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Municipal building plan in limbo

BY PAUL MITCHELL
North Country This Week

CANTON — Two town councilmen voted against accepting a low bid of \$64,260 to tear down the former McDonald's building at 64 Main Street citing more concrete plans to renovate or reconstruct the Canton Municipal Building are needed.

The issue of demolition was discussed at a joint town and village board meeting a few weeks ago with the consensus of both boards that the building needs to be torn down.

But councilman James T. Smith and Randy Brown are not ready to level the building and spend the money until they see what's in store for the municipal building.

"I guess it goes back to the reason we bought it because we needed it for parking," said Smith, adding it's been made clear by both boards that a new \$25 million municipal building is too high a price tag. "Are we talking about what we can afford or what we can do to get the cost down that's affordable?"

A Canton Municipal Building plan was in place after the town and village acquired the McDonald's property, including the adjacent parking lot, for \$295,000 in July 2021. The plan fizzled in March when the cost figures for a new municipal building surpassed \$25 million.

"If I vote to tear down next door, we had

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Milk carton shortage hits SLC

BY MATT LINDSEY
North Country This Week

Schools are finding alternative ways to serve milk to St. Lawrence County students due to a national milk carton shortage that's expected to last into the new year.

Milk is required to be served with school meals, however USDA's Food and Nutrition Service officials are allowing districts to serve different types or sizes of milk during the supply shortage.

"Districts in our region can purchase gallons and half gallons of white and chocolate milk in different fat contents from our vendors," said St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Central Food Management Assistant Director David Gravlin.

He said district food service managers have placed orders for cups and dispensing supplies so they can hopefully continue to serve milk without any disruptions.

"Our main objective is to ensure students have access to milk, and we will continue to look into oth-

er methods of serving milk such as boxed milk, bulk dispensers or different sizes and types of milk," said Gravlin.

Most schools will shift to serving shelf-stable milk. Shelf-stable milk is milk that has been pasteurized and packaged a little differently than refrigerated milk in order to extend its shelf life.

Shelf-stable, or aseptic, milks are common in other parts of the world but didn't really catch on stateside until about 30 years ago, mainly because Americans tend to equate refrigeration with freshness.

"Yes, we are purchasing shelf-stable milk, as opposed to refrigerated milk in cartons," Ogdensburg School Superintendent Kevin Kendall said.

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service officials have also stated that schools can skip milk all together during this shortage.

There are no plans to go that route as of now, Kendall said.

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Veterans honored

Randy Burke, past commander of Edward C. Seymour Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1231 in Canton, salutes during Saturday's Veterans Day ceremony at the Gouverneur Street post. Burke traditionally serves as master of ceremonies at the Veterans Day gathering. See more photos on page 5.

High costs could kill Potsdam's sewer district

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — Facing ever deepening costs in materials and labor, town board members, its legal counsel and contracted engineering service are debating whether to continue to develop the Route 56 water and sewer districts project and go to bid, or pull the plug on them.

And, at least one property owner who lives in the district is critical of the idea of dissolving the districts, and says the move would effectively put property owners there on the hook for more than \$700,000 the town has spent on the project already.

The board, with attorney Roger Linden whom the town contracted to handle the legal setup of the districts, and project engineer Jay Berkman, from the firm C2AE, discussed the situation at the board meeting Nov. 9. More followup discussions are expected.

"We know we have cost overruns. And the figures I'm going to give to you on this are

what were brought to us by Mr. Berkman back in January of this year," Linden told the board.

"On the sewer the original total project cost was \$5,491,000. Now it's \$8,109,500 call it. That's a 64 percent increase in the project cost. Current EDU calculation based on 148 EDUs would be \$1,874 per year for sewer. Which is 2.7 times the current Comptroller limit."

On water the original total project cost was \$4,782,000. Now, the figures we got in January are \$6,665,000. That's a 39.5 percent increase," Linden said. "Current EDU calculation based on a 148 units for water will be \$969 per year."

The attorney said the combined cost to district residents for water and sewer service from the town would be \$238 based on those numbers.

Linden said the town has borrowed about \$1,250,000 for each district project to date, and will be paying \$53,000 annually on interest

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Winter is coming

'When Autumn meets winter in Pierrepont,' said photographer Stacey Smith Tarbox.

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Town uses fund balance to reduce tax rate

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — The town board approved boosting the use of more fund balance money in its 2024 budget to lower the expected tax rate for the coming year.

Council members and the supervisor later voted to approve the 2024 budget at their meeting Nov. 9. A public hearing was held on the budget prior to the meeting.

During discussion Supervisor Ann Carvill told board members that Deputy Supervisor Marty Miller asked if the town could use more fund balance to lessen the expected tax burden on town property owners.

After reviewing the budget, Carvill said it was determined that the town could use up to \$300,000 to offset the bottom line expenditures for the budget.

The preliminary 2024 general fund budget was originally calling for \$100,000 in fund balance to be used. However, that earlier version of the budget featured a tax rate of

2.06 percent per \$1,000 of assessed property value for the general fund. The addition of the \$200,000 in fund balance to the general fund drops that rate to 1.72 percent per \$1,000, which is closer to the current year's rate of 1.58 percent.

The new general fund tax rate adds to the total tax rate [which includes tax rates for Town Highway DA and DB budgets, Town Outside and Fire District], increasing total rate for town property owners to 4.55 percent in 2024 versus 4.24 percent in 2023.

What this means in real world dollars is that town property owners paid \$424 on a \$100,000 assessed property in the current year, but will pay \$455 in the coming year to cover the general fund.

The total tax levy for 2024 for the general fund will be \$1,009,656.21, compared to the 2023 levy of \$875,453.28.

The board briefly discussed adding the additional fund balance at the Nov. 9 meeting.

"The funds are there and I think it's the right thing to do," Miller said.

"And once again, we are still being safe, conservative, in balancing out the burden to the public, with looking at assets we have . . . we have ambitious plans for next year with regards to many things that are going on and it's very important that they be funded," Carvill said. "And sometimes you are going to get a year where things that maybe slid a little bit are suddenly at the forefront and you have to start doing it."

"We're planning for the future to

put the township in a much better place," she said.

In a separate conversation with North Country This Week, Carvill said the town's 2024 budget includes funding for much needed new software for town offices, a town-wide tax revaluation, and hiring a professional grant writing contractor who can pursue state funding streams more effectively on the town's behalf.

"That's just money that has to be spent," the supervisor told the newspaper.

Carvill went on to praise the town bookkeeper and supervisor's secretary for their work crafting the budget.

Other funds

As noted earlier in this story, the town's 2024 fiscal plan includes more than just the general fund. Also included are the Highway DA, Town Outside, Highway DB and Fire Districts budgets; along with the town's special district budgets — Hewittville Lighting, Sissonville Lighting, and Unionville Water and Sewer Districts.

Of those, the Highway DA tax rate will increase to 1.70 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2024 versus the current year's rate of 1.67 percent.

The Fire District tax rate will increase as well to 1.13 percent versus the current year rate of 1.07 percent.

Town Outside and Highway DB are covered by other revenues other than taxes, and the tax rates for the special districts are paid by the property owners within those districts.

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Canton gets 2 applicants for pot shop licenses

BY PAUL MITCHELL
North Country This Week

CANTON — The Town of Canton has received two applications for cannabis dispensaries.

Town Clerk Heidi Smith told members of the town board Wednesday night that her office received the paperwork from two microbusinesses.

"This is the part of the next step of the filing application with the NYS Office of Cannabis Management," said Smith in her report to the board.

The two applicants are:

• Robert Washo, 309 Miner Street Road, Canton, Back to the Land Herbs, LLC - notification of microbusiness (with retail authorization) application received Oct. 3.

• Austin Bailey, Sleeping Fox, LLC, at a location to be determined in 12 months - notification of adult-use retail dispensary license application received Oct. 25.

Last month, the village received its first cannabis dispensary application from Cathy and Peter Cullen of Colton. They are interested in opening an adult-use retail dispensary at 51 Main St. using the name Next Gen Endeavors, LLC.

NCTW deadline changes

Due to Thanksgiving, deadlines for the Nov. 24 Potsdam-Canton edition of "North Country This Week" will be one day early.

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Unions, professors turn out for rally, protest

POTSDAM — More than 100 unionists, students and community members turned out Thursday afternoon (Nov. 9) to rally and march on the SUNY Potsdam campus against planned cuts to programs and staff at the campus.

Waving signs that read "We demand fair funding for SUNY Potsdam," members of United University Professions joined students, area unionists and community members at the rally today.

The protesters called for a stop to the planned elimination of as many as 10 degree programs — and what the UUP believes will be the elimination of associated faculty and staff positions — at the college to close a projected \$9 million deficit.

The late afternoon rally was held at the Barrington Student Center on the SUNY Potsdam campus.

Speakers included statewide UUP President Frederick E. Kowal, UUP Potsdam Chapter President Kevin Smith, and Village of Gouverneur Mayor Ronald McDougall, a United Auto Workers member and past president of the Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence Counties Central Trades and Labor Council, and Jennifer Mitchell, a SUNY Potsdam English professor.

"We are here today to fight for our students, our members and the communities and businesses that depend heavily on SUNY Potsdam as a strong, vibrant economic engine," said Kowal. "Fair funding for SUNY Potsdam and all of SUNY's financially stressed campuses is the answer to keeping our campuses vibrant."

"Our members believe that SUNY Potsdam is a special place that deserves fair funding from SUNY administration," said Smith. "We're here to ensure that New Yorkers can receive a reasonably priced, face-to-face, education in their chosen field at Potsdam or at the state university campus of their choice."

Kowal called a late October decision by SUNY Potsdam administration to save four programs — Biochemistry, Chemistry, and two public health programs — previously on the chopping block, a victory for students, the community and UUP members.

The UUP states that it previously advocated "strongly" for \$163 million in new state aid for SUNY, which was included in the 2023-2024 state budget. The funding which would have closed campus budget shortfalls at SUNY Potsdam and 18 other campuses, UUP claims.

The UUP leadership said the SUNY Board of Trustees, which distributes the funding to campus-

Inmate accused of assault at county jail

CANTON -- A St. Lawrence County inmate was accused of assaulting another inmate on Nov. 5, according to St. Lawrence County sheriff's deputies.

Adam J. Baublitz, 35, was charged with second-degree assault, a felony, officers said.

He was cited Nov. 8 following an investigation and ordered held without bail, deputies said.



