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Sunset over Ogdensburg International Airport.

Hochul says \$18 million investment in airport will make it regional hub

BY JIMMY LAWTON
 North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG – An \$18 million grant will help transform the Ogdensburg International Airport into a regional transportation hub.

Governor Kathy Hochul said the improvements will attract new travelers to the area and fuel economic growth throughout the North Country.

She said the project has been awarded \$18 million from the Governor's \$230 million Upstate Airport Economic Development

and Revitalization Competition, will expand the check-in, ticketing and baggage drop off areas; construct a new canopy over the curbside drop-off/pick-up area, install new passenger information display systems and make other improvements to enhance the passenger experience and create a state-of-the-art gateway for the entire region. A new, multi-purpose great room will also be created to provide much-needed community space for civic gatherings, conferences, business meetings and other public events.

The project, which has a total

estimated cost of \$21.5 million and is expected to create 195 jobs, will provide a comprehensive renovation of the terminal building to create a multi-purpose facility that better serves passengers and air carriers, and attracts new visitors and businesses to the region. Improvements include expansion of lobby for check-in, ticketing, and baggage drop, additional restrooms, expansion of the screening, concession and baggage claim areas, upgraded security doors and sprinklers,

SEE HUB ON 17.

Final SLC budget cuts rate, hikes levy

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
 North Country This Week

CANTON -- St. Lawrence County legislators have officially adopted the 2024 County Budget, unanimously approving the \$296 million budget during the Dec. 4 board meeting.

As part of the budget, appropriations total \$296,452,857 with a tax levy of \$54,051,752 that will be raised from real property taxes.

Compared to the 2022 adopted budget, the tax levy is set to rise \$2.3 million, despite a decrease in the county tax rate, which has dropped to \$7.15 per \$1,000 in assessed value in 2024.

That represents a 45 cent decrease compared to a year ago.

The county tax rate has seen a steady decline since 2015, when it stood at \$8.52 per \$1,000 assessed value.

County Administrator Ruth Doyle said that decline can be attributed to higher revenue for the

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Ruth Doyle
 SLC Administrator

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

SEE BUDGET ON 17.

Two face charges for killing child

Manslaughter charges leveled

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
 North Country This Week

MASSENA -- A three-year-old child has died following an assault that led to a brain bleed, severe brain swelling, loss of brain function, a broken femur, broken arm and lacerated liver.

Massena Police Detective Mike O'Brien confirmed the child, Kayden Flowers, died this morning, Nov. 30, at 9:02 a.m. at University of Vermont Medical Center.

Flowers was airlifted on Nov. 28 following the assault.

O'Brien said a 911 call received at 8:37 a.m. on Nov. 28 led to the arrests.

The child's mother Kaitlin S. Cyrus, 23, and Jovannie E. Vega, 24, have both been charged with first-degree manslaughter as a result of the assault that led to the child's death.

The manslaughter charge was announced during their arraignment today, Nov. 30, in Town of Massena Court.

Both were also previously charged with multiple felonies on

Nov. 28, including first-degree reckless endangerment, reckless assault: causing serious brain injury to a child under five- shaking or slamming of the head, second-degree assault with intent to cause serious physical injury, second-degree assault: person 18 or more years causing injury to person under seven, and first-degree assault: causing serious injury through grave risk of death, according to court documents obtained by North Country This Week.

On social media, various claims have been made that prior abuse had been reported to authorities, however North Country This Week has not been able to verify the allegations.

Massena Chief of Police Jason Olson confirmed that no complaints of abuse had been made to his department prior to this incident.

When asked if prior allegations of abuse regarding the household had been made to the Department of Social Services or Child Protective Services, or if the family was under

SEE MANSLAUGHTER ON 17.



Jeff Chudzinski | NCTW

Kaitlin S. Cyrus, 23, at left, and Jovannie E. Vega, 24, at right, have both been charged with first-degree manslaughter as a result of the assault that led to the death of a three-year-old child.



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Charged with murder in baby death

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

FOWLER — A woman accused of killing a baby in Fowler last summer is now facing a murder charge, according to St. Lawrence County District Attorney Gary Pasqua.

Pasqua announced that a St. Lawrence County grand jury filed an indictment against Tiara Allen, 26, of Gouverneur.

The indictment charges Allen with the crimes of Murder in the Second Degree, Manslaughter in the Second Degree, Assault in the First Degree, Reckless Assault of a Child and Endangering the Welfare of a Child in regards to the death of a child.

She's now being held on \$250,000 bail.

Allen had been previously arraigned for charges of reckless assault of a child, and endangering the welfare of a child. She was sent to St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$10,000 cash, \$20,000 bond.

However, the new charges came following a grand jury indictment that occurred in the wake of the victim's death as a result of the injuries allegedly caused by Allen, who is accused of killing her boyfriend's five-month old child on July 7.

Police said Allen was charged after an investigation determined that on July 7, around 9:40 a.m., she was in the care of her boyfriend's 5-month-old child at their residence on Sand Road in the town of Fowler. Allen allegedly became "frustrated with the child's incessant crying" and began to shake the child, police said.

Shortly thereafter, the child became unresponsive and was transported to Gouverneur Hospital.

The child was transported to Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital, Syracuse, NY, where the child was diagnosed with Anoxic Brain Injury and Subdural Hematomas as result of Allen's actions, police said.

The child died as a result of the injuries.

On July 13 Allen, was charged for reckless assault of a child, and endangering the welfare of a child, but now more severe charges have been filed in the wake of the victim's death.



Photo by David Zufall

First snow in Lisbon

A drone photo captures a picturesque first snowfall on Monday, Dec. 4, in Lisbon.

House a deemed total loss

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

NORWOOD -- A fire at a residence located at 50 South Main Street was a total loss on Dec. 5.

According to Norwood Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jeremy French, the call came in at 6:09 p.m. for a structure fire in the village of Norwood.

French said crews were on scene within minutes, enabling them to knock down the bulk of the blaze within 30 minutes or so.

"After that we were chasing the fire a little bit, putting out hot spots and making sure it didn't spread," he said.

Though the home, which was a rental, was a total loss, French said no other nearby homes were dam-

aged in the fire.

Crews from Norwood, Norfolk, Potsdam, West Stockholm and West Potsdam all responded, with West Potsdam standing by at the Norwood station.

French said all family members were able to safely exit the structure and declined aid from the American Red Cross.

St. Lawrence County Emergency Services fire investigators were on scene last night to investigate the cause of the fire but according to French were unable to identify the source immediately.

"We're just very thankful for the assistance we received in handling the fire and appreciate all of the support and mutual aid from everyone involved," French said.

Meth, cocaine, \$6,000 siezed

MASSENA — Two men were jailed without bail on drug charges after stimulants and narcotics were seized on Nov. 29, according to village police.

Travis E. Deshane, 43, Massena, and Patrick A. Agpoon, 27, North York, Ontario, were each charged with second-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance: Stimulants and fourth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance: Narcotic, both felonies,

officers said.

Police reportedly seized 40.7 grams of crystal methamphetamine, 10.8 grams of cocaine and \$6,015.

Both men were arraigned in Norfolk court and remanded to St. Lawrence County jail without bail, police said.

Massena police were assisted by U.S. Border Patrol, U.S. Customs and the Department of Homeland Security Investigations.

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Illegal alien enters U.S. over Moses-Saunders dam

MASSENA -- An individual illegally crossed from Canada into the United States at 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 25 by walking across the Moses-Saunders Power Dam. According to reports, the security breach is under investigation, however no further details have been provided as of press time. The dam, which is operated by the New York Power Authority on the U.S. side, is a half-mile long and stretches from Cornwall, Ontario. "The safety and security of the shared power dam is a top priority and NYPA is working closely with Ontario Power Generation, the New York State Police, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection to review all procedures to ensure the continued safe operation of the dam. NYPA is conducting its own internal investigation following the arrest of the individual caught trespassing on NYPA property," New York Power

Authority officials said in a statement. Officials say the individual was taken into custody by Border Patrol in Massena before being transported to Customs and Border Protection in Buffalo. State Senator Dan Stec was critical of the situation, calling the security lapse "unacceptable." "Securing our northern border is of vital importance. A crucial part of that is protecting critical infrastructure. The fact that someone could illegally cross the border through Moses-Saunders Power Dam is absolutely unacceptable and puts the security of our power grid at risk. This event must be thoroughly investigated and state and federal officials must take border security seriously. Sites like Moses-Saunders cannot be vulnerable to illegal entry," Stec said in a statement.

School plans half day of classes during eclipse

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- The total solar eclipse is still months away but Massena Central School officials are already making preparations for the day, including holding classes for only half of the day. School officials say the half day of classes on April 8 will allow students to view the total solar eclipse and take part in educational events. Board of education members approved the move for an early dismissal on April 8 during the board's meeting last week. According to Superintendent Ron Burke and Board President Paul Haggett, the district may be able to use a give back day, or an unused snow day, to account for the day of the eclipse. Burke said the day of the eclipse follows spring break, "so there is a chance that we may have enough snow days left that it might just become a give back day." Though the event is a great educational opportunity, Burke said the eclipse itself, which will happen between 3:20 p.m. to 3:23 p.m., however it complicates matters since it will occur around dismissal time. Burke said it's important to ensure student safety while allowing them to enjoy the experience with families. "We are looking at a half day, just an early dismissal that day, which is in keeping with about half the other schools. Some schools are doing arrive late and stay late so that they can experience the eclipse at the school. Again, every school is doing something a little bit different, but

I'd say about half right now around the modality will be a half day," he said. County officials are also making preparations for the event, most recently agreeing to establish an ad hoc committee to oversee preparations. According to St. Lawrence County Emergency Services Director Matt Denner, the event could bring in between 50,000 to 150,000 people to the region. According to Denner, Emergency Services has been drafting an emergency management plan for the event and has distributed it to legislators for consideration. That plan will encompass a number of considerations, ranging from resource management to unique challenges the county may face and opportunities to capitalize on such a unique event. 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 told legislators. This will be the last total solar eclipse until 2144, 120 years away.

Charged with manslaughter

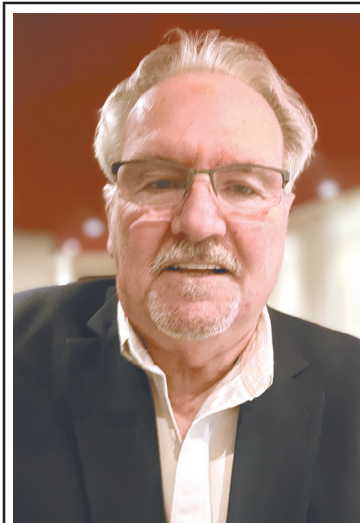
DEKALB -- An Oswego man has been charged with first-degree manslaughter in connection to the death of a Hermon man in October. Troopers say Jaydion T. Carrow, 20, has been charged for the death of Joshua A. Guzman, 21, who died from head injuries sustained from a fight on Oct. 29. Following the fight, Guzman was transported to Gouverneur Hospital then to SUNY Upstate Medical University Hospital, where he was listed in critical condition. On Oct. 30, Guzman died due to

injuries. An autopsy was conducted on Nov. 1 by the Onondaga County Medical Examiner's Office following his death. The investigation is currently ongoing by the New York State Police and St. Lawrence County District Attorney's Office. Carrow was arraigned in Town of Canton Court where he was released under the supervision of probation. Carrow is scheduled to re-appear in the Town of Canton Court on Jan. 22, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Guilty of manslaughter in infant death

CANTON -- An Ogdensburg man has pleaded guilty to second-degree manslaughter following the death of an infant last May. Trevor Samarco, 35, will face a minimum of two years and a maximum of six years in prison following the admission of guilt on the manslaughter charge. Samarco had previously pleaded guilty and admitted to recklessly causing the death of a child just prior to the start of jury selection on Dec. 4, 2023. Samarco also pleaded guilty to endangering the welfare of a child related to the drowning death of an 11-month-old infant. Judge Greg Storie sentenced Samarco to an "indefinite term of imprisonment with a New York State Department of Corrections with a minimum of two years and a maximum of six years at the time of his sentencing", according to the press release. Samarco is scheduled to be sentenced on Feb. 5, 2024. St. Lawrence County District Attorney Gary Pasqua

made the announcement Dec. 5 in a press release. According to Pasqua, the child died on May 11, 2022. An investigation by the Ogdensburg Police Department revealed Samarco left the child unsupervised in a bathtub. Police responded to a complaint at 423 Belmont Courts at 11:30 a.m. Ogdensburg Fire Department, Ogdensburg Volunteer Rescue Squad and Ogdensburg Police Department members performed lifesaving measures upon arrival, but despite the efforts the baby was pronounced deceased at Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center a short time later, police said previously. Samarco was charged with second-degree manslaughter that evening after an investigation revealed he allegedly left the infant unattended in a bathtub while falling asleep in another room on a bed, according to court documents. He was remanded pending sentencing to serve a sentence for an unrelated matter, according to the press release.



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OBITUARIES

Colonel Mary Lou Havens, USAF (Ret.), 84

Ogdensburg

OGDENSBURG -- A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated in memory of Colonel Mary Lou Havens, USAF (Ret.), age 84, of Ogdensburg, at St. Mary's Cathedral on Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 1:00 PM with the Rev. Joseph A. Morgan officiating.

There will be no calling hours.

Burial with full military honors will follow the service at Pine Hill Cemetery.

Colonel Havens passed away at her home on Saturday, December 2, 2023.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Frary Funeral Home in Ogdensburg.

Surviving Col. Havens are her sister, Kathleen (Liz) Carpenter of Venice, FL.; her brother, Jeremiah (Pete) Havens of Ogdensburg; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

She is predeceased by her parents, Joseph Sr. and Marion (Hurley) Havens; brothers, Joseph Havens Jr. and Robert Havens, and sisters, Helen Louise Todd and Sally Ann Bush.

Col. Havens was born January 30, 1939, a daughter of the late Joseph Havens Sr. and Marion, in Ogdensburg, NY.

She graduated from St. Mary's

Academy in 1956 and the St. Lawrence School of Nursing in 1959. She then entered the U.S. Air Force



Colonel Mary Lou Havens, USAF (Ret.)

as a 2nd Lieutenant and continued her education receiving her B.S. Degree in nursing from the University of Pennsylvania, and her Master's Degree from Webster University in Missouri. She served in the military for over 30 years with state assignments in Ohio, Illinois, California, and Texas; and overseas duties in Japan, Germany, and Vietnam. Her career centered on critical care nursing. In addition to opening several intensive and coronary care units, she functioned as a bedside nurse, teacher, consultant, inspector, and administrator.

Col. Havens also served as nurse administrator for the Air Force's largest 1000-bed medical center with responsibility for 1800 personnel, while at the same time providing consultation to the Surgeon General in critical care nursing.

She culminated her career as a

member of the Inspector General Team charged with inspecting Air Force medical facilities throughout the world.

She earned several commendations, including the Meritorious Service Medal, the Bronze Star, and the Legion of Merit award. Following her departure from military service, she was involved in Medical Research until her retirement in 1995.

After many years of service around the world, and living in her beloved San Antonio, Texas, Col. Havens returned to the North Country in 2011 to be near family and friends, and the beautiful St. Lawrence River.

Col. Havens was a faith-filled woman who practiced the Catholic faith throughout her life. She staunchly defended the sanctity of all human life. Memorial contributions can be made to Liferight of Watertown, 870 Arsenal St, Watertown, NY 13601, the Gabriel Project, 125 Ford Ave., Ogdensburg, NY 13669, or to a favorite pro-life cause.

Her philosophy was adopted from St. Francis, "We are here for a short time, let us do good."

Condolences may be made online at www.fraryfuneralhome.com.

Donald F. Smith, 87

Formerly of Massena

COSTA MESA -- Donald F. Smith, 87, formerly of Massena, New York, passed away peacefully on Wednesday evening, November 22nd, 2023, while in Southern California.

Donald was born to the late Florence M. and Anna (Carroll) Smith on October 15th, 1936, in Louisville, NY. Don was one of 11 children.

He attended Massena High School and was a graduate of the class of 1954.

Don retired after 30 years with General Motors where he held a Supervisor position.

He later entered politics in 1974 running for St. Lawrence County Legislator for the Louisville and Waddington Districts.

He had a long run of county responsibilities and retired from politics after 27 years.

Donald married Jane E. Bouchard on April 27th, 1957, at St. Mary's Church in Massena.

