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Potsdam Public Library | Courtesy

Carpet is laid in the children's area of the Potsdam Library recently.

Library opening delayed as renovations continue

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — Renovation work at the Potsdam Public Library continues and the \$1.2 million project is not expected to reach a point where the library will reopen to the public until sometime later this spring.

A specific reopening date has yet to be nailed down,

however.

Potsdam Library Director Annie Davey told North Country This Week that Phases 1 and 2 of the project are slated to be finished sometime this spring. Phase 3 of the extensive interior renovation at the library will take place sometime thereafter.

"Pandemic aside, architect Rebecca Naomi Weld, founder of Renew Architecture &

Design, said she was looking at May as a phase one and two completion date. The work of staff and volunteers will add a couple of weeks after Phase II is completed, to get everything back in order," Davey said.

"Phase III of the renovations will not interfere with the reopening and daily operations of the library."

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Schools, pharmacies, hospitals scramble to deliver vaccine

BY ANDY GARDNER and JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

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

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

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

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

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

Phase 1A has been ongoing since December, primarily for only frontline health workers, nursing home workers and nursing home residents.

Meanwhile, for those unable to snag an appointment for a vaccination, the state is offering an online tool where

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County hits 4,400 vaccinations

BY ANDY GARDNER
North Country This Week

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Students struggle as pandemic hinders extra curricular programs

BY MATT LINDSEY
North Country This Week

CANTON — Canton Central School students rallied recently in an attempt to get the district to offer some sort of student activity program.

Two students, Brooke Larrabee and Tanner Cloce, spoke on behalf of those students Thursday night via Zoom at the Canton Central Board of Education meeting.

Sports, music, and other extracurricular activities have suffered during the pandemic as gathering restrictions have prevented groups from assembling. Still, students are hopeful for some sort of social program to lift spirits and

provide an outlet.

Speaking about the rally, CCS Superintendent Ron Burke said, "the students made me proud, not just as a superintendent, but certainly as a proud Golden Bear alum. They were extraordinarily respectful, they were organized, they were to the point."

Larrabee described her busy, yet fun-filled life of school-related activities she had over a year ago, before the pandemic.

"I miss it more than anything," she said. "Now when the bell rings at 2:30, I go home. And sit on my couch, do some homework, go to

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Town board appoints Smith to vacant seat

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

CANTON — The town council has appointed longtime local public radio journalist Martha Foley Smith as a council member for 2021 to fill the vacancy left by former councilwoman Karin Blackburn.

However, prior to naming Foley Smith to the council seat, the board was again criticized for their handling of Blackburn's appointment to the town clerk's position last week.

Blackburn resigned from her elected council post Dec. 18 and was appointed as interim town clerk on Dec. 31 to fill out the remaining term of then retiring clerk Lisa Hammond.

Foley Smith was one of four people who expressed interest in serving as an interim council member, said Town Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley at the board reorganizational meeting Wednesday, Jan. 6 when Foley Smith was named to the council seat.

The council seat will be on the ballot for the November 2021 election for the remaining two years left on the regular term, 2022-2023, said Town Councilman Jim Smith at the Jan. 6 meeting.

Last week, the appointment of Blackburn to the clerk's post raised the ire of some members of the public due to the timing of her resignation from the council, her connection to the council members making an appointment, and for the board members choosing her over deputy clerk Heidi Smith. Smith was recom-

mended to the post by retiring clerk Lisa Hammond.

John Taillon, former town recreation director, was critical during public comment at the Jan. 8 meeting of the board's handling of the whole thing.

"I've known some of you board members for a long time and I'm very disappointed in the lack of transparency and the obvious ramrodding of your own agendas and not listening to the people who voted you into office," Taillon said. "For example, during last week's vote to appoint the town clerk, you were in such a hurry and thought you already knew how it was going to go, you didn't take the time to clarify Councilman Smith's vote. Everyone at that meeting would have liked it to have been clear what his vote was."

Taillon was critical of the board's handling of the Jan. 6 appointment as well. "Once again, no transparency," he said, stating that the board did not provide an opportunity for more people to submit a letter of interest in the council position. He added that when he inquired about the position last week, the council members he spoke with said they could not provide any information about the qualifications or consideration process.

"It was pretty obvious you already had somebody lined up on the resignation the previous person was submitting. The people of Canton deserve better," Taillon said.

Foley Smith is a long-time local journalist who covered North Coun-

try government and feature news for decades. She is perhaps best known for her time as news journalist at North Country Public Radio where she worked from 1980 till her retirement in July 2019. Prior to that she was employed by the Plain-dealer as a reporter and editor. She first came to the area for college in the 1970s and settled on Boyden Road after college. She and her husband, boat builder Everett Smith, have three children, Emmett, Evan and Ethan.

Town Councilman Bob Washo said he appreciated the other three candidates who expressed interest in the position and that they were considered for the seat by the board. "And I want to especially thank Martha for stepping forward and making herself available. I look forward to working with her," Washo said.

"I'll echo that. To have someone of Martha's experience and knowledge of regional issues is a huge win for us. And I think she will be a great resource for us on the board and for everybody in Canton," said Town Councilman Tim Danehy.

"One of my first assignments for the Plain-dealer was to cover the town board. It was all Republicans and it was really easy, easy Louisee, in those days," said Foley Smith. "I'm happy to be able to participate . . . in our government system. And, I'm honored that you guys are appointing me."

"I hope to be an asset and not too much of a deficit," Foley Smith told the board members.



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New year, new life

The first baby of 2021 was born early on New Year's Day. Finnian Jack Pierce Havens was born at Canton-Potsdam Hospital at 5:38 a.m. He weighed in at 8 pounds, 6.4 ounces. Finnian's parents are Joshua and Jacqueline Havens of Heuvelton. He joins four siblings.

Change in law may solve SLC's jury pool problem

BY ANDY GARDNER
North Country This Week

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

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

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

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

However, at the Jan. 4 meeting, he said the state may shrink the ineligibility period for those who've been summoned as jurors from six years to four years.

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

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

Sheridan said jurors were summoned 15 times this year, and each

time Sweet would stay "in close contact with judge's chambers to avoid unnecessarily summoning jurors to conserve the county's limited jury pool."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CCS lacks volunteers for COVID testing

BY MATT LINDSEY
North Country This Week

CANTON — Canton Central School does not have enough volunteers for COVID testing if the district is required to test students and staff due to a local outbreak.

The state is making changes to its COVID-19 testing metrics that will determine if a school district can stay open for in-person instruction.

"If you watched the governor's press conference on Monday, he introduced a new concept that if a county is at 9% or above in terms of positivity rate that would then trigger the testing in schools and if the school was above the county's average they would have to shut down," CCS Superintendent Ron Burke said.

If districts are below the county percentage, they can remain open,

but must test a certain percentage of students and staff for COVID.

As of the school board meeting Jan. 7, nothing from the state had been formalized.

CCS officials asked students and staff to volunteer for testing. Burke said at least half of the school staff has volunteered to be tested, but the district was not quite to its target zone for student testing volunteers. He added that they need about 270-300 student volunteers and currently have about 130.

If the district does not get the required number of students and staff required by the state for testing, they would have to end in-person learning at the time of an outbreak locally.