NCTW photo

Kevin Smith, United University Professions Chapter President at SUNY Potsdam, leads chants at a rally that drew about 100 on campus Thursday. The rally protested expected job cuts due to \$9 million SUNY Potsdam deficit. Ralliers chanted "SUNY's got the money. Where's our 9 million?" and "The union united will never be divided." UUP State President Fred Kowal, Ronald P. McDougall of Central Trades and Labor Council, and Jennifer Mitchell, SUNY Potsdam Associate Professor also spoke. Other unions represented were NYSUT, GSEU, PEF, CSEA and Teamsters

es, could have wiped out all SUNY campus deficits had it doled out those funds based on campus need. Instead, the trustees only allocated less than half of that funding to financially troubled campuses, UUP said.

Kowal said UUP will push strongly for more funding for SUNY campuses in the 2024-2025 state budget, this time with a stipulation that the money be sent to campuses based on need.

"After massive state aid cuts to SUNY and more than a decade of Cuomo-era austerity budgets, our campuses must receive fair funding, which will allow them to close deficits and focus on growth," Kowal said. "Everyday, our members at Potsdam and campuses across New York state provide our students with a world-class educational experience that will serve them throughout their lives."

"The work our members do positively impacts our students, our communities and our state both educationally and economically," he said.

Professor Mitchell said the proposed cuts will "send shockwaves through not only all the SUNY schools but it will also have long term effects on the entire, economically disadvantaged region. We are here together with our college administration to keep what is special and important and unique

about our school."

SUNY Potsdam's president, Dr. Suzanne Smith, released an official statement in response to the protest rally.

"Advocating for the importance of public higher education is something we can all stand behind. While I may not necessarily agree with all of the sentiments expressed today, the spirit of this demonstration, and the desire of faculty and staff to have their concerns heard and understood does not go unappreciated or unnoticed," said Smith.

"As we continue to implement our financial stability plan, we will continue to provide information on the next steps in a transparent manner," Smith said.



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Public Health gets \$400,000 in federal aid

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- St. Lawrence County Public Health has received over \$400,000 in federal aid to strengthen healthcare infrastructure throughout the county.

County legislators approved a resolution to accept the funds

during the Nov. 6 full board meeting.

Officials say the funds, which are part of a grant through the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, will be used to strengthen county public health departments.

The funds may be used to "strengthen the public health workforce through hiring of pub-

lic health positions, supporting retention of current staff, making upgrades to the workplace to increase employee satisfaction, providing public health training and providing public health support services to the public health department," according to the resolution.

Officials say over the long term, the investments "include improvements in the public health of the jurisdiction, especially among socially and economically marginalized communities."

The five-year grant will run for the period of Dec. 1, 2022 through Nov. 30, 2027.

In other action, legislators also approved a budget modification for Public Health totaling \$61,500 for the Administration and Preventative Services Program.

Officials say expenses for the programs have been higher than anticipated this year, necessitating the modification.

According to officials there has also been an increase in revenue with the two programs as well.

As for the breakdown in appropriations, officials say \$6,000 will be used for the accounting and financial account, while \$20,000 will go towards computer software expenses and \$35,500 will cover other fees associated with the programs.



Photo by Elaine Saarinen

Wins crossbow

Bob Berger is the winner of a crossbow raffled by the Sons of the Norwood American Legion. From the left are Sons of the Norwood American Legion members Mike Tuper, Dennis Tuper, crossbow winner Bob Berger, Paul Wells and Tony Nocerino.

Tentative county budget eyes lower rate, higher levy

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

Budget."

Doyle said the county continues to make strides despite the unpredictable nature of operation expenses, noting the tentative budget "seeks to prepare once again to maintain services and improve upon the infrastructure of the County for the people of the County who support the services we provide."

As part of the \$296.5 million budget, county residents will see a total levy of \$54 million, which represents 18% of the total budget.

A request was made this year to override the New York State tax cap limit by \$579,885 or 0.2% of the budget, officials say.

The allowable tax cap is \$1.7 million and the tentative budget requests a \$2.3 million increase in the levy, according to officials.

In the tentative budget, the county workforce is proposed at 882.53 full-time equivalent.

That workforce would be an increase of 17.86 positions over the 2023 budget, according to officials.

The breakdown of those jobs is 832.5 full-time positions and 50.03 less than full-time equivalents, officials say.

"This is a combination of changes made by the Board of Legislators throughout the current year and recommendations made by the Budget Team," officials wrote.

The board of legislators will hold budget review sessions Nov. 13, 20 and 27 with an anticipated adoption of the budget on Dec. 4 during the full board meeting.

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Services at all locations will resume on Friday, November 24 for regular hours:

- Colton Walk-in Center - 7:00 am to 5:30 pm
- Canton Urgent Care - 9:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Potsdam Urgent Care - 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

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Celebrating Veterans in Canton



Pictured above, the Edward C. Seymour Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1231 firing squad volleyed a 21-gun salute during Saturday's Veterans Day ceremony at the Canton VFW Post. In the back is VFW Post Commander John Coffey. In the front row, from the left, are Neil Leonard, John McIntosh, Kevin Tipper, Richard Carrier, Ron Mead, and John Hill.



Color guard members Kim Ryan and David Pearson, of VFW Post 1231, Canton, prepare to raise a flag in honor of one of their own, John Pike, a veteran of the Korean War, who passed away in 2020.



Diana Goolden of the Canton VFW Post 1231 Auxiliary addresses the crowd at Saturday's Veterans Day ceremony held at the post rooms on Gouverneur Street.



A large crowd gathered at the Edward C. Seymour Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1231 in Canton for annual Veterans Day ceremonies there.

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OBITUARIES**Linee J. (Moniere) Claflin, 60**

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dam Hospital.

Linee was a 1981 graduate of Potsdam Central High School

where she was an outstanding soccer player and track star!! She was part of a 4x100 relay team that held a New York state record for 30-plus years that was just recently broken.

She worked at the Bagelry, was a manager at Arby's, and also worked at the Super Duper (Potsdam IGA) for many years. Most recently she was a housekeeper at the Clarkson Inn.

Linee was married to Ray Claflin on June 29, 2013, at Ives Park in Potsdam on the most beautiful summer day!!

Linee really enjoyed taking trips with Ray to Hampton Beach in New Hampshire as well as many NASCAR races!!

She was a truly amazing woman who would do anything for anyone and will be missed dearly by every life she touched.

Donations in Linee's name can be made to Garner Funeral Home and the Potsdam Humane Society.

**Linee Claflin****Phillip J. Marlow, 75**

Massena

Gregg A. Marlow.

In 2001 his first granddaughter was born, Gabrielle M. Durant,

and in 2003 his second, Delany G. Durant. He loved his family very much.

The grandchildren fondly recall that he was present for every accomplishment and milestone of their lives.

Phillip was a very active man who loved spending time with his family, nature, hunting, travel, music, and a good card game. He lived life to the fullest. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Phillip is survived by his loving family, Sheila Marlow (Ash) of Massena NY; Children, Gregg Marlow of Massena NY. Melinda and Dion Durant of Chase Mills NY; and two granddaughters, Gabrielle and Delany Durant; Siblings, Clarence Jr. and Albert both of Massena NY, Jerry of Syracuse NY, and sister, Anne Parrot of WI; along with several nieces and nephews.

Online condolences, pictures, and memories may be shared with the family at www.PhillipsMemorial.com.**Phillip Marlow****Kathleen "Kathy" Ann (Barlow) Kenyon, 76**

Canton

Blossvale, NY, Brian (Pam) Gary of Parishville, NY, and Dianna Duquette of Rutland, VT; Bonus children Shelly

Kenyon of Madrid, NY, Chris (Jill) Kenyon of New Orleans, LA and Tracy (Jason) Robert of Canton, NY; seven brothers and sisters Lawrence Barlow of Parishville, NY, Ronald (Cathy)

Barlow of The Villages, FL, Steve (Barb) Barlow of Ogdensburg, NY, Richard (Nancy) Barlow of Norfolk, NY, Robert (Sue Vought) Barlow of Brooksville, FL, Marijean (Terry) Remington of Canton, NY, and Linda (Bill) White of Norwood, NY and many special nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her beloved grandchildren and their families, Devin – Gavin and Keaton; Brielle- Isaac, Kali and Jude; Hayley; Kelli- Ryleigh and Johnny; Nicole- Tripp, Briggs and Axul; Justin; Jordon- Kaleb and Landon; Jaidlyn- Silas and Zohayla; Cecelia and Elaina.

Kathy retired from P&C in Canton where she worked for 15 years. She had also worked at Loblaw's and the Townhouse Restaurant in Potsdam.

In addition to her husband,

"Joe"; she is survived by her three

children, Dawn (Tom) Grieco of

**Kathleen Kenyon**

Barlow, and Jan Barlow, as well as a great-granddaughter, Cyra Adia Dempsey.

When Kathy was younger, she enjoyed fishing and playing BINGO with her siblings.

At home, you could often find her reading, crafting, and baking. She also enjoyed playing cards with her kids and grandkids.

Many memories were made during these times. As she got older one of her favorite things to do was beating her other best friend, Marijean, at a sometimes-friendly game on POGO.

Kathy enjoyed working with Joe in their famous flower gardens which were often featured in local newspapers.

The couple were active SLU Hockey fans often traveling to watch games.

Being lucky in life, Kathy never missed a chance to continue her luck at a Casino, whether it be near or far, with friends and family. Kathy lived a full life and was loved by many.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Canton Rescue Squad or The Canton Garden Club.

Condolences may be shared by visiting www.lawrencefuneral-home.org.**Mark Richardson, 60**

Canton

during his heart problems. They had a wonderful one on November 5, there was a great turnout and

**Mark Richardson**

He went to BOCES for Electrical training.

He could wire anything! His favorite occupation was woodworking.

He built cabinets and renovated our home, our apartment houses, and many other friends' homes.

There is not anything that he has not touched.

He was the greatest woodworker and our home is the living proof of it.

With woodworking came the obsession of tools. Mark had them all.

Mark loved to read woodworking magazines and then when the iPhone came along, he was hooked, there was no stopping him!

Mark loved being a dad, he was the best.

He was a great husband. Mark will always be with us. He touched many people's hearts and lives.

He will always be in my and Julianna's heart forever.

He is still with us, through our family dog Bailey.

Bailey was Mark's BUDDY.

Mark's heart failed but he lives on in everyone's heart that ever knew him.

Group hug, Mark.

We love you forever and ever Mark.

Diana, Juliana, Derek, Bailey, Tigger and Franklin

RECENT DEATHS**MARK RICHARDSON**, 60, Canton, Oct. 23.**LINEE CLAFLIN**, 60, Potsdam, Nov. 5. Arrangements with Garner

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Photo submitted by Lance Rudiger, Tree Committee chair.

Pictured above, Canton Tree Committee Secretary Herb Bullock instructs Asa at one of the tree plantings.

Canton Tree Committee hosts planting day

CANTON — On Saturday, Nov. 5, the Canton Tree Committee finished a fall planting of 30 trees.

