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Village of Potsdam photo

From left, former Village Chief Mark Murray, retiring Village Mayor Ron Tischler, and newly appointed Village Police Chief Mike Ames. Murray has retired after 20 years on the force.

## Chief Murray steps down; Ames steps up

BY ADAM ATKINSON  
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — The village has officially accepted the retirement of its police chief and promoted a new chief.

Several other officers from its ranks were also promoted at the village board of trustees meeting Monday, Aug. 21.

Chief Mark R. Murray will retire effective Oct. 8. The resolution thanked Murray for his 20 years of service to the village.

Murray will be using up his accrued paid time off until his official retirement date.

Appointed to take over for Murray as chief starting Aug. 21 was current Lt. Michael P. Ames. Ames will be paid an annual salary of \$94,000 and serve a probationary period of no more than 12 months.

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Chantelle Myatt shares different story of Sheridan's final moments

## Woman lived with fugitive in woods

BY JIMMY LAWTON  
North Country This Week

CANTON — A 19-year-old woman, who is pregnant with the child of deceased fugitive Shawn Sheridan, says she stayed with him for roughly a month living off trapped animals before he was killed by state police attempting to apprehend him on Aug. 10.

Sheridan, 34, of Canton had skipped his sentencing for charges related to shooting his then-girlfriend Katrina Pierce in the neck and was facing 12.5 years in prison.

Sheridan was allegedly armed with a shotgun when he was killed by Trooper Connor Sutton.

Initially police reported that Sheridan allegedly injured a police K9 with a gunshot. However, police say a veterinarian has since determined that the dog was not struck by gunfire.

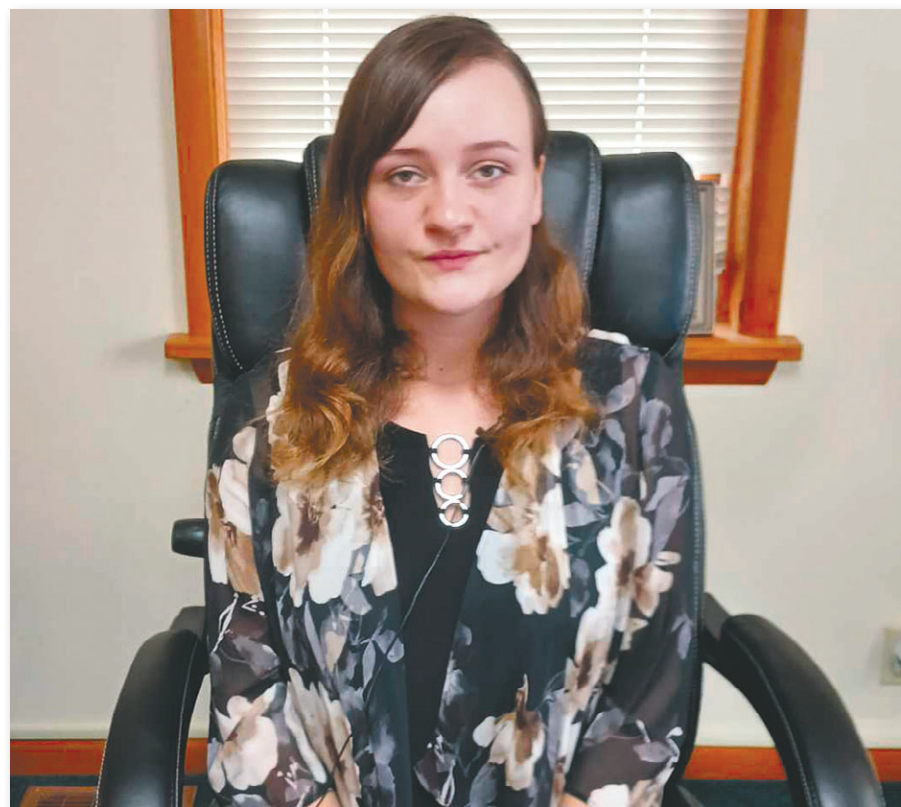
Sheridan is said to have possessed two shotguns and a rifle as well as a vest that held several edged weapons, according to police.

Chantelle Myatt was dating Sheridan at the time of his death and was present when he was killed.

She is not currently facing any charges related to the incident, but she was present at the time of Sheridan's shooting and tells a different story than what police investigators have shared.

She spoke with the press Monday, Aug. 21 at the Law Office of Narrow and Dumas. She is being represented by Ed Narrow, who previously represented Sheridan.

During the interview, she said she does not believe Sheridan fired a weapon at officers or the police K9 that police initially reported being shot.



Chantelle Myatt sits at the Law Office of Narrow and Dumas in Canton on Monday.

### Differing account

Myatt described the scene leading up to Sheridan's death differently than police reports.

She said it began with helicopters flying over the area. When the helicopter began circling the camp, she said Sheridan became nervous and began issuing her orders.

"It had gone by twice and then left. So he told me to get up and get dressed and to meet him outside the tent," she said

"And as soon as I had stepped outside, he was on top of the hill, so I went up there to meet him. He told me to sit quietly and don't move until he said so," she said.

"The chopper had returned and was circling for three to five minutes. I had no idea what was going on. And he said that we needed to move."

Myatt said she then heard an officer shout.

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## Parking could be problem in Canton

BY PAUL MITCHELL  
North Country This Week

CANTON — There could be a parking problem this school year at Canton Central School.

At Wednesday night's monthly village board meeting, Canton Police Chief James Santimaw informed the board that due to the major construction project underway, the school parking lot may be made available to school employees only.

Santimaw said the last time student parking was restricted, the parking pattern on both sides of the street on Farmer Street was a problem with numerous complaints

lodged by area residents.

Mayor Michael Dalton there has been no official confirmation on the student parking issue but wanted the board to be aware it could happen.

One idea would be to allow parking on only one side of Farmer Street, said Dalton.

That move would require adopting a local law, preceded by a public hearing that has been scheduled for Sept. 27 at 6:15 p.m. at the Canton Municipal Building.

In related State Street matters, Village Superintendent Tim Bacon asked the public to be patient about the condition of a section of State Street from Riverside Drive to Court

Street. That section was milled a few weeks ago and remains unpaved although work on the manholes is complete. The village is now waiting on the county who will do the paving work.

"We may have to wait to pave until after school starts," noted Bacon.

Bacon and board members also voiced concerns about a scheduled delivery of construction materials from Vermont for the Canton school project. The state Department of Transportation has approved a transportation route of State Street for an escorted 120-ton vehicle.

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Norwood Public Library | Submitted

### Summer fun

Audrey Barkley, left, and Jordan Kiereck enjoy ice pops at the "All Together Now" Summer Reading Program at Norwood Public Library.

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## Pop-up projects planned near SLC courthouse

BY PAUL MITCHELL  
North Country This Week

CANTON – Village residents and people visiting the St. Lawrence County Courthouse will begin seeing things “pop up” in a few weeks.

At Wednesday night’s monthly village board meeting, Jennifer Henry from the Complete Streets Task Force provided an update on the Court Street Pop-Up Project, scheduled to be in place the weekend of Sept. 15 and continue for two weeks.

“The Complete Streets Task Force is excited to report the Court Street Pop-Up Project is well on its way to the installation phase. In mid-September, two new temporary crosswalks will be added to the north and south corners of Judson Street, and temporary alternative transportation lanes (aka bike lanes) will be painted on Court Street between Judson and Powers Streets,” Henry noted.

She also issued a call for help. “We need community engagement and volunteers,” she stated.

The pop-up project sub-committee, Jennifer Henry, Kara McLuckie, and Toby Irven, has been working closely with Klaus Proemm, Anna Sorenson, and Tim Bacon to navigate local government procedure, launch the project’s publicity program, secure supplies, and connect with community stakeholders, a letter to the board reported.

While pop-up projects like this have been completed in other communities around New York state and the country, the Court St Pop-Up Project is a first for Canton and the North Country. So, many thanks to the Village staff, board, and committee representatives for your support and patience as we work out the details and learn by experience,” the letter states.

Henry said the Pop-Up project has a budget of approximately \$600, adding she is working with local businesses in search of donations or in kind gifts.

“St. Mary’s is on board and ready to cooperate,” said Village Trustee Klaus Proemm who has played an instrumental role in the Court Street Pop-Up project.

“We’re hoping to get lots of feedback that should be very useful.”

Currently, the sub-committee is drafting content for the Town and Village website as well as scheduled posts for the Town and Village Facebook page as a means of spreading the word about various facets of the project. Complete Street Task Force members will be present at the Canton Farmers Market on Friday, Sept. 8, Sept. 22 and possibly Sept. 29 to distribute information about the project and access to a feedback survey. The feedback survey will also be available at the Canton Free Library, included in a letter of intent to community stakeholders, and published with digital communications about the project.

The pop-up will be live for two weeks after the mid-September installation. During that time, volunteers from the Complete Streets Task Force will observe and record how the pop-up affects motorized vehicle, bike and other small-wheel transportation, and pedestrian travel as well as on-street parking patterns.

## Sandstone Park beach closing for summer Aug. 27

BY ADAM ATKINSON  
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — The last day for the village’s beach to be open this season at Sandstone Park will be this weekend, said the recreation director.

“Although we were hoping to stay open through Labor Day like last year it looks like we will be closing this Sunday, August 27th. The majority of our life guards will be heading back to college themselves or starting their other employment opportunities,” Director Trey Smutz told village board members at their meeting Aug. 21.

Smutz said the beach will be open from 10-7 everyday for the rest of the week until closing.

The park will also continue to kayak and paddleboard rentals by

reservation for the next few weeks. Reservations can be made by telephone, email, or Facebook message with the Village of Potsdam Recreation Department.

“Other than that our summer rec program came to an end a few weeks ago. More than 50 kids attended over those weeks with an average of 25 to 30 kids each day,” Smutz told the board.

“And as we are starting to wind down our summer the compressors for our winter ice season will be turned on Friday, Oct. 6. We’ll start making ice that week on the 9th and plan to be open Saturday, Oct. 14th,” the director told the board.

Smutz said public ice time will be shared but is hoping to set up an online scheduling calendar where the public can sign up for ice time.

## Sex offender breaks into home

CANTON – A registered sex offender from Canton was arrested

after allegedly breaking into a residence where he was seen by the homeowner inside the home early Sunday morning, according to Canton police.

Police responded to a burglary in progress at a residence on Wells Street in the village Aug. 20 around 1:50 a.m., police said.

Christopher Rickett, 34, of 68 Riverside Drive, gained entry to the home by using several tools on an exterior door, where he was later observed inside of the home by the victim. Responding officers observed the suspect as he ran from the residence out of the garage area and into a yard a short distance away, according to police.

Canton Police officers were assisted on scene by the New York State Police and the St. Lawrence County Sheriff’s Department.

Rickett was placed under arrest without further incident charged with second-degree burglary, fourth-degree criminal mischief, possession of burglar tools, and petit larceny.

According to the state Criminal Justice database, Rickett is a registered sex offender and was sentenced to 42 months in 2008 on multiple felony charges.

Rickett was convicted on six counts of felony attempted course of sexual conduct, first degree, two or more acts against a child under 11 years of age, according to the state registry.

He is a level 3 risk, designated as a sexually violent offender, the database confirmed.

Rickett was arraigned in Potsdam court and released under the supervision of probation. An order of protection was served on behalf of the victim.

Canton police wished to remind residents to remember to lock windows and exterior doors, to include entrances to garage, cellar and exterior buildings and consider installing cameras, motion lighting, and/or an alarm system.

### BRIEFLY

#### Correction

North Country This Week published a story in last week’s paper that contained incorrect enrollment numbers for Clarkson University for the coming semester. The story should have read that Clarkson University’s total enrollment numbers this year are on track with last year’s totals, with around 4,100 students expected on campus this academic year. The newspaper apologizes for the error.

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# St. Lawrence County financials given clean bill of health in 2022 audit

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

CANTON — Auditors from Dre-scher & Malecki, LLP say the county is in a strong financial position and found no issues in an audit for fiscal year 2022.

Charles Trottier, CPA and Luke Malecki, CPA, both presented their findings to the board of legislators during an operations committee meeting on Aug. 14, saying the county came back with a clean bill.

Malecki noted the significant influx of grants in recent years, along with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that have been utilized to bolster county infrastructure and services during the COVID pandemic, as well as following the pandemic.

A review of the financial statement showed revenues have steadily trended upward over the last five-years with a “steady fiscal approach in the management of the fund balance.”

Of note, Malecki said revenues have exceeded expenses in each of

the last five-years.

In 2022, revenue totaled \$214.3 million versus \$203 million in total expenses, leading to a rise of \$11.5 million in the fund balance. As of the audit, the fund balance sat at \$59.9 million, he said.

Non-property tax items, such as state and federal aid, along with other revenues and transfers increased but Malecki did say departmental income from services, as well as real property taxes and tax items did drop slightly in 2022.

Real property taxes were down \$1.7 million in 2022, while departmental income dropped \$900,000 in 2022 compared to 2021.

Another bright spot was the increase in sales tax revenue collected in 2022, which increased almost 12% since the COVID pandemic.

Despite state and federal aid being up almost 10%, auditors did say the county should tread carefully since some funds would not be available in the future, including ARPA funds.

Malecki told legislators that it

would be hard to predict how that will look in the coming years.

In regards to real property, the county saw growth totaling just under \$2 million, due in part to a hot real estate market.

Regarding expenditures, auditors say economic assistance and opportunity aid like that offered by the Department of Social Services rose in 2022, like due to hardships families experienced during COVID.

Auditors also pointed to services coming back online fully as the pandemic wound down, with an influx of state and federal aid assisting in some cases. When it came to the highway department, auditors pointed to transfers out that were up to \$6 million in total, which constituted the road repair fund, as well as other ARPA funded projects and machinery. In total, other expenditures increased nearly \$5 million thanks to the influx of ARPA funding, auditors found.

After all is said and done, auditors say the unrestricted and unassigned

fund balance, which sits at 16.8% compared to a total county budget of roughly \$200 million, is right at the average and is in line with recommendations from the state comptroller’s office.

Legislators Joseph Lightfoot took a moment to offer praise to county officials, particularly Administrator Ruth Doyle and Treasurer Renee Cole.

“I think this gives a pretty good look and opinion of the treasurer, the treasurer’s office and our county administrator. The attentiveness to the budget and what they’ve been able to accomplish with the legislature backing them up shows in this audit,” he said.

Lightfoot also pointed to the fact that St. Lawrence County fell in line with state recommendations, while

four comparable counties struggled to do so. Those counties, which include Jefferson, Wayne, Oswego and Warren counties, range from 22% to 55.9% when assessing fund balances versus annual spending, auditors said.

“St. Lawrence County is at the bottom of the pile of the five counties, when comparing fund balance to others,” he said.

“I think that’s a good thing but I think that our county residents need to know that the fund balance St. Lawrence County has is far from being excessive. It comes in under the guidelines of the state of New York, what their recommendations are for the fund balance. It doesn’t exceed it. We don’t spend money nilly willy. And I think your audit shows that,” Lightfoot continued.

## DANC expected to approve contracts

BY ADAM ATKINSON  
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — The board of directors of the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) are expected to approve several contracts with various St. Lawrence County municipalities for studies and other professional services next week. The board meets Aug. 24 at 10:30 a.m.

The board will vote on approving a technical services agreement for an inflow and infiltration study with the City of Ogdensburg. The city will pay DANC \$6,000 for the study which will be conducted from Aug. 24, 2023 until May 24, 2024.

A contract with the town of Edwards for technical assistance for a water system improvement project will also be considered. DANC would be paid \$10,500 and offer assistance

from Aug. 24, 2023 to July 1, 2024.

Also up for approval by the board is a technical services agreement with the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative to redevelop the former Massena School of Business into a courtyard and walkway. DANC would be paid \$30,000 to provide services from Sept. 1, 2024 to Feb. 1, 2025.

The board will consider a \$10,000 contract with the Town of Massena to provide a water system expansion study from Sept. 1, 2023 to July 1, 2024.

Finally, the board of directors is expected to vote on a \$30,000 contract with the village of Waddington to provide technical assistance for the Clark House Restoration Project from Sept. 1, 2023 through Sept. 1, 2025.

Attend online by Zoom at <https://tinyurl.com/2e7ncvvt>. The meeting livestreams at [www.danc.org](http://www.danc.org).



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# Conceal carry license recertification update

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

CANTON — Individuals issued a concealed carry license prior to September 1, 2020 must recertify

by August 31, 2023 or risk revocation of their concealed carry license.

Following the passage of the Concealed Carry Improvement Act (CCIA) last summer, individuals with a conceal carry license will

now be forced to renew every three-years, instead of every five years as previously outlined by the SAFE Act in 2012.

The change comes after state officials passed legislation in “direct retribution” to the U.S. Supreme Court overturning New York’s 109-year-old concealed carry laws.

According to the State Police website, recertification for individuals with concealed carry licenses must renew every three years, while individuals with a premises restricted license still recertify every five years.

Individuals who were issued a concealed carry license or recertified after Sept. 1, 2020 will not “become due to re-certify under the new law before August 31, 2023, and may therefore wait to re-certify until the third year after permit issuance or their last recertification,” the State Police website states.

According to officials with the St. Lawrence County Clerk’s Office, the entire process is handled with the State Police website and is not something the office can help with.

Though the CCIA is currently being contested in federal court with multiple ongoing lawsuits, county officials say it is in the best interest of conceal carry holders to recertify as soon as possible.



Dennis Barr | Submitted

## Respect for Rood

Nearly two centuries in age shake hands at an Aug. 17 gathering celebrating Bill Rood’s 91st birthday. Shaking Rood’s hand is Frank White, who turned 105 years old on June 13. Around 60 people visited with Rood at the Canton Historian Office.

## Library funding lauded

BY PAUL MITCHELL  
North Country This Week

RENSELAER FALLS — Village of Rensselaer Falls officials applaud the effort by everyone involved in securing crucial funds for the community’s library, especially Assemblyman Scott Gray and the Canton Free Library.

“Their unwavering support has been instrumental in acquiring funding from the New York State Library’s State Aid for Library Construction Program,” stated Mayor Michael Hammond.

The New York State Education Department/New York State Library approved the Rensselaer Falls Library’s application for the 2022/2023 State Aid for Library Construction Program in the amount of \$33,050, which will be utilized in accordance with Education Law Section 273-a and Commissioner’s Regulations 90.12.

“This funding will serve as a catalyst towards realizing our vision of

inclusion and accessibility within the community,” Hammond remarked. “Our library aspires to become a safe haven where community members can seek refuge from the cold winter months or escape the sweltering heat of summer as a heating and cooling station.”

“Additionally, we are committed to expanding our operating hours, allowing community members greater access to the valuable services and resources our library provides as we continue to grow,” he added.

Hammond emphasized that this grant represents one of the first stepping stones towards achieving our broader vision.

“It is an exciting opportunity to enhance our library’s capabilities and create a space that promotes inclusivity and serves as a cornerstone of the community,” said Hammond. “Together, we are moving closer to realizing our vision of a library that fosters lifelong learning, community engagement, and accessibility for all.”

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## Downtown deer

This momma deer and her babies take an afternoon stroll on Willow Street in downtown Potsdam.

### OBITUARIES

## Dr. Stuart Lee Hills, 90

formerly of Canton

CANTON -- Dr. Stuart Lee Hills, 8/18/32 - 8/2/23. A devoted father, grandfather, husband, friend, civil rights activist, and acclaimed professor of Sociology at St. Lawrence University passed away peacefully in Sarasota, FL on August 2, 2023, at the age of 90.

One of four children of the late Frederic and Mildred Hills, Stuart was predeceased by his wife of 61 years Wilma, and is survived by his sons Darrick (Mary Ann Schoenberger), Marc, and Michael (Laura McDonald), five grandchildren: Samuel, Elizabeth, Bridget, Matthew, Zaeda, and one great-grandchild, Piper.

Born and raised in East Orange, New Jersey, Stuart spent most summers as a child with his beloved aunt and uncle in Vermont.

After high school, Stuart found his way to Ohio where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from the College of Wooster in 1955.

It was at Wooster where he first met Wilma during an orientation exam when he asked his future wife to borrow a pencil. Years later it was revealed to his boys that their father had purposely broken his pencil as a ruse to speak with the lovely Wilma Smith.

Stuart would go on to earn his Master's and Ph.D. in Sociology at Indiana University. Stuart held part-time teaching positions at Central Michigan University and Indiana and became a father for the first time.

In 1962, a full-time position in the sociology department became available at Muskingum College in New Concord, Ohio where Stuart threw himself into his teaching, scholarly research, and raising three active sons.

In 1971, Stuart accepted a faculty position at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York where he was honored with multiple teaching awards, wrote four books in the fields of Criminology and Sociology, and served both the St. Lawrence and Canton communities with distinction until his retirement in 1994.

During his tenure at St. Lawrence, Stuart was able to bring his family on his sabbaticals, including memorable stays in Seattle and at the American University in Ley-sin, Switzerland where he shared with his wife and young sons many memorable experiences in the Swiss Alps, as well as in France and Italy.