Don is survived by a sister, Barbara Bradley of Memphis, NY. He is also survived by several children; Valerie Smith of Costa Mesa, CA; Vincent Smith of Dacula, GA, Ver-

non and Kim Smith of Dacula, GA, Varick and Nancee Smith of Fresno, CA, and Veronica and Sterling



Donald Smith

McClain of Hope Mills, NC. Don is also survived by many Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren across the country along with nieces and nephews.

Don was predeceased by his wife, Jane E. Smith on October, 7th 2007, brothers; Leon, Lloyd, and Lawrence Smith, his sisters; Ruth Shoen, Blanche Smith, Ann McConnell, June Clunn, Catherine Calnon, and Carroll White and his sons; Vance, Victor and Vergil Smith.

Don was an active member of the Knights of Columbus, Louisville Lion's Club, and a variety of community fund-raising events over the years. He was a champion for the elderly, working to provide housing, food, and governmental services for those seniors needing assistance.

Nothing made Don happier though, than to be surrounded by family playing cards or a good game of Scrabble.

Don was a huge fan of the NY Yankees, the Buffalo Bills, and the Syracuse Orange Men's Basketball.

The family has entrusted Phillips Memorial Home in Massena, NY, to coordinate the welcoming of Don back to Upstate New York for his final resting preparations.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, December 9th, 2023, at 10:00 AM with Rev. Mark Reilly officiating at St. Lawrence Church in Louisville, NY.

Burial will be held in the parish cemetery immediately following the funeral services.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Knights of Columbus, St. Lawrence Council No. 1143; P.O. Box 46, Massena, New York, 13662 or Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley; 6805 US-11, Potsdam, New York, 13676.

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

Sherry Dee (Parshley) Hammond, 76

formerly of Rensselaer Falls

Sherry Dee (Parshley) Hammond of Magnolia, Texas, passed away on 10/28/23, after a long battle with COPD.

She was born on 12/21/46, to Irene (Childs) & Walter Parshley. She was raised by her mother & lived most of her younger years in the vicinity of Rensselaer Falls, Heuvelton & Kendrew Corners. Growing up, she was a member of Kendrew Methodist Church & Kendrew Grange & created many wonderful memories with family & friends at gatherings at both.

Sherry graduated from Heuvelton Central School in 1964, & worked various jobs including waitressing at Phillips Diner & other locations, babysitting, K-Mart & as an aide at Hepburn Hospital.

A marriage to Terry Hammond ended in divorce. Later in life, she lived for 13 years with her son, Tony and family, where she was primarily cared for by her daughter-in-law,

Lisa, prior to entering a nursing home.



Sherry Hammond

Sherry is survived by her son, Tony; daughter-in-law, Lisa; and grandchildren, Chase & Caitlyn of Magnolia, Texas. Also, by her brother, Dean Parshley; sisters, Delaine Martin & Gail Woodside; as well as many, nieces, nephews & cousins. She was predeceased by her mother & father; former husband, Terry Hammond, a long time partner, Tom Scroggins; sisters-in-law, Ruby & Sharon Parshley; brothers-in-law, Gordie Watson & Dick Martin; a nephew, Dave LaFave & a special niece, Lisa LaFave.

Sherry was known for her love of all animals, but especially cats

& dogs. It was not unusual for her to spend money to care for her animals before taking care of herself. Her diet was limited, but she loved macaroni & cheese, french fries with gravy, dill pickles, macaroni salad, mashed potatoes, M&M's & ketchup on everything! There were a number of colorful sayings that she shared with friends & family over the years including, "stick it in your left ear", "gag a maggot", "did your mother have a hard labor?" & "do you want to talk about the weather?"! Sherry was loved by her family & friends & will truly be missed, but she will live on in our hearts as we share memories of her at future get togethers.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Northern New York in July, 2024. If you would like to make a donation in her memory, please consider donating to Kendrew Church, c/o Jane Pike, 176 Judson Street Road, Canton, NY 13617.

Paula A. Derouchi Gaspe, 74

Brasher

BRASHER -- Paula A. Derouchie Gaspe, 74, a resident of Upper Ridge Road, passed away Monday, November 27, 2023, at Champlain Valley Physician Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Paula was born June 14, 1949, in Massena, the daughter of the late Carlton and Evelyn (White) Derouchie. She attended Holy Family before graduating from Massena High School. She continued her education at Mater Dei, graduating with a degree in Social Work.

A marriage with Joe Gaspe ended in separation.

Paula was a caregiver and social worker for Open Hands in Canada for many years. She had previously worked at Val Haven, St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse, and a bartender in Massena. Paula was a life member of the VFW Auxiliary and enjoyed visits to the casino, a good game of cards, reading, and going out to dinner. Above all, she cherished the time she was able to spend with her children and grandchildren.

Paula is survived by her daughter, Denise Cartier of Brasher; her

stepdaughters, Tina and Leeann Gaspe; her son-in-law, Kevin Sharlow of Massena; her grandchildren,



Paula Gaspe

Lance Beaubien (Toddy), Luke Hehir (Toni), Kaylene Cartier, Jordan Cartier (Jeff), Logan Sharlow (Skyla); her great-grandchildren, Autumn, Aubree, Lucifer, Tristan, Layton, Lexton, Karson, Keyanna, Kyler, and Rayna; her

sister, Carla (Al) Premo of Massena; her brothers, Terry Derouchie of Malone; and Gerry (Lisa) Derouchie of Chase Mills; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by a daughter, Terri A. Sharlow in April 2003.

Arrangements are under the care and guidance of the Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena, however at Paula's request, there will be no services.

Gloria J. (Morrissette) McClay 76

Massena

MASSENA -- Gloria J. (Morrissette) McClay tap danced her way into heaven on November 26, 2023.

Born on February 16, 1947 to Delma and Cordelia (Doe) Morrissette, Gloria loved nothing more than spending time with her family. Gloria was born in Massena, NY, and spent half of her life there with her beloved mother, Cordelia.

She married Don McClay in 1987 and together they established a life in Pleasant Valley, NY where they welcomed their son, Matthew Roger McClay, in 1997.

Gloria was a longtime, loyal employee of MetLife in Massena, and later in Poughkeepsie, until she retired in 1996.

Gloria is survived by her husband of 36 years, Don McClay; her son Matthew McClay; sisters, Joyce Smith, Pauline Bordeau, and Theresa (Hal) Ferguson; brothers, Phillip (Betty) Morrissette, Tom (Karla) Morrissette, and Donnie (Mary Lou) Morrissette.

Gloria was preceded in death by her parents, Delma and Cordelia

(Doe) Morrissette; sisters, Rita Mary Morrissette, Lena Bennett, Rose Evans, Jeanette Greenwood, and Linda Sasser; brothers, Leo Morrissette, Raymond Morrissette, and Kenneth Morrissette.



Gloria McClay

Throughout her life, Gloria was happiest when spending time with her family; especially at the renowned Morrissette Family Reunions.

She cherished her role as a mother to Matthew and enjoyed going camping with him and her husband, Don. Gloria also enjoyed dancing and singing, lending her beautiful voice to numerous weddings and family gatherings.

She will be fondly remembered by her many nieces and nephews as the fun aunt who was always up for a game of tag or hide-and-go-seek.

RECENT DEATHS

SHERRY HAMMOND, 76, Heuvelton, Oct. 28.

DONALD SMITH, 87, formerly of Massena, Nov. 22. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

GLORIA MCCLAY, 76, Massena, Nov. 26.

JAMES JACOBS, 79, Akwesasne, Nov. 27. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

PAULA GASPE, 74, Brasher, Nov. 27. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

VERNON GRAY, 63, Massena, Nov. 28. Arrangements with Hammill Funeral Home, Winthrop.

EUGENE TAYLOR, 86, Brasher Falls, Nov. 29. Arrangements with Hammill Funeral Home, Winthrop.

JOHN HYDE, 58, Lisbon, Nov. 29. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

NORMA CAMERON, 85, Ogdensburg, Nov. 30. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

DALE LAMAY SR., 80, Ogdensburg, Nov. 30. Arrangements Green Funeral Home, Gouverneur.

LOUIS ROTTIER, 77, Massena, Dec. 1. Arrangements with Buck Funeral Home.

SHERMAN DELONEY, 81, Lisbon, Dec. 2. Arrangements with LaRue & Pitcher Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

WILLIAM LAZORE, 77, Akwesasne, Dec. 3. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

BONITA FENNER, 78, Massena, Dec. 3. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

CECILIA MITCHELL, 86, Akwesasne, Dec. 4. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

COL. MARY HAVENS, 84, Ogdensburg, Dec. 7. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

SUBMITTING OBITUARIES: Families now have the option of publishing obituaries in North Country This Week -- ask the funeral home to submit the obituary for publication in the paper as well as on NorthCountryNow.com. For more information or to submit an obituary for a former St. Lawrence County resident, email obituaries@northcountrynow.com or call 315-265-1000 ext. 33.



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Pictured above, from the left, are Stasun Hebert, Emily Bailey, Ryan Frary, Christopher Pitcher, Nicole LaRue, and Mike Myers.

23 firefighters get back pay after court order

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG -- Twenty-three firefighters, some former and some current, received an average payment of \$23,681.22 in back pay from the city following an arbitration award and interest following an Oct. 16 order from Judge Mary Farley.

The order stemmed from a lengthy court battle that cost the city nearly \$100,000 in legal fees and ended in arbitration in favor of the union.

The city had willfully violated the contract with Local 1799 on grounds that the contract was invalid as it was built on job security rather than public safety.

The union disagreed, and in the end so did the judge.

The city was ordered to pay \$519,680.68 stemming from more than 10,510 hours denied under the union's six-year contract that began Jan. 1, 2020 and continues to Dec. 31, 2025.

"The award by the arbitrator validates the union position that city officials failed to honor the terms of its legally binding contract each time it failed to have five firefighters on duty. In fact, the arbitrators award clearly indicates that this was neither incidental nor an honest mistake," Jason Bouchard, President of Local 1799, said at the time.

However, the city attempted to make the payment to the union's law firm rather than to the firefighters and that led to a claim by the union that, due to the delays, they were owed additional money.

Farley agreed and ordered a new award, which added nearly \$30,000 in interest payments, bringing the new total to \$544,668.07 to be paid directly to the 23 firefighters impacted by the action.

Sixteen of the awards totaled

\$30,927.73 a piece.

Two firefighters received payments of roughly \$18,000.

Two firefighters received payments of roughly \$5,000 and one firefighter received a payment for roughly \$2,400.

Finally, two payments totaling less than \$600 went to two former firefighters.

The award concludes a years long labor dispute between the city and the union over whether some clauses in the existing contract were for job security or public safety.

In recent years, the city cut the fire department from 27 members down to 16, not including the chief.

That's despite numbers provided by the city comptroller and fire chief that showed savings, at least in the short term, if the city were to hire additional firefighters.

That's due to language in the contract that provides payment when firefighters are working short-handed.

The legal battle was costly for the city as special attorneys were hired to handle the case only to come up short in the end.

The dispute between the city was also unpopular with many members of the public who rallied at city hall and vocally condemned council members at public meetings over the past couple years.

Still, some members of city council have remained adamant that the contract is "crippling" the city's finances.

They've blamed cuts made in other departments on the high cost of the fire contract and have pleaded with the union to renegotiate.

Union members, in turn, have maintained they do not trust the current city council and are not interested in returning to the table due to actions taken by leaders in recent years.

Ogdensburg funeral homes merging

BY PAUL MITCHELL
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG-- Two Ogdensburg funeral homes are merging operations.

Ryan Frary, owner of the Frary Funeral Home, 515 Caroline St, announced the expansion of their family-run firm by merging with LaRue & Pitcher Funeral Home in Ogdensburg. The merger includes the funeral directors and location at 324 New York Avenue.

"Being family-owned has been very important to the people and the communities that we serve. As part of this united effort, we are excited to announce that we will be consolidating our services under one roof at 515 Caroline St., the current location of Frary Funeral Home. This move signifies a commitment to a central, easily accessible location for Ogdens-

burg families," stated Frary.

Frary added that the funeral industry has undergone significant transformations, necessitating change to contend with industry giants, akin to our competitor who operates under the shadow of larger corporations like Service Corporation International, which often presents itself using local last names or Dignity Memorial.

"Despite the vast reach of conglomerates like Dignity Memorial, it's apparent that the economies of scale do not translate into consumer benefits but rather benefiting only stockholders. This merger effort allows us to remain competitive against the "Walmarts" of our industry," Frary continued. "Ensuring that we are the most competitively priced and pass those savings on to the consumers, not the shareholders. We enthusiastically invite clients who prefer to keep their funeral arrangements within the local community to reach out to us."

Christopher C. Pitcher and Nicole M. LaRue, both Ogdensburg natives, bought the former Allen-Nichols Funeral Home in 2016 and that funeral home has served the community since 1938, providing unparalleled comfort during life's difficult moments.

"Their funeral home is known for their compassionate and trustworthy care. And, as the former owner, this will not change, we will be better equipped to serve the community with more staff to serve at both funeral homes in our hometown community," LaRue said.

"We promise to maintain the same high level of care for which the LaRue & Pitcher Funeral Home is

known for," Frary remarked. "There will be minimal changes in the day-to-day operations as we will guarantee our pre-paid pricing and maintain all staff in their existing roles for any families we continue to serve. In fact, Christopher will continue serving families full-time as the licensed manager of LaRue & Pitcher Funeral Home and as a funeral director for Frary Funeral Home and Cremation Services."

"We have great overlap between the families we serve in Ogdensburg and it only made sense to bring them all together so we can serve the community even better," LaRue said.

Any LaRue & Pitcher pre-paid account holders will receive a letter in the mail to formally notify you of the changes as well as the transition process, assisted by the LaRue & Pitcher Family. Questions regarding pre-arranged funerals or the transfer of ownership can be directed to Ryan Frary, Christopher Pitcher, and Nicole LaRue.

Foot chase ends in arrest

OGDENSBURG -- The only prizes won by an Ogdensburg man who led police and patrols on a foot race through the backyards of homes on the 200 block of Paterson Street Tuesday afternoon was an arrest, charges and some jail time.

Richard A. Christy, 28, was wanted on a warrant and ran on foot from St. Lawrence County sheriff's deputies, state police, city police and officers from the state Department of Corrections and Community Supervision on Tuesday, Nov. 28, a press release from the sheriff's office said.

Christy's attempt to avoid apprehension was foiled after he was nabbed by police.

He was charged with violating parole and resisting arrest, a class A misdemeanor. Christy was taken to the county jail on the parole violation and held. He was issued an appearance ticket for resisting arrest and is scheduled to appear in city court on Dec. 19 at 10 a.m.

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Massena village DPW to auction vehicles

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
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MASSENA -- Massena village trustees have approved sending former Department of Public Works vehicles to auction to recoup funds, despite having a fleet management contract with Enterprise.

DPW Superintendent Marty Miller requested the change, telling trustees that, though the deal with Enterprise has allowed the department to upgrade vehicles, older vehicles were not viewed as having

much, if any, value.

"What this is about is, as Enterprise came in, we turned in some of our older fleet and they talked and then when we got the bills for the newer vehicles, there were three vehicles on there that we had that we paid them to take away. No way. Let's see if we can sell them locally first. I mean, this is crazy," Miller said.

Mayor Greg Paquin asked Miller if he intended to do a surplus sale or if the plan was to send the vehicles to auction.

"Are you going to just do these

three vehicles or whatever for now," he asked.

Miller said he currently has four vehicles up for consideration but noted that two are likely going to the scrapyards after usable parts are stripped from the vehicles.

"Some other stuff we're going to hopefully take to Auctions International or something. You know, it doesn't just have to be vehicles to that point. It can be office supplies or whatever. It would all go together for auction," Miller said.

State to fund paving on 812 and 11B

Paving of sections of state routes 812 and 11B in St. Lawrence County will be paid for by part of state funding release of \$100 million in taxpayer dollars to support the renewal of state roadways impacted by extreme weather, the governor's office announced Nov. 27.

The funding supports repaving projects at 66 locations, totaling

almost 568 lane miles of pavement, and complements a record level of investment by the Governor in infrastructure across New York State.

The two state-funded paving projects in St. Lawrence County to begin next spring include:

- \$915,025 to resurface Route 812 from Heuvelton to McIntyre Road in the Town of Oswegatchie, St. Law-

rence County.

- \$398,000 to resurface Route 11B from Nicholville to Fisk Road in the Town of Lawrence, St. Lawrence County.

Funding for the local projects is part of \$8.8 million doled out to the North Country in total.



