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A group of friends pose before the Hobble Gobble Prediction Walk / Run at The Stables at Windy Point, Potsdam, Nov. 18. Front row, from left: Maureen Taylor, Terry Huff, Danielle Baxter, Annette Regan, Carol Rossi-Fries; Back row: Stacy Howlett, Gina Miller-Centofanti, Beth Reasoner, Pam Dumas, MJ Williams, Marta Whalen, Kristina Haas and Mary Clary, the turkey.

240 turn out for turkey flavored run

BY CHERYL SHUMWAY
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — Nearly \$9,000 was raised at the 26th annual Hobble Gobble Prediction Walk and Run Saturday.

A total of 240 runners and walkers participated, some dressed with turkey hats and costumes.

The event was based at The Stables at Windy Point, Sissonville Road, with separate routes for walkers and runners.

"The energy at the Hobble Gobble every year is truly inspirational. To be surrounded by so many people in support of such a worthy cause is true North Country Magic," said Jacqueline Bill, event organizer.

Proceeds benefit the Potsdam Holiday Fund and other local charities.

The winners were the participants who predicted their total time most accurately.

The top prediction winners for the short course were Nadia Marano of Canton, Rachelle Doth of South Glengarry, Canada, Kailin Backus of Rensselaer Fall, Everett Palmer of Potsdam, Tony Martin of Chateaugay, Erin Knox of Russell, and Fiona Weir of Ottawa, Canada.

Top prediction winners for the long course were Matt Homer of Potsdam, Mike Fiorentino of Watertown, Amy Hollister of Massena, and Jude Ducharme of Brushton.

After the race, participants were treated to a meal, including chili donated by Big Spoon Kitchen, cookies donated by Cindy's Cake Shop, yogurt donated by

SEE RUN PAGE 21

County legislators approved soliciting bids for the project during a full board meeting on Aug. 7 of this year.

Though a final budget has not been announced, officials have allocated \$5 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds for the project from the 2021 award.

SEE SAFETY PAGE 21

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In total, equipment in the budget would cost \$78,205.

SEE BUDGET PAGE 21

County eyes lowest rate since 1985, but levy will increase by \$2.3 million

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- The tentative county budget may include a possible decline in the tax rate but an increase in the tax levy of over \$2.3 million.

According to the budget documents presented by County Administrator Ruth Doyle, the tentative budget will reduce the TVTR by 45 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

That means the rate could drop to \$7.15 in 2024, down from \$7.60 per \$1,000 of valuation.

"The Board of Legislators and Administration continue their diligent efforts to decrease the burden on taxpayers in St. Lawrence County," Doyle wrote in a release.

The tax rate proposed would be the lowest seen at the county level since 1985, officials say.

According to a presentation by County Administrator Ruth Doyle, the county tax levy will rise around \$2.3 million if the budget is adopted as it sits.

A number of additional expenses may lead to that increase, she said.

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Giving tree help

Players and SUNY Canton women's lacrosse Coach Adam Todd, are shown with some of the PJs they raised money to buy and add to the gifts for parents to pick up for their children through the Church and Community Giving Tree. From the left are Fran Bailey, Adam Todd, Casey Pelton, Madeleine Caron, and Phyllis Lawrence.



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Public transportation tech upgrade coming

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- St. Lawrence County public transportation will soon have more accurate figures for the number of riders after legislators approved a resolution to purchase an electronic passenger counting system for county buses.

Legislators approved the resolution during the Nov. 13 operations committee meeting.

Director of Planning Jason Pfotenhauer said the new system will be provided in the near future after the county received and accepted on bid to implement the technology.

Passio Technologies was awarded the contract, which will be paid for by state aid, Pfotenhauer said.

Pfotenhauer said the software, which will integrate with existing hardware on the buses, will offer more flexibility and accuracy to track how many passengers are riding buses.

At present, drivers are responsible for counting and tracking the number of passengers who ride county public transportation and must detail where those passengers are picked up.

By implementing the new software, officials say bus routes will be able to run on a tighter schedule

with automatic counting alleviating some burden from drivers.

The new software will also link to an app that riders can utilize to track buses and see maps for routes.

In order to track passengers, riders will not need a smartphone or the app, Pfotenhauer said.

Pfotenhauer said county officials will also be able to see which bus stops are utilized the most and least with the use of the software, something that will aid county planning officials in mapping out routes to best utilize county resources.

Funds for the project come from a New York State grant, Pfotenhauer said, with basic requirements set forth like purchasing equipment that has a shelf life of at least two years.

Though the grant funding is not specific for the counting system, Pfotenhauer said his department felt it was a great investment to pair the software with existing technology on the buses.

In other action, legislators also approved a contract with Bracco International, Inc. for a solar powered bus shelter.

Officials say Bracco was the lone bid and will construct a solar powered bus shelter that will provide automatic evening lighting.

The project will not require any county contribution and will be reimbursed with state and federal transit funds awarded through the state Department of Transportation (DOT), officials say.

Legislators also approved a \$147,403 budget modification for the Planning Office for public transportation services for the county.

The move comes as legislators were notified of a \$750,625 allocation from a DOT grant that is used to offset the cost of county public transportation.

Legislators had previously budgeted for \$603,222 in 2023, however grant funding exceeded that total, necessitating the budget modification for increased revenue.

Legislators also approved a second resolution for a budget modification to accept \$889,500 in federal funding to offset costs for public transportation in the county.

As part of the funds from the Federal Transit Administration, St. Lawrence County was awarded funds to offset \$396,880 in 2022 and \$525,515 in 2023. Officials say the funds are part of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021.

The resolutions will now move to the full board for final approval in December.

Final piece of McDonald's demolition put in place

BY PAUL MITCHELL
North Country This Week

CANTON -- The final piece of the McDonald's demolition puzzle was put in place following unanimous approval by the Canton Village Board on Wednesday night to accept the low bid to tear down the dilapidated 64 Main Street building.

Mayor Michael Dalton told trustees that a previous low bid of \$64,260 from JEDA Environmental Services of Massena will be honored with the stipulation that work begins in the spring.

"They [JEDA] might be doing remediation work before spring, but we'll see," said Dalton.

The demolition price tag will be shared with the Town of Canton who approved JEDA's bid at their Nov. 8 monthly meeting. That vote was 3 to 2 with Councilman James T. Smith and Randy Brown in opposition.

When the town and village purchased the McDonald's property and adjacent parking lot for \$295,000 in July 2021, the idea then was to tear it down to create additional space for a proposed

Canton Municipal Building project. But in March the plan fizzled when cost figures for a new municipal building surpassed \$25 million.

The move to tear down the former McDonald's restaurant lingered when members of the town board wanted to see if that building could be repurposed. A bid of \$9,700 was obtained to assess the condition of the building.

At an Oct. 25 joint meeting and following back-and-forth discussion, it was agreed that the building needs to come down and the call for a site plan review was nixed.

The two dissenting town board votes center around the lack of a long-term plan as to what to do with the current municipal building.

"I want to avoid seeking that building torn down and come back to this building (municipal building) in 10 years in the same condition," stated Councilman Brown earlier.

Plans for the municipal building remain in the laps of the joint Building Committee who will be looking at which way to proceed with a rebuild or renovations to the existing structure, or find ways to pare down the cost of the project.

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ARC artwork for sale

Steven Sauter, on left, Canton, and Jessica Carroll, on right, Heuvelton, along with instructor Robyn McCormick, of The Arc Jefferson-St. Lawrence, sell artwork at the Holiday Craft Show held at John F. Kennedy School, Ogdensburg Nov. 18. Artwork at the craft fair and the Gallery of Arts and Learning (G.O.A.L.), 101 Main St., Canton, is man-made by local people with disabilities in St. Lawrence County.

Canton parking ban set Nov. 30

CANTON – The Canton Police Department reminds the public that the Overnight Parking ban goes into effect Thursday, Nov. 30.

There will be no parking on all village streets or in municipal parking

lots (including the parking lot adjacent to the Canton Municipal Building) from 2 to 6 a.m. The parking ban continues until March 31.

A violation will result in a \$25 parking ticket and a towing charge.

SLC trail system budget modified

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- The New York State Office of Parks and Recreations has modified the timeline to disburse funds for the county trail system, forcing legislators to modify the program's budget.

Legislators approved the reso-

lution to modify the budget during the Nov. 13 operations committee meeting.

According to legislators, for calendar year 2023 and going forward, 70% of funds will be released in the third quarter of the State fiscal year and 30% will be released in the fourth quarter of the State fiscal year.

The New State Office of Parks and

Recreations has awarded \$224,568 to the St. Lawrence County Snowmobile Grant and Aid Program.

In total, \$157,198 is due to the trail maintenance entities in 2023, legislators say, however the current budget of \$91,911 was not sufficient.

As a result, legislators approved an additional \$65,287 through the budget modification to meet that need.

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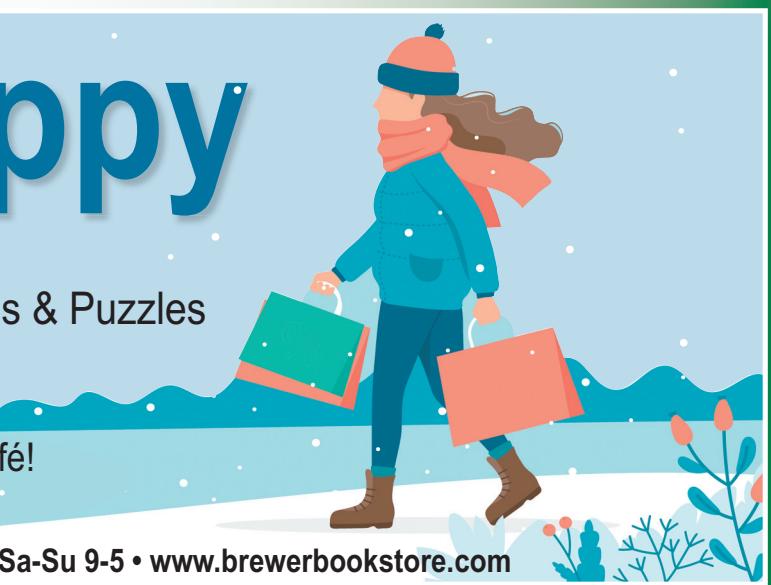
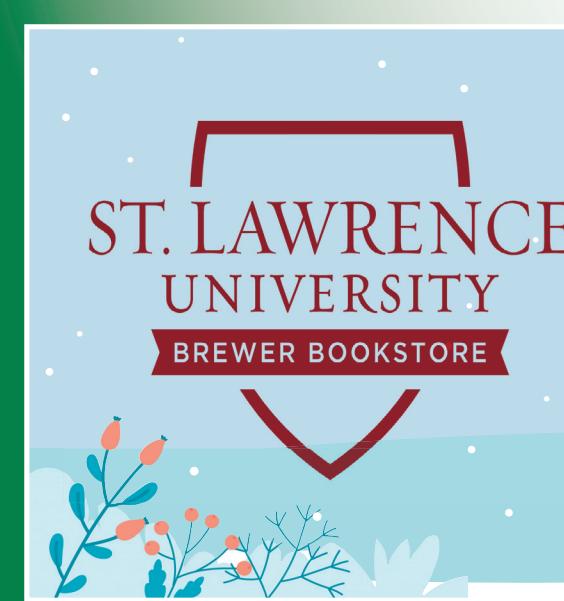


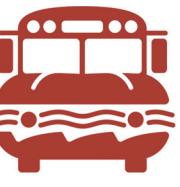
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SLC receiving
\$417K toward
assistant DA
positions

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- St. Lawrence County is set to receive \$417,930 from the Criminal Justice Reform Grant, a fund that will allow the county to subsidize the cost of two assistant district attorney positions.