A lover of sports throughout his life, Stuart was a constant presence at St. Lawrence hockey, football, and basketball games, and was

always willing to let his three sons tag along.

Stuart was at his best in the classroom where he thrived as a teacher and is still fondly remembered by his former students for his engaging lectures and for occasionally arriving to class in costume and beginning his lecture in full character.



Dr. Stuart Hills

character.

During Stuart's time in northern New York, he was able to embrace his love of nature and the outdoors with frequent family snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, sailing, canoeing, hiking, and camping trips in and around the Adirondack mountains.

In retirement, Stuart focused his energies on wood carving and became a highly skilled carver with a special affinity for bird and holiday carvings.

Stuart also took on the challenge of learning the craft of building wooden boats and successfully built a beautiful wooden Adirondack canoe and a sailboat that he affectionately named the Little Green Heron.

After enduring the cold winters of the North Country for over two decades, Stuart and Wilma moved to Sarasota, FL to enjoy the sun and warmth on the Gulf Coast.

Stuart was active with the Sarasota Sailing Squadron; he continued to enjoy his carving hobbies while also volunteering at the Pelican Man's Bird Sanctuary and the Sarasota Audubon Nature Center where he served as a docent and authored "Birding Hotspots of Sarasota" so he could share his love of birding with the greater Sarasota community.

Sarasota also proved to be a great starting point for the many cruises that he and Wilma enjoyed over their retirement years as well as a perfect vacation spot for visits by his children and grandchildren.

Stuart is greatly missed by his family, his former students and faculty colleagues, and the many friends that he made during his remarkably well-lived and impactful life.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be directed to the Sarasota Audubon Celery Fields Nature Center at [www.sarasota-audubon.org](http://www.sarasota-audubon.org).

# Canton compost site a growing problem

BY PAUL MITCHELL  
North Country This Week

CANTON – After lengthy discussion about a proposal to continue the composting program in Canton on a three-month trial basis, some village officials are still not convinced the nuisance factor will be rectified at the Bend in the River compost site.

At Wednesday night's monthly meeting of the village board, Trustee Klaus Proemm, who sits on the Sustainability Committee, introduced a proposal in an attempt to salvage the composting that has been under fire for improper and negligent practices by users.

The proposal involves hiring North Country Compost, Inc. who will pick up the composting once a week. The cost is \$248.44 per week. The compost would be taken to the farm of Cory Vinyard.

The proposal also calls for a composting site at the Village Park during the Canton Farmers Market

on Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers will be on site to monitor materials collected. The site will be located at the corner across from the Unitarian Universalist Church.

"We hope to encourage more people to compost," Proemm remarked.

Proemm said Casella Waste has donated six 60-gallon containers for use at the Bend in the River site.

"I think we can keep a closer eye on it and minimize some of the problems we've had," stated Proemm. "If the problem continues, we can close it at any time."

The problem was addressed at a joint meeting on July 26 where Mayor Michael Dalton noted that misuse has created problems with bees and maggots and has put an increased burden on village Department of Public works employees.

On Wednesday night, Dalton said he appreciates the work put in by the committee but still has concerns.

"I do not have warm fuzzies about the original site because of the problems we've had," the mayor said. "Another concern is funding. We did not budget for this."

"The worst that could happen is that it's not working and we have to close it," Proemm responded.

There was also talk about implementing volunteers at the Bend in the River compost site and offering limited hours.

There was also discussion about usage.

"There is no data on who uses it or how many," said Deputy Mayor Anna Sorensen.

Greg Todd of North Country Compost spoke.

"It's not contamination that's the problem, pickup is the problem," said Todd, noting that a plastic bag problem exists everywhere. "Hopefully consistent pickup will solve the problem we've had."

The issue was referred back to the Sustainability Committee for further review.

## National Suicide Awareness month upcoming

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

CANTON — St. Lawrence County is proclaiming September as National Suicide Prevention Month.

County legislators passed a resolution supporting the proclamation during the services committee meeting on Aug. 21.

As part of the initiative, the St. Lawrence County Suicide Awareness Coalition will host an event Sept. 16-22 called "Chalk the Walk and Have a Talk" encouraging individuals and businesses to "chalk messages of hope and resilience outside homes, businesses, schools and churches in an effort to start conversations and promote suicide prevention, mental wellness and

stigma reduction."

Legislators say September is a time set aside for communities to discuss suicide prevention and mental health while sharing resources and helping spread awareness about suicide.

Throughout the country, suicide is on the rise and continues to be a growing problem in disadvantaged communities.

"As one of the fastest growing epidemics across the county, suicidal thoughts can plague anyone regardless of age, gender and social status," the resolution states.

According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, suicide is the second leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 10 and 34. More than

48,000 individuals die by suicide in the United States annually.

Legislators say mental health organizations and advocates serve on the front lines "working hard to start conversations that will help de-stigmatize mental health and suicide, educate, raise awareness, spread hope and help to connect people with the appropriate support services."

County officials say they hope residents take the time to understand mental health and "rally together and play a role in their communities sending clear, hopeful messages that help is available."

Goals for the initiative include offering support to those in need, as well as educating individuals about warning signs and known risk factors.



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## OBITUARIES

**Betty Marguerite La Point, 93**

formerly of St. Regis Falls

ST. REGIS FALLS -- Betty Marguerite La Point passed away peacefully at Birch Bay Retirement Village in Bar Harbor, Maine on July 25, 2023, with her family by her side.

Betty was born in Fort Jackson, NY on March 23, 1930, daughter of the late Hiram Leo Snickles and Elizabeth Ives Snickles.

She graduated as salutatorian of North Lawrence High School class of 1947 then attended Marinello School of Cosmetology in Schenectady, N.Y. Upon graduation, she worked at S&K Beauty Shop in Potsdam until her marriage to Guy Donald (Don) La Point on July 14, 1949, at the Nicholville Methodist Church. She also worked at beauty shops in Binghamton, NY, and New Milford, NJ.

Betty and Don settled in Poughkeepsie, NY in 1960 where they raised their five children.

One of Betty's favorite spots was Barnegat Light on Long Beach Island, NJ where the family spent their annual summer vacations.

Don and Betty enjoyed 62 years of marriage until Don's passing in 2012.

Betty had a natural talent and love for flower arranging and in 1981 she opened and operated "Floral Occasions", a flower shop in

Poughkeepsie, NY.

Upon retirement in 1993 she and Don moved to St. Regis Falls, NY, and devoted her time to volunteer work, providing many floral arrangements at the St. Regis Falls (SRF) Adult Center and the Trinity United Methodist Church.

She co-wrote a grant and secured the funding for the Senior Housing next to the SRF Adult Center.

She also ran a thrift shop at the Trinity United Methodist Church, taught craft classes at the SRF Adult Center, and served on the Advisory Board for the Office of Aging along with several boards at Trinity United Methodist Church.

She received the New York State Legislature Achievement Award for her "outstanding effort and dedication to the task of improving the quality of life for New York State Senior Citizens" in May 2002.

The SRF Adult Center gave her a Certificate of Appreciation in June 2021 in recognition of her many

**Betty La Point****Susan Jane Martin**

formerly of Massena

January 10, 1950 - August 1, 2023  
"You have gone from our lives but will forever be in our hearts"

Susan was born to the late Guy E. Martin and Veronica (Toth) Martin while living in Cuyahoga Falls, OH. Months later, an opportunity for an engineering position at ALCOA brought the family back to Massena.

She attended St. Mary's, Sacred Heart, and Holy Family, graduating in 1968. She went on to earn a B.S. in speech correction from Nazareth College. Her instructional career shifted to Special Education and was employed in El Paso, TX until 2003. She relocated to Holly Springs, NC at that time.

Travel was her lifelong passion, globally and stateside. Many places, featured in her preferred genre of non-fiction, became her destinations.

Her favorite road trip was to the family camp on Wilson Hill, with her Cocker Spaniels in tow. Reuniting with family and high school friends were a part of each stay. A day trip to Lake Placid was a bonus.

She had fond memories of waiting there during her college summer vacations.

She satisfied a lifetime desire to experience a bobsled run not too many years ago. Susie was a lifelong downhill skier and had the opportunity to ski in the Alps, Rockies, and Adirondacks.

Susie received her cancer diagnosis in March. The prognosis was not hopeful as it had metastasized and was aggressive. She was able to comfortably remain at home until her death, with the dedicated service of Hospice and the care of family members.

Susan is survived by her siblings, MaryAnne Layo, Stephen (Eileen), Nancy McCaffrey (Marty), Barbara, and William (Carrie). Nieces and nephews: Matthew and Amy Layo, Laura McCracken (Alex), Dan and Jessica McCaffrey, Brandon and Bridget Webber, Bradley, Jacob, and Rylie Martin. Many cousins and their children survive her as well.

She was predeceased by her parents, grandparents, Guy E. and

**Susan Martin**

years of service, and in 2022 the SRF Adult Center formally thanked her for all her volunteer work over the years and for her "kindness and love, creating everlasting friendship and memories for everyone that came to the center".

Betty is survived by daughters, Halcyon La Point (Gary Paul) of Billings, MT, and Michelle McCann (Bob) Bar Harbor, ME, sons, Douglas La Point (Maddalena) Marshfield, VT; and Dr. Jeffery La Point, Ithaca, NY; along with four grandsons, one granddaughter, and two great-grandchildren.

She was pre-deceased by her husband, Don La Point; son, Gary La Point; and brother, Charles Snickles.

The family would like to thank the Birch Bay Retirement Village for their loving care of Betty, and very special friends including the Don Barney family, Karen Pondysh, Marion Swarka, Faye Debuque, and Janet Stauffer.

A celebration of her life is planned for Betty this fall in St. Regis Falls, NY.

In lieu of flowers please send donations in her name to the Trinity United Methodist Church, the St. Regis Falls Adult Center, Alzheimer's Association, or a charity of one's choice.

Jenny Martin and Stephen and Julia Toth. Many aunts, uncles, and a brother-in-law, Kenneth J. Layo Jr. also predeceased her.

Susan expressed no desire for calling hours or a funeral service. She will be laid to rest with her parents in Calvary Cemetery, Massena at the convenience of the family at a later date.

Susan was a charitable person and supported Meals on Wheels, to honor the legacy of her mother, the Massena Volunteer Emergency Unit, to honor her father's legacy, and several other organizations.

Many thanks to all whose prayers, cards, and gifts were greatly appreciated by Susie and her family.

I give you this one thought to keep-

I am with you still. I do not sleep.

I am the stars that shine at night.

Do not think of me as gone-

I am with you still, in each new dawn.

Family and friends are encouraged to share memories, photos, and online condolence by visiting [www.PhillipsMemorial.com](http://www.PhillipsMemorial.com).

**Donald Eugene Austin, 70**

formerly of South Colton

SYRACUSE -- Donald Eugene Austin, formerly of South Colton, NY, passed away on August 1, 2023, at St. Joseph's Hospital.

There will be no calling hours.

A graveside service will be held at a later date in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Colton.

He will be laid to rest next to his parents, brother, and sister.

Donald was born in Biloxi, Mississippi on August 24th, 1952.

He graduated from Colton Pierpont Central School in 1971 and then received his master's degree from Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio before joining the military.

He was an honorably discharged Vietnam-era Army Veteran.

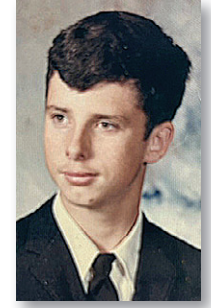
After leaving the military he taught at a private Catholic school before moving to Syracuse, NY where he worked security at the Syracuse Dome until his retirement.

Donald is survived by brothers, Stephen (Deanna), James (Sharon), Kevin (Rebecca), Alan (Carolyn), and Robert "Pete" Austin as well as several aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

He was pre-deceased by his parents, Donald and Teresa, a brother, Timothy, and a sister, Mary.

Donald enjoyed reading, writing poetry, playing golf, computer games, playing chess, riding his bike, exotic birds, and most of all spending time on the Raquette River, especially in the old Hollywood section that has been flooded over.

The Hollis Funeral Home is serving the family of Donald E. Austin.

**Donald Austin****Beverly J. Schwardfigure, 94**

Massena

MASSENA -- Beverly J. Schwardfigure, age 94, passed away Friday afternoon, August 11, 2023, at her home.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Phillips Memorial Home in Massena.

There will be no public calling hours or funeral services.

A graveside service for Beverly and her husband, Leroy will take place in St. Mary's Cemetery, Potsdam with full Military Honors at the convenience of the family at a later date.

Beverly was born on May 16, 1929, in Norfolk, NY the daughter of the late John and Genevieve (McDonald) LaValley.

Beverly attended Potsdam Schools and soon after married LeRoy Schwardfigure on July 6, 1949, in St. Mary's Church in Ogdensburg. Leroy predeceased her on October 1, 2020.

Beverly was employed at Ames Department Store and the Fabric Bazaar as a sales clerk.

She was a member of the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary for 36 years, Senior Citizens in Hogansburg, and Massena, and a communicant of St. Joseph's Church.

Beverly was an active quilt maker. She had made many quilts to

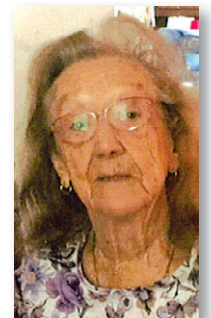
enter craft fairs and also donated to the local nursing homes.

Beverly is survived by her two daughters, Georgia and husband, John Abraham of Massena, NY, Joanne Barnes of Massena, NY, a son, Steven and wife, Maryellen Schwardfigure of Brownville, NY; along with four grandchildren, Leary Murray, Monica Beauchamp,

Anessa O'Neil, Lydia Schwardfigure; and five great-grandchildren, Alex Beachump, Tia Beauchamp, Brody Nyland, Davin Villnave and Brayden Murray; and two great-great-grandchildren, Aurora and Darius; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Beverly was predeceased by a grandson, Eric Barnes; and her siblings, Carl, Harold, Alfred, Lloyd, Ida, and Thelma.

Family and friends are encouraged to share memories, photos, and condolences online by visiting [www.PhillipsMemorial.com](http://www.PhillipsMemorial.com).

**Beverly Schwardfigure****Nancy J. Conklin, 86**

formerly of Potsdam

POTSDAM -- It is with great regret and sorrow to announce the passing of Nancy J. Conklin, 86, originally from Potsdam.

Nancy passed, Thursday, July 27th, in Conway, South Carolina. The family held a private ceremony, on Saturday, August 12th, at Saint Mary's Cemetery in Canton.

Nancy is survived by her two sons, Gregory (Terri) Conklin of Hunt, NY, and Jeffrey Conklin of Colton, NY, two grandchildren Jacob (Jennifer) Conklin of Klinger, PA, and Becky (Adam) Wright of Gainesville, NY, and four great-grandchildren, Joshua, Joel, Logan, and Riley.

Nancy was married to James (Jim) Conklin for 65 years.

Nancy worked and retired from Canton Federal Savings and Loan Bank in Canton.

Eventually, Jim and Nancy retired in Conway, South Carolina, where they spent the last twenty-two years together. They were able to travel, entertain friends and family, and live life to the fullest

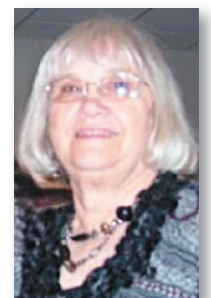
while in Conway.

Nancy loved the arts. She was an avid painter, and thoroughly enjoyed ballet, figure-skating, and shopping, but also enjoyed going to concerts, big or small.

She would always take a detour to a gallery to enjoy and relish the talents of others. More importantly, she loved to laugh, joke around, play card games, and talk away the time giving advice and remedies to weather any storm.

Nancy was a great woman with the world's biggest heart and a tremendous soul. Words cannot convey the hole that is now left in the world with her passing.

Her love and life lessons will always be cherished as will the funny moments she left us all.

**Nancy Conklin**

## RECENT DEATHS

**NANCY CONKLIN**, 86, formerly of Potsdam, July 27.

**DONALD AUSTIN**, 70, formerly of South Colton, Aug. 1. Arrangements with Hollis Funeral Home.

**DR. STUART HILLS**, 90, formerly of Canton, Aug. 2.

**CAROLE BLACKBURN**, 80, Canton, Aug. 15. Arrangements

with O'Leary Funeral Service of Canton.

**THOMAS JENISON**, 77, Canton, Aug. 17. Arrangements with Lawrence Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Canton.

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# Troopers say fugitive heavily armed when killed; reports of K-9 shot false

## STAFF REPORT

North Country This Week

RUSSELL — State police say Shawn G. Sheridan was heavily armed for a shootout before he was shot and killed by a State trooper Aug. 10.

State Police say Sheridan, who was a fugitive on the run, was alleged to be living in a tent in a wooded area where the shootout occurred. According to police, Sheridan was armed with two different types of long guns, along with a bandolier of ammunition.

Initial reports by state police said that a K-9 was struck in the paw with a bullet, but troopers said that was not true.

“Thankfully, neither was hit. While initial reports indicated the K-9 was struck by gunfire, after examination by veterinarians it was determined the K-9 had not been shot,” state police said in a statement.

Troopers say Sheridan was wearing a tactical vest that contained multiple edged weapons.

In the tent that Sheridan was living in, police found an ammo box containing more ammunition along with another gun.

Troopers did not specify how Sheridan obtained the weapons or to whom they may have belonged.

On Aug. 11, one day after the shooting, the New York Attorney General’s Office of Special Investigation (OSI) opened an investigation into the incident.

A news release issued by OSI, said troopers encountered Sheridan on Donnerville Road in the town of Russell.

During the encounter, Sheridan allegedly fired a gun in their direction and a NYSP trooper returned fire.

The investigation into the officer

involved shooting is standard procedure.

OSI assesses every incident reported to it where a police officer or a peace officer, including a corrections officer, may have caused the death of a person by an act or omission.

Under the law, the officer may be on-duty or off-duty, and the decedent may be armed or unarmed.

Also, the decedent may or may not be in custody or incarcerated.

If OSI’s assessment indicates an officer may have caused the death, OSI proceeds to conduct a full investigation of the incident.

Responding to the incident were state police, St. Lawrence County Sheriff’s deputies, Canton Police, the District Attorney’s Office and the St. Lawrence County Drug Task Force.

When asked if Sheridan was aided in his hiding, Sheriff Bigwarfe said he could not comment because it was still being investigated.

Officials said because Sheridan was killed in an officer involved shooting, the state Attorney General’s office would also be investigating the incident.

Pasqua said no one else had been charged in relation to the incident but added that investigation is still active.

## Original crime

On the morning of March 9, 2022, at approximately 1:42 a.m., St. Lawrence County Sheriff’s Deputies responded to a reported domestic incident at 49 South Woods Road in Rossie.

Upon their arrival, it was determined that a victim had been shot in the neck during the reported domestic incident.

The victim sustained serious injuries and was transported by Medivac to Upstate Hospital in Syracuse

for treatment

Over the initial course of this incident, Deputy Sheriff Matthew Merria arrested Sheridan, who was armed with a long gun and a knife, by himself, reports the sheriff’s office.

Deputy Merria also had an intern riding with him at the time of this call, and they were both able to render aid to the female victim until rescue could respond to the scene.

## Bail reform

St. Lawrence County County Sheriff Brooks Bigwarfe said multiple agencies had been working to apprehend Sheridan after he skipped his July 18 sentencing.

St. Lawrence County District Attorney Gary Pasqua said Sheridan had been held on bail but that it was paid which allowed him to be released.

“The judge had to give the release in the least restricted method due to bail reform. He did put a high bail on this but it was met. When you are not allowed to consider the dangerousness of a defendant in regard to whether or not they remain jailed you end up letting dangerous people out. When you let dangerous people out on bail they do dangerous things,” he said.

Pasqua said that while no human officers were injured, the situation would likely have been avoided completely if it had occurred prior to bail reform changes.

“We’re always thankful during any operation when the law enforcement officers and the individuals that we are helping come out safe and unharmed,” he said.

Pasqua noted in an early interview that they had hoped Sheridan could be brought in peacefully but acknowledged that he was a threat to law enforcement.

# Final touches being put on Rensselaer Falls Festival

## BY PAUL MITCHELL

North Country This Week

RENSELAER FALLS — The Falls Festival continues to grow as the organizing committee puts the final touches on the Sept. 8-9 event.

“The Falls Festival Committee convened on Monday (Aug. 14) to finalize plans that will enrich the festival experience for attendees of all ages. With the event fast approaching, excitement is building for the upcoming festivities,” said Mayor and committee co-chair Michael Hammond.

He noted that this Friday, Aug. 18 is the final night in The Falls Concert series with a Community Collaboration that will feature a bucket drive on Rensselaer Street with donations directly supporting committee goals.

“The annual event promises a weekend of vibrant community celebrations,” Hammond stated.

