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Sampling at Craft, Food & Wine Holiday Market

Norfolk resident Trim Wells samples drinks sold at Dark Island Spirits, of Alexandria Bay, 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.

Brewery in Canton moving forward

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.

"We have a good roof with temporary power," said Hammond.

"We are trying to keep things in front of us as best as we can."

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.

Being within 150 feet of a state

SEE BREWERY ON 20.

Village's first cannabis dispensary now open

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



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Aurora Wood and Kinsey LaPointe, owners of The Highest Peak.

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

SEE DISPENSARY ON 20.

County sets tax rate at \$7.15 per \$1,000

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

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Ruth Doyle
SLC Administrator

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

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SLC Public Transportation installing devices to track rider figures

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON — St. Lawrence County Public Transportation will soon have more accurate figures on the number of county residents riding buses with a new passenger

counting system. County legislators approved a contract with Passio Technologies to install the devices on county buses. The lone proposal from Passio will allow for integration with current technology on the bus

fleet and will come at no expense to the county with State and Federal transit funds paying for the system. During the full board meeting held on Dec. 4, legislators also approved a resolution to sign a contract with Brasco International, Inc. for a solar powered bus shelter.

The new shelter, which will be located at the Human Services Center located at 80 State Highway 310, Canton, will provide automatic evening lighting for those utilizing the shelter. In other action, legislators also approved a budget modification of \$147,403 for the Planning Department for the bus system.

Supportive Employment Services (SES) and Mobility Management funding.

State officials have since awarded the county \$750,625, creating the surplus in funding that necessitated the modification.

A second budget modification was approved after the county received \$992,395 from the Federal Transit Administration on recommendation from the New York State DOT as part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Those funds were awarded to offset expenses in 2022 and 2023 incurred by the County Planning Department for operating the county transit system.

Of the nearly \$1 million, the county will use \$558,753 to cover expenses from 2023, officials say.

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Manslaughter charge following death in Hermon

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.



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Winter wonderland

The first real snowfall of the season fell overnight, leaving a wintry scene while walking the Munter Trail in Potsdam Monday morning.

Free downtown parking to benefit local businesses

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM -- Downtown shoppers will again benefit from being able to park for free during the holidays in the village.

The village board of trustees passed a resolution at their reorganizational meeting Monday, Dec. 4 allowing free parking at metered spaces in the village from Dec. 4 to Jan. 1, 2024. Snow removal restrictions when necessary will still be in place however.

During the meeting, Village Trustee and Deputy Mayor Steve Warr presented the free parking issue to the board.

"This is a little touchy. I know we are in the middle of a parking

study and a parking enforcement procedure that just recently started. However, our businesses have gotten used to free parking during the holiday season to increase the shopping downtown and not worry about parking tickets," Warr said.

"And I realize it may screw the parking study, but I hope we continue that tradition tonight by making a resolution by the end of the meeting to make free parking immediately through Jan. 1," Warr said.

"We hadn't changed village policy on that because of our parking study. But after hearing from people about it, we voted to do the free parking now through 1/1/24," Village Mayor Alexandra Jacobs Wilke told North Country This Week after the meeting.

Chamber honors 'Big Spoon'

POTSDAM -- Big Spoon Kitchen was honored as Business of the Year recently at the Potsdam Chamber Commerce's annual meeting and awards banquet.

Jeffrey Bonno, manager of the Potsdam Walmart, was awarded the Pride in Potsdam Award and a special champagne toast was given to outgoing Mayor Ron Tischler for his Commitment to Community.

The event featured artwork created by A.A.K Middle School 6th grade students featuring the Business Leaders for 2023. An auction was hosted to raise funds for the A.A.K Middle School Arts Department.

The Board of Director seats that were up for reelection were unanimously renewed for their three-year terms. The generous support of

everyone who attended helped us raise \$1,766 for the A.A.K Middle School Students.

Business Milestones were also recognized: 5 years: Big Spoon Kitchen; 15 years: Jernabi Coffeehouse; 20 years: Village Diner and Northern Ice and Dance; 30 years: Willow Tree; 35 years: Arby's; 40 years: Hospice and Great Northern Printing; 50 years: NCCC Systems, Potsdam Insurance Agency and Potsdam Food Co-Op; 55 years: North Country Public Radio; 65 years: Potsdam Elks Lodge; 95 years: Potsdam Rotary Club; and 100 years: St. Lawrence Nurseries.

Cocaine arrest at county jail

CANTON -- A Canton woman was charged Sunday with possessing drugs inside St. Lawrence County jail, according to St. Lawrence County sheriff's deputies.

Elizabeth A. Briggs, 32, was charged with promoting prison contraband, felony, and fifth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, officers said.

She was allegedly in possession of cocaine.

Briggs was arraigned in Canton court and remanded to St. Lawrence County jail, deputies said.

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Douglas C. Spears, 71

Parishville

PARISHVILLE – Douglas C. Spears, 71, a resident of Millyard Estates, passed away early Thursday morning, November 30, 2023 at the Massena Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.

Douglas was born October 25, 1952 in Potsdam, the son of the late Francis Roy and Beulah (Frank) Spears.

He attended schools in Potsdam and graduated from Norwood-Norfolk Central School.

In 1975, he entered the United States Navy, proudly serving his country until his honorable discharge in 1979.

On August 13, 1988, he married Cynthia A. Nugent at the First United Methodist Church.

Doug was a cook for various restaurants including the Best Western in Canton, Massena Country Club, and Eben's Hearth in Potsdam.

He had a lifelong love of hunting, fishing, and boating, and was a member of the Flying A Hunting Club.

One of his greatest joys was spending time with his grandchildren and will fondly be remembered for always teasing someone.