St. Lawrence County District Attorney Gary Pasqua announced the funding during the county legislature's operations committee meeting, telling legislators he has allocated \$248,228 for the two assistant district attorneys, which will cover salaries and benefits for the two positions for a year.

Pasqua said \$4,212 will be used to cover the cost of the PCMS Program Discovery Storage fees for his department and \$73,128 will be used to expedite Grand Jury transcripts to comply with Criminal Procedure law.

Pasqua noted that the state has recently invested an additional \$40 million in the grant program, allowing the county to receive a much larger allocation than in previous years.

That allocation will allow for the hiring of multiple personnel and to upgrade or purchase software and equipment that will allow the district attorney's office to function better, he said.

According to Pasqua, state officials said the additional funds allocated for the grant program will be maintained for at least the next five years.

As part of the fund, Pasqua said \$92,362 will come from the Criminal Justice Reform Grant to fund a police office position for the Ogdensburg police department for one year.

Pasqua said he made it clear to city officials and the police department that the funds are to be utilized to hire an additional officer and cannot be used to reimburse the city for existing officers.

According to Pasqua, Ogdensburg Police are down to 16 road officers, down from 28 that were on the road.

"It may seem like a drop in the bucket but it's much needed help and any help the city can get with everything that is going on is well worth it," he said.

Though the position is funded by a grant the county will again receive funding through next year, Pasqua said the county is under no obligation to fund the position again next year.

"I hope whatever changes come in January they will be able to increase numbers on their own," Pasqua said.

Pasqua noted that the Ogdensburg police department has had more arraignments in recent years than any other municipal police department throughout the county.

"This will help them, help us and will take the burden off the state police and Sheriff's Department," he said.

Chairman David Forsythe also spoke to the funding, saying it will be a big boost for a department that is struggling to keep up with a sharp increase in complaints.

"This will go a long way to help," he said.

Forsythe also spoke to funds the department will receive from an additional grant, which will allow the department to hire two officers.

"We know they are short staffed and hopefully they will have two more coming on board soon," he said.

Legislator Jim Reagan said the move to hire additional officers with the grant is a great move by the county, saying that the funds to hire officers will not affect county revenue.

State reps raise 'Clean Slate' law concerns

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

Three Republican state representatives are raising concerns over freshly signed "Clean Slate" legislation, which will broaden the allowances for sealing criminal records.

Both state Senator Dan Stec (R,C-Queensbury) and Sen. Mark Walczyk, (R-Watertown), along with Assemblyman Scott Gray (R-Watertown) have all issued statements aimed at Gov. Kathy Hochul who signed it into law Nov. 16.

The legislation would automatically seal certain criminal records after a required waiting period — three years after conviction or release from jail for a misdemeanor and eight years after conviction or release from prison for a felony — provided they have maintained a clean record and are no longer on probation or parole.

Proponents of the measure say it was enacted to protect public safety and ensure the state is "sealing the records of people who have truly committed to turning their lives around, there are instances where people will not be eligible for sealing. Those with pending criminal charges, who are required to register as a sex offender, who received a life sentence, or who have been convicted of a class A felony — like murder — are ineligible to have their records sealed under Clean Slate," a statement from the New York State Assembly says.

Detractors say it compromises public safety and have gone as far as to call the act "pro-criminal."

Although records will be sealed, legislation provides access to otherwise sealed records for certain necessary and relevant purposes, including law enforcement purposes, licensing or employment for specific industries where a criminal background check is required to be performed employment where a fingerprint-based background is performed, extending employment to a person in jobs where they may work with such groups as children, the elderly or other vulnerable populations, when an individual is seeking

SUNY Potsdam to host total solar eclipse celebration

POTSDAM — SUNY Potsdam is gearing up for a celestial celebration, as the campus finds itself in the direct path of the 2024 total solar eclipse, a truly once-in-a-lifetime event set to dazzle the skies on Monday, April 8, 2024.

In an effort to make this astronomical marvel a shared experience, SUNY Potsdam is organizing special educational activities for students, faculty, staff, alumni and the wider community. Classes have been canceled for that afternoon to allow the entire campus community to take part.

The eclipse, spanning over two hours as the moon's path begins to block out the sun, will treat Potsdam to a breathtaking 3 minutes and 11 seconds of totality — a moment that promises to be nothing short of spectacular.

"We are excited to have a front-row seat to one of the most incredible sights the North Country has ever seen. SUNY Potsdam is thrilled to create a communal viewing experience for all to enjoy, and we are busy planning educational activities for our campus and community to mark this special occasion," said Dr. Page Quinton, one of the event organizers, who is an associate professor in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences.

a gun license and when seeking a commercial driver's license, or where required for public housing.

North Country representatives however, say it goes to far.

"Time and again, Democrat leadership has advanced a pro-criminal agenda. These policies are widely unpopular and have been proven to increase crime in New York State. I'm proud to back common-sense public safety reforms that protect communities and crime victims and gives law enforcement the resources it needs to save lives. At a time when we must put the safety of our law-abiding residents first, the Governor and Legislature have yet again ignored that urgent priority," he concluded.

Walczek said the governor's signing further contradicts her promise to keep New Yorkers safe under her administration.

Gray voiced his opposition of what he described as "pro-criminal policies."

"While I firmly believe in supporting the process of rehabilitation for individuals with criminal records, I have concerns about the potential implications and unintended consequences of this particular legislation. Any legislation related to sealing convictions should be approached with caution and thoughtful consideration of its long-term effects," Gray said.

Assemblyman Gray recognizes the importance of providing second chances to individuals who have served their sentences and are actively working towards rebuilding their lives as rehabilitation plays a crucial role in reducing recidivism and ensuring a more inclusive society.

Stec said he is outraged and concerned over the safety of law-abiding residents after Governor Hochul signed the controversial law.

"First it was bail reform. Now it's Clean Slate. Once again, one-party Democratic rule has chosen to put criminals ahead of the needs of law-abiding New Yorkers," he said. "With Clean Slate, residents won't have the ability to know if there's a convicted violent offender in their neighborhoods. Renters and

business owners won't have the full information they need when making these important decisions.

The law will take effect one year after on Nov. 16, 2024 the Office of Court Administration will have up to three years to seal conviction records that were eligible before the law went into effect.



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Brian T. Mullaney, 72

Hannawa Falls

HANNAWA FALLS -- A Pot Luck Celebration of Life gathering for Brian T. Mullaney, a resident of Grove Street, Hannawa Falls, will be held at the Hounds Haven in Hannawa Falls on Saturday, December 9, 2023, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Brian passed away Friday evening, November 10, 2023, at his home.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Kathryn Mullaney, Hannawa Falls; his son, Jack Mullaney, Hannawa Falls; grandchildren, Quaid and Jensen Mullaney; and their mother, Chelsea VanArnam; his daughter, Colleen VanVleet (Philip), Colton; grandchildren, Lola Charleson and Benjamin VanVleet; his mother, Eileen Beard, Alplaus, NY; a brother, Dennis (Vicki) Mullaney, Northville, NY; two sisters, Elizabeth Walker, Scotia, NY and Kathy Mullaney (Rick Fleming), Alplaus, NY; a sister-in-law, Roxanne Mullaney, Northville, NY; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Brian was pre-deceased by his father, Dudley Mullaney, and most recently, a brother, Neil Mullaney.

Born in Schenectady, NY on December 25, 1950, to Dudley and Eileen (Doyle) Mullaney, Brian graduated from Niskayuna High

School.

Brian served in the military for 32 years, most of it in Aeromedical

Evacuation deploying to many of the troubled areas of the world, retiring as a Master Sergeant in 2010.

In civilian life, he was a skilled handyman whose work endeared him to a broad swath of the community.

Brian enjoyed waterskiing, terrorizing the neighborhood on his tractors, traveling South in the R.V. where he could sit on the beach and read a book, and spending time with his grandchildren.

He was known as the "lawn whisperer" as his lawn was the envy of the neighborhood.

Brian was a member of the Parishville AMVETS where memorial donations can be sent in his memory and memories and condolences may be shared online at www.buckfuneralhome.com.

The Buck Funeral Home is serving the family of Brian T. Mullaney.

Jean Elizabeth Farr, 85

Potsdam

POTSDAM -- Jean Elizabeth Farr, 85, peacefully passed away with family by her side, on Saturday, November 18, 2023, at United Helpers Rehabilitation and Senior Care in Canton.

Jean was born on June 28, 1938, in Potsdam, daughter of the late Robert and Rose (Snyder) Hanson.

She married Edwin F. Farr in October of 1961, and they went on to have 4 children: Marsha (Brad) Clements of Potsdam; Rebecca Farr (John Reed) of Parishville; Aaron Farr of Oklahoma; and Holly (Kenneth) Thompson of Oklahoma.

Jean's primary role was as a loving wife and mother. Being an avid seamstress, she decided to share her love of needle and thread and opened Jean's Fabrics in Parishville, which she owned and operated for several years.

As her children grew older, she worked for St. Lawrence County as a housemother at the girl's home in Potsdam, making a positive impact on the lives of the girls in her care. She was also an aide in the Special Education classrooms for the Potsdam School District.

In her younger years, Jean worked as a home health aide, and as a nurse's aide at Potsdam Hospital.

She was also a volunteer driver for St. Lawrence County.

She was a member of the Parishville Methodist church, a member of the Parishville Quilting Club, a member of Gamma Pi ESA (a Ladies Philanthropic Organization), and a member of the Center Riding Club.

She enjoyed spending time with

family, sewing, crafting, reading, and going for Sunday afternoon rides. She loved baking, especially bread and donuts.

She was passionate about rescuing animals, especially dogs, cats and horses, and she loved feeding the wild birds.

She is survived by her four children and eight grandchildren: Chris Patenaude; Rachael, Rhiannon, Robert, Richard and Rebecca Clements; and Sierra and Natalie Thompson; her sister-cousin Jeanette McGowan of Potsdam; niece Norlene (Fred) Slater of Binghamton; nephew Everett (Judy) Hampton of Massena, and many other nieces and nephews.

Jean was predeceased by her parents Robert and Rose; her husband Edwin, and twelve siblings.

A funeral service will be held on Friday at 11:00 AM at the Potsdam United Methodist Church, there will be no calling hours. A private family burial will follow at Chapel Hill Cemetery in Parishville.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jean's memory to the Potsdam Humane Society.

Arrangements are under the care and guidance of the Donaldson-Seymour Funeral Home where friends and family are encouraged to share memories and condolences online at www.donaldsonseymour.com.

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Elisabeth "Elsie" Rutherford, 89

Madrid

MADRID -- It is with heavy hearts that the family announces the passing of Elisabeth "Elsie" Rutherford on Friday, November 10, 2023.

