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Visit with Mrs. Claus

Stella Warhol, Heuvelton, visits with Mrs. Claus at the Holiday Craft Show held at John F. Kennedy School, Ogdensburg Nov. 18. Santa and Mrs. Claus also made an appearance at the Dobisky Center and the Holiday Parade later Saturday night.

EMS Direct Pay bill a boon for OVRs, chief says

BY JIMMY LAWTON
 North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG -- In a huge win for volunteer rescue agencies insurance companies will no longer be able to strong arm service providers into joining their networks in order to receive reimbursements.

The existing system allowed insurance companies to pay ambulance service charges directly to the patient unless the ambulance company had a preferred provider relationship with that specific insurance company.

Gov. Kathy Hochul recently signed into law the EMS Direct Pay bill, and while it won't take effect until Jan. 2025, emergency service providers are rejoicing at the news.

Ogdensburg Volunteer Rescue Squad Chief Ken Gardner has been pushing for passage of the bill for years.

He said in 2022 alone, the squad lost out on \$169,000 in reimbursements for ambulatory services.

Gardner explained that this law will force insurance companies to pay ambulance providers directly even if they aren't "in network."

Gardner said previously insurance companies would send checks to the policy holders rather than the ambulance service if they weren't in network. Unfortunately Gardner said in many cases those receiving the checks would cash them rather than pay for the service.

Gardner said that some insurance companies used this as a negotiating technique to reduce the amount they would pay for in-network providers.

"They were holding us hostage. If you joined the network they could negotiate the amount they would pay. So, they would pay 65% of the cost if we were in the network and they would pay that directly. If we didn't join they'd pay the full 100% but they would send the check to the individual instead of us," he said.

Gardner said that while it's a bit of a head scratcher that it won't be implemented until 2025, the bill is a game changer.

"For all agencies this is such a huge positive. For rescue squads to continue operating it had to be done," he said.

Gardner said that with rising costs for equipment the extra

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Should town pay more for fire service?

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
 North Country This Week

MASSENA -- Village of Massena Trustees approved a fire protection agreement with the town of Massena but not without one trustee dissenting prior to the approval.

Trustee Ken McGowan, the lone "no" vote on the resolution, said he was of the opinion that the town of Massena should pay more than they currently are as part of the deal.

"I don't want to seem like I'm coming off harsh but we're not raising the fees, right? I'm just questioning if we maybe should add

another percent because I'm sure Aaron's (Hardy) bills have gone up," McGowan said.

McGowan also said that while it may seem like a matter of semantics, the financial implications could not be ignored.

"I shared some information and I'm all in favor of the village doing fire protection for the town of Massena. I appreciate everyone's hard work on the contract. It's just, I don't think the dollar amount is enough," he said.

McGowan said he compared figures provided by Treasurer Kevin Felt versus those he found online

while looking at taxes for residents in the towns of Brasher, Canton and Potsdam.

According to McGowan, town of Massena residents pay one sixth of what village residents do for fire protection.

"If you compare that to Brasher, Canton, even the town of Potsdam, the town of Massena residents are still paying under half of what those residents pay," he said.

McGowan reiterated that he was "all in favor" of the village providing fire protection for the town of

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County eyes lowest rate since '85, but levy would rise \$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.

According to Doyle, personnel expenses would rise by \$2.726 million, or 5.52% in comparison to the 2023 adopted budget.

Contractual expenses would also see a sharp rise of \$16.154 million or 10.27% under the tentative budget.

Equipment costs have been significantly lowered

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Kathy Perry | Submitted

Happy Thanksgiving

Massena Free Community Meal volunteers Bill Lamb and Katie VanGarderen carve turkeys for Thanksgiving dinner. They are among the many volunteers preparing 900 takeout meals to be given out at Massena First United Methodist Church on Wednesday from 3-6 p.m.

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Massena featured as prime fishing destination in calendar

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
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MASSENA -- The tournaments may be done for the years but fishing in Massena will be on many folks' calendars, literally this time. Don Meissner, who works as the town of Massena's fishing promotion director, said Major League Fishing (MLF) is set to feature Massena in print magazines and on calendars as part of a promotion to highlight places where tournaments have been held.

Meissner said planning for tournaments next year is already well under way, with the "orchestration for them" ongoing nationally.

Massena in particular has been working with MLF as the organization undergoes a number of changes. Amongst the changes, MLF has changed their overall marketing approach, Meissner said.

As part of that promotion, Massena will be featured in the month of August for the calendar.

Meissner said the town has been able to promote tournaments further in the future with grant funding through the Market NY program.

"The Market NY staff felt that this was a good utilization of grant dollars because they approved the use of grant funding to help support the cost of the ad that will feature Massena during the month of August 2024," he said.

Meissner said grant funding was already in place for "publication pieces but the calendar highlights the communities that host these events."

According to Meissner, those promotional pieces will be seen worldwide as MLF sends calendars to fisherman who are on MLF's list, from professional anglers to amateurs who are passionate about the sport.

"A great many people will see the ad from Massena, including municipi-

'The home of the St. Lawrence River now can have their identity spread around the globe.'

Don Meissner
Massena Town Fishing Promoter

pal leaders, anglers from around the United States and Canada, as well as throughout Europe and Asia where the sport of fishing has gained in popularity and support. The home of the St. Lawrence River now can have their identity spread around the globe," he said.

The promotional efforts all tie into efforts for next year's tournament after MLF announced they would once again be coming back to Massena in August.

Stage Seven at the St. Lawrence River in the 2024 tour will be hosted by the town of Massena Aug. 6-11, 2024.

"We are proud to roll out a schedule with seven destinations that are world-class fisheries," said Kathy Fennel, MLF Executive Vice President & General Manager. "Our MLF tournaments create exciting and compelling content for our fans and sponsors. This schedule shines a light on some locations that haven't hosted a major bass-fishing tournament in some time, while also returning to some favorite regular stops. The stage is set for a very exciting 2024 season."

Each stage of the 2024 Bass Pro Tour features six days of competition using the catch, weigh, immediate-release format, broadcast live on MLFNOW! and streamed to the Major League Fishing app, MyOutdoorTV (MOTV) app, and at MajorLeagueFishing.com.

For complete details and updated information on Major League Fishing and the Bass Pro Tour, visit MajorLeagueFishing.com. For regular updates, photos, tournament news and more, follow MLF's social media outlets at Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.



Above, from left are Tim Cryderman, second VP, Jim Reagen, Barb O'Keefe, president, and Sonia Boysen, daughter of Persia Yates Boysen pose at the annual dinner.

Fort La Présentation honors several at annual dinner, award ceremony

OGDENSBURG -- The Fort La Présentation annual dinner and award ceremony was held on Friday evening at the Inn at the Gran View.

The event celebrated the 275th anniversary of Abbe Francois choosing the confluence of the St. Lawrence and Oswegatchie rivers as the site of the fort.

This year the Fort is honoring author and District 1 St. Lawrence

County Legislator James E. Reagen with the Persis Yates Boysen Award.

The award is "presented to the individuals or organizations who have made an outstanding contribution to sponsor the historically accurate reconstruction and ongoing presence of Fort La Presentation," the Fort said in a press release.

The David L. Dickinson Annual

Volunteer Award for "Outstanding Commitment of Time and Effort to Fort De La Présentation" was presented to Jody Tosti and B99.3FM Radio.

The Joseph Cosentino Award for "Special Recognition for Generous Commitment of Self and Resources to the Fort De La Présentation Project" was presented to Father F. James Shurtleff.

'Shop with a Cop' considered in O'Burg

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG - Ogdensburg school resource officer Ashley Streeter is seeking community support to launch a "shop with a cop" program.

"We are hoping to build community relationships while offering a fun experience for some of our communities' kids that may need extra support. We know that this program exists in other districts with a high rate of success and we are hoping to build the same here," she said in a letter to city council. "Our first ever Shop With A Cop

will be hosted at the Wal-Mart in Ogdensburg on Saturday, December 02, 2023 at 9 a.m. Wal-Mart has generously agreed to host us and we are looking forward to working with them."

For the event to succeed though, Streeter says community support is needed.

"Because of that, we are reaching out to you and other local businesses to seek donations to fund this event. Our union will also be participating and the goal is only to be able to raise enough money to fund this event that will enable the students to shop. We are hoping to budget between \$75-

\$100 per student, and would like to fund as many students in our district as we can. We hope you see the value in an event such as this and would like to participate," she wrote.

Those interested in donating to the program can drop off checks made payable to the Ogdensburg Patrolmen's Benevolent Association.

They can be dropped off or mailed otherwise Ogdensburg Police Department, 800 Park Street, Ogdensburg, 13669 in care of Ashley Streeter.

Ogdensburg Police Chief Mark Kearns said the programs will help provide local children with positive holiday experience and allow officers to connect with youth.

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Christmas cards for nursing homes

MASSENA - Leeann's Loving Spirit's, in honor of Leeann Planty, is doing a Christmas Card Train for a local nursing home to bring joy to all residents, according to Jennifer Dumers, creator of Leeann's Loving Spirit's Card Train Project.

Dumers said she started the card train in July 2023 and received 232 cards that month with cards still being sent. She decided to hold a second run, setting a deadline of Dec. 20.

All store-bought or homemade cards can be mailed to: Leeann's Living Spirit's, % Activities, 182 Highland Road, Massena, NY, 13662.