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Ogdensburg woman writes book

Becky Duprey, on the right, of Ogdensburg, recently published a children's Christmas book *The Shoelace Mission*. She is pictured with Hallie Boyer, illustrator of the book.

Land claim dispute nears final settlement

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- A settlement from a long standing land claim dispute between the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe and St. Lawrence County has taken another step forward after Governor Kathy Hochul signed into law a bill that will allow the parties involved to finalize the agreement.

According to St. Lawrence County Attorney Steve Button, the land claim has been contested in federal court since 1982.

Now that Hochul has finally signed the legislation into law, parties on both sides can begin to finalize the process at the federal level.

St. Lawrence County originally signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the tribe in 2014, settling the claim for the county and the towns of Massena and Brasher.

Franklin County has also been negotiating with the tribe, along with the towns of Bombay and Fort Covington, to reach a similar agreement. That agreement was reached in June of this year, officials previously said.

Button said the memorandum of understanding with the tribe outlined what lands were part of the settlement and those that were not.

According to Button, the long contested Massena Square Mile and islands in the federal corridor like Barnhart Island were not part of the MOU in 2014.

"The lands in the agreement are all contiguous lands to those that are already tribal territory in St. Lawrence County. For Franklin County, it is a totally different matter and far more complicated," Button said.

State Senator Dan Stec, who has played a large role in the negotiations between the parties, said that working towards an agreement has been a top priority for him for years. "The St. Regis Mohawk land

claim was first filed in 1982 and negotiations between the tribe and local and state governments had been ongoing for 41 years," said Stec. "One of the major sticking points in these negotiations was proper compensation between the state and St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties, an issue which was resolved this past summer."

No specific figures for compensation for St. Lawrence County were listed by officials or whether compensation would be retroactive to the signing of the MOU in 2014.

"Working towards a deal has been one of my top priorities since becoming Senator and I was glad that I could work directly with the governor and Franklin and St. Lawrence County government to help find a solution that meets the needs of all parties," he continued. "Now that this bill has been signed into law, I'm hopeful that the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, state government and our local counties can achieve a final settlement to the land claim issue," Stec said.

With the state finally signing off on the agreement, all parties involved can progress to the next step.

Some details will still need to be worked out, including who would be responsible for road repair, fire districts and service, ambulatory services, financial compensation, taxation and other similar aspects, officials say.

According to Button, the Department of Justice and Bureau of Indian Affairs must review and sign off on the agreement before Congress can issue final approval.

Button said both the DOJ and BIA have worked closely with everyone throughout the negotiations, something that should hopefully speed the process along.

No official timeline has been given by officials as to when the final agreement would be approved by federal officials.

Lisbon photographer selling holiday photo calendars

LISBON -- Photographer David Zufall of Lisbon is making his annual calendars.

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rence County during 2023.

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Maryland federal court strikes handgun laws, opens door for NY lawsuit

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- A federal court in Maryland has struck down the state's concealed carry laws mirroring those in New York's Concealed Carry Improvement Act (CCIA), opening the door for gun rights groups to move to do the same in New York.

In the case of Maryland, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the "good moral character" clause that requires an individual applying for a concealed carry license to meet an ambiguous character standard is unconstitutionally restrictive.

Also struck was the requirement to submit fingerprints for background checks and the requirement to take a firearm safety course prior to being issued a concealed carry license.

The 2-1 ruling comes in light of the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *NYSRPA v. Bruen* last year, which has changed the landscape surrounding legal arguments for and against the Second Amendment and laws pertaining to firearm ownership.

With the Bruen ruling in 2022, Supreme Court justices say any law being scrutinized must fall in line with "historical tradition of firearm regulation." With the highest federal court in Maryland striking those laws, lawyers representing plaintiffs in *Antonyk v. Hochul* in New York are eager to use the new "historical tradition" requirement and ruling from the Fourth Circuit to overturn the CCIA.

In the Antonyk lawsuit, plaintiffs are challenging the state's requirements to demonstrate "good moral character," the list of prohibited spaces where firearms are not allowed, as well as training requirements to obtain a license to carry and other various provisions from

the CCIA.

St. Lawrence County Attorney Steve Button is working "of counsel" on the case after receiving approval from the St. Lawrence County legislature to do so in Oct. 2022.

According to Button, attorneys in the Antonyk case have filed a 28(j) filing to update the Second Circuit Court of Appeals in New York of the ruling in Maryland and how it directly influences the Antonyk case.

A 28(j) is a filing used when one party involved in a lawsuit learns of pertinent and significant information from another ruling that may have a bearing on the case in question and has occurred after briefings were filed or arguments have been made but prior to a decision has been issued by the court.

Button said given the nature of the laws and the restrictions put in place, laws passed last year by the legislature in New York and Governor Hochul will likely face a similar fate given the ruling in Maryland.

The Antonyk case has been in the works for over a year now, with the Second Circuit first hearing arguments last November. Justices also granted the case an expedited status, meaning there was clear intention to move the case along.

Despite that status, Button said the court has been slow to issue a ruling. Final arguments were heard earlier this year in March, with both parties left in the lurch as justices continue to wait to issue a ruling on the case.

A decision was expected to be made in September, however five 28(j) letters and multiple motions have been filed since Oct. 12, further delaying a ruling.

It is unclear at this time what action, if any, will be taken by the court but Button said attorneys will continue to weigh their options and will move forward at the appropriate time with their next action.

Tribe hopeful for land claim settlement in couple months

AKWESASNE — Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal officials are hopeful a land claim settlement with the state can be finalized in the next couple months.

Governor Kathy Hochul has signed Bill A7759 which was passed by the State legislature. The bill authorizes the Governor to sign a land claim settlement with the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, once finalized by the parties, announced the tribe in a recent press release.

"This bill is part of the State's process. Once all the settlement documents are finalized between all parties, this bill authorizes the Governor to sign the final negotiated settlement agreement. In addition, a final settlement will require federal approval via an act of Congress. We are not quite there, but are hopeful we will get there in the next couple months," said Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Chief Beverly Cook.

The recently signed bill was first introduced in June 2023 and was sponsored by Assemblyman D. Billy Jones, (D-Chateaugay Lake), in the Assembly and Sen. Tim Kennedy, (D-Buffalo), in the Senate.

"There are still many steps to get to the final resolution, which is to get land back and increase Akwe-

sasne's land base for our children and grandchildren," said Tribal Chief Michael Conners.

"It doesn't really mean anything unless we can get all parties to agree. We have a few items that we need to iron out with some of the parties, but we expect to get those done very soon. This has been a very long journey," said Tribal Chief Ron LaFrance.

A final deal on the land claim will require approval through an Act of Congress. The land claim was originally filed in 1982 by the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, followed by the Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs and then the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, regarding land that was illegally sold to New York in the 1800's.

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe was involved in reviewing the Bill and although not perfect, in the end the Tribe is satisfied that it was intended to grant authority to the Governor only after the three parties, which consists of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, the Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs and the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, approves of and signs the settlement.

Grant will allow D.A. to hire two assistants

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- The St. Lawrence County District Attorney's Office now has funding to subsidize the cost of two additional Assistant District Attorney positions.

St. Lawrence County legislators approved a resolution to accept \$417,903 from the 2023-2024 Criminal Justice Discovery Reform Grant, which is administered by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services.

The grant runs from April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024 and will subsidize two assistant district attorney positions at an expected expenditure of \$248,228 with the focus "on the implementation of discovery and/or bail reform efforts by

the New York State Legislator."

The grant will also subsidize the cost of an additional Ogdensburg City Police Officer at the cost of \$92,362.

An additional \$4,212 will be used to cover the cost of PCMS Program Discovery Storage fees used for discovery by the District Attorney's Office, along with \$73,128 to expedite Grand Jury transcripts to comply with Criminal Procedure Law.

"The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services and New York State Attorney recognize the value of the assistance of the St. Lawrence County District Attorney's Office, Ogdensburg Police Department and the Prosecution Criminal Management System (PCMS) with the implementation of discover and/or bail reform efforts,"

legislators say.

In other action, legislators also approved a \$200,000 budget modification for assigned counsel for Indigent Defense as a result of the program exceeding 2023 budgeted appropriations.

Officials say the cost to provide indigent defense continues to rise, with eligibility standards changing.

According to the resolution, county officials say they intend to access some of the proposed funding to address the cost associated with criminal and appeal cases.

The modification has increased appropriations for appeals cases by \$15,000, criminal cases by \$60,000 and family court cases by \$125,000.

The funds will come from a specific contingent account used for such instances.

State police warn of gift card scams

New York State Police, Troop B, wants to warn the public on recent increase in scams. Troop B covers 5 counties, Essex, Hamilton, Franklin, Clinton, and St. Lawrence and the Bureau of Criminal Investigation is seeing an increase of high-volume scams regarding gift cards.

The most recent incidents the State Police are seeing posing to be Spectrum workers and requesting people to pay for their bill with gift cards. The caller in most scenar-

ios will advise the victim to get a specific amount of money in gift cards. The victim will purchase the gift card then read the information on the back of the gift card to the caller or send the barcode on the back of the gift card to the caller.

At this point the money on the gift card is siphoned off. These gift card increments could be anywhere from \$50-\$500. Once the caller receives this information, the money is transferred, and the victim is out the

money.

New York State Police want to remind everyone if you are receiving these types of phone calls to be very cautious. Always verify the caller's identity, if the scammer is claiming to be from a certain company, check with the customer service representatives of that company by calling the company on a trusted number directly. Do this prior to giving out any of your personal information.

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Office for the Aging gets grants

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- The St. Lawrence County Office for the Aging has seen an influx in funding from the New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA).

The funds, totaling \$21,160, are earmarked for the Community Services for the Elderly (CSE) Program, according to legislators.

The resolution to accept the funds was approved during the county legislature's Dec. 4 full board meeting.

Officials say CSE funding is used "to provide personal emergency response and senior transportation services within the county."

In other action, legislators also approved a budget modification for the department to accept additional funding from the Expanded

In-Home Service for the Elderly Program (EISEP) from NYSOFA.

The funding, totaling \$31,438, will be used to provide personal care services for approximately 60 qualifying seniors within the county.

Legislators also approved a budget modification for the Office for the Aging to receive additional funding for the Wellness in Nutrition Program.

The funds come from NYSOFA to provide funding for the WIN Program to ensure home delivered meals are available for the senior population throughout the county.

In total, \$59,093 will be distributed to the county to cover office expenses, equipment repair, nutrition site supplies and volunteer driver expenses.

A fourth budget resolution was passed to accept additional funds for the Office for the Aging from the Older American Act (OAA) for home delivered meals for seniors throughout the county.

That modification is worth \$29,989.

A final budget modification was approved for the Office for the Aging to accept funds for additional personal care revenue from cost share clients.

Officials say the office receives personal care reimbursements from cost share clients who have qualified for the Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP).

The amount of cost share collected exceeded the amount budgeted for in 2023, necessitating the \$12,500 budget modification.

Cost share income will continue to increase as the cost to provide personal care services continues to increase, officials say.

City police urges public to join the watch

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG -- Ogdensburg City Police Sergeant Danielle M. Pryce is encouraging city residents to join the neighborhood watch and offering tips to prevent crimes during the holiday season.

"With the new trends in crimes occurring every day, the Ogdensburg City Police Department needs the City of Ogdensburg residents' assistance with information in your area in hopes to reduce the chance that crime will happen to you or your neighbors," Pryce said.

"Remember this; if you feel that there is suspicious activity or person(s) in your area and it becomes a concern to you, please call your local police department. The personal safety of the residents of the City of Ogdensburg is our number one concern. You all are our eyes and ears of this great City."

Pryce said that one way residents can help make a difference is by joining the Neighborhood Watch Program in the City of Ogdensburg.

Pryce said that more than 200 residents attended a recent public safety meeting but at this time, only 29 residents showed interest in becoming a member of the Neighborhood Watch Program throughout the City of Ogdensburg.

"Some residents may not have been aware of this meeting, or were unable to attend. I encourage all City of Ogdensburg residents to speak with your neighboring residents in your area and inform them of the Neighborhood Watch Program," she said.

Anyone interested in participating in the Neighborhood Watch Program should contact Pryce via email at dharte@ogdensburg.org or by phone at (315) 393-1551

Additionally Pryce is warning residents to take extra precautions over the holiday season.

"The number of crimes throughout the City in regards to criminal mischief to property, and vehicle break-ins, as well as trespassing and burglaries of homes, is always a concern. Please protect your homes by securing your windows and doors. Never leave your residential doors unlocked, especially during night hours, whether you're away on vacation, work, or even when you're sleeping. Whether it's during the day, or during night hours, remember to lock your vehicle doors," she said.

Pryce says it's worth taking the time to make sure valuables aren't left in vehicles as well.

"Never leave any valuables such as money, stereo equipment, merchandise, purses, wallets, Christmas Gifts, etc. in your vehicles. Leaving such valuables in your vehicles, whether its daylight or darkness, whether it's locked or unlocked, results in the susceptibility of your vehicle being a target," she said.

Pryce says the same logic applies to no residential outbuildings as well, such as garages, sheds and enclosed trailers.

Pryce said residents should also bring larger items normally kept on porches or on property inside.

She said criminals may also target packages left by delivery services.

"With the Holidays comes, mail or packages being delivered to your homes and left on porches. This leaves your purchases susceptible to being stolen by passers-by," she said. "Contact your delivery services representative and either pick up your packages at the place of business, the US Postal Office, UPS, FedEx, etc."

CBP expecting busy holiday border traffic

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is expecting an increase in border traffic for the upcoming holiday season and is reminding travelers who are planning trips across all New York state land border crossings to anticipate some delays due to increased traffic and plan accordingly.

"With our traffic numbers returning to normal, we do anticipate seeing some increases during this holiday season," said Director, Buffalo Field Office Rose Brophy. "CBP plans and staffs accordingly to make sure that travelers can reach their destinations in a timely manner while still focusing on border security."

Holiday travelers looking for ways to improve their travel experience should consider the following tips:

- Utilize the appropriate travel document. Passports, U.S. Passport Cards, Enhanced Driver's Licenses are a few of the approved documents. Obtain more information here: Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative.

- Visa Waiver Program (VWP). VWP travelers looking to enter the United States at land ports of entry are required to obtain an approved Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA). If you arrive without a valid travel authorization, you will be permitted to withdraw your application for admission, return to Canada, and submit an ESTA application there. More information here: Electronic System for Travel Authorization

- Check border wait times. Plan ahead. Give yourself extra time. Check traffic conditions at the border crossings within your region and select the crossing that is least congested. Travelers can download CBP's Border Wait Time "app" to their mobile devices to check crossing traffic conditions. Travelers can also

obtain traffic conditions at www.cbp.gov/travel/advisories-wait-times.

- If possible, travel during non-peak travel times. Peak travel times generally tend to be between the hours of 10:00am and 6:00pm. If you are able, leaving the night before is one way to avoid peak traffic delays.

- Prepare for the inspection process before arriving at the inspection booth. Have your travel documents in hand, roll down the vehicle windows and remove hats and sunglasses before entering the inspection area.

- Travelers are encouraged to visit the "Know Before You Go" section of the CBP web site. To avoid fines and penalties associated with the importation of restricted or prohibited items, become educated prior to traveling, this includes agriculture products. Please visit <http://www.cbp.gov/travel>. And remember, marijuana remains illegal in the United States federally. Do not cross the border with any marijuana or marijuana products.

- Declare your goods. Travelers should declare all items being brought from abroad that will remain in the U.S. This includes gifts and Duty Free purchases.

- Food and plants. There are numerous agricultural restrictions on fruits, meats, and plants. Before bringing these items, check the CBP website on bringing agricultural products into the U.S. If you decide to take your chances and bring it with you, be certain to declare it, and be willing to surrender it if it turns out to be prohibited.

Be sure to visit CBP.gov to help you travel smart when traveling internationally.

Visa change could draw doctors, say officials

Congresswoman Elise Stefanik and local healthcare leaders say a recommended change in the J-1 Visa Program could improve professional healthcare recruitment in the North Country.

According to Stefanik, the Northern Border Regional Commission will recommend the U.S. Department of Homeland Security waive what is known as the "two-year home-country physical presence requirement" for eligible physicians seeking to work at healthcare institutions and practices within the NBRC territory.

St. Lawrence Health Regional President Donna McGregor says

recruitment has always been a challenge in this area, but that could change.

"Physician recruitment has always been a challenge in St. Lawrence County; however, with the passage of the new J-1 Visa Waiver Program, our hospitals will be better positioned to enhance patient access to the critical areas of primary and mental health; which continue to be underserved. I would like to thank Congresswoman Stefanik for her commitment to ensuring high quality healthcare to the Northern Border communities."