The trees were planted at the SLC BOCES on Main Street (10 trees), forming a corridor of flowering crabapple trees along the entrance to Canton village, Law Lane housing complex (5 oak trees), Bend in the River Park (6 trees), around the Welcome to Canton sign by Poulin Grain (2 flowering bushes) and on Steven Street (the first trees donated to private property owners for the roadside-3 trees) and 3 flowering trees in the Hodskin Street parking lot.

There were upwards of 20 people from the public at the Bend in the River planting of four trees, and the

rain held off. The coffee, doughnuts and socialization after the planting was enjoyed.

The Canton Village Tree Committee was well represented with Chair Lance W. Rudiger, Secretary Herb Bullock, John Casserly, Ben Budelman and prospective members Dale Grant and Tim Abplanalp.

Many partnered to make the project a success. The agencies included the St. Lawrence County BOCES, Canton Housing Authority, National Grid, Canton DPW and village superintendent, the mayor and village board, private landowners, and members of the public who all made significant contributions.

Intersection evaluation policy considered

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI

North Country This Week

CANTON — St. Lawrence County will soon have a formal policy for intersection evaluation after legislators approved a resolution to adopt the policy set forth by the county highway department.

Legislators approved the resolution during the Oct. 30 finance committee meeting.

According to County Highway Department Superintendent Don Chambers, the department has informally been following federal and state regulations when assessing intersections and adopting a county policy is more of a technicality at this point.

"In recent years there have been requests coming forward for intersection evaluation from municipalities," he told legislators.

According to Chambers, the department has already been following federal and state guidelines for intersection reviews.

By adopting a formal policy, county officials will also be able to quickly change the policy if the state or federal governments made modifications to their own policies, he said.

"This process will be updated every five years as well," Chambers

said.

Chambers said he felt a five-year review was sufficient given that the county is mirroring federal and state regulations, however legislators could request a review sooner if necessary.

Chairman David Forsythe questioned whether intersection reviews were complaint driven in most cases.

According to Chambers, reviews typically occur when a municipality requests one or a town board reaches out to his department.

"This way we will have a clear business of how we do this," Chambers said.

He said it was a matter of "not reinventing the wheel" by following existing guidelines.

According to Chambers, state officials added supplemental policies to existing federal regulations, something that bolstered the policies over the years.

Legislator Rick Perkins questioned whether a time frame to address concerns would be included with the adoption of the policy.

According to Chambers, time elements were not included in the policy due to a number of considerations.

"It was left off purposely in case we need to bring in a specialized

consultant and it may take longer in that case. It depends on the complexity of the issue," Chambers said.

Chambers said another consideration was time frames set forth in contracts, which could be further complicated by a second time frame set forth by the adoption of the new review policy.

According to Chambers, the department can do whatever is appropriate to handle a given situation, with the progression of improvements outlined in the formal policy.

Legislator Harry Smithers also raised the question of what constitutes a county intersection versus a state, town or village intersection.

According to Chambers, the "higher municipality has control of the intersection."

In the event a state highway crosses a county highway, that would fall to the state, he said.

In cases when a county highway crosses a town highway, Chambers said the county would assume control in that case.

With the finance committee approving the resolution to adopt the new policy, the full board will now have to take action for final approval.

Chase Mills man facing drug charges

POTSDAM — A Chase Mills man faces drug-related charges following a traffic stop Thursday in the Town of Potsdam.

St. Lawrence County Sheriff's deputies charged Mark F. Tiernan with one count of fourth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a Class C felony, and operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration following the investigation of a traffic stop on the

Wright Road.

During the course of the investigation Tiernan was found to be in possession of a crystal-like substance, which tested positive for methamphetamine, according to deputies.

Tiernan was arraigned in Canton Town Court in front of Judge Michael Morgan and released on his own recognizance.

County emergency services gets fed cash

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI

North Country This Week

CANTON — The St. Lawrence County Emergency Services Department has received further funding from the New York State Division of Homeland Security, this time to upgrade crucial software for the department.

County legislators unanimously approved a budget modification for \$9,149 to cover the annual maintenance cost for the Spillman CAD software utilized by the department.

With the modification, officials agreed to decrease appropriations for a technical equipment account while increasing appropriations for a computer software account for the department.

Officials say the funds are part of the SHSP/SLETPP Grant from Homeland Security, which was adopted Aug. 1, 2022 by county legislators.

As part of the grant, the Emergency Services Department received a grant for \$157,910 in total, officials say.

In other action, legislators also approved a budget modification to cover overtime and electricity expenses for the Emergency Services Department.

Officials say the department exceeded budgeted totals for overtime and electricity expenses for 2023, though funds were found in existing accounts to cover the overages.

In total, \$38,000 will come from Direct Service Workers, Administration Clerical and a contingency account, while appropriations will be increased by \$28,000 to cover overtime expenses and \$10,000 to cover electricity expenses.

Legislators also approved signing a contract with Intrado Life & Safety Solutions Corporation for professional services to relocate, install and program phone services in the new dispatch center.

That contract will come at a cost of \$15,802 to the county, officials say.

Budget mods for county highway department approved

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI

North Country This Week

CANTON — St. Lawrence County legislators have approved budget modifications for the county highway department after overtime expenses and supply costs came in higher than expected.

Legislators approved the resolution during the finance committee meeting on Oct. 30.

As part of the modification, the Department of Highways budgets appropriation and revenue accounts have been updated to reflect current and projected operations, officials say.

Due to additional highway projects, there has been increased demand for the rental of county-owned machinery for bridge projects, according to the resolution.

"There are items to increase revenue, increase appropriations, decrease appropriations, basically modifying the budget and moving

items around where we can to cover our actual costs that we anticipate to incur in 2023 and where we are anticipating increased revenues," Highway Superintendent Don Chambers told legislators.

County officials say the highway department has seen an increase in overtime due to vacancies and increases in highway supplies due to the busy construction season.

Despite those increased expenses, the county is able to offset the increases by increasing revenue and decreasing other appropriation lines, Chambers said.

Revenue and appropriations were increased by \$200,000, while the H RM Technical account saw a \$34,000 decrease in appropriations and two overtime accounts saw increased appropriations totaling \$34,000.

Legislators are expected to give final approval of the resolution during the full board meeting set for Nov. 6.



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Canton school board votes to keep Todd in place as interim superintendent

CANTON -- The Canton Central School District Board of Education has announced a unanimous agreement to retain the services of its current interim superintendent Susan Todd through the end of the 2024-25 school year.

Todd has been serving as the Canton interim superintendent since August 1, 2023.

She replaced Ronald Burke, who left the district to take the superintendent's position in the Massena Central School District.

Todd has over thirty years of experience in the field of education, serving as the superintendent for Heuvelton Central School from 2006-2017, a Building Principal/CSE Chairperson for the Heuvelton District, and seventeen years as a classroom teacher at Potsdam Central School.

Since her retirement in 2017, she has worked for the Education Departments of St. Lawrence University and SUNY Potsdam, and she served as an Interim Superintendent for the Morristown Central School district from 2019-2020.

The decision to retain Todd came following several meetings between the Canton Board of Education and

St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES District Superintendent Thomas Burns, who is serving as a consultant for Canton during the superintendent search process.

"Statewide, the superintendent candidate pool is as shallow as I've ever seen during my career," Burns said. "Having an experienced, caring leader on hand during this time period greatly benefits the Canton school district and will allow more time for the candidate pool to be replenished prior to restarting a full search for a new, permanent superintendent of schools."

Canton Board of Education President Victor Rycroft and the full board agreed that this is the best plan moving forward for the District and the Canton community, a press release from BOCES said.

"Susan is a valuable asset to Canton," Rycroft said. "Having her lead the district for another year will set us up for a successful transition to a new superintendent in the future. We look forward to continuing under her leadership through the 2024-25 school year."

Anyone in the community who has questions regarding the process, are encouraged to reach out to Mr. Burns at 315-386-4504 or Mr. Rycroft at 315-386-8516 x44202.

Volunteers needed for ZBA

POTSDAM — The Village of Potsdam is seeking three volunteers to fill vacancies on its Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Zoning Board of Appeals plays an important role in the implementation of Village zoning law that impacts the orderly development of the community, and the quality of life enjoyed by Village residents.

The Zoning Board of Appeals is a quasi-judicial board whose members are appointed by the Village mayor to a five-year term of office.

The Board hears appeals from parties who are seeking relief from the Village's zoning law commonly referred to as variances.

In addition the Zoning Board of Appeals is often called upon to provide an interpretation of the zoning

law to potential applicants and Village staff.

Members of the Board work closely with the Village Code Enforcement Officer, the Director of Planning and Development and the St. Lawrence County Planning Board.

Meetings are scheduled at the start of every calendar year; however, the Zoning Board of Appeals only convenes when it receives a request for zoning interpretation or an application for a variance.

To be eligible to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals, a person must be a citizen of the United States, a year-round resident of the Village of Potsdam and be at least 18 years of age.

Info: fhanss@vi.potsdam.ny.us or (315) 265-1670.

Grasse River receives grant

CANTON — Grasse River Heritage is the recipient of a \$4,000 grant from the Corning Incorporated Foundation "in support of beautification and outdoor artwork at Heritage Park in Canton."

In addition to this grant, staff from the Corning plant in Canton have, throughout the years, contributed valuable volunteer service at Heritage Park.

Grasse River Heritage is a non-profit organization dedicated to restoring the Grasse River to a central place in the life of the community of Canton.

The Corning Incorporated Foundation is a charitable contributions

organization established by Corning Incorporated in 1952. Through leadership and collaboration, the Foundation strives to foster vibrant, enriching, and supportive Corning communities. The Foundation focuses on education, human services, culture, and volunteerism in Corning business locations.

Currently home to several outdoor art pieces, the Willow Island Sculpture Garden by Grasse River Heritage has a biannual rotation of sculptures in Canton. This grant will be used primarily to develop the sculpture park in the coming year with several new sculptures to be installed in 2024.

Fire department selling trees

POTSDAM -- The Potsdam Fire Department will once again be selling Christmas trees this year.

All trees will be #1 Balsam trees, ranging in height from five to nine feet tall, will cost \$50, officials say.

There will also be 25 #1 Balsam trees available that will range in height from 10 to 12 feet, which will cost \$100 each, according to the department.

Free delivery will be available within the Potsdam Fire Department fire protection area, however if individuals wish to pick up a tree themselves they can do so at the station, 42 Main Street.

"Come out and support your local fire department. All proceeds will be

used to offset the cost of equipment to make not only our members safe, but our community also," fire officials wrote on Facebook. Sales begin Friday, Nov. 24 at 10 a.m.