Brasher taxpayers to see slight increase in 2024 tax rate

BRASHER -- Taxpayers in Brasher will see a slight increase in the tax rate in 2024 after town officials adopted the 2024 budget recently.

The budget was adopted Nov. 8.

According to Town Supervisor Mark Peets, the tax rate will be \$3,7170 per \$1,000 assessed value for property owners.

Peets said that the tax rate increase is under the tax cap and represents an increase of four cents per \$1,000 from the 2023 budget.

The 2024 budget totals \$2,578,880 and calls for

\$653,593 to be raised through taxes.

Town officials say that breaks down to \$234,943 for the general fund and \$247,900 for the highway fund.

As for the salaries, the 2024 budget will pay out an \$18,000 salary for the supervisor, \$5,000 per council member, of which there are four, totaling \$20,000.

Also included in the budget is \$12,000 each for the two town justice positions, \$63,500 for the highway superintendent and an hourly salary of \$26.78 for highway employees.

Toys for Tots accepting applications; donations sought

Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots is accepting applications to receive toys for the holidays. Contact the agency closest to you for dates, times, and requirements and deadlines for signing up.

The locations accepting applications are Canton - Church and Community on Main Street; Ogdensburg - Online application only for Ogdensburg residents; Massena - The Salvation Army; Gouverneur - Gouverneur Public Library; Potsdam - Potsdam

Holiday Fund; Star Lake - Star Lake Elfs; Hammond - Hammond Library

For Ogdensburg residents only, the online family application is <https://ogdensburg-ny.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/local-toy-request-single-form.aspx>

Donation boxes are now in many stores around St. Lawrence County. Toys for Tots is accepting donations of any kind until Dec 15. Donations can also be made online at the Toys for Tots website.

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Home heating assistance available to SLC households in need

Home heating assistance (HEAP) applications will be accepted begin-

ning Nov. 1, throughout the state, including in St. Lawrence County.

HEAP can provide up to \$976 this winter to help low- and mid-

dle-income households and older adults keep their homes warm and

cope with high energy costs.

Applicants in St. Lawrence County can call 315-379-2111 for assistance.

The program, overseen by the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, is federally funded. Eligible households can receive one Regular benefit per season and could also be eligible for an Emergency benefit if they are in danger of running out of heating fuel or having their utility service shut off. Applications for emergency benefits will be accepted beginning January 2, 2024.

Eligible homeowners and renters may receive up to \$976 in heating assistance, depending on their income, household size, how they heat their home, and if the household contains a vulnerable member. A family of four may have a maximum gross monthly income of \$5,838, or an annual gross income of \$70,059 and still qualify for benefits.

Applications for assistance are accepted at local departments of social services and can be submitted online, through the mail or in person. Additionally, older adults needing assistance with HEAP applications can contact their local office for the aging or contact the NY Connects helpline at 1-800-342-9871.

OBITUARIES

Thelma R. Matott, 86 Canton

CANTON -- On November 14, 2023, we lost an important part of our family, Thelma R. Matott, age 86, at North Country Rehab and Nursing Center in Massena, after battling a short bout with cancer.



Thelma Matott

A graveside service will be held in the spring at Jerusalem Cemetery in Canton.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Frary Funeral Home, Massena.

Thelma was born on January 29, 1937, in Chazy, NY, the daughter of Ralph and Doris Turnbull Matott.

She graduated from Hugh C. Williams High School, and after graduation, she worked at the Kraft Cheese Plant in Sherburne.

She moved back to Canton to take care of her parents; she worked on the family farm. After her parents passed away, she became the caretaker of her brother, Leland until his passing.

Thelma worked for many years as the Assistant Manager at Dairy Queen in Canton until her retirement.

She is survived by her two sisters, Elaine McGill of Halesboro and Elaine Terry, of Canton, and many nieces and nephews.

She is predeceased by her brothers, Lloyd, Owen, Burton, Clinton, and Leland, and her sisters, Genevieve Wilma, and Joyce Durham.

Even though Thelma had no children of her own, she was a second mother to many of us. She was a kind and giving person who was always there when we needed her most. Thelma loved to do crossword puzzles and word searches. She enjoyed going outside and mowing her yard and planting flowers, and she was quite the card shark at playing rummy.

Memorial donations in Thelma's memory may be made to the Potsdam Humane Society; 17 Madrid Avenue, Potsdam, NY 13676.

Friends and family are invited to leave condolences for Thelma's family at www.fraryfuneralhomes.com.

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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

Gerald "Bruce" Smith, 83 Massena

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



Gerald Smith

Elisabeth "Elsie" Rutherford, 89

Madrid

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 predeceased 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.

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Elisabeth Rutherford

RECENT DEATHS

GERALD LYTLE, 69, Heuvelton, Nov. 12. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Massena.

MARTINA KENNEDY, 89, Massena, Nov. 13. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

EDWARD ST. THOMAS, 77, North Lawrence, Nov. 13. Arrangements with Donaldson Seymour Funeral Home, Potsdam.

GERALD SMITH, 83, Massena, Nov. 13. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

DONNA CUTWA, 74, Ogdensburg, Nov. 14. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

GAIL SHARLAND, 73, Ogdensburg, Nov. 14. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

CLAIRE MARLOW, 79, Ogdens-

burg, Nov. 15. Arrangements with LaRue & Pitcher Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

JUNE DAVIS, 89, Massena, Nov. 16. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

LINDA BERGERON, 69, Massena, Nov. 18. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, 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 Sorcha 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.

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.

Gray wants to ease ammo sale burden

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

North Country Assemblyman Scott Gray, R-Watertown, wants to ease the burden of purchasing ammunition for lawful gun owners in the State of New York.

The bill, A.8161, proposes that "a background check for the initial purchase of ammunition would still be required, however, upon approval, a certification will be issued that can be used for a twelve-month period."

Lawful gun owners would then be allowed to use the certificate for future purchases in that 12-month window instead of going through "another arduous background check."

Since Sept. 13 anyone buying a firearm or ammunition in New York has had to pay additional fees to the state in order to receive a background check. Fees for ammunition background checks are \$2.50 per transaction, while a background check for firearms is \$9 per transaction.

Lawmakers supporting the bill said that the measure was included to ensure that unauthorized persons would not be able to obtain firearms and ammunition. Critics argue the need for additional background checks for ammunition is unnecessary and redundant. They say the checks are another way for the state to limit or deny who can purchase ammunition and are equate to a tax on purchases.

Gray has argued the new ammunition background check and fee is burdensome to law-abiding gun owners. Numerous gun shops and citizens attempting to legally purchase ammunition have voiced displeasure with the system, citing delays in obtaining ammunition, Gray previously said.

"While I do not support the new Concealed Carry Improvement Act provisions, I aim to make some improvements," Gray said. Gray said it is a delicate balance between protecting the public and individual rights but hopes his legislation will strike that balance.



Rhonda Roethel | Submitted

Grinch parades in Ogdensburg

The Grinch made an appearance in the America 1 Realty float at the Ogdensburg Holiday Parade Saturday night. Many holiday floats were seen on State Street to the delight of a large crowd of spectators. Fireworks followed the parade at Greenbelt Park.

Concerns over "Clean Slate"

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

North Country representatives however, say it goes too far.

Walczyk said the governor's signing further contradicts her promise

to keep New Yorkers safe under her administration.

"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 give 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.

Gray voiced his opposition to 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.

Snowmobile association gets \$250K grant

CANTON -- St. Lawrence County Snowmobile Association has been awarded \$250,000 from round 13 of the Regional Economic Development Council Initiative.

The REDC will award \$26.6 million to 72 projects as part of the Environmental Protection Fund, along with \$2.4 million from the federally funded Recreational Trails Program, which will support 15 projects.

The grants for the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) will support two projects in the North Country, including the \$250,000 grant for the county snowmobile association to fund a new groomer for the Childwold SnoPackers to use on the Remsen Lake Placid Railroad Corridor.

The St Lawrence County Snowmobile Association is made up of eight clubs in the county; Childwold Sno Packers, Colton Sno-Skippers

Inc, Dairyland Snowmobile Club, Edwards Snowmobile Club, Grasse River Groomers, Heuvelton Punchlock Travelers, St Lawrence County Club, and TriTown Trailblazers.

The RTP is an assistance program with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration. In New York State, RTP is administered by the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP).

SLC arts groups to receive state arts money

The St. Lawrence County Arts Council has been awarded \$208,000 as part of the New Arts and Culture Grant award program.

Over \$80 million will be distributed through the program in 2024, with will support over 1,000 organizations and 500 indi-

vidual artists statewide.

In total, \$46 million was announced in this round of awards.

Funds from this round of awards will support organizations that include museums, visual arts programs, arts education organizations and music, dance and

theater companies.

Artists of various disciplines will also receive funding, along with targeted opportunities to support folk art apprenticeships for individual artists, rehearsal and studio spaces for the performing arts and performing arts residencies.

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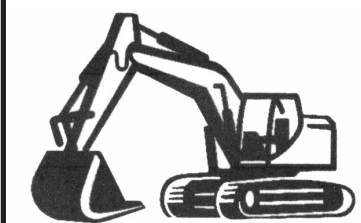
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County public safety complex renovation planned

BY PAUL MITCHELL
North Country This Week

CANTON – A major renovation of the St. Lawrence County Public Safety Complex in Court Street may shut down a section of Pearl Street for 9 to 12 months.

Mayor Michael Dalton delivered a brief update on the project to board members at its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 15.