She says the change will help alleviate the physician workforce shortage disproportionately affecting rural America.

President and CEO of Adirondack Health Aaron Kramer, said the plan showed promise.

"Recruiting and retaining physicians in rural communities -- amid a protracted national shortage -- is challenging, but essential for sustainability and equitable access to care. We applaud Rep. Stefanik for

her advocacy and appreciate her work with the Northern Border Regional Commission on this new J-1 Visa Program," he said.

Congresswoman Stefanik said that in July of 2022, she led her colleagues in a letter specifically calling on the NBRC to implement a J-1 visa waiver program that would allow non-domestic physicians trained in the U.S. to work in health professional shortage areas or medically underserved areas within the NBRC's area of jurisdiction.

In August 2022, Congresswoman Stefanik said the NBRC agreed to begin implementing a J-1 visa program in Fiscal Year 2023 to expand opportunities to recruit physicians to rural NY-21.

In June 2023, Congresswoman Stefanik said she led a bipartisan bill to reauthorize the NBRC for ten years with an investment of \$400M while making critical reforms to encourage economic development, enhance access to rural healthcare, and streamline bureaucratic processes within the NBRC.

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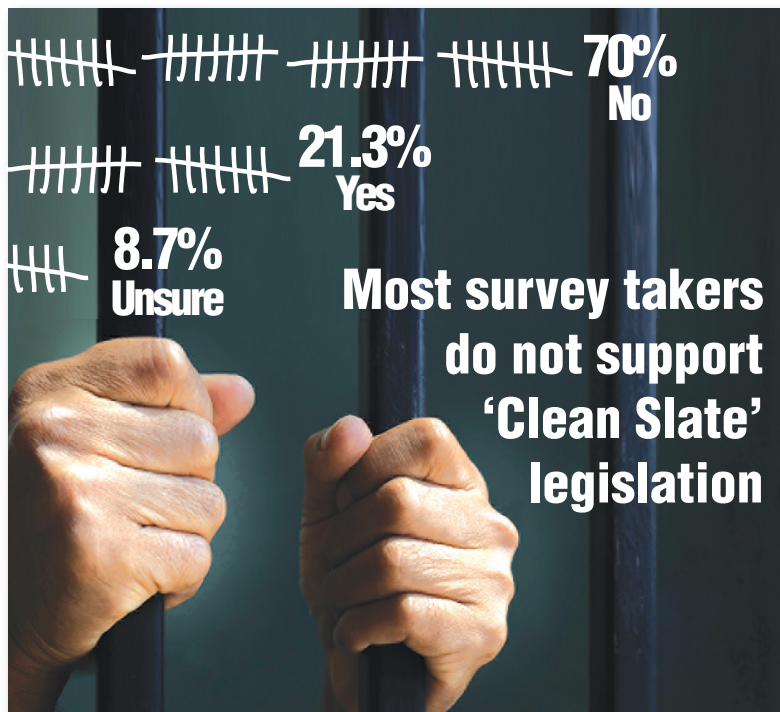
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NCNOW SURVEY



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The Question:

Do you support the new 'Clean Slate' legislation?

THREE LOCAL REPUBLICAN state representatives are raising concerns over freshly signed "Clean Slate" legislation, which will broaden the allowances for sealing criminal records. Senator Dan Stec (R,C-Queensbury) and Sen. Mark Walczyk, (R-Watertown), along with Assemblyman Scott Gray (R-Watertown) 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. Do you support the new 'Clean Slate' legislation?

HERE ARE COMMENTS from some survey participants:

'You are responsible for your actions and crimes. Records should not be sealed.'

'I absolutely support this legislation. Many of the crimes that will be sealed are matters of youthful indiscretions, and only serve to ruin individual lives!'

'We have to stop hugging convicts. They are in trouble because they did not follow the rules of society. If there are no consequences for their actions then there is not a reason to follow the rules of society.'

'Although I agree with the idea, I feel that the time frame for a felony should be expanded to 10 years and there should be exceptions for certain violent charges which should remain on record indefinitely.'

'How sad for the victims of these crimes. How unsafe for the rest of us. This is a big no.'

'Employers have the right to know the background of their employees.'

'There is way too much cushion for criminals in today's society. First the Bail Reform law and now this. It's making it difficult for everyone involved in law enforcement, including police, district attorneys, judges, probation departments and list goes on.'

Here we go again. Basically letting crimes go unpunished. All criminals should suffer the consequences.

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

TO TAKE THE CURRENT SURVEY, visit bit.ly/47UAoew.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: Will you contribute to local charities this holiday season?

The NCNow Survey is an unscientific poll of visitors to NorthCountryNow.com who choose to participate. Please keep comments to 150 words or fewer; all are subject to editing.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Corporate 'Greedflation'

According to APNews, "America is gloomy about the economy". The cost of food, household goods and every bill we receive these days is shocking. But blaming President Biden and his administration is nonsense.

Who doesn't understand that corporations raise their prices as high as they want, anytime they want? Who doesn't understand that insurance companies raise rates on all of us to offset massive claims brought about by unprecedented weather disasters? Who doesn't understand that inflated transportation and supply costs leave privately-owned small businesses and services at their mercy? Who doesn't understand that oil companies regulate prices, not the US government?

Average working and middle-class Americans have good reason to be alarmed by the way higher prices rob them of spending power. But

'Corporate 'greedflation' is why your wallet empties to quickly and interest on your credit card continues to soar.'

Martha Hodges
Massena

they're barking up the wrong tree if they think President Biden is responsible.

It's Republican/Libertarian politicians who facilitate corporate profit by lobbying against unions, con-

sumer protection laws and taxation for billionaires. They propagate the myth that a trickle-down economy actually works, even as Main Street America dies and 3M Americans have more combined wealth than 291M people in this country.

Nothing can stretch the earnings of the average American as long as Republicans give corporations license to squeeze every dollar out of America's pocketbooks and they reject any bill introduced by Democrats who recognize "greedflation" for what it is.

It was OK when President Bush authorized \$700B to bail out failing mortgage companies in 2008? But Republicans criticized President Biden for authorizing \$350B to help citizens post-Covid. Enough with the GOP and their billionaire backers using the government to pad their own pockets, while showing fake concern for the average American. Kudos to striking workers across the nation who have recognized this truth.

Corporate "greedflation" is why your wallet empties so quickly and interest on your credit card continues to soar. And the GOP lets it happen.

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What do you want for Christmas?

Landon Brown, of Brasher Falls, visits with Adirondack Santa during the Holiday Book & Bake Sale held Dec. 2 at Norwood Public Library.

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Christmas in Waddington offers host of events

WADDINGTON -- Christmas in Waddington will feature a variety of events on Dec. 8 and 9.

On Dec. 8: 8:30 p.m. Annual Tree Lighting Dinner, Main Street Perc; 5-7 Open viewing of the Festival of the Trees and Gift Baskets, Old Town Hall; 6:30 p.m. Welcome Santa Parade. Then live performances from Potsdam Dance Company and MWCS Stardust/Select Choir, meet and greet with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and annual tree lighting at Island View Pavilion.

On Dec. 9: 8-10 a.m. Pancake breakfast with Santa, American Legion Post 420; 10 a.m. Annual Santa 5K Walk/Run, Island View Park; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Viewing of the Festival of the Trees and Basket Silent Auction Begins, Old Town Hall; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Local craft

and vendor fair, Old Town Hall/Waddington Hepburn Library; 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Storytime and crafts with Santa, Waddington Hepburn Library; 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Thumbprint reindeer ornament craft, The Gallery at Lake St. Lawrence; 12-3 p.m. Horse drawn wagon ride with hot chocolate and carol, Old Waddington Community Bank; 3-5 p.m. Adult winter games, Blue Water Redemption; 6:30 p.m. Doors open for Festival of the Trees with Snacks, Drinks, and DJ Ryan Woodard, Old Town Hall; 7-8 p.m. Live auction of the trees/collect silent auction bids, Old Town Hall; 8-9:30 p.m. Jingle Mingle with refreshments and snacks and music from DJ Ryan Woodard, Old Town Hall.

Santa & Grinch visiting Hermon

HERMON -- Santa & The Grinch will be in Hermon Sunday, Dec. 10 from 3-5 p.m.

The festivities will begin at 2:45 with Santa touring the town in a fire truck before holding court at the Hermon Library at 105 Main Street at 3 p.m.

On the opposite side of town, the Grinch will be manning the

Hermon Fire Station, 1650 County Road 21.

Park at the Fire Department and dress warm and bring blankets for hay wagon rides between the two locations.

Hot chocolate, cookies, crafts, and family fun. Free to the public but donations accepted.



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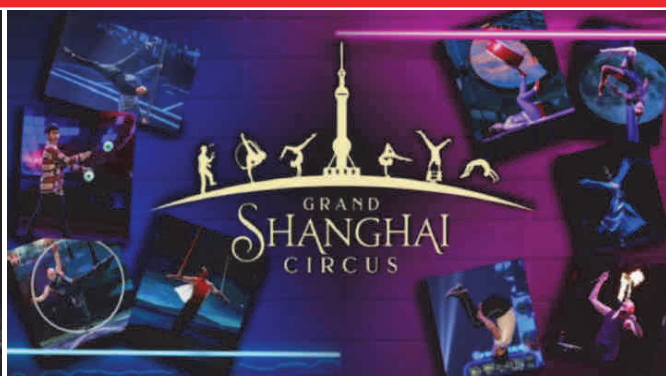
Create decorative sap buckets

Several local budding artists painted sap buckets during a "Painting with Patty" class held at Waddington's Old Town Hall Dec. 2. Instructor Patty VanPatten donated the proceeds from the class to the Waddington Historical Association. Back row, from left, Patty VanPatten, Linda Nugent, Sue Miller, Barb Henry, Anna Brady; Front row: Katelyn Bernard and Maggie Murphy.

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Holiday in Brass performances

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A second performance is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 17 in First Presbyterian Church, Watertown.

Dr. James Madeja, Professor Emeritus at the Crane School of Music, SUNY Potsdam, guest conducts.

The program he designed begins with Sadler's Christmas Fanfare for Brass and Percussion, includes several familiar pieces, such as "Do You Hear What I Hear?" and "Twas the Night Before Christmas" and contains works about Advent, Hannukah, and Kwanzaa, among others.

Dr. Madeja's 36-year tenure at the Crane School included teaching instrumental music education and studio trumpet, and conducting the Crane Concert Band and Crane Brass Ensemble.

Prior to joining the faculty of The Crane School of Music in 1985, he developed two successful high school wind band programs in Illi-

nois and directed the Judson College Wind Ensemble.

He has toured as cornetist with Keith Brion's New Sousa Band and held the position of conductor of Skyline Brass, a professional large brass ensemble based in Harrisonburg, VA.

His ensembles have performed for both Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush.

From 1990 to 2002, Dr. Madeja was Associate Editor of The Journal of the International Trumpet Guild, and from 2002 to 2022, he was Associate Editor of the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Manual.

He is a charter member of the Orchestra of Northern New York and Northern Symphonic Winds and was a member of the Potsdam Brass Quintet from 1985 to 2020.

Madera's research interests include the history of the American wind band and in particular the contribution of Herbert L. Clarke.

Tickets can be purchased online at onny.org or by calling 315-212-3440.

They are \$27 adults, \$24 seniors, \$10 college students, and \$5 teens (13-17). Admission for children, 12

Brass ensembles to perform

POTSDAM -- Two brass ensembles will be performing holiday concerts at the Potsdam Public Library this month. The North Country Brass Ensemble will hold a holiday concert Sunday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m. at the library. The brass ensemble will play favorite Christmas tunes.

Broad Band will help "trumpet" in the Christmas holiday in an hour-long free concert Wednesday,

Dec. 20, at 3 p.m. at the library. Broad Band will bring four trumpets and a euphonium to fill the stacks with song.

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Memory tree lighting

LISBON -- The Lisbon Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary will hold the annual memory tree lighting on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. at the Lisbon Town Hall. Remember your loved ones by a suggested donation of \$1 per bulb or \$3 per ornament. Forms are accepted through Dec. 25. Contact the Lisbon Town Clerk for details.

Santa 5K

WADDINGTON -- The Santa 5K Fun Run/Walk will be Dec. 9 starting at 10 a.m. across from the Waddington True Value. Entry fee is \$15. Prizes awarded for both speed and festive dress. Registration at The Island View Park concession state at 9:30 a.m. Info: 315-244-5856.

Book signing

HEUVELTON -- Local author Becky Duprey will host a book signing for her book *The Shoelace Mission: A Story of Asha and Donato at Pickets General Store* on Saturday Dec. 9 from 11-3. There will be signs for sEiffes available. Becky was born and raised in Ogdensburg, taught in Heuvelton for 9 years and has lived locally her whole life. The illustrations were done by Ogdensburg native Hallie Boyer. Paperbacks and hardcover copies available for sale.

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Craft show

MALONE -- The 9th Annual David Sauter Memorial Winter Wonderland Craft & Vendor Show will be Saturday, Dec. 9 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Davis Elementary School, 183 Webster St. More than 100 vendors are expected. There will be a Chinese auction, 50/50 raffle, lunch and bake sale. Proceeds from the event will help benefit The Emmaus Soup Kitchen. Info: soupkitchencraftshow@aol.com.

Karaoke with Crusaders

NORFOLK -- Karaoke with the North Country Crusaders will be held at the American Legion, 2 E. High St., on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 7-10 p.m. to raise money to support the homeless shelter

and Community Center project for St. Lawrence County. There will be a live auction, 50/50 and wine pull. Food will be provided. Admission is \$15. Limited seating. Reserve tickets: 315-268-1380.

Pet photos with Santa

POTSDAM -- Pet photos with Santa will be offered at the Potsdam Agway, 14 Pine St., on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Photos cost a \$10 donation. All of the proceeds support the Potsdam Humane Society.

Pancakes with Santa

MASSENA -- Massena First United Methodist Church, 189 Main St., will host a free Pancakes with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. There will be gifts, crafts. RSVP to Fae Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at 315-769-8036. Limited to the first 120 people.

Hammered dulcimer

CANTON -- The TAUNY Center will host the classes Hammered Dulcimer I and II with Dan Duggan on Oct. 21, Nov. 11 and Dec. 9. Beginners from 10-11:30 a.m., past beginners from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Registration required. Instruments provided. Cost: \$10. <https://tauny.org/>

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. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5. Guests can enjoy the festive decorations, gallery exhibits, live holiday music, local vendors, and discounts in the Museum Shop. From 11 to 1, local singer and songwriter Jaynie Trudell will perform in the Museum's Tiffany Room. Jayne plays country blues, classic rock, and folk music. North Country Connections Orchestra will follow, playing Christmas favorites and the opportunity for a sing a long from 2 to 4 p.m. Gift shop open, raffle tickets available.

Christmas cookie sale

LISBON -- The First Congregational Church, 9226 Five Mile Road, will hold its annual Christmas cookie sale Saturday, Dec. 9 from 9 a.m.-noon. Dozens of varieties of delicious, homemade Christmas cookies will be available for your choosing. The cookies will be sold by the pound.

Holiday food sale

NORFOLK -- The Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymonds Altar & Rosary Society will host a holiday food sale (take-out only) on Dec. 9 at the Father Amyot Parish Center, 3 Morris St., from 9 a.m.-noon. Items include cookies, candy, Spanish Rice, ziti, mac & cheese and more.

Grand opening

HAMMOND -- Grand opening and open house of the new Al & Illeana Ames Youth Outdoor Education Center at the Black Lake Fish & Game Club, 1 Gilmour Rd., will be Saturday, Dec. 9, 1-4 p.m. Ceremony at 2 p.m., light refreshments, door prizes, one-day only special 2024 membership pricing, donor tree recognition leaves, shirts and more. Indoor archery range with youth & adult leagues, DryFire indoor trap simulator. Blfga.org.

Bootleggers Ball

OGDENSBURG -- A Bootleggers Ball will be held at the Ogdensburg Elks Lodge Saturday, Dec. 9, from 6-11 p.m. The Lodge will be transformed into a 1920's Speakeasy. Another Fine Mess, will play from 7:00 - 11:00 p.m..Appetizers, cash bar. Pre-purchase \$10 tickets at

the Lodge. For more information: er@ogdensburgeks.com or 315-393-5430

Pet Photos with Santa

POTSDAM -- 'Pet Photos with Santa' will be held at Potsdam Agway Saturday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For a \$10 donation to the Potsdam Humane Society, your pet can strike a pose for the camera..Receive a digital keepsake of your pet's Santa encounter.