The school had to shut down in-person learning earlier this week partially due to a lack of trans-

portation employees that had to quarantine due to possible COVID exposure. A hot water boiler was also cited as a reason for the short-term closure.

Burke did commend families for taking action when students show symptoms or are exposed to a COVID-positive person.

"Families are doing what they're supposed to be doing," he said. "They are keeping their children home when they are symptomatic or when they've been exposed."

He said that having 100 students absent, like they did this week, is not something to celebrate. But, the handling of the situation by the families is something to praise.

In more COVID-related news, Burke said that vaccines are or will be offered to school nurses very soon.

A Guide for Parents During Flu Season

- Yearly flu vaccination is recommended for everyone 6 months and older. Vaccination options include the flu shot or nasal spray.
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Snow turtle

These youngsters built a snow turtle instead of a snowman in Canton following a recent snow storm that covered St. Lawrence County in white stuff. Above are, Ceci Warren, Jo Warren, Carson Bedrock and Everett Moore.

Public Health to name five regional vaccination sites

BY ANDY GARDNER
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — SUNY Potsdam will be a regional COVID-19 vaccination site, and the St. Lawrence County Public Health Department expects to have four smaller sites lined up by the end of the week.

Dr. Dana McGuire, St. Lawrence County Public Health director, discussed the development with the county legislature's operations committee during their Monday, Jan. 11

meeting.

She said they're seeking five sites. In addition to the Potsdam site, they're looking in Ogdensburg, Massena, Star Lake and Gouverneur.

The state determines who gets vaccinated and when. They're doing it in three phases.

Phase 1A included frontline healthcare workers, nursing home residents and nursing home staff. A new group now eligible for vaccines in phase 1B is anyone age 65 or older.

Utility worker injured after falling from cell tower

LAWRENCE — A utility worker was injured after falling from a cellular tower while doing work on the structure.

St. Lawrence County sheriff deputies say they responded to the incident at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12 on Ferris Road in Lawrence.

They arrived to find that a Sky-

line 360 employee fell "a substantial distance" while working on the cell tower, deputies said.

Tri-Town Rescue took the injured person to Canton-Potsdam Hospital.

Deputies say OSHA has been notified, and they are working together "to confirm findings."

Assistance for residents struggling due to COVID

Assistance is available for St. Lawrence County residents who are struggling due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

St. Lawrence County Community Development Program received funding through the CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act) to assist income-qualified individuals.

Help is available for educational expenses, vocational expenses, rent, mortgage, utility payments, vehicle repairs, employment supplies and expenses, and school supplies. To qualify for assistance with this funding, an individual must have been impacted by Covid-19.

This could mean a loss in employ-

ment, reduced hours, or an increase in expenses as children have been home from school, etc.

Income qualifications are 200% of the federal poverty level. For a family of four, that would be \$54,400 or less per year to qualify.

To apply for assistance, contact your closest CDP Neighborhood Center.

Locations are in Canton (315-386-3541), Massena (315-764-0050), Potsdam (315-265-3920), Gouverneur (315-287-3370), Ogdensburg (315-713-8036), and Colton/Pierrepont/Parishville (315-244-0069). The Neighborhood Centers are currently by appointment only.

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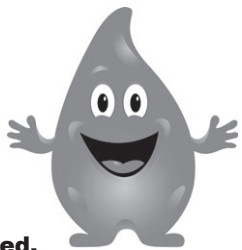
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CCS Board approves \$15k for water boiler

BY MATT LINDSEY
North Country This Week

CANTON — Canton Central School needs to replace a hot water boiler before students can return to in-person learning.

"It did go out on us beyond repair," CCS Superintendent Ron Burke said.

He said that appliances have been harder to find over the last year, noting that the new boiler

would make a four to five day trip from Tennessee before being installed.

The Board approved the payment of up to \$15,000 from general funds to Northern Mechanicals for the new boiler. The replacement boiler will be the same type of unit.

Burke said the boiler was initially part of the latest capital project, like the leak in a water main near the bus loop in November.

The boiler that needs replace-

ment is located at the high school. Without this boiler, the school is not able to provide safe food preparation for students throughout the district and are also unable to provide hot water at restrooms throughout the HS.

Burke said he hopes students will return to in-person learning following the long weekend of Jan. 16-18 that will celebrate the life of Martin Luther King Jr.

Online registration for COVID-19 test now an option

POTSDAM — St. Lawrence Health System (SLHS) is now offering registrations for COVID-19 testing online, along with via telephone.

Beginning Monday, Jan. 11, individuals in need of a COVID-19 test in Canton and Potsdam had the option of registering online by visiting <https://stlawrencehealthsystem.org/schedule-covid-test>.

Online registrations for Gouverneur and Massena will be available

by the end of January.

Appointments for testing in Canton, Gouverneur, Massena, and Potsdam can currently be made by calling the SLHS COVID Hotline daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 315-261-6240.

Regardless of insurance (or lack of insurance), there is no cost to patients for all COVID-19 tests through St. Lawrence Health System.

SLHS Community Testing Centers are all open daily. Hours and locations are: 7 a.m.-5 p.m.; 80 E. Main St., Canton; 7 a.m.-5 p.m.; 145 Market St., Potsdam

The SLHS Pediatric Testing Center is open Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-3 p.m., 80 E. Main St. in Canton.

For more information, visit <https://stlawrencehealthsystem.org/community-testing-centers>.

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SLC names new chief assistant district attorney

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Former chief ADA Jason Marx resigned his position last week.

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

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

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

Marx had served in the position before under District Attorney Nichole Duve, but resigned the position in 2012.

Pasqua asked Marx to return to the position in December of 2017, because of his past experience in the county and familiarity of the area. At the time Pasqua said that during his search for a chief Marx received praise from his colleagues in Clinton County.

Marx also worked as an assistant district attorney and conflict defender in Franklin and Clinton counties.

SLC Democrats endorse statewide call for Rep. Stefanik to resign

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

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

York State Democratic Committee, to the local press.

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

The statement calls on Stefanik to resign after she came out in support of efforts to overturn the 2020 presidential election.

Jacobs's statement says: "I am today calling for the resignation from office of Congresswoman Elise Stefanik (R-Schuylerville). In my more than 19 years as a party chairman I cannot remember a time that I have called upon a Republican or Democratic official to resign - even when under indictment - as I have always felt that one is innocent until proven guilty. Through her statement today indicating her intention to support the effort to contest the legitimately certified electors in the 2020 Presidential race, Congresswoman Stefanik has thrown in her lot with those colleagues who seek to violate their Constitutional oath to "protect and defend" the Constitution by seeking to overthrow the legitimately elected incoming President of the United States."

"Congresswoman Stefanik knows that there are no 'contested electors' for her to oppose as every state, under their Constitutional obligation, has certified the legitimacy of the electors now being sent to the Congress. Similarly, she knows that there has not been presented any unrefuted and discredited evidence of any massive voter fraud in any state that she is going to challenge. She knows that there are no 'serious questions' as to the legitimacy of the electors that she will seek to challenge. Her statement alleging that she is seeking to defend democracy is a sham - and she knows it, thus violating her oath of office. By her own words, she has discredited the office that she holds, has violated the oath that she has taken and has embarrassed the district and entire state that she purports to serve."