She passed away peacefully, surrounded by her beloved family on her birthday. She was 89 years old.

Elsie was born November 10, 1934, in Augsburg, Germany, and moved to the United States in 1959 to begin raising her loving family. She was the daughter of Maria and Josef Heimbach.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years Howard; and her children, Irene (Leland) Oshier, Christopher (Shirley) Rutherford, Thomas (Carrie) Rutherford, Daniel (Nicole) Rutherford, Robert (Christine) Rutherford, and John (Jen) Rutherford.

Elsie is also survived by her grandchildren; Christie, Gregory, Adam, Emily, Evan, Noah, Ethan, Cooper, Gianna, Luke, Kara and Chloe, along with her great-grandchildren; Carson, Sophie and Leo.

Elsie is also survived by her brothers, Josef and Werner Heimbach, and families, brother-in-law, Morris Rutherford, and sister-in-law, Noreen Seaman, along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Elsie was pre-deceased by an infant daughter in 1969. Also, a special sister-in-law, Barbara Rutherford, a special friend Ellen Martin, sister and brothers-in-law Harry and Doris Williamson, Robert and Beverly Irving, and Robert Seaman.

Her greatest joy was being a mom, raising her children, and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed gardening, birdwatching, baking, making German entrees, and socializing with friends.

Gerald "Bruce" Smith, 83

Massena

MASSENA -- Gerald "Bruce" Smith, age 83, passed away in his home, on Monday evening, November 13, 2023.

As per Bruce's wishes, there will be no public calling hours or funeral services.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Phillips Memorial Home, 64 Andrews St., Massena.

A graveside service will be held in Calvary Cemetery in Massena at the convenience of the family at a later date.

Bruce was born on December 10, 1939, in Massena, he is the youngest son of the late Philip G. and Teresa (McCarthy) Smith. He grew up in Massena and worked as a young man at his father's store downtown, California Fruit Market and later in his teenage years found his love for construction while working on the building of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Following graduation from Massena Central High School in 1957, Bruce studied at Le Moyne College in Syracuse and later finished his studies at the University of Maine graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering. He valued education and the hard work that went with it.

Bruce was known to be an excellent marksman, in 1964 he entered the United States Army and served as an arms instructor at Fort Dix, NJ earning an honorable discharge in 1969.

He had a successful career as an engineer and traveled extensively around the world for his work. Bruce retired after 25 years from Eichleay Engineers (Pittsburgh, PA) as Vice President of Operations in

2004 and continued to do consulting work until 2009.

His work primarily focused on the revitalization of large industry steel and paper mills.

He was skilled at labor management and often worked closely with friends from the local unions and especially the Ironworkers of Akwesasne.

He took great joy in working hard and always had a project going whether it was building an addition on his camp or repairing roads on his property washed out by the notorious beaver each spring.

He was proud of his Irish Heritage and took great joy when Ancestry.com confirmed his heritage as 99.9% Irish.

He loved watching hockey particularly his grandson's games and his favorite team the Pittsburgh Penguins. He was a lifetime member of the Flower Hill Hunting Club. Bruce was known by all as an outdoorsman and had a passion for hunting white-tailed deer.

His hunting wasn't limited to the North Country, he had many memorable excursions with close friends and family that included trips to the mid-west, southern tier, Alaska, and the Northwest Territories, and his favorite hunt was in Maine where he shot his "Big Moose Bullwinkle."

The wonderful meals, fine drinks, comradery, and laughter at the camp were special to him and he would often reminisce about the times spent with his loved ones

Elisabeth "Elsie" Rutherford, 89

Madrid

Elsie's family would like to thank Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley (Candace and Peggy), and Ogdensburg Family Practice (Trudy Kiah) for their care, compassion, and the love they showed as well.

Per Elsie's wishes, there will be no public calling hours or funeral services.

A private graveside service will be held in Madrid Cemetery at the convenience of the family at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made in Elsie's memory to Hospice & Palliative Care of St. Lawrence Valley; 6805 US Highway-11, Potsdam, NY 13676, or Potsdam Humane Society; 17 Madrid Ave. Potsdam, NY 13676.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the care of the Phillips Memorial Home in Madrid, New York.

Family and friends are welcome to share photos, memories, and condolence online by visiting www.PhillipsMemorial.com.

Gerald "Bruce" Smith, 83

Massena

there. In recent years, he was able to enjoy his retirement living off the grid and spending his time outdoors doing projects and caring for his beloved llamas and goats.

He was an animal person and was known to always have a new stray dog or cat that he had taken in.

He passed his love of animals on to his children and grandchildren. He left behind four dogs Louie, Penny, Weenie, and Sorchia 2, and his beautiful calico cat, Duchess.

Bruce is survived by his devoted wife, Shirley Mousaw of 56 years, they were married on October 7, 1967, in Sugarloaf, ME by Father Patenaude at the Sugarloaf Mountain Chapel.

Bruce was a proud father of three daughters; Leslie (Scott) Loran of Massena, and their two sons, Jack & Colby, Allison (Dave Peets) of Massena, and Sheena (John Skaggs) of Waddington, and their children Parker J, Braden, Tyler, Cayla, Briana, Joel, Debra, Amber, and Josh and his great-granddaughter Piper. He was affectionately known as Grumpa by his grandchildren which was a direct reflection of his warm and fuzzy demeanor. He is also survived by his several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a brother, Philip George Smith in 2021 and his Uncle Florence John "Mac" McCarthy.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Bruce's memory to Trinity Catholic School, 188 Main St. Massena, NY. Online condolences, memories, and pictures may be shared with the family by visiting www.PhillipsMemorial.com.

RECENT DEATHS

JIM AUSTIN, 65, formerly of South Colton, Oct. 20.

ERICA WATERS, ESQ., 32, formerly of Canton, Oct. 30. Arrangements with Lawrence Funer-

al Home, Canton.

ELISABETH RUTHERFORD, 89, Madrid, Nov. 10. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Madrid.

BOYD DUMONTY, 65, formerly of Potsdam, Nov. 11. Arrangements with Goldfinch Funeral Home, Pawleys Island, SC.

ANNA BIRCKHEAD, 104, South Colton, Nov. 14. Arrangements with Buck Funeral Home, Colton.

TONY BARTOCHA, 49, Edwards, Nov. 15. Arrangements with French Funeral Home, Edwards.

DEBRA WILLIAMS, 68, Potsdam, Nov. 17. Arrangements with Lawrence Funeral Home, Canton.

JEAN FARR, 85, Potsdam, Nov.

18. Arrangements with Donaldson-Seymour Funeral Home, Potsdam.

CLARA ATKINSON, 95, Harrisville, Nov. 21. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Harrisville.

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Michelle Garrow | Submitted

Gretchen Braun, a Lisbon student on the Canton Central Swim Team, made history as the first Girls' Section X swimmer to win a New York State Title. With Braun is Conrad Stuntz, Canton Central swim coach.

Canton swimmer wins Section 10's first state title

CANTON -- History was made at Canton Central with its first Section 10 swimmer to win a State title at the NYSPHSAA Girls Swimming Championship in Webster Nov. 18.

Canton Central swimmer Gretchen Braun, of Lisbon, is the new State and Federation Champion in the 100 Backstroke. She achieved an All American Consideration Time of 55.46 and set a new league record.

Braun also finished the 100 Free with a time of 51.10 earning All American Consideration and a 3rd place overall finish.

Canton's Kaitlin Redfern finished the 200 IM with a time of 2:08.36, setting a new Section 10 record. She finished 9th in the state.

Redfern also finished in 15th place with her 100 Breaststroke time of 1:07.12.

The 200 Free Relay team from

Canton including Tessa Alguire, Maya Thomas, Kaitlin Redfern and Gretchen Braun set a new league record with a time of 1:41.39 and finished 21st.

Canton's 400 Free Relay team of Lexi Stuntz, Skyler Sanderson, Tessa Alguire and Gretchen Braun finished with a time of 3:48.52 in 20th place.

Canton's 200 MR team of Lexi Stuntz, Kaitlin Redfern, Maya Thomas, Tessa Alguire finished 26th with a time of 1:55.66.

Lexi Stuntz, of Canton, finished the 500 with a time of 5:27.62 in 23rd place.

St. Lawrence Central School's Ella Bellinger finished the 200 Free in 23rd with a time of 2:03.19.

Ella Bellinger, of Canton, was named Section 10 Good Sport Award Winner, and Maya Thomas, of Canton, was recognized as a Scholar Athlete.

Proemm resigns from village board

CANTON -- Canton Village Trustee Klaus Proemm is stepping down from the village board.

In a letter of resignation, dated Monday, Nov. 20 to Mayor Michael Dalton, Proemm cited personal reasons for his resignation, effective Nov. 30.

Proemm, a Democrat, began his service to the Village of Canton by serving on the Planning Board

beginning in December of 2014. He was subsequently appointed to fill a vacant Trustee seat on Oct. 16, 2017. Proemm had two years remaining in his current term as village trustee.

"The Village Board would like to thank Trustee Proemm for his service to the community," said Dalton in a prepared statement.

Victim threatened with knife

NORFOLK -- A Norfolk man is accused of threatening a victim with a knife Nov. 11 during a domestic incident on River Road, according to state police.

Joel L. Farrell, 36, reportedly pushed another person into a dresser during an altercation and later threatened that person with a knife, while making threatening statements, officers said.

The victim reportedly struck Farrell in self-defense and was able to get away, police said.

Farrell was charged with second-degree menacing, third-degree criminal possession of a weapon, second-degree harassment and aggravated family offense, officers said.

He was released on his own recognizance, police said.

DWI accident in Potsdam

POTSDAM -- A Potsdam man was charged with driving while intoxicated following a motor vehicle accident early Nov. 18 on State Highway 11B, according to St. Lawrence County sheriff's deputies.

Gunther Church, 19, was charged with first-offense DWI, officers said.

He was charged following investigation of a property-damage accident, deputies said.

His blood-alcohol content (BAC) was allegedly .15%.

Church was cited and released, officers said.

Village board okays recreation jobs

CANTON -- The village board approved several employment requests at the monthly meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 16.

Ciara McDougal was hired as a full-time recreation laborer at a wage of \$17 per hour, replacing Nolan Bombard who resigned from the position.

Recreation attendants are Elena Abplanalp, Ashlyn Beeles, Myra Bullock, Reid Doyle, Carter Lespere, Claire Polniak, and Shaylee Olmstead at a wage of \$14.20 per hour; and Brandon O'Shea (second year) at a wage of \$14.45 per hour.

Recreation Director Meghan Richardson, in her report to the board, said both the new part-time and full-time laborers are trained and working their respective shifts.

She also reported that eight security cameras have been

installed inside the Canton Pavilion, all of the parks have been closed down and exterior equipment has been secured for the winter season, and community

volunteers have completed the work on the outdoor sports court in anticipation of using the space for an outdoor rink later this winter.