The project is slated to begin in 2024.

In a letter to the mayor from County Administrator Ruth Doyle, the county has initiated the solicitation of bids and as the county looks toward the potential award of bids in the upcoming weeks, the county is looking carefully at the challenges with the “displacement of parking and construction equipment associated with the project.”

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.

The public safety complex was the first to be deemed ready for construction, county officials said at the time.

The acting architect on the project will be Beardsley Design & Associates, working on behalf of the county to conduct the necessary activities for the bid process.

Joe Prashaw, the buildings and grounds supervisor assigned to the county administrator’s office, will be assigned to represent the county as the owner’s representative and clerk of the works.

Work began with the Buildings and Grounds Committee assembling the departments, at which time they brought in a firm to design the space.

St. Lawrence County renovated the building at 49 1/2 Court Street in 1994 but officials say long overdue upgrades will need to be completed next year.

As part of the renovations, the building was changed from an emergency bunker to a public safety complex that included a new administrative office space for economic development, as well as the One-Stop 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 to county officials.

Once the renovations are complete, the upgrades to the radio system will increase the volume in the center with an additional two desks and capacity for two more in the future.

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

In 2021, District Attorney Gary Pasqua had also shown interest in sharing the space in the public safety complex as well, according to county officials.

Officials say adequate office space, updating the PSAP, creating an official Emergency Operations Center adjacent to the department and providing secure access points were the primary initiatives.

According to officials, the hope is that the project will “assimilate law enforcement and the District Attorney’s Office in one location and make dramatic improvements to the PSAP (911 Center) to increase capacity and improve service.”

Massena police seek help following \$7,300 in thefts

MASSENA – New York State Police in Massena is requesting assistance from the public with identifying three unknown individuals who allegedly stole up to \$7,300 from two Massena businesses on Nov. 13.

The three individuals are photographed entering Ollie’s Bargain

Outlet and later in that evening BJ’s Wholesale Club at the St. Lawrence Centre.

If anyone recognizes the individuals in the photos, they are asked to contact State Police Massena, at 315-379-0012.

To view the photo, see <https://bit.ly/40Ru84w>.

Thanksgiving DWI crackdown

St. Lawrence County police agencies along with STOP-DWI will participate in special efforts to bring awareness to the dangers of impaired driving during the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend.

In the next week, millions of people will hit the roads eager to spend time with family and friends for Thanksgiving. It is one of the busiest travel times of the year, and unfortunately more people on the roadways means an increase in the potential for vehicle crashes.

“Thanksgiving is essentially the “kick-off” to the holiday season. Not only do we see an increase in travel during this time of year, but we also see an increase in impaired driving. During the Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend, law enforcement across the state will increase their efforts to keep

impaired drivers off the roads. The statewide STOP-DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign will start on November 22, 2023 and will end on November 26, 2023,” said Melissa Button, St. Lawrence County STOP DWI Director.

The STOP-DWI Thanksgiving High Visibility Engagement Campaign is one of many statewide initiatives promoted by STOP-DWI NY and the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee. The Statewide STOP-DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign also targets Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day/End of Summer, Halloween, Holiday Season, Super Bowl weekend and St. Patrick’s Day.

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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 manmade by local people with disabilities in St. Lawrence County.

Local vendors draw hundreds of shoppers ahead of holidays

OGDENSBURG — With over 100 vendors participating this year, Ogdensburg's Holiday Craft Fair drew hundreds from throughout St. Lawrence County and beyond on Saturday, Nov. 18.

Display tables filled John F. Kennedy School's gyms, cafeteria, and countless hallways.

Santa and Mrs. Claus were a big hit with the many children who visited with them at the craft fair.

Also popular were the wide variety of crafts for sale, from holiday decor to jewelry, soap, candles, maple products, quilts, paintings, sewing crafts and woodwork.

Many local organizations shared

information with attendees, including the Frederic Remington Museum, Kiwanis Club and Lions Club.

A number of sweet treats were available to satisfy anyone's sweet tooth, from cheesecake on a stick to candy and cookies.

Block-o-Boosters sold sports clothing as a fundraiser for the Boosters for the Blue Devils sports programs.

The craft fair was organized by Chris LaLone and Michelle Morrison, and other members of the Seaway Festival Booster Club.

Proceeds from the craft fair will support next year's Seaway International Festival.

SLC multi-use trail system budget modified

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

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

Legislators approved the resolution 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 Recreation 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.

SLC legislators continue preparations for influx of visitors to view 2024 solar eclipse

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- St. Lawrence County legislators are moving forward with a Planning and Emergency Management Ad Hoc Committee in preparation for the 2024 solar eclipse.

Officials say St. Lawrence County has been identified as one of the "premier locations to observe the total solar eclipse in the United States" but that notoriety may bring a number of unique challenges.

This will be the last total solar eclipse until 2144, 120 years away, he said.

According to multiple resources, including NASA and the American Astronomical Society Solar Eclipse Task Force, the path of the total eclipse will cross through St. Lawrence County, with the very middle of the eclipse crossing the bottom third of the county.

That will occur between 3:20 p.m. to roughly 3:26 p.m. and will last for two and a half to three and a half minutes.

County officials say they expect anywhere from 50,000 to 150,000 visitors to the county, which will "significantly contribute to the local tourism economy and marketing of the county."

Despite the positives that will come with enhanced tourism, officials say the influx of visitors will contribute to a "short, although tremendous impact on resources available in the county."

That impact could greatly and negatively affect emergency services and response times, officials say.

In the best interest of public safety, officials opted to organize a local planning effort and committee to advise and make recommendations to the board of legislators on a formal safety plan.

The committee will advise legislators policies related to public safety, public health, traffic control, community events, marketing

and emergency planning sufficient to address the crowds expected in St. Lawrence County.

According to Emergency Services Director Matt Denner, Emergency Services has been drafting an emergency management plan for the event and has distributed it to legislators for consideration.

Denner said some of the unique challenges the county will face include transportation, with limited highways in the central zone of the eclipse.

Some areas may face mass congestion, especially with viewers pulling off to the side of the highway or other public highways for viewing.

That mass congestion will also potentially cause issues with cell phone coverage, with thousands of extra devices taking up the already limited bandwidth in many areas.

The inability to make calls in

the event of a medical emergency are a concern, especially now that land lines are no longer prevalent, Denner previously told legislators.

Denner said the influx of tourists will also provide Emergency Services with an opportunity to exercise multiple plans and annexes that typically are only simulated as well.

One concern many at the state and county level have raised is the potential for cell coverage to be limited as a result of the influx of people.

Denner said cell phone coverage is a primary concern that has already been identified by the state, noting that the possibility of adding temporary cell towers has been raised to mitigate those concerns.

For more information about the total eclipse, visit: solarsystem.nasa.gov/eclipses/2024/apr-8-to-tal/overview/.

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Notice of Formation of Post Trauma Scene Decon. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-10-26. Office location: Saint Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to James Smith: 114 S Grasse River Rd Massena NY 13662. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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Notice of Formation of MaxiMush LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-08-09. Office location: Saint Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to United States Corporation Agents, Inc.: 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202 Brooklyn NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful purpose



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CATALYST CAMPAIGN PARTNERS LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 10/2/23, St. Lawrence Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to Zenbusiness Inc. 41 State St #112 Albany, NY 12207 General Purpose

LOUISVILLE PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Town of Louisville Planning Board will hold a public meeting on December 5, 2023 at 6:30pm at the Thomas J. Carroll Louisville Municipal Building located at 14810 SH 37. The meeting will be held to discuss a subdivision of tax map #16.003-1-14.1 and such other and further business as may come before the board. November 15, 2023 Louisville Planning Board Terri O'Keefe, Code Clerk

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Notice of Formation of Cory's Auto Repair LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-08-17. Office location: Saint Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Cory's Auto Repair LLC: 6182 US Highway 11 Canton NY 13617. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

OGDENSBURG LEGAL NOTICE

City of Ogdensburg 330 Ford Street Ogdensburg, NY 13669
Legal Notice - 2023
November Water Rates
November water rates are now due and may be paid at the City Comptroller's Office, Room 5, City Hall, 330 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, NY during the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, for thirty (30) days from date of notice without penalty. **Please note that we do have a drop box on the Caroline Street side of the building marked "Envelope Depository". After Wednesday, December 6, 2023,** a penalty of 10% will be added. Invoices have been mailed and should be presented when making payment. Failure to receive a bill does not entitle the customer to the net rate. You may now pay your City of Ogdensburg taxes and utility bills by Internet. Visit the City website at www.ogdensburg.org to pay current and past due bills by credit card, debit card or e-check. **Please see the acceptance agreement for service charges.** If you have any questions, please contact the City Comptroller's Office at 393-1860. Dated: November 3, 2023 Andrea Smith City Planning & Development

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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

CANTON ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Town of Canton Highway Department
The Town of Canton Highway Department is seeking bids for the purchase of one new 15' Beau-Roc dump body model DH. Specification sheets for the unit can be obtained at the highway superintendent's of at 9 Stiles Avenue, Canton, NY 13617. The Vendor shall represent said company and be authorized to sell their products. All bids must be received by the Town of Canton Clerk, 60 Main Street, Canton, NY 13617 on or before noon December 13, 2023 in a sealed envelope. Bids will be opened and considered at noon the same day. The town reserves the right to reject any or all bids. A non-collusion bidding certificate is required with all bids. 11-15-2023 Steven J. Smith Highway Superintendent Town of Canton



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PARISHVILLE LEGAL NOTICE

ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE PARISHVILLE FIRE DISTRICT

On December 12, 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Election of the Parishville Fire District will take place on December 12, 2023 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Parishville Fire Station located at 1714 State Highway 72, Parishville, New York 13672 for the purpose of electing one Fire Commissioner for a five (5) year term, commencing January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2028 and one Secretary/Treasurer for a three (3) year term, commencing January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2026. All voters registered with the St. Lawrence County Board of Elections who reside in the Parishville Fire District shall be eligible to vote.