Hours of sales will be Monday through Thursday, 5-9 p.m., Fridays from 5-10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

If individuals would like to purchase a tree but cannot make it to the station when sales are ongoing, officials say they can call Justin McGregor at (315) 244-5877 to make arrangements.

Inmate indicted for murder

GOUVERNEUR — A Gouverneur inmate was indicted on second-degree murder after allegedly killing another person this summer.

St. Lawrence County District Attorney Gary Pasqua announced today that the St. Lawrence County Grand Jury filed a sealed indictment with St. Lawrence County Court against Wilfredo Noe, 46.

Noe is an inmate with the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision.

The indictment charges Noe with second-degree murder, first-degree manslaughter, first-degree assault, first-degree strangulation and second-degree assault related to the death, a release from the SLC district attorney's office said.

Luigi Cappellino, 26, was reportedly killed June 5 at the Gouverneur Correctional Facility.

Noe was reportedly arraigned following the unsealing of the indictment Oct. 31 in St. Lawrence County Court.

He was remanded without bail, the press release said.

The incident was investigated by New York State Police, the New York State Attorney General's Office and the St. Lawrence County District Attorney's Office.

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Be thankful for who and what you have this Thanksgiving

Although American holidays mean different things to different people, Thanksgiving for many of us is a time to appreciate and reflect on good fortunes past, present and future.

Editor's Notebook

Jimmy Lawton



It's a time we try to spend with people we love. It's a time when we offer what we can spare to those who need it more. It's really altogether rather good stuff.

As a kid, Thanksgiving often failed to capture the same level of excitement as the holidays with prize-giving mascots, gift exchanges and spooky costumes. But as an adult I've come to realize how much

Losing grandparents or anyone special changes holidays. So does time, distance and opportunity. Life happens, the world changes, people move, obligations hamper best intentions and that's OK.

I know part of the change is because we are more spread out and while some of us are putting up solid numbers in the kid department, overall we have not produced offspring at the same rate as our parents, and certainly not our grandparents.

Even if we aren't all together on

In particular, the holiday always surfaces memories of my grandparents and their kindness. I'm thankful for them in many ways, but at this time of year I remember that it was through their magic that the family got together around holidays.

the holidays now, thanks to my grandparents we were. I will never forget, and always cherish, the days being surrounded by cousins, aunts and uncles in a cramped house busy with a holiday feel and a variety of wonderful smells coming from the kitchen.

Those memories are what makes Thanksgiving special to me. It's a gift we all received and one I'm sure we've all kept over the years.

And the real lesson in all of this is it's a gift we can give by reaching out or getting together with our friends and family.

Now, I'm very fortunate to still share a meal with my family in a cramped house on Thanksgiving, even if it's due more to square feet than the number of bodies.

And yes, the modern celebrations are different, but they haven't lost their value. I get to enjoy a day with my family and my children who get to see many of their favorite people.

In the coming days I'm hoping I can bring a smile to the face of my

future my kids will come to realize the magic of the holiday.

Now I know for some the holidays will be hard. In the past two weekends I've attended memorial services for the parents of some of my close friends. In both instances I knew the deceased very well. Having grown up with their children, I'd shared drinks, laughs, and good times with both of them. Both were loved members of the community who raised children I'm happy to call friends.

I wrote this with those who will have empty seats at their tables in mind. I urge those who read this to remember times you were fortunate enough to share with those you've lost rather than dwell on their absence.

I know that's what my grandparents would have wanted me to do and for that I'm Thankful.

"The holiday gave me so many great memories with people who are no longer with me today and for that I'm Thankful."

significant other and I'm looking forward to a day at home with the boys.

I plan to challenge the kids to some tabletop games and enjoy some laughs with my parents and siblings even if it requires a phone call to accomplish some of those tasks.

And while my traditions may not be the same as those of generations before - I'll be watching "Dutch," "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" and Charlie Brown while enjoying a beer. I'm hopeful someday in the

future my kids will come to realize the magic of the holiday.

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

Dolphins, dogs, wallabies, and waxwings like to get loaded

BY PAUL HETZLER
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Humans take pride in their unique, perhaps exalted, place among creatures. We're the only animal that can point to triumphs like space travel, nerve gas, for-profit prisons, and plastic-filled oceans.

Until recent times, we also thought we stood alone in our taste for addling our brains with drugs. Alas, we can no longer claim that distinction: Dolphins, dogs, wallabies, waxwings, and loads of other species like to get loaded.

Tales of drunken monkeys, plastered pachyderms and caf-

Meandering Naturalist

feinated cats have circulated for ages. If you watched Pirates of the Caribbean, you know their ships had to carry stuff like ropes, rum, cannons, parrots and monkeys. The sad truth is that the velvet monkeys inhabiting St. Kitts, Barbados, and other Caribbean islands arrived on slave ships. YouTube abounds with videos of primates pinching cocktails from patrons of beachfront bars and getting uproariously drunk.

In a 1999 McGill University study, researchers gave 1,000 captive monkeys access to alcohol mixed either with juice or water. Roughly 15% (monkeys, not researchers) drank little; 15% were "social drinkers" who imbibed with their peers; and 15% drank a lot of booze, straight-up. Similar to human demographics, around 5% (mostly young males) drank themselves silly.

Closer to home, our songbirds get grounded if returning migrants gorge on fermented crabapples, arrowwood, winterberry, and other berries still clinging to branches. Cedar waxwings, which largely eat fruit, are especially vulnerable. Some intoxication is

accidental, but these birds have been seen breaking skins on fruits, thus exposing them to yeast spores, and returning two days later to eat fizzy fruit.

Reindeer, or caribou as we call them here, play a special kind of game: They sniff out and eat the fly agaric mushroom, Amanita muscaria. It reportedly causes hallucinations, including a sense of flying. (Now we know Santa's secret.)

Madagascar red-fronted lemurs chew on giant millipedes which secrete toxic benzoquinone, a natural insect repellent the lemurs rub over their bodies. They continue harvesting benzoquinone, a narcotic, until they are utterly stoned.

Catnip is perhaps the best-known pet drug. South American jaguars go further; they've been documented chewing on the roots of the yage vine (*Banisteriopsis caapi*), a powerful hallucinogen used by native peoples to induce visions at religious ceremonies. I wonder what jaguars hallucinate about.

Other pets take a little nip of something now and again, too.

Dogs are known to sometimes lick or even suck on toads, which release a toxin that stupefies pooches.

Down Under, where tons of medical opium is grown, an unusual 2009 Parliamentary Committee Report on Opium Security stated: "We have a problem with wallabies entering poppy fields, getting high as a kite and [damaging crops]." Stoned wallabies are in the habit of trampling little "crop circles" before they pass out. And we thought it was the aliens that were making those.

Dolphins have been filmed sharing pufferfish, which release a neurotoxin with narcotic effects at small doses. Each dolphin has a taste (or puff) before passing on the puffer. By the time they let the fish go, the dolphins are deeply intoxicated. There's a great BBC documentary that shows this kind of dolphin party.

Please use alcohol, pufferfish, giant millipedes, and toads responsibly.

Former Cornell Extension educator Paul Hetzler swears he does not inhale pufferfish. Much.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

County clerk expresses appreciation

While my campaign for my 2nd term as County Clerk was quiet, I want to express my appreciation to all who helped to make my re-election possible. Back in February and March many braved the cold and gathered signatures for me to run on both the Republican and Conservative lines.

For their time and efforts, I am extremely grateful. For those who exercised their right to vote, thank you. I won't name names for fear of missing someone but if you helped in any way, I appreciate your support.

A special thank you goes to my staff both at the Clerk's Office and the 4 DMV Offices. Anyone who holds an elected position knows

that you don't achieve your goals without a dedicated and hard-working staff there every day to serve the public.

I believe I have the best! I can't forget the two people who are by my side every day. My 2 Deputy County Clerk's Melissa Friedel and Lisa Woodard are partners in ensuring the smooth running of the day to day business of 5 offices. Their knowledge and commitment to service is admirable.

I truly could not do what I do without their help and support. Last but certainly not least I want to thank my husband for always supporting me, my three sons and their families, as well as my Mom and my sisters and their families. Their love and support is everything.

**Sandy Santamoor
St. Lawrence County Clerk**

NORTH COUNTRY PEOPLE

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United Helpers honors Dr. Edward Gordon

OGDENSBURG – One of the longest tenured volunteers in the history of United Helpers was recently honored with emeritus status following 37 years of service to the organization.

Dr. Edward I. Gordon, a retired veterinarian, began volunteering with United Helpers in 1986, spending several stints on both the Management Company (United Helpers, Inc.) Board of Directors and the Society Board of Directors.

Committees he served on include Pension Review, Personnel, Investment, Planning, Quality Assurance, Nominating, Scholarship, and Fund Development.

"There isn't much for a volunteer to do with our organization that Dr. Gordon has not done," said United Helpers CEO Todd R. Amo, who noted Dr. Gordon's wife Bobby is also a volunteer with United Helpers, currently serving on the United Helpers, Inc. Board.

In addition to many years of volunteer service, the Gordons have also been significant financial sup-

porters of United Helpers.

In 2020 Dr. Gordon created an endowment in honor of his late grandmother to fund the Fannie Frank Award. The following year, the Gordons again made a sizable contribution to United Helpers, this time naming the therapy suite at United Helpers Rehabilitation and Senior Care in honor of retired CEOs John Turongian and Stephen E. Knight.

The announcement of Dr. Gordon's Emeritus Status was made at the Society Board of Director's annual meeting by Society Board President Joseph Finnegan. Mr. Finnegan presented him with a plaque which read, "With our greatest appreciation we hereby present Dr. Edward Gordon Emeritus Status. For your unwavering support and unrelenting guidance that helped in leading our path to success you are being honored with much appreciation and gratitude."

United Helpers, Inc. Board President Darlene Liscum also present-

ed Dr. Gordon with a framed proclamation announcing the honor.

Reading from the proclamation, Mrs. Liscum said, "Dr. Gordon dedicated countless hours in support of the community members who receive services from United Helpers and volunteered his time to acknowledge the individual contributions of people he influenced, his love of making special memories and improving the quality of life for others."

Following a standing ovation, Dr. Gordon spoke briefly saying he was both touched and humbled by the honor.

"This is kind of overwhelming," he said. "I certainly wasn't expecting this. When I announced my retirement from the board I said, "If you're lucky enough to be a part of United Helpers for 37 years then you're lucky enough."

Dr. Gordon lives in Potsdam with his wife, Barbara "Bobby" Gordon. The couple has four children and seven grandchildren.