York State Democratic Committee, to the local press.

BY ADAM ATKINSON
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Solar project talks continue Jan. 19

CANTON -- Site plans for a large commercial solar farm proposed for 161 Meade Road will again come before the town planning board when they convene on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Pam and Jim Rose, the landowners who live adjacent to the site and who own the right-of-way across their property into agricultural land slated for the solar operation, are planning to attend the public meeting to voice concerns they have about the project.

U.S. Light Energy is planning to construct a 5 MW solar farm on a 33-acre lot of primarily agricultural land, with about two acres of woodland and some wetlands, leased from Brian Brewer.

The Roses point out that the county planning board denied a special use permit for the project last November for several reasons, notably over site access, questions about wetland and agricultural land redevelopment and tree removal. The company launching the project U.S. Light Energy, brought revised plans to the town planning board in December which showed site access along the abandoned Janes Road, now a right-of-way owned by the Roses which cuts through their front yard and in front of their business next door, Boyden Brooks Bodyworks..

The couple pointed out at the town planning board meeting in December that the right-of-way in question was for ingress and egress only and only for agricultural equipment. If approved for the project, U.S. Light Energy plans redevelopment of the right-of-way to allow power from the

array, which will contain about 21 acres of solar panels, to be rerouted along poles installed there.

Legal research on the right-of-way and what it might actually allow is underway, the couple said.

The Roses are concerned with how the project has been handled thus far and what they feel, up until recently, was a lack of communication with them regarding the project by the company.

"It almost seemed like everybody was trying to keep it from us," Jim Rose said. The Roses said they found out the project was in the works when developers began parking in their driveway to access the site, and they asked what was going on last year. In addition, the couple did not receive the company's revised preliminary site plan for the project until the day of the town planning board last month, which didn't leave much time for review.

Mr. Rose said he has asked the company for an MDS sheet listing materials that will be used in the array, inverter and battery banks so they could see what, if any, hazardous materials might be involved. He said documentation like that is fairly common industrial operations, but said U.S. Light Energy has not supplied that at this point.

Mr. Rose said another issue is that the company is mandated by the state to supply the town with 1 percent of the \$9 million project cost, to fund any analysis or consultation on the project by the town, but this has yet to be done.

Mrs. Rose pointed out that

although the potential noise issue was brought up in the December planning board meeting, they are still waiting for better information on that as well.

The couple was told initially that the array would not produce any noise, but it was stated at the December meeting that there would be 70 dbs of ambient noise created by inverters located on concrete pads in the middle of the site.

"We don't even know the number of inverters," Rose said. "They said they were going to do a noise study and get back to us."

There are other concerns the Roses said, including the company's proposal for a tree or foliage screen, which may only be about 12 feet high at maturity, and what they feel may be inadequate to cover the array which will be installed on an upward slope around their home and business. Solar panels there at the peak of the slope will be almost 35 feet above their property level, the couple estimated.

The planning board meeting is open to the public and can be accessed by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/y5jxcx4>.

The town council was expected to convene a public hearing on Thursday, Jan. 14 at 5:45 p.m. on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81840752413>, on an amendment to its solar energy facilities law which would require solar development companies to enter into a PILOT agreement with the town. See the resolution at file:///Users/Nctw5/Downloads/SolarEnergyResolution-1-1.pdf.

SLC schools face bus driver shortage

BY MATT LINDSEY
North Country This Week

CANTON -- Canton Central, like all other schools in St. Lawrence County, is facing a critical shortage of qualified bus drivers.

At the Jan. 7 school board meeting, Board Member Eileen Raymond requested an update on progress of finding substitute drivers.

Canton Central could have used the substitute drivers this week after four members of the transportation department were placed in quarantine due to COVID.

Even prior to COVID, local districts were facing transportation staff shortages.

"The greatest category I would say across the region in terms of substitute availability for transportation are retired drivers," Burke said.

Retired drivers are sought after because there are fewer and fewer new bus drivers applying at schools.

The superintendent said that passing the school bus driver test is a "Herculean feat."

Burke said the requirements changed about two years ago, making it much more difficult to get qualified. "You almost have to be a mechanic, in addition to be a driver in order to pass the test now," Burke said.

Mrs. Raymond asked Burke if the district could promote the need for bus drivers; something beyond the scope of placing classified ads in newspapers.

Burke stressed that this is not just a Canton Central issue, that the shortage of drivers is a statewide problem and that local lawmakers are aware and are working on potential solutions through legislation.

OBITUARIES

Michael Marino, Ed.D, 97

Waverly, PA

Michael Marino, Ed.D. 97, Scranton, formerly of Waverly, died Sunday, January 3, 2021 in Allied Skilled Nursing Facility.

His wife of 67 years, is the former Betty Jean Carr. The couple was married since May 16, 1953.

Born September 23, 1923 in Batavia, New York he was the son of the late Joseph and the late Louise (Plescia) Marino.

He was educated in the Batavia, New York schools and received his bachelor of Science Degree in education from SUNY at Brockport, also where he received his MA in education. He continued his education to earning his doctorate in Education from SUNY at Buffalo University. He had been a professor of education at the University of Scranton where he taught for over 40 years.

Aside from his passion for teaching, he loved gardening and baking bread. Upon retirement he and Betty opened their home just outside of Ogdensburg, New York and ran it as a bed and breakfast called the Professor's Place.

Surviving are three sons: Michael Jon (Kim), Central Square,

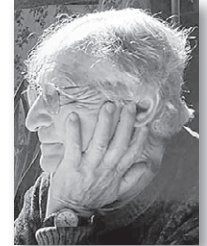
NY; Steve (Nancie) Scranton and Paul (Barbara Shadle) Lansdale; two daughters: Mary Jo Devereaux,

Clarks Summit; and Anne Clark, East Fairfield, VT, a brother: Joseph, Edna, NY, 10 grandchildren, Liza, Josh, Kaitlin, Dominick, Brynn, Ryan, Thomas, Alex, Eric and Quinn, and great grandchildren Jack, Gage, Jason, Neko, and Cameron.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Richard, Anthony and John Marino and a sister Ann Marie Ranalette.

Michael requested his body be donated to an anatomical Gift Registry for research to help others.

Arrangements are under the care of the Jennings-Calvey Funeral and Cremation Service, Inc., 111 Colburn Avenue, Clarks Summit, PA 18411. To leave an online condolence, visit the funeral home website.



Michael Marino

RECENT DEATHS

CARMELA BELLARDINI, formerly of Potsdam, Jan. 10. Arrangements with Garner Funeral Home, Potsdam.

TERRON EVANS JR., 26, Potsdam, Jan. 8. Arrangements with Farone & Son Funeral Home, Syracuse.

JAMES SPADACCINI, 86, DeKalb Junction, Jan. 7. Arrangements with Allen-Denesha Funeral Home, DeKalb Junction.

EDWARD CHRISTENSEN, 65, Canton, Jan. 3. Arrangements with Lawrence Funeral Home, Canton.