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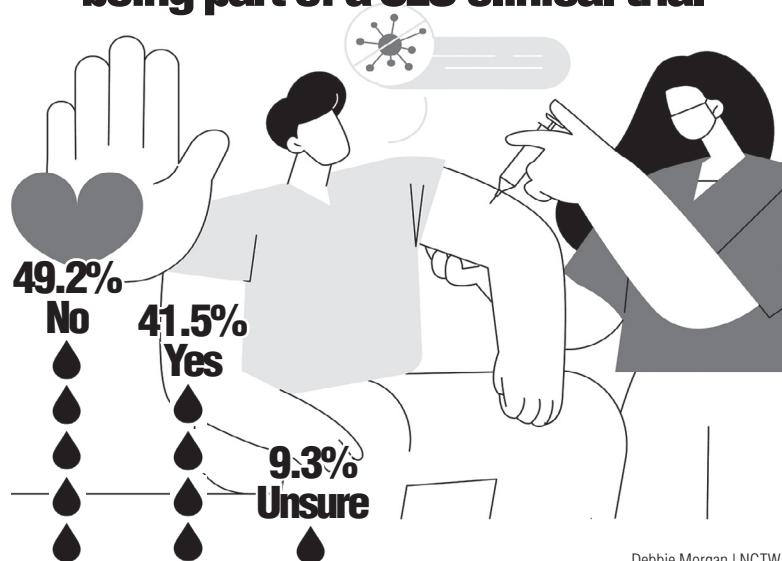
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The Question:

Would you take part in a clinical trial in St. Lawrence County?

Small majority would not consider being part of a SLC clinical trial



THE ST. LAWRENCE Health Clinical and Rural Health Research program based in Potsdam is currently conducting clinical trials that could lead to improved medical treatments in Long-COVID, Pulmonology and Rheumatology. Local residents are needed to participate and possibly receive treatment for a disease before it is widely available. The results could benefit the population as a whole. Would you consider being part of a clinical trial in St. Lawrence County?

HERE ARE COMMENTS from some survey participants:

'Clinical research is essential to all medication development. Without proper clinical research, we would have no medicines!'

'Absolutely not! They do not have the staff to care for people who are hospitalized and you have to wait two years for an appointment after you get a referral for follow up on an issue. Why would anyone trust them to do any kind of human subject research?'

'Would depend on type of treatment I would be subjected to.'

'Yes, I'm one of those increasingly rare people who trust the medical and scientific community.'

'I wish all people would consider this and also organ donation. How better to help your fellow man.'

'The health industry will never get the public's trust back after its handling of the COVID-19 fiasco.'

'Won't be a test subject. You never know what they will be giving you.'

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: What are your Thanksgiving Day plans?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**Offended by characterizations**

I'm not alone: I'm deeply offended by the recent use of the term "vermin" to characterize other Americans.

I'm also deeply insulted by the continual use of terms such as "lunatics" and "deranged" to characterize other people's apparent mental stability.

These epithets strip people of their human dignity, especially families who live with legitimate mental illnesses.

Decent people can disagree—and sometimes bitterly—and still remain civil in their disagreements. But certain people violate this central American spirit when they reduce others to animals and/or target their mentalities. It's easy for certain people to embrace these strategies as a way to divide our great country. What's much harder is sustaining the decency that's needed to move our country in the right directions. This hard work requires that we respect each other, listen well, and rely on our reason to solve the real challenges that a great nation will always face.

When I hear certain people dismiss their political opponents with contempt as "mentally ill," here's my civil reply: living with mental illness requires courage in a society where such conditions are often misunderstood at best and, at worst, demonized and degraded with ugly stereotypes. Too often, such stigma leads to stunning mistreatment of good people who suffer from mental disorders. You'll understand what that means if you've lived in a family who's had to work for decades with dedicated medical professionals to make certain that your loved ones are cared for and treated with compassion.

And then along comes a certain individual who's now directing his bigotry at families like mine in a transparent attempt to further enrage his supporters. This is obvious, what our Founders would call self-evident. Other terms come to mind for me this week, but I'm going to remain civil. Here's what I know to be true: mental illness is a medical condition and it's treatable. Evil is its own manifestation, a conscious moral choice. Yeah, go ahead and call me a "snowflake," if one is so inclined. My family has lived through and overcome heartbreak challenges that most people couldn't even imagine.

Decent Americans need to stand together and maintain the boundaries of our core decency. These boundaries are now under direct assault and unquestionably from within. Being decent and civil demands honest hard work,

patience, and interpersonal respect. We can disagree as a people, even bitterly when we need to, but let's always disagree civilly.

Again: people who aspire to (re) gain power by using terms such as "vermin" and "deranged lunatics" are un-American and evil. They must be denounced as such, and their behavior must be rejected and condemned. For decent people everywhere, this is self-evident and beyond debate.

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PSC Music Friends

The energy transition;
the nuclear option

In 1954 Atomic Energy Commission Chair Lewis Straus coined the term "energy too cheap to meter." He envisioned a day, thanks to nuclear power, where electricity would flow, at little or no cost, from every receptacle. The promise of this new technology seemed unlimited. For the next 20 years nuclear power plants were built across the US to supply the nation's growing energy appetite. By the mid 70s the nuclear boom was over. When costs ballooned well beyond projections, financing dried up and construction stopped.

Over the years various attempts have been made to revive the nuclear industry. In early 2024 two new nuclear reactors at the Georgia Vogtle Nuclear Power Station are scheduled to finally be completed. It has taken over 15 years and \$34 billion for 2.4 GW of production capacity.

The largest solar installation in the world is in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and is 2 GW. It cost about \$1 billion. It took less than a year to complete. The Gemini Solar

project on the Moapa River Indian Reservation, Nevada includes 690 MW of solar, and 380MW of storage and is expected to cost \$1.3 billion and take about 1 year to construct. Over 30 UAE or 7 Nevada solar projects can be built for the cost of the Georgia Nuclear plant in a fraction of the time.

A new generation of nuclear promises again to solve the cost issue. However, in a repeat of nuclear history, NuScale Power's .46GW Idaho next generation nuclear facility costs have soared to \$9 billion. The plant was understandably

canceled.

Earth based nuclear power is expensive. Always has been. There is no indication this will change any time soon. On the other hand, spaced based nuclear, also known as the sun, is a deal. We are fortunate indeed to be powered by a massive nuclear fusion reactor that sits at a relatively safe 93 million miles away and sends us enough energy every day, free of charge, to power ourselves many times over. All we need do is collect it. We can do that at a fraction of the cost of other energy sources.

Nuclear power promised a future of energy "too cheap to meter"? Solar energy delivers energy too cheap to walk away from.

Scott Shipley
Northern Lights Energy
Hermon

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Popular Celtic group to perform

HEUVELTON — Pickens Hall, 83 State St., will host a favorite group from its concert series last year, when the Pennsylvania Celtic fiddling group House of Hamill takes the stage on Friday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m.

Tickets to the show are \$15 and can be purchased online at <https://tinyurl.com/296v737>.

House of Hamill owes its existence - almost entirely - to a series of canceled flights.

Rose Baldino and Brian Buchanan first found themselves onstage together at the 2014 Folk Alliance International conference in Kansas City.

Rose's band Burning Bridget Cleary was scheduled to perform, but inclement weather prevented two of her bandmates from flying. Desperate to salvage the showcase, Rose approached Brian, who she knew fronted Canadian celtic rock band Enter the Haggis. She thrust a guitar into Brian's hands, pulled him onstage, and the two just clicked.



Pickens Hall photo

The Pennsylvania Celtic fiddling group House of Hamill will perform at Pickens Hall on Dec. 1.

Four years and hundreds of shows later, the duo was booked to play a closing slot at a Colorado festival, so they hired a bass player and drummer to fill out their sound. By the oddest of coincidences, their hired bandmates' flights were canceled the day of the show. A frantic Face-book post introduced Brian and Rose to local musician Caroline Browning, who joined them on bass for the weekend. Once again, the chemistry was undeni-

able, and House of Hamill became a trio.

Today, Pennsylvania-based House of Hamill is a fixture on festival stages across the US, and have shared their music and stories on the country's premier folk stages. Their version of "Pound a Week Rise" rose to #1 on the US Folk DJ charts, and the video for their all-violin cover of "Sweet Child O'

SEE HAMILL ON 14.

Old Tyme Christmas in Colton event planned

COLTON — Join the Colton Historical Society & Museum's "Olde Tyme Christmas in Colton" event during the month of December.

The museum will be decorated for Christmas and have a special exhibit of Christmas decorations and toys of long ago.

Of interest will be a display board of Christmas postcards from the late Otis Schofell of Colton.

The museum will be open for special hours on the first three Saturdays in December.

On December 2nd, the hours are 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

On December 9th, the hours are 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. and on December 16th the museum will be open beginning at 6 p.m.

On December 16th downtown will come alive with a children's craft table and refreshments at the museum as well as music provided by a barbershop singing group.

Santa will arrive by fire truck at 7 p.m. in front of the library.

Children can meet him on the library steps, a tradition that took place many years ago.

Anyone interested in loaning Christmas decorations of the past as well as old toys and games for the

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Photo submitted

Christmas players at an earlier Christmas in Colton celebration include shepherd, angels and lamb at the birth of Jesus; from left Lauryn Bigwarfe, Joslyn, Morgan and Jordyn Cole; and the lamb in front is Hayden Bigwarfe.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

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

Craft show

NORWOOD -- A craft show will be held Saturday, Nov. 25, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Norwood American Legion, 10 Maple Street, No Admission, food served.

Pop Up Shop

DEKALB JUNCTION -- The 3 Spoiled Sisters Holiday Handmade Pop Up Shop will be set up next to the Silver Leaf Diner, 3231 US Highway 11, on Nov. 25, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. The company, owned by identical triplet sisters, offers a wide variety of jewelry designed to be worn with essential oils to enjoy long lasting aromatherapy benefits throughout the day. 3 Spoiled Sisters has recently expanded its product line to include "bags designed with the oiler in mind" as well as decorations that "make scents." For more details and a preview of items for sale, visit : <https://www.facebook.com/3spoildsisters>.

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.

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Santa to visit Holiday of Lights event in Canton park

CANTON – For nearly the fourth decade of Canton's Holiday of Lights festival, Santa Claus will visit with many Canton area children and light up Christmas trees on the village green at 6 p.m. Friday night after Thanksgiving on Nov. 24.

As the county's role model for twinkling little white lights on downtown Main Street trees and lighted red-bowed wreaths on each lamp post, the village becomes alive for the cold months ahead.

Thanks to generous donations from

Canton businesses and individuals the jolly old elf will give each child a book and a candy cane and greet the waiting crowd.

Frosty the Snowman and Mickey Mouse will pose with the children and Diane Foote and Maria Tartaglia will lead the crowd in singing popular holiday music.

With a lighted Canton police escort, Santa will arrive at the park on Monica Stone's sleigh wagon pulled by her two beautiful, powerful Percheron horses. Santa will have rows of flaming torches held

by Canton Volunteer Fire Department to lead him to his platform steps.

After each child's Santa visit, they can go for a sleigh ride with their parents and also be treated to hot chocolate and sweet goodies at the nearby Presbyterian Church.

Santa is helped by his committee of local elves, including Phyllis Howard, Carol Johnson, Joyce Lilholt, Brad Mintener, and Marilyn Mintener.