OGDENSBURG REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Ogdensburg Bridge & Port Authority is seeking an experienced firm to assist with all phases of site evaluation, design, and construction oversight. The intent and purpose of this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is to solicit responses for selection of an architectural/engineering firm to provide Preliminary Design, Final Design, Construction Support and Construction Inspection services for the construction of a 15,000 square foot Child Care Facility on the Commerce Park Campus in Ogdensburg, NY. To request the submission package, please contact Karin Blackburn at kblackburn@ogdensport.com or 315-393-4080 xt. 221.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE

The State University of New York at Potsdam will receive sealed bids for Project D000826 titled Satterlee Clock Tower Rehabilitation until 3:00 pm local time on Friday, December 1, 2023, at Raymond Hall, Room 518, where such proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. All work on Campus for this contract will be performed between May 20, 2024, and completed by December 1, 2024. Bidding and Contract Documents may be examined free of charge at www.nyscr.ny.gov. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on November 16th, 2023, at 11:00 am local time. All attendees are to meet at SUNY Potsdam, Raymond Hall 518. You need to confirm your attendance by emailing a RSVP to cobbsm@potsdam.edu providing the name, address, and telephone number of your company and the number of people attending. Questions will be accepted from interested bidders through Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 3:00 pm via email at cobbsm@potsdam.edu. Questions received after that time will not be answered. Answers to those questions will be provided and uploaded to the www.nyscr.ny.gov advertisement by Tuesday, November 28, 2023. The State University of New York reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Chair of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators that the Chair and the Members of the Board of Legislators of the County of St. Lawrence will meet at the Board of Legislators' Chambers, Court House, located at 48 Court Street, Canton, New York, at 5:50 p.m. on Monday, December 4, 2023, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing regarding:

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW D, (NO.) FOR THE YEAR 2023 "TAX CAP OVERRIDE FOR FY 2024"

BE IT ENACTED by the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators that Pursuant to Chapter 97-2011 of the Laws of the State of New York and Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law Overriding Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2024 that:

Section 1. TITLE OF THE LOCAL LAW
This Local Law shall be entitled "Tax Cap Override for FY 2024." Overriding Tax Levy Limit for 2024.

Section 2. AUTHORIZATION
For fiscal year 2024, the County of St. Lawrence shall override the real property tax levy limit established by Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 of the State of New York and may adopt a budget requiring a tax levy that is greater than such tax levy limit.

Section 3. VOTE REQUIREMENT
This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of the General Municipal Law § 3-C, which expressly authorizes the County Board of Legislators to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Board.

Section 4. PURPOSE
The purpose of this local law is to permit the override of the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the County of St. Lawrence, and to allow the County to adopt a county budget for the fiscal year 2024 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-C.

Section 5. DEFINITION
Tax Cap Override for FY 2024 The County Board of Legislators, County of St. Lawrence, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for FY 2024 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise proscribed in General Municipal Law § 3-C.

Section 6. SUPERSESSON
Pursuant to the powers granted by the Municipal Home Rule, this Local Law supersedes all provisions of any other laws in the County of St. Lawrence, in so far as such statutes are inconsistent with this Local Law and any other laws or regulations of the County of St. Lawrence are superseded to the extent necessary to give this Local Law full force and effect. All other provisions shall remain the same.

Section 7. SEVERABILITY
Each separate provision of this Local Law shall be deemed independent of all other provisions therein, and if any provisions shall be deemed or declared invalid, all other provisions hereof shall remain valid and enforceable.

Section 8. EFFECTIVE DATE
This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the Secretary of State, in accordance with Municipal Home Rule Law § 27.

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BRASHER NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the Brasher Falls Central School District on October 16, 2023, a special meeting of the qualified voters of the School District be and the same is hereby called to be held in the Middle School Gymnasium of the Brasher Falls Middle/High School, 1039 State Highway 11C, Brasher Falls, New York, on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m. prevailing time for the purpose of voting on the following propositions:

PROPOSITION #1

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to: (1) construct improvements to and reconstruct, renovate and improve various School District buildings, facilities, and sites, acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings, facilities and sites are to be used and pay costs incidental thereto, at a maximum aggregate cost of \$12,562,000; (2) expend such sum for such purpose, including the expenditure of \$712,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account State aid and the expenditure of funds from the Capital Reserve Fund; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$11,850,000, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

PROPOSITION #2

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to: (1) purchase approximately 0.3388 acres of land located at 46 George Street (Tax Map No. 35.046-1-29) and the building, fixtures and other improvements thereon, at a maximum aggregate cost of \$38,000; and (2) expend \$38,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund to finance such purchase?

The vote upon such propositions shall be by paper ballot or absentee ballot. The hours during which the polls shall be kept open shall be from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. prevailing time or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 8:00 p.m. to cast their ballots.

The qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote at said special meeting of voters. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the special meeting of voters. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at special meeting of voters to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law section 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

Applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the School District Clerk. Applications for absentee ballots must be received by the School District Clerk at least seven days prior to the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or on or prior to December 12, 2023, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on December 13, 2023.

The Education Law makes special provision for absentee voting by "permanently disabled" voters of the District and any questions regarding these rights should be directed to the Clerk of the board. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection on each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the vote (except Saturday and Sunday) and on the day of the vote in the Office of the School District Clerk, during regular office hours between 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the absentee voter's ballot of any person on such list, by making his challenge and the reasons therefor known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

The Education Law also makes special provisions for absentee voting for "military" voters of the District. Specifically, the law provides a unique procedure for "military ballots" in school district votes.

Whereas absentee ballot applications and absentee ballots must be received by the voter by mail, a military voter may elect to receive his/her absentee ballot application and absentee ballot by mail, email or facsimile. The military voter must, however, return his/her original military ballot application and military ballot by mail or in person. The Clerk of the Board shall transmit the military voter's military ballot in accord with the military voter's preferred method of transmission not later than twenty-five (25) days before the vote. The Clerk of the Board must then receive the military voter's military ballot by mail or in person not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote.

Cindy Delisle, District Clerk
Brasher Falls Central School District

NORTH COUNTRY OPINION

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

First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Crisis affecting people with autism

There is a crisis affecting people with autism in our local schools and communities. People who interact regularly with people with autism often have little or no information to guide them.

This is a crisis because it leads to inappropriate reactions when the behavior of people with autism doesn't comply with what is considered to be "normal."

It leads to punishment rather than effective handling of behavioral issues. Misunderstandings result

in trauma for people with autism, and escalation rather than de-escalation of issues.

How do I know this is a crisis? I talk with parents of children with autism. Over a few days, I collected 27 stories from North Country parents of children with autism whose child had been punished in a local school due to misunderstandings that could have been avoided.

Almost unanimously, I hear horror stories of what children with autism and their families experience simply because people who interact with them regularly don't have fundamental information about the unique characteristics of many people with autism.

For instance, some people with autism need to look away from you when you speak in order to focus on what you are saying. This is one of '20 Tips' we have compiled. Each describes something unique to many people with autism that we can't be expected to know unless we are informed of it.

Another of our '20 tips' is that some people with autism are petrified of physical contact so a well-intended pat on the back can cause a tantrum. Or a sound you and I might hardly notice can be deafening to some people with autism.

There is something you can do about it. Inquire about our two-hour "Discussion Session." This includes a focus on '20 Tips,' brief videos of people with autism explaining what their lives are like, and interesting table-top discussions. We do not charge for our services and resources, and none of us is paid any kind of stipend.

This two-hour "Discussion

'This is a crisis because it leads to inappropriate reactions when the behavior of people with autism doesn't comply with what is considered to be normal.'

Don Mesibov
Autism Initiative

Session" can be conducted with an entire staff, or with as few as ten people at a time. It can be held remotely or in-person. It is for school personnel, community organizations, or first responders. I can be reached at demesibov@gmail.com. For free resources check out our website: learningcentered.org

Don Mesibov, Director
Institute for Learning Centered Education Autism Initiative, Potsdam

Thankful for contracting work

This letter is a followup to my letter entitled "Be Aware or Beware."

To reiterate, I spent many hours and days attempting to hire a contractor to do repairs.

Unfortunately some of the calls

were never answered. I left messages for others with no return calls and some who made appointments to come and see the projects to be done never showed up.

Needless to say, all this was very disheartening.

Then there was a breakthrough, which calls for a very sincere "thank you" to two contractors that were most helpful. These contractors went out their way to assist me.

They are not from St. Lawrence County but are from Jefferson County.

In appreciation, a big "thank You" to Harringars Contracting and Ron Rumble Roofing.

Helen A. Knepp
Ogdensburg



Tari Briggs | Submitted

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To learn more, contact our Clinical and Rural Health Research team at (315) 261-6311 or SLHResearch@rochesterregional.org.



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NCNOW SURVEY

The Question:

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

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?