Doug is survived by his wife, Cynthia; his son, Jermey R. and Cassie Johnston of Potsdam; his

grandchildren, Ian Michael and Parker Louise; his brother, Steven Spears of Potsdam; and sister, Barbara and Randy Sexton of Moss Point, Mississippi; and 4 nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Nancy Bush; his nephew, George Bush, Jr.; and a niece, Rebecca Green.

Friends may call on Monday 3-6:00 PM at the Donaldson-Seymour Funeral Home, Potsdam where funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 11:00 AM.

Burial will be held privately in Pleasant Mound Cemetery, Colton.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing may consider memorial contributions to be made in his memory to Autism Awareness.

Friends are encouraged to share memories and offer condolences online at www.donaldsonseymour.com.

A celebration of Gloria's life will be held at a later date.



Douglas Spears

Robert John "Bobby" Hanna, 51

formerly of Rensselaer Falls

RENSELAER FALLS -- Robert John "Bobby" Hanna, 51, formerly of Rensselaer Falls, NY, passed away peacefully on November 30th, 2023, leaving behind cherished memories and a lasting impact on those who knew him. He battled cancer and mental health issues with resilience and courage.

Public Calling Hours for Robert will be held on Saturday, December 16th, 2023 at 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Morley Wesleyan Church with the Funeral Service to follow at 12 p.m.

A burial will be held at the Storie Farm at a later date.

Arrangements are under the care of the LaRue & Pitcher Funeral Home located at 324

New York Avenue, Ogdensburg, NY 13669.

Robert, known as Bobby, was born September 7th, 2023 to John and Vera Hanna, Canton. Throughout his life, Bobby was involved in many sports and recreations including canoe racing, biking, and wrestling. He attended SUNY Canton after graduating from Hugh C. Williams High School, Canton NY in 1991.

Soon after, he took a job at IBM in California. He met His wife Donna after returning to NY in 1996. They were married in 2004.

Bobby is survived by his parents, John and Vera Hanna of Canton; He leaves behind two brothers, Danny (Shannon) Hanna, Rensselaer Falls, and Kaleb (Sam) Hanna, Canton; and two sisters: Erin (Bryan) Pseno, Canton, and Elisha (Andy) Hurlbut, Canton.

Bobby touched the hearts of many with his kindness, generosity, and concern for others. He faced his own struggles with determination,

love for life, and care for the people around him, evidenced by his warm smile and generous heart.

Recently Bobby confronted his final challenge—cancer. Despite the physical toll, he continued to display incredible bravery, finding peace in the love and support of his family and friends. Thank you to everyone who visited, he valued your company.

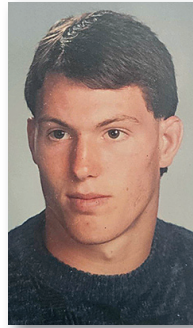
Beyond the hardships, there was peace in the promises of hope, love, and eternal life offered by Jesus. Bobby's legacy will live on in the hearts of those he knew. He will be remembered for his strength and compassion—a reminder there is grace to help us face life's challenges. In this time of sorrow, Jesus offers hope we will one day see our loved ones again.

In honoring Bobby, let's celebrate the love he shared and the indelible mark he left on this world.

His memory will continue to be a source of strength and inspiration for those who knew him. Let us carry forward Bobby's legacy by embracing our call to love one another, whatever the cost.

May his life story inspire us to reflect on our own journey so that we offer grace and love to others without boundaries, just as Bobby did.

Online condolences may be made at www.LaRuePitcher.com.



Robert Hanna

Otto Richard Zimmerman, Jr., 95

Canton

CANTON - Otto Richard Zimmerman, Jr., age 95, died Friday, November 24, 2023, surrounded by his loving family.

Those who knew him recognized him as a man of integrity and honor who lived a life of service and commitment to his family, friends, and community.

The only son of Ruby and Otto Zimmerman raised in Ridgefield, New Jersey, he graduated from the College of Forestry at Syracuse University, then enlisted in the US Army for three years during the Korean War.

Always focused on the environment, nature, and progress, he

started Three Bridges Nursery in Hunterdon County, NJ, as his first business then moved his wife and young family to the western region of New York.

First moving to Penfield and then to a farm in Rose while working for the Soil Conservation Service where he started a drainage program, consulted, and co-created many parks and nature centers, including Blue Cut nature center.

He also worked for the developers who created the community of Gananda, in Wayne County. Later in his career, he single-handedly introduced soybeans to Northern New York while employed by Cornell University working at SUNY Agricultural and Technical College in Canton.

Concurrently, he designed and oversaw the construction of new houses, five of the eight times he moved over the course of his adult life. Constantly emphasizing the importance of civic duty and responsibility he also served on town planning boards wherever he lived.

His love for hunting and traveling brought him on many adventures. He hunted across the US, as well as Alberta, British Columbia, and New Zealand.

Family trips/summer vacations included, driving cross country with his family visiting friends, National parks, historical monuments, the Jersey shore and so much more, creating countless memories.

After living in Canton, NY since 1979, he retired as owner of Pack 'n Paddle. He and Mary then joined the Peace Corps, and later VOCA as

an agricultural specialist and traveled to Guatemala, Slovakia, Belize, and the Dominican Republic. They also volunteered in several National Forests and Parks to include Jackson Hole, Guadalupe, Big Bend, LBJ Ranch, and the Congaree National Forest in South Carolina near Abbeville, where they settled for the next 25 years.

At home, he could always be found landscaping, trimming or propagating plants that he may have clipped or gathered from anywhere, to create better habitat for birds, bats, and other wildlife. Or creating some ingenious gadget or system to build or fix almost anything; a resourceful "MacGyver-type", likely a result of growing up during the Great Depression.