Highlights of the Falls Festival include:

**Classic Car Show Addition:** Attendees can look forward to a charming classic car show, evoking nostalgia and vintage allure.

**Food Trucks Relocated:** To delight taste buds, the event’s mouthwatering food trucks will now be stationed near Falls Market, offering a delectable array of culinary delights.

**Family Fun Overdrive:** A diverse array of family-friendly entertainment awaits, with bounce houses, new kids’ games, and other activities hosted in the Historical Society’s side yard.

**Crafty Delights:** The festival will feature multiple craft vendors showcasing their creativity, adding an artistic flair to the event.

**Live Music Extravaganza:** Eight talented local acts will grace the stage, providing a lively musical backdrop to the festival. New this year is a Karaoke Hour from noon

to 1 p.m. on Saturday, and the return of the line dancers.

Epic Competitions: Thrilling competitions await attendees, including Cornhole tournaments on both days, Texas Horseshoe showdowns on Friday night, and the popular Big Wheel Races on Saturday.

Fresh Threads Alert: The official t-shirt color for this year is a vibrant Kiwi, allowing festival-goers to proudly display their Falls Festival pride.

Community Outreach: The Falls Festival Committee remains dedicated to giving back to the community. Recent initiatives include sponsoring Halloween and Christmas events, supporting a truck refurbishment project, and contributing to causes such as Suicide Prevention Awareness, Dreaming Tree Ranch, and the Historical Society Student Scholarship fund.

New Adventures: Enhancing the festival experience, the committee is investing in electrical upgrades and introducing a Rock Climbing Wall to elevate the playground’s offerings.

Fishing Derby for Kids: On Sept. 9, a Kids Fishing Derby will take place, complete with remarkable prizes, hotdogs, and drinks for participants.

Fireworks Spectacle: The festivities will culminate with a dazzling fireworks display on Saturday, Sept. 9, at 9 pm.

Hammond encourages community members to support The Falls Festival’s ongoing success by becoming sponsors and embracing the spirit of unity and collaboration that defines the event.

“Stay tuned for further announcements and surprises as the Falls Festival Committee prepares to deliver an exceptional weekend in The Falls, where cherished memories are made,” he concluded.

# St. Lawrence County financials given clean bill of health in 2022 audit

## BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI

North Country This Week

CANTON — Auditors from Drescher & Malecki, LLP say the county is in a strong financial position and found no issues in an audit for fiscal year 2022.

Charles Trottier, CPA and Luke Malecki, CPA, both presented their findings to the board of legislators during an operations committee meeting on Aug. 14, saying the county came back with a clean bill.

Malecki noted the significant influx of grants in recent years, along with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that have been utilized to bolster county infrastructure and services during the COVID pandemic, as well as following the pandemic.

A review of the financial statement showed revenues have steadily trended upward over the last five-years with a “steady fiscal approach in the management of the fund balance.”

Of note, Malecki said revenues have exceeded expenses in each of the last five-years.

In 2022, revenue totaled \$214.3 million versus \$203 million in total expenses, leading to a rise of \$11.5 million in the fund balance. As of the audit, the fund balance sat at \$59.9 million, he said.

Non-property tax items, such as state and federal aid, along with other revenues and transfers increased but Malecki did say departmental income from services, as well as real property taxes and tax items did drop slightly in 2022.

Real property taxes were down \$1.7 million in 2022, while departmental income dropped \$900,000 in 2022 compared to 2021.

Another bright spot was the increase in sales tax revenue collected in 2022, which increased almost 12% since the COVID pandemic.

Despite state and federal aid being up almost 10%, auditors did say the county should tread carefully since some funds would not be available in the future, including ARPA funds.

Malecki told legislators that it would be hard to predict how that will look in the coming years.

In regards to real property, the county saw growth totaling just under \$2 million, due in part to a hot real estate market.

Regarding expenditures, auditors say economic assistance and opportunity aid like that offered by the Department of Social Services rose in 2022, like due to hardships families experienced during COVID.

Auditors pointed to services coming back online fully as the pandemic wound down, with an influx of government aid assisting in some cases.

When it came to the highway department, auditors pointed to transfers out that were up to \$6 million in total, which constituted the road repair fund, as well as other ARPA funded projects and machinery. In total, other expenditures increased nearly \$5 million thanks to the influx of ARPA funding, auditors found.

After all is said and done, auditors say the unrestricted and unassigned

fund balance, which sits at 16.8% compared to a total county budget of roughly \$200 million, is right at the average and is in line with recommendations from the state comptroller’s office.

Legislators Joseph Lightfoot took a moment to offer praise to county officials, particularly Administrator Ruth Doyle and Treasurer Renee Cole.

“I think this gives a pretty good look and opinion of the treasurer, the treasurer’s office and our county administrator. The attentiveness to the budget and what they’ve been able to accomplish with the legislature backing them up shows in this audit,” he said.

Lightfoot pointed to the fact that St. Lawrence County fell in line with state recommendations, while four comparable counties struggled to do so. Those counties, which include Jefferson, Wayne, Oswego and Warren counties, range from 22% to 55.9% when assessing fund balances versus annual spending, auditors said.

“St. Lawrence County is at the bottom of the pile of the five counties, when comparing fund balance to others,” he said.

“I think that’s a good thing but I think that our county residents need to know that the fund balance St. Lawrence County has is far from being excessive. It comes in under the guidelines of the state of New York, what their recommendations are for the fund balance. It doesn’t exceed it. We don’t spend money nilly willy. And I think your audit shows that,” Lightfoot continued.

## BRIEFLY

### River warning

COLTON — Brookfield Renewable U.S. urges those recreating on the Raquette River to exercise additional caution. Due to the increase in participation over the last few weeks, the Raquette River and its various tributaries are experiencing unseasonably elevated flows. As the owner and operator of 74 hydroelectric facilities across New York State Brookfield is host to thousands of residents and tourists participating in a number of activities including but not limited to fishing, kayaking and canoeing. Ensuring public safety remains the highest priority for Brookfield: Pay close attention to your surroundings and respect all signage, sirens and barriers. For questions, please contact us at: [Inquiries.Newyork@brookfieldrenewable.com](mailto:Inquiries.Newyork@brookfieldrenewable.com)

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# Ammunition, background checks to soon have additional state fees

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

CANTON – Persons seeking to purchase a firearm or ammunition will soon have to pay additional fees to the state in order to do so.

State officials approved legislation last year that allows the state to charge buyers a fee to conduct said background check following shootings in both Buffalo, New York and Uvalde, Texas.

The only problem with the new procedures, few dealers have been notified of the changes and none have been provided the state mandated training required by the state because State Police have yet to finish designing and implementing the course.

With the whole process hanging in limbo, St. Lawrence County Attorney Steve Button said he believes what transpires over the next few weeks will show whether the legislation was passed in the name of public safety or strictly out of political motivation.

“I think with what little information is available and the fact no training is even available for dealers yet, we will know whether this was motivated out of a sense of public safety or strictly for politics,” he said.

Button said if state officials hold dealers to the Sept. 13 deadline, it would be fair to say the legislation was merely politically motivated.

According to Button, local retailers are also in the dark on the situation, something that needs to be addressed quickly if the state truly does intend to move forward with the new process.

“The state has yet to inform any local retailers of the new requirements, as far as I am aware,” he said.

Button also spoke to a number of issues that could arise, primarily around the background check process for dealers.

For one, background checks could be delayed in processing if State Police are not prepared or capable of handling those checks, he said.

Critics have said the need for additional background checks for ammunition is unnecessary, while others have argued the additional checks are another way for the state to limit or deny who can purchase ammunition, along with how much in a single transaction.

To date, state officials have said there will be no limit on how many boxes of ammunition can be purchased with a single background check.

Prior attempts to require background checks for ammunition sales failed, despite former Governor Andrew Cuomo including such measures in the SAFE Act in 2012. That legislation, which went into effect in January 2013, also required background checks on ammunition, however the requirement was struck from the books in 2015 when Cuomo admitted there was no way to fund or implement such a system in New York State.

Background checks for firearm purchases are nothing new, however, as state officials closed the “gun show loophole” with the SAFE Act, requiring anyone looking to sell a firearm privately to do so with a background check conducted by a federal firearms licensed dealer.

Fees for ammunition background checks will be \$2.50 per transaction, while a background check for firearms will be \$9 per firearm.

Lawmakers claimed at the time of passage that the measure was included in the legislation to ensure that unauthorized persons would not be able to obtain firearms and ammunition.

As part of the new process, firearm dealers will have to register with the state and must submit all background checks to the State Police, who then act as the middle-man and contact the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), which is operated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, on the dealer’s behalf.

The new procedures are planned to go into effect on Sept. 13, at which time federal firearms dealers will be unable to conduct background checks directly through the

NICS system as they have since its inception.

All fees must be paid prior to the state contacting NICS, according to the State Police website.

According to Button, by acting as the middle-man, New York State will then be able to charge for the fees associated.

Button, however, said he is skeptical the fees will outweigh the costs associated for State Police to act as the intermediary.

“The expenses incurred are supposed to be paid for by the fees being charged per transaction, however the resources used by State Police I believe will likely far outweigh the revenue generated,” he said.

Critics argued the fees are an unconstitutional road block for individuals looking to exercise a constitutional right. To date, no lawsuits have been announced by gun rights organizations as New York State is poised to become the seventeenth state to begin a fee structure for firearm background checks, according to the National Shooting Sports Foundation.

Button said another concern is a constitutional argument regarding a potential denial during the course of a background check.

Currently, an individual who is denied during a background check has a clear cut appeals process to challenge the NICS decision.

However, under the new scheme setup by the state, no appeals process has been created by the State Police yet.

“The potential denial of an individual’s rights in an enumerated amendment is certainly a concern and one that the state, so far, has yet to address. We have been told there will be an appeals process but have yet to hear anything else from the state,” Button said.

Button said the lack of an appeals process could open up the state to litigation, adding to a long list of cases already pending in the Second Circuit Court of Appeals.

Button said county officials will continue to closely monitor the situation.



Cheryl Shumway | NCTV

## SLU students get settled

St. Lawrence University seniors Anna Kate Richardson, Albany, and Sarah Ritz, Long Island, unloads their cars Monday, Aug. 21, the day juniors and seniors arrive back on campus for the fall semester. Classes start Aug 23.

## Colton-Pierrepont School to address digital wellness

COLTON – Colton-Pierrepont Central School will look to emphasize the importance of digital wellness in the overall lives of students and families this year.

“As technology continues to be integrated into education and our everyday lives, the district aims to provide children and parents with essential insights into maintaining a healthy balance between screen time and overall well-being,” according to district spokesperson Zach Robert.

To provide guidance, the school will hold its annual mandatory Digital Wellness Meetings this month.

This year, the meetings will place an emphasis on the importance of digital wellness in the overall lives of students and families.

“This has been an important focus for the school since the district implemented its 1:1 Technology Initiative back in 2010,” Robert said. “The initiative ensures that every student from pre-K through grade 12 has regular exposure to laptops and other technologies.”

“Given that Colton-Pierrepont Central School is a small, rural

school, the importance of vibrant community connections cannot be said enough,” Ribert said.

For the first time, the district is planning an Open House event prior to the first day of school.

On Aug. 31 from 6 to 7 p.m. students and families can connect with teachers and about a dozen local community agencies.

Students can visit their classrooms, meet their teachers, pick up free school supplies, get a free haircut, receive their schedules, and locate their lockers during the Open House.

“We are dedicated to providing an enriching learning environment that not only focuses on academic excellence but also emphasizes the development of the whole child,” said Colton-Pierrepont Central School District Superintendent Jim Nee. “The Open House and Digital Wellness Meetings reflect our commitment to fostering overall well-being, digital literacy and community engagement as we strive to educate responsible, respectful and resourceful citizens.”

## Clarkson plans firefighter study

POTSDAM – Clarkson University Assistant Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Michael Bazzocchi and his team are seeking participants for a research study on recording and understanding the posture of firefighters while performing functional tasks such as those performed on the fireground. Career and volunteer firefighters in the age range 18 to 99 are all eligible.

The study will enable Bazzocchi and his team to design exoskeleton suits that provide support during task performance on the fireground. Participants will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card upon completion.

The study will take two hours during a single visit. Participants will complete a consent form prior to the experiment. Next, a few anthropometric measurements will be taken.

During the experiment, participants will wear an Xsens Awinda motion capture suit that comprises 17 Inertial measurement units (IMUs). Round one of the experiment will start after the system calibration and the recording of five walking gait cycles. Five functional tasks will be recorded in the first round, and each task will be repeated five times. The same process will be followed in the second round while wearing an additional weighted jacket with an equivalent weight to bunker gear.

Those interested in participating can fill out the following brief online form and will be contacted when a study session is being scheduled: <https://forms.gle/ssr55fvfQzuR8cbr8>

For more information, please contact Dr. Michael Bazzocchi at [mbazzoc@clarkson.edu](mailto:mbazzoc@clarkson.edu) or 315-268-7612.

## Second horse identified with Eastern Equine Encephalitis in SLC

BRASHER FALLS — The St. Lawrence County Public Health Department has been notified that a horse in the Brasher Falls area has tested positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE, Triple E) virus.

The EEE virus is transmitted by mosquitoes and can infect people, horses, and other mammals, some birds, reptiles, and amphibians. This very rare, but serious, virus can cause inflammation of the brain, also known as encephalitis.

It is important to consult a trusted veterinarian about vaccinating horses against EEE.

EEE vaccination is very effective at preventing clinical disease in horses. Vaccination needs to be repeated at minimum on an annual basis; con-

sult with your veterinarian regarding boosters.

To reduce exposure to mosquitoes for horses: eliminate any standing water (mosquito habitat) and place fans inside where the horses rest, limit outdoor activities at dawn and dusk, and use equine approved mosquito repellent.

This week, the Franklin County Public Health Department was notified that a horse in the Moira area tested positive for EEE. Earlier this month, another horse in Brier Hill also tested positive.

About 5-10 EEE human cases are reported each year in the U.S.

In New York State, there have been 8 human disease cases between 2003-2022. These cases occurred in

Oswego and Onondaga counties.

To avoid mosquito breeding near your property, the St. Lawrence County Public Health Department advises taking the following measures. Make sure your roof gutters drain correctly and clean clogged gutters in the spring and fall. Remove or turn over any items that may hold stagnant water, such as tires, buckets, planters, toys, pools, birdbaths, flowerpots, or trash containers to prevent mosquitoes from breeding.

Clear vegetation and waste from the edge of ponds.

To avoid mosquito bites, take precautions during their peak activity hours from dusk until dawn.

Wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, socks, and shoes. Use mosquito repellent containing DEET, Picaridin, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus, or IR3535.

Do not apply repellent directly to children; instead, apply it to your own hands and then rub it onto your child.

Avoid applying to your face and wash your skin and clothing thoroughly after coming indoors.

For more information on EEE, call the St. Lawrence County Public Health Department at 315-386-2325.





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## Community Development, Environmental Improvement funds awarded

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Community Development and Environmental Improved Program applications were accepted from February until April. Eligible applicants include communities and not-for-profit organizations in St. Lawrence County.

The awards recipients include Lisbon Depot Museum, HVAC improvements \$15,000; Town of Louisville, Municipal Building and Volunteer Fire Department Improvements \$10,000; Town of Macomb, Macomb Historical Building renovations to include flooring, lighting, electrical, and kitchen upgrades \$10,000; Town of Massena, Water study specific to properties on Route 37 \$10,000; City of Ogdensburg, Dobinsky

Center – Improve fire suppression, A/C & hot water heat \$10,000; Potsdam Humane Society, Best Friends Thrift Store renovations to roof and insulation \$15,000; St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum, Utility expansion – potable water \$10,000; St. Lawrence Valley Sportsmen Club, Walleye restocking program \$5,000; and Town of Waddington, Campground at Leishman Point, infrastructure for sites \$15,000.

The funding for the program was originally provided by the New York Power Authority. Previously funded applicants and projects include the Massena Police Activities League, the Massena Arts and Theatre Association, the Norwood Village Green Concert Series, the St. Lawrence River Walleye Asso-

ciation, the St. Lawrence County Fire Training Center, the Frederic Remington Art Museum, the Morristown Gateway Museum, the North Country Children's Museum, the St. Lawrence Power and Equipment Museum, and the CDL-A Driver program at the SUNY Canton CREST Center.

The program has also funded

tourism and trail development activities, including fishing promotional activities for Black Lake, the BassMaster Elite Tournaments, the Iroquois Horse Trail project, the Lisbon Town Beach, the St. Lawrence County Wine Trail, the Blueway Trail Corridor, and the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Recreational Trail System.

## RSV vaccines at Kinneys

GOUVERNEUR – Kinney Drugs pharmacists will soon be able to provide RSV vaccines to adults 60 years and older in Vermont and New York State. Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) is a common respiratory virus that typically causes mild, cold-like symptoms. Infants and older adults are at increased risk for serious illness and complications from RSV.

As seniors prepare for the fall season when respiratory viruses typically spread, they should receive a flu vaccine, updated Covid-19 vaccine, and RSV vaccine.

Kinney Drugs also has high-dose flu vaccines for those 65 and older.

"Pharmacists are well positioned to administer RSV vaccines and help achieve higher vaccination rates by offering accessible and convenient immunizations at our pharmacies," said John Marraffa, R.Ph., President. "Kinney Drugs is glad to be able to add RSV vaccines and updated COVID-19 vaccines to the list of vaccinations we are able to offer to our customers."

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SUNY Canton photo

Northern Tier Contracting and area subcontractors continue work on the area between French Hall and the Roselle Academic Plaza at SUNY Canton. Upgrades include a new amphitheater and a gradual sloping path with new lighting.

## Major construction projects at SUNY Canton

CANTON – SUNY Canton's campus is undergoing a remarkable makeover, thanks to the State University of New York Construction Fund's support on various projects.

The most dramatic transformations are underway at French Hall, where area contractors have removed the granite retaining walls and installed a sloping path connecting the administrative building to the central campus area. The college has also installed a new amphitheater for outdoor classes and events.

According to Assistant Vice President for Facilities Michael R. McCormick, the upgrades are part of the second phase of French Hall's renovation.

Other improvements include new geothermal wells in Parking Lot 7, eliminating the need for natural gas to heat the building. The college also plans to add a ducted wind turbine to offset electrical energy usage and help meet New York State's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act requirements.

The multi-year project will radically alter an exterior portion of the campus that has remained primarily unchanged since SUNY Canton relocated to its current location in 1968. Several of the eleven active projects currently underway on campus are all specific to French Hall.

Other current projects include: Renovating the intersection of Nevaldine Hall's North and South portions to improve accessibility.

Replacing roofs on Chaney Dining Center and MacArthur Hall.

Reconstructing walkways connecting Payson, Rushton and Heritage Halls.

Repaving and augmenting the Chaney Dining Center parking lot.

Restoring the exterior facade of Wicks Hall.

Upgrading Newell Veterinary Technology Center to meet the needs of evolving education.

Replacing an elevator in Smith Hall.

The college has 10 additional capital improvement projects in the design phase, including renovating the academic plaza and constructing the college's proposed child care center. There are also about a dozen future projects on the horizon. McCormick said the future of the college's physical presence is outlined in the Facilities Master Plan, which guides the renovation and transformation of the modern campus.

A complete list of all construction projects and renderings of the projects are available on SUNY Canton's Project Update Page.

Numerous North Country Companies provide the expertise necessary to complete the work on campus. Area contractors and subcontractors contributing to the college's ongoing growth include A.A.C. Contracting, Inc., Waddington; All Seasons Landscaping, Lowville; Burns Bros. Contractors, Potsdam; Collins-Hammond Electrical Contractors, Ogdensburg; Con Tech Building Systems, Inc., Gouverneur; Empire Northeast, Gouverneur; Fourth Coast, Clayton; Hyde-Stone Mechanical, Potsdam; Jeffords Steel and Engineering, Potsdam; Northern Glass Company, Canton; Northern Tier Contracting, Inc., Gouverneur; Norwood Plumbing, Inc., Norwood; PTL Contracting Corp., Theresa; Racquette River Contracting, Madrid; RSI Roofing, Inc., Gouverneur; Ruston Paving Company, Inc., Watertown; and TEL Inc., Heuvelton.

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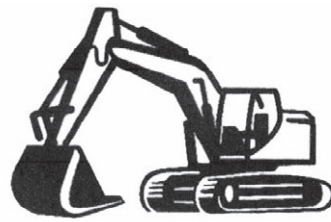
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Dr. Collard is American Board of Family Medicine certified, and

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## Don't blame goldenrod on your allergy problems

BY PAUL HETZLER  
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### The Meandering Naturalist

Unless you have bees up your nose on a regular basis, don't blame late-season allergies on goldenrod.

However, if you do find bees in your schnozz, seek medical (and perhaps entomological) help immediately.

While most plants respond to the shrinking hours of daylight in the late summer by starting to wind down their business for the season, goldenrod is a "short-day" plant, the type that is stimulated to bloom by dwindling light.