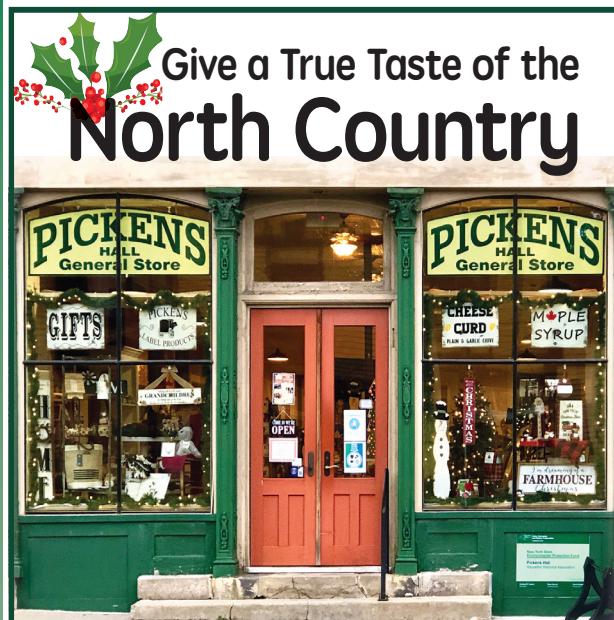
All children are reminded to dress warmly and bring a flashlight.

Memory Tree bulbs for sale

WEST STOCKHOLM – People interested in honoring a loved one in West Stockholm can purchase memory bulb from the United Methodist Church.

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Remington Museum hosting Holiday Open House event on Dec. 9

OGDENSBURG — The Frederic Remington Art Museum invites the public to its Holiday Open House on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

This is a wonderful time of year to visit the 100-year-old museum and enjoy the holiday ambiance and tradition of this important part of Ogdensburg and the North Country.

Guests can enjoy the festive deco-

rations, gallery exhibits, live holiday music, local vendors, and discounts in the museum shop. Admission is \$5.

From 11 a.m.-1 p.m., local singer and songwriter Jaynie Trudell will perform in the Museum's Tiffany Room. Her performance is generously sponsored by America 1 Reality. Jayne plays country blues, classic rock and folk music.

North Country Connections Orchestra from 2-4 p.m. The orchestra is a combined group of multi-age and multi-level performers from various towns throughout St. Lawrence County.

The orchestra will open with a reading of the Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg followed by well-known Christmas favorites including Angels We Have Heard

On High, Hark! The Herald Angels, Jolly Old St. Nicholas, Deck the Halls, Up on the Housetop and Jingle Bells. Guests will be encouraged to sign along.

The finale includes fun pieces called Who Let the Elves Out? and Hallelujah Chorus.

Raffle tickets will be available to win a medium bronze reproduction of Frederic Remington's iconic first

sculpture. Tickets are a donation of \$10 one chance or 3 for \$20. The reproduction weighs 16 lbs. and measures 14" H with a \$1,055 value.

The winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Holiday Open House. The winner does not need to be present at the drawing to collect.

Tickets can be purchased in the Museum lobby or online.

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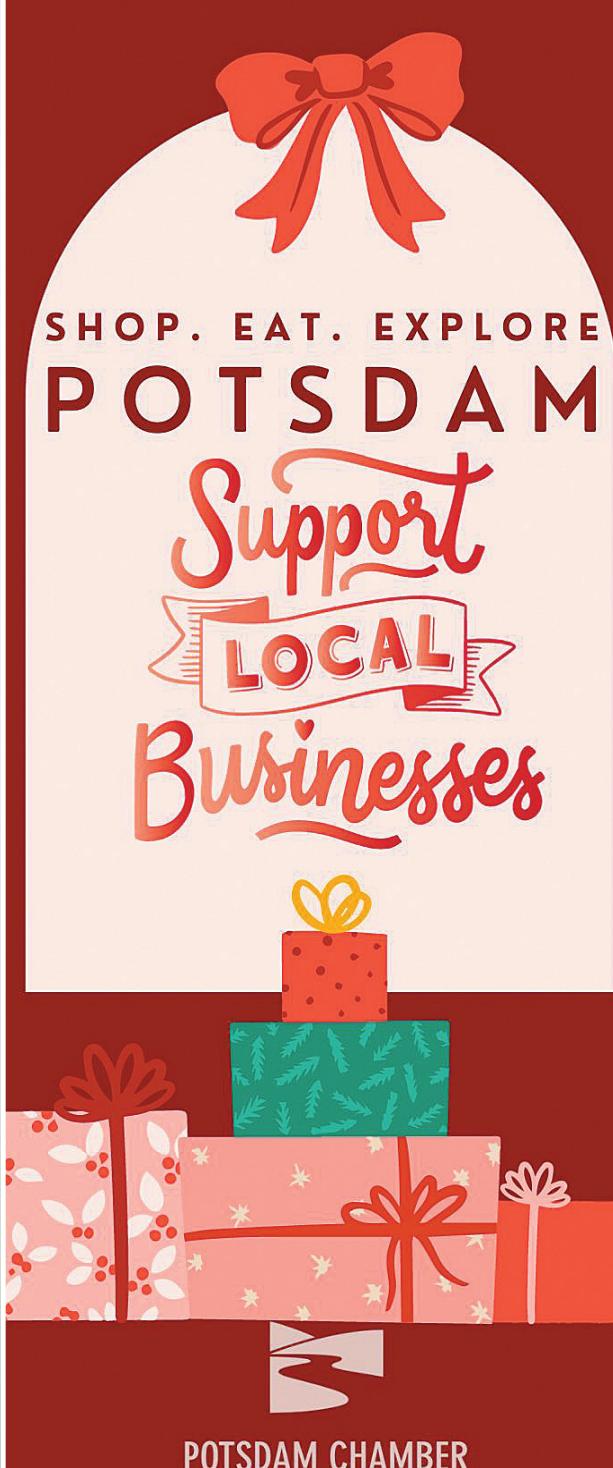
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A memory tree will be set up at the museum and the cost is \$1 per loved one. The names can be dropped off with the money at the library or can be mailed to Colton Historical Society, P.O. Box 223, Colton, NY 13625.

For further information on any of the events, contact the Colton Hepburn Library during their regular business hours at 315-262-2310 or by emailing the library at collib@ncls.org.

HAMILL . . .

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Mine" amassed over 16 million views on Facebook, where it was shared over 400,000 times. Their latest release, "Folk Hero," captures perfectly the frenetic energy and eclecticism of their always engaging live show. A lively collection of original instrumentals, reimagined folk ballads, and new songs that showcase the trio's versatility, "Folk Hero" is the third House of Hamill album to be funded entirely by their fans.

Whether they're ripping through a set of original jigs and reels, adding lush three-part harmonies into traditional folk ballads, or cracking

up an audience with stories from the road, House of Hamill puts on a show that captivates audiences from the very first note.

Info: www.houseofhamill.com .

CALENDAR . . .

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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.

SUNDAY, NOV. 26

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MONDAY, NOV. 27

Brownies meet

DEKALB -- The Girl Scout's HD Brownies (Grades 2 and 3) meet at DeKalb United Methodist Church, 4302 US Highway 11, Nov. 27, 6-7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOV. 28

Housing authority meets

CANTON -- The village of Canton Housing Authority will meet Tuesday, Nov. 28 at 6 p.m. in the community room at 35 Riverside Drive.

Library trustees meet

HERMON -- Hepburn Library of Hermon Monthly Trustee Meeting will be Nov. 28 from 6-7 p.m. at the Hepburn Library of Hermon, 105 Main St. The Hepburn Library of Hermon Trustees meets the last Tuesday of every month at the Hermon Library at 6 pm. For information, contact the library at (315) 347-2285.

WEDS., NOV. 29

Scouts meet

DEKALB -- The Scouts will meet Nov. 29 from 6:30-7:45 p.m. at DeKalb United Methodist Church, 4302 US Highway 11. The Boy Scouts of America has both a boys' troop and a girls' troop that meets at the DeKalb Methodist Church on Rt 11 nearly every Wednesday from 6:30-7:45pm. This is for boys or girls 11-17 years old. The church is located at 4302 US Highway 11 DeKalb Junction. For information, contact Darcie Velez 315 884 0215.

Community luncheon

NORWOOD -- There will be a community luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 29, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at St. Philip's Church, 42 S. Main St., Norwood. The luncheon this month will be homemade Soup, rolls, and dessert. Lunch is free and all are invited.

THURS., NOV. 30

Daniel Kelly on piano

CANTON -- The TAUNY Center on Main Street will host a new season of its Fiddling Bear Concerts, featuring pianist Daniel Kelly, Thursday, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m. Admission: \$15. Kelly's improvisational piano music is inspired by art and personal stories from everyday people. This concert will celebrate the visual art of the North Country and will encourage the audience to explore the intersections of visual art and music.

Free used clothing

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

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Book club

HERMON -- Hermon Library Book Club meets Nov. 27 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Hepburn Library of Hermon, 105 Main St. The Hermon Library Book Club meets every other Monday at 6:30 at the library. For information, contact the library at (315) 347-2285.

Folk orchestra practice

POTSDAM — North Country Folk Orchestra, led by Gretchen Koehler and Barb Heller, is hosting rehearsals for its upcoming Dec. 6 concert. Beginning to advanced players who are "comfortable" on their instrument (strings, woodwinds, brass) are welcome to join. Rehearsals will take place on Mondays at 6-7:30 at the Potsdam Public Library, 2 Park St., on Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 6, Nov. 27, and Dec. 4. Cost: \$50 for adults and \$15 for children (under 18).

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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.

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Daniel Kelly on piano

CANTON -- The TAUNY Center on Main Street will host a new season of its Fiddling Bear Concerts, featuring pianist Daniel Kelly, Thursday, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m. Admission: \$15. Kelly's improvisational piano music is inspired by art and personal stories from everyday people. This concert will celebrate the visual art of the North Country and will encourage the audience to explore the intersections of visual art and music.

Free used clothing

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

CALENDAR . . .

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FRIDAY, DEC. 1**Friendship yoga**

CANTON -- "Celebrating Friendship!", a special Friday night yoga experience taught by Sarah Scafidi-McGuire & accompanied by musician, composer & arranger Benjamin Mambou, will be held at the Canton Yoga Loft at 21 Miner St on Canton on Friday, Dec. 1, from 6-7 p.m., followed by a festive "meet the artist" reception. Ben is a multi-talented musician, with guitar, vocals & percussion from Cameroon & is graduating from with an MBA from Clarkson this December. Online registration is at www.yoga-loft.org. Class size is limited. All levels of experience are welcome. The Canton Yoga Loft is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to health & wellness & ongoing community service.

Karaoke at Amvets

HEUVELTON -- AMVETS Post 1997, 107 State St., will host KC Karaoke, Dec. 1 from 6-9 p.m. No cover charge.

House of Hamill

HEUVELTON -- Pickens Hall, 83 State St., will host a concert on Friday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. with the House of Hamill. Info: 315-344-7950.

Fiddler, pianist, poets

POTSDAM -- Fiddler Gretchen Koehler and pianist Daniel Kelly will share new music inspired by Northern New York poets on December 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the Potsdam Public Library. This event is free and open to the public. Suggested donation \$10. All proceeds go to the Potsdam Public Library. St. Lawrence County authors Kimberley Bouchard, Kiley Frank, Dale Hobson, Jan Hutsler, Neal Burdick, Stephanie Coyne DeGhett, and the late Max Coats will read their work, followed by a musical response by Koehler and Kelly.