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?'

'Some lady in a developing country is watching their kid die from a preventable disease while you complain about clinical trials. The ungratitude is surreal.'

'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.'

HERE ARE COMMENTS from some survey participants:

'I don't want any part of this scheme! I value my body and life'

'Clinical research is essential to all medication development. Without

'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.'

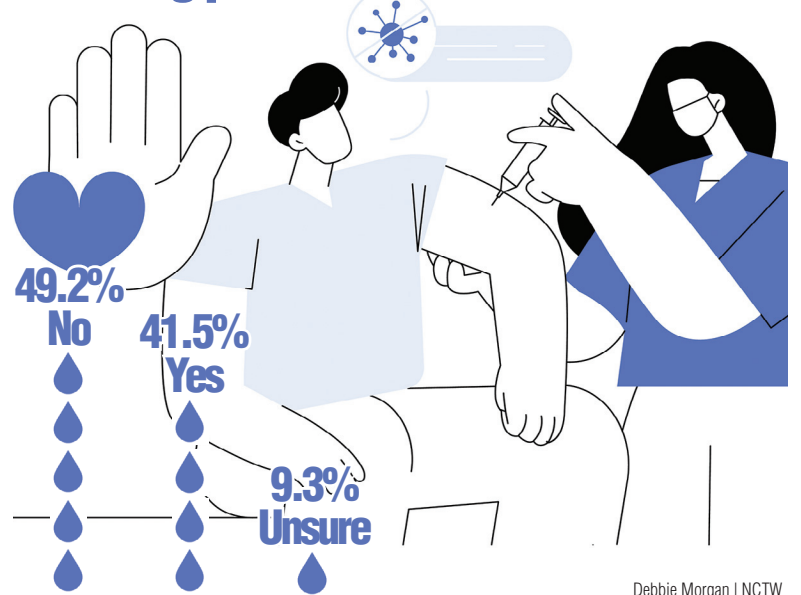
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TO TAKE THE CURRENT SURVEY, visit <https://bit.ly/40KFG9Q>.

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

The NCNow Survey is an unscientific poll of visitors to NorthCountryNow.com who choose to participate.

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



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bad reporting on 'Clean Slate'

I am writing about the article about clean slate laws. In it, you state:
"Stec voted against this legislation when it came to the Senate floor earlier this year. Now that

it's become law, it continues the trend of laws passed by the Democrat-controlled Legislature and Governor's office that enable and protect repeat offenders at the expense of our families and businesses."

Is this a press release or actual reporting? Because I don't think that Republicans speak for Americans as they have shown to only like tax breaks for the rich and imposing their beliefs on others.

Also, offenders do have the same rights as other people including the right to privacy. Many crimes and past offenses do not need to be available knowledge to the public. On top of that, it pushes the narrative that all criminals will only hurt you when in reality there are reformed criminals.

But I'm just a member of the Democratic Party in a massively red county who sees how backwards Republicans are.

Jeffrey Wilson
Massena

Special pilgrimage for Halloween

For Halloween, I was a pilgrim. On October 31st, I began a five-day, 115-kilometer pilgrimage across Galicia, Spain, in the footsteps of those who've hiked to Santiago de Compostela since the 9th century AD, where the bones of St. James the Apostle lay.

The Camino de Santiago, the "Way of St. James," is moderately strenuous hiking. It trails through forests and farms, cutting into small villages with cobblestone streets. Each day's six to eight hour, 20 to 30 km hike has dozens of cafes along the way to grab a hot meal plus a dated stamp for your "Camino" passport booklet. Each

major town has hostels catering to hikers for €10 Euros per night, a small Catholic church for the nightly pilgrim Mass, and restaurants offering €12 to €15 Euro "peregrino" menus, three course meals with a bottle of wine.

I traveled solo but wasn't alone. I met a 74-year-old Australian man hiking the full 700 plus kilometer Camino over 30 days, beginning in France, where he crossed the Pyrenees into Spain, twice a day calling his wife of 40 years back home. I shared dinner and a bottle of wine with a cute Brazilian woman, a PhD in art history hiking the full Camino on a work leave. I hiked two days with a German woman on vacation and, like me, only hiking the final five days, the minimum 100km needed for pilgrimage credit. She hiked for health reasons, not religious, jokingly saying she wanted to firm up her backside, which did not need firming up. We dined together with a bubbly Taiwanese couple on the Camino for their honeymoon, out for a month-long outdoorsy and culinary adventure.

Yes, I should mention the food. Pulpa, or octopus, cooked in olive oil is plentiful along the Camino. Cuttlefish, jamon, patatas bravas, olives, vino tinto and vino blanco. Evening meals brought just as much joy as the beautiful hiking scenery.

The final few kilometers approaching the Santiago Cathedral felt endless, yet also exhilarating. You feel this calm, this sense of peace arriving at the Cathedral. Other hikers laying on the ground, their backpacks sprawled out. Some of us had talked about partying like crazy in Santiago, but my final night was an easy evening in the hostel common room with my Brazilian PhD friend, my Aussie friend, and others, and €1.30 Euro cans of Estrella Galicia beer from the vending machine.

Sean Pidgeon
Morristown

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Our mission is to provide funds to support the strategic priorities of CPH and GH, and this would not be possible without philanthropic support.

Each year, gifts from individuals, corporations, foundations, and friends allow the Foundation the means to invest in new technology and life-saving medical equipment, launch innovative new programs to improve the health of our community, and move forward with new and updated facilities.

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Popular Celtic group to perform



Pickens Hall photo

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

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/296v7372>.

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.

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 Facebook 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 13.

Remington hosting annual Holiday Open House

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 decorations, 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 Realty. 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

SEE **REMINGTON** ON 13.



Remington photo

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WHAT'S GOING ON

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.

Author signing

RENSELAER 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.

Seniors dance

MASSENA -- The Massena Senior Citizens is hosting a dance on Saturday, Nov. 25 at 61 Beach Street in Massena. Stealin Country will be playing 5-9 p.m. Cover charge is \$5. Kitchen is open from 4:30-7. The public is welcome.

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.

Jingle & Mingle

MASSENA — The Jingle & Mingle Craft Show will be held Saturday, Nov. 25 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the St Lawrence Centre Mall. More than 40 vendors are expected. Free and open to the public. Free pictures with Santa will be from 12-2 p.m.; bring your own camera. Free 40-minute show by Buttons the Top Shelf Elf at 2:30 p.m. Text 315-705-1300 with any questions.

BackWater Duo

OGDENSBURG -- The BackWater Duo will perform Saturday, Nov. 25 at 6 p.m. at The Bayside Grill, 1702 Ford St.

MONDAY, NOV. 27

Safe driving course

OGDENSBURG — Ogdensburg City School District will hold a five-hour safe driving course on Monday, Nov. 27 and Tuesday, Nov. 28. Call Cindy O'Grady at 315-393-0900 x31920 to register.

WEDS, NOV. 29

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.

THURSDAY, NOV. 30

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

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of the month from 2 to 4 p.m. The center is located at 3662 County Route 14 Madrid (Old Madrid School).

Chicken and biscuit

HEUVELTON -- A chicken and biscuit free will dinner will be held at the Heuvelton United Methodist Church, Lisbon Street, on Nov. 30 at 4:30-6 p.m. Menu also includes potatoes, other sides, dessert and drinks. The meal is free, but donations are welcome. A limited number of take-overs available starting at the earliest at 5 p.m. If canceled due to weather, the meal will be offered Dec. 7.

FRIDAY, DEC. 1 Karaoke at Amvets

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

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.

Holiday sale

GOVERNEUR -- The Gouverneur Hospital Auxiliary is having a holiday sale Friday, Dec. 1, from 12-6 p.m. in the Gouverneur Hospital Community Room, 77 West Barney Street. The sale will include decorated trees, Christmas decorations, knitted items, handmade items suitable for gift giving, gift baskets and gently used items. Proceeds from the sale will be used to advance and promote the welfare of the Gouverneur Hospital.

Holiday Pajama Party

MASSENA -- A holiday pajamas movie party will be held Friday, Dec. 1, from 4-7 p.m. at the New York Power Authority's Hawkins Point Visitors Center with a visit from Santa, movies in the theater, and craft projects. To pre-register call 315-764-6679 or email John.Lashomb@NYPA.gov. to receive a special holiday memento. The visitor center is located at 21 Hawkins Point Rd, Massena.

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.

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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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. Massena PAL is looking for items to be donated for the auction, vendors to set-up tables, and entries into the chili cook-off. 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 holiday, craft and white elephant items to purchase. Soups, casseroles and baked goods will be available for takeout. A wide assortment of gift baskets will be raffled. Complimentary refreshments.

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.

Snowflake sale

OGDENSBURG -- The Presbyterian Women's Group of the First Presbyterian Church of Ogdensburg will hold their annual Snowflake Sale on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church, corner of Ford and Franklin Street. There will be holiday crafts, knitted items, various other crafts and Christmas decor available for purchase. There will also be basket raffles and a bake sale.

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. The 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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"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 .

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includes fun pieces called Who

Let the Elves Out? and Hallelujah Chorus.

The Museum Shop carries unique gifts including framed prints, bronze sculpture reproductions, art books, posters, clothing, and more. For the Holiday Open House, the Shop offers discounts on select items in celebration of the season.