It is a perennial in the aster family, and is widespread across North America. Continent-wide, we have something on the order of 130 species of goldenrod in the genus *Solidago*.

As one of the most abundant blooms of late summer and autumn, this native wildflower is for many pollinators, including numerous bee species, a vital source of nectar and nutritious pollen. Unfortunately, this latter item has given goldenrod a black eye (but not a black-eyed Susan) among allergy sufferers.

Goldenrod's showy yellow flowers are in full view along roadsides and in meadows and pastures at about the same time one of the more intense waves of seasonal hay fever typically begins. So it's understandable that goldenrod has been blamed for the red itchy eyes, sinus congestion, sneezing, and general histamine-soaked misery that many folks experience this time of year. But it turns out that goldenrod pollen is innocent of all charges.

Goldenrod can't be guilty because its pollen is heavy.

That's a relative term, I suppose, since it's light enough that bees manage to cart away loads of it. But in the pollen realm it weighs a ton, and thus cannot blow far from the plant. It isn't that goldenrod pollen is incapable of eliciting an allergic response; it's just that to do so, something – a bee, for instance

– would have to deliver it to your nasal passages.

So who is to blame for the spike in late summer allergies?

The culprit is goldenrod's evil cousin, ragweed, which does not behave at all like its golden relative (I suspect that everyone has a family member or two like ragweed among their kin). Ragweed, which is also a native plant in the family Asteraceae, churns out loads of super-light pollen, quite the opposite of what goldenrod does.

Ragweed pollen is so light that it can remain airborne for several days. In fact, large quantities have been found in the air as far as 650 kilometres out to sea. And a single ragweed plant can produce a billion pollen grains to fly on the breeze and make you sneeze. Yep, ragweed pollen is the stuff that stuffs you up.

One reason we fail to suspect ragweed for inflaming our nasal mucosa is that its blossoms look nothing like proper flowers. They are a dull, drab green, the same colour as the plant. It's as if ragweed is purposely trying to avoid attention, staying under the radar to let snazzy goldenrod take the rap.

Ragweed is easy to overlook because it's wind-pollinated, and therefore has no need to advertise with bright colours and sweet nectar to attract pollinators. Insect-pollinated plants have to entice bees, butterflies and other couriers with flashy colours and tasty sweets. Wind-pollinated plants have discovered it's much easier to attract the wind than bugs. The downside is that they need to make tons more pollen.

Most ragweed species – there are

about 50 of them – are annual, but they come back each spring from the copious seeds produced each fall. Ragweed will continue to churn out allergens until the first hard frost, so let's hope we don't have an exceptionally long season this year.

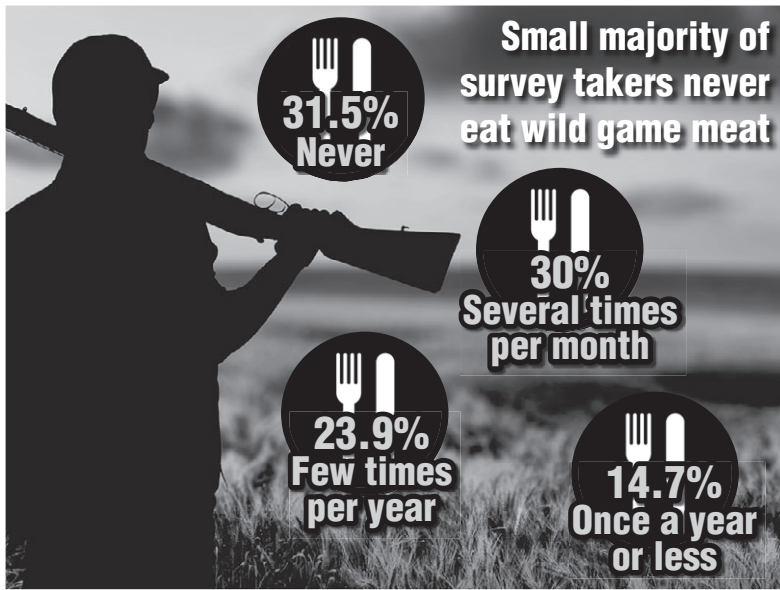
Please help spread the word that goldenrod rules, and spare it further accusations.

Paul Hetzler writes about nature for *The Saturday Evening Post*. He's usually careful not to inhale bees.

### NCNOW SURVEY

The Question:

## How often do you eat wild game?



**HUNTING AND TRAPPING** licenses and Deer Management Permits (DMPs) for the 2023-24 season are now on sale, reports the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). Hunting gives St. Lawrence County residents opportunities to put food on the table that most often cannot be found in grocery stores. How often do you eat wild game?

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

'I do not. I will not eat game meat. We're not cavemen anymore!'

'I feel safer eating USDA inspected meat.'

'My family has hunted and processed wild game for generations in the North Country. I continue the tradition with my kids and I believe there is value in knowing

where your food comes from and being part of the process of putting it on the table. Venison is probably our favorite but we also eat goose, wild turkey, rabbit, and grouse when the opportunities arise.'

'Any time we're lucky enough to it. Good healthy food.'

'Our household consumes "wild-caught" fish and seafood whenever possible, but no mammals or birds.'

'Couple times a month, some from me but most from friends. Would be more often if the wife and kids liked it.'

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

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:** Do you support ammunition background checks in St. Lawrence County?

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# Homicides, suicides, accidents remind us time is precious

Lately I've been writing an awful lot about life lost too early.

Homicides, suicides, fatal accidents and overdoses seem more prominent in headlines than ever. I also turned 40 this year and experienced a health scare days after.

More recently, a close family member experienced an even scarier one. Fortunately we are both doing well, but all this has put time in the spotlight for me.

## Editor's Notebook

Jimmy Lawton



Time. One day it just hits you. You've spent your life looking forward to the next chapter while missing out on the one you're reading now.

I've experienced this feeling a few times in my life and I think most people do.

I think it's partially due to how we are led through life by mile-

stones. I think it's especially true for our youth who are always looking to grow up and move on to the next year.

There is that ever-present focus on graduating high school and starting your life, but the reality is your life started 18 years prior.

For many, that next goal becomes college. You are focused on getting that degree or completing that task, but I think oftentimes we miss so much with our sights set to the future.

The "one day I'll have this or that" mindset isn't altogether bad. I think having goals and achieving them is great and rewarding and an important part of self improvement.

But I've grown to realize that mindset has often had me missing out on the present.

I've rarely stopped to appreciate what I've accomplished in life because I turn my focus to the next achievement, that next thing I feel obligated to do.

I've delayed trying things I've wanted my entire life because I thought my time was better spent pushing for the next milestone, be it buying a house, or landing that job,

**'So for those of you out there working toward that next milestone, I hope you reach it. I'm sure you deserve it, but try to remember to enjoy the life you're living, not the one you're working toward. Try that thing you've always wanted to, before it's too late.'**

or seeking a promotion.

Your whole life, the old-timers warn you that you don't have as much time as you think. That life goes by fast. That money can't buy time.

They tell you that you never know when your time is up, or when someone you care about's time

might be up. They tell you tomorrow isn't guaranteed so enjoy today.

They are telling you to live in the present.

I know we all have obligations, responsibilities, troubles, strife and bills to deal with that often distract us from taking that advice.

I'm not here to tell you that those

things can be avoided.

But I'm working to be more focused on the present and less worried about the future. I'm going to try a few things I've always wanted to do, but never made time for. I'm hoping to better savor my time in the moment, pay a bit less attention to the clock and little more attention to what I'm doing now.

So for those of you out there working toward that next milestone, I hope you reach it.

I'm sure you deserve it, but try to remember to enjoy the life you're living, not the one you're working toward. Try that thing you've always wanted to, before it's too late.

Because at the end of the day, those old-timers are right - time is precious. Don't waste it.

*Jimmy Lawton is news editor of North Country This Week and NorthCountryNow.com*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Help out Norfolk Concert Series

At last evening's concert (Aug. 16), a lady asked me, "do you have to pay all these bands?"

Her question was offered respectfully and with the utmost sincerity.

I realize now that educating our local audiences in this regard is another part of our job as concert series' hosts.

Short Answer: Yes.

Long Answer: Musicians practice for years to develop their skills. What you see at a concert is the finished result. The amount of dedication and perseverance it takes to acquire the necessary expertise to perform publicly is staggering. This is the main reason so many kids quit piano/guitar etc. lessons after a couple of years.

This year Norfolk Concert Series paid out just under \$8,000 to our musicians. Many other local concert series pay out a lot more than this because they have more money and they bring in musicians from out of the area who are very well known and higher priced. And I congratulate all of those colleagues for their efforts to bring positive experiences to their hometowns.

If you want the Norfolk Concert Series to continue...if you love summer nights visiting with friends, enjoying local musicians sharing their talents, and just relaxing in a beautiful setting after the stress of everyday life, please help us by making a donation. We will start booking next year's bands in September - yes, we have to start that early because the top rated local bands are in that much demand.

We need your help to pay our bands and to make sure that Norfolk Concert Series continues to thrive.

Please send donations to: Norfolk Concert Series, c/o Chris Paige, 7238 State Highway 56, Norwood, NY 13668 or donate via Paypal on our website: [norfolkconcertseries.com](http://norfolkconcertseries.com) or PM us and we'll arrange to have someone pick up your donation.

Your name will be included in our Season 2024 program.

Christine Paige  
Norfolk Concert Series co-founder and President

### Election inspectors no pay a problem

North Country This Week (August 11-17) thankfully reported on election inspectors not receiving pay for work done in July 2023. I am an election inspector.

This brings home, to New York, election-related shenanigans that are in play in other states that hate democracy and love authoritarianism and theocracy. If you support authoritarians, move to Russia or North Korea.

It all starts with dipping a toe in the water to check the temperature. Then it blossoms into a full-scale assault on our democracy through the election process.

Elections Commissioners Jennie Bacon, Tom Nichols, and the county need to fully and comprehensively investigate this and report their findings.

The County Board of Legislators needs to do everything in its power to deter, investigate, and prosecute any and all interference in the voting/election process or any activities such as mysterious problems involving election inspectors for which no one has taken responsibility.

We pay all these folks lots of money to get this right. Ask county tech support to do a little forensics and find out what happened and who is responsible.

Richard Paolillo  
West Stockholm

### Sound of Freedom must see film

I will keep this short and to the point: Everyone, and I mean Everyone, should go see the movie Sound of Freedom. It will open your eyes to an outrageous reality that's happening right amongst us all.

The challenge is to walk away from it not wanting to do something about it. Best of luck with that.

That's all - go see it.

Michael Neaton  
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Sheryl Carter | Submitted

## Plenty of sunshine in Parishville

This photo was taken at Sterling Pond in Parishville by Sheryl Carter during an evening kayaking trip.

## Use diet to combat age-related changes

The human body is a marvel. How the body transforms over the course of an individual's life is one of its more remarkable qualities, and those changes never cease, even as individuals near retirement age.

Any modifications to a diet should first be discussed with a physician, but the following are some ways aging adults can use diet to combat age-related changes to their bodies.

- Prioritize protein. The authors of a 2010 study published in the journal Current Opinion in Nutrition and Metabolic Care recommended that older adults consume between 25 and 30 grams of protein with each meal. The researchers behind the study concluded that such consumption could limit inactivity-mediated losses of muscle mass and function.

- WebMD notes that people over 65 typically experience a decrease in natural production of vitamin D. Vitamin D is not naturally found in many foods, so aging men and women may need to rely on supplementation to ensure their bodies get enough of it. Vitamin D helps with anti-inflammation, immune system support and muscle function, among other benefits.

- Consume ample dietary fiber. The

National Resource Center on Nutrition & Aging notes that fiber plays an important role in the health of older adults. Fiber has been linked with heart health, healthy digestion, feeling full, and preventing constipation, which the online medical resource Healthline notes is a common health problem among the elderly. Though the NRCNA notes that older adults need slightly less fiber than their younger counterparts, it's still a vital component of a nutritious diet. The feeling of fullness that fiber consumption can provide also is significant, as it can ensure adults who aren't burning as many calories as they used to aren't overeating in order to feel satisfied.

- The NRCNA notes that vitamin B12 is involved in a host of important functions in the body, including nerve function and the formation of red blood cells. Vitamin B12 is most easily found in animal products, which many aging men and women must largely avoid due to other health concerns. In such instances, men and women can discuss supplementation with their physicians as well as alternative food sources of B12, such as fortified cereals, salmon and other items.

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## Supporting disenfranchised griever

BY KATE FAVARO

Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley

September is National Suicide Prevention Month. This month-long campaign works to remind the public there is hope and resources for those thinking about suicide.

Suicidal thoughts can happen to anyone no matter their age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, whether they have a mental illness, or any other number of things which make us all beautifully different from each other.

There are national crisis resources

such as the Suicide Prevention Lifeline, which you can reach by calling or texting 988.

There are local resources including Reachout of St. Lawrence County, call 315-265-2422, and Citizen's Advocates Behavioral Health Urgent Care, call 315-713-9090.

While you may never need to use these resources, you may need to tell a friend or loved one about them, so it helps to just know they're out there.

People grieving someone who died by suicide may not want to share it was suicide.

These griever may be afraid others will judge the person who died, judge them for grieving at all, or ask intrusive and insensitive questions. Griever navigating this type of loss frequently experience disenfranchised grief.

Disenfranchised grief is a grief either unacknowledged by society or harshly judged. When experienced while grieving someone who died by suicide it is often the latter.

Grief is hard work. Disenfranchised grief is especially hard.

Remember any emotion you feel in grief is ok and you need to let those feelings out.

Talking is one way to do so but you could write, draw, garden, exercise, clean, cook, bake, singly loudly and off key, anything to safely get your emotions out.

Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley offers a special note to those supporting someone experiencing disenfranchised grief:

• If you're not sure what to say to a griever, that's ok. You may be afraid

to say the wrong thing, or you may not have any experience with this type of grief. Simply acknowledging they are in pain can be enough. If they feel like talking, offer to listen, but only if you have the time. Help in concrete ways such as sending pizza to their house one night or picking up some household staples and dropping them off.

• Questions are not helpful. If your first instinct when you see someone grieving a suicide is to ask, "what happened?" or "were there signs?" or some other unhelpful question, don't. These are insensitive and immediately tell the griever their grief will be judged based on whatever the answer is. Asking someone "how are you?" may generate a colorful response or blank stare.

• Know your limits. If you are not the type of person who can sit with someone in their grief, that's ok! Suicide is difficult to talk about, supporting a grieving person is tough. If you're not able to give them non-judgmental support point them in the direction of someone who you think can.

The topic of suicide may have been hard to even read about, but talking about suicide can prevent deaths. If you are worried someone may be thinking about suicide, it's ok to ask the question. Then you'll know the answer and can pass along the resources above. If you're interested in learning more about supporting griever contact Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley at 315-265-3105.

Kate Favaro is Bereavement Coordinator & Volunteer Manager with Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley.

## How to protect long-term cognitive health

Cognitive health is not something to take for granted. Although a certain level of memory loss can be expected as people age, when the ability to clearly think, learn and remember is compromised, those changes can affect an individual's ability to perform daily activities and should serve as a cause for concern.

Individuals can safeguard brain health - particularly cognitive health - by taking these steps.

Working with doctors, individuals can put their health first. This includes getting routine screenings, managing chronic health problems, limiting or avoiding alcohol and nicotine products, and getting the recommended amount of sleep each night.

All chronic conditions cause long-term repercussions, but the NIA indicates that observational studies show having high blood pressure in mid-life increases the risk of cognitive decline later in life. Lowering blood

pressure lowers the risk for mild cognitive impairment and possibly dementia.

Harvard Medical School says nurturing social contacts, engaging in stimulating mental activities like reading and doing puzzles, seeing new places, and learning new things can help keep the brain in top form.

Stress can take its toll on the body, and there is reason to believe that it may adversely affect cognitive health as well. Make every stride to reduce stress, whether that involves taking vacations, meditating, laughing with friends and family, or engaging in relaxing activities that relieve stress.

Vitamin D is linked to a host health benefits, including its potential to promote a healthy brain. Individuals can get more time outdoors to get vitamin D naturally from the sun and eat foods rich in vitamin D. If vitamin D levels are exceptionally low, supplementation can help.

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The Alzheimer's Association® reports that remaining socially active throughout adulthood can possibly delay the onset of dementia.

And that's not the only benefit to remaining socially engaged as an adult, which researchers have linked to reduced rates of disability and mortality.

The Alzheimer's Association® also indicates that social engagement may

reduce the risk for depression in older adults. That's a significant benefit, as the National Council on Aging notes that the risk for depression is elevated among older adults compared to young adults.

Retirees can consider ways to remain socially engaged, whether it's volunteering, participating in clubs or moving to communities tailored to individuals 55 and older.



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# Canton-Potsdam Hospital receives 'Primary Stroke Center Certification'

POTSDAM – Canton-Potsdam Hospital (CPH) has received DNV certification as a Primary Stroke Center,

affirming the hospital's readiness to handle a full range of stroke-related medical concerns.

"This certification lets our community know we have the resources and commitment to provide the best

possible stroke care," noted Director of Quality and Regulatory Affairs Jackie Scanlon. "It is a combination of the right equipment, personnel, and training to quickly assess and treat strokes. This includes the ability to efficiently transfer patients in the rare instances they require treatment beyond our capabilities. Achieving certification validates all the effort we have put into this program and to ensure the health and safety of our patients."

CPH Neurologist Hamza Malek, MD, pointed out the Primary Stroke Center designation at CPH is needed in the North Country.

"Our hospital now provides specialized and timely care locally, resulting in faster treatment for stroke patients. This reduced 'door-to-treatment' time, minimizes brain damage, and disability. With streamlined protocols and a multidisciplinary approach, our center ensures comprehensive and coordinated care, leading to better recovery and rehabilitation for stroke patients. By delivering top-notch stroke care within our community, we can positively impact the overall health and well-being of our residents," Dr. Malek said.

Clinical Stroke Coordinator Ava Hudson, ANP-C, noted that as a Primary Stroke Center, CPH focuses on improving stroke care for the community. Special procedures are in place to give patients fast and appropriate treatment when they come to the Hospital with stroke symptoms.

The Stroke Center personnel work as a team with different healthcare professionals, such as emergency medicine providers, neurologists, radiologists, hospitalists, pharmacists, nurses, therapists, and technicians.

"Together, we make sure patients get complete care from the moment they arrive at our hospital until they recover," Dr. Malek said.

CPH became a Primary Stroke Center by meeting specific standards set by respected stroke care organizations, including the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, DNV, and New York State Department of Health. These standards cover different aspects of stroke care, like quick and accurate diagnosis, giving clot-busting medications on time, and specialized care for stroke patients.

This new designation sets CPH apart by demonstrating its readiness to handle stroke emergencies with specialized care, which makes a significant difference in the lives of stroke patients and contributing to the overall improvement of stroke care in this region.

"Overall, being a Primary Stroke Center shows our commitment to providing the best care for stroke patients, helping them and their families cope with strokes, and joining the national effort to reduce the impact of strokes," Dr. Malek said.

NP Hudson noted it is crucial for everyone, including the average citizen, to know the signs of a stroke and understand the importance of acting quickly. Stroke symptoms can include sudden numbness or weakness in the face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body. The acronym for "BE FAST" is a commonly used tool for recognizing the signs of a stroke. Each letter in the acronym represents a specific symptom to look for:

B - Balance: Sudden loss of balance or coordination

E - Eyes: Sudden vision changes or trouble seeing in one or both eyes

F - Face: Sudden weakness or drooping on one side of the face

A - Arms: Sudden weakness or numbness in one arm or leg, especially on one side of the body

S - Speech: Sudden difficulty speaking or slurred speech

T - Time: Time is of the essence

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## Age-based health screening guidelines

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screenings depending on their medical histories.

40 to 64  
• Zoster (Shingles) vaccine: Two doses of this vaccine will be administered between two and six months apart starting at age 50 and up.

• Colorectal screening: A colonoscopy to detect any colorectal illnesses is recommended beginning at age 50.

• Prostate screening: Prostate screenings begin at age 50 unless you are a high-risk individual, in which case screenings begin at age 40.

• Osteoporosis: Doctors may recommend a bone density test and osteoporosis screening at age 50 and up if certain risk factors are present.

• Lung cancer screening: If you are a past or current smoker, it's wise to have an annual lung cancer screening. The American Lung Association says adults age 55 and up can have this screening covered by health insurance.

• Mammogram: Women should begin receiving annual mammograms at age 40.

65 years and older

• Cervical cancer: Most women can stop getting Pap smears at this age if they have no history of cervical cancer. Women who have had a hysterectomy may no longer need pelvic exams after age 65.

• Pneumococcal and pneumonia vaccines: These are recommended every five years for certain conditions and risk factors.

• Cognitive health: Doctors may assess your cognitive health to see if there are any risk factors for dementias.

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The show One Night in Memphis featuring the classic music of Elvis Presley, Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis and Johnny Cash will kick off the Ogdensburg Command Performances season.