Holidays in the Hamlet

LISBON -- Lisbon's annual Holidays in the Hamlet will feature village-wide events on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. with the main venue at the Lisbon Town Hall. Annual events include Breakfast with Santa at the Lisbon Fire Department, Christmas Cookie Sale by the White Church, Christmas Village Silent Auction hosted by the Lisbon Depot Museum Dept 57, live entertainment at the Town Hall, lunch and craft show at the American Legion, hot chocolate and bake sale at the Town Hall, a special showing of the Polar Express at the Museum, FD Auxiliary Memory Tree Lighting, Christmas trees and greens sale at the Town Hall, caroling, singing and rides along the street. More activities are being added.

Craft and vendor show

LISBON -- The second annual Holiday Craft & Vendor Show hosted by the LCS Drama Show at the Lisbon Central School, 6866 County Route 10, will be held Saturday, Dec. 9 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in conjunction with the Holiday in the Hamlet event. More than 25 crafters & vendors will be selling items in the cafeteria surrounded by a festive atmosphere filled with holiday music, caroling by the LCS Chorus, children's activities and special guests. Gift wrapping services will be available for purchased items with an in kind donation.

Christmas bazaar, food

WEST STOCKHOLM -- West Stockholm United Methodist Church, 36 County Route 57, will have a Christmas Bazaar and Food Sale on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Christmas decorations, gifts and a good assortment of food items.

Breakfast with Santa

WADDINGTON -- Waddington American Legion Auxiliary 420 will host a Breakfast with Santa Dec. 9 at the Post on Fenton Street from 8-10 a.m. \$3 for children under 5 years, 6 years and above \$7. Pictures taken with Santa and vendors at the Town Hall.

Frozen Foote Race

CANTON -- Frozen Foote 2023 Race Series starts Dec. 9. Registration opens at 9:30 a.m. with a starting time of 10:30

a.m. from the circle by Newell Field House on the St. Lawrence University campus. Race fee will be \$10 for the series and \$4 for an individual race. Walkers 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.

Lynn and Duggan

CANTON -- Peggy Lynn and Dan Duggan will perform a holiday concert Saturday, Dec. 9 at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 3 1/2 E. Main St. No cost to attend, free and open to the public. Donations appreciated.

Dinner & comedy show

CANTON -- A dinner & comedy show with Graham Kay will be held at The White Silo at the Sapped Complex on Dec. 9 with dinner to be held from 6:30-7 p.m. with the show to follow. Tickets are \$60 per person or \$110 per couple.

Chemistry Magic Show

POTSDAM -- Clarkson University Professor Jim Peploski will again bring his exciting experiments, known as "Dr. Jim's Chemistry Magic Show," to the community on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 11 a.m. in Room 360 of Clarkson's Science Center. The show, targeted to children and great fun for all ages, will benefit

the Potsdam Holiday Fund. Each family or individual attending is asked to bring one new, unwrapped toy or gift to donate to the fund, which provides new toys, clothing, boots and food to families and senior citizens in need in Potsdam, Madrid, Hopkinton, Nicholville, Brasher Falls, Chase Mills, Fort Jackson, West Stockholm and Winthrop. Monetary contributions are also welcome in lieu of a purchased gift. Peploski's "Miracles, Magic and Mayhem" show will feature 10 to 15 demonstrations, including a free sample of ice cream made by using liquid nitrogen.

Amvets meet

HEUVELTON -- Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St., will hold a meeting Dec. 9 at 11 a.m.

Christmas trivia

CANTON -- A Christmas themed trivia night will be held Dec. 9 at St. Mary's Parish Center Gym, 2 Powers St. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., trivia starts at 6 p.m. Age 21+. Childcare provided. Cost is \$20 a person and includes 2 alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, or seltzer), 2 slices of pizza, popcorn & chips. Non-alcoholic beverages included. Teams of 4-6 players. Single players welcome and will be placed with a team. Door prizes and grand prize. 315-386-2543, www.CantonCatholics.com/trivia.

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SUNDAY, DEC. 10

Nightmare Before

POTSDAM — Join Jack Skellington at North Country Children's Museum, 4 Raymond St., on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 12:30 p.m. for a Nightmare Before Christmas program, as he explores the mysteries of Christmas! Discover three stations with holiday-themed experiments including Erupting Ornaments, Toy Take Apart, and Bubbling Christmas Lights. Join Jack Skellington for a sing-along every half hour where he will sing "What's This?" In between experiment stations and singing, join Jack Skellington for a photo op. Come in costume if you prefer and help us celebrate the 30th anniversary of The Nightmare Before Christmas.

Buffet breakfast

HEUVELTON — Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St., is hosting a buffet breakfast on Dec. 10 from 8-11 a.m. Donations are appreciated. Menu: bacon, sausage, pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, home fries, sausage gravy and biscuits, beverage.

Sons of Amvets meet

HEUVELTON — Sons of AMVETS 1997 will meet at the post, 107 State St., on Dec. 10 at 1:30 p.m.

Blanket workshop

WADDINGTON — The Gallery at Lake Saint Lawrence Arts presents "Chunky Blanket Workshop" Sunday, Dec. 10 from 1-4 p.m. at The Gallery, 14 Main St. Using hands as needles, Susan Skinner will show how to create a chunky blanket of 40" X 60". Blanket uses 6 skeins of thick chenille yarn in a choice of colors. Cost: \$60. All materials provided. Register to get a spot: 315-388-3033, lakesaintlawrencearts@gmail.com.

Santa & The Grinch

HERMON -- Santa & The Grinch will be in Hermon Saturday, Dec. 10 from 3-5 p.m.

The festivities will begin at 2:45 with Santa touring the town in a fire truck before holding court at the Hermon Library at 105 Main Street at 3 p.m. On the opposite side of town, the Grinch will be manning the Hermon Fire Station, 1650 County Road 21. Park at the Fire Department and dress warm and bring blankets for hay wagon rides between the two locations. Hot chocolate, cookies, crafts, and family fun. Free to the public but donations accepted. Sponsored by the Hepburn Library of Hermon, Hermon Volunteer Fire Department & Hermon Fire Auxiliary.

Fill the Truck

HEUVELTON -- New York RAM Club will host a Fill The Truck event Sunday, Dec. 10, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at Amvets. Donations are accepted for the local food bank, Toys for Tots, and/or the SPCA. Non perishable foods, new unwrapped toys, wish list items for the SPCA, and monetary donations (will be split between the three causes at the end of the event) are needed. Those who donate will be entered for a chance to win prizes drawn at the end of the event. Extra tickets will be available for purchase. There will be music, snacks, hot chocolate, Santa and more. Online donations can be made to PayPal nyrclub@gmail.com or cash app \$NYRAMCLUB. Amvets will offer a breakfast buffet from 8 a.m. until sold out. French toast, pancakes, eggs, biscuits, sausage gravy, bacon and sausage. Donate: nyrclub@gmail.com.

MONDAY, DEC. 11
Snowman Porch Sign

WADDINGTON — A class on making a "Lighted Snowman Porch Sign" will be presented by The Gallery at Lake Saint Lawrence Arts Monday, Dec. 11 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Waddington Hepburn Library, 30 Main St. This twinkly porch sign is 12" X 48" tall and is painted on 1/2" thick sanded plywood. Teresa Gabor will explain each step to complete the project. Cost: \$60. All materials supplied. No experience necessary. Minimum 4, Max: 15. Pre-Register to get a seat. Call 315-388-3033 or email lakesaintlawrencearts@gmail.com

TUESDAY, DEC. 12

The Fitzgeralds

HEUVELTON — The Fitzgeralds, Canadian fiddling and step dancing champions, will perform at Pickens Hall, 83 State St., on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. Info: <https://pickenshall.com>, 315-344-7950.

Fire election

BRIER HILL — The Brier Hill Fire District will hold its annual election of fire commissioners on Tuesday, Dec. 12 from 6-9 p.m. at the Brier Hill Fire Hall, 2678 State Hwy 37. This is to elect one commissioner for one five-year term. Any person interested in running for this position must notify the secretary in writing no later than Nov. 21. Send letter of intent to Kelly Lowery, 27 Atwood Rd., Brier Hill NY 13614.

Redevelopment meeting

MASSENA -- The St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 4 p.m. at the Town of Louisville Municipal Building, 14810 State Highway 37. The meeting is open to the public.

Spaghetti supper

DEKALB JUNCTION — A spaghetti support, eat in or takeout, will be held Tuesday, Dec. 12, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the DeKalb Junction Methodist Church. Free will offering.

School concert

DEKALB JUNCTION -- The Hermon-DeKalb Central School elementary concert will be Dec. 12 from 1-2:30 p.m. at the school, 709 East DeKalb Road. Info: 315-347-3442.

WEDS., DEC. 13

Heuvelton Amvets meet

HEUVELTON — The Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St., will meet on Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m.

School concert

DEKALB JUNCTION -- The Hermon-DeKalb Central School elementary concert will be Dec. 13 from 7-8 p.m. at the school, 709 East DeKalb Road. Info: 315-347-3442.

Dorothy Day Cafe

POTSDAM -- Soup and song at the Dorothy Day Cafe on Dec. 13 with dinner at 5:30 and carols at 6:30. The dinner takes place in the St. Mary's Church community room in Potsdam. Park out back and enter by the handicapped-accessible entrance.

THURSDAY, DEC. 14
Trivia night

NORWOOD — A trivia night will be held Thursday, Dec. 14, 7-9 p.m. at Norwood American Legion, 10 Maple St. Cost to play is \$25 per person, 4-6 person teams. Snacks served, raffle baskets. Proceeds to benefit the St Lawrence County American Legion.

Open mic night

NORFOLK — The BackWater Duo will host an open mic night at The Coach Tavern, 3 W. Main St., on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. Open Mic Night will focus on performance arts like comedy (sketch or stand-up), music (singer-songwriters, rappers, musicians and karaoke singers), magicians, poets, and spoken word.

BOCES meets

NORWOOD -- The St. Lawrence-Lewis Board of Cooperative Educational Services will hold a regular Board of Education meeting beginning at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14, at the Seaway Technical Center, 7225 State Highway 56, Norwood.

Toy drive

MASSENA -- The St. Lawrence County Democratic Committee with the Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence Central Trades and Labor Council AFL-CIO is holding its

Annual Holiday Celebration and Toy Drive Dec. 14 from 5-8 p.m. at Coach's Corner, 191 Park St. All toys collected will be distributed through St. Lawrence County CDP to families in St. Lawrence County. Light refreshments will be served. Toys and conversation is welcome regardless of political affiliation and organized labor status. Cost of admission is one new unwrapped toy. RSVP: lilacs@hotmail.com or 315-250-3192.

FRIDAY, DEC. 15
A Celtic Christmas

OGDENSBURG — The Christmas season will be celebrated Irish-style when the professional touring company "A Taste of Ireland" brings "A Celtic Christmas" to George Hall Auditorium on Dec. 15 as part of the Ogdensburg Command Performances series. The 7 p.m. staging will bring together the best musicians and Irish dancers from Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. Tickets can be purchased by calling 315-393-2625 or by emailing ocp@ogdensburgk12.org. Info: www.ILoveTheatre.org or www.Facebook.com/Ogdensburg-CommandPerformances.

Ornament bar

WADDINGTON — On Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15 and 16, The Gallery at Lake Saint Lawrence Arts is sponsoring an "Ornament Bar" from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 14 Main St. For this ornament-making workshop you will receive a kit with three base ornaments and unlimited access to the gallery's embellishment bar. Susan Skinner guide the process and offer tips. Cost: \$20 for the kit up front. Alternatively, after 1, come and choose any single ornament kit. Call 315-388-3033 for more information.

Amvets Christmas party

HEUVELTON — The Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St., will host a Christmas party on Dec. 15 from 6-9 p.m. KC Karaoke, snacks, friends and fun. No cover.

Mrs. Claus Cookie Shop

COLTON — The Colton Community Church, 11 Church St., is hosting Mrs. Claus Cookie Shop on Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m. The free event will feature iced sugar cookies, jelly thumbprints, candy cane bursts, gingerbread, snow balls, hot cocoa and other Christmas treats. Attendees will be able to decorate cookies, visit with Santa, throw snowballs at the Grinch, visit the Photo Booth, mail a letter to the North Pole, sing carols with accordion music by Danny Klebes, chat with elves, give Frosty a hug and build a s'more around a bonfire.

Holiday Fund fundraiser

POTSDAM -- McDuff's Pub and Grill and local real estate company NorthBrook Rentals will hold a fundraiser to benefit the Potsdam Holiday Fund on Friday, Dec. 15 9 p.m.-1 a.m. with Downtown The Band. A voluntary donation will be collected at the door and for song requests. Specialty drinks will be sold with a portion of the proceeds donated to the fund.

SATURDAY, DEC. 16
Akwasne Singers

CANTON — The TAUNY Center, 53 Main St., will present its next Fiddling Bear Concert featuring the Akwasne Women Singers on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. Admission is \$15 and can be purchased at www.tauny.org/shop. Tickets are limited. Children 10 and under are welcome to attend for free. What began in the 1980s when female members of the Swamp family first organized the Women's Singing Society of Akwasne has become an important cultural group for the Mohawk people. With as many as 14 women and girls and a core group of six or eight, they perform traditional songs and new compositions by their leader, Theresa Bear Fox. The singing is occasionally accompanied by rattles and water drums.

BackWater Duo

MASSENA — The BackWater Duo will play Friday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. at Chase's

Riverside Dining, 829 State Highway 131.

Samosas, Chutney, Chai

CANTON — The TAUNY Center, 53 Main St., presents Kitchen Stories: Samosas, Chutney and Chai with Geetika and Rajiv Narula on Saturday, Dec. 16, from 2-4 p.m. Admission is \$20. Kids 5 and under are welcome to attend for free with an adult. Join Geetika and Rajiv Narula to learn how to make samosas with chutney and chai as they share their stories of India and their passion for cooking and sharing food. Register online at www.tauny.org/shop.

Winter Wonderland

LISBON — The public is invited to a Winter Wonderland event at the K-Stone Rescue Ranch's new arena at 505 Keystone Rd. on Saturday, Dec. 16 from 12-4 p.m. There will be a full petting zoo with horses, mini horses, donkeys, llama, alpacas, sheep, goats, rabbits and black Angus calf. There will also be \$4 pony rides, a Santa visit from 1-3 p.m., and kiddie bags for children. Attendees will be able to feed the animals for \$3 a cup or two cups for \$5.

Classy, brassy concert

POTSDAM — The Orchestra of Northern New York celebrates the holidays with a one-of-a-kind concert when a 23-piece ensemble of trumpets, trombones, horns, tuba and percussion performs Holiday in Brass on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in Hosmer Hall. Dr. James Madeja, Professor Emeritus at the Crane School of Music, SUNY Potsdam, guest conducts. Tickets for the holiday concert can be purchased online at onny.org or by calling 315-212-3440. They are \$27 adults, \$24 seniors, \$10 college students, and \$5 teens (13-17). Admission for children, 12 and younger, is always free.

TAUNY exhibit

CANTON — The exhibit Creative Alchemy: Adirondack Fragrance and Flavor Farm by Sandy Maine, her son Clark and his wife Yen, will be presented at The TAUNY Center's Upper Level Gallery starting Dec. 16. Inspired by her love of the Adirondacks, Sandy Maine has spent decades producing soaps, candles, and fragrances from natural materials that she harvests on her farm near Potsdam and in local forests.

Musical Story Time

POTSDAM --Musical Storytime featuring "The Story of Ferdinand" and "Where the Wild Things Are" will be held at Potsdam Public Library Saturday, Dec. 16, at 1 p.m. Mrs. Morrison, Family Literacy Specialist, along with violinist Dr. Yip and guitarist Darrien Knouse will present the two books with musical accompaniment.

Massena library holiday

MASSENA — Massena Public Library, 41 Glenn St., is hosting three holiday events in one on Dec. 16 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. A bake sale will be held upstairs at the library starting at 9:30 a.m. Also upstairs, music of the season will be performed by Patty Ryan on piano and Ellie Prashaw on vocals. Downstairs will be a used book sale. Friends of the Library can get in early at 9 a.m. New members welcome to join for \$5.