NOTABLE

Professor Dr. James J. Donahue, assistant chair of SUNY Potsdam's Department of English and Communication, is set to release a new book, "Indigenous Comics and Graphic Novels: Studies in Genre." The title will be published by the University Press of Mississippi and is available for pre-order in hardcover or paperback now. An eBook edition is also available.

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Submitted Photo

100-year-old Ina Brockriede, Potsdam, is pictured with a modern Tesla.

100-year-old Potsdam woman wants world peace

POTSDAM – A Potsdam woman who turned 100 years old on Nov. 9 wants the world to strive for world peace and regrets she will miss riding high-speed rail in our country.

Ina Brockriede said the century has been filled with many changes. "I was here in the 1920s and the depression in the 1930s. The Franklin Roosevelt years of rapid widespread national recovery, and many of you know the rest," Brockriede wrote in a release for North Country This Week.

"My greatest wish is for humans to appreciate and respect differences in world cultures and to strive for shared prosperity and world peace," she wrote.

Norwood-Norfolk graduate named chief clinical officer

A graduate of Norwood-Norfolk Central School has been named UVA Health's Inaugural Chief Clinical Officer.

Peter G. Paige, MD, has been named as the inaugural chief clinical officer at UVA Health.

He is the son of Paul and Nancy Paige of Norfolk.

Paige will have the responsibility of overseeing health system-wide patient care and clinical operations.

As its statewide expansion continues, UVA Health is growing to serve the needs of more patients and communities across the Commonwealth - including our three hospitals and affiliated clinics in Northern Virginia and Culpeper, our program expansion in partnership with Riverside Health in Eastern Virginia and multiple clinical affiliations throughout the state.

The chief clinical officer will guide clinical operations and quality of care throughout the entire health system, spreading best practices across UVA Health to ensure excellent patient satisfaction and outcomes.

Dr. Paige comes to UVA Health from Albany Medical Health System in Albany, N.Y., where he serves as chief executive officer of the Albany Medical Center Hospital. He previously worked at Jack-

son Health System and University of Miami, where he served as an executive vice president, chief physician executive and chief clinical officer.

As chief executive officer of Albany Medical Center Hospital, Dr. Paige has worked to shore up the hospital's finances, erasing a budget deficit while maintaining high-quality patient care as well as an excellent educational experience for doctors-in-training.

As chief clinical officer at Jackson Health System/University of Miami Health, he oversaw care quality, patient safety, clinical research, graduate medical education and all the health system's chief medical officers.

He also led Jackson Health System's emergency management and disaster programs, which included preparation for infectious disease outbreaks.

He earned his bachelor's degree from Le Moyne College in Syracuse and his medical degree from SUNY Upstate Medical University, along with a master's in medical management from Carnegie Mellon University.

He completed a residency in emergency medicine at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

Former Canton resident publishes nature essays

Longtime Canton resident Paul Hetzler has published his third volume of humorous nature essays, BIRDS OF HAPPINESS AREN'T BLUE And 85 Other Very Funny and Somewhat Educational Nature Essays.

Paul's nature-knowledge is conveyed in BIRDS OF HAPPINESS AREN'T BLUE with dry wit and a basis in science. As Joe Bruchac, Abenaki author and storyteller says, "Paul Hetzler truly knows how to

keep a reader's interest as he leads us through the wacky wonderland of the natural world." Bill McKibben, author and founder of 350.org, declares "You will – I guarantee – learn from these essays. And I also guarantee the learning will be a great deal of fun!"

Paul Hetzler can be contacted by email at paul.j.hetzler@gmail.com or by phone: 1-613-255-4966. For background, see his website, www.paulhetzlernature.org

BIRDS OF HAPPINESS AREN'T BLUE And 85 Other Very Funny and Somewhat Educational Nature Essays is available through amazon.com https://www.amazon.com/dp/BoCCZSY8N9 and other booksellers.

Paul Hetzler, an ISA-Certified Arborist and former Cornell Cooperative Extension educator, has lived in Val-des-Monts, Québec since 2020.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re The Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg, New York
Case No. 23-60507

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, On July 17, 2023, The Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg, New York, ("Diocese") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

The Bankruptcy Court has established January 18, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline all claimants (including governmental units) to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the "Bar Date").

If you have a claim against the Diocese, including, without limitation, a claim related to abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the applicable Bar Date.

Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/dioceseofogdensburg> or call (844) 634-0003 for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.

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Students pack arena for Clarkson-SLU game

Thousands of St. Lawrence County students had the chance to watch a Clarkson versus St. Lawrence University women's hockey game Nov. 8 at Cheel Arena in Potsdam. Clarkson won the game 6-3, scoring their most goals of the season, to remain unbeaten. Pictured above are Colton-Pierrepont Central School District students in attendance at the game.



BOCES | Submitted

Edwards-Knox students explore cranberry farm

Several Edwards-Knox students who participate in FFA took a field trip to two local farms to learn about what goes into farming. Students stopped at Deer River Cranberry Farm in Brasher Falls to witness the cranberry harvest. The second stop was at Stauffer Farms in North Lawrence. Students toured the dairy farm, which milks more than 3,500 cows. It was a beneficial experience that students thoroughly enjoyed.

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Superheroes without capes spread HOPE at local schools

An amazing squad of superheroes without capes recently visited Parishville-Hopkinton Central School and St. Lawrence Central School in Brasher Falls to help students and educators continue their school year with HOPE (Hold On, Possibilities Exist).

Sweethearts and Heroes is a student empowerment and empathy activation team that aims to prevent bullying and suicide with a focus on the basic components of social-emotional learning (SEL).

Sweethearts & Heroes offers a profound, engaging signature presentation that calls for HOPE, Empathy and Action; Circle, which is built on the ancient ritual of communicating in a circle to build empathy; and BRAVES Buddies, which trains older students in bully drills that they, in turn, teach to students in lower grades.

The Sweethearts & Heroes team is Tom Murphy, Director and Founder, of St. Albans, Vt.; Ret. U.S. Army Sgt. Rick Yarosh, a HOPE expert and motivational speaker from New York who was burned severely while serving in Iraq; and Pat Fish, BRAVES and Circle Leader.

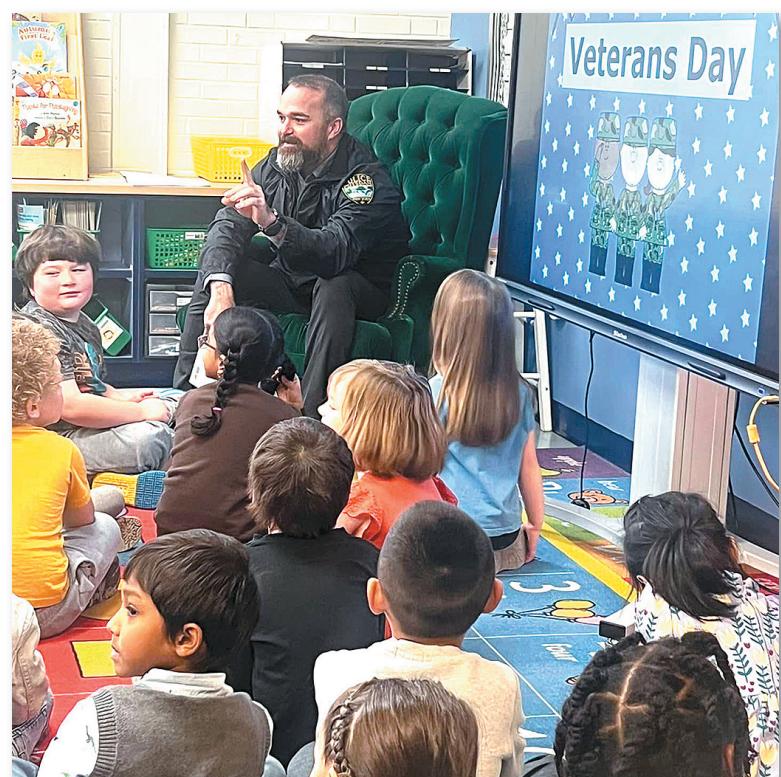
While in Parishville, Fish concentrated on Circles with students and

educators. (For more on Circle: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q286y-IL9LIE>)

"Circle is an opportunity for amazing stories to be shared and heard," Fish said.

"Amazing isn't good or bad. Some amazing stories I've heard are heart-breaking, others are heartwarming, and others are hilarious. But every single one of us has an amazing story, because we all have unique experiences. Circle allows everyone the chance to share those stories and, more importantly, to practice listening so that we can learn from others' amazing stories. Also, there are various social-emotional skills practiced in Circle. What sets us apart? We make it fun! Everywhere we go, there's a thirst for Circle from students of all ages, social groups, and backgrounds. They want to connect further with the people around them. Circle is a vehicle for that."

While in the Brasher Falls, Murphy and Yarosh offered several of their signature presentations to students. Yarosh followed up with elementary students, while Murphy spent the day spreading HOPE at St. Lawrence Central High School.



Potsdam Central | Courtesy

Police chief reads 'Hero Dad'

Potsdam Police Chief Mike Ames came in and read the story "Hero Dad" and talked to the first graders about what a veteran is, his experiences in the military and answered many questions. He shared what the P2 trait bravery means to him and gave them all encouraging words on how to be/show bravery.

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Hospice employee inducted into Potsdam Rotary Club

POTSDAM – Zachary Monroe of Massena was recently inducted as the newest member of the Rotary Club of Potsdam. He is the director of development and community relations at Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley.

Monroe brings with him a wealth of experience and a profound commitment to service. A Brasher Falls native, with more than eight years of dedicated work in non-profit fundraising and management, his professional journey has been characterized by passion and excellence.

In his current role at Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley, he has proven his ability to lead successful fund-raising campaigns and community initiatives. His efforts have resulted in substantial contributions to Hospice's mission, underscoring his dedication to making a meaningful impact.

Monroe's commitment to service goes beyond the workplace. His service work began at a young age, by assisting his grandparents with many community service activities.

Today, he carries on those tradi-

tions by continuing to be an active member of various community organizations, including the Massena Central School District Board of Education. He also lends his

expertise and enthusiasm to the Louisville Minor Hockey Association and various other committees, exemplifying his commitment to bettering the lives of those in our

community. In his personal life, Monroe is not just a professional and a community advocate but also a devoted family man.

Canton man promoted in Air National Guard

Kyle Nason of Canton, a member of the New York Air National Guard's 174th Attack Wing, was promoted recently in recognition of their capability for additional responsibility and leadership.

Nason, assigned to the wing's 174th Attack Wing

Headquarters, received a promotion September 8, 2023 to the rank of master sergeant.

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Potsdam Holiday Fund immersed in \$5,000 matching grant

POTSDAM — The Potsdam Holiday Fund is one of several North Country organizations that will receive money through a matching donation initiative from the Northern New York Community Foundation.