But mostly he was committed to his family. Sundays always started with him making pancakes for his girls then reading them the funny pages from the newspaper.

He spent many years supporting Mary's Girl Scout troops in Rose, NY, be it camping on the farm, packing, or chauffeuring to events and excursions. As his girls grew, weekends would be spent hiking, paddling, skiing, or some other adventure across central and northern New York/the Adirondacks, always sharing his love of nature and the importance of taking care of our planet.

Affectionately known as Rich, Richie, Zim, Dick, Otto, Dad, Grandpa or simply "O" (as the Omnipotent One in his later years to those who truly admired him), he was so much to so many.

The door was always open be it in his office, the field, his place of business, or his home.

He was always willing to stop and discuss any thoughts, ideas, tell/listen to a story or matters at hand; openly sharing words of wisdom and encouragement. In his presence one would not only recognize his acuity and honorability, but also his genuineness and commitment to present and future generations.

He was a champion for the elderly, working to provide housing, food, and governmental services for those seniors needing assistance. Nothing made Don happier

Quick-witted, he also enjoyed a good laugh and kept his sense of humor right up until the end.

The continued love and commitment he showed for his wife over the past decade (particularly after her stroke in 2016 which resulted in their return to northern NY) is unparalleled.

Be it doing physical therapy, sharing gifts from his pocket of sweets, tucking her in at night always with a kiss, or just keeping a watchful eye, he was always by her side.

Again, it was this interest and concern for others that was most evident, always sending photo post-cards of adventures, current events, his blooming plants, or articles of interest with advice or suggestions to those important to him.

He had regular contact with all the widows and families left behind by dear friends that went before him, insuring they were OK and upheld the dedication he had to those relationships. Even until hours before his passing he inquired about others well-being, their families, and lives.

He will be mostly missed by his family, especially his wife, Mary (Greenleaf) of 61 years, also his daughters, Wendy Bacon (Randy), Carol Zimmerman, Susan Zimmerman (Kelly), and Sharon Zimmerman (Glenn) as well as his grandchildren, David Bacon, Holly Cooley (Dave), Daniel Zimmerman and great granddaughter, Calilynn Cooley.

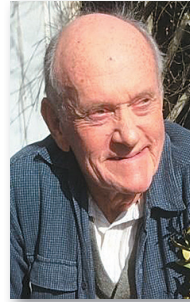
In our tree of life, he was not only the strength of the trunk and the branches that provided protection from the elements, but also the roots, the leaves and the fruit that grounded us, taught us to absorb the sun and nourished us to grow.

This iconic man has left a legacy of progress, knowledge and wisdom and a deep impression on all who have known him.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Earthjustice.org in his memory.

There will be calling hours on December 22nd at the Garner Funeral Service from 11:30-12:30. There will be a memorial service held at the funeral home at 12:30.

Condolences for the Zimmerman family can be shared at www.garnerfh.com.



Otto Zimmerman, Jr.

Donald F. Smith, 87

Formerly of Massena

Varick and Nancee Smith of Fresno, CA, and Veronica and Sterling 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



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Village of Potsdam welcomes new mayor, trustees

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM -- A new mayor and two new trustees were sworn in at the village's annual reorganizational meeting Monday night and the longtime mayor who is stepping down was honored by the village.

Mayor Alexandra Jacobs Wilke was sworn in by outgoing Mayor Ron Tischler who has served on the board as trustee and mayor collectively for more than three decades.

Wilke was sworn in by Tischler with her two young daughters holding the book. Wilke, formerly a village trustee, overwhelmingly defeated write-in challenger Joseph Bowen, to win the seat in November.

New trustee Sharon Williams, the executive director of the North Country Children's Museum was sworn in by Wilke while Deputy Mayor Steve Warr held the book.

New trustee Lynzie Schulte, with her family standing by, was also sworn in by Wilke and Warr. Schulte owns and operates the Foster the Plant Café.

Following the swearing in, Wilke honored Tischler with a plaque of commendation for his service to the village.

"A few weeks ago I had the honor of presenting to Ron the Commitment to Community Award at the Potsdam Chamber of Commerce annual dinner and it was well deserved and hard earned," Wilke said. "We're here to thank him tonight for his 34 consecutive years of service to the village of Potsdam, 14 of which have been as mayor."

"I want to thank Ron for his leadership which has contributed to the advancement of the community in a myriad of ways over the decades," Wilke said.

Wilke said Tischler's dedication over the years inspired a sense of pride and legacy which she intended to continue.

"And what sets you apart is not

'I've been blessed to have such a strong system over the course of my life and that has followed me here to Potsdam.'

Alex Jacobs Wilke
Potsdam Mayor

just your list of accomplishments but your humble, collaborative approach to leadership. Your focus has always been on what's doing best for the majority of the residents and I will take that lesson to heart," she said. Wilke said Tischler has consistently redirected the spotlight for accomplishments during his tenure toward the community.

"Ron, your legacy is not just the sum of your achievements. It's the inspiration you have instilled in all of us that strive for a better, more connected community. So, to Mayor Ron Tischler, it's been an honor working with you," Wilke said, presenting Tischler with the plaque.

At the start of the reorganizational meeting Wilke addressed the gallery and thanked her supporters.

"I'm completely overwhelmed and humbled to be presiding here over my first meeting as mayor and to have my family and friends here to be part of this moment," Wilke said.

"I've been blessed to have such a strong support system over the course of my life and that has followed me here to Potsdam."