ELIZABETH MCDERMID, 67,

Canton, Dec. 29. Arrangements with O'Leary Funeral Service, Canton.

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

First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States

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LETTERS

Potsdam is great place to live

I walk on the Munter Trail in Potsdam daily.

I dropped my Fitbit tracker recently and did not realize it was missing until after dark. I was pleasantly surprised to find it on the sign at the beginning of the trail the next morning!

I would like to extend a very sincere thank you to whomever found my Fitbit and put it on the sign.

This reinforces my belief that Potsdam is a great place to live.

Pam Shepherd
Potsdam

Stefanik talking out of both sides of mouth

Recently, Elise Stefanik, the US Congresswoman representing the North Country, made a public statement regarding her support for an initiative pushed by House Republicans in an attempt to contest the results of the Electoral College vote.

Many of us believe the election results are valid and certifiable. A number of decisions across the country, rendered by both Republican and Democratic judicial appointees, have discounted 59 of 60 challenges to the vote. The SCOTUS, has done the same with two.

Her statement that people decide election outcomes stands in contrast to her support for a measure that seeks to overturn the majority vote.

Second, she states: "tens of thousands of voters" question the validity of the elections because of voter fraud and constitutional overstepping.

According to Christopher Krebs appointed by the president to oversee election security and USAG William Barr, serious substantiated proof of voter fraud does not exist.

What she does not address are the pre-election efforts of the president meant to instill doubt in the results of the election.

Throughout his campaign, he repeatedly stated that he would lose only if the election was "rigged."

Any advertising executive will say that no matter how fallacious, if you hammer people with a "sales pitch" enough, they'll accept it as truth.

Third, she states that in protesting the Electoral College ballot results, she is upholding the US Constitution.

By raising unsubstantiated objections, she is actually attempting to negate the election results and the deciding votes of a majority of Americans, and negating an important provision of the US Constitution: Article II, Section 1, Clauses 2 and 3, which describe the makeup and functions of the Electoral College.

Lastly, in the so-called "battleground" states, almost all the down ballot incumbents, Republican and Democratic and including Ms. Stefanik, were reelected to office.

This contradicts her statements regarding the validity of millions of ballots; if the ballots in those states are to be discounted, then the reelection of a number of her colleagues should be discounted.

It is Ms. Stefanik's right to raise valid questions regarding the electoral process. However, it is increasingly obvious that this is a purely partisan attempt to cripple the incoming administration before it has even begun the difficult work

ahead.

By supporting this initiative Ms. Stefanik is giving support to the increasingly unbridgeable divisions that threaten the democratic processes and Constitutional provisions she professes to believe in.

Donald Borsh
Potsdam

River of raw sewage pollution our democracy

Elise Stephanik is a reliable contributor to the river of raw sewage polluting our democracy.

She was sworn to represent us and to uphold the Constitution. Instead she has given her allegiance to the man who soils it.

Maybe we should reconsider who represents us in Washington.

Judy Funston
Norwood

Woodworker wants to pass on knowledge

Today you call a carpenter, plumber or electrician, and they're all busy and can't get to your job for 3-4 months. Where do you find a local furniture upholsterer, lawn mower repair shop, small wooden boat woodworker, and other vocational tradesmen when needed?

On the phone you hear in the background, the tradesman, contractor, garage mechanic, machinist, or woodworker say, "If only I had a helper, but I can't afford one that just watches. If only I had an old fashioned apprentice; a kid I could teach and get him to journeyman level, then my business could handle the workload."

The "if" is the problem. If you could find a kid just out of high school, who isn't being told that university is the key to success; or hasn't been in a trade school with all the expensive tools, and taught labor law, OSHA rules, and how to demand benefits packages, you just might have found a possible apprentice.

But of course you'd have to start the inexperienced kid at \$15/hr, which your business can't afford and customers won't pay for.

What happened to traditional apprenticeships, where a kid spent several years learning a trade at the feet of a master craftsman/tradesman? Instead of pay, the apprentice got room and board, a set of tools, his own workbench, work clothes and health care; as well as a solid education in the trade. All of which steered the apprentice into full employment or partnership in the masters' business. It was a "win-win" situation for both the apprentice and the tradesman. This is how the trades were carried on from one generation to the next for well over 1,000 years. Why not today?

As an older woodworker, I envy tradesmen lucky enough to have a son or daughter to carry on the trade and the family business. But what about someone like myself, who doesn't have a son or grandson? Customers tell me all the time, "you need an apprentice." And yes I do.

Who will carry on my trade, the skills taught to me by older master craftsmen when I was a kid?

You can't advertise for an apprentice; especially if you're going to provide room & board instead of pay, the old fashioned way. It breaks all the modern anti-discrimina-

tion laws. So just where do I find an apprentice? Where does a hard working talented kid who would like to learn woodworking find me?

I won't retire for at least another 20 years; but in the meantime I could be teaching the next generation of furniture woodworkers, so that my customers will be assured that after I hang up my shop apron and lay down the chisels, there will be a young craftsman to carry on. And he will have my tools and his own to work with; and over 200 years of woodworking knowledge.

Gerard Monnat
Stockholm

Stefanik has blood on her hands

Elise Stefanik has blood on her hands. Five people died, including a Capitol police officer, from the assault at the Capitol. Ms. Stefanik was vocal about condemning the violence that occurred Wednesday, but her words ring hollow.

Donald Trump and many Republicans, including Stefanik, are responsible for the lies and disinformation that led many of their followers to commit this crime.

Trump is a danger to our American democracy. Stefanik and many other Republicans have enabled, supported, and defended him and his behavior for the past four years.

In fact, some of these Republicans, including Stefanik, were attempting to overthrow the results of a free and fair election in order to keep a madman in office when the riot occurred.

She did not condemn Trump for inciting this crime. She should take responsibility for her words and actions and resign immediately.

Ann Villeneuve
Norwood

Stefanik should resign over role in D.C. attack

Last week's attempted coup in the US capitol, driven by the big lie that the presidential election was stolen, was incited by the sitting president, shored up by his enablers (including Stefanik), resulted in chants to kill Pence, the death of a policeman (and others) and the desecration of the Capitol Building.

Elise Stefanik made a choice to support the big lie that the presidential election results were not valid despite the certification of the votes by each state and the failure of legal challenges to hold up in courts.

Stefanik and her political cronies added legitimacy to the lie which misled her constituents and helped incite domestic terrorists. It was a self-serving and anti-democratic decision. But now people are dead and who will answer for that, Ms. Stefanik? You need to resign immediately.