The donation match kicks off the LEAD Holiday Giving initiative, lead by the foundation's LEAD Council. The council, comprised of 13 young professionals who live and work in Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence counties, will provide

a \$5,000 matching challenge. Each gift to the fund will be matched, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$5,000, a press release from the foundation said.

Total gifts contributed to the LEAD Holiday Giving Fund will be evenly distributed to the Holiday Fund and other community initiatives and nonprofit partner organizations.

The Potsdam Holiday Fund is a nonprofit that provides annual support to St. Lawrence County

individuals and families in need with gifts, food baskets, and winter clothing.

Funding from this matching challenge will strengthen the organization's voucher program this year.

Other organizations to receive funding include the Watertown-based Christmas Crusade for Kids and the Christmas Sharing Holiday Assistance in Lowville.

"Year after year, Christmas Crusade for Kids, Christmas Sharing

and the Potsdam Holiday Fund work tirelessly to ensure our youngest, most vulnerable community members have a memorable holiday season," Council Chair Anna Platz said. "Our LEAD members are proud to support the work of these organizations through our annual holiday giving challenge."

LEAD members will also collect new toys, which will be donated to help brighten the holidays for local children in need. The Council's challenge starts today and runs

through Friday, Dec. 1. Last year, the \$5,000 Matching Challenge will Double Gifts to LEAD Holiday Giving Fund Council awarded \$6,000 to support local holiday initiatives and distributed hundreds more in material gifts.

To support LEAD's effort, make gifts to: Northern New York Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, New York 13601, or online at nnycf.org. Please designate your thoughtful gift to the LEAD Holiday Giving Fund.

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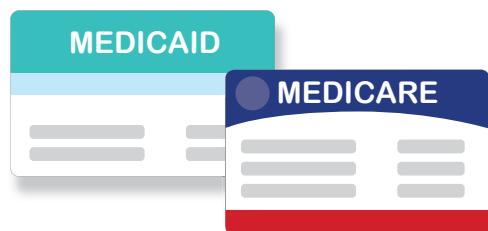
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Patrons shop at an earlier St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce Craft, Food & Wine Holiday Market. This year's event is planned for Dec. 1 at SUNY Potsdam's Maxcy Hall.

Craft, Food & Wine market planned

POTSDAM — The St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce's 2023 Craft, Food & Wine Holiday Market is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 1 from 2-7 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at SUNY Potsdam's Maxcy Hall.

The annual showcase features regional producers of homemade or value added craft, food and wine products for a festive shopping experience in one large space.

More than 100 vendors are expected to set up shop this year.

Admission is \$5, cash only. Ages 12 and younger are admitted free.

A free campus shuttle will be available from parking lots surrounding Maxcy Hall Fieldhouse on Canton and Tupper Lake Roads. Patrons can stand by signs for pickup.

Shuttle pickups will begin 15 minutes prior to each show and end 15 minutes after each show.

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Confirmed vendors to date who will attend include:

5 White's Embroidery, 8 O'clock Ranch, Accidental Design Co., Adirondack Fragrance Farm, ADK Rustiques, Apothecary Chocolates, Applewood Orchards, Art By Maria PP, Attagirl Soaps, Aunt Jo's Crafts, Author, Stan Wilczek Jr., Balsam Springs Soap, Bella-Brooke Vineyard, Bella Castle Designs, Betty and Pat Hendrick Original Art and Cards, Black Tie Cocktail Syrups, and

SEE MARKET ON 19.

Empty Bowls event to raise cash for hungry

CANTON — The TAUNY Center will host an Empty Bowls fundraiser on Nov. 19 from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

TAUNY staff artist Cassie Helman and St. Lawrence County Arts Council staff artist Andrew Norell, through their art collective, Stoneware Story, will donate their handmade ceramic bowls at the Empty Bowls event they are hosting at The TAUNY Center.

Empty Bowls is a grassroots movement by artists and crafts people in cities and towns around the world to raise money for food related charities to care for and feed the hungry in their communities.

SEE BOWLS ON 18.



Potters Andrew Norell and Cassie Helman are hosting an Empty Bowls event at the TAUNY Center.



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Special Ed

POTSDAM — Special Ed will perform Saturday, Nov. 17 from 4-7 p.m. at the Potsdam Amvets Post 282 on Route 11.

Punk concert benefit

POTSDAM — A punk fundraiser concert will be held downstairs at McDuff's on Market Street on Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. Funds raised from the show will benefit Little River School in Canton and Odyssey Teen Camp in Tolland, MA. Performers are all local to Potsdam, including Worm Circus (first ever show), Young Mischief, and Sunflo'er. Ticket price is \$10. The show is for all ages.

College Council meets

POTSDAM — The SUNY Potsdam College Council will hold its second meeting of the 2023-24 academic year on Friday, Nov. 17 at 10 a.m., in the Raymond Hall eighth floor dining room. Open to the public. Stream live online via Teams. A link will be available on the College Council website prior to the meeting. College Council Chair June O'Neill (Hon. '99) will open the meeting, followed by a report from President Dr. Suzanne Smith. The Council will hear reports from Faculty Senate and the Student Government Association, and updates from the divisions of Academic Affairs, Administration, Advancement, Business Affairs, Enrollment, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and Student Affairs. The next meeting will be Feb. 2, 2024. To learn more about the College Council, visit www.potsdam.edu/about/administration/council.

Fish fry

CANTON — VFW Post 1231 Auxiliary, Gouverneur Street, will host an in-house dining fish fry on Friday, Nov. 17 from 4-7 p.m. \$14 per dinner. Menu: (breaded) deep fried fish or oven-baked fish, macaroni & cheese or French fries, coleslaw, roll, and dessert. Take outs will be available by calling post at 315-386-8953.

SATURDAY, NOV. 18 Holiday bazaar

CANTON — The Canton United Methodist Church is hosting its annual holiday bazaar Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Homemade cinnamon rolls, donut holes, and coffee will be for sale at 9 a.m., followed by lunch from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., featuring many different kinds of hearty soups, sandwiches and dessert. Soups will also be available to buy, along with a wide range of baked goods; handcrafted knitted, and crocheted items; holiday gifts and decorations; white elephant treasures, and books.

Hobble Gobble

POTSDAM — The 26th annual Hobble Gobble Prediction Walk and Run will be held Saturday, Nov. 18 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. starting at The Stables at Windy Point, 215 Sissonville Rd. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Potsdam Holiday Fund and other charities. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/yjbkrud>. Cost to register is \$33 under 18 and \$42 for 18 and over. There are short and long course options of 4 or 8 miles for walkers and runners. There will be music, door prizes, food and other activities.

Massena nature walk

POTSDAM — Potsdam Public Library on the Outside returns with Blair Madore of the Adirondack Mountain Club, who will lead a nature walk Saturday, Nov. 18, at Nicandri Nature Center, Massena. The beginner hike of about 2-3 miles on easy trails is designed for kids, their grandparents, and leashed dogs. Meet

SEE CALENDAR ON 18.

BOWLS . . .

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Guests can choose a bowl and fill it with soup from the TAUNY kitchen. They then sit down among the other guests, eat their soup, and learn a little about how their donation has helped to fill the truly empty bowls of less fortunate people in their community.

The bowls are theirs to keep and, in some circles, become real collector's items.

The cost of admission is \$25, which includes a bowl & soup. Gluten free options will be available.

Ninety percent of the event proceeds will go to the St. Lawrence County Community Development Program and their Food Sense foodbank project (expenses are approximately 10%). Learn more about the Food Sense at <https://slccdp.org/neighborhood-centers/#-food-sense>.

Are you a ceramic artist? Contact CassieHelman@tauny.org to donate bowls for the event.

Empty Bowls is more than collecting checks and tallying up totals, a press release from TAUNY said. Empty Bowls builds and strengthens community, supports local artists, celebrates delicious food and beautiful pottery, and educates people about hunger and poverty, TAUNY said. Learn more about #emptybowls at <https://emptybowls.com/>.

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behind Potsdam Library at 9 a.m. or at 10 a.m. at the nature center. Optionally, bring a lunch to eat together after the hike. For info, contact Madore at 315-261-0751 or madorebf@potsdam.edu. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ppl-on-the-outside-at-nicandri-nature-center-tickets-750154029897?aff=oddtdtcreator>

Craft show, parade

OGDENSBURG — The Ogdensburg International Seaway Festival Committee will be hosting a Holiday Craft Show Saturday, Nov. 18, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. throughout the John F. Kennedy School, 801-809 Park St. Shop 100 vendors for holiday gift giving needs. There will be food, crafts and direct sales of favorite brands. Entry fee: \$5 donation. For vendor space, contact 315-528-0332 or craftsmm@gmail.com. The 'Light Up the Night' parade follows the show starting at 6 p.m. in downtown Ogdensburg. Parade info: Ogdensburg International Seaway Festival on Facebook.

SUNDAY, NOV. 19**Karides Suchy concert**

POTSDAM -- SUNY Potsdam's Crane School of Music is honoring the music of composer Gregoria Karides Suchy in a special concert series in November, marking what would have been her 100th birthday. Crane will host "The Music of Gregoria Karides Suchy - A Centennial

Celebration" throughout the month of November, with a series of concerts. All of the concerts are free, and the public is invited to attend. Concert of Vocal Solo and Chamber Music: Sunday, Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m., in the Proscenium Theater, located in the Performing Arts Center.

Pride potluck

CANTON — Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton New York will host a Friends-giving potluck dinner organized by Potsdam NY Pride on Sunday, Nov. 19 at 5 p.m. Bring a dish to share and celebrate the holidays with the queer community. Signup to attend online at <https://tinyurl.com/mpjphpdn>.

Empty Bowls fundraiser

CANTON — The TAUNY Center with local ceramicists Andrew Norrell and Cassie Helman will host an Empty Bowls fundraiser on Nov. 19 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Empty Bowls (<https://emptybowls.com/>) is national fundraising movement that assists food charities. For a donation, guests can choose a handmade ceramic bowl donated by Norrell and Helman and fill it with soup from the TAUNY kitchen. Guests keep the bowls. Proceeds will be donated to local food banks. Volunteer to make soup by emailing programs@tauny.org.

MONDAY, NOV. 20**Karides Suchy concert**

POTSDAM -- SUNY Potsdam's Crane School of Music is honoring the music

of composer Gregoria Karides Suchy in a special concert series in November, marking what would have been her 100th birthday. Crane will host "The Music of Gregoria Karides Suchy - A Centennial Celebration" throughout the month of November, with a series of concerts. All of the concerts are free, public is invited to attend. Crane Wind Ensemble: Monday, Nov. 20 at 7:30 p.m., in Hosmer Hall.