## OCP tickets go on sale after Labor Day

OGDENSBURG – Tickets go on sale after Labor Day, Sept. 4, for the upcoming 2023/2024 season of the Ogdensburg Command Performance series which will include some classic country, Japanese drums, rockabilly legends, Celtic music and the Shanghai Circus.

The series brings world class touring entertainers, shows and concerts to St. Lawrence County to perform at the George Hall Auditorium at Ogdensburg Free Academy.

The series launches its 2023-24 season

on Sunday, Oct. 8 at 4 p.m. with a rousing and fun-filled tribute to four of the biggest names in the early days of rock-a-billy music.

One Night in Memphis will take audience members back to a night in 1956 when four of the biggest names in rock and roll -- Elvis Presley, Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis and Johnny Cash -- gathered for an impromptu jam session at the legendary Sun Studios in Memphis.

The audience will feel they are witness to a rock & roll royalty jam session

with the legendary performers whose music has stood the test of time.

Ogdensburg Command Performances Administrator Sally F. Palao said that she and her board of directors felt like the high-energy show would be the perfect way to launch the organization into yet another decade of bringing live performance to the north country.

"This is a fun, nostalgic and high energy show that kicks our new season

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## Benefit concert series planned for Trinity rehab

BY ADAM ATKINSON  
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — A benefit concert series is planned to help raise money for an extensive \$4.8 million restoration of the historic Trinity Episcopal Church on Fall Island.

The project is expected to span 8 years and will address some pressing needs for the building which was built in the 1830s and is starting to show the effects of decades of hard winters.

"First priorities will include stabilizing and repair of the tower, re-pointing the main entry, and re-masonry and stoning the north and west walls," said Laura Gutenmann, senior warden, and Deborah Lauther, junior warden.

"The last rehab was done in 2006 when the roof was replaced," the wardens

told North Country This Week in an email. "At that time the masonry in the areas where the roof and the sandstone meet needed quite a bit of work. Over the decades work has been done to the building on an 'as needed basis.' Unfortunately what were once small issues have become large ones."

"For the future of the building, major work must be undertaken immediately to prevent further deterioration," Gutenmann and Lauther said.

The church will be working with Lupini Construction, Inc. of Utica. The firm recently completed work at St. Lawrence University and are presently working on Bayside Cemetery. "They are trained to do restoration on historic structures such as Trinity and we have full confidence in them," the wardens said.

A variety of fund-raising actions are

being undertaken including grant-writing and grass-roots fundraising events.

The church will get things started with the concert series held at the church.

A variety of local talent are scheduled to perform.

The first show will be Sept. 17 at 3 p.m. with Maria Tartaglia and Friends who will perform light opera and original compositions.

The band Firefly will perform folk and contemporary on Sept. 24 at 3 p.m.

On Oct. 1 at 3 p.m. New Orleans North will play traditional jazz.

Finally a children's concert with the popular North Country favorite Animal Crackers is scheduled for Oct. 7 at 11 a.m.

Tickets may be purchased for \$10 each, and are available at the door, through

SEE **CONCERTS ON 19.**

## WHAT'S GOING ON

**FRIDAY, AUG. 25**

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POTSDAM — The Pickled Pink Pickleball Tournament will be Aug. 25 at the Pine Street Arena Courts starting at 1 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Gouverneur Breast Cancer Fund. Raffle prizes, beer, music, food. Details on the online Playtime Scheduler. Registration is \$35. Rain date is Aug. 26.

### Open skate

HERMON — An open skate night will be held at Lazy River Playground and Retreat Center, 456 Lazy River Road, on Aug. 25 from 5-8 p.m. Register by emailing lazyriverplayground@gmail.com or call 315-347-3580. From 5-6 p.m. will be skating for children under 10 and first time skaters; 6-8 p.m. open skate. Cost: \$10 to skate, use the center's skates or bring your own. Mini-golf will be open for \$5 per person. The center accepts cash, Venmo or credit cards. lazyriverplayground@gmail.com, www.lazyriverplayground.com .

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### Fluorescent mineral hunt

CANTON — A fluorescent mineral hunt for kids takes place Friday evening before the St. Lawrence County Rock & Mineral Club announces its 56th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show at the Canton Pavilion, 90 Lincoln St., on Aug. 25, starting at 8 p.m. Admission to the hunt is free. Each child (age 12 or under) will be able to borrow a portable black light to use in the search. Kids get to keep all the minerals that they find.

### Folklife Celebration

CANTON — TAUNY Folklife Celebration will be Aug. 25, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Folk art demonstrations, music with Camilla Ammirati and Mark Lyon, kids table with art activities, paper art demonstration. St. Lawrence County Historical Association info table and hands-on activities, spinning alpaca fiber, painting ceramic tiles, tool sharpening and a kids table with folk art activities, dance and live music with High on the Hog and Dan Duggan from 6-7:30 p.m. Free, open to the public.

### Chamber golf tourney

POTSDAM — The Potsdam Chamber of Commerce will host its 3rd Annual Golf Tournament at the Potsdam Town and Country Club on Friday, Aug. 25. All proceeds from this tournament will benefit the Potsdam Chamber of Commerce and its membership work. Registration starts at 12 p.m. The public is welcome to join for a happy hour at 5 p.m. Info: https://www.potsdamchamber.com/2023-golf-tournament/ or call 315-274-9000.

### Northbound

WADDINGTON — The band Northbound will perform Aug. 25 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Island View Park, rain or shine. Northbound performs well-known pop, rock, and folk music from the past five decades. Their music is influenced by popular singer-songwriters including James Taylor, Paul Simon, John Fogerty, and The Beatles.

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More info at Waddington Concert Series website and Facebook page.

**SATURDAY, AUG. 26**

**Talent showcase**

**RUSSELL** — A talent showcase will be Saturday, Aug. 26 from 7-9 p.m. at the Russell Theater, 8 Pestle St. Info: 315-869-0302.

**Music and Labyrinth**

**POTSDAM** — Miss Angie's Music/Angie Beeler will take the stage at the Ives Park Concert Series Saturday, Aug. 26, 6-8 p.m., with one hour of music geared towards children, and another hour of tunes for any crowd. The North Country Children's Museum will run a pop-up installation during the concert. The movie "Labyrinth" (PG) will follow at 8 p.m. Free, supported by Brookfield Renewables.

**Celtic Confusion**

**EDWARDS** — Celtic Confusion (Aoife Clancy & Bill Elliot) will perform at The Edwards Opera House, 161 Main St., on Aug. 26 during Edwards Community Day at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Visit <https://edwardsoperahouse.com/tickets> for ticket information. Info: [edwardsoperahouse@gmail.com](mailto:edwardsoperahouse@gmail.com), [edwardsoperahouse.com](http://edwardsoperahouse.com).

**Waydown Wailers**

**NORFOLK** — The Waydown Wailers will perform at the Norfolk Concert Series Saturday, Aug. 26 at 5:30 p.m. in Norfolk Memorial Garden Park on Main Street. Free; donations are accepted. Donate, info: [Norfolkconcertseries.com](http://Norfolkconcertseries.com); [norfolk-concertseries@gmail.com](mailto:norfolk-concertseries@gmail.com) or 315-244-7787.

**Gem show**

**CANTON** — The St. Lawrence County Rock & Mineral Club announces its 56th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show

from Aug. 26-27 at the Canton Pavilion, 90 Lincoln St. Admission is \$4 for adults; children 12 and under: free. This show offers something for everyone: handcrafted jewelry made with precious and semi-precious stones for the jewelry lover, gemstone beads, jewelry-making supplies, free lessons for the crafter, museum quality crystals, fossils, meteorites, mineral specimens for the collector and nature lover, handcrafted gift items, free mineral kits for the kids, a mineral collecting trip to one of St. Lawrence County's famous mineral collecting sites on Saturday.

**Johnny's Ride**

**GOVERNEUR** — 6th annual Johnny's Ride and chicken barbecue will be Saturday, Aug. 26. Kickstands for the ride in memory of Johnny Washburn are up at 10 a.m. Start and end at Gouverneur American Legion. Other vehicles welcome to participate. Signup at the legion on Aug. 25 from 5-8 p.m. and

Aug. 26 from 8-10 a.m. Cost is \$20 per bike or car, includes bbq cost. Raffle tickets purchased through Venmo @ ChelsieWashburn. Barbecue at 1 p.m. Proceeds from the event will go to Mills Park Playground. Info: 315-323-6895, 315-323-3543.

**Appraisal Day**

**OGDENSBURG** — The Frederic Remington Art Museum will host an appraisal day Saturday, Aug. 26 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Gerald Petro and staff from Iroquois Auctions will appraise single items for \$5 each with all proceeds to benefit the museum. For \$200, Mr. Petro will give a walk-through verbal appraisal in a home. When selling high value items, people are asked to call him at 315-561-9777 for consultation. Info: 315-393-2425 or [mflack@fredericremington.org](mailto:mflack@fredericremington.org).

**Porch music day**

**MADRID** — The 2023 Madrid Dam Music Series is organizing the "Play Music on Your Porch Day," held at local houses and business porches town-wide on Saturday, Aug. 26 throughout the day.

**'Synthetic Species'**

**POTSDAM** - The program "Synthetic Species" Sculptures & Scavenger Hunt will be offered at the North Country Children's Museum and in neighboring Garner Park on Saturday, Aug. 26 from 6-7 p.m. These "invasive species" will be a group of large-scale sculptures made from collected, manipulated, and up-cycled plastics.

**SUNDAY, AUG. 27**

**The Nelson Brothers**

**CRANBERRY LAKE** — A free concert with The Nelson Brothers will be Sunday, Aug. 27, from 2-4 p.m. in the pavilion behind the Cranberry Lake Library. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Clifton Community Library.

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**Welsh service**

**RICHVILLE** — The annual Welsh Society Service will be Aug. 27 from 2-4 p.m. at the Richville Welsh Society at the corner of Route 11 and Main Street. Refreshments will be served after at the Richville Historical Association at 59 Main St. The public is welcome.

**Cycle St. Lawrence**

**HAMMOND** — Adirondack Foothills Cycling Club, with 1,000 Islands International Tourism Council and St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce, is hosting the Cycle the St. Lawrence bike event on Aug. 27. Event starts at Bonnie Castle in Alexandria Bay, and continues with views of castles and lighthouses from the river, with vineyards and Amish Farms on the shores of Black Lake. After-party celebration at Bonnie Castle is planned with live music and food. Info: visit: <https://www.bikereg.com/cycle-the-st-lawrence>.

**MONDAY, AUG. 28**

**TAUNY meet and greet**

**CANTON** — TAUNY is hosting a series of online and in person meet and greet events with its new executive director Joshua Vink. Online events will be Aug. 28 from 12-1 and 6-7 p.m. in person events will be Sept. 22, from 1-2 p.m. at the Canton Farmers Market; and from 4-6 p.m. at the TAUNY Center with live music by Caramelo. Register for the on-line webinar meetings at: <https://tinyurl.com/vecjvj6h>.

**Art speaker series**

**POTSDAM** — Join SLC Arts at the Potsdam Public Library, 2 Park St., on Monday, Aug. 28 from 6-7:30 p.m. as we discuss the arts economy of the North Country with local musician, Josh Barkley, as a part of the ongoing Art/Work Speaker Series. Currently, Josh runs "Wednesday Jams with Josh," a free weekly community jam session/open mic offered through SLC Arts. Free and open to the public.

**Board of ed meeting**

**DEKALB** — The Hermon-DeKalb Central School board will meet Aug. 28 at 6 p.m. in the school library, 709 East DeKalb Road. The meetings are open to the public. Info: 315-347-3442.

**TUESDAY, AUG. 29**

**Planning board**

**STOCKHOLM** — The Stockholm Planning Board will hold a public hearing Tuesday, Aug. 29, at 6 p.m. at the Winthrop municipal building in the upstairs board

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meeting room, to review a special use permit request from Brittany Foster to open a plumbing & heating supply store at 8505 US Hwy 11. These meetings are open to the public. Written comments may be submitted to the Town of Stockholm Planning Board, 540 State Highway 11C, Winthrop 13697.

**Business spotlight**

**OGDENSBURG** — The St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce will host a Business in the Spotlight event at The Bayside Grill, 1702 Ford St., on Tuesday, Aug. 29 from 5-7 p.m. for networking, business spotlights, presentations, door prizes, and refreshments. \$10 admission at the door to help with food costs. Register: <https://tinyurl.com/3wfsjfm>.

**Library meeting**

**HERMON** — Hepburn Library of Hermon Monthly trustee meeting is Aug. 29 at 6 p.m. at the library at 105 Main St.

**WEDS., AUG. 30  
The Puffers**

**RICHVILLE** — The gospel husband and wife musical duo The Puffers will perform a free concert Aug. 30 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Lighthouse Community Church, 209 Main St.

**Free community lunch**

**NORWOOD** — St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 42 S. Main St., will offer a monthly free community luncheon on Wednesday, Aug. 30, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This month's luncheon will be white chili, cornbread, salad, and apple crisp.

**Forest bathing walk**

**HERMON** — A forest bathing walk at Lazy River Playground and Retreat Center, 456 Lazy River Road, will be offered Aug. 30, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$30 per person. Register through website [lazyriverplaygroundandretreat.com](http://lazyriverplaygroundandretreat.com) or call 860-488-1895. Hosted by Lazy River Forest Therapy. Sarah Pickard, certified Forest Therapy Guide through the Association of Nature and Forest Therapy (ANFT), will lead the walk.

**Scouts meeting**

**DEKALB** — A boy and girls troop meeting of Boy Scouts of America will be held Aug. 30, 6:30-8:15 p.m. at the DeKalb United Methodist Church, 4302 U.S. Highway 11. For information, contact Darcie Velez 315 884 0215.

**THURS., AUG. 31  
George and Chalker**

**CHILDWOLD** — The Orchestra of Northern New York's Summer Chamber Music Series will finish up with performances by Donald George (tenor) and Margaret Chalker (mezzo-soprano) with Broadway Memories & Light Opera on Aug. 31 at the Childwold Memorial Presbyterian Church and Sept. 1 at the Potsdam Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m. Both are members of the Crane School of Music Voice faculty. [onny.org](http://onny.org), 315-212-3440.

**Microburst**

**HERMON** — Microburst will perform for the Music on Main Street Concert Series on Aug. 31 from 6:30-8 p.m. at McBrier Park pavilion. The concert is free but donations are appreciated

**Budget meeting**

**DEKALB** — The town of DeKalb will host a budget meeting Aug. 31 from 7-9 p.m. at the DeKalb Town Offices, 2907 County Route 17. The meeting is open to the public and will be available via Zoom. For more information, contact DeKalb Town Clerk Barbara Creazzo at 315-347-3331.

**Free used clothing**

**MADRID** — Christian Fellowship Center in Madrid has gently used clothing free for families in need. The CFC is open the last Thursday of the month from 2 to 4 p.m. The center is located at 3662 County Route 14 Madrid (Old Madrid School).

**BOCES meeting**

**CANTON** — The St. Lawrence-Lewis Board of Cooperative Educational Services, will hold a special board meeting Thursday, Aug. 31 at the Educational Service Center, 40 W. Main St., beginning at 2 p.m.

**TICKETS . . .**

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off with a punch," Mrs. Palao said. "Our marketing theme for the 2023-24 season is that 'After 60 years... the best is yet to come.'"

The follow-up show will be A Celtic Christmas on Friday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m.

Witness the best World Champions of Irish dance for a magical night as they tell the story of two star crossed lovers.

A Celtic Christmas tells a romantic tale as old as time and transports the audience to a time and place where music and dance are the cornerstones of celebration.

Dazzling feet meet moments of Irish wit in a performance that brings the magic of Christmas in Ireland to the stage.

Drum Tao will beat out amazing rhythms on Monday, Jan. 29 at 7 p.m.

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Newsweek stated, "The highly acclaimed debut of Drum Tao Off-Broadway was completely sold out!"

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Next up will be the Grand Shanghai Circus Saturday, Feb. 24 at 4 p.m.

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Classic country fans will be able to hear the music of one of the best at the performance of Always... Patsy Cline on Saturday, March 23 at 4 p.m.

Based on the true story of Patsy Cline's friendship with Houston homemaker Louise Seger, complete with true emotion, down home

country humor, and 27 songs which include many of Patsy's unforgettable hits such as Crazy, I Fall to Pieces, Sweet Dreams & Walking After Midnight.

The two women struck up a friendship in 1961 that lasted until Cline's premature death in a plane crash in 1963.

Promoters say the show is a Letter of Love to the humanity and music of Miss Patsy Cline.

Finally, the show Four By Four on Saturday, May 11 at 4 p.m. will give classic pop and rock fans a trip down memory lane.

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Single tickets range from \$19 to \$43 and season tickets range from \$75 to \$174.

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the church office, and Brick and Mortar Music, 15 Market St.

A donation box will also be available during each of the concerts.

For more information, contact the church at 315-265-5754, or [TrinityPotsdam@gmail.com](mailto:TrinityPotsdam@gmail.com).

For ticket purchases, the office is open Tuesday-Friday from 12-4 p.m.

"Every Sunday for nearly two hundred years Episcopalians have gathered at Trinity Episcopal Church to worship God in the beauty of holiness and to be reminded that a parish does not exist for itself," said the Rev. Jonathan Beck, new Priest-in-Charge since February 2023. "As a priest I was taught that every member of the community, whether or not they are Sunday regulars, is a parishioner."

"In many parts of the world, especially in rural areas, parish churches have always played a significant role in the life of the town," Beck said. "One of the reasons churches like Trinity are large and beautiful is because they were built to be a place not only for worship but for the greater community. It is our hope that Trinity will remain both a place of Christian worship and a vibrant place for the entire community in the years to come."

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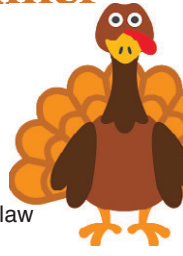
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# Spooktacular planned

BY ADAM ATKINSON  
 North Country This Week

HEUVELTON — Heuvelton is going big or going home with Labor Day celebrations this year, hosting three days of events for its annual Labor Day Spooktacular...Nightmare on State Street.

While it's a little too late in the year for Summerween trick or treating like in Gravity Falls, Oregon, the Heuvelton Labor Day Committee will still have dozens of spooky activities planned. A parade, witches, warlocks, food, live music, kids Carn-Evil games, scarecrows, adult tug-o-war and other fun will be part of the three-day Spooktacular.

### Friday

Things get started on Friday, Sept. 1 with a block party and "I Scream" social at the State Street Deli starting at 5 p.m. There will be ice cream, pizza and yard games. Pickens Hall will host a book signing with Mark Manske of Adirondack Raptors at 5 and a raptor show at 6 p.m.

The band Pure Country will perform at the Amvets Post from 8 p.m.-12 p.m. There is a \$5 cover charge; and the HCS Class of 1983 Reunion will be at Doug's Tavern starting at 7 p.m. with DJ Dallas Denny.

### Saturday

Saturday's Spooktacular events step off with the Spooky Sprint Fun Run on Annette Street at Montroy Contracting. Registration is at 7 a.m. Start time is 8 a.m. Fee is \$10. The first 100 runners get a free t-shirt.

A kid's fishing derby is planned at the boat launch Saturday. Registration is at 7 a.m. The derby is open boundary and free to enter. Weigh-ins are at 11 a.m.

The St. Lawrence Valley Paddlers

are hosting the Remington II Canoe and Kayak Tour/Race on Saturday, starting in Rensselaer Falls off West Front Street on the Oswegatchie River at 10 a.m. and finishing above the dam in Heuvelton. Registration starts at 9 a.m.

A "Witch" craft show will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Heuvelton Fire Hall. Crafts, vendors and a food truck are expected.

Grace Point Church is hosting yard games and basketball from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be free hot dogs and water.

The classic duck race will start at noon with the ducks released at the Flat Rocks on River Road.

On Saturday a quilt show will be held on the second floor of Pickens Hall from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

A baby contest will be held on the lawn at St. Raphael's Church at 10 a.m. for newborns through 24 months old.

Other Saturday events include an Amazing Race through the village, corn hole and a DJ.

The 1st Annual Adult Tug o' War competition starts at 2pm at the Heuvelton Boat launch with three categories: male, female and co-ed. Entry fee is \$50 per 6 person team and competitors must be 18 years old to participate.

Contact either Colleen Kelley at 315-854-7243 or Renee Palmer at 315-869-6078 to sign up for competitions, parade entries, or other contest entries.

Kid's Carn-Evil games, a bounce house, obstacle course, sno-cones, cotton candy, face painting and kids tattoos will be offered from 2-4 p.m.

Plan B Band will perform from 6-10 p.m. and fireworks will start at dusk.

### Sunday

Sunday's events start with a breakfast buffet from 7-10 a.m. at LEA'S diner.

Lineup for the 2023 Heuvelton Labor Day Spooktacular Parade starts at 11 a.m. in Dave Ferris's field at the top of the hill on Route 812 past the Fire Department. Float judging is at noon.