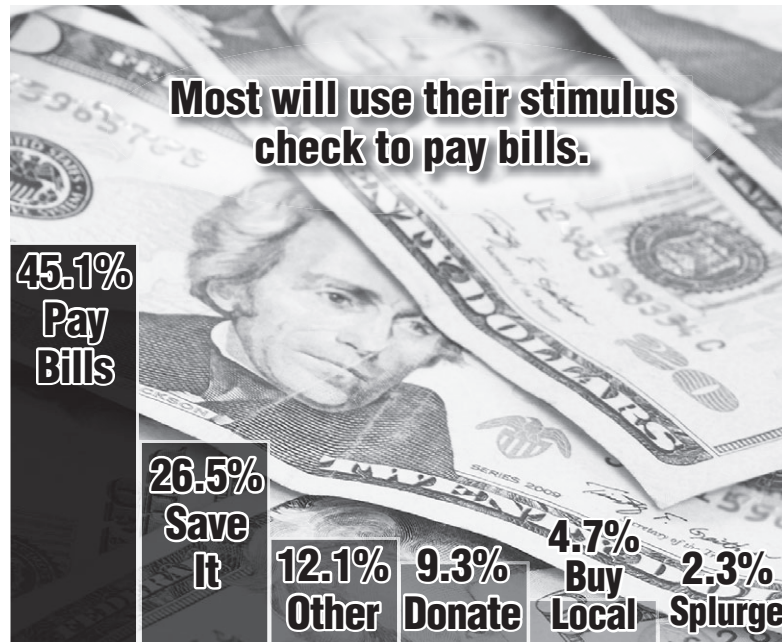
Ann Carvill
Potsdam

Stefanik should resign over spreading Trump lies

A mob's assault on our Capitol was primed by President Trump's relentless election disinformation and tweets like "Be there, will be wild," leading to calls of "occupying" the Capitol. With thousands gathered, Trump repeated claims dismissed by dozens of American courts, and directed the mob to the

NCNOW SURVEY

The Question: How do you plan to use your stimulus check, if you receive one?



Cathy Whalen | NCTW

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

HERE ARE COMMENTS from some survey participants:

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

'All of the above if possible.'

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

'\$600 Doesn't get you far. It will go to our bills first, but wish there was enough to get my kids

more of what they need. But am grateful to get what help we get.'

'Used mine to pay down debt.'

'Pay my taxes.'

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

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

TO TAKE THE CURRENT SURVEY, visit bit.ly/35y6S0m.

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

Capitol, exhorting them to "fight like hell."

That night, Rep. Elise Stefanik stood on the floor of that iconic American building and repeated Trump's lies.

The record needs to be corrected. For brevity, only two corrections are offered as examples.

Stefanik: "In Pennsylvania, the State Supreme Court and Secretary of State unilaterally and unconstitutionally rewrote election law eliminating signature matching requirements."

Fact-check: "The court concluded that there was no clause in the state's election code that allowed ballots to be rejected based on signature comparisons, and if the state's lawmakers wanted one, they would have included it.

"It is not our role under our tripartite system of governance to engage in judicial legislation and to rewrite a statute in order to supply terms which are not present therein, and we will not do so in this instance," the court wrote." (Interpretation: The courts actually refused to rewrite election law.) <https://www.politico.com/news/2020/10/23/pennsylvania-court-ballot-signatures-431794>

Stefanik: "In Georgia, there was constitutional overreach when the secretary of state unilaterally and unconstitutionally gutted signature matching for absentee ballots, and

in essence, eliminated voter verification required by state election law."

Fact-check: "In Georgia, there are two signature matches required by state election law for absentee ballots....The signature is checked against the absentee ballot application and voter registration. No signature matching is required during the audit or recount process. It could be ordered by a court, but Georgia's secretary of state, Brad Raffensperger, a Republican, said there was no basis to conduct such an audit." (Interpretation: Two signature matches and three recounts were enough.) <https://www.nytimes.com/live/2021/01/06/us/fact-check-electoral-certification>

Stefanik made additional disproven accusations against elections in Wisconsin and Michigan in her attempt to overthrow what her mentor, Paul Ryan, called a legitimate election, certified by all 50 states and supported by dozens of legal rulings.

She is promoting Trump's election conspiracies that are further dividing Americans against Americans at a time when she should be seeking unity by pledging to work with the new administration for the sake of the nation. To use her own word, her actions are "unconstitutional." They are also un-American. She should resign.

Ginger Storey-Welch
Colton

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SLC Arts calling for entries

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

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

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

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

Potsdam faith group offering online learning

POTSDAM — In response to the ongoing challenges and social isolation brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Potsdam Interfaith Community continues its monthly series of online learning opportunities.

This month, the public is invited to a hands-on cooking class, "Cooking with Laini," led by Laini Kavaloski of Congregation Beth El in Potsdam via Zoom on Sunday, January 17 at 4 p.m.

The class is free and open to everyone.

Kavaloski will show participants how to make and serve up a pot of Marak Kubbeh Adom, a Kubbeh beet soup.

For more information or to sign up for this event and receive a Zoom link and list of ingredients, visit the Potsdam Interfaith Community Facebook page or email potsdaminterfaith@gmail.com.

TAUNY to remain closed due to COVID

CANTON — The TAUNY Center will remain closed for the month of January citing concerns over COVID-19, but plans to reopen Feb. 1, conditions permitting, a press release from the organization said.

The press release said that TAUNY staff will post regularly on its social media platform pages (Facebook and Instagram) and will check email (info@tauny.org).

For Folkstore purchases in January, customers are encouraged to order online at tauny.org/shop. Curbside pick-up can be arranged.



NCTNow photo

Stockholmers get on the ice

A three-generation family skate recently at Massena Arena. Taking to the ice are Stockholm residents Elizabeth Belt and her son, Parker, and her father, Duane Hicken.

BRIEFLY

Online equine course

POTSDAM — Clarkson is offering a new online equine studies course, BEA 113: Business and Bias in the Equestrian Industry, from Jan. 13 to Feb. 15. The course is being taught by Professor Piper Klemm, Ph.D., publisher of The Plaid Horse. For more information on the course and to register, go to <https://www.clarkson.edu/bea-113-business-and-bias-equestrian-industry>.

Food distribution

NORFOLK — The Norfolk-Raymondville Food Pantry will hold its regularly scheduled monthly distribution Saturday, Jan. 16, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Norfolk United Methodist Church, 9 W Main St. Social distancing and masks are required, as well as proof of address for those who have not participated since July, 2020. This is a five-day pantry, providing enough food for 15 meals per family member, according to Food Bank of Central NY Guidelines. Because of COVID restrictions, boxes and bags for food are provided. Info: 315-212-0520.

Free spaghetti dinner

NORWOOD — A complimentary spaghetti dinner will be served Wednesday, Jan. 20, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Norwood American Legion, 10 Maple St. The meal includes spaghetti, meat sauce, tossed salad, Italian bread and dessert. Cash donations will be accepted. There will only be 100 meals. Local deliveries only. Call 315-244-2325 for more info.

Sourdough class

CANTON -- The class Starting with Sourdough will be on Saturday, Jan. 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. Here is an opportunity to improve your

baking skills from home. The class will cover what sourdough is, how to tend the "starter" used to create the loaves, demonstrations of kneading along with tips for baking. The session is available on a sliding scale, \$0-30 so that participants pay what they can afford. The class will be filmed live and all questions are welcome. The instructor for this session is Alexandra Brown, caretaker of River Road Farm. Registration at <http://stlawrence.cce.cornell.edu/> or (315) 379-9192, ext. 229 or harvestkitchen@cornell.edu.