K of C Bingo

CANTON -- The Canton Knights of Columbus, 30 Miner St., will host bingo on Nov. 6, 13, 20 and 27. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., card sales are at 5:30 and games start at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5.

TUESDAY, NOV. 21**Free medicare class**

POTSDAM -- A free "Medicare 101" seminar will be offered Tuesday, Nov. 21, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Potsdam Public Library. Get your Medicare questions answered during this time of open enrollment in this seminar led by Barbara Ackerman, of American Senior Benefits. Ackerman will help with signing up and choosing plans best suited to fit your needs. Light refreshments will be provided. Register: tinyurl.com/4tdp4ah6.

WEDS., NOV. 22**BackWater Duo**

COLTON -- The BackWater Duo will perform Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 8:30 p.m. at Raquette River Pub, 102 Main St.

Divided Roads

POTSDAM -- Divided Roads will perform at McDuff's Pub, Market Street, on Wednesday, Nov. 22 from 9 a.m.-1 a.m. for a Pre-Thanksgiving Day bash. 22 beers on tap.

College Essay Help

POTSDAM -- College essay help to enhance your college application is being offered at Potsdam Public Library Wed., Nov. 22, at 3:30 p.m. for high school seniors and transfer students. Mrs. Morrison, NYS certified English teacher, will provide individualized assistance in crafting a more professional and outstanding college essay that reflects your true self. Reservations: <https://tinyurl.com/47tpt5s>.

THURS., NOV. 23**Turkey dinner**

POTSDAM -- A turkey dinner will be served Nov. 23, at 12-1:30 p.m. at Trinity Church, Maple St. The menu includes turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, vegetables, gravy, rolls, and pie. All are welcome. Dinners are sponsored by Potsdam Presbyterian Church and Trinity Church Potsdam.

Thanksgiving dinner

CANTON -- Grace House will host a Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving

Day, Nov. 23 from 2-5 p.m. at the Episcopal Church on 9 Main St. Donations will be accepted.

FRIDAY, NOV. 24**Holiday of Lights**

CANTON -- Canton's Holiday of Lights will return to Canton Village Park on Friday, Nov. 24 from 6-8 p.m. A special tree lighting ceremony and carol sing will kick things off at 6 p.m. followed by free activities throughout the park. Meet and dance with Frosty and friends, enjoy sleigh rides and even meet jolly Saint Nick himself. Children visiting with Santa will receive a book and candy cane. Hot chocolate and a side of cookies at The First Presbyterian Church, located behind the park. Dress warm, bring a flashlight.

Virtual holiday auction

CANTON -- GardenShare will hold its virtual Holiday Auction on Black Friday (Nov. 24) offering shoppers the chance to keep their holiday buying local, all while supporting a good cause. The auction features a variety of interesting and original auction items, including local food, art, and craft offerings and North Country experiences. The link to the bidding platform can be found on GardenShare's homepage, www.GardenShare.org. Once registered, bidders can explore the offerings. Minimum bids and bidding increments are posted. The auction will remain open for bidding until 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3. All proceeds from the auction support GardenShare's programs and activities that promote a local food system that ensures food security for all St. Lawrence County residents.

SATURDAY, NOV. 25**Small Town Ramblers**

POTSDAM -- The Small Town Ramblers Band will perform Saturday, Nov. 25 from 7-11 p.m. at the Potsdam Amvets Post 282 on Route 11.

Author signing

RENSSELAER FALLS -- Local author Becky Duprey will be on hand for a free book signing of her publication "The Shoelace Mission" on Saturday, Nov. 25 at 10 a.m. at Applewood Orchards, 176 (180 for GPS) Johnson Rd. The Shoelace Mission: A story of Asha and Donato is a heartwarming tale about an elf on a mission from Santa. The book will be available for purchase on the day of the event. There will also be an ornament craft, s'mores kits, hot cocoa, and more available for purchase.

Holiday craft fair

NORWOOD -- There will be a holiday craft fair on Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Norwood American Legion, 10 Maple St. from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Many local vendors, food. Admission is free. Come out and support small businesses. There will also be items from all the vendors for a silent auction. Info: 315-244-6794.

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Norwood library book and bake sale and more

NORWOOD — A book and bake sale, storytime, kids' arts academy, yoga, painting class and crochet circle are being offered at Norwood Public Library.

The annual Book and Bake Sale will be held Dec. 2 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. A \$5 bag sale with many great novels, nonfiction, and children's books are available.

Friends' Holiday Raffle tickets are for sale, including a \$300 gift certificate to the Ashley House, \$50 in lotto tickets and \$100 bill, thanks to the Ashley House donations. Drawing is Dec. 2.

Library Hoots Storytime resumes November 17 at 10:30 a.m. Join Ms. Amanda for stories, music, crafts,

and silly fun. Kris Rozelle's Arts Academy program for kids is back, beginning Nov. 22 with a turkey project. To register contact the library at (315) 353-6692.

Kathy Wilcox is offering Gentle Yoga on Tuesday, Nov. 21, at 6 p.m. Please call the library to reserve your space.

Artist Stefanie Latimer is offering a guided painting class Nov. 30. To register, contact her at : Sip and Stroke with Stefanie

Crochet Circle is back. Join volunteer Brittany Ashley for crocheting and conversation on Sat., Dec. 9, at 11 a.m. All skill levels are welcome.



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At Samaritan, women's wellness remains a top priority

In 2020, nearly 2.3 million women were diagnosed with breast cancer, beating lung cancer as the most common cancer faced by American women.

These are staggering numbers to consider, as is the statistic that, according to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, a woman somewhere in the world is diagnosed with the disease every 14 seconds.

This makes the task of breast care across the world significant, and the important need for this medical focus is growing by the day.

That's one reason why Samaritan has continued to invest in equipment, facilities, and services in women's wellness to support its local patients.

"At Samaritan, we've developed a medical destination to meet women's wellness needs," says Tom Carman, president and CEO of Samaritan Medical Center.

"With our offering of effective treatments and skilled medical staff, patients can come here and feel confident they'll receive the best care."

New facility enables enhanced care

Opened in 2019, Samaritan's Women's Wellness and Breast Care consolidated services previously offered across multiple locations, while adding amenities and more diversified breast care services for women in need.

"Combining services in this centralized and renovated space has helped us better serve patients and significantly enhance the way we can care for each," said Dr. Mario Victoria, chief medical officer at Samaritan.

"This patient-first approach is critical to what we do and how we can help women lead healthier, more enjoyable lives."

Located in the Samaritan Health and Wellness Plaza at 1575 Washington St., Watertown, Women's Wellness and Breast Care stands as an ideal facility for breast care for those in need throughout the North Country.

Treatments, procedures to preserve patient health

Inside Women's Wellness and Breast Care, patients experience a serene atmosphere within a modern facility during exams, procedures, and treatments.

Our expanded radiology services and online screening mammogram scheduling offer solutions for patients seeking breast imaging and treatments locally, as well as instruction on preventative measures to help patients maintain healthy breast care at home.

"As a dedicated breast radiologist, I help diagnose breast cancer and determine next steps for treatment," explains Dr. Kelly McAlarney.

"We have an excellent team of technologists and equipment that help produce accurate and timely results for patients."

"No two cancers are the same, and each patient will have a unique journey with a tailored plan," says Jennifer Zajac, nurse practitioner.

"Before deciding on their treatment, our patients are presented with all options, allowing the patient to decide which treatment



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they would like to use. At Samaritan, we use a multi-disciplinary team approach with breast cancer. This may also include the team at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center."

Medical specialists, ready to support

But even with new healthcare space and

an enhanced list of services, the success of Samaritan still relies on its team of skilled medical professionals, ready to provide care that makes women's wellness possible.

This team of specialists—including a board-certified breast radiologist—manages patient care through all needed treatments and procedures, making each individual jour-

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ney as simple as possible.

This not only improves the health outcomes of each Samaritan patient; it also encourages others to consult their physicians, stay on top of their wellness concerns, and seek treatments for concerns like breast cancer in their earliest stages.

"Living a healthy life is easier when you have some guidance and help along the way," says Carman.

"That's what we do here, and there's nothing more satisfying for us than leading our patients to their best lives."

To learn more about Samaritan and its Women's Wellness and Breast Care services, visit <https://samaritanhealth.com/service/womens-wellness/>.



Women's Wellness and Breast Care is located in the Samaritan Health and Wellness Plaza at 1575 Washington St., Watertown.

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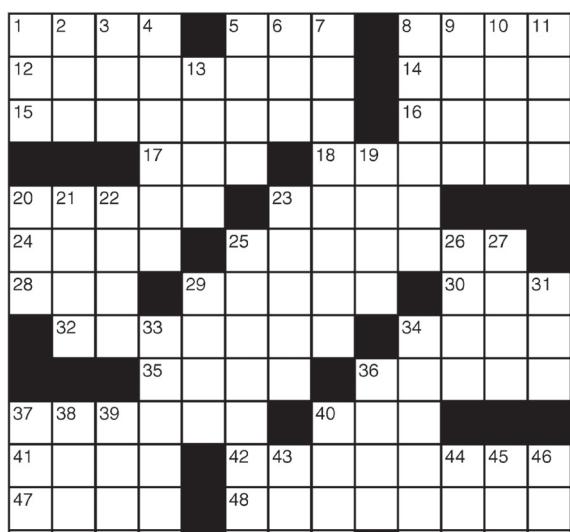
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- 8 Burlap fiber
- 12 Switchboard worker
- 14 Barak of Israel
- 15 Longtime CBS News anchor Walter
- 16 Chinese secret society
- 17 Aachen article
- 18 Glide
- 20 Long
- 23 Pack of cards
- 24 Wan
- 25 Wood eater
- 28 1959 Kingston Trio hit
- 29 Relinquish
- 30 Flamenco cheer
- 32 "Charlotte's Web" author
- 34 Boring
- 35 Unctuous
- 36 Test versions
- 37 Catch some Z's
- 40 Flow out
- 41 Young cow
- 42 Almost
- 47 Leer at
- 48 Acts altruistically