Wilke said during the past few weeks she has been "gratified" to



Submitted

The new sitting Village of Potsdam Board of Trustees. From left, Trustee Monique Tirion, Deputy Mayor Steve Ward, Mayor Alexandra Jacobs Wilke, and new trustees Sharon Williams and Lynzie Schulte.

meet with voters from all walks of life in the village.

"I just want to say that relationships matter and it's the relationships we have that really make this place what it is," Wilke said. "Our service that begins here today as a new team is really about all of you, our community members, our neighbors. It's about all of us and what we can really do together, and I really believe in this community."

During Wilke's remarks Tischler briefly interjected.

"May I interrupt for just one second, I forgot to give Alex the key to the city, actually the village of Potsdam," Tischler said, and presented Wilke with a key to the village offices.

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THERESA PINKERTON, 62, Canton, Nov. 22. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

PATRICK LABRIE, 59, Russell, Nov. 23. Arrangements with O'Leary Funeral Service, Canton.

OTTO ZIMMERMAN, JR., 95, Canton, Nov. 24. Arrangements with Garner Funeral Service, Potsdam.

AUDREY HARCOURT, 93, Canton, Nov. 25. Arrangements with Buck Funeral Home.

WILLIAM ST. PIERRE, 48, Rensselaer Falls, Nov. 26. Arrangements with O'Leary Funeral Service, Canton.

ROBERT HANNA, 51, formerly of Rensselaer Falls, Nov. 30. Arrangements with LaRue & Pitcher Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

EDWARD LAFAY, 86, Potsdam, Nov. 30. Arrangements with Gar-

ner Funeral Service, Potsdam.
DOUGLAS SPEARS, 71, Parishville, 71, Nov. 30. Arrangements with Donaldson-Seymour Funeral Home, Potsdam.

LORETTA FRAZER, 81, formerly of Gouverneur, Dec. 2. Arrangements with Buck Funeral Home, Norwood.

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PHCS district voters to vote on \$9.2M project

BY MATT LINDSEY
North Country This Week

PARISHVILLE — Parishville-Hopkinton Central School District voters are being asked to approve a \$9,200,000 capital improvement project.

The project aims to replace 40% of the main building windows, renovate four classrooms, and bring the bathrooms into ADA compliance, according to school officials.

A vote takes place from 1 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 12, in the district auditorium.

The project includes reconstructing the main drain line at athletic fields, reconstruct the front sidewalk and bus loop, and improvements at the parent drop-off location.

Also planned will be window

replacement, constructing a wall to split a room in the media center, construction of toilet rooms, and conversion of multiple occupancy restrooms to single occupancy.

If approved by voters, upgrades to heating, ventilation and air conditioning, cafeteria and kitchen area, and classroom renovations will be included as well.

Approximately 82.2% of the project would be funded with New York State building aid, \$1,042,000 from school district capital reserves, and the remainder — the local portion — would be paid for with property taxes.

The proposed project will carry no tax increase until the 2025-25 school year, when taxes would increase approximately \$24 per year for a home with a full value of \$100,000, officials said.

Madrid man faces felony following vehicle larceny report

MADRID -- A Madrid man was charged following a vehicle larceny complaint Oct. 28, according to state police.

Corey M. Tisdale, 25, was charged with third-degree grand

larceny, felony, at 4 p.m. on Nov. 30, officers said.

Troopers noted he was arrested out of state, but did not say where.

His arrest status was not made public.

Maryland federal court strikes down 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 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 fire-

arm regulation."

With the highest federal court in Maryland striking those laws, lawyers representing plaintiffs in *Antonym 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.

Troopers seek help finding excavator stolen from Canton

CANTON — State police are seeking public assistance in locating a stolen excavator.

Troopers responded to a burglary complaint at 5432 County Route 27 on Nov. 26 at 8:08 a.m.

A 2011 yellow and Black Caterpillar 304DCR excavator with rubber tracks, two-foot bucket, and front push blade was on a black in color, 2018 PJ/TR hydraulic tilt trailer approximately 20 feet in length,

were stolen from the residence, police said.

The owner of the residence last saw the excavator on the trailer Nov. 23, officers said.

Any residence or business in the surrounding area with video surveillance is encouraged to review footage. Anyone with information regarding the incident, they are asked to contact SP Canton, 315-379-0012.

SLC Chamber 'Holiday Market' draws 4,000 shoppers

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 after-

noon/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.

"Many vendors requested an application for 2024's market and expressed interest in joining STLC Chamber Membership. We are looking forward to continuing to create a unique holiday shopping destination for next year's event and many ideas are already in the works," Puleo said.

Scenic SLC calendars on sale

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

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Potsdam makes several designations and appointments

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM -- Yearly appointments, designations and other business was handled by the newly seated Potsdam Village Board of Trustees at their annual reorganiza-

tional meeting held Monday, Dec. 4. Among the agenda items, newly elected Village Mayor Alexandra Jacobs Wilke appointed:
• Trustee Stephen Warr as deputy mayor;
• village administrator, village clerk, and deputy clerk as com-

pliance officers for the Village of Potsdam's Policy Against Discrimination and Harassment for one official year;
• The Village Administrator, Village Clerk, and Deputy Clerk as compliance officers for the Village of Potsdam's Policy Against Dis-

crimination and Harassment for one year;
• Georgine Scott as Village Clerk/Registrar for two years starting Dec. 4, 2023 and ending Dec. 1, 2025;
• Johanna Kastner as Deputy Village Clerk/Registrar commencing

Dec. 4, 2023.
• Isabelle Gates-Shult as Village Treasurer for two years commencing Dec. 4, 2023 and ending Dec. 1, 2025; and
• Elise Deno as Deputy Village Treasurer commencing Dec. 4, 2023. A resolution was passed

setting the business hours of the Village Offices, in the Civic Center, as 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for official village holidays.

