issue the mall now offers a variety of entertainment and shopping options.

"Before COVID we were on track to filling the mall back up. We were at 80% occupied up from the 28% when I first started. We were making a wonderful community space and having events that were bringing up to 10,000 people in the doors in a day," said mall Manager Erica Leonard.

"Now, we can't have events, we can't open some of our entertainment, and most of the businesses have closed down because they couldn't make it. Not because our rent prices are high (which is popular belief) but because no one was buying anything.

"We work with anyone that wants to be there and we can help with a marketing plan and a business plan to get off the ground and in some cases offer free first months rent to help them get open."

Mall hours for January at 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

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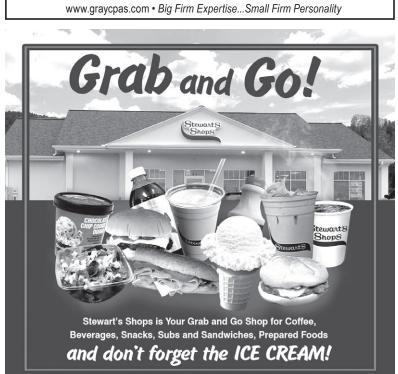
POTSDAM - The Potsdam Holiday Fund recently received a \$5,000 boost from a local business.

LaValle Transportation gave the cash to the charity.

PHF 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.

"LaValley has been one of the program's most generous donors for more than a decade," the fund said.





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4. TELEVISION: What was the name of the mansion in the TV series "Dark Shadows"?

5. ANATOMY: What are the tissues that hold bones together?

6. SCIENCE: What is the study of plants called?

7. MOVIES: What are the main food groups, according to Buddy in the movie "Elf"?

8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the scientific adjective used to describe fish?

9. CURRENCY: What is the basic currency of Haiti?

10. INVENTIONS: Who is credited with the invention of vaccines?

Answers found elsewhere in this paper.

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