Cookies, candy

MASSENA -- Emmanuel Congregational UCC, 39 W Orvis St., will hold its annual Christmas Cookie-Candy Sale on Sat., Dec. 16. Pre-sale orders and ask you to place yours by 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10. You can order by calling the church office at 315-769-8523 or Lori Blaha at 315-600-0068 or email the church at ecucmassena@gmail.com.

Breakfast with Santa

WADDINGTON -- Sweeter Creations Sugar House, 3345 State Highway 345, will host a Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 16 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Cost: adults \$10, children 3 and older \$5. Under 5 free. Pancakes and sausage.



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Chance to win Grinch prize bag

Camden Caskinett, of Massena, puts raffle tickets in the Grinch prize bag, hoping to win it during Massena Police Activities League's Holiday Palooza held Dec. 2. The event was a fundraiser for PAL. NCTW photo

Singers at TAUNY

CANTON — The TAUNY Center, 53 Main St., will present its next Fiddling Bear Concert featuring the Akwesasne Women Singers on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m.

Admission is \$15 and can be purchased at www.tauny.org/shop. Tickets are limited. Children 10 and under are welcome to attend for free.

What began in the 1980s when female members of the Swamp family first organized the Women's Singing Society of Akwesasne has become an important cultural group for the Mohawk people.

In Haudenosaunee culture, singing societies, until recently all men, are charged with the responsibility of giving assistance and support to those in the community who have suffered a loss of some sort.

A major goal of this group has been to help to keep the Mohawk language alive through song.

Whether sung for traditional ceremonies in the Longhouse, for social occasions in their community and beyond, or for teaching their own children, most of the songs are written and performed in Mohawk. Through their songs, the singers honor Mother the Earth, Grandmother the

Moon, grandparents from every generation, and the Great Law of Peace.

With as many as 14 women and girls and a core group of six or eight, they perform traditional songs and new compositions by their leader, Theresa Bear Fox.

The singing is occasionally accompanied by rattles and water drums.

Bus trip offered to North Carolina

MASSENA — A bus trip is planned by NNY Tours to Biltmore Estates and Asheville, N.C., for May 5-10, 2024.

Cost is \$825 per person. Contact Sheryl Campbell at 315-212-0450 or Grouptrips.com/NNYtours for more information.

G.O.A.L. Gallery in Canton unique place to do some Christmas shopping

BY CHERYL SHUMWAY
North Country This Week

CANTON — If you are looking for holiday gifts at a great price and also support local artists with developmental disabilities, check out the Gallery of Art and Learning.

The G.O.A.L. Gallery is a small shop located on Main St. Canton, across from the movie theater, filled with handmade Christmas decor, ornaments, and wreaths, as well as jewelry and other artwork for any season.

It is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The disabled clients of Arc of Jefferson-St. Lawrence participating in the program receive a commission on each product purchased by customers.

"What I really like in my job is how happy the clients are when they make, and especially when they sell, their crafts," said Cindy McCormick, The Arc instructor at the gallery.

The clients who make the gallery's products come from around the county. They are excited to show cus-

tomers around the shop.

"I like to be creative. I see a lot of people I know in the community who come here. I like selling art to the public, so they know what we do," said Steven Sauter, a client from Canton.

Sauter proudly pointed out his paintings and other artwork.

"I like painting and sewing, and making tree ornament with birds," said Elsie Lalonde, another client from Canton.

"I want to meet new people, make arts and crafts, and I love to paint. I learned how to hand sew pillows," said Heuvelton resident Jessica Carroll.

The shop started over 30 years at 101 Main St, Canton, but it is still not well known, said McCormick. She is happy to spread the word of the gallery and its mission.

The missions of the program are to increase awareness of the talents of individuals with developmental disabilities and to teach transitional living skills to clients.

Crane Opera Ensemble production applauded

POTSDAM — The award-winning Crane Opera Ensemble from SUNY Potsdam's Crane School of Music has added another accolade to its list of honors. The ensemble's Spring 2023 production of "The Enchanted Pig" has tied for first

place in the National Opera Association's 2022-23 Opera Production Competition.

The Crane production tied for first place in Division I for the national awards, tying with productions from Baylor University and

Shenandoah University.

"The Enchanted Pig" is a charming 2006 opera with music by Jonathan Dove and libretto by Alasdair Middleton, based on Romanian and Norwegian fairy tales. I



With your help, we can better understand Long COVID.

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What to expect

If you decide to take part, your participation should last about 6 months.

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This clinical trial is supported by funding from the National Institutes of Health.

Barkley holiday tour begins Dec. 18

SLC Arts musician Josh Barkley will present a holiday music tour featuring organ and piano this December.

Four performances during the week of Dec. 18 will begin at 6 p.m. and take place at different churches in St. Lawrence County.

The tour is free to the public, and performances will not include a religious service.

Tour schedule dates are:

- Monday, Dec. 18: Potsdam United Methodist Church, 26 Main St. Potsdam;

- Tuesday, Dec. 19: Waddington First Presbyterian Church, 13 Fenton St. Waddington;

- Wednesday, Dec. 20: Ogdensburg United Methodist Church, 627 Caroline St. Ogdensburg;

- Thursday, Dec. 21: Massena First United Methodist Church, 189 Main St. Massena.

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

He currently works with SLC Arts through the Creatives Rebuild

New York Artist Employment Program.

Performing in many local venues, Josh has years of experience behind the keys as well as organ and bass.

He is a prolific solo performer, in addition to performing with many bands since high school.

He supplies bands with sound equipment and often does live sound for the regional ensembles.

This program is made possible with funds from the New York State Council on the Arts.

Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony planned

MADRID — The Madrid-Waddington Central School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is planning an induction ceremony next summer for all eligible Yellow Jacket athletes.

The committee is looking to catch up since the last induction, by initially focusing on athletes graduating between 2009-2012. Subsequent inductions will be held annually until all eligible years have been covered. To be eligible for nomination, an athlete must have been out of school a minimum of 10

years. Coaches must have coached a minimum of 10 years in the sport for which they are nominated, and must be out of coaching a minimum of 5 years. A community member can be nominated at any time.

Those athletes who were previously nominated, but not selected, will remain under consideration for up to 5 years. All nominees for selection must meet minimal requirements developed by the Hall of Fame committee. If you would like to nominate a deserving individual who graduated between

2009-2012, a coach, or an administrator, forms can be obtained on the Madrid-Waddington Athletic website. (<https://www.mwcsk12.org/Athletics.aspx>)

All nomination forms and required material are to be submitted by February 1st, 2024. Please send the information to Justin Richards, MWCS Po Box 67 Madrid, NY 13660. As per last year, donations will be very appreciated. Send your donations to Marsha Watson at Po Box 53 Madrid 13660.



NCNow Photo

Tree full of Christmas elves

Nicole Blair, of Massena, checks out Christmas elves made by 'The Dizzy Sisters,' a Malone business, at the Jingle & Mingle Craft Show held at the St Lawrence Centre Mall Nov. 25. NCNow photo

Welcome

Apostolos Kandilis, MD, PhD
General Surgery



St. Lawrence Health is pleased to announce General Surgeon Apostolos Kandilis, MD, PhD, has joined the Canton-Potsdam Hospital surgical team. Dr. Kandilis' office is located in the Leroy Outpatient Center, 50 Leroy Street, Potsdam.

As a General Surgeon, Dr. Kandilis will be performing both open and minimally invasive surgical procedures using laparoscopic, thoracoscopic, and robotic-assisted techniques, including but not limited to wedge and segment resections of the lungs, abdominal wall hernia repairs, paraesophageal hernia repairs, anti-reflux procedures, cholecystectomies, appendectomies, small and large bowel resections, gastric resections, and splenectomies.

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New music theory analysis workbook

POTSDAM — Three faculty members at SUNY Potsdam's Crane School of Music have teamed up to create an open access music theory and analysis workbook.

"Fundamentals, Function, and Form Student Workbook" has been released by Milne Open Textbooks, and is available as a free download or can be read online, including fully integrated audio samples throughout. The new publication was authored by Dr. Ivette Herryman Rodriguez, Dr. Andre Mount and Dr. Jerod Sommerfeldt, all associate professors in the Department of Music Theory, History and Composition.

Students of tonal Western art music will find in the workbook a full set of exercises and activities to deepen and reinforce their understanding of music theory and analysis. The book begins with such rudimentary topics as rhythm, meter and pitch, and progresses through polyphony, chromatic harmony and musical form. In addition to exercises tailored to each topic, the book features recurrent activities focused on four-voice part-writing (figured-bass/Roman numeral realization and melody harmonization), as well as score analysis, which become progressively more advanced as new concepts and skills are covered.

Included for analysis are more than 500 excerpts drawn from the literature, almost all of which were composed by women and other underrepresented groups. The online version of the text includes embedded audio files for immediate aural reinforcement. Score excerpts and audio files are also available to download for use in class handouts and slide-shows.

The exercises were also designed so that they could also be used independently from the textbook, by instructors who may prefer to use other texts and materials. Clear directions and examples are provided throughout, making the book equally suitable for self-guided learners.

Fundamentals, Function, and Form: Student Workbook can be downloaded as a PDF and read online at: milneopentextbooks.org/fundamentals-function-and-form-student-workbook.

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upgraded WiFi for passenger benefit, new sanitation and water fill stations, upgraded disinfection treatment within the HVAC system, an extended entrance canopy with an elongated curbside drop-off/pick-up area, an outdoor courtyard with tables, chairs, and planters, as well as solar panels and electrical passenger vehicle/equipment charging stations.

Ogdensburg Bridge & Port Authority Executive Director Steve Lawrence said the project is going to be huge for the city.

“The modernization of Ogdensburg International Airport marks a pivotal step forward in bolstering our regional infrastructure and enhancing the travel experience for residents and visitors alike. The innovative “adaptive terminal” model transforms the terminal into a multifunctional community asset with a new “Great Room” building as its centerpiece. This project underscores the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority’s commitment to fostering economic growth and connectivity within our regional community. We are greatly appreciative of Governor Hochul, Assembly Member Gray, and Senator Walczyk for their unwavering support of this project,” he said.

Today’s announcement on the beginning of construction at Ogdensburg International Airport builds on a recent announcement by the U.S. Department of Transportation to support port improvement projects under the federal Port Infrastructure Development Program. The Port of Ogdensburg was recently awarded more than \$5.1 million to expand its main dock terminal while making port enhancements to reduce choke points while increasing the size and number of vessels that can be docked simultaneously.

State representatives State Senator Mark Walczyk and Assemblymember Scott Gray praised the project along with St. Lawrence County Chairman David Forsythe.

“I would like to commend the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority (OBPA) leadership for applying and congratulate them on being awarded \$18M for a transformative project that would convert the Ogdensburg International Airport into a regional hub for the North Country. Through their hard work and forward thinking, OBPA ensures that the Airport will be an economic engine that can contribute to the economy in St. Lawrence County for many years to come. This will provide a great benefit to county residents and our regional and international visitors. On behalf of the County, I would also like to thank the Governor for her creative approach to the Upstate Airport Economic Development &

Revitalization Competition. The dedication of \$230M across New York State will go a long way in making necessary improvements to airports and specifically help our Region stabilize air travel for the future,” Forsythe said.

Constructed in 1980, the Ogdensburg International Airport’s terminal handled as many as 26,921 enplanements a year prior to the COVID-19 pandemic but the facility lacks adequate space to comfortably handle the current passenger flow or accommodate the expected levels of growth in the coming years.

MANSLAUGHTER . . .

supervision of DSS or other agencies, St. Lawrence County District Attorney Gary Pasqua said he could not provide comment at this time due to the ongoing investigation.

However, he said that as part of the investigation his office would be looking to determine if and to what level any other agencies may have been involved with the family.

Both Vega and Cyrus were remanded to St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility without bail.

It is alleged Cyrus allowed Vega to “engage in ongoing physical abuse of the three-year-old victim” and “failed to seek aid and did not seek medical attention for the victim until 48 hours after the abuse occurred.”

In the course of the assault, Vega is alleged to have thrown the victim into the bedroom wall before slamming the child on the ground several times.

Court documents did not state who filed the complaint that led to the charges.

The investigation is ongoing.

Further charges are pending the results of the investigation, according to O’Brien.

BUDGET...

sometimes account for revenue increases for the county.

In particular, Ogdensburg endured a citywide reassessment that has some properties jumping more than \$100,000 in value and others more than doubling in value.

Mayor Jeffrey M. Skelly previously told North Country This Week the reasoning for the reassessment remains the same. He said the idea is to get the process working as it should by getting an accurate assessment of city properties, which should allow the city to reduce or stabilize the tax rate and keep the levy increases in check.

When assessing figures over the last decade, County Administrator Ruth Doyle previously 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.

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

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

A big challenge associated with budget development over the past decade 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.

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%.

For the 2024 budget, legislators have approved spending \$66,004,404 on general government support, \$906,500 on education, \$21,026,545 on public safety, \$20,209,742 on health services, \$30,205,666 on transportation, \$82,211,990 on economic assistance and opportunity, \$540,915 on culture and recreation, \$8,557,646 on home and community services, \$43,132,371 on employee benefits, \$2,499,369 on debt service and \$21,157,710 on inter fund transfers. Appropriations rose by a total of



Sandi Cockayne | Submitted

VFW Rifles

The Sons of the Amvets 4, Massena, recently made a donation to the VFW rifle squad. From the left are Steve O’Brien, VFW post commander, Tim Mattice, rifle squad, Gary Paller, Sons member, Mark Perry, Sons member, Fred Cockayne, rifle squad, Leo Murphy, rifle squad and Ken Sequin, rifle squad.

\$22.276 million or 5.23% compared to 2023, with personnel expenses rising by \$2.726 million, or 5.52%.

Contractual expenses rose \$16.154 million or 10.27%, while equipment costs have been significantly lowered due to grants to offset those costs, Doyle previously said.

Employee benefits rose \$3.473 million, or 5.23%.

According to the resolution passed Dec. 4, expected departmental revenues stand at \$48,459,101 for 2024.

Forfeitures is projected at \$112,270, intergovernmental charges are \$13,213,222, sale of property and comp loss is \$2,514,668, state aid stands at \$46,635,798, inter-fund revenue is \$3,335,962, federal aid is \$22,289,353, inter-fund transfers are \$13,480,611, miscellaneous local sources are \$6,683,015, amounts raised by taxes are \$54,051,752, real property taxes are \$333,860, real property tax items are \$2,329,260, license and permits are \$45,000, non-property

tax items are \$81,014,710 and use of money and property are \$1,954,275, according to the budget resolution.

Legislators say expected revenue would rise \$20.528 million or 9.25%, due in part to increased performance of sales tax revenue.

Doyle previously spoke to the dangers of an over reliance on tax revenues, saying the county is aware of the dangers, 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.

Legislative Chairman David Forsythe complimented Doyle, County treasurer Renee Cole and county staff for their “hard work and diligence” in creating a “well crafted” and balanced budget.

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Sat, Sun 12:45, 3:00

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

Trolls Band Together
7:00 pm Nightly PG
Sat, Sun 12:45, 3:00

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6:45, 9:20 pm Nightly PG-13
Sat, Sun, 12:30, 3:00

The Boy and the Heron
6:45, 9:20 pm Nightly PG-13
Sat, Sun 12:30, 3:00

Napoleon
7:00 pm Nightly R
Sat, Sun 1:30

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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

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of Sweeter Creations Sugar House LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-10-20. Office location: Saint Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Michael R. Kenny: 3345 State Highway 345 Waddington NY 13694. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency (SLCIDA) is soliciting proposals for the purchase of a new 2023 or 2024 model year AWD minivan or AWD van. The SLCIDA is also seeking offers to purchase/take in trade its 2014 Chevrolet Traverse LS AWD vehicle. The SLCIDA is eligible for government, federal, and state contract pricing. Proposals and Offers are to be submitted no later than 9:00 AM, local time on December 15, 2023, at which time the bids will be opened and read publicly. To obtain a copy of the request for proposals including detailed minimum specifications, contact Rich Williams, Contracting Officer by email: RWilliams@SLCIDA.com or by phone: (315) 379-9806. SLCIDA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer

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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.

HOPKINTON ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

The Town of Hopkinton is seeking bids for specific areas of renovation to the town hall. Work to be completed includes the installation of FRP board, drop ceiling, refurbishing cupboards and drawers, steam table replacement, installation of commercial faucet with sprayer, and installation of heat resistant countertops in the kitchen area. Other items include repainting of walls in the meeting room and the installation of four (4) ceiling fans. Restrooms need to be made handicap accessible by installing new doors and removing partitions.