SAT/ACT workshop

St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES is offering the SAT/ACT workshop to high school juniors who plan to take the SAT and/or ACT this spring. Classes will be remote using Google Classroom and Zoom on seven Saturdays or Sundays starting March 6 or 7 through May 1 or 2. Students from Canton, Colton-Pierrepont, Edwards-Knox, Gouverneur, Hermon-DeKalb, Heuvelton, Lisbon, Madrid-Waddington, Morristown, Norwood-Norfolk, Ogdensburg, and Potsdam must register through guidance counselors by Feb. 10. Others should mail the registration form available online at <https://satactworkshop.weebly.com/> and fee to David Dufrane by Feb. 10. Questions? Email Meg Clemens, satactworkshop@slloboces.org.

Clarkson workshop

POTSDAM — Clarkson University's 25th Shipley Distinguished Lectureship "Skin-Inspired Organic Electronics" with Dr. Zhenan Bao will be held Friday, Jan. 22 at 2 p.m. Dr. Bao will present her lecture via Zoom at <https://clarkson.zoom.us/j/95582971979>. Clarkson's first Science Cafe will take place Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 7:15 p.m. via zoom. More information on the event will be available at a future date.

Workshop for Grasse River marketing offered

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

The Town of Canton is leading a cooperative effort among towns, villages, and hamlets from the Town of Russell to the Town of Massena to develop the marketing plan for the Grasse River Blueway, said a press release from organizers.

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

Those planning to attend must register in advance. Registrations are accepted by email to Eve Holberg at eholberg@jklstudio.com.

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

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

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

Museum hosting 24th annual school exhibit

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

The exhibition will be presented in a digital format at www.fredericremington.org and on the Museum's Facebook page.

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

To attend the virtual reception,

email Laura Desmond at desmond@fredericremington.org for a digital invitation.

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

Program slated on history of the St. Lawrence Seaway

CANTON — On Wednesday, Jan. 13, at noon, St. Lawrence County Historical Association (SLCHA) Executive Director Ashley Maready will present an overview of the St. Lawrence Seaway history, including its construction, operation, and significance.

This system of locks, canals, and channels in Canada and the United States permits oceangoing vessels to travel from the Atlantic Ocean to the Great Lakes of North America, as far inland as Duluth, Minnesota,

at the western end of Lake Superior. This is the first of several Director's Dialogues planned for this year. RSVP by phone or email (below) for the Zoom presentation contact information, including phone audio, if preferred.

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

For more information, call 315-386-8133, e-mail info@slcha.org, or visit the website at www.slcha.org.

Free fishing weekend slated

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

As part of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's NY Open for Fishing and Hunting initiative, the weekend of Feb. 13-14, 2021, is a designated free fishing weekend. The requirement for a fishing license is waived during this period.

"From small local ponds to large lakes and reservoirs, New York has a tremendous array of ice fishing opportunities for anglers to experience close to home," DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said. "Many fish

species are active throughout the winter months and the fishing can be just as good as during the open water season. As always, before venturing onto the ice, DEC asks all anglers to make sure the ice is thick enough to fish safely."

Four inches of solid clear ice is usually safe for anglers accessing ice on foot. Ice thickness can vary on waterbodies and even within the same waterbody. Anglers should be particularly cautious of areas of moving water and around boat docks and houses where bubblers may be installed to reduce ice from forming. Testing the ice can easily be done with an auger or spud bar at various spots.

LIBRARY...

Davey said the project was originally slated to begin last April, but the state-mandated shutdown, ordered because of pandemic fears, put a halt to construction projects like the library work. The delay set the renovation back for a time, but project deadlines for the grants paying for the project were extended as well. Phase 1 of the project, completed by Continental Construction of Gouverneur, included erecting a mezzanine cost \$359,351 and garnered a \$269,513 grant with a library match of \$89,838.

Phase 2, which is underway and includes work on the floor, ceiling, lobby, circulation desk and HVAC system, will cost \$450,020, paid for by a \$297,017 grant with a \$153,003 library match.

Phase 3, related to staff areas like the office and kitchen and to be completed after the library reopens to the public, will cost \$467,305 and to be paid by a \$350,479 grant with a library match of \$116,826.

While the library, like many public organizations around the state, has had their normal operations hampered by the shutdown, Davey did highlight some benefits.

"It was a convenient time to be closed for construction," the director said. Davey said that due to the extensiveness of the work the library would have had to shut down in any case.

Staff members at the library have continued to work during the project, with staggered shifts set up in some cases to meet occupancy thresholds ordered by the state, and some work being done remotely from home. The director said the shutdown has led to staff members learning new skills to facilitate patrons accessing online content. Other work has included moving around the many boxes holding the library's 70,000 volumes as construction continues.

"This is a once in a lifetime construction project, and we are doing it right," Davey said.

"It's a huge undertaking. And even though the library has been closed, the staff has been very, very busy doing hard work," she said. "It's quite an intricate operation."

The director said once the first two phases are complete staff will be a couple weeks restacking the collection. During that time they will take the opportunity to do a full review and inventory of the collection as well.

Davey said while the traditional services of the library have not been open during the pandemic and construction project, public use of the facility's online services have grown a good deal, with audiobook and ebook downloads on the rise. Davey said the pandemic has caused patrons to increase their technology skills to access the collection digitally.

"More than ever people are getting into electronic content," Davey said. Davey said library continues to offer its research database and some online programming to the public during the pandemic, notably in the form of a new program called

PPL on the Outside, a partnership with the Potsdam recreation department (<https://potsdamlibrary.org/category/ppl-on-the-outside/>) which focuses on outdoor activities in the region.

The program is spearheaded by William Eckert, who was hired in 2020 as the adult program coordinator. "We hired William during the pandemic. We thought we would wait... but he has been wonderful," Davey said.

Much of the library's online content during the pandemic can be accessed through their Facebook page which includes Youtube links to story time videos with staffers, interviews with authors and construction project update content and video. Potsdam Public Library's public computer terminals have traditionally been a draw for those in the community without their own computer or internet access and those services have not been available during the shutdown. Davey said the library did consider opening the Cleveland Center room in the basement with computers set up for those patrons, but due to the room's small size, they could not meet the state's occupancy guidelines. She said however, that the library continues to offer free WiFi service which can be accessed just outside the building. Potsdam Public Library is largely funded by \$574,094 in public taxes collected through the Potsdam Central School district to fund its annual budget of \$624,294, of which about \$500,000 is personnel costs. The

library also raises money through grants, its book sale and a donation link to its Paypal account, both of which have continued to raise some funds for the organization during the pandemic.

STUDENTS...

bed. And then do it all over again. This is our reality and nobody likes it."

She said she knows of peers struggling with their mental health. Athletic Director Bill Porter is working with Section 10 on a plan to provide students with opportunities for activities.

"This is our last chance as high school students and we're running out of time," Larrabee said.

Fellow student Tanner Close spoke more closely about student mental health. He said that physical activity is important to the mental health of students and noted that many students have participated in activities such as art of music their entire lives, and now they are lost.

"I don't have all the answers," Cloce said. "But I know that student-athletes and students of the arts mental health has been negatively affected throughout this whole COVID journey and me and Brooke I want to be able to work hard for our teammates and just our classmates as well."

Burke thanked and praised the students for speaking at the meeting.

"If this is the future of America, we are in pretty darn good shape folks," he said.