For holiday shoppers who want to find presents with a local flavor, the event will feature a number of local artisans including St. Lawrence Soap Co., River Rat Designs, Attagirl Soaps, Bregg Winery, J. Hackett Cliff & Co., Curated Calm, Coyote Moon Vineyards, Not Your Average Cookie, Tom's Got Wood, Dark Island Spirits - Distillery & Lounge, Eye Candy Jewelry, Art bbyy Maria PP and Newcombe's Maple Ridge.

Other local products carried in the museum shop include River House soap, books by local authors including Jim Reagan, Barbara Briggs Ward and Shari T. Mitchell, notecards by Pat Harrington, Chipewa Creek Farm maple syrup and Paintings by Carol Backus.

The Frederic Remington Art Museum invites visitors to stroll through its galleries during the event.

The Museum will have staff and docents on hand, prepared to answer your questions about Frederic Remington and engage in conversation about his art. Visitors can also take a peek at the 2023 New York State Juried Art Exhibition in the Museum's Richard E. Winter Gallery & Torrey Family Gallery. Many of the works on display are for sale with one third of the proceeds to benefit the museum, and two thirds going to the artist.

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.

Xmas concert in Waddington

WADDINGTON -- A Christmas concert will be held Sunday, Dec. 3, at 2 p.m. at the historic St. Paul's Church, 129 Lincoln Avenue.

Waddington Historical Association hosts the First Sunday's Concert Series on the first Sunday of each month in the fall and spring.

The concert is free, but donations will be gladly accepted.

The Christmas concert will be the last of the fall concerts this year.

It is made possible with funds from the statewide Community Re-grants Program of the NYS Council on the Arts, with the support of the Office of the Governor of NYS Legislature, and administered by St. Lawrence County Arts Council.

Creating decorations

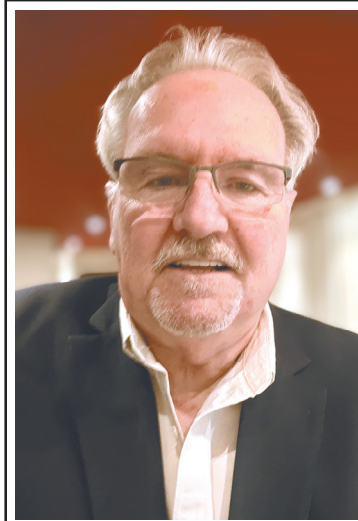
OGDENSBURG -- Creating your own holiday decorations and playing with Lego bricks are being hosted at Ogdensburg Public Library in December.

Paint Christmas tree bulbs to take home and decorate your home on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 5 p.m. The activity is designed for ages 8

and up.

Also, take-home crafts featuring a different winter holiday each week until Christmas is being offered.

Lego play is being held December 20, 5-7 p.m. for ages 8-12. Complete a challenge or just experiment on your own with Lego bricks.



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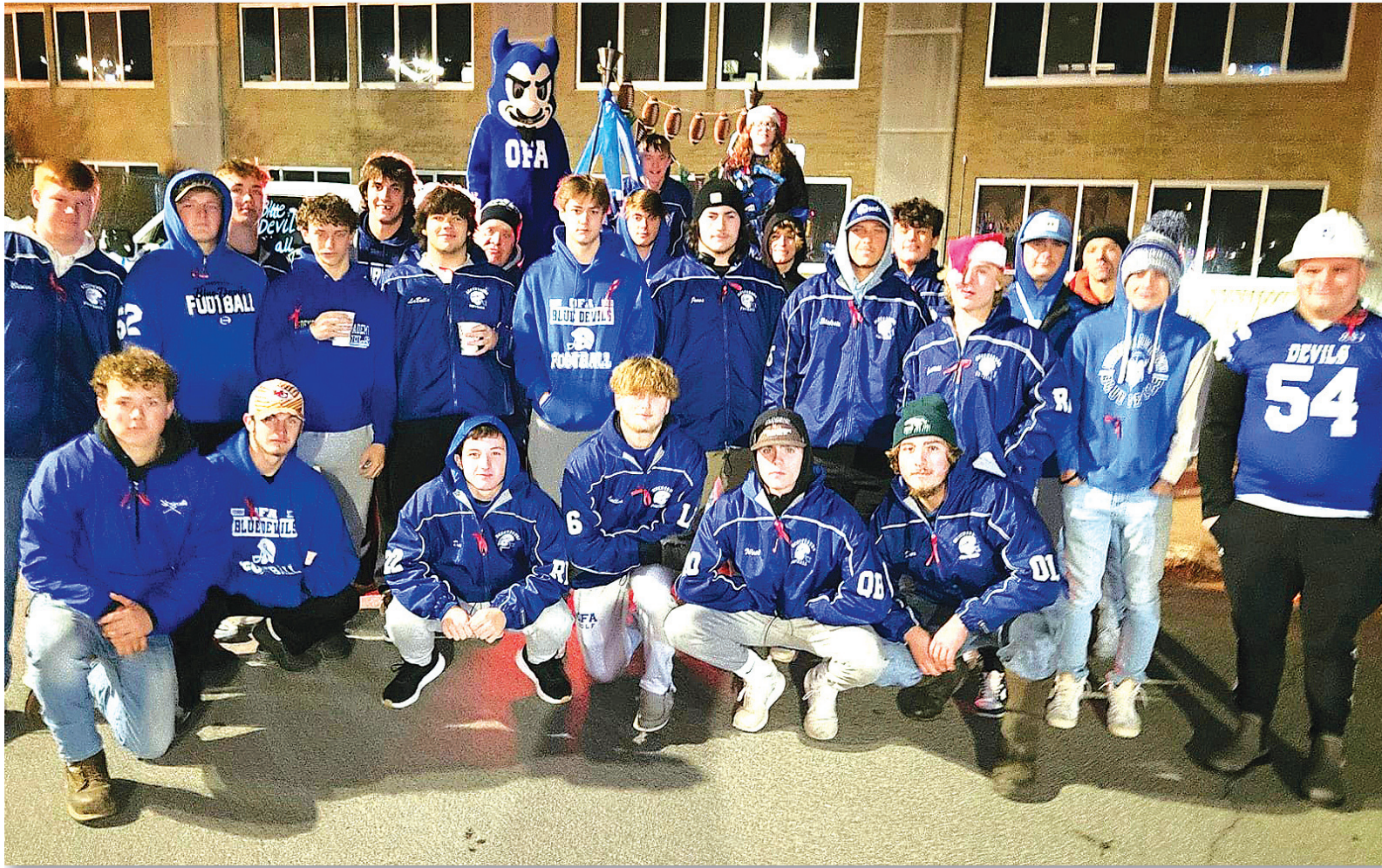
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Honoring Roethel

The Ogdensburg Free Academy football team honored Blair Roethel by wearing red ribbons in the Holiday Parade Saturday night. Roethel was honored for being a firefighter for 38 years and a big part of our community, said.

Park will get holiday decorations

MASSENA -- This holiday season the Massena Valley Garden Club will decorate the Veterans Memorial Park on Andrews Street in Massena, thanks to donations from the American Legion Post 79 and AmVets Post 4.

It has been a very long time since any decorations were placed in the Park, say organizers.

Plans are to add wreaths to the entrance pillars, wrapping lighting on the trees along the path leading to the monuments, decorate the gazebo with red bows made by Massena Downtown Florists, garland, lights, and a 7-foot lighted tree in the gazebo. The lights will be shining from Thanksgiving through early January.

Earlier this summer the Massena Valley Garden Club used a portion of the donations to beautify the downtown area and the Veterans Memorial Park. The group was able to provide flowers for the downtown planters and other areas in the Village.

The Veterans Park holiday project is spearheaded by the Garden Club's decorating committee consisting of Stephanie Olsen, Chairperson, Cheryl Lattimer, Betty Robillard, Leslie Robin and Katie Deslauriers and in coordination with the Massena Village Department of Public Works.

Holiday parade draws many

OGDENSBURG — Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus and the Grinch were among the holiday characters at Ogdensburg's annual Holiday Parade Saturday night.

Dozens of area businesses and organizations also participated with holiday themed floats.

Many people in the parade threw out candy to the delight of children lining State Street.

Several firetrucks and rescue vehicles from St. Lawrence County were lit up as they drove in the parade.

The Ogdensburg Free Academy football team wore red ribbons to honor longtime firefighter Blair Roethel.

Making cards

MASSENA — All are invited to help make holiday cards for local senior centers.

The event will be held at Nicandri Nature Center on Friday, Dec. 1, at 11:00 a.m.

All supplies will be provided. No registration is required.

Several homeschool parents and kids are getting together and would love others to join them.

For more information please contact The Nicandri Nature Center at 315 705-5022 or email info@massenanaturecenter.com

Holiday pajama party planned at Hawkins Point

MASSENA— A holiday pajamas movie party will be held Friday, Dec. 1, from 4-7 p.m. at the New York Power Authority's Hawkins Point Visitors Center.

The party will feature movies, craft projects and a visit from Santa Claus. Movies will be shown in the

visitor center theater.

Reservations can be made by calling 315-764-6679.

All children who are preregistered will receive a special holiday memento.

Reservations may also be made by emailing John.Lashomb@NYPA.

gov.

Visitors can also sample hands-on exhibits at the Hawkins Point facility, which presents information on water power and the St. Lawrence-FDR project, basics of electricity and uses of electricity.

Another highlight is the panoramic view of the project's power dam from Hawkins Point.