Other Sunday activities include a bounce house and obstacle course behind Doug's Tavern from 2-6 p.m., Another Fine Mess at Doug's Tavern following the parade, AMVETS chicken BBQ at 2 p.m., Big Wheel Races for kids age 3-8 and yard games for ages 9-12 on Lisbon Street immediately following parade; and sno-cones, cotton candy and food trucks.

A scarecrow and witch decorating contest will help set the scene for the whole weekend and organizers hope the telephone poles up and down State will be decorated with homemade scarecrows and witches. Wooden poles are available for use as well. Those participating only need to be sure the scarecrow or witch can connect to a telephone pole. Anything else goes. Businesses and individuals can enter. Prizes will be awarded.

Contact Colleen Kelley at 315-854-7243 or Renee Palmer at 315-869-6078 to sign up for competitions, parade entries, or other contest entries. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/HeuveltonLaborDayFestivities> for updates and changes.

### BRIEFLY

#### 10-year reunion planned

CANTON- Hugh C. Williams High School Class of 2013 will host a 10-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 3 to 6 p.m. at Partridge Run Golf Course in Canton. RSVP with Myra via email: myra.l.cutway@gmail.com or call (315) 869-0403 if interested in attending.

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# World famous saxophonist to perform at Crane School

POTSDAM – Christopher Creviston, “one of the world’s top saxophone artists” (Audiophile Audition), with “the personality and fingers of a first-rate soloist (American Record Guide), joins the Orchestra of Northern New York on Labor Day weekend to perform the world premiere of John Anthony Lennon’s Escapades, a concerto for soprano saxophone.

Performances are Saturday, Sept. 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Clayton Opera House and Sunday, Sept. 3, at 7:30 p.m. in Hosmer Hall, SUNY Potsdam.

Creviston has played venues ranging from Carnegie Hall to Paisley Park and the Apollo Theater. As a soloist, and with the Capitol Quartet, Creviston has been featured with bands and orchestras across the U.S. including the Baltimore, Indianapolis, and National Symphony Orchestras.

He has worked with many conductors, such as Andre Previn, Neeme Jarvi, and Randall Craig Fleischer, among others.

In demand as a recitalist and clinician, he performs regularly with the Capitol Quartet, and in duos with pianist Hannah Gruber Creviston, guitarist Zoren Fader, and harpist Frances Duffy.

He has appeared in concert with many great jazz artists, and worked with pop performers Crystal Gale, Ben Vereen, Maureen McGovern. Crane alum Lisa Vroman, and Bob Hope, to name a few.

Tickets for the Clayton concert can be purchased by calling 315-686-2200.

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POTSDAM — Join SLC Arts at the Potsdam Public Library on Monday, Aug. 28 from 6-7:30 p.m. as we discuss the arts economy of the North Country with local musician, Josh Barkley, as a part of the ongoing Art/Work Speaker Series.

Josh Barkley was born and raised in Madrid, and is a graduate of The Crane School of Music, holding his Bachelors in Music Business.

He currently works with SLC Arts through the Creatives Rebuild New York Artist Employment Program.

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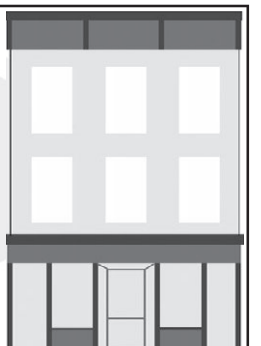
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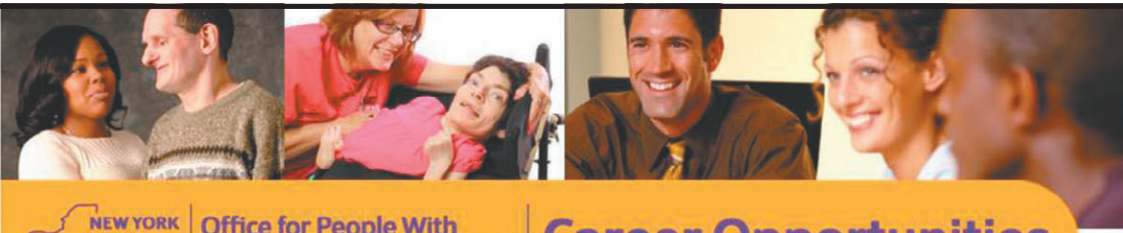
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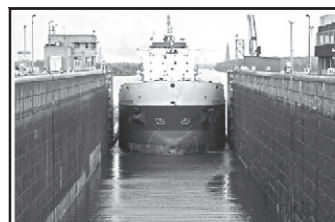
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## NOTABLE

SUNY Potsdam acknowledges that Assistant Professor of Sociology Dr. Lauren Diamond-Brown has been selected as one of 15 distinguished Fellows for the SUNY DEISJ (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice) program by the State University of New York. This prestigious appointment recognizes Dr. Diamond-Brown's expertise and commitment to advancing DEISJ principles within higher education.



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## Having fun at fundraiser

Billie Robert's Daycare recently raised \$200 for the Grass River Food pantry that serves the Russell, Degrasse, Claire, and Hermon areas. The kids served and prepared a variety of yummy treats along with ice cold pink and yellow lemonade. From the left are Tinsley, Levi, Aislinn, James, Ean, Shea, and Charlie.

## BRIEFLY

### SLC residents earn degrees

The following Potsdam and Canton area students received their degrees at the University at Albany. They are Amanda Averill, Master of Science, Curriculum Devel&Instructional Technology of Parish-

ville; and Kevin Beha, Bachelor of Science, Human Development, Katelyn Clemons, Bachelor of Science, Human Development, Cum Laude, and Madison Gregg, Master of Arts, Criminal Justice, all of Potsdam.

## Clarkson professor awarded Air Force grant

POTSDAM -- Chunlei Liang, a professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering at Clarkson, has been awarded a grant from the Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR) for his research titled "Global Simulations of Solar Dynamo using the Spectral Difference with Divergence Cleaning Algorithm."

All space weather fundamentally has its roots in the solar magnetic field. The global dynamo producing this magnetism remains difficult to predict numerically. Through this

grant, Principal Investigator Liang and his students will model the global solar dynamo and simulate the magnetic field of the Sun using the spectral difference method with divergence cleaning (SDDC) on unstructured grids. The baseline SDDC algorithm was published in the Astrophysical Journal in 2022 by Chen & Liang. You can view that here: <http://doi.org/10.3847/1538-4357/ac6e61>

The project will support both graduate and undergraduate students at Clarkson, and students will

perform large-scale computations on both CPUs and Nvidia GPUs.

Dr. Liang is an American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) Associate Fellow (2012 class). He received a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE) from the White House in 2019. At Clarkson University, he was named an American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Fellow in 2022. He was also selected for the 2023 AIAA Abe M. Zarem Educator Award in Aeronautics.

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# SUNY Canton professor Startup Summer School winner

CANTON – A SUNY Canton professor was named one of two \$50,000 winners of the SUNY Startup Summer School (S4) Class of 2023 Demo Day, the State University of New York reports.

Kambiz Ghazinour, CyberSpara founder and Associate Professor and Director of the Advanced Information Security and Privacy (AISP) Research Lab, was chosen regarding DigitalPASS, a scenario-based simulation platform that helps individuals and organizations to stay safe online.

“Congratulations to Associ-

ate Professor Kambiz Ghazinour for his remarkable achievement in winning the SUNY Startup Summer School Class of 2023 Demo Day. Dr. Ghazinour’s innovative work exemplifies the spirit of entrepreneurship and innovation that SUNY Canton fosters. We are proud to have Dr. Ghazinour as a part of our academic community, and his success inspires our students and faculty. Here’s to a future where technology and education combine for a safer digital world,” said SUNY Canton President Zvi Szafran.

SUNY Startup Summer School is a competitive program

designed to showcase the most promising technologies and startups being developed by participants, including 179 SUNY students, faculty, and staff in emerging technologies fields spanning 27 different SUNY campuses. The SUNY Startup Summer School, now in its fifth year, offers entrepreneurial education and training to help students and faculty secure the initial funding needed to get their technology to market.

The second winners is DUB Biologics from Upstate Medical University

Headed by co-founders Pro-

fessor Audrey Bernstein and Research Associate Tere Williams; regarding siRNA therapeutic that increases the rate of wound closure and protects against pathogenic infection that may contribute to scarring.

In addition to the capital received from the SUNY Technology Accelerator Fund Catalyst Investment, DUB Biologics and CyberSpara will also receive secondary support from SUNY to identify and write strong proposals for grant funding, which will allow the teams to continue commercializing their technology.

# SUNY Canton’s Phillip James publishes article

CANTON – A SUNY Canton assistant professor has published a new article focusing on corporate governance and its impact on stock prices in developing countries.

Phillip James, who teaches in the college’s School of Business and Liberal Arts, recently published “Does Corporate Governance Score Affect Stock Price? Evidence from a Developing Country” in the International Journal of Business and Social Research.

“I’m specifically focusing on companies listed on the Jamaican Stock Exchange,” said James, who comes from the Island.

“This study sheds light on

the importance of effective governance structures in mitigating agency costs and promoting transparency and accountability. Its comprehensive analysis of agency theory, board dynamics, and stewardship theory underscores the crucial role of corporate governance in driving firm performance and investor confidence.”

Corporate governance is the system by which companies are directed and controlled. It can include the relationships between a company’s management, board, shareholders, and other stakeholders.

As the first study applied to the Caribbean region, the research highlights the importance of corporate governance in reducing

agency costs, promoting fairness, transparency, and accountability. It argues that strong corporate governance can lead to reduced risk, improved access to capital at lower costs, and ultimately enhanced firm performance.

The new publication is the sixth iteration of James’ research related to his chosen area of study since he began teaching at SUNY Canton in 2019. James is originally from Kingston, Jamaica, and uses his heritage to push his data-driven analyses.

“In the future, I intend to explore how investors view corporate governance and how their perceptions impact the long-term performance of the firm,” he said. “We currently don’t have enough studies dedicated to emerging

markets.”

Additionally, James authored the chapter “Understanding the Needs of Online Learners for Successful Outcomes” for the book “Massive Open Online Courses - Current Practice and Future Trends” through IntechOpen.

The chapter surmises digital learning is not a passing trend. It presents an overview of critical factors determining successful student outcomes in an online learning environment, including student readiness, course structure, class community and instructor flexibility.

“Instructors play a critical role in ensuring e-learning engagement is successful,” James said.

## MASSENA LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF UNSAFE PROPERTY HEARING

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT** a hearing shall be held before the Board of Trustees of the Village of Massena on the **12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023, at 5:00 p.m.** in the Town Hall Building, 60 Main Street, Massena, New York, for the purpose of considering the findings and recommendations contained in the Code Enforcement Office Report of Violation concerning the property known as **23 1/2 EAST ORVIS STREET**, Massena, New York 13662, Tax Map Number **9.067-8-4.1**, and to determine if the building is dangerous or unsafe and, if so, whether it is to be repaired or demolished and removed.

Based upon the Code Enforcement Office Report following inspection of the property, the following defects exist which, in accordance with the Code of the Village of Massena (Chapter 120) deem that the building is or may become dangerous or unsafe to the general public:

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- [3] **Section 120-4.C:** Exclusive of its foundation, it shows 33% or more of damage to or deterioration of the supporting member or members, or 50% of damage to or deterioration of the non-supporting, enclosing or outside walls or covering.
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- [5] **Section 120-4.E:** It has been damaged by fire, wind or other causes so as to have become dangerous to life, safety or the general health and welfare of the occupants or the people of this village.
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- [7] **Section 120-4.G:** It has light, air and sanitation facilities which are inadequate to protect the health, safety or general welfare of human beings who live or may live therein, with particular reference to the requirements of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code as a determinant.
- [8] **Section 120-4.H:** It has inadequate facilities for egress in cases of fire or panic, or has insufficient stairways, elevators, fire escapes or other means of access or egress, again referencing the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code as a determinant.
- [9] **Section 120-4.I:** It has parts which have become so detached they may fall and injure members of the public or others’ property.
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### RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Order of the Code Department that the owner or agent of the property located at **23 1/2 EAST ORVIS STREET** in the Village of Massena or others directed by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Massena shall: **Repair; or demolish and remove unsafe building**

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In the event of neglect or refusal to comply with the order to secure or demolish and remove the building, the Village Board is authorized to provide for its demolition and removal, to assess all expenses thereof against the land on which it is located and to institute a special proceeding to collect the costs of demolition, including legal expenses.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

Monique N. Chatland DATED: August 17, 2023  
Village Administrator/Clerk

## POTSDAM PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Potsdam, NY on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 5:50 p.m. in the Civic Center Board Room, Park Street, Potsdam, NY. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment on a proposed local law to amend Chapter 180, Zoning, Article XIV, Cannabis Law, Section 180-58 Cannabis Law of the Village of Potsdam Municipal Code. By Order of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Potsdam, NY.

Georgine Scott  
Village Clerk

## BRIEFLY

### On Dean’s List

POTSDAM – Claire Murphy, of Potsdam, has been named to the Dean’s List at Hamilton College for the spring 2023 semester. To be named to the Dean’s List, a student must have carried a course load of four or more graded credits throughout the semester and earned an average GPA of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale. Murphy, a rising sophomore, is a graduate of

Potsdam Central School.

### SLC residents honored

CANTON – Kayley Irish of Canton and Mackenzi S. Schumacher of DeKalb Junction, were named to the President’s List for their Spring 2023 semester at North Country Community College in Saranac Lake. The President’s List recognizes those students who have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better.

### Potsdam woman recognized

POTSDAM - Katherine-Jane Seymour, of Potsdam, has been named to the Dean’s List at Union College in Schenectady. Dean’s List students will be recognized during Opening Convocation on Sept. 5. Seymour is a 2021 graduate of Potsdam Central School.

### Residents get degrees

CANTON – Two students from Canton earned their degrees from the University of Vermont in Burlington, Vt. They are Autumn Crabtree with a bachelor’s in Political Science, and Connor Falen with a bachelor’s in Theatre.

### Earns degree

POTSDAM -- They are Declan Dougan, of Potsdam, received a degree in industrial engineering (BS), from Rochester Institute of Technology.

### On Dean’s List

Gabriel Schmid-Doyle, of Canton, and Sofia Rubin of Madrid, were named to the Dean’s List for the spring semester at Purchase College. Students who have earned this academic honor have maintained a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher and taken a minimum of 12 credits. For BA and BS programs, a semester GPA of 3.50 is required. For BFA and MusB programs, a semester GPA of 3.75 is required.

### On President’s List

CANTON -- Jack Filatrault, of Canton, was

one of 696 SUNY Cortland students who earned President’s List honors for the Spring 2023 semester. Jack is studying Sport Management. To qualify for the President’s List, students must earn a grade of A- or better in each of their classes while carrying a course load of 12 hours or more.

### Academic accolades

Amanda Woods of Colton was named to the Champlain College Trustees’ List for the Spring 2023 semester. Students on the Trustees’ List have achieved a 4.0 grade point average for two or more consecutive semesters. Elise Deuel of Potsdam has been named to the President’s List at Champlain College. Students on the President’s List achieved a grade point average of 4.0 or higher in the Spring 2023 semester.

### Dean’s List student

Gabrielle Rauth of Canton, an exercise science major, has been named to SUNY Cortland Dean’s List for the Spring 2023 semester. The Dean’s List is the highest ranking for undergraduate students in their respective academic areas of the university. Students must earn a minimum 3.3 grade point average for the semester to make the list.

### Hamilton College dean’s list

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## FUGITIVE...

“And right at that split moment, somebody shouted from behind ‘Hey!’ really loud and aggressively. Now in fear for my life and for my child’s life I ran down the hill and I stumbled and fell. I only made it maybe 15 feet away from him. During this time I heard three distinct gunshots by the time I had hit my knees at the bottom of the hill,” she said.

Myatt said when she turned around he was already on the ground and the dog had just gotten to Sheridan. She said the scene was terrifying and has given her nightmares in the days since.

“They let the dog sit there for a few minutes on him and called it off and eventually ordered me to move forward and lay on my stomach and I was cuffed,” she said.

Myatt said she walked past Sheridan’s body, leaving her with a haunting image.

She said the troopers then sat her up on the ridge where she was allowed to sit.

“(The police) were silent mostly. They were calling to each other, but it wasn’t much noise. And then they eventually walked me out of the trail and walked me to the police car.”

Myatt said she was taken into custody and held for several hours but was not charged.

She said that she asked for an attorney and remained silent until she was released.

She said investigators did not attempt to question her after she asked for representation.

The incident is under investigation by the Attorney General’s Office, as are all incidents of officer-involved shootings. Police at the scene have reported that Sheridan fired first allegedly striking a police K9, however they say police now say veterinarian examination determined the dog was not struck by gunfire.

But Myatt disputes that report.

When asked if Sheridan fired his weapon at police or the K9 officer she said, “No, I don’t believe he did.”

Although scared for her life at the time, she said she heard three distinct shots that sounded like they all came from the same weapon. She said she is familiar with firearms, having grown up around them and believed she could determine if different firearms have been shot.

Myatt added that she did not see if Sheridan raised his firearm at officers as she was not facing him.

## Not allowed to leave

Myatt said she had been living with Sheridan in a tent in the Russell woods for about a month. They had met about a year earlier when he pulled up alongside her in a camaro when she was heading to the mall. She said they hit it off quickly and she moved in with him shortly after.

Myatt said that while she was aware that Sheridan was in trouble for allegedly shooting his ex-girlfriend Katrina Pierce in the neck with a .22 caliber gun, she did not know he was a fugitive or that police were looking to bring him in for skipping his sentencing for the crime. She said Sheridan had told her his side of the story and that she believed the situation was mischaracterized.

“I do believe that there’s two sides to a story when it comes to everything. And I felt that he was very wronged in the fact that everybody was only looking at one side and nobody gave the time of day to look at the other side of things,” she said.

Myatt says she originally joined Sheridan on what she believed was to be an off-the-grid style camping trip near Sheridan’s family camp on Donnerville Road in the Town of

**‘There were some altercations out there that made it to where it was difficult for me to just step away and that is all I’m really comfortable with saying at this time.’**

**Chantelle Myatt**  
Saranac Lake

Russell.

She said that because of the legal issues and public scrutiny, Sheridan was under a lot of stress and wanted to go up into the mountains to clear his head as a way of coping with everything that was happening.

At that time, Sheridan was out on bail, but was not a fugitive as his sentencing had not yet taken place.

Although she accompanied him on the “camping trip” voluntarily, at a certain point it was clear she was not allowed to leave.

She said the two had survived off the land by trapping animals and getting water from a nearby waterfall.

She said Sheridan obtained the traps, and peanut butter used for bait, from his family’s camp which was nearby and said the last meal they had prior to Sheridan’s death consisted of opossum which she had boiled. She also described eating fowl, crawdads and jerky made from minnows.

Myatt said they did not have any visitors while staying in the woods but said Sheridan did have a phone and did appear to communicate with people.

“There were some altercations out there that made it to where it was difficult for me to just step away and that is all I’m really comfortable with saying at this time,” she said.

Myatt had no means of communicating with anyone aside from Sheridan.

Myatt said she had no ability to reach out to anyone as she did not have a phone or vehicle.

## Concerned mother

Myatt’s mother Bonnie said that she became concerned about her daughter in mid-July after she hadn’t heard from her. She said they shared a phone plan so she was able to see that her phone had not been used and reached out to police for help.

She said she filed a missing persons report with the St. Lawrence County Sheriff’s Department.

Bonnie said that she knew her daughter was dating Sheridan and although she didn’t like it, she didn’t attempt to interfere either.

“I’m the authoritative mother. So she kept a lot from me. I met him

shortly for maybe a month prior to this. He seemed and appeared to be a kind person who was only worried about her comfort and her safety,” she said.

However, Bonnie says she believed that as a 34-year-old man, he did manipulate her daughter.

Although she had met Shawn and was aware he had been in some trouble, she did not know to what extent.

As time went on, she said police told her they thought her daughter may be with Sheridan and she became terrified of what would happen when they found him.

On Aug. 10, “The fear came to a real out reality. I was horrified to learn that as the officers planned their approach, no one took into consideration that my teenager was involved and might have gone from a lovesick manipulated individual to a terrified hostage as they came over the bridge above and looked down. They only saw a girl sitting on the ground with a man crouched several feet away from her holding a shotgun,” she said.

“Someone yelled, ‘Hey!’ and she ran away from that man, stumbling down a slope behind him. Did anyone consider her safety before pulling the trigger? We all know that once a bullet leaves the chamber you can’t completely control where it goes.

“With rock ledges all around them, was there a guarantee that a stray round would not hit her? Then you handcuffed her and walked her? Right past the mutilated face of the person she had been manipulated into loving at one point,” she said.

Bonnie said that as a nurse, she took an oath to do no harm.

“As an officer of the law, an oath is taken to protect and serve. From what I’ve learned so far, no effort was made to protect a misguided teenager from even a part of this terrible event.”