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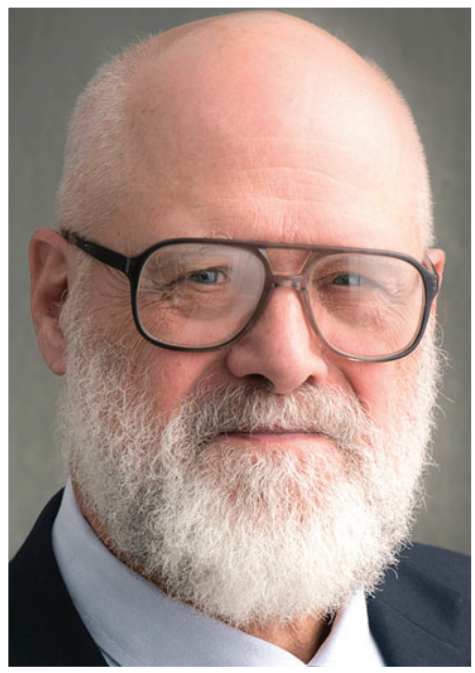
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BOCES Students of the Month named in December

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Samantha Foster, Seaway Tech student of the month for December

they affect the world of web development.

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

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

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



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The students in TASC, were recently learning about conduction, convection and radiation and the math behind it. TASC is part of the Community Connections program at St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES.

Program offers alternative educational opportunities

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Staying focused

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

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St. Lawrence County rolls out vaccinations, awaits more supplies

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Dr. Williams called the vaccine roll out a "rapidly evolving issue." "I think we're just going to have to keep the communication lines open, make sure the public is informed," he said. "What we will ensure is any vaccine that comes to SLC that we have anything to do with will be injected into recipients' arms as quickly as possible." "I think you should hold us to doing that kind of a job," he said to the county legislators.

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

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

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

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

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

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

"I would say at this point not yet,

'What we will ensure is any vaccine that comes to SLC that we have anything to do with will be injected into recipients.'

Dr. Andrew Williams
 St. Lawrence County Board of Health President

but that's balanced about how much we'll be getting," Doyle said.

"So we've not been advised on how much vaccination we'll receive?" Lightfoot said.

"Or when," Doyle replied.

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County, schools, scramble to vaccinate

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

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

Senior Vaccinations

Appointments at Kinney's, only for those age 65 and older, have to be scheduled through their website at kinneydrugs.com.

As of late morning on Tuesday, all of their appointments were booked. A notice on the page said more appointments will open as more

vaccine becomes available, and people should not call stores to check for availability.

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

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

Mass Vaccination Sites

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

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

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

Faculty and Staff

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

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

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

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

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

Mott said the districts have the space to allow for mass vaccinations.

Volunteers Needed

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

Medical volunteers are needed to assist with pre-vaccination screenings, vaccine administration, and post-vaccination monitoring. Needed volunteers in this category include: registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, licensed physicians, licensed physician assistants, licensed pharmacists, midwives, dentists /dental hygienists, podiatrists, EMS/community paramedicine or nursing students and physician assistant students.

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

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Sen. Griffo wants state to revise nursing home visitations after vaccines

With many raising concerns with New York State's coronavirus vaccine distribution process, state Sen. Joseph Griffo, R-I-C-Rome, is urging the state Department of Health Commissioner Howard Zucker and the state Department of Health to revamp its existing policy.

"I recently took part in a discussion with Commissioner Zucker regarding the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine," Sen. Griffo said in a statement released Wednesday, Jan. 6. "While I recognize that the coronavirus pandemic is an ever-changing situation, this dialogue

failed to answer many questions and made it clear that immediate changes must be made to the state's plans to supply the vaccine to the public." Sen. Griffo urged the following be undertaken to improve the delivery of the vaccine and provide import-

- ant information for New Yorkers:
- Nursing home visitation should be revisited and revised as residents and staff have received the vaccine. Many residents are beginning to lose their lives as a result of isolation in addition to COVID-19.
 - A state hotline that the public can call to figure out when they are eligible for the coronavirus vaccine and where they can go to receive it should be in place immediately as well as an app created by the state.
 - More enhanced and flexible partnerships with county govern-

ments that allow their health departments to assist with the distribution of the vaccine. Additionally, a declaration form – similar to what is done at pharmacies where customers can request counseling – should be developed that allows individuals to either accept or decline the vaccine. Once health departments know that one classification of the population has been vaccinated and what their actual vaccine inventory is, then they should be able to seek approval to move on to the next established and eligible recipients.



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- Go over product manuals with seniors. The senior caregiving experts at Home Care Assistance note

that older adults are less likely to learn through experimentation than they are by reading instructions in the manual. When helping seniors learn to use new devices, go over the owner's manual with them as you set up the device. Mark important pages in the manual so seniors know where to go for quick answers if they experience any issues logging in or using certain apps.

- Look for senior-specific devices and guidebooks. Seniors make up an enormous segment of the population, and tech companies have long since recognized that there's a market for products designed specifically for aging men and women. When shopping for devices for seniors, look for those that have been designed to help them overcome issues that have proven problematic for aging adults in the past. Devices that feature touchscreens with large menus, easily accessible navigation tools and simplified features can help seniors as they learn to use new technology.
- Be patient. Some seniors are excited by the prospect of learning to use new technology, while others may be hesitant. Patience is essential when working with an aging loved one who's intimidated by technology. Take the time to explain apps and features and don't take it for granted that seniors will know how to use a device or recognize what a device can do.

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Ways to cut costs during retirement

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

According to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, "older households," which are defined as

those run by someone age 65 and older, spent an average of \$45,756 in 2016, or roughly \$3,800 a month.

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

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

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

- Know where your money is going. It's impossible to save without knowing what your expenses are each month. Many people are surprised to learn how much little things add up over the course of a month. For example, spending \$4 for a take-out coffee each day can quickly become an expensive luxury. Add all expenses and see where you can trim, especially if there's a deficit each month.

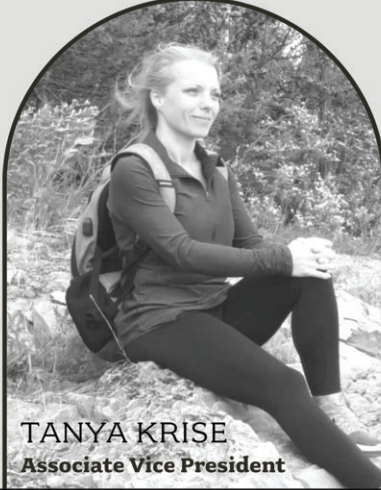
- Consider extra health care. In the United States, Medicare participants can choose Medicare Supplement Insurance plans to help reduce out-of-pocket health care costs. Medicare Parts A and B only cover some of your health care costs. Supplemental insurance can cover some of the costs not covered by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

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

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

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

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



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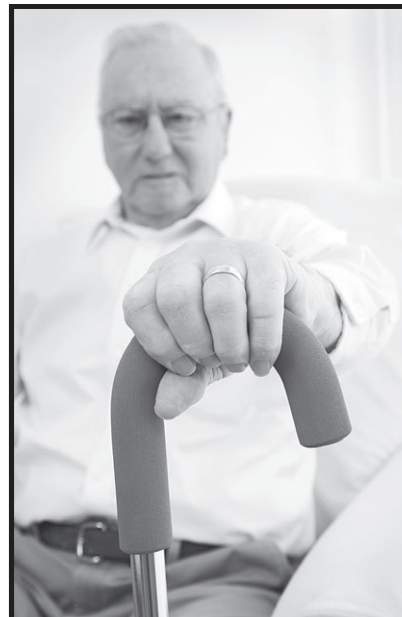
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Abbigaile Bonno | Submitted

Hermon woman turns 99

Agnes E. Woodrow, Hermon, celebrated her 99th birthday Friday, Jan. 8. She asked the community for a card shower due to COVID-19 and not being able to see anyone on her special day. 'She received 147 cards and the delivery of flowers didn't stop coming,' said Abbigaile Bonno, who submitted the photo.