The visitor center is located at 21 Hawkins Point Rd, Massena.

Frozen Foote returning to Canton

CANTON — The first of four Frozen Foote races will be held Dec. 9. Registration will take place on race day in the Newell Field House atrium on the St. Lawrence University campus in Canton.

Each race is held on the second Saturday of the month. Race dates are Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, and March 9.

Registration opens at 9:30 a.m. with a starting time of 10:30 a.m. Race fee will be \$10 for the series and \$4 for an individual race. Walkers are encouraged to begin early so everyone is off the course before noon.

Runners and walkers of all ages and abilities are encouraged to participate. This is a 4 mile out-and-back route along Miner Street Road. Those who complete at least 3 of the 4 of the events will receive a long-sleeved T-shirt. You must record your shirt size when registering in January and February and be present in March to pick up your shirt.

For further information contact Suna Stone at smcmasters@stlawu.edu or (315) 229-5105.

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7:00, 9:00 pm Nightly R
Fri, Sat, Sun 1:30

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7:00, 10:00 pm Nightly PG
Fri, Sat, Sun 12:45, 3:00

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Fri, Sat, Sun 12:30, 3:00

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NOTABLE

Eliza Ramsey, a senior at Morristown Central School, has been named the Greater Ogdensburg Chamber of Commerce BOCES Student of the Month for October. Eliza is a student in the Culinary Arts Program at Northwest Tech BOCES in Ogdensburg. Eliza received a Certificate of Achievement from BOCES and a plaque from the Greater Ogdensburg Chamber of Commerce. The Student of the Month Program is sponsored by the Greater Ogdensburg Chamber of Commerce.

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Several members of the Massena karate club achieved the rank black belt and advanced black belt.

New black belts at Massena karate club

MASSENA – The Massena karate club recently hosted advanced rank testing for NNY Zen Do Kai. Achieving black belt was Zack Sweeney from Malone. Also achieving advanced black belt rank were

Elizabeth Hewlett, Patti Shirley, Dave Pepe from Massena and Dave Guccione from Canton. Zen Do Kai has been offering karate training for all ages for 50 years in Massena.

Training in traditional martial arts can enhance self confidence, discipline, and physical fitness. For more information contact Patti Shirley at 315-842-7912.

Hospice earns five-star rating

POTSDAM – Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley has been recognized as a five-star organization, solidifying its reputation among the top hospices in the nation, a press release from the organization said.

“This recognition underscores our team’s unwavering commitment to providing compassionate, patient-centered care, with a meticulous focus on detail and continuous quality improvement. It’s a testament to the trust and positive experiences of our patients and their families,” said Executive Director Ruth Fishbeck.

Highlighting the exclusivity of this accomplishment, Fishbeck noted that only 10% of hospices, both nationally and within New York state, have achieved the prestigious five-star status.

Out of 2,026 hospices across the United States, 195 have received this distinguished rating, determined through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems Hospice Survey

(CAHPS).

In each individual category evaluated by the CAHPS Hospice Survey, Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley received a five-star rating.

“Our commitment to effective communication with families, providing timely assistance, treating patients with respect, offering emotional and spiritual support, managing pain and symptoms, family training, and achieving an overall positive hospice rating showcases our dedication to excellence,” Fishbeck said.

“As Board President, I am immensely proud of the collective effort that has led to this prestigious five-star rating. It reflects our commitment to not only meet but exceed the expectations of our community. This accomplishment is a testament to the dedication of our staff and the exceptional care provided to our patients,” said Hospice Board President Laura Cordts.

Fishbeck emphasized the significance of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) validation

with the prestigious 5-star rating.

“To have CMS recognize and commend our team based on the firsthand experiences of our patients and their families is an honor we deeply appreciate. We take pride in delivering a distinctive and exceptional level of care to our patients and their families,” she said.

For consumers seeking information on hospice quality measures, Fishbeck highlighted the official CMS website, Care Compare on Medicare.gov, as a valuable resource.

“Care Compare empowers consumers to make well-informed healthcare decisions by providing comprehensive, publicly reported performance metrics for hospice and other healthcare providers,” she explained.

To learn more about Hospice, including opportunities to volunteer or support their work, and/or determine if you or someone you care about may be eligible for Hospice services, you can visit them online at www.hospiceslv.org or call 315-265-3105.

MCS student earns student of month honor

NORWOOD – Kalei McDonald, a Massena Central School student, has been named the Potsdam Rotary Club Student of the Month for October.

Kalei is in the Health Careers Program at the Seaway Career & Technical Education Center. She is the child of Jamie McDonald.

While in Health Careers, Kalei and her classmates are learning concepts of health and wellness, nutrition and patient care, medical

terminology as well as anatomy and physiology. Students receive training in CPR and First Aid.

During year one, students learn the necessary skills and gain hands-on clinical experience to be eligible to sit for the New York State Nurse Aide Certification. During year two, students receive further training for eligibility to pursue certification as an EKG and Phlebotomy Technician. Dual enrollment opportunities also give the students a chance to earn a

total of 13.5 credit hours.

The instructor, Alexandria Arquitt, has said the following about Kalei: “Kalei is a courteous student and a natural leader among her peers. For the second year in a row, she represents Health Careers as a student leader. Kalei maintains safety, integrity and professionalism in both the classroom and the laboratory settings. She is someone that you would be lucky to have taking care of you in the health careers field.”

Local residents art displayed at Elmira College

Two North Country students attending Elmira College have their work on display in the Term I Student Art Show.

The college selects artwork from

students in the First Year Seminar courses along with work by students taking art courses at all levels is displayed in the George Waters Art Gallery.

The local students are Kate Forsythe of Gouverneur, and Mia Pavon of Heuvelton. This year’s pieces include paintings, ceramics, sculptures, drawings, prints, and videos.

First class of inmate graduates at Riverview

OGDENSBURG – SUNY Potsdam recently marked a milestone, as the College held its inaugural Commencement ceremony for graduates in its degree completion program located at Riverview Correctional Facility in Ogdensburg.

The first Potsdam@RCF graduates marked the completion of their Bachelor of Arts degrees in sociology with a small but joyous ceremony on Oct. 27, in the gymnasium at Riverview, joined by family and friends, as well as the faculty members and correctional officials who helped make the program possible.

Eight graduates crossed the stage to receive their diplomas, all of whom were graduating with honors. The SUNY Potsdam graduates included:

Maurice Battle ‘23, summa cum laude

Shawn Gregory Granger ‘23, summa cum laude

Andre Duayne Jon-Hope ‘23, summa cum laude

Brandon Rodriguez ‘23, summa cum laude

Rob Smith ‘23, summa cum laude

Gregory Watson ‘23, magna cum laude

Jake D. Winters ‘23, summa cum laude

Christopher Paul Woods ‘23, summa cum laude

Musicians from The Crane School of Music provided the cere-

monial accompaniment to the ceremony, including the Frackenhohl Honors Brass Quintet and vocalist Maria Tartaglia ‘27.

Potsdam@RCF is one of a select few baccalaureate programs offered through the Second Chance Pell Experiment, created by the U.S. Department of Education to help incarcerated individuals access higher education, with the goal of better preparing them for reentry into the job market and society. SUNY Potsdam became the first comprehensive campus in the State University of New York to offer a bachelor’s degree through the program in 2020, joining 11 other community colleges offering associate degree programs at institutions across the state.

The Potsdam@RCF program allows students to complete a sociology degree, and add a minor in human services, or complete credentials such as peer recovery coach or mental health first aid.

SUNY Potsdam’s Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice offers majors and minors in both sociology and criminal justice, as well as minors in human services and social justice. The department also plays an important role in both the women’s and gender studies and environmental studies programs. To learn more, visit www.potsdam.edu/academics/AAS/depts/socio.

Massena native promoted

Lucas Durant from Massena, a member of the New York Air National Guard’s 174th Attack Wing, was promoted recently in recognition of their capability for additional responsibility and leadership.

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Medical Group, received a promotion August 29, 2023 to the rank of technical sergeant.

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Massena but said he felt the town "should be paying their fair share." McGowan also cited the number of calls the fire department responds to in the town, saying one third of all calls are to sites in the town.

"We just spent \$100,000 on air packs. We just spent like \$800,000 on a fire truck. That's just how I feel about it," he said.

Mayor Greg Paquin said he and the other trustees felt similarly, telling McGowan they took his words seriously while saying they would "do better on the next one."

"Just as a side note, when I was in Aaron Hardy's shoes, I brought this up and it didn't go very far then either. So it's not a new issue," McGowan said.

Trustees also agreed to spend around \$100,000 on air tanks for the village fire department. The move will save the village over \$30,000 right off the bat, according to officials.

Trustees voted unanimously to approve the purchase of the air packs, saying the existing ones in service are well beyond their service life.

"So, we have a couple of options for this. We chose the three year option, basically it's going to be \$100,000 down," Paquin said.

By choosing the shorter term deal, Paquin said the village will save money on interest payments.

"I mean, we could have extended

'If you compare that to Brasher, Canton, even the town of Potsdam, the town of Massena residents are still paying under half of what those residents pay.'

Pat McGowan
Village Trustee

it out but it's going to save some interest. For some reason these air packs are 18 years old that we currently have in use, which are actually past their service time. I don't know why we waited so long and why we didn't take a look at that earlier but I'm sure budget constraints played a role," he said.

Paquin said the funds will come from the general fund as opposed to the capital reserve fund for the fire station.