Bonnie’s concerned that because Sheridan was killed by police her daughter now sees him as a martyr.

“Why did they not announce themselves? Why did they not take precautions to secure her safety? And why didn’t they try to take him alive? Instead of making this into this. She immortalizes him now.

He’s in her head, a martyr and that’s going to take years to get out of her head. The terror of seeing the face destroyed that’s going to take years of therapy to get her free of that, if ever.”

As for Chantelle, she said she doesn’t believe Sheridan was the evil man some people think he was.

“I would just like people to know that Shawn wasn’t this demon, this mean man that was a fugitive that was out to get everybody. He was a very scared, scared soul who didn’t know where his life was going and he just wanted some control of it,” she said.

“To the people that knew him he was a good-hearted man that would do anything for anybody.”

## Legal situation

Although Myatt is not facing any charges, Narrow says he was contacted by the Attorney General’s office which is investigating the incident because it was an officer-involved shooting.

Narrow said that he hasn’t had an opportunity to talk with that investigator, but has spoken a few times with St. Lawrence County District Attorney Gary Pasqua about the situation.

“It’s my understanding that the state police are contemplating charges. But obviously nothing’s been filed yet.”

Pasqua said he couldn’t comment due to the ongoing investigation.

“I believe the investigation will provide an accurate description of events,” he said.

North Country This Week has reached out to state police for comment related to Myatt’s description of events who said they would provide a response soon.

## CHIEF...

During the meeting Village Administrator Greg Thompson praised Murray and spoke highly of Murray and of his replacement and the other officers appointed.

“I’d like to congratulate and thank Mark on a successful career and wishing nothing but the absolute best as he enters into the next chapter of his life,” Thompson said. “And for those entering those positions, I wish you all the very best. I’m very confident and very excited with the direction our village is headed, we have some of the best department heads at this point that

you could ask for.”

In a separate, earlier email to North Country This Week Trustee Alexandra Jacobs Wilke also spoke highly of the force.

“We would like to thank Mark Murray for his years of service to the Potsdam Police Department and wish him well in his future endeavors upon retirement,” Wilke told North Country This Week.

Wilke is the sole mayoral candidate currently running in the fall election.

“After joining the interviews for our internal promotions this past week, I was so impressed by the level of dedication and professionalism we have in our ranks. The department is going to be in good hands with these appointments,” Wilke said.

Murray was appointed chief by the village board in January 2017.

Before being appointed chief, Murray was the lead investigator for the village department in the Garrett Phillips murder case. Murray’s role in the investigation has ultimately been exonerated in various civil rights lawsuits launched at the chief and the village by Nick “Oral” Hillary who was prosecuted for the crime but ultimately acquitted of the act.

These various suits and appeals by Hillary have been dismissed in U.S. courts.

Also promoted at the Aug. 21 board meeting were:

- Corbin J.D. Gates-Shult to the position of lieutenant with the department effective Aug. 21, at the annual salary of \$84,347, serving a probationary period of no more than 12 months.

- Peter G. LaSala to the position of sergeant with the department effective Aug. 21 at the annual salary of \$76,786. LaSala will serve a probationary period of no more than 12 months.

## PARKING...

Bacon said whether the street is paved or not paved, the amount of weight will cause considerable damage. He has spoken with school officials about the village concerns.

The first of three transports of two 60-ton concrete beams for the ceiling at the new swimming pool took place Tuesday, Aug. 22. A second transport is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 24, and the third on Wednesday, Aug. 30.



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**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID**  
 BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES  
 SOLE SUPERVISORY DISTRICT  
 ST. LAWRENCE/LEWIS COUNTIES  
 PO BOX 231, 40 WEST MAIN STREET  
 CANTON, NY 13617

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
 Sealed bids are sought and requested by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, St. Lawrence/Lewis Counties for the following:

**PRODUCE – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2023**

Bid forms and instructions to bidders may be obtained by contacting:

Darlene Bessette  
 St. Lawrence/Lewis BOCES  
 Cooperative Purchasing ESC Building  
 PO Box 231, 40 W Main Street  
 Canton, NY 13617  
 315-386-4504

Bids will be received until Tuesday, August 29, 2023 @ 11:00 AM at the St. Lawrence/Lewis BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Office, in Canton, New York, at the above address, at which time they will be publicly opened, read, and recorded.

Any bid received after designated time will not be considered and be returned to the bidder unopened.

The bidder assumes the risk of any delay in the mail or in the handling of mail by employees of the Board. Whether sent by mail or by means of personal delivery, the bidder assumes the responsibility for having his bid in on time at the Office of the Executive Officer, Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

Bids opened and read shall remain irrevocable for a period of sixty days. The award of contracts, if at all, shall be made as soon as practicable after the bid opening.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 EMILY TENEYCK PT, DPT PLLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 6/15/23. Office in St. Lawrence Co. SSNY design. Agent of PLLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to The PLLC 203 State St Ogdensburg NY 13669. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 Table Mountain Developments LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 7/13/23, St. Lawrence Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to Zenbusiness Inc. 41 State St #112 Albany, NY 12207 General Purpose

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 Stonebridge Of Paradise Valley L.L.C. Arts of Org. filed SSNY 6/19/23, St. Lawrence Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to Mark Randall 786 Farnes Rd Canton, NY 13617 General Purpose

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 Notice of Formation of Linden Street Partners. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-09-02. Office location: Saint Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Scott J Mattison: 789 Welcome Sargent Rd. Newnan GA 30263. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 Notice of Formation of Ironwood Cloudworks. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-07-24. Office location: Saint Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Ken Hebb: 545 Pink Schoolhouse Rd Canton NY 13617. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**BRASHER PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 PRELIMINARY BUDGET & REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Brasher will meet and review the Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 and hold a public hearing thereon, at the Municipal Building, 11 Factory Street, Brasher Falls, NY at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 and that at such hearing any person may be heard in favor of or against the Preliminary Budget as compiled for or against any item or items therein contained. The Public Hearing will be immediately followed by the Regular Monthly Meeting. Dated: August 22, 2023 Bethany StHilaire Brasher Town Clerk

**OGDENSBURG LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Notice is hereby given that a license, "pending" for beer, cider and wine has been applied for by the undersigned to sell beer, cider and wine at retail in a restaurant under Alcohol Beverage Control Law at 3748 State Highway 37, Ogdensburg, NY 13669 for on premise consumption. Stoney Brook G.C. LLC DBA Stone-EZ Pizza

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**MORRISTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**PO BOX 217 - 408 GOUVERNEUR STREET**  
**MORRISTOWN, NY 13664**

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
 The Morristown Central School District, in accordance with Section 103 of Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for the following surplus items listed below that are being auctioned off. Sealed bids will be accepted **until Friday, September 8, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.**, at the Morristown Central School District Office, 408 Gouverneur Street, Morristown, NY, 13664, at which time and place, bids will be opened.

- One (1) Panther 26T Floor Scrubber
- One (1) Square Strip Oscillating/Orbital Floor Machine
- Eight (8) Gray, Four-Drawer, Letter-Size File Cabinets
- One (1) Black, Four-Drawer, Letter-Size File Cabinet

For more information, pictures, and/or to download a bid packet, please visit the District's website at [www.greenrockets.org](http://www.greenrockets.org) under the District tab, obtained at the District Office, or by calling (315) 375-8814, ext. 21001, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on holidays. All electronic forms must be printed out, completed, signed, and mailed or dropped off in person in a sealed envelope to the District Office before the bid opening deadline. "Sealed Bid" should be noted on the outside of the sealed envelope. Bid forms may not be emailed or faxed to the District Office. Please note: The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

**MORRISTOWN LEGAL NOTICE**

**MORRISTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**408 GOUVERNEUR STREET**  
**MORRISTOWN, NY 13664**

**2023-2024 SCHOOL TAXES**

**PURSUANT TO §1322 REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the undersigned, the collector of taxes for the Morristown Central School District, has received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes for the Morristown Central School for the fiscal year 2023-2024.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that the undersigned will receive the taxes listed on said roll at the Town of Morristown Town Clerk's Office at the Town Hall, 604 Main Street, Town of Morristown, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York, during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, except holidays.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that taxes may be paid to the Tax Collector without interest on or before the Thirtieth (30th) day of September. Taxes received after the 30-day penalty-free period shall accrue interest at the rate of one percent 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 November 1, 2023.

Dated: August 16, 2023  
 Jill Sullivan, District Tax Collector  
 Morristown Central School District

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 Notice of Formation of On The Grow LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-04-13. Office location: Saint Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to On The Grow LLC: 9071 County Route 27 Lisbon NY 13658. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 Jack and Anna's LLC was formed on June 20, 2023. The principal offices are located in St. Lawrence County and the Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. The Post Office address which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process is 32 Coney Island Drive, Hannawa Falls, NY 13647. Jack and Anna's LLC is engaged in any lawful business activity.

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Notice of Names of Persons Appearing as Owners of Certain Unclaimed Property Held By Adirondack Regional Federal Credit Union.**

The following persons appear from our records to be entitled to unclaimed property consisting of cash amounts of fifty dollars or more:

- Slete, Justin**  
1091 River Road, Norwood, NY 13668
- Brouwer, David**  
15 Spring Street, Potsdam, NY 13676
- Simon, Elizabeth**  
1593 County Route 38, Norfolk, NY 13667

A report of Unclaimed Property will be made to the Comptroller of the State of New York, pursuant to Article III of the Abandoned Property Law. A list of the names contained in such notice is on file and open to public inspection at the principal office of the bank, located at 166 Market Street, Potsdam, NY 13676, where such abandoned property is payable. Such abandoned property will be paid on or before October 31 next to persons establishing to its satisfaction their right to receive the same. In the succeeding November, and on or before the tenth day thereof, such unclaimed property will be paid to the Comptroller of the State of New York and shall thereupon cease to be liable therefore.

**LOUISVILLE PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Louisville Town Board will hold budget workshops at 6:00pm on August 30 and 31, 2023 at the Thomas J Carroll Louisville Municipal Building. August 15, 2023 Joanne Cameron Town Clerk

**OGDENSBURG LEGAL NOTICE**

**City of Ogdensburg**  
**330 Ford Street**  
**Ogdensburg, NY 13669**  
 Legal Notice – 2023 August Sewer Rates

August sewer rates are now due and may be paid at the City Comptroller's Office, Room 5, City Hall, 330 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, NY during the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, for thirty (30) days from date of notice without penalty. **Please note that we do have a drop box on the Caroline Street side of the building marked "Envelope Depository".** After **Thursday, September 7, 2023**, a penalty of 10% will be added. Invoices have been mailed and should be presented when making payment. Failure to receive a bill does not entitle the customer to the net rate. You may now pay your City of Ogdensburg taxes and utility bills by Internet. Visit the City website at [www.ogdensburg.org](http://www.ogdensburg.org) to pay current and past due bills by credit card, debit card or e-check. **Please see the acceptance agreement for service charges.** If you have any questions, please contact the City Comptroller's Office at 393-1860. Dated: August 9, 2023 Andrea Smith, Interim City Manager

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of Fiacco Realty, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-11-14. Office location: Saint Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Amanda Fiacco: 149 Curtis Rd Potsdam NY 13676. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of ResET Water LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2020-11-10. Office location: Saint Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to the LLC: 65 Main Street Potsdam NY 13676. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE AND RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT**  
**BRASHER FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**2023-2024 SCHOOL TAXES**

**PURSUANT TO §1322 REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned, the collector of taxes for the Brasher Falls Central School, has received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes for the Brasher Falls Central School for the fiscal year 2023-2024.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the undersigned will receive the taxes listed on said roll at her office at the Town of Lawrence Municipal Building, 11403 US Highway 11, Lawrenceville, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York, during the hours of 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Monday through Thursday, excluding Holidays.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that taxes may be paid to the Tax Collector without interest on or before the last day of September. Taxes received after the 30 day penalty free period shall bear interest at the rate of two percent for that first month (September) and for each month or part thereof until 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 November 1, 2023.

Dated: August 22, 2023

Ellen Fukes  
 Collector of Taxes  
 Brasher Falls

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of Blue Water Properties, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-09-02. Office location: Saint Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Scott J Mattison: 789 Welcome Sargent Rd. Newnan GA 30263. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**RUSSELL ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID**

The Town of Russell is accepting sealed bids on these projects: Project # 1 Town Hall Step replacement/ Engineered plans are available and Project # 2 Repairing the Chimney and re-pointing stones. We offer prevailing wages. The engineered step plans are available by calling the Town Clerk at 315-347-2358. Sealed bids are to be in by September 15, 2023. Sealed bids will be accepted at the Town offices at 4 Pestle Street, PO Box 628 Russell, NY 13684. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 1:00 Pm. Submittals shall be placed on a sheet if clean paper with the amount of bid legibly and clearly written or typed along with contact information including name, address, email address and phone number for said bidder. Bids shall be placed in a sealed envelope with the words "Project #1", "Project #2" or Both Projects written on front and submitted to the Town Office before the deadline. The Town of Russell has the right to accept or reject all bids.

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE**  
**TOWN OF STOCKHOLM PLANNING BOARD MEETING**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Stockholm Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 29, at 6:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, Winthrop in the upstairs board meeting room.

This meeting is on the request for a Special Use Permit by Brittany Foster to open a Plumbing & Heating Supply store on the property located at 8505 US Hwy 11, Potsdam, NY 13676.

These meetings are open to the public. Any written comments may be submitted to the Town of Stockholm Planning Board, 540 State Highway 11C, Winthrop, NY 13697.

DATED: August 16, 2023

Robin McClellan, Chairman  
 Stockholm Planning Board

**Keep INFORMED!**  
 Read the **LEGAL NOTICES**  
 NORTH COUNTRY THISWEEK

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID**  
**Board of Cooperative Educational Services**  
**Sole Supervisory District**  
**St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties**  
 P.O. Box 231, 40 West Main Street  
 Canton, New York 13617

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed bids are sought and requested by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties for:

**ELECTRIC LABS FOR:**  
**Northwest Technical Center**  
**Seaway Area Technical Center**  
**Southwest Technical Center**

**Bid forms and instructions to Bidders may be obtained by contacting:**

Darlene Bessette  
 St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES  
 P.O. Box 231, 40 West Main Street  
 Canton, New York 13617  
 (315) 386-4504, ext. 10127

**Bids will be received until Thursday, August 31, 2023 at 11:00 AM at St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES ESC, Canton, New York at the above address, at which time they will be publicly opened, read, and recorded.**

**Any bid received after designated time will not be considered and be returned to the bidder unopened.**

**The bidder assumes the risk of any delay in the mail or in the handling of mail by employees of the Board. Whether sent by mail or by means of personal delivery, the bidder assumes the responsibility for having his bid in on time at the Office of the Executive Officer, Board of Cooperative Educational Services.**

**Bids opened and read shall remain irrevocable for a period of sixty days. The award of contracts, if at all, shall be made as soon as is practicable after the bid opening.**

**POTSDAM NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice of Public Sale: On September 13, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. at the St. Lawrence County Courthouse, 48 Court Street, Canton, NY, the following goods will be exposed to sale at public auction without reserve: Premises known as 6625 State Highway 56, Potsdam, NY 13676 Tax ID Number 64.002-4-63

All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Potsdam, St. Lawrence County and State of NY This sale is held to enforce the rights of Community Bank, N.A., of 201 North Union Street, Olean, NY 14760, as the secured party arising under a Mortgage executed with Marvin J. Laffin, as debtor(s); said Mortgage was duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County of St. Lawrence on August 31, 2019, Instrument No. R-2018-00011531.

Nicholas Fodor, Esq., 315 State St., Ogdensburg, NY 13669, Referee

Morgan & Associates, PLLC, attorneys for the Plaintiff, 201 N. Union St., Ste. 410, Olean, NY 14760, 716-373-2165

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of RWJ Investing LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-06-22. Office location: Saint Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Russell W. James: 821 CR 25 Canton NY 13617. Purpose: Any lawful purpose



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**NORTH COUNTRY THISWEEK**

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID**

St Lawrence County Community Development Program, Inc.'s Weatherization Program is accepting bids for contractors to perform work on our Weatherization projects throughout St. Lawrence County. Work scopes will include, but are not limited to, roofing repair or replacement, Electrical repairs or upgrades, and other health & Safety repairs. etc. Please contact Jerry Snell (315-714-2730) or Andy Backus (315-714-2758) for more information or a contractor qualification package. We anticipate that projects will be ready for bid by the end of August 2023

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Answers found elsewhere in this paper.

## Garage Sales

**YARD SALE**  
Saturday, August 26  
8am-3pm

Beautiful home decor items (rugs, furniture, Lenox pieces, silk ficus tree, artwork) as well as outdoor items (lawn chairs, fishing pole, planters, flower bulbs). Also jewelry, purses, DVDs, suitcases & much more.

ALL ITEMS MUST GO!

96 Lawrence Ave.  
Potsdam

**MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE**  
Saturday & Sunday  
Sept. 2 & 3 • 8AM-4PM

TONS of Girls clothes NB-2T, Accessories, Pack n Plays, High-Chairs, Women & Mens' Clothing, Shoes, Household items, Kid's books, Toys, King sized Bed Frame & lots more!

Cash or Venmo accepted.

45 PARK ST., NORWOOD

**BARN SALE**  
FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
AUGUST 25 & 26  
9am - 4pm

8 Prospect St.,  
Canton

**GARAGE SALE**  
Fri, Aug. 25 • 8am-5pm  
Sat, Aug. 26 • 8am-5pm

Kenmore Sewing machine, office chair & Misc. furniture, Framed art, antique glassware & dishes, Christmas decor.

32 Judson St, Canton

**GARAGE SALE**  
Aug. 25 & 26 • 9am-4pm

Woodworking Equipment, Taxidermy mounts, tools, equipment & supplies.

408 Pine St.  
OGDENSBURG

**Tax Foreclosed Real Estate Auction**  
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Online Auction Start: Friday, September 1, 2023, 12PM  
Online Auction Closing Begins: Saturday, September 16, 2023, 10AM

**\*\* Action Required \*\***

To participate in this online only auction, please visit our website and complete the "Online Bidder Registration Packet".  
Bidder Packet Due By: Thursday, September 14, 2023, 4PM

For complete information, visit  
www.OneidaCoAuction.com  
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**AUCTIONS INTERNATIONAL**

"Selling Surplus Assets 7 Days a Week Online"

**Garage Sale**  
SATURDAY  
AUG. 26 • 8am-4pm

Chairs, leaf blower, camping cots, sleeping bags, bike, old books, cook books, children's books, mugs, household goods, purses, tin boxes, small trunk, collectibles, tv tables & more!

9 Green St. Ext.  
Dekalb Junction  
LOOK FOR SIGNS

**5-FAMILY GARAGE SALE**  
Aug. 26 & 27 • 9am-4pm

Tools, clothes and various household items. No Early Birds. Look for the signs.

35 Ransom Road  
HOGANSBURG

**GARAGE SALE**  
Aug. 25 • 4-8pm  
Aug. 26 • 8am-8pm  
Aug. 27 • 1pm-6pm

Clothing, Housewares, Electronics, Tools, Baby Items, & more!

780 Bagdad Road  
POTSDAM

**Garage Sale**  
Friday & Saturday  
Aug. 25 & 26, 9am-???

Girls 4T clothes, woman 18-24, asst. chairs, asst. kitchenware, RADA cutlery, Books, knick knacks & more.

19 Clough St. Potsdam

**Garage Sale**  
SAT., AUG. 26  
8AM-3PM

DOWNSIZING...  
EVERYTHING MUST GO!  
Home Decor, Jewelry, purses, framed art.

12 Cherry St., POTSDAM

**Garage Sale**  
AUG. 25, 9AM-2PM  
AUG. 26, 9AM-3PM

Vintage & Antique items, Dressers, clothes, misc., kitchen electronics, new toys, glassware, New Children's ride in cars. Sofa, chairs, tools, free items & much more!

51 N. Main St.  
NORWOOD

Multi-Family  
**GARAGE SALE**  
Sun, Mon, Wed, Thurs  
Aug. 27, 28, 30, 31 • 9AM-5PM

Records, books, skis, fishing & camping gear, household items, home decor, Christmas and Halloween decor, Halloween costumes, vinyl fence, board games, men's woman's & boys clothing, double bike, furniture, dvds, blurays, cds, TV & computer monitors, collectibles, vintage & new toys, vintage Tonka trucks & matchbox cars & much more .....

186 ELM ST., POTSDAM

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		3	9				6	
	4				7			2
2			3			8	4	
		5		1				7
	6				2	1		
	9		6	4			1	
1					8	3		
	6		5					4

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Reporting to the Director of Development and Planned Giving, the Development Associate will assist with strategy, research, cultivation, solicitation, and stewardship for a portfolio of approximately 100 - 150 donors and prospects, focused on alumni from SUNY Canton's School of Science, Health and Criminal Justice (SHCJ), but also including first-time and annual donors from all areas of the College, who have the potential to support the students, faculty, and programs of SUNY Canton.