Vaccines for seniors over age 65 to be offered at Kinney pharmacies

This week, all Kinney pharmacies are expected to receive initial doses of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to administer to those ages 65 and up only.

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

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

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

By New York State mandate, Kinney pharmacists will be able to vaccinate by appointment only. In addition, eligible people must complete New York state's mandated vaccination forms and schedule their vaccination appointments online.

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

- How to schedule a vaccination appointment (for those 65+ only)
- Link to all NYS-mandated online forms;
- Link to Kinney's online appointment scheduler
- Expectations for vaccination appointments
- Senior transportation resources by county
- Facts on the Moderna vaccine

There will be no out-of-pocket cost to the patient.

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Francia joins Donaldson Funeral Home

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

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

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

ones," a press release from the funeral home said.

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

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

Stewart's fundraises for children's programs

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

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

This year, the program collected \$43,000 more than last year despite Covid. Generous customers have helped

raise nearly \$32 million since 1986.

The company said 1,754 children's organizations received funding from last year's Holiday Match campaign. A listing of the charities that received Holiday Match funding last year is at stewartshops.com.

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

Organizations can apply online at stewartshops.com through Jan. 31. All groups applying must be locally based, benefit children under 18, and be a qualified, charitable 501(c)3 organization. All the funds will be allocated in March.

Canton municipal building closed for business

CANTON — Canton Town Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley would like to remind residents that the municipal building is closed to the public due to COVID-19.

Payment of taxes should be mailed in to the attention of the Town of Canton Tax Collector at 60 Main Street, Canton 13617.

Residents may also put payments

in a sealed envelope in the drop box in the lobby of the municipal building.

Town Clerk's phone number is 315-386-3735 or email townclerk@cantonny.gov.

Below is a list of additional department phone numbers.

Assessor Cindy Brand's phone number is 315-386-2595 or email

assessor@cantonny.gov

Code Enforcement Office phone number is 315-386-2871 ext. 9208.

Historian's Office phone number is 315-386-1633 or email at historian@cantonny.gov

Highway Department Office phone number is 315-386-8707.

Justice Court Office phone number is 315-379-9844.

SeaComm not hosting tax prep events this year

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

The credit union's decision to cancel the event is an effort to

ensure the health and safety of its staff and membership during the ongoing pandemic.

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

The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will

continue to provide free tax preparation for qualifying taxpayers. For further information on VITA sites near you or where to file online taxes for free, visit www.irs.gov.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice Of Public Hearing The Village of Canton

will hold a public hearing on January 20, 2021 at 6:15pm for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Village of Canton's current Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project: 175ED927-19, Assistance to Dairy Queen in the amount of \$300,000. The public hearing will be conducted by use of Zoom video-conference, as authorized by Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Order 202.15, as continued by subsequent Executive Orders through and including Executive Order 202.87. The public is invited to view or listen to the public hearing, and to comment at the appropriate time: Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83636210658?pwd=VHNiK21HRGhPdjdM1grSDE3VkdRUT09>

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Dial by your location +1 646 558 8656 US (New York). The link is also available at www.cantonny.gov The CDBG program is administered by the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR), and provides resources to eligible local governments for housing, economic development, public facilities, public infrastructure, and planning activities, with the principal purpose of benefitting low/moderate income persons. The hearing will provide further information about the progress of the ongoing CDBG project. Comments related to the effectiveness of administration of the CDBG project will also be received at this time. The hearing is being conducted pursuant to Section 570.486, Subpart I of the CFR and in compliance with the requirements of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. If special accommodations are needed for persons with disabilities, those with hearing impairments, or those in need of translation from English, those individuals should contact Sally Noble, Clerk, at snoble@cantonny.gov, or (315) 386-2971 at least one week in advance of the hearing date to allow for necessary arrangements. Written comments may also be submitted to Irodriguez@cantonny.gov or delivered to: Leigh Rodriguez, Program Manager Village of Canton, Office of Economic Development 60 Main Street Canton, New York 13617

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PUBLICATION FORMATION OF A NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY PURSUANT TO NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW SECTION 203:

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

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LEGAL NOTICE: NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the undersigned, the collector of taxes of the Town of Russell, has received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes for the Town of Russell for this fiscal year **January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that the undersigned will receive the taxes listed on said tax roll at her office in the Town Hall at 4 Pestle Street Town of Russell, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York, during regular business hours from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Monday thru Friday, except holidays. **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that taxes may be paid to the Tax Collector without interest on or before the **First day of February**. Taxes received after the 30-day penalty free period shall have interest added at the rate of one per cent for each month or fraction thereof until such taxes are paid or until the return of unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer, pursuant to law. The date for the return of unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer is **June 2, 2021** Dated: December 28, 2020. Tess L. Eells Collector of Taxes Town of Russell

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 21 "Nova" ailer
 22 Lass
 23 Regions
 26 Volcanic crater
 30 "Entourage" agent
 31 Branch
 32 Felon's flight
 33 Trinidad music
 36 Fountain drinks
 38 Fine, at NASA
 39 Marry
 40 Dishonor
 43 Actor Rory
 47 Squid dish
 49 Big fair, for short
 50 "Oops!"
 51 Drench
 52 Peruse
 53 Facts and figures

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 19 Small ammo
 22 Leg, in slang
 23 Efron of "Parkland"
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 28 Squealer
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Part-Time Dispatcher

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5. SCIENCE: What is the study of knowledge, reality and existence called?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are male blue crabs called?
7. GEOGRAPHY: What is the highest point in Japan?
8. FOOD & DRINK: The acai berry is native to which continent?
9. LITERATURE: Who wrote the "Winnie-the-Pooh" book series for children?
10. MEASUREMENTS: What is an angstrom?

Answers found elsewhere in this paper.

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Essential Functions:

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

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

Required Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree from a US Department of Education accredited college or university;
- Minimum of five years of progressively responsible experience in higher education administration role; knowledge of applicable federal and state laws, statutes, campus processes, and awareness of law and policy proposals affecting financial aid service;
- Knowledge of applicable federal and state laws, statutes, campus processes, and awareness of law and policy proposals affecting financial aid service;
- Demonstrated commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion; experience developing, organizing, and administering budgets;
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Preferred Qualifications:

- Minimum of seven years of progressively responsible leadership experience in financial aid at a college or university;
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