Detailed specifications can be picked up in person at the Town Clerk's office at 7 Church Street, Hopkinton, NY or calling (315) 328-4187. Appointments to inspect can be made through the Town Clerk's office by calling (315) 328-4187.

Sealed bids are to be returned by noon on January 12, 2024 in a sealed envelope addressed to the "Town of Hopkinton, 7 Church Street, Hopkinton, NY 12965 with a notation of "Town Hall Renovations." The bids will be opened at 7:00 p.m. at a special meeting scheduled for January 16, 2024. The Town Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

RUSSELL ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

The Town of Russell is taking sealed bids on replacing the Town Hall Entrance Steps. We offer prevailing wages. Engineered plans are available at request from the Town Clerk 315-347-2350 or russellnyclerk@gmail.com. The town will do the demolition and disposal of the existing steps and railings. The completion date should be June 30, 2024. Sealed bids are to be in by February 13, 2024 and will be opened at the February 20, 2024 board meeting. Sealed bids will be accepted at the Town Office at PO Box 628, 4 Pestle Street Russell, NY 13684. Office hours are Monday thru Friday 9am to 4 PM. Submittals shall be placed on a clean sheet of paper with the amount of bid legibly and clearly written or typed along with contact information including name, address, and phone number for said bidder. A 10% bid bond and proof of certificate of liability is needed. Place the bid in a sealed envelope with the project name on the front. The Town of Russell has the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

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

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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

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315-386-4504

Bids will be received until Thursday, December 14, 2023 @ 11:00 AM at the St. Lawrence/Lewis BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Office, in Canton, New York, at the above address, at which time they will be publicly opened, read, and recorded.

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

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

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

Maureen Bouchey
District Clerk
Board of Cooperative
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PO Box 231, 40 West
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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of Emonena LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-11-08. Office location: Saint Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Kome Oseghale: P. O. Box 1154 Ogdensburg NY 13669. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of Mapleview Land Company, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-11-09. 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 Mapleview Land Company, LLC: 307 Jones Road Madrid NY 13660. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of Camp HodgePodge LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-11-08. Office location: Saint Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Janet M. Hodge c/o Camp HodgePodge LLC: 406 Benjamin Drive Chambersburg PA 17201. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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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Notice of Formation of Tellus Properties, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-11-07. 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 John Rydzewski: 1748 State Highway 420 Massena NY 13662. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of CAMFOXTRT, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-09-14. Office location: Saint Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to David Peters: 6040 Haig Point Court Westerville OH 43082. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of 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 A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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

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Urgent care veterinary clinic opening

BY CHERYL SHUMWAY
North Country This Week

NORFOLK — A new urgent care veterinary clinic will open December 13 in downtown Norfolk.

The Silver Birch Veterinary Urgent Care will be a walk-in only clinic for sick animals and small emergencies, and not for routine visits.

The urgent care clinic will be the first in the county.

Owners are veterinarians Dr. Justin Harper and Dr. Sarah Wray and veterinary technician Mary Earl Bregg.

Dr. Harper, a Canton Central School graduate, has been practicing for 14 years, formerly at the Canton Animal Clinic, and VCA High Peaks in Ray Brook.

Dr. Wray has been in practice for five years, as a teacher at SUNY Canton Veterinary Science Technology Program, Canton Animal Hospital, and VCA High Peaks.

Bregg, an eight year licensed vet-

erinarian technician, has worked at Watertown Animal Hospital, Canton Animal Clinic, and the Anesthesia Service at Cornell University.

"We are not taking appointments. It will just be a walk-in clinic. You do not need to be a previous client," said Dr. Harper.

In case of emergencies "call first, so we can be prepared with all the equipment when you walk in the door," said Harper.

"For non-emergencies, it is recommended also calling ahead to know the wait time," Harper said.

The clinic is taking sick cats and dogs with such problems as ear infections, skin problems, injuries, and emergency surgeries.

It is not taking routine visits for vaccinations and spay/neuter surgery.

"The clinic will be a mix of first come, first served and triage," said Dr. Wray.

"It is very difficult to get a timely appointment for a sick pet, with a

shortage of veterinarians," she said.

"An urgent care clinic is needed for sick animals when no other vets are available to see them because they are packed with routine appointments," said Wray

"We want to take the backlog off general practitioners. We want to help so pet owners don't have to wait three months to get seen," she said.

"Our long term goal is to move to emergency practice, being open on weekends and later on weekdays. Now, the closest emergency hospitals are in Canada and Syracuse," said Dr. Wray.

The walk-in clinic will be open Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. On Thursday and Friday, hours will be 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

The clinic is located at 52 West Main St., Norfolk.

The clinic can be reached during office hours at 315-234-7795

For more information, visit their website silverbirchvet.com, which should be live by Dec. 13.



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This young girl was happy to see the Grinch at Liberty's annual Community Christmas Party.

Stewart's holiday fundraiser underway

The 37th annual Stewart's Holiday Match Campaign kicks off

on Thanksgiving Day and runs through Christmas Day at all shop

locations. The program supports nonprofit organizations benefiting children. To date, the program has raised over \$36 million for children's charities.

Last year, customers donated over \$1 million to the program, doubling to more than \$2 million with the Stewart's match. The funds were able to support 1,939 local children's organizations across the 32 counties where Stewart's Shops are located.

"Sharing is a central focus of everything we do at Stewart's. Holiday Match takes those efforts to another level by supporting children in the communities that we serve," said Stewart's Shops Director of Corporate Philanthropy Jennifer Frame.

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Grinch greets party guests

MASSENA — Christmas cookies, face painting, and an ugly sweater contest were just a few of the things attendees enjoyed at Liberty's Annual Community Christmas Party held recently.

Thanks to all the "Elves" (Liberty employees) and "Jr. Elves" (the children who attended), the elderly residents of the Farrar House in Malone, and L.B.S.H. Housing Corporation in Brasher Falls, will receive a gift bag for Christmas containing lip balm, lotion, non-slip socks, and a picture frame made by the community members at the party.

"When we think of Christmas,

most of the time we think of kids. And rightfully so. But there are also many elderly folks living in group facilities that don't have family or friends around to celebrate the holiday season with," said Mark Saltsman, Liberty, New York Gas Vice President and General Manager. "Elves at Work is one way we can ensure that everyone, both the young and old, are remembered this time of year."

The event boasted special surprise guests — the notorious Grinch and Cindy Lou. Photo opportunities were plentiful, as were McDonald's gift cards handed out to the kids there.

Wine, craft, food show popular

POTSDAM — The Craft, Food & Wine Holiday Market drew more than 4,000 shoppers at SUNY Potsdam's Maxcy Hall Dec. 1 and 2.

A total of 119 vendors sold their products at the annual fundraiser for the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce. Most vendors were local, but some came from outside the county, including in Jefferson and Franklin counties, Syracuse, Albany, Rochester, and Vermont.

"The Holiday Market was a huge success this year," said Kathryn Puleo, STLC Chamber Tourism & Events Manager.

"We received a lot of great feedback regarding the new site plan providing additional space, the dedicated wine area, shuttle service, and the variety of quality vendors throughout the event," she said.

The holiday market returned to a two-day event, with Friday afternoon/evening hours, and Saturday.

"Extending the Holiday Market to two days accomplished our goal of spreading attendance to alleviate the congestion between aisles for customers to shop more comfortably. This also effectively increased our vendors sales," said Puleo.

"For us, this is an opportunity to encourage shopping local," she said.

"It also provides a much needed marketing and sales opportunity for small businesses that make handmade and value-added products," she said.

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'The Highest Peak' pot shop opening Dec. 7 in Potsdam following delays with NYS

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM -- The village's first cannabis dispensary, The Highest Peak at 25 Market St., officially opened for business Thursday, Dec. 7.

The shop's opening has been stalled by months of legal wrangling between the State Supreme Court and the state Office of Cannabis Management, but after Thursday the wait for The Highest Peak is over.

The owners, Aurora Wood and Kinsey LaPointe, held a grand opening day Thursday, complete with a ribbon cutting ceremony with the Potsdam Chamber of Commerce at 1 p.m. A DJ played music and shop clerks were on hand to educate the public on the health benefits of using cannabis. The new cannabis store offers pre-packaged state-approved cannabis and CBD products from specifically approved growers. No consumption will be allowed on the site, under state law. Patrons must be 21 and older.

It's been a slow burn leading up to The Highest Peak's opening day. LaPointe and Wood have been working on setting up shop since getting their site plan approved by the village last spring. They initially were pushing for a July opening date, but the state had other plans.

The state-managed process of obtaining a Conditional Adult-Use Retail Dispensary (CAURD) license to legally sell cannabis in an approved store space comes with a certain amount of red tape and bureaucracy to wade through. Read more about that at <https://bit.ly/3IF9fm3>.

Add to the normally time-consuming process a ruling in August

by State Supreme Court Judge Kevin Bryant that halted approvals for state CAURD licensees to open shops. Twenty-three shops which were initially given the go ahead and then stopped from moving forward by the moratorium, including The Highest Peak, were left to be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Office of Cannabis Management and the court.

LaPointe said it was a "sad Tuesday" when they were notified then they would not be able to open as planned. "But now we officially have our approval so there is no ifs, ands or buts about it," she said.

Bryant's injunction was leveled in response to a group of veterans suing the state over New York's cannabis business licensing rules which the veterans said were unfair in limiting the initial round of licenses to people with prior marijuana convictions and leaving out a wider group of applicants who were to be included in the original law.

Over the last several weeks, while the OCM and the court tangled in the red tape, Wood and LaPointe were left gathering receipts and any records they would need to present to the court for further consideration of approval. And then wait.

LaPointe and Wood were hopeful they would get an approval after court reconvened in September but that timeline stretched out longer than expected until they were given the nod last Saturday from the OCM.

The shop is one of the first in the state to open with a license number of 00025.

"And we are the first women-owned dispensary in the entire North Country," Wood said.

LaPointe emphasized also that the

pair self-funded the remodeling and setup work on the building (which was spearheaded by their husbands Adam Wood and Jordan LaPointe), rent and other costs after obtaining their CAURD licenses. This is in contrast to other shops around the state which presumably will receive the majority of their financial support through the state Dormitory Authority which is charged with setting up shops for CAURD holders to operate and fund their operations at least initially.

Wood said they hired the majority of The Highest Peak's sales staff in July and many of the employees have waited along with the pair to get the approval to open.

"And we've worked really, really hard to make this a place of education on the health benefits of cannabis," she said. The staff is trained by the state-approved cannabis suppliers who supply product for the shop and educated on various strains, concentrations and product uses.

The Highest Peak is ideally located in the center of the downtown business district in a high traffic location at the site of part of the former Northern Music and Video store.

LaPointe and Wood said they have received "big support" from the local community as they have been trying to open their doors, and they have been working with other local businesses during the process.

To learn more about the shop visit <https://www.highestpeakny.com/>, or find them on Instagram at <https://instagram.com/thehighestpeakny?igshid=MzRIODBiNWF1ZA==> or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/highestpeakny?mib-extid=LQQJ4d>.

New brewery progressing

BY PAUL MITCHELL
North Country This Week

CANTON -- The West Main Street brewery project continues to progress with bids for the renovation work expected by the end of this week.

Gary Hammond, chief financial officer of St. Lawrence Suds, LLC, said plans are to open the 82-seat Bent Beam Brewing pub in June or July.

The brew pub is located at 41 West Main St. at the former McCarthy's Furniture Barn.

He said the deadline for bids is Thursday and once the contractor's work is finalized, and a financial plan is set in stone, the renovation work will begin. He hopes work can be done during the winter months.

St. Lawrence Suds, LLC received a \$610,000 Restore NY grant in January 2023. Renovation work will see the pub area in the front of the building and restaurant space in the rear end.

The brew pub project went before the St. Lawrence County Planning Board on Nov. 9.

County planners examined the parking issue, noting the site plans calls for 23 parking spots and one handicap space. Canton code calls for one parking spot for every four seats and one for every two employees.

Hammond said they will be looking to expand parking possibly through an agreement with neighboring property owners.

The county also recommended specifics on lighting which Hammond said will be made available.

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Legion donation

MASSENA -- SeaComm recently donated \$450 to the St. Regis Falls American Legion Auxiliary. The funds will be used to support the installation of a new granite park bench in the American Legion Memorial Park, located in St. Regis Falls. The bench will honor Gold Star Mothers, whose children gave the ultimate sacrifice while defending their country.

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Massena residents Jordan Arquette, left, and Tayis King enjoy decorating and eating Christmas cookies during Massena Police Activities League's Holiday Palooza held Dec. 2. Sugar Valley Bakery and Fourth Coast Cafe donated the cookies for the PAL fundraiser.



NCNow photo

Dan Borawski, of Brushton, looks at mittens sold by Amanda Armstrong, Lisbon, owner of Twila Bailey Crochet, at the Craft, Food & Wine Holiday Market at SUNY Potsdam's Maxcy Hall Saturday, Dec. 2. The annual event was hosted by the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce.



Photo courtesy of Nature Center.

Addie Croley makes a snowman card for nursing home residents as part of the holiday card making event at Massena's Nicandri Nature Center. Organized by one of the homeschool parents who regularly come to the center, the card making event was open to the public. It was created as a way to spread holiday cheer to those in area care and rehabilitation homes. A total of 81 cards were created by attendees of all ages.



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Winthrop resident Nick Raczka buys baked goods from Applewood Orchards owner Andrew Brice at the Craft, Food & Wine Holiday Market at SUNY Potsdam's Maxcy Hall Saturday, Dec. 2. The annual event was hosted by the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce.

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MILC can help you find the right health insurance based on your unique needs.

Services are available by phone, in person at a community location, or by home visit. Interpreter services are available for all language needs upon request.

Free, confidential service

MILC has NY State of Health Navigators along with Medicaid Facilitated Enrollers to provide confidential, free, and convenient application assistance throughout St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties.

Our assistors will help explain your health insurance and coverage options, help you and your family enroll or renew in health insurance, and find out if you qualify for financial help to pay for qualified health plans.

In addition to NY State of Health coverage, MILC is able to assist individuals aged 65 or older, disabled, or blind with Medicare to apply for Medicaid as secondary coverage with the local Department of Social Services.

Medicaid not only helps lower your out-of-pocket medical costs at the hospital, doctors, and pharmacy — it also provides additional services as your health needs increase.

Long-term care support

Medicaid can also pay for Long Term Care supports such as in home caregivers, home delivered meals, non-emergency transportation to medical appointments, care management, in-home occupational and physical therapy services, and some home adaptations to make homes more accessible, among other services.

In addition, Medicaid provides Nursing Home Care coverage when someone is no longer able to reside independently in their own home.

Facilitated Enrollers assist individuals through the entire Medicaid application process including completing the application, collecting required documentation, and submitting the application to the Department of Social Services on the client's behalf.

Help determining your eligibility

The Facilitated Enroller also provides eligibility screening and education to those who are curious about learning more about the different types of Medicaid and how the insurance may benefit themselves or their families.

If someone is not interested in applying for Medicaid but would



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The Medicare Savings Program helps pay for the Medicare Part B monthly premium, a savings of up to \$164.90 a month in 2023. In addition, enrolling in the MSP program may result in Extra Help to lower the cost of prescriptions.

For Seniors and People with Disabilities on Medicare, the Medicaid income limit rose significantly in 2023.

For single individuals the income limit increased from \$934.00 to \$1,677 a month and from \$1,367.00 to \$2,268.00 for a couple.

The income limit for the Medicare Savings Program is even higher. A single individual may have up to \$2,288.00 a month in income and a couple may have up to \$3,077.00 per month and qualify for Part B premium assistance.

Schedule an appointment today

To find out more or schedule an appointment, call MILC toll-free at 1-877-397-9613 or visit www.milcinc.org/insurance

MILC offices in St. Lawrence County are located at 156 Center St., Massena, phone 315-764-9442. In Franklin County MILC offices are at 3372 US 11, Suite D, Malone, phone 518-483-2151.

Health insurance enrollees must now renew

The Federal COVID-19 public health emergency declaration formally ended on May 11, 2023. While it was an important milestone towards a return to a normal way of life, it also created new challenges as some government supports related to the pandemic have ended.

One such large change is the federal rollback of a policy that prohibited New York from terminating a Medicaid enrollee's health insurance until the public health emergency was over.

From March 2020 through May 2023, New York provided continuous coverage of Medicaid, Child Health Plus, and Essential Plans without the need for renewal. This is no longer the case.

New York State has now begun to reassess eligibility and renewing coverage for all who are currently enrolled, and will continue to do so through April 2024.