Village officials have said in the past it is their desire to build the capital reserve fund for the fire department to aid in future purchases for equipment ranging from turnout gear to fire trucks.

"We're going to have to start building that (capital reserve fund), we may as well start off at about \$96,000 in that," Paquin said.

Another contributing factor to the decision is the increased interest rates.

Paquin said he had spoken with Treasurer Kevin Felt and they agreed that with interest rates so high, the larger down payment made more sense.

"I don't foresee interest rates going down anytime soon, unfortunately," Paquin said.

McGowan asked if the current tanks in use may be worth selling as a way to recoup funds, however Fire Department Foreman Aaron Hardy said he had already explored that avenue with little success.

"We're starting to do a little bit of research on that with a company, I think maybe for a donation or something maybe. I hate to say it but they're really going for pennies on the dollar and I know they are not manufacturing parts for the majority of the ones that we own now. We've only got a handful of relatively new ones that are going to be worth a little bit more than the other (older) ones," Hardy said.

BUDGET...

under the tentative budget due to the use of grants to offset those costs, Doyle says.

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

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.

"We are continuing to be creative with the use of forward looking and/or prescriptive reserves to help mitigate future budget increases being passed on directly to taxpayers," she said.

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.

Work is being completed to transition election inspectors hired as per diem employees to part-time county employees, along with wage changes for the positions.

Doyle is also recommending the count add fiscal and support positions in the County Clerk Office, Human Resources, Purchasing, Solid Waste, Public Health and Information Technology.

According to Doyle, some departments have already made adjustments for positions that have remained vacant for longer than six months, as has been noted through vacancy review throughout the course of the year.

County officials are also expected to add one position to the IT department to oversee security for all county facilities and to ensure equipment is maintained and upgraded for the safety of staff and the visiting public.

As part of the tentative budget, she also recommended maintaining staffing levels at the county jail to remain four correctional officers positions above state minimum staffing levels, as well as maintaining clinical roles that have been filled by the board.

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

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funding will allow his and other departments to get back on a sustainable rotation for upgrading and replacing equipment, something many departments haven't been able to do in recent years.

Gardner also offered appreciation to New York State Sen. Mark Wacziarg and Assemblyman Scott Gray.

He said both representatives carried the torch and the bill saw unanimous passage in the Senate and Assembly. Gardner said bills like that are rare in the current times.

"I think that really shows just how important this is," he said.

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

- Art Teacher
- Driver Education Teacher
- Elementary Teacher
- Home & Careers Teacher/Middle-Level CTE Teacher
- 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.

BRUSHTON-MOIRA CENTRAL SCHOOL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT



Brushton-Moira Central School District (EO/AE) is currently accepting applications for the 2023-24 School Year for the following positions:

- School Counselor (Anticipated)
- School Social Worker (Anticipated)
- Music (Vocal) Teacher • Girls' Shot Clock Coach
- 8-hour Bus/School Monitor
- 7.75-hour Bus Driver/Monitor/Laborer
- 2.75-hour Bus Monitor • 3.75-hour Bus/School Monitor
- Substitutes (Teachers/Bus Drivers/Teaching Assistant/Teacher Aides/Monitors/Cleaners/Food Service Helpers/Custodian/Clerical)

Residency is waived for all positions.

Applications can be found at <https://www.bmcsd.org/home/employment-opportunities>

Individuals should submit a letter of intent, resume, application, transcripts, certification(s) (if applicable), and 3 letters of recommendation to:
Brushton-Moira Central School, Attn: District Office, 758 County Route 7, Brushton, NY 12916

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Please email letter of application and resume to parkstreetinc1@gmail.com

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 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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Pediatric office is looking for a part-time LPN to join our team. The ideal candidate will have experience working with children and be passionate about providing quality care. Please mail your resume to 31 Hospital Drive, Massena NY 13662, or email to drduptamassena@gmail.com.

Potsdam Specialty Paper, Inc., Potsdam, NY is looking for an Environmental/Quality Manager: Manage all environmental control activities. Design, develop and implement methods and procedures to reduce or eliminate harmful effects of manufacturing



Part-Time Dispatcher/Senior Clerk

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.

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 **315-393-3710**.

Applications are due by 3 pm Thursday, December 7, 2023.



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.**



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POTSDAM CENTRAL SCHOOL VACANCIES FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

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

NYS CDL w/ P & S Endorsements (Training available)

Application deadline: **December 8, 2023**

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

For questions, contact:

Ms. Davida M. Martin, Office of the Superintendent
29 Leroy St., Potsdam, NY 13676
315-265-2000, ext. 36733 • EOE



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.*

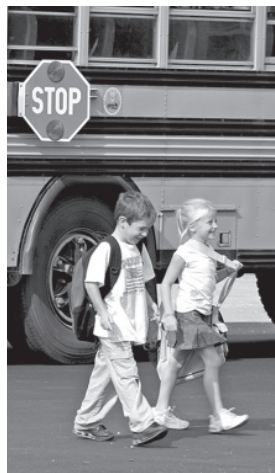


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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES (EO/AEE)
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:

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Queries should be directed to:

Candace Poitras- Administrative Assistant

Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES

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CHATEAUGAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chateaugay Central School District (EO/AEE)
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

m.legacy@chateaugaycsd.org • 518-497-6611 EXT 2301

LISBON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



is accepting applications for the following positions:

- Math Teacher (Grades 7-12)

- Minimum Starting Salary: \$47,330

- 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:

Please submit information attention to:
Mr. Patrick J. Farrand, Superintendent of Schools
LISBON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
6866 County Route 10, Lisbon, NY 13658

POTSDAM CENTRAL SCHOOLS

20 Leroy St., Potsdam, NY
(P)315-265-2000 • (F)315-265-2048



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:

Ms. Davida M. Martin, Office of the Superintendent
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WE CURRENTLY HAVE THE FOLLOWING JOB OPENINGS:

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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, NY retirement, holidays, vacation, personal & sick time, paid shutdown week, overtime, etc. Applications may be obtained by calling the Highway Superintendent at 315-393-2039.

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Potsdam Food Co-op hiring PT Produce Buyer to purchase fresh produce and maintain the department. Experience and knowledge of produce is preferred but not required. We will train the right person! 25-29 hours per week. Apply in store or online. More info on our website: www.potsdamcoop.com

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 3. MOVIES: What are Indiana Jones and his father searching for in "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade"?
 4. TELEVISION: Which TV drama is set on Wisteria Lane?
 5. LANGUAGE: What is a common Latin phrase meaning "something for something"?
 6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the fastest fish?
 7. INVENTIONS: Where was the first compass invented?
 8. SCIENCE: How long does it take for the sun's light to reach Earth?
 9. U.S. STATES: Which state is the smallest in land size?
 10. MEDICAL: What is a common name for aphthous stomatitis?
- Answers found elsewhere in this paper.



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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.



CHATEAUGAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chateaugay Central School District (EO/AEE) 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;

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MASSENA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT is currently accepting applications

APPLICATION DEADLINE: NOV. 28, 2023

Sr. Food Service Manager - Jefferson

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS UNTIL FILLED:

Substitute Maintenance Mechanic

Secondary Math Teacher (2 positions)

Custodial Worker

Substitute: Nurses, Bus Monitors, Bus Drivers, Food Service Helpers, and Teacher Aides

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Please direct questions to: tchapman@mcs.k12.ny.us or (315) 764-3700, extension 3011



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COLTON-PIERREPONT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

A PreK-12 district of 390 students, innovator in technology, and located in the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains, invites applicants for the following positions:

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



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

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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

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Deadline to apply: November 27, 2023

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EOE



Brasher Falls Central School

is in need of the following position:

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beginning approximately

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grounds. Responsibilities include overseeing all aspects of our campus scholarship program, packaging outside scholarships and grants, working closely with Admissions, the department scholarship committee chairs, and College Advancement. Candidate will also support the Financial Aid Director as appropriate and necessary. Bachelor's degree and an intermediate level of federal aid knowledge are required. To review the complete job description and/or apply SUNY Potsdam seeks an enthusiastic professional to join our Financial Aid team as visit <https://employment.potsdam.edu/postings/4916>.

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Direct Care Job Opportunity

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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**. EOE

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Mausoleum
- 5 "Born Free" lioness
- 9 Branch
- 12 Ornamental jug
- 13 Jupiter counterpart
- 14 Sheepish remark
- 15 Famed diarist
- 17 Squeak stopper
- 18 Historic times
- 19 Grown-up
- 21 Town square
- 24 Tizzy
- 25 Occupy the throne
- 26 Imaginary
- 30 Right angle
- 31 Count with an orchestra
- 32 Simile center
- 33 Bloated, in a way
- 35 Computer brand
- 36 Literary Jane
- 37 Puccini work
- 38 Curry spice
- 40 Roundish do
- 42 Palindromic constellation
- 43 Yearly charge
- 48 Up to
- 49 Oboe insert
- 50 Cupid's realm
- 51 Compass dir.

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

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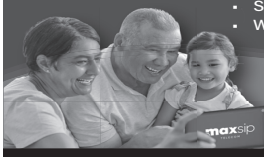
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Minimum qualifications: 2 years' experience providing receptionist or clerical support, or position with similar duties or skill requirements; strong written and verbal communication skill; comfort in using a range of computer software programs; strong 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).

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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>

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Program Coordinator for our new Visitor Center opening Spring 2024

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

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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.

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