Craft, food & wine

POTSDAM -- St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce's 2023 Craft, Food & Wine Holiday Market, Friday from 2-7 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at SUNY Potsdam's Maxcy Hall. More than 100 regional producers of homemade or value added crafts, food and wine products Admission \$5, cash only. Ages 12 and younger free.

Friendship yoga

CANTON -- The Canton Yoga Loft, 21 Miner St., will host a "Celebrate Friendship!" yoga class Friday, Dec. 1, 6-7 p.m., with Sarah Scafidi-McGuire, accompanied by live music by musician & composer Benjamin Mambou. All levels of experience are welcome, \$15.

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per person. www.yoga-loft.org.**Pedal steel concert**

MASSENA -- Tracer James will perform a Christmas Show on pedal steel on Dec 1 at 7 p.m. at New Testament Church, 265 Andrews St. All proceeds will go to the Meals On Wheels program.

SATURDAY, DEC. 2**Craft, food & wine**

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Old Tyme Christmas

COLTON -- Colton Historical Society & Museum's "Olde Tyme Christmas in Colton" event will be held Dec. 2, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Dec. 9, 1-4 p.m.; and Dec. 16, beginning at 6 p.m.. The museum will be decorated for Christmas and have a special exhibit of Christmas decorations and toys of long ago. Of interest will be a display board of Christmas postcards from the late Otis Schoell of Colton. The museum will be open special hours on the first three Saturdays in December. On December 16th downtown will come alive with a children's craft table and refreshments at the museum as well as music provided by a barbershop singing group. Santa will arrive by fire truck at 7 p.m. in front of the library. Children can meet him on the library steps, a tradition that took place many years ago.

Laurentian Singers

HEUVELTON -- St. Lawrence University Laurentian Singers, performing a vocal holiday concert, will be at Pickens Hall, 83 State St., on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. Admission by donation. Info: <https://pickenshall.com>, 315-344-7950.

Holiday Palooza

MASSENA -- Holiday Palooza is being held at Police Activities League (PAL) of Massena on Dec. 2, from noon-4 p.m. It will include cookie decorating, a gingerbread man activity, ornament decorating, hot cocoa and s'more bars around the fire and Christmas karaoke. Sledding and a snowman building contest is also planned if snow. Admission is \$5 per person, a family of five for \$20, or family of six for \$25. All proceeds fund Massena PAL summer program.

Holiday bazaar

NORWOOD -- The annual holiday bazaar at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 42 S. Main St., will be held on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. There will be

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Book and bake sale

NORWOOD -- Norwood Public Library's 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.

Candle making class

POTSDAM -- A candle making class will be offered at the Adirondack Fragrance Farm, 1551 NY-72, on Saturday, Dec 2 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Cost: \$40, materials included. Register: <https://www.adkfragrancefarm.com/product/candle-making-class-2/>. Yen Maine will teach how to pour and create a one-of-a-kind candle with all-natural 100% soy wax, 100% essential oil fragrances, and botanical sprinkles. Info: yen@adkfragrancefarm.com, 315-265-1776.

Greeting cards workshop

WADDINGTON -- The Gallery at Lake Saint Lawrence Arts presents "Greeting Cards Workshop" Dec. 2, from 1-3 p.m. at the Hepburn Library, 31 Main St. in the community room. Kathy's Kards specializes in handmade paper crafts including greeting cards for Christmas. She will help you create some one-of-a-kind Christmas card. Cost: \$25 for 1-3 cards. All materials provided. No experience needed. Door to the community room is on the right of the library at ground level. Pre-register: 315-388-3033, lakesaintlawrencearts@gmail.com

Brasher craft fair

BRASHER FALLS -- A craft and bake fair will be held Dec. 2, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at LBSH Housing, 32 South Church St., Brasher Falls. For vendor table info contact Betty at 315-244-7415.



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Hobble Gobble raises almost \$9,000

Wearing turkey hats at the 26th annual Hobble Gobble Prediction Walk / Run are Lindsey Carvel, left, of Gouverneur, and Heather Thrasher, of Chase Mills. They were among 240 participants who helped raise almost \$9,000 to benefit the Potsdam Holiday Fund and other charities. The event was held at The Stables at Windy Point, Potsdam, Nov. 18.

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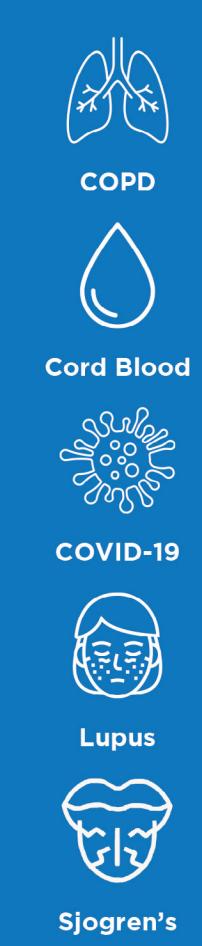
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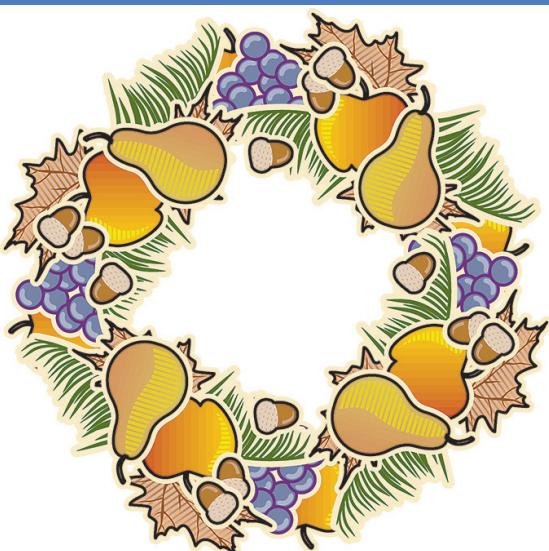
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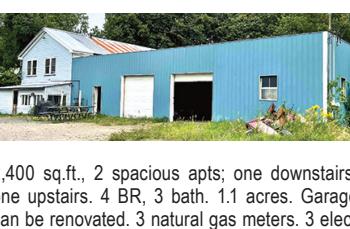
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Employee benefits would also rise by \$3.473 million, an increase of 5.23% compared to 2023.

Total appropriations would rise by \$22,276 million or 8.12%.

Under the tentative budget, expected revenue would rise \$20,528 million or 9.25%, due in part to increased performance of sales tax revenue.

Doyle said the county is aware of the dangers of an over reliance on sales tax revenue, however for the last few years the county has exceeded expectations in sales tax collections.

One major project that the county is planning for with the \$296 million tentative budget is the overhaul of the public safety complex, which will be funded through American Rescue Plan Act funds, a \$5 million capital investment and money from the fund balance.

Doyle said that exact figure will be available in the next month or so.

When assessing figures over the last decade, Doyle noted the tax levy has increased moderately and at an even pace from \$47 million in 2015 to just over \$54 million in 2024.

"It remained relatively flat between 2015 to 2019," she told legislators.

At the same time, the county tax rate has seen a steady decline from \$8.52 per \$1,000 assessed value in 2015 to \$7.15 per \$1,000 in assessed value in 2024 potentially.

Doyle said that decline can be attributed to higher revenue for the county.

"We have been fortunate this year to benefit from increased performance in sales tax and increased assessed valuation," she said.

Assessed valuations have risen around 11% she said, leading to extra revenue for the county.

Doyle noted that every year three to four towns conduct town wide assessments, which can sometimes account for revenue increases for the county.

Throughout the same period, the tax levy has also increased steadily, at an average pace of \$1.3 million per year, she said.

In total, levy equates to 18% of the overall \$296 million tentative budget, including the tax cap override request which would exceed the cap by \$500,000.

This will be the first time in the last decade that the county has exceeded the tax cap as legislators have taken. Financially conservative stance in budget planning, she said.

Tax levy increases have "remained modest and under 5%" each of the last five years, she said.

The levy itself has also been a relatively stable percentage of the budget over the last decade, ranging from 18.21% to 20.96%.

Doyle said the budgets have had "remarkable stability in the annual levy relative to our total appropriations, which as we talk about stick shock, has grown considerably."

Though inflation has been declining slowly this year, Doyle said the county will still feel it affects next year when planning the county budget.

"Our department heads have taken it (budgeting) seriously, bringing in new revenue sources, pitching new sources (to the legislature) and through responsible budgeting," she said.

Sales tax revenue also has played a large role in budgeting over the last decade, with the state previously intercepting funds that the county could have used for crucial projects and maintenance, Doyle said.

Ultimately, Doyle said it was her responsibility to bring the legislature a budget that can be adopted without significant cuts or reductions to services for taxpayers.

But a big challenge associated with budget development has been the desire to not exceed the tax cap while also growing fund balances, maintaining services and continuing to staff appropriately.

Doyle said had the county even met the tax cap each year over the last decade, the county would have \$5.1 million more to work with.

The return to fiscal health, however, was the legislature's primary concern over that period.

Doyle said it was also important to remember that reserve funds are restricted and can only be utilized in specific circumstances.

Further complicating matters is the state intercepting federal aid intended for counties to offset Medicaid expenses, she said.

According to Doyle, that shift in responsibility would cost the county over \$3 million once fully implemented by the state.

Mitigating mandates like the MAT program at the county jail also costs the county significantly, she said.

"Before the county even buys a pencil, before we can heat our buildings we pay \$4.88 million," she said.

The county also experiences foreclosure sales revenue loss due to state mandates, as well as a \$1.225 million bill for New York State Retirement benefits, a \$430,000 increase in rates for assigned council, a \$500,000 increase for adoption subsidy funding and \$125,000 for the MAT program, which the county is not reimbursed for by the state despite being mandated to have the program.

As part of the budget process, Doyle has recommended the county budget \$3.5 million for Social Services, \$7.4 million for the Highway Department, \$1.2 million for the Sheriff's Office, \$700,000 for the Office of the Aging, \$600,000 for Indigent Defense and \$600,000 for Public Health.

For personnel, the county will see an increase to 882.52 full-time equivalent positions.

Budget presentations will continue, with the next one planned for Nov. 20 to review departments that report to the legislature's services committee.

SAFETY...

Career Center, a location for law enforcement and public safety answering point for 911 calls.

The building is currently occupied by the Sheriff's Office road patrol and civil enforcement divisions, Emergency Services (PSAP), Planning and Conflict Defender, along with New York State Police, who lease space on the first floor.

Dalton said village officials will be sitting down with county officials to discuss the pending project. He said the village will keep the neighboring property owners updated.

"With a cooperative effort, I think we can come up with a good plan that meets everyone's needs," the mayor stated. "The big thing is that we're talking."

The project includes a Public Safety Answering Point (911 Center) for the County with expanded workstations and upgraded technology, a new Emergency Services Suite, a District Attorney's Office and Grand Jury Suite, a new location for the Civil Office of the Sheriff's Office, and a new suite for the Detectives of the Sheriff's Office.