Renewal notices are going out to enrollees in these programs based on their enrollment end dates. The notice will include a deadline to take action to renew your insurance.

Current enrollees will want to make sure their contact information including address and phone number is up to date with their health plan, New York State of Health, or the local Department of Social Services. They will also want to check their mail or email for a renewal notice.

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- School Bus Driver

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Application deadline: December 8, 2023

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For questions, contact:

Ms. Davida M. Martin, Office of the Superintendent
29 Leroy St., Potsdam, NY 13676
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Brasher Falls Central School

is in need of the following position:

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beginning approximately
February 15, 2024 for 10 weeks

Candidates must be NYS Certified.

Applications are due by **December 15, 2023.**

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Speech & Language Pathologist

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Please contact: District Office, PO Box 187, Parishville, NY 13672 or submit the SLL BOCES Regional Application by Dec. 15, 2023. <https://forms.sllboces.org/Forms/CommonApplication>

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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.

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GARDENSHARE PROGRAM COORDINATOR will work closely with St. Lawrence County farmers markets, oversee incentive and token programs, coordinate and mentor farmers market volunteers, lead educational opportunities, and provide market administration/logistics for the shared management markets. Visit www.gardenshare.org

The Town of Oswegatchie is accepting applications for a Dog Control Officer. The successful applicant must perform public safety work in the enforcement of dog control ordinance in compliance with laws including provisions of the NYS Agriculture & Market Law. It is recommended that

the applicant reside in the Town of Oswegatchie, but not required. The application will be made available by contacting Vicki Thornhill, Town Clerk, at 315-344-2400 x110 or email: townclerk@townofoswegatchie.com

Corporate Compliance Officer: The Corporate Compliance Officer ("CCO") is responsible to enhance the integrity of the Tribe's operations by preventing and detecting fraudulent, abusive, and wasteful practices within Medicaid programming. The CCO is also responsible for the oversight of the Internal Auditor, and the management and administration of the development, imple-

mentation and daily operational tasks for maintaining an effective Corporate Compliance and Internal Audit Programs. The CCO provides reasonable assurance to Tribal Council and SRMT senior management that there are effective and efficient standards, policies and procedures in place to identify, prevent and correct noncompliance related to waste, fraud and abuse. The Corporate Compliance Officer is directly obligated to serve the best interests of the Tribe, its employees, and the community. The Corporate Compliance Officer reports to Tribal Council and is administratively supervised by the Tribal Council's Chief of Staff. The CCO has direct lines of communication with Tribal Council, the Corporate Compliance Committee, Office of General Counsel and/or outside legal counsel, the Executive Director, and the Chief Financial Officer. Status: Full-Time, Exempt. Salary: \$33,820.80 - \$78,811.20. Deadline: December 20, 2023. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov.

A full time opening at Town of Pierrepont Highway Department. Job requirements: clean CDL, high school education or equivalent. Experience with heavy equipment operation, welding/fabricating and mechanic skills a plus but not required. Includes benefits and retirement. Applications can be picked up at the highway department or Town Hall. Application deadline is December 15, 2023.

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Join our team! The Health Initiative is hiring a Program Coordinator for its Cancer Prevention in Action program (CPIA). CPIA uses a policy, systems, and environmental change approach to prevent and reduce cancer in Jefferson, Lewis, Oswego, and St. Lawrence Counties. 40 hours/week at \$20.50-\$21.50/hour plus benefits. Flexible hours and work environment. Learn more and apply at: www.gethealthslc.org/work-with-us/

Medical Receptionist: Provides duties that support efficiency and consistency in delivering of program services for Health Services. Status: Full-Time, Non-Exempt. Salary: \$15,02-\$19,26 Deadline: December 13, 2023. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov.

Internal Auditor: The Internal Auditor ("IA") is an independent, objective assurance and consulting activity designed to add value and improve the Tribe's operations. The IA shall assist the Tribe in accomplishing the objectives of having a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management and control. Under the Corporate Compliance Officer ("CCO"), the IA is responsible for performing internal audit testing and reviewing operational adherence to the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's policies and procedures by the Tribal divisions, departments, and programs. In addition, the IA is responsible to review the tribal operations compliance with applicable Tribal, Federal, State and/or agency policies and regulations. Status: Full-Time, Non-Exempt. Salary: \$46,987.20-\$79,601.60 Deadline: December 13, 2023. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov.

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Jennifer Fleury, 4921 SH 56, Colton, NY 13625, jfleury@cpcs.us or (315)262-2100 ext. 6
Application deadline is **January 5, 2024**, EOE
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Basic Functions include:

- Provide planning, administrative support, and exam coordination for academic exams in Student Accessibility Services [SAS] for students with testing accommodations related to disabilities.
- Communicate and collaborate with faculty and staff regarding exams. Serve as point of contact for SAS and provide excellent customer service. The Testing Services Coordinator reports to the Director of Student Accessibility Services.

Essential Functions include:

- Keep appropriate and detailed records of interactions with all students.
- Coordinate exam accommodations, including remediation of inaccessible formats.
- Coordinate with faculty to arrange for pick-up of exams.
- Coordinate and implement final exams for students with testing services, including but not limited to exam conflicts, room reservations, communication with parties, proctor training and scheduling (if needed), etc.
- Collaborate with campus constituents (e.g., Student Life, Residence Life, academic departments, etc.) to educate and increase awareness of disability issues within the Canton community.
- Assume responsibility for the accuracy and on-going daily maintenance of the exam log that contains necessary information regarding exams, students who are taking exams and the status of exams, as well as ensuring the security of exams.
- Process exams and send exam request emails, as necessary, and close the loop on exam changes so all participants involved have accurate information.
- Assist students with scheduling exams, providing tutorials as requested, and resolving exam conflicts with the students and their instructors.
- Represent the Office of Student Accessibility Services at campus events and activities, as requested.
- On occasion, this position may be required to flex the schedule within a given week or work overtime to cover or prepare for testing needs. This could include but is not limited to such needs as: Preparing for final exams and evening courses.
- Perform other duties from time to time as required and incidental to the work described above.

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

Application Deadline: open until filled; application review begins immediately. Persons interested in the above position should apply online at <https://employment.canton.edu/>

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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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**Lecturer -
Computer Information Systems/
Information Technology**

Salary: \$50,000-\$65,000

Are you passionate about Information Technology and Computer Information Systems? Do you desire to share your knowledge and expertise with the next generation of IT professionals? If so, SUNY Canton invites you to join our team as an Information Technology and Computer Information Systems Lecturer.

Position Overview:

As a Lecturer at SUNY Canton, you will have the unique opportunity to educate and inspire the next generation of IT professionals. You will be pivotal in equipping our students with the latest technology and industry insights, ensuring they are well-prepared for career success. Our expectations are for face-to-face classes with some opportunities for online instruction.

Qualifications:

Required:

- A bachelor's degree in information technology, Computer Science, Data Analytics, or a related field.
- 3 to 5 years of industry experience in Information Technology or Computer Information Systems.

Preferred:

- A master's degree in a relevant field.
- Past college-level teaching experience is preferred.
- Background in help desk service, proficiency in coding in multiple programming languages, and network administration skills are highly desirable.

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Application Deadline: open until filled; application review begins immediately. Persons interested in the above position should apply online at <https://employment.canton.edu/>

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES is currently accepting applications for the following position located at Chateaugay Central School

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN)

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For more information:

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Sunmount DDSO, 2445 State Route 30, Tupper Lake, NY 12986

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**Assistant Director
Student Accessibility Services**

The State University of New York (SUNY) College at Canton invites qualified applicants for a full-time, 12-month position in the Student Accessibility Services Department beginning January 1, 2024.

Salary: \$54,000

Required Qualifications:

Master's degree in Higher Education Administration, Education, Psychology, Counseling, and/or Social Work and three years of experience working with people with disabilities, or equivalent.

Responsibilities:

- Support the Director in handling day-to-day duties, as well as coordinating the Electronic Information Technology Accessibility efforts on campus.
- Aid in the coordination and provision of accommodation services for all students with disabilities to include review, evaluation, and interpretation of documentation and the creation of accommodation plans for registered students with physical, learning and psychological disabilities.
- Serve as a liaison for students and their families; meet and assist with accommodations, academic performance, registration, and referrals to appropriate resources.
- Oversee the daily operation of adaptive/assistive technology accommodations for students with disabilities.
- Provide exam administration support to testing coordinator; including assistive technology, exam specific technology such as audio component to music, computer hardware, file/format manipulation, and file conversions for all exams.
- Obtain textbooks in alternate format as requested.
- Evaluate the assistive technology needs of students with disabilities and aid in selecting appropriate software and hardware that addresses their disability related needs to be compatible with their academic technologies.
- Initiate ideas and solutions and identify resources and best practices in working with students with assistive technology needs.
- Contribute to the ongoing development and modification of needs in assistive technology and academic technologies.
- Assist in the purchase of assistive technology for the department, including site-licensing and service maintenance agreements.
- Monitor student use of assistive technology devices, maintain records of service usage, and generate reports.
- Research best practices on accessibility in different learning platforms.
- Provide guidance around accessible and inclusive approaches to campus community members, increasing awareness of electronic information technology accessibility, and addressing barriers.
- Responsible for technical consultation in the accessible use of a variety of form factors such as mobile, tablet, and desktop workstations, electronic documents (e.g., PDF, Word, Excel, and PowerPoint), and online platforms.

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- **School Counselor or School Psychologist (Anticipated)**
- **School Social Worker (Anticipated)**
- **Music (Vocal) Teacher**
- **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/page/employment-opportunities>.

Individuals should submit a letter of intent, resume, application, transcripts and certification (if applicable), and 3 letters of recommendation to:

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RECRUITING FOR THE NEXT ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
Public Health Director

This St. Lawrence County is seeking an exemplary candidate to lead the Department of Public Health with a \$8.4M Budget and talented staff of over 35 employees. The Public Health Director is responsible to the Board of Health for the implementation and enforcement of the State and County Sanitary Code and other public health programs, and is responsible to the County Administrator for the implementation of the financial, personnel, and administrative policies. The ideal candidate will bring knowledge and experience in exemplary public health practice, outstanding leadership, effective communication, and administrative skills. General Supervision is exercised over programs of the Health Department such as the Clinic functions, Emergency Preparedness, Maternal Child Health, Early Intervention, Lead Poisoning Prevention, Pre-School Transportation, Preventive Health, and Communicable Disease control, Immunizations, and general health promotion and education. Work location is in person.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Master's Degree in Public Health or related field*, and two (2) years of administrative experience in a health related organization or government agency. Experience should demonstrate effective knowledge and communication skills to administer public health programs, manage staff and budget, establish and implement policy and goals, and compliance with legal requirements.

NOTE: *Related field includes; health administration, nursing, environmental health or community health education. Appointment to the Director Position is subject to approval of New York State Commissioner of Health.

SALARY RANGE: \$102,890 to \$127,809 w/excellent benefits package that includes health, vision, dental insurances, health buy out option, life insurance, flexible spending account, NYS Retirement, Deferred Compensation, and paid accruals for sick, vacation, personal, and compensatory.

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Ruth Doyle, County Administrator
48 Court Street, Canton, NY 13617

Deadline for applications will be Tuesday, January 2, 2024. AA/EOE.

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Lecturer-HVAC

Salary: \$50,000 - \$65,000

Are you passionate about the HVAC industry and eager to share your expertise with the next generation of HVAC Trade Persons? If so, we have an exciting opportunity for you to join SUNY Canton's faculty as an HVAC Lecturer. Other ranks are considered based on experience and educational degrees. SUNY Canton has a long-standing tradition of providing hands-on training since 1906. We seek a dynamic individual to continue this tradition by educating and inspiring our students.

Position Overview: As an HVAC Lecturer, you will play a pivotal role in teaching and guiding students in servicing and installing various heating and cooling systems in residential and commercial applications. You will join our experienced and friendly faculty, providing you with a platform to make a meaningful impact on the future of HVAC professionals.

Qualifications:

Required: An associate degree in any discipline is required, with ten to fifteen years of experience in the HVAC profession, such as a Plant Utility Engineer 1 or documented by reference from the HVAC Industry.

Preferred: EPA 608 certification is highly desirable, working towards a bachelor's degree is a bonus, as you will be encouraged to earn a bachelor's degree within seven years of joining our team. Opportunities exist to assist you in earning a master's degree.

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

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Salary Range: \$56,623 - \$64,693

The Sunmount Developmental Disabilities State Operations Office (DDS00) is seeking DSAs and DDSCTAs.

Minimum Qualifications: A High School Diploma or GED and a valid Driver's License.

As a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Salary range: \$52,009* to \$56,146* (* Includes Geographic Pay of \$4,000)

The Sunmount Developmental Disabilities State Operations Office (DDS00) is seeking LPNs.

Minimum Qualifications: Must have a current license and registration to practice in New York State, or a limited permit to practice in NYS, or an application on file for a limited permit to practice in NYS.

For more information:

Sunmount DDS00 NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)

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HEAD START has the current openings:

Teachers – Gouverneur (1) and Norwood (1) Centers: Bachelor Degree in Early Childhood or related field preferred (24 credit hours of early childhood). Supervisory experience is a plus. Salary range is \$17.95 to \$19.01 per hour.

Assistant Teachers – Gouverneur (2), Massena (2), and Norwood (1) and Potsdam (1) Centers: Person must have a minimum of a CDA (Child Development Accreditation), or a written plan of study. Early childhood experience preferred. The salary range is \$15.00 to \$15.84 per hour.

Classroom Aide – Massena (1) Center: Person must have a minimum of a high school diploma or its equivalent. BOCES Certificate of Early Childhood, CDA, or substantial experience in early childhood daycare preferred. The salary is \$15.00 per hour.

Full Time Cook – Norwood Center: This is a 30 hour position. Knowledge of nutritional needs of young children and Department of Health regulations preferred. The salary is \$15.00 per hour.

Family Advocate – Ogdensburg (1) Centers: Prefer Associate Degree in Human Services, Family Development Credential, or Social Service Competency Based training. The person will be responsible for parent involvement in the program. Home visits are required with families to assist them in securing services. Individuals must have a valid NYS Driver's License and mode of transportation in order to complete job requirements. Prefer candidate with good communication, organizational and computer skills. The salary range is \$15.84 to \$16.90 per hour.

Health/Disabilities Coordinator: Canton Administrative Office. Bachelors in Community Health, RN preferred. The position is full time, 35 hours per week, 43 weeks/year following the school calendar. The salary is \$19.01 per hour.

Health Professional for various areas in St. Lawrence County: Experience in the Medical Field. Medical Professional, CNA, Home Health Aides, etc. Experience with young children a plus. The salary ranges from \$15.84 to \$16.90 per hour.

Bus Drivers – Gouverneur (1) and Massena (1) Centers and Substitute Bus Drivers: Responsibilities include safe transporting of preschool children to/from the Head Start Center. Position requires a clean NYS Driver's License. Must be at least 21 years of age. Candidates must have a minimum of a Class C CDL, with an "S" and "P" endorsement license. Follow NYS Article 19A regulations. The salary is \$16.02 per hour

Bus Monitor – Gouverneur (1) and Parishville (1) Centers: Person must have a minimum of a high school diploma or its equivalent. Person should enjoy working with preschool aged children. The salary is \$15.00 per hour.

Home Based Visitors (4) for various areas in St. Lawrence County: Must be at least 21 years of age and have a valid clean NYS Driver's license. CDA credential, Early Childhood Education or plan of study required. Experience with preschool children preferred. Position includes weekly home visits with families. An agency vehicle is provided. The salary range is \$15.84 to \$16.90 per hour.

Job Description are available on our website at www.slccdp.org

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Send letter of interest, resume and three *current, signed and dated* written letters of reference to Head Start, One Commerce Lane, Canton, NY 13617.

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Lecturer Civil Construction

Salary: \$50,000-\$65,000

Are you ready to empower the next construction and civil engineering professionals? At SUNY Canton, we're offering you a chance to shape the future of our students' careers by imparting essential knowledge in project management, estimating, and the entire construction field.

Qualifications:

Required:

- Bachelor's degree in construction, civil engineering, or technology.
- 3 to 5 years of experience in the construction industry or a related field.

Preferred:

- Master's degree.
- License as a land surveyor, or professional engineer status.

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This position offers a 2-year term with opportunities for renewal upon review. As you continue to excel, you can advance to the prestigious role of Senior Lecturer. Your salary will be determined based on your qualifications and experience, rewarding your dedication to our students.

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