**DOWN**

- 1 Ad —
- 2 Earth Day mo.
- 3 Zodiac cat
- 4 Cantankerous
- 5 "Don't rub —!"
- 6 Witticism
- 7 Keep from spoiling
- 8 Lakeside rent-
- 9 "Oops!"
- 10 Casserole base
- 11 Jittery
- 13 Related
- 19 Summit
- 20 Orange veggie
- 21 Noble Italian family
- 22 Pequod captain
- 23 God
- 25 Hindmost parts
- 26 Talk up al
- 27 First lady of scat
- 29 Brainiac
- 31 Golfer Ernie
- 33 Stereo component
- 34 Fixes, as software
- 36 Cookouts, briefly
- 37 Highlander
- 38 Kvetches
- 39 Stewpot
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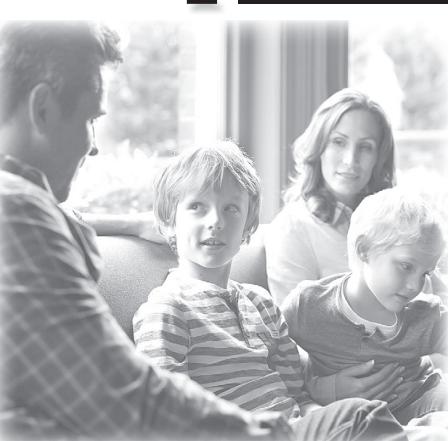
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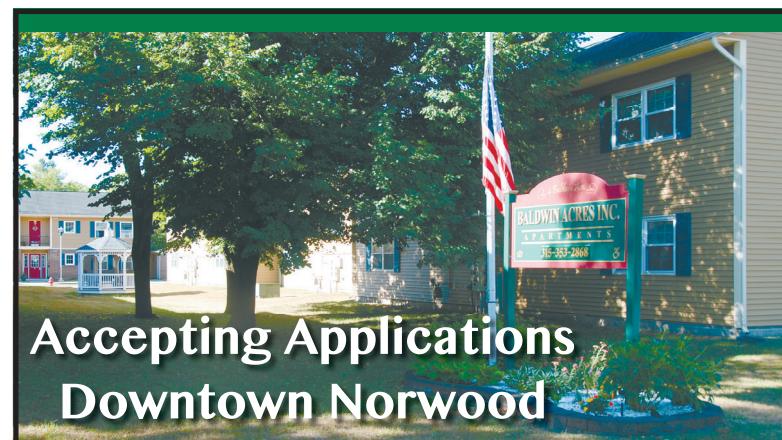
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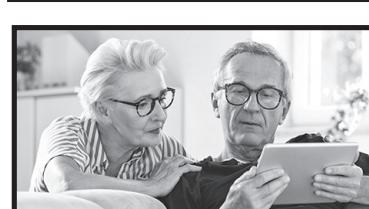
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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Post Trauma Scene Decon. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-10-26. Office location: Saint Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to James Smith: 114 S Grasse River Rd Massena NY 13662. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NORWOOD LEGAL NOTICE
VILLAGE OF NORWOOD ELECTION
Election in and for the Village of Norwood will be held March 19th 2024 for the following offices to be filled: Mayor 4yr term, two (2) Trustees - 4yr team each and one (1) trustee with an unexpired term to expire April 2026. Certificates of party of nominations must be filed by February 1st, 2024. Independent party nominations must be filed by February 13th, 2024.
Brianna Beaulieu
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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of CAMPFOXTROT, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-09-14. 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 David Peters: 6040 Haig Point Court Westerville OH 43082. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of KICK STAINS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-07-19. 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 Jason Schmitt: 117 State Highway 310 Canton NY 13617. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF BAITED, JOE'S BAIT & TACKLE, LLC a Domestic LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/12/2023. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served and the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: The LLC, 728 Oswegatchie Trail Road, Oswegatchie, New York 13670. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Chair of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators that the Chair and the Members of the Board of Legislators of the County of St. Lawrence will meet at the Board of Legislators' Chambers, Court House, located at 48 Court Street, Canton, New York, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 4, 2023, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing regarding:

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. B (NO.) FOR THE YEAR 2023, "SETTING POLICY ON ACQUISITION AND SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY"

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of the County of St. Lawrence as follows:

Section 1. This local law shall supersede and repeal all prior local laws regarding the real property tax foreclosure proceeding.

Section 2. Pursuant to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law, The St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators hereby exercises the following options for the collection of delinquent taxes in St. Lawrence County.

Section 3. A minimum fee of \$150 shall be charged to each parcel with delinquent taxes on June 1 of the year following the tax bill. This fee shall be used to cover the costs involved in tax foreclosure – primarily abstracting and legal fees.

Section 4. The Tax Enforcement Officer is hereby empowered to take installment payments of delinquent taxes. Said installment payments shall have a payment term of 24 months with payments due every three (3) months. The Tax Enforcement Officer shall add \$2 to all delinquent tax bills to cover the cost of notifying the taxpayer of this right. All Installment Agreements shall be entered into on or before September 30 of the year in which the tax becomes a lien. The Tax Enforcement Officer shall collect twenty-five percent (25%) of the tax due at the time the tax payer signs the Installment Payment Agreement. The remaining seven (7) installments are payable every quarter, with the first one due on December 1, following the Installment Agreement.

Section 5. The Tax Enforcement Officer, who is the County Treasurer, is hereby authorized to accept a deed in lieu of enforcement of collection of delinquent taxes under Article 11.

Section 6. All property acquired by the County pursuant to Article 11, shall be sold in one of the following manners: a.) at a public auction held on the second Saturday in September of the auction year, b.) at a properly advertised private sale subject to approval by the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, or c.) at such date and in such manner as established by a validly issued Administrative Order, a validly issued Executive Order, subsequent superseding State Statute, or valid order of a Court with jurisdiction over the matter. Such sales may also be held online if deemed necessary by the County Treasurer.

Section 7. The County sells only its lien and interest, does not warrant title, and will convey only by quitclaim deed. No abstracts will be provided.

Section 8. Any fees associated with the auction and conveyance of properties sold at public auction, to include auctioneer fees, buyer's premium, advertising fees, and recording fees will be the responsibility of the bidder.

Section 9. At a public auction, the highest bidder must tender twenty percent (20%) of the bid or a fifty dollar (\$50.00) deposit, whichever is greater. In addition, the highest bidder is responsible for any buyer's premium, auctioneer fees, and possible advertising fees payable by certified check, money order, cash or credit card. The balance is due within thirty (30) days, also payable by certified check, money order or cash. Confirmation of the sale by the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators is unnecessary for Article 11 properties sold at public auction. The County must sell to the highest bidder unless the highest bidder defaults. Upon default of the highest bidder, the deposit will be forfeited, and the County reserves the right to accept the bid of the second highest bidder.

Section 10. The former owner, and any other person who may be acting as an agent of the former owner, whether disclosed or undisclosed, is strictly prohibited from bidding at the auction.

Section 11. Any bidder who owns property in St. Lawrence County and is delinquent in their taxes shall be prohibited from bidding at the auction. The term delinquent is defined as prior year tax delinquency. No other person who may be acting as an agent of this bidder shall be allowed to bid at the auction.

Section 12. For properties with actual or suspected environmental contamination, application may be made to the Court in an effort to gain "Temporary Incidence of Ownership", granting St. Lawrence County the legal authority to enter such property and conduct an environmental investigation to determine the nature and extent of any environmental contamination which may exist at the property and the cost for addressing such contamination.

Section 13. The costs to St. Lawrence County associated with addressing actual or suspected environmental contamination of a property, including investigative, cleanup and legal costs, may be charged to the assessed owner and included on the tax assessment roll.

Section 14. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of North Country Family Care, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-10-18. 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 Elijah Wannemacher: 5555 State Highway 37 Ogdensburg NY 13669. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of NextGen Endeavors, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-10-04. 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 Cathy Cullen: 165 Backwoods Road Colton NY 13625. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Sweeter Creations Sugar House LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-10-20. 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 Michael R. Kenny: 3345 State Highway 345 Waddington NY 13694. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

OGDENSBURG LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing was held on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 6:00 PM, in the City Council Chambers, 330 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669, and the following Local Law was passed on November 13, 2023:

LOCAL LAW #3 of 2023
A local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c

Section 1. Legislative Intent
It is the intent of this local law to allow the City of Ogdensburg to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2024 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Emona LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-11-08. 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 Kome Oseghale: P. O. Box 1154 Ogdensburg NY 13669. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

OGDENSBURG LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, November 27, 2023, at 6:00 PM at City Council Chambers, 330 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669, regarding a Local Law to amend Chapter 177 (Sections 5 and 6) of the Ogdensburg Municipal Code entitled Sewer Rates.

Dated: November 14, 2023
Cathy A. Jock
City Clerk

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Election of the Cranberry Lake Fire District will take place on Tuesday December 12th, 2023, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Cranberry Lake Fire House located at 7115 State Highway 3, for the purpose of electing one commissioner for a (5) year term, commencing January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2028. All voters registered with the St. Lawrence County Board of Elections on or before November 16, 2023, shall be eligible to vote. Candidates for District Office shall have filed their names with the Secretary of the Cranberry Lake Fire District, PO Box 744, Cranberry Lake, NY 12927, no later than twenty days before the election, November 22, 2022.

Dated: November 12, 2023.
Susan Leroux,
Secretary/Treasurer, For the Board of Fire Commissioners, Cranberry Lake Fire District

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Rode Construction, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-09-05. 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: 246 County Route 46 Massena NY 13662. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of SMD Property Holdings, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-09-18. 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: 6739 US Highway 11 Potsdam NY 13676. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

OGDENSBURG LEGAL NOTICE
City of Ogdensburg 330 Ford Street Ogdensburg, NY 13669 Legal Notice – 2023 November Water Rates November water 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 Wednesday, December 6, 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 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: November 3, 2023 Andrea Smith City Planning & Development

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Cory's Auto Repair LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-08-17. 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 Cory's Auto Repair LLC: 6182 US Highway 11 Canton NY 13617. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

OGDENSBURG LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing was held and the following resolution was passed by the Ogdensburg City Council on Monday, November 13, 2023, at 6:00 PM, in the City Council Chambers, 330 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG'S 2024 BUDGET

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Ogdensburg adopts the 2024 Preliminary Budget.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following rates shall be in effect for 2024:

1. The City Real Property Tax Rate for 2023 shall be \$16.00 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

Dated: November 14, 2023
Cathy A. Jock
City Clerk

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Chained Inn. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-10-16. Office location: Saint Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Noell-Rose Grenon: 16 Meadow Drive *COMING SOON* Massena NY 13662. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Kilted Moose at Inverlochen, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-10-10. 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: 3590 Seneca St West Seneca NY 14224. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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Read the **LEGAL NOTICES**
NORTH COUNTRY THIS WEEK

LOUISVILLE NOTICE OF MEETING PUBLIC NOTICE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Town of Louisville Board of Appeals will hold a public meeting on November 28th, 2023 at 6:30pm at the Thomas J. Carroll Louisville Municipal Building located at 14810 SH 37. The meeting will be held for an area variance request for property located at 62 Wolverine Point, Town of Louisville, with tax map number 8.048-1-23 and such other and further business as may come before the board. November 13, 2023 Louisville Board of Appeals Chloe Harvey, Water Clerk