The Development Associate is a front-line fundraising position and will have the opportunity to help create relationships with existing donors and connect donors' philanthropic interests and the priorities of the College, as well as conduct discovery work to identify and cultivate new prospects. The Development Associate will be expected to become an "expert" on the programs, faculty, vision, and needs of the SHCJ and to forge close partnerships with the Dean, faculty, and alumni of that School.

The successful candidate will be highly organized, have proven written and oral communication skills, strong follow-through, self-motivation, a sense of initiative, the ability to build trust-based donor relationships, work collaboratively and strategically with colleagues, and possess a strong understanding of the principles, ethics, and practices of successful fund raising.

\*This position is funded through the Canton College Foundation and the successful candidate will be an employee of the Canton College Foundation.

**Required qualifications:** Associate's degree with 2-4 years of professional work experience, or bachelor's degree with 1-2 years of work experience.

Prior to final offer of employment, the selected candidate will be required to submit to a background check including, but not limited to, employment verification, educational and other credential verification, and criminal background check.

**Application Deadline:** open until filled; application review begins immediately. Persons interested in the above position should apply online at <https://employment.canton.edu/>

The Canton College Foundation is an independent 501(c)3 non-profit organization that supports the students, faculty and staff of SUNY Canton. The incumbent for this position will be an employee of the Canton College Foundation, not SUNY Canton.

The college is located in Canton, a village in the St. Lawrence River valley of northern New York. Located 20 miles from the St. Lawrence River and the Adirondack Park, and 70 miles from the Canadian capital city of Ottawa, Ontario, Canton holds excellent opportunities for the outdoor or cultural enthusiast. SUNY Canton is a member of the Associated Colleges, a consortium of four colleges.



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**ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY**  
**DINING & CONFERENCE SERVICES POSITIONS**

~Cook~

St. Lawrence University has an opening for a full time/Seasonal (9 month) **Cook** for the Dining and Conference Services Department. Duties include: Prepare and set food items for presentation and continue to monitor food quality throughout the meal periods. Effectively alter recipes to implement desired production numbers. Work as a team with Food Service Generalist on the initial set of the line. Utilize proper cooking techniques, as indicated in the recipe, or as directed by Leaders and Managers. Store, plan and utilize leftovers correctly, according to New York State Health Department Food Service Health Code. Clean equipment, freezers, refrigerators, storerooms, and general kitchen areas. Prepare and accurately complete production forms and reports daily. Maintain standards of good personal and public relations. Maintain standards of cleanliness and safety. Participate in recipe testing and development. Contribute to the total function of the food service operation in a positive manner. Primary schedule will be Thursday – Monday 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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~Food Service Generalist~

St. Lawrence University invites applicants for the position of a **Food Service Generalist** for the Dining and Conference Services Department. As part of the Dining Services team, the Food Service Generalist works under the supervision of Leader, Assistant Managers, and Managers and is responsible for preparing food items according to documented recipes in the area assigned and continues to monitor food quality throughout the meal periods. Contributes to the total function of the dining service operation in a positive manner. These positions are full-time, nine-month positions in accordance with the academic year and with full benefits packages. Multiple openings with various hours and shifts available. **Minimum Qualifications:** High school diploma or equivalent. Prior experience is preferred. Ability to operate cash register, standard cooking and dish washing equipment and other mechanical devices located in a food service operation.

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**Family Practice Physician:** Under the direction of the Medical Director or designee, provides primary medical care to patients of all ages and genders throughout all stages of life. **Status:** Full-Time, Exempt. **Salary:** \$92,414.40-\$245,044.80 **Deadline:** September 6, 2023. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: [www.srmt-nsn.gov](http://www.srmt-nsn.gov).

**Administrative Assistant:** Under the direction of the Inpatient Coordinator, the Administrative Assistant is responsible for the coordination of all clerical duties, coordinating all communications, assisting in the organization of all files and charts, maintaining and ordering all supplies, completes all necessary data for OASAS, IHS and any other reporting needed, and assist the Clinical Staff when necessary. **Status:** Full-Time, Non-Exempt. **Salary:** \$31,241.60-\$55,078.40 **Deadline:** August 30, 2023

Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: [www.srmt-nsn.gov](http://www.srmt-nsn.gov).

**Home Health Aide:** The home health aide will carry out health care tasks under the supervision of the home health care supervisor or nurse case manager. Home health aides shall have successfully completed a basic training program in home health aide services or an equivalent exam approved by the Outreach





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## Part Time Dietitian

*Make a difference in the lives of adults, children, and adolescents with mental illness!*

### Minimum Qualifications:

Current registration with the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) as a Registered Dietitian.

Or

New York State Education Department certification in dietetics-nutrition AND have completed a minimum of an additional 400 hours of supervised dietetics practice under the supervision of a Registered Dietitian.

- Travel Required -

~ Flexible Schedule ~

### Comprehensive Health Coverage

Individual - \$74.68 per paycheck

Family - \$287.98 per paycheck

### Free Dental & Vision

Individual & Family Plans Available

### NYS Pension & Retirement Programs

### Generous Paid Time Off

### 12 Weeks Paid Parental Leave

Must be employed by NYS for at least 6 months to use

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Department and possesses written evidence of such completion. The home health aide will provide personal care, housekeeping, ROM (Range of Motion) exercises, assist with medications, and most importantly provide companionship to the elderly and medically ill patients. **Status:** Full-Time, Non-Exempt. **Salary:** \$31,241.60-\$40,060.80 **Deadline:** Open Until Filled. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: [www.srmt-nsn.gov](http://www.srmt-nsn.gov).

Restaurant Day Cleaner & Restuarant Day Prep at MAXFIELDS, CACTUS GRILL, MAMA LUCIA. Call Larry 315-212-2707 for Interview.

**CNA positions available (certification not required)** To provide assistance with activities of daily living to an elderly, visually impaired man. Duties to include assistance with eating, dressing, grooming, toileting and walking/exercise. Waddington location. Multiple positions available. Choose your hours to accommodate your schedule. Once hired successful candidates will be paid by Horizon Healthcare. \$16/hr to start. Weekly pay with direct deposit available. No experience necessary. Current nursing students are encouraged to apply. The only skills required are compassion and patience. Please email a resume and/or letter of interest to [nashwendy28@yahoo.com](mailto:nashwendy28@yahoo.com) or text Wendy (518) 317-0930 with any questions.

MAXFIELDS, MAMA LUCIA, CACTUS GRILL - Open Interviews - Thursday, August 25, 1 pm - 5:30 pm at MAXFIELDS, Front of House: Hostess, server, bartenders, food runner, busser. Kitchen: line cooks, dishwasher, day prep.

**FRAMERS AND DRYWALLERS WANTED: Metal and Wood Framers and Drywallers and Finishers Needed!!** Competitive Pay and Local Work Sites. Must have Transportation. Call 315.389.4121 or email [jessvcs@outlook.com](mailto:jessvcs@outlook.com) for more information.

Cooks and Kitchen Staff wanted. Looking for motivated person(s) - Prior kitchen experience preferred but will train if no experience. Please bring resume to Morgan's BBQ Pit Stop, 13 Hodskins Street, Canton, NY. or email us at [morgansbbqpitstop@gmail.com](mailto:morgansbbqpitstop@gmail.com)

Administrative Assistant/Receptionist - Engineering Office Full time position to provide administrative and clerical support. Duties include typing, filing, answering telephone, processing mail, general office tasks, and assembling contract specifications for construction bidding purposes. High school diploma required, Associates degree in related field preferred. Minimum 4 years experience. Benefits include Health, 401K, vacation and sick leave. Forward resume to Tisdell Associates, P.O. Box 400, Canton, NY 13617 or by email at [bdanko@tisdellassociates.com](mailto:bdanko@tisdellassociates.com). Tisdell Associates is an Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action employer.

**KITCHEN HELP:** Busy Take-Out/Delivery Establishment seeking help for sub station, salads, and grill. Experience helpful but willing to train right applicant. Full-Time, Pay Based on Experience. For consideration please send e-mail to [bakerssizzlinggrill@gmail.com](mailto:bakerssizzlinggrill@gmail.com)

Receptionist - Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley has an immediate opening for a full-time



**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**  
The Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES (EO/AE) is currently accepting applications for the following anticipated positions:

**Administrative Assistant- Human Resources**  
Salary: \$38,000 - \$45,000

**Typist- Human Resources**  
Salary: \$30,030-\$36,000  
Located at NFEC, Malone

**Application Deadline: Until filled**

Qualifications, job description and applications can be found online at:  
<http://www.fehb.org/careers>

Queries should be directed to:  
**Raquel Fowler – Human Resources Administrative Assistant**  
Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES  
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## Now Hiring ACCOUNTING SUPPORT

Local growing business seeking qualified candidate for our busy accounting office in Canton, NY.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Minimum of 5 years experience in accounting
- Ability to multi-task in a fast-paced work environment
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Knowledge of Excel
- Attention to detail
- Knowledge of accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, payroll reporting, general ledger, reconciliation of general ledger accounts

Salary range \$45,000-\$60,000 commensurate upon experience. This is a full time position. Benefits include 401K match, vacation, holidays, health insurance.

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viewed at [hospiceslv.org](http://hospiceslv.org). Email cover letter and resume to Lindsay Brown, [lbrown@hospiceslv.org](mailto:lbrown@hospiceslv.org). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.



## NYC Regional Admissions Counselor

SUNY Canton seeks a NYC Regional Admissions Counselor

### JOB DESCRIPTION:

SUNY Canton invites applications for the position of Admissions Counselor to be based in New York City, New York. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, recruitment of prospective students, working with students and parents through all phases of recruitment from inquiry through enrollment, working as part of an admissions team to achieve enrollment goals, event management, and handling other responsibilities as assigned. The position requires extensive travel with overnights and a willingness to keep a flexible work schedule, including evenings and weekends. The region for travel will include the 5 boroughs of NYC, New Jersey, and occasional trips to Canton, NY.

### KNOWLEDGE/SKILL QUALIFICATIONS:

*Required:*

- A Bachelor's degree and valid driver's license.
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to build relationships with potential students, families, and the counselors and teachers in the students' support network.
- Ability to work independently and on a team.
- The successful candidate will be adaptable, detail oriented, accurate, able to learn new technology quickly, and able to gather data.
- Ability to work nights and weekends

*Preferred:*

- Experience traveling and working with students with multicultural backgrounds.
- A strong knowledge base of Microsoft Excel, Word, and Outlook.
- Experience working with a student information system.

Prior to final offer of employment, the selected candidate will be required to submit to a background check including, but not limited to, employment verification, educational and other credential verification, and criminal background check.

**Application Deadline:** open until filled; application review begins immediately.

Persons interested in the above position should apply online at <https://employment.canton.edu/>

SUNY Canton, a unit of the State University of New York, is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer. SUNY Canton is building a culturally diverse and pluralistic faculty and strongly encourages applications from minority and women candidates.

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## The Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority AIRPORT OPERATIONS/ MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST

The Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority, owner of the Ogdensburg International Airport, has a Part-Time vacancy for the position of **Airport Operations/Maintenance Specialist**. Position assists in the daily operation of airport facilities: maintains a safe and secure airport facility and operation; performs duties and maintains certification in Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting; conducts daily inspections of runways, taxiways, ramps, and other aeronautical areas; performs grounds maintenance; performs minor repairs or assists with major repairs, installations, or adjustments of equipment; conducts wildlife management; operates runway, taxiway heavy equipment and delivers NOTAMS as necessary; ensures compliance with all regulatory bodies.

**Minimum qualifications include:** High School Diploma or GED equivalent; pass a ten-year fingerprint criminal background check and Security Threat Assessment; have a positive customer service attitude; possess a valid driver's license and possess/obtain a NYS CDL; must obtain Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting certification. Ability to work rotating shifts including weekends and holidays, and be on call as needed. It is anticipated that this position will work 20-30 hours per week at an hourly rate of \$23.86 per hour.

Application for Employment form can be obtained at the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority Office at One Bridge Plaza, Ogdensburg, NY or by calling 315.393.4080

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## LISBON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT




### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Volunteers to assist in the Cafeteria
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If interested, please contact the

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## Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner

### Massena & Ogdensburg Locations

Make a difference  
in the lives of individuals  
with mental illness!

Minimum Qualifications:

Current License or Eligible to  
Obtain New York State  
Licensure

Salary **\$125,472**  
(includes \$25,000 Geo Pay)

Comprehensive Health Coverage

Individual - \$74.68 per paycheck  
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## Part Time Food Service Worker

Make a difference in the lives  
of individuals with  
mental illness!

Food Service  
Experience  
Not Required

Salary **\$16,171 - \$20,063**

Comprehensive Health Coverage

Individual - \$54.51 per paycheck  
Family - \$235.13 per paycheck

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# Financial Aid Advisor

**Description:**  
Are you considering starting or continuing a career in higher education? Do you enjoy helping others? Come join our SUNY Canton Financial Aid Team as Financial Aid Assistant!  
This is a 12-month position reporting to the Director of Financial Aid. As a member of the Financial Aid team, this selected candidate will work within the One Hop Shop to deliver a full range of counseling and financial aid services to students, families, staff, and the community.

**Job Responsibilities:**

- Serves as the primary contact for students and families providing comprehensive guidance regarding various questions and concerns in the areas of financial aid, student accounts and student records via phone, e-mail and in-person.
- Counsel and assist students and parents in completion of financial aid applications for federal, state, and institutional programs.
- Provide financial aid counseling to student and parents regarding eligibility requirements for various aid programs.
- Represent the office at various on and off-campus recruiting functions, financial aid information sessions, and internal committee meetings as assigned.
- Maintain knowledge of applicable policies, procedures, regulations, rules, statutes and laws.

**Suggested Qualifications:**

- Bachelor degree or Associate degree with 2 years of experience in a higher education institution in financial aid, student accounts or similar setting or equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Experience in a customer service related office or setting;
- Demonstrated experience delivering effective communications via telephone, email, virtually or in person.
- Eligibility to access federal computerized systems (Applicants must be in good standing on federal student loans to be eligible).

**Preferred Qualifications:**


- Experience in a college financial aid office or similar higher education setting;
- Knowledge of and experience working with federal and/or state aid programs;
- Experience with Ellucian Banner, NSLDS, COD, and/or HESC programs;
- Experience with Microsoft Office programs;
- Experience working with and serving diverse populations.

Prior to final offer of employment, the selected candidate will be required to submit to a background check including, but not limited to, employment verification, educational and other credential verification, and criminal background check.

**Application Deadline:** open until filled; application review begins immediately. Persons interested in the above position should apply online at <https://employment.canton.edu/>

*The Canton College Foundation is an independent 501(c)3 non-profit organization that supports the students, faculty and staff of SUNY Canton. The incumbent for this position will be an employee of the Canton College Foundation, not SUNY Canton.*

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## Bookstore Clerk - Temporary

**St. Lawrence University** invites applications for the position of **Bookstore Clerk – Temporary (6 months)** for the Bookstore. Duties include: Perform routine clerical duties including cash register operation, customer service, stock-keeping, shipping/receiving, and store maintenance. Work also includes the Brewer Café. With supervision, assist in merchandising displays. Store maintenance and clerical assistance in the Textbook Department.

**Qualifications:** Must be at least 16 years of age.

Interested candidates please apply at <https://employment.stlawu.edu/>. St. Lawrence University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity employer.

*All offers of employment are contingent upon the finalist successfully passing a background (including criminal records) check.*



## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES (EO/AAE) is currently accepting applications for the following anticipated position:

### Cleaner .5 (50%)

Located at NFEC- Malone  
Salary: \$15,600-\$16,013  
(Based on full 12-Month Salary of \$31,200-\$32,026)

Application Deadline: Until filled

Apply online at:  
<http://www.fehb.org/careers>

Queries should be directed to:  
**Jacob Tolosky, Director of Human Resources**  
Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES  
PO Box 28, Malone, NY 12953  
(518) 483-6420 • Email: [hrsupport@feh.org](mailto:hrsupport@feh.org)

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## Academic Counselor Liberty Partnership Program

The SUNY Canton LPP program works with numerous school districts and community-based organizations (CBO's) to deliver academic, career, college, social and emotional support to middle and high school students to graduate and enter the workforce and/or college. This position is responsible for providing services to students in grades 5 -12 who are enrolled within the Gouverneur school district including outreach, administering program assessments, planning and implementation of lessons, executing retention strategies, and working closely with students and families.

### Position Responsibilities

- Provide services that support student academic success including but limited to; mentoring, tutoring, study skill development, social skills development, college/career exploration, personal learning plan development, community services and enrichment activities.
- Plan and develop fieldtrips and other educational activities that would include summer and afterschool programming. These activities will include social and life skills improvement, academic assistance, community service, employment preparation, college readiness, enrichment or cultural activities, mentoring, civic service, leadership, sports and wellness, social and emotional skill development.
- Screen, assess, and act independently to provide student and family referrals to community-based organizations and collaborating agencies for assistance.
- Administer program assessments including interest inventories, personal learning plans, and social/emotional tests to students.
- Serve as an advocate for students to schools, teachers, counselors, etc. to help students succeed. Enhance collaborative relationships to maximize the student's and family's ability to access supportive services.
- Work closely with partner school staff and counselors to identify and case manage Liberty students.
- When appropriate, conduct home visits and maintain ongoing home contact.
- Attend regular staff meetings and participate in professional development activities.
- Submit monthly LPP data reports including student academic and enrichment activities, student contact hours, grades, attendance etc.
- Committed to professional growth which is in alignment with student success, college and career access.

### Essential Skills

- Must be able to work with a diverse and underserved population of students;
- Must have knowledge of workforce entry requirements and college admissions procedures;
- Be familiar with or have knowledge of prevention and intervention strategies for at-risk youth and families, principles related to youth development, program management, case management for at-risk youth and confidentiality requirements.
- Must have the ability to work well independently, as a team member and build positive relationships.
- Must have excellent organizational, interpersonal skills and communication skills both written and verbal;
- **Demonstrated computer skills, Microsoft Office suite including One Drive and Outlook email functions, Microsoft Teams. Access database website/ social media editing is considered an asset.**

### Education/Qualifications:

Minimum Qualifications: **Bachelor's degree in Education, counseling, social work, human services or related field and one or more years of professional experience working in an educational setting or related field. Valid New York State drivers license.**

**Preferred Qualifications:** Master's degree in Education, counseling, social work, human services or related field. One or more years' experience working with a grant; experience working with students identified as "at risk", low-income, or first-generation students.

Hourly rate: \$21.00-\$22.50

Application Deadline: Review will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

Prior to a final offer of employment, the selected candidate will be required to submit to a background check including, but not limited to, employment verification, educational and other credential verification, and criminal background check. Persons interested in the above position should apply online at <https://employment.canton.edu/>

All appointments are contingent upon continued receipt of State funding and renewal of appointment is subject to the Research Foundation of SUNY policies and procedures, sponsor guidelines, and the availability of annual funding.

*The Research Foundation, a unit of the State University of New York, is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer, with a commitment to building a culturally diverse and pluralistic faculty to meet the needs of our diverse student population and strongly encourages applications from minority and women candidates.*



## St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center



### Join our Team!

## Carpenter; HVAC-R Mechanic; Electrician; Plumber/Steamfitter Positions Available

*Build a better future by joining the  
New York State  
Office of Mental Health*

### Minimum Qualifications:

Four years of full-time experience in the specific trade under a skilled tradesperson which would provide training equivalent to that given in a training, apprenticeship, or equivalent program, or an equivalent combination of experience and training gained by completion of technical courses in a specific trade at a school, institute, or branch of the Armed Services; OR successful completion of the two-year Trades Specialist traineeship or a two-year trade specific training, apprenticeship, or equivalent program \*such as the New York State Civil Service Employees Association-Partnership Applied Skilled Trades Traineeship and Certificate Program.

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**Salary \$47,530 - \$58,016**

### Comprehensive Health Coverage

Individual - \$72.68 per paycheck  
Family - \$280.06 per paycheck

### Free Dental & Vision

Individual & Family Plans Available

### NYS Pension & Retirement Programs

### Generous Paid Time Off

### 12 Weeks Paid Parental Leave

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6 months to use.



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## Licensed Master Social Workers & Licensed Mental Health Counselors

*Positions Available in  
Gouverneur, Massena  
& Ogdensburg*

### Minimum Qualifications:

*Current License or Eligible to  
Obtain New York State  
Licensure*

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**Salary \$61,270 - \$86,140**

### Comprehensive Health Coverage

Individual - \$74.68 per paycheck  
Family - \$287.98 per paycheck

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## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES (EO/AAE)  
is currently accepting applications  
for the following anticipated position:

### Building Maintenance Worker I

Located at Adirondack Educational Center – Saranac Lake

Start date: ASAP

Salary - \$33,925 base salary,  
additional compensation available based on experience

**Application Deadline: Until filled**

Apply online at:

<http://www.fehb.org/careers>

Queries should be directed to:

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