The board also set regular meeting dates of the Village Board of Trustees for 2024 for Jan. 2 and 16, Feb. 5 and 20, March 4 and 18, April 1 and 15, May 20, June 17, July 15, Aug. 19, Sept. 3 and 16, Oct. 7 and 21, Nov. 4 and 18 and Dec. 2 and 16. Regular meetings except for May, June, July and August are scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. unless there is a public hearing prior to the meeting and then they will begin immediately following the public hearing.

May, June, July and August meetings are scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m. unless there is a public hearing prior to the meeting and then they will begin immediately following the public hearing. All meetings will be held in the Civic Center Board Room.

The board approved both the Watertown Daily Times and North Country This Week as the village's official newspapers.

Community Bank N. A., Key Bank of Central New York N.A., The Chase Bank and Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company were designated as the village's official banks. The board also authorized the village treasurer or the deputy village treasurer to sign checks for the Village of Potsdam, at the designated banks.

The board passed its written investment policy, procurement policy, amounts for surety bonds, and payments in advance of audit claims for recurring charges.

The board also authorized village employees and officials to attend training seminars in the coming year.

Other business approved by the board included passage of a resolution that all water and sewer accounts with EDU valuations "Based on Prior Year Consumption" have those EDUs re-evaluated and adjusted appropriately by March 1st every fiscal year. The board also approved new stop sign intersections at Grove and Waverly and Leroy and Grove streets.



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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

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 russellyclerk@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
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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 Educational Services
Sole Supervisory District
St. Lawrence/Lewis County
PO Box 231, 40 West Main Street
Canton, NY 13617

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 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 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

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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 Ryzewski: 1748 State Highway 420 Massena NY 13662. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of CAMPOXTROT, 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



Silver Birch Veterinary Urgent Care is opening Dec. 13 in Norfolk. From left, Dr. Justin Harper, Dr. Sarah Wray, and veterinary technician Mary Earl Gregg.

Urgent care veterinary clinic opening in Norfolk

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 Gregg.

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 veterinarian 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.

Right now the goal of Silver Birch Veterinary Urgent Care is to help the general practice veterinarians catch up and decrease wait times for sick pets to be seen.

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.

Massena child allegedly beaten to death

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 second-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 supervision of DSS or other agen-

cies, 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.

Gouverneur woman now facing murder charge after allegedly killing baby

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.

Potsdam man flees cops, charged with DWI

POTSDAM -- A Potsdam man was charged Wednesday night with driving while intoxicated after leading law enforcement on a short vehicle pursuit through the village, according to St. Lawrence County sheriff's deputies.

Alexander L. Wheeler, 24, was charged with first-offense DWI, reckless driving, unlawful fleeing police in a motor vehicle, resist-

ing arrest and numerous traffic offenses, officers said.

Deputies reportedly initiated a traffic stop on Market Street but the driver failed to comply and fled the scene.

Following a chase through the village, the vehicle and operator were located on CR 24, deputies said.

The vehicle had reportedly

become disabled and Wheeler had fled the scene on foot.

Wheeler was taken into custody a short time later and found to be intoxicated, officers said.

He allegedly refused to provide a breath sample.

Wheeler was arraigned by Judge Filiatrault and released on his own recognizance, deputies said.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Autism crisis in North Country

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

This is a crisis because it leads to inappropriate reactions when the behavior of people with autism doesn't comply with what is considered to be "normal." It leads to punishment rather than effective handling of behavioral issues. Misunderstandings result in trauma for people with autism, and escalation rather than de-escalation of issues.

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

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

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

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

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

is paid any kind of stipend.

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

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

Let's send the world a message

Open letter to Representative Stefanik since she limits her email comments to 500 characters.

I see Rep. Greene is embarrassing the Republicans again by publishing misinformation about Ukraine. Let's think about this for a minute. The U.S. has not won a conflict since the Korean Conflict. In the process of losing these conflicts/wars thousands of American young men and women have been killed.

Billions have been spent on weapons and hardware. Russia took Crimea and is now trying to take Ukraine. It is time, in my opinion, to let somebody else fight their own war without our people being involved and dying. Send them what they need, let them test new weapons and, without Congress armchairing the decision process that caused us to lose so many conflicts, hopefully they will drive Russia out of its territory. And hopefully send the world the message that we will successfully aid countries that are being invaded by other nations.

Yes, I strongly believe that Congressional interference and the lack of stomach to fight a war has caused us to lose since Korea. War is death and destruction, and our elected representatives are quick to get us involved but do not have the stomach to win.

Give Ukraine what they need and learn from people who are fighting to survive how to fight a war.

Maybe in the future our Government will learn to let the people

who are trained to fight to let them do so.

And, for the record, I believe that war should be avoided at all costs, however, idiots and morons always find reasons to take from others what they want without regard for the consequences.

**Martin Gaines
Norwood**

Neighborhood center thankful to donors

The Canton Neighborhood Center, a program of the St. Lawrence County Community Development Program, Inc., wishes to thank the following programs, people and agencies who contributed to the success of a Spaghetti Dinner held in support of the Canton Neighborhood Center.

First and foremost, we want to thank Cheryl Williams, a community member who organized, sought contributions, and helped prepare the dinner. Her leadership and guidance led to the overall success of the dinner. We want to recognize and thank the Canton VFW Post 1231 for their generous contribution of the use of their facility to hold the dinner. We wish to thank Cory Foster, our cook for the evening, who prepared a fabulous menu for all to enjoy. Lynne Newvine generously donated her time in helping to set up and run the raffles; Laurie Crawford and her son Jake, who donated their time in doing dishes and kitchen clean up.

For their contribution of an item for our silent auction, we wish to thank Ace Hardware, the Airport Diner, Ann Thomas, Darcy Dubuque, Pizza Hut, Sholettes, Save A Lot, and Walmart. For items used in the preparation of the food, tableware, gloves, we wish to thank Burger King, Karen and Rob Murray, and St. Lawrence University.

We received generous donations from Jen Thomas and the Masonic Temple; we are very appreciative. We also wish to thank staff from CDP who donated their time to help with serving the dinner and the overall preparation and cleanup.

Lastly, we wish to thank the com-

munity members who came to the dinner and supported the Canton Neighborhood Center and its mission. Everyone who purchased a meal contributed to the overall success of the event. Thank you.

If we have forgotten anyone, please know it was not intentional. We thank you all for all you did and continue to do in support of the Canton Neighborhood Center.

**Mia Benjamin, director
Canton Neighborhood Center**

GardenShare thankful for fall fundraiser

Nature's Storehouse annual fall fundraiser for GardenShare, Gratitude through Giving, raised \$2,289.18. The GardenShare team was blown away from the support of our community and neighbors.

Thank you Nature's Storehouse

for hosting and your continued support, our matching donors - Boyden Brook Body Works and Coakley Home and Hardware - and everyone who donated.

The funds raised will support GardenShare's Programming, which includes our Bonus Bucks program, which offers a cost-sharing arrangement to income eligible St. Lawrence County residents to participate in a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) share or to make purchases at St. Lawrence County farmers markets.

GardenShare works to promote a local food system that ensures food security for all St. Lawrence County residents. Learn more about their programs that support "Healthy Food, Healthy Farms, Everybody Eats" at GardenShare.org.

**Annabelle Petrichor
Community Engagement Coordinator**

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NCNOW SURVEY

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.'

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

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



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thankful for hometown heroes

In the early morning hours of Wednesday Nov. 22, we received the phone call that all parents fear.

Our daughter, who was traveling home from Rhode Island for Thanksgiving, called, and between sobs told me that she had hit a patch of black ice and flipped her car.

She didn't know exactly where she was, but she knew she was almost to South Colton, less than 30 minutes from our home.

My husband flew in his vehicle to find her while I stayed with her on

the phone.

As I tried to make sense of her words, I kept asking her if she was ok. I told her that her dad was on the way, and we would stay on the phone, as her story tumbled out. She had been trapped upside down in her car, but managed to get out of her seatbelt. She had just gotten out of her vehicle because a plow truck had stopped. The driver had been able to get her doors open from the outside, since she couldn't open them from the inside.

She had been able to locate her phone after the crash and miraculously had enough cell signal to call 911, so more help was on the way.

Over her words, I could hear voices talking to her, trying to calm her down and ascertain her safety and well-being. She said that a couple had also stopped. Hearing their kindness toward her, their calming voices, helped me as well, because I knew she would be ok until her dad could get there.

In this season of thankfulness and gratitude, we want to express our heartfelt appreciation to everyone who assisted her that awful morning. Unfortunately, we do not have everyone's name, but want you all to know how very grateful we are to you for your part in her rescue. We are painfully aware that the outcome could have been so different.

Thank you to the 911 operator for taking her call, and making sure she shut her car off. Thank you to the plow truck driver for freeing her from her car. Thank you to the couple, who stopped on that slippery road to see how you could help, and for keeping her calm. Thank you to the two Canton village police officers who stopped at the house to make sure we had been notified.

Thank you to the first responders from Colton and Pierrepont for getting to the scene so quickly and checking her out to make sure she was ok. And thank you to Trent (from Johnson's Towing) for being yanked out of bed at 3:30 am to take her totaled car away and being so gracious about it.

So, if any of this sounds familiar, or if a similar story has ever been shared around your holiday table, please give your hero a hug from me. Cars are replaceable, but daughters are not. Thank you from the bottoms of our hearts.

The Mattice Family
Shannon, James and Carly Canton

Visitor to U.S. enjoys NCTW

Being retired, time becomes meaningless. In order to not be too complicated, I decided to travel around. Look at things, so to speak. Being from Ottawa Canada, I like traveling to northern New York.

Ogdensburg, Potsdam, Watertown and Massena are my favorite places. I patronized the local businesses. I play a bit of golf and try to take in some of the sporting events.

I'm sure you're aware, in Ottawa we have two local newspapers. Both owned by Post Media. Neither paper publishes on Mondays and all statutory holidays. Imagine Ottawa being the Capital of Canada. By the way, neither paper covers local issues in any detail. Local sports, except for the hockey Senators, are ignored. Community newspapers were abolished years ago.

My travels to New York state always include picking up a copy of the North Country This Week paper. It's refreshing to read local news for a change. I probably know what's going on in upstate New York than I know in Ottawa.

Keep up the good work and I hope you're publishing for at least another 40 years.

Mike Perreault
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

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G.O.A.L. artists make commission pieces

Arc clients learning life skills at gallery

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 customers 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.



Submitted by Emily Cambridge from Sunrise Stables

Holiday horse camps offered

Emmett Putney (5) with the help of Hannah Worthley (16) rides Tucker Dolittle Jones at one of the Holiday Horse Camps hosted by Sunrise Stables in Potsdam. For more information on the camps, contact Emily Cambridge at 315-261-8087.

Brass bands 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.

Both concerts are free and open to the public. A suggested \$10 donation will go to the Potsdam Public Library. Reservations are appreciated and can be made on the events page of the Potsdam Public Library website.

BRIEFLY

Pierrepont memory tree

PIERREPONT — The Pierrepont Community Club is accepting donations for the 2023 Holiday Memory Tree. A reading of names ceremony will be held Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. at the Pierrepont School House Museum. Everyone is invited. Proceeds will be used for the holiday baskets and other projects for the community. Donation is \$1 per name. Make checks payable to the Pierrepont Community Club and send with the name(s) of the person(s) to be

remembered to 5840 CR 24, Canton, NY 13617.

Hopkinton memory tree

HOPKINTON — First Congregational Church of Hopkinton is setting up a Memory Tree. Donation of \$1 per name will light up the tree in memory of a loved one. Checks made payable to First Congregational Church of Hopkinton. Mail to Memory Tree, Deborah Bagnato, 1011 Santamont Rd., Potsdam NY 13676 Deadline is Dec. 16.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

FRIDAY, DEC. 8 Holiday Jazz night

CANTON — The Unitarian Universalist Church, 3 1/2 E. Main St., serving North Country is hosting a festive Holiday Jazz Night and Coffee Bar on Friday, Dec. 8, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Local musicians John Danis will be on vocals and electric wind instruments, the Rev. James Galasinski on bass, Steve Manders on drums, and Tim Savage on piano. Free and open to the public. The coffee bar will include café americano, espresso, decaf coffee, various teas and herbals, and hot chocolate.

Tracer James performs
POTSDAM — Steel guitarist Tracer James will perform holiday favorites at Treasure's Cove Thrift and Gift Store,

22 Market St., on Friday, Dec. 8 from 6-8 p.m. There will be refreshments and extended shopping hours.

Pro Musica concert
OGDENSBURG — Ogdensburg's Pro Musica is presenting its annual Christmas concert on Friday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church at the corner of Ford and Franklin streets. The eclectic song list will appeal to the young and old alike. Donations are accepted at the door; \$5 is suggested, but any free will offering would be welcome. The proceeds are used to purchase new music and to donate scholarships to neighboring schools to students. Info: Viviane Roach at (315) 869-6123.

Woodcock and Koehler
CANTON -- The TAUNY Center on Main

Street will host a new season of its Fiddling Bear Concerts, featuring Don Woodcock and Gretchen Koehler, Friday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. Admission: \$15. For two decades, champion fiddlers Don Woodcock & Gretchen Koehler have traveled the region playing the Old Time jigs, reels, waltzes and polkas that have been enjoyed by fiddle fans for generations.

Winter Wonderland mixer
POTSDAM — Join SLC Arts at their Winter Wonderland Mixer on Friday, Dec. 8 from 7-10:30 p.m. Support arts programming across the North Country with a night of music, poetry, and drinks at the SLC Arts temporary storefront located at 45 Market Street in Potsdam. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time at slcartscouncil.org/wintermixer. Pre-sale event tickets are \$8 or can be purchased at the door for \$10. Purchase a make-and-take art activity add-on ticket for an additional \$8 pre-sale (or \$10 at the door). This event is 18+, with a 21+ cash bar.

Organ concert
CANTON — St. Lawrence University presents an Office of the Chaplain Christmas music organ concert Friday, Dec. 8 at 12:15 p.m. at Gunnison Memorial Chapel featuring Ad Hoc Singers with Sondra Goldsmith Proctor, organ. Info: 315-229-5630 or chapel@stlawu.edu.

Cornhole tournament
CANTON — Bsp. McEntegart Assembly 707 will host a corn hole tournament Friday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. at the K of C Hall, 30 Miner St. The single elimination tournament will be between 20 teams. Registration: \$10 per team member. First place wins \$100, second \$50 and third \$25. No alcohol allowed. Snack bar available.

SATURDAY, DEC. 9
Lynn and Duggan
CANTON — Peggy Lynn and Dan Duggan will perform a holiday concert Satur-

day, 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.

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.

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.

Holly Jolly Festival
NORFOLK -- The Holly Jolly Christmas Festival will be held at locations around town Dec. 9. There will be craft making at the Wesleyan Church from 1-3 p.m., Parade of Lights at 5:30, memory name reading and lighting of the tree in the park, Santa Claus, cocoa, and cookies, caroling, and wagon rides around town (starting at library).

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.

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.

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 & Illeanne 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@ogdensburgelks.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.

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.

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.

SEE CALENDAR ON 13.



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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.

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 free ice cream made by using liquid nitrogen.

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. Call 315-386-2543 for more info or to sign your team up or visit www.CantonCatholics.com/trivia.

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 Aparts, 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.

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.

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.

Housing authority

POTSDAM -- The village of Potsdam Housing Authority will meet Dec. 11 at 3:30 p.m. at Evergreen Park.

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.

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.

Canton housing authority

CANTON -- The village of Canton Housing Authority will meet Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. in the community room at 35 Riverside Dr.

WEDS., DEC. 13**Mystery bingo**

ST. REGIS FALLS — Holiday Mystery Bingo

will take place Dec. 13 at 1 p.m. at the St. Regis Adult Center, 26 N. River Road. Six games played with a packet cost of \$3. Prizes will be wrapped and unknown.

Healthcare simulations

POTSDAM -- Experience healthcare simulations with Oculus headsets at one of four free workshops offered at the Potsdam Public Library. VR Healthcare Simulations workshops will be held Dec. 13, and 20 from 3-4:30 p.m. and Dec. 27 from 12-1:30 p.m. Get a taste for what it’s like to work in a medical center. For more info and reserve the date of your choice, visit events page of ibrary website.

Secondary 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.

Aromatherapy Perfume

POTSDAM -- A free aromatherapy perfume make-and take class will be offered Thursday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m. with Kat Wilcox. To register, visit the events section of the library’s website.

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.

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@ogdenburgk12.org. Info: www.ILoveTheatre.org or www.Facebook.com/OgdensburgCommandPerformances.

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.

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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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Akwesasne Women Singers to perform Dec. 16

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.

Santa's mailbox in place at Brewer

CANTON — The Santa mailbox is in place at Brewer Bookstore, 92 Park St.

Children of all ages are invited to bring their letters to Santa's Mailbox any time between now and Saturday, Dec. 24, for immediate delivery to the North Pole. No postage is required. Every child that drops off a letter will receive a gift from Mrs. Claus as a token of her appreciation for keeping Santa busy.

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Library storytime

POTSDAM -- Two Story Time sessions for prenats to kindergarten are being offered this winter at the Potsdam Public Library.

Winter Story Time for toddlers to kindergarten will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. nItty Bitty Story Time for prenats to walkers will be on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Siblings are also welcome to attend both sessions. The story times will be held on the third floor office suite, accessible via the Potsdam Police Station entrance. Follow the signs to the third floor door.

Barkley staging Christmas concerts around the region

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 Pres-

byterian 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.



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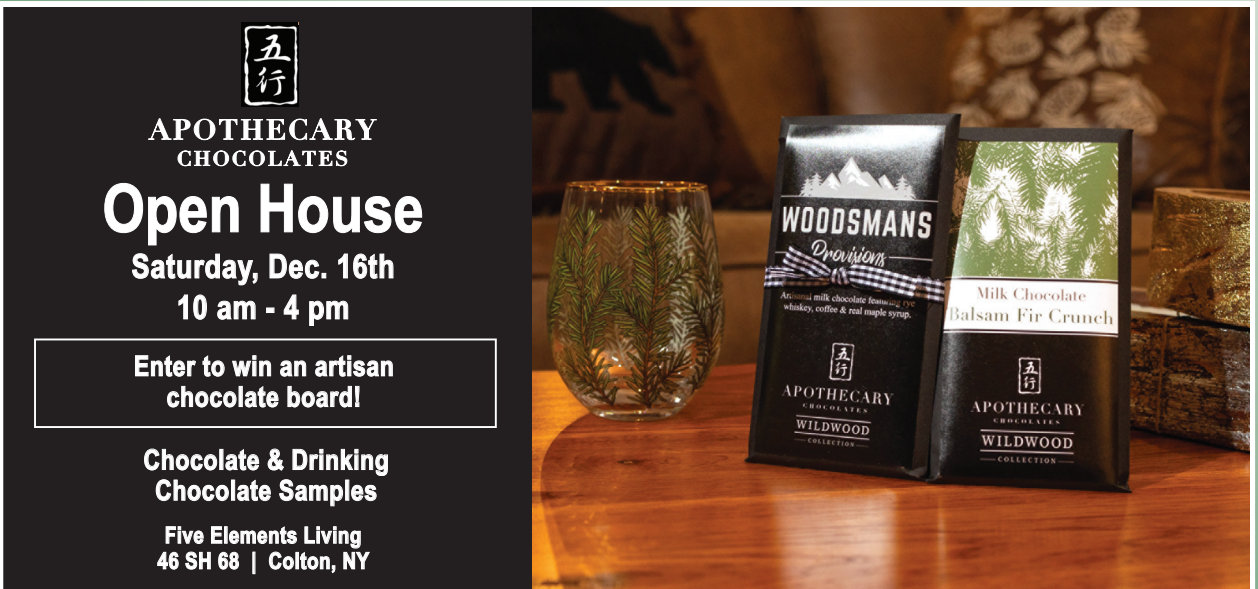
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ONNY presents Holiday in Brass

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.

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 Illinois 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.

He is a recipient of the SUNY Potsdam President's Award for Excellence in Academic Advising, the MENC Excellence in Teaching Award, and the 2019 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

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 and younger, is free.



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Craft, Food & Wine market held

Checking out jewelry at the Craft, Food & Wine Holiday Market at SUNY Potsdam's Maxcy Hall Saturday, Dec. 2, from left, is Denise Fountain and Dori Warren, both of Russell, and Sue Rickett, of Colton. The jewelry is made by Jennifer Pickman, of Eye Candy, Ogdensburg.

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Crane faculty publish book on music theory, analysis

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 slideshows.

The open access publication is accompanied by an instructor manual. The workbook is designed to supplement an earlier Milne Open Textbook publication first authored by Dr. Mount in 2020, titled "Fundamentals, Function, and Form: Theory and Analysis of Tonal Western Art Music." Each chapter in the textbook has been given a corresponding chapter in the workbook, so that students can move fluidly between the two.

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.

Crane Opera honored for 'Enchanted Pig'

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.

"All of us at The Crane School of Music are proud of our students and colleagues for this accomplishment," said Dean William Gibbons. "This newest award is an important recognition of the outstanding performances our opera and musical theatre programs produce each year."

The National Opera Association promotes excellence in opera education and pedagogy through its support of a diverse community of opera educators and professionals. The goal of the NOA's Opera Production Competition is to further the organization's mission by encouraging and rewarding creative, high quality opera productions at academic institutions and music conservatories.

Due to the vast range of resources available to producing organizations, the 87 entrants were first divided into undergraduate and graduate levels (based on pre-

dominant age group or training level of the cast) and then each level divided into divisions according to production size and budget. A total of 24 awards have been given by the judges.

"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. It tells the story of the King of the North, who had a magic spell placed on him. Against his will, he changes into a pig during the day, only regaining human form at night. After marrying a neighboring ruler's daughter, the pig tells her that through "love, patience and trust" she can break the spell forever. And as the audience discovers, she is willing to travel to the ends of the earth to make it happen.

The Crane Opera Ensemble production was brought to life by the talented student cast and crew, led by director Michael Scarola