The County will also look to address the safety of the tower, landscaping, and the grade of the building on the side facing Court Street. Both of these issues will be addressed as a part of the project, the letter states.

The County is encouraged to have funding appropriated through the ARPA funds for capital investment to support this project without the

need to issue debt, Doyle wrote.

Village and county officials will discuss the possibility of restricting access on Pearl Street from the driveway of the Public Safety Complex to the intersection of Pearl and Court Street during the duration of the project.

The project is expected to take 9 to 12 months to complete.

Prashaw has been communicating with the Village Highway Superintendent Tim Bacon about this issue. The mayor said he would like to include Canton Police Chief James Santimaw and Canton Fire Chief Robert Crowe in the discussion. He said snow removal must also be addressed.

At the county level, legislators recently approved signing a contract with Intrado Life & Safety Solutions Corporation for systems equipment and software for the backup 911 center.

Intrado Life & Safety Solutions Corporation offers equipment and software which facilitates answering 911 calls and answering administrative lines remotely in the event of a system failure, according to county officials.

Cost for the equipment will be \$35,981 for one year, which includes equipment, installation and first-year maintenance.

Maintenance for years two through seven come at a cost of \$1,090, \$1,101, \$1,113, \$1,126, \$1,138 and \$1,151. The first year can be paid for with New York State Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) grant funding, officials say.

Legislators also approved 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.

County officials say the contract will allow the county to create and maintain a redundancy system for the 911 call center as Emergency Services undergoes the planned renovation to the dispatch center in Canton.

Those upgrades will include technology and service upgrades at both the primary center in Canton and backup center in Massena.

County officials say during the renovations dispatchers will be required to dispatch from the backup center in Massena while the primary location in Canton is taken offline to complete work.

That temporary switch could result in having no backup 911 center during the renovation period, creating a need for a redundant system to ensure "adequate and continued services for answering and dispatching 911 calls in the event of a system failure," according

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Emergency Services Director Matt Denner said the new and more modern equipment will create an increased ability to respond to emergency situations.

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		8	7		4	1		
4				6		3		
1	3	8				5		
		7		9			6	
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1			9				5	
	2	6		1	8			
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

Answers found elsewhere in this paper.

King Crossword**ACROSS**

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8		9	10	11
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DOWN

11	Beer ingredient	31	Novelist
16	Monk's title	34	Memo letters
20	Cato's 502	35	Lunar program
21	Get ready, briefly	37	Mouths (Lat.)
22	Humdinger	38	Felines
23	Like the Supremes and the Pointer	39	"The Haj" author
24	Use scissors	40	From the start
26	Lose color	41	Elmer of cartoons
27	Tempe sch.	42	"The Matrix"
28	Addict	43	Role
29	Zhivago's love	44	Dandy guy
30	Cupid's realm	45	Mendes
50	Compass dir.	46	Actress
51	Banister	47	Moray, for one

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- Teacher Assistant
- Teacher Aide
- Cafeteria Monitor
- School Bus Driver

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Application deadline: December 8, 2023

An application link and additional information is available on the PCS webpage.

For questions, contact:
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Brasher Falls Central School

is in need of the following position:

Spanish Long-term Substitute

beginning approximately
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Sociology Adjunct Instructor

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Interested applicants must apply online at <http://employment.stlawu.edu> uploading all required materials which are defined in the "special instructions to applicant" section. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Questions about the position may be directed to Dr. Abye Assefa at massefa@stlawu.edu.

All offers of employment are contingent upon the finalist successfully passing a background (including criminal records) check. St. Lawrence University is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

week. Resumes are to be mailed to the Town Clerk's Office, 94 Main St., Colton, NY 13625. The deadline to submit an application and resume is 4:00 p.m. December 11, 2023.

THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON, NY is accepting applications for one (1) full-time Motor Equipment Operator (MEO). All applicants must possess a valid New York State Class B Driver License and be able to obtain a Trailer Endorsement within one (1) year from date of hire; have a minimum of three (3) to five (5) years of driving experience as well as in the operation and maintenance of heavy equipment and trucks; five (5) years' experience as a heavy equipment mechanic as the primary function of the position. Applicant must be able to operate a variety of road building and construction equipment. The applicant is required to perform recurring manual duties related to the operation of the equipment and other duties as assigned when not operating equipment. Additionally the applicant will be required to perform routine maintenance of equipment. Applicant should have good knowledge of the town geography, ability to understand and carry out oral and written instructions; ability to work with and get along with other employees; mechanical aptitude; willingness to respond to emergencies and work under adverse weather conditions; willingness to work nights and weekends; the physical condition to commensurate with the demands of the position.

Employee must pass a physical and drug and alcohol test prior to employment and will be tested randomly per D.O.T. regulations on an ongoing basis thereafter. All qualified applicants who reside in the Town of Hopkinton shall be given priority over applicants outside the township; must live within a 20 minute drive to the Highway Garage. Applications can be picked up at the Town Offices, 7 Church Street, Hopkinton on Monday, Wednesday or Fridays between 9:30 – 12:00 or 1:00 – 3:30 or Wednesday evenings between 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. All applications and resumes are to be returned to the Hopkinton Town Office. The position remains open until filled. The Town of Hopkinton is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

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We are seeking an innovative and qualified **SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIAL / ADMINISTRATOR** to join our dedicated and hardworking team. The position will involve accounting for and recording the business affairs of the District in such a way as to provide the best possible educational service with the financial resources available. The School Business Official will keep the necessary records to facilitate sound fiscal management of the School District and advise the Superintendent and School Board on business matters. This role will involve supporting various departments, including school lunch programs, buildings and grounds maintenance, custodial services, and the transportation department, as well as oversee payroll, accounts payable, and state and federal reports.

Must be NYS Certified or meet Civil Service Requirements. Salary Range is \$85,000-\$100,000 commensurate with experience.

Contact: Jennifer Fleury, 4921 SH 56, Colton, NY 13625
jfleury@cpcs.us or 315-262-2100 ext. 6

Application deadline: December 1, 2023, EOE

Administrative Assistant: Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley has an immediate need for an organized, outgoing person to provide support to the finance office. Qualifications: relevant office experience; effective customer service, communication and problem-solving skills; proficiency with Microsoft office programs. Excellent benefits. Salary range \$19-\$21/hr. Email cover letter and resume to Stacey Tarbox, starbox@hospiceslv.org.

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The Town of Colton is accepting applications for a keyboard specialist to the Town Supervisor. The keyboard specialist will work under the supervision of the Town Supervisor. Typical duties: filing, organization, typing, and scheduling job related appointments. Qualifications: High school diploma or the equivalent and two (2) years of clerical experience. The position is part-time of 8-12 hours per

represent the organization before environmental regulatory agencies. Manage the organization's Quality Management System. Accountabilities include: Oversee operation of Wastewater and Raw Water. Accumulation, storage and disposal of all hazardous and non-hazardous waste. Perform the duties of the Emergency Management Coordinator, TSCA Coordinator, Radiation Safety Contact, Certified Pesticide Applicator, and ELAP Quality Manager. BS degree in Engineering or related technical area. 2-5 years experience in Quality Engineering, Quality Management or equivalent. Salary range: \$69,500 - \$92,700 DOE. Competitive wage and benefits package: Medical/prescription, dental, life, vision, generous PTO and matching 401(k). Interested candidates possessing the requisite qualifications should send cover letter and resume by November 24, 2023 to: Business Leader, Potsdam Specialty Paper, Inc., 547A Sissonville Road, Potsdam, NY 13676. tracy.champion@pspi.us.com. Equal Opportunity Employer

The Town of Oswegatchie is accepting applications for a full-time Motor Equipment Operator (MEO). The successful applicant must have a valid and clean Class B license. Mechanical ability preferred. Excellent benefit package; HSA health insurance, NYS retirement, holidays, vacation, personal & sick time, paid shutdown week, overtime, etc. Applications may be obtained by calling the Highway Superintendent at 315-393-2039.

The Research Foundation (RF) of SUNY, a private, not-for-profit corporation, invites applications for a full-time Computer Programmer/Analyst for the Potsdam Institute for Applied Research (PIAR) at SUNY Potsdam; a university-based research institute which has as its mission providing high-quality cost-effective data collection, evaluation, survey, reporting and other research services to state and local communities, schools, and agencies. Selected candidate will assist with all aspects of computer and information systems. Including, but not limited to, hardware and network support; electronic data management; data conversion, coding, analysis and reporting; internet research; statistical analysis and interaction with professional staff from contract agencies and schools. The salary of \$52,500-\$60,000 is dependent upon education and experience. A comprehensive benefit package is available. Minimum qualifications: Associate's degree in Information or Computer Sciences with experience as a programmer using relational database and/or web-based technologies or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Renewal of appointment is subject to RF for SUNY policies/procedures, sponsor guidelines, and availability of annual funding. To apply, upload a cover letter and resume, to <https://webspace.potsdam.edu/PIAR>. Contact Sandra Morris, morrissd@potsdam.edu with questions. Position is open until filled. The RF is an AA/Eo employer.

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Potsdam Food Co-op hiring PT prep cook for our Prepared Foods department. 20-25 hrs/wk. Apply in store or online – more info on our website: www.potsdamcoop.com/employment

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The Regional Procurement Office at SUNY Potsdam is accepting on-line applications for



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES (EO/AAE) is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

2-Teaching Assistants

1 located at NFEC in Malone
1 located at AEC in Saranac Lake

Salary: \$23,400 (2023-24 Base Salary) - Consideration for additional compensation based on education and experience

Start Date: ASAP

Deadline to apply: November 27, 2023

Apply online at:

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Candace Poitras- Administrative Assistant

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Volunteer/ Outreach Coordinator

Hospice of SLV has a position for a dynamic, energetic and organized person to recruit, train, supervise and schedule volunteers to support patients with advanced illness in the home, nursing home and hospital. The outreach component is responsible for the We Honor Veterans Program, content creation and management for social media and coordinating community education.

Qualifications: Bachelor's degree and two to three years' experience in health care or related field. The ideal candidate would have volunteer management and supervision, presentation/outreach, and social media experience. Salary range : \$19.50-\$23.50/hr. Send cover letter and resume to Mary Jones, Hospice Of SLV, PO Box 510, Potsdam NY or mjones@hospiceslv.org. **Application deadline is November 29, 2023.**



CHATEAUGAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chateaugay Central School District (EO/AAE) is currently accepting applications for the following position:

TEMPORARY SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER (UP TO 20 HOURS A WEEK)

Salary: \$51,865 (Pro-Rated)

Application Deadline: November 27, 2023

Application can be located at

<http://www.chateaugaycsd.org/employment>

For duties, qualifications and application, please contact;

Mary Legacy, Chateaugay Central School

42 River Street, PO Box 904

Chateaugay, NY 12920

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POTSDAM CENTRAL SCHOOL VACANCIES FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Certified HS English Teacher

Beginning February 1, 2024

Application deadline: December 15, 2023

An application link and additional information is available on the PCS webpage.

For questions, contact:

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29 Leroy St., Potsdam, NY 13676

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a Senior Staff Assistant (Assistant Director of Procurement) to oversee daily operations and will report to the Director of Procurement. Required qualifications include a bachelor's degree in business, accounting, or related field; minimum three years' experience in a business office setting; minimum one-year

supervisory experience; possess a positive attitude, ability to independently set priorities and adaptability to continual change. Excellent interpersonal skills to work effectively, and in a collegial and professional manner, with vendors, faculty, and staff. Ability to multi-task, meet goals and critical deadlines.



ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

General Laborer

St. Lawrence University has an opening for a full time General Laborer. Performs work required in the care, maintenance, cleaning and housekeeping of University buildings and campus in accordance with established practices and procedures. Responsible for performing duties associated with setups and deliveries for special events in and around all campus buildings. In the absence of the material recycler or supply clerk, performs the regular duties of that position as assigned. As required performs the primary duties of other "A" classification personnel as assigned by the Management staff. **Minimum Qualifications:** High School diploma (or equivalent) required. Ability to follow verbal and printed instructions. Ability to prepare or verbalize reports necessary to the position. Requires ability to lift a minimum of 45 lbs., bending, climbing, pushing and pulling. Must be able to meet University requirements to be authorized to drive University vehicles as assigned. **Pay range - \$14.20 - \$19.98/hr.** depending on experience. To view the complete position description, including minimum qualifications required, interested applicants must apply online at: <https://employment.stlawu.edu>. SLU is an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity employer. All offers of employment are subject to the applicant successfully passing a background (including criminal records) check.

Potsdam STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Senior Staff Assistant

SUNY Potsdam's School of Education and Professional Studies' Center for School Partnership and Teacher Certification (CSPTC) Office is accepting on-line applications for a SENIOR STAFF ASSISTANT to serve as the Assistant Director of the CSPTC.

The Assistant Director will coordinate and support teacher education candidates beginning with onboarding through program completion and certification. Required qualifications include, but are not limited to, a bachelor's degree and proficiency with technology (a strong working knowledge and experience with Excel).

To review the complete job description and or apply, visit [employment.potsdam.edu, job posting U-00529](http://employment.potsdam.edu/jobposting U-00529). EOE

MASSENA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

is currently accepting applications

APPLICATION DEADLINE: NOV. 21, 2023**Sr. Food Service Manager - Jefferson****ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS UNTIL FILLED:****Substitute Maintenance Mechanic****Secondary Math Teacher (2 positions)****Custodial Worker****Substitute: Nurses, Bus Monitors,
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**CHATEAUGAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT****VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chateaugay Central School District (EO/AE) is currently accepting applications for the following position:

TEACHER ASSISTANT

Salary: \$23, 468 (2023-24 Base Salary)

Application Deadline: November 27, 2023

Application can be located at

<http://www.chateaugaycsd.org/employment>

For duties, qualifications and application, please contact:

**Mary Legacy, Chateaugay Central School
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Chateaugay, NY 12920**m.legacy@chateaugaycsd.org • 518-497-6611 EXT 2301**JOIN OUR TEAM!****VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Salmon River Central School District is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

- Art Teacher
- Driver Education Teacher
- Elementary Teacher
- Home & Careers
- Math Teacher
- Reading Teacher • Science Teacher
- Secondary Special Education Teacher
- Technology Teacher

Full job descriptions and applications can be found at

www.srk12.org/employment/

Submit a completed application to:

Angela Robert**Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction****Salmon River Central School****637 County Route 1****Fort Covington, NY 12937**

The Salmon River Central School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, political affiliation, gender, age, marital status, sexual orientation, pregnancy, military status, veteran status, genetic pre-disposition or carrier status, ancestry, disability or any other legally protected status in regard to employment opportunities or educational/vocational programs or activities which it operates.

Ogdensburg Housing Authority **TENANT RELATIONS ASSISTANT**

The Ogdensburg Housing Authority is accepting applications for a full-time, permanent **TENANT RELATIONS ASSISTANT** position. The duties will include but are not limited to: processing applications for tenancy, providing information on our program, conduct investigations and interviews regarding tenants, maintain wait lists and records, calculation of rent per program requirements, prepare reports, assist the Executive Director as needed.

Must be in good physical condition, have a valid driver's license, work well with the public and have a good knowledge of arithmetic and business English and composition. Must be highly organized and able to work independently.

The hours will be from 8:00am-4:00pm, Monday thru Friday. The position provides benefits including NYS Retirement. The position will pay \$40,040.

This is a competitive Civil Service position. Appointment will be provisional until tested.

You may obtain an application packet from the office at 1101 Jay Street, Ogdensburg, NY. Please contact Cheryl A. Douglass, CPA, Executive Director with any questions at

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St. Lawrence University invites applications for the position of **Part-Time Dispatcher/Senior Clerk** for the Safety & Security Department. Manages department communication, provides clerical and record support to the department. Maintains radio communications with all shift personnel; monitors and records transmissions; responds to requests; maintains accurate locations of assigned personnel. Maintains log of activities as they occur; prepares and files incident reports. Prepares and files work orders; registers vehicles; and other clerical needs. Upon request conducts motor vehicle registration checks, security reports, and affiliation checks from department records for officers in the field or as requested by external agencies under emergency scenarios. Responsible for monitoring the card access control system, production of the University identification cards and for assigning appropriate access levels to card holders. Responsible for answering the emergency blue light telephones and emergency call boxes; and dispatches appropriate personnel to the caller location. Composes and sends Emergency Notification Alert messages to the campus community under emergency and/or testing conditions. Performs other duties as needed or as assigned.

Qualifications: High School Diploma (or equivalent) required; two years experience as a dispatcher or experience in an office setting preferred. Excellent oral and written communication skills required. Must be able to follow verbal and written directions. Must be able to deal with highly confidential matters. Must have ability to remain composed, multi-task, work in high pressure environment and during emergency situations. Must have experience working with computer applications, strong working knowledge of Windows applications preferred. Must be able to work evenings, nights, weekends and holidays as requested. Successful candidates must pass background check.

Interested candidates please apply at <https://employment.stlawu.edu/>. St. Lawrence University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity employer. All offers of employment are contingent upon the finalist successfully passing a background (including criminal records) check.

Salary Range \$16.39 - \$22.67/hr.



**St. Lawrence
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Direct Care Job Opportunity

Mental Health Therapy Aide

**Make a difference in the lives
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Minimum Qualifications:

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or
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**Human Resources
at 315-541-2179**

Fax resume to (315)541-2034 or
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Salary \$49,457 - \$53,405
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- Math Teacher (Grades 7-12)

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- Business Teacher (Grades 7-12)

• Minimum Starting Salary: \$47,330

- Certified School Counselor/ Guidance Counselor (Grades 7-12)

• Minimum Starting Salary: \$47,330

All interested candidates must submit the following to be considered for some positions:

- Cover Letter
 - Application (Please apply using the Regional Common Application)
 - Application and information about Lisbon CSD may be found at: <https://www.lisboncsd.org/>
 - Resume'
 - Letters of Recommendation (three)
 - For Instructional Positions, Principal Positions, Teaching Positions and Bus Driver Positions ONLY
 - Original College Transcripts(s)
 - New York State Coaching Certification is Required for all Coaching Positions
- Application deadline is November 27, 2023.

Failure to provide all requested materials may result in disqualification of the candidate's application. Please submit information attention to:

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Mr. Patrick J. Farrand, Superintendent of Schools
LISBON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
6866 County Route 10, Lisbon, NY 13658



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES (EO/AAE)
is currently accepting applications
for the following position:

Culinary Arts Instructor

Location: North Franklin Educational Center- Malone

Starting Date: TBD

Salary: \$51,865 (Pro-Rated)

Qualifications, job description and applications can be found online at:

www.fehb.org/careers

Queries should be directed to:

Candace Poitras- Administrative Assistant
Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES
PO Box 28, Malone, NY 12953
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Employment Opportunities

Administrative Assistant-Counseling (Potsdam, NY)

Position Summary Guidelines: The Counseling Center at Clarkson is seeking a full-time Administrative Assistant. Bring your strong organizational skills, abilities to multi-task, willingness to work with people of diverse backgrounds and situations, and commitment to being a strong part of our team serving students. We'll provide great training/orientation, access to university facilities, and opportunities to use your skills and talents and to grow as a professional. This role primarily serves the Counseling Center but will also work in tandem with the Health Center to serve as the point of contact for potential and current patients and work with the team to support success in all areas of operation. Strong people skills and an ability to adhere to confidentiality is a must. For more information go to: <https://clarkson.hrmdirect.com/employment/job-opening.php?req=2826402&&nohd#job>

Minimum qualifications: 2 years' experience providing receptionist or clerical support, or position with similar duties or skill requirements; strong written and verbal communication skill; comfort in using a range of computer software programs; strong time-management skills and proven ability to manage multiple projects.

Range: \$16.50- 19.00 salary based on experience

Program Coordinator- Ignite (Potsdam, NY)

Position Summary: Assist the Director in the execution of the strategic plan for Clarkson Ignite, including supervision of a team of 20+ student team members. Ensure effective communication between departments, donors, corporate clients, and current and prospective students; ensure compliance with established university policies, procedures, and objectives. Plan and coordinate events relating to Clarkson Ignite and any associated center(s).

Minimum qualifications: Associate's Degree or at least 5 years experience required. 3 years in an office environment.

Range: \$19.00- \$23.00 salary based on experience

Accounts Payable Coordinator (Potsdam, NY)

Position Summary: The Accounts Payable Coordinator is responsible for all facets of Accounts Payable processing within the PeopleSoft Accounts Payable module. Timely and accurate processing of invoices, payment requests, employee reimbursements and student refunds is the primary focus of this position.

Minimum qualifications: Associate's degree from accredited College or University in accounting, finance or business administration or a related field of study, 4 years of experience directly related to the duties and responsibilities specified. In Lieu of a degree, 8 years of experience directly related to the duties and responsibilities specified.

Range: \$16.50 to \$19.50 salary based on experience

Finance and Budget Analyst / Assistant to the Vice President for Information Technology (Potsdam, NY)

Position Summary Guidelines: To lead, plan, organize, direct, and review administrative and support functions as they relate to budgets and finance, which may include, but are not limited to the following: satellite support, computer repair services, OIT sales and services, student laptop programs, finances, budget analysis, billing, revenue collection, telecommunications, general services, and purchasing.

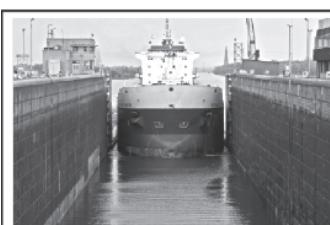
Minimum qualifications: Associates Degree and 1-3 years of experience or five to seven years related experience in lieu of Associates Degree.

Range: \$50,000- \$60,000 salary based on experience

Review of applications will begin immediately and continues until the position is filled. To submit your application, go to www.clarkson.edu/hr and click "Career Opportunities" below Careers at Clarkson section. An equal opportunity /affirmative action employer, Clarkson actively seeks and encourages applications from minorities, women and people with disabilities.

<https://www.clarkson.edu/human-resources/career-opportunities>

Prior to a final offer of employment, the selected candidate will be required to submit to a background check including, but not limited to, employment verification, educational and other credential verification, and criminal background check.



Program Coordinator for our new Visitor Center opening Spring 2024

Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Massena, NY

View complete posting on www.USAJobs.gov (search on Massena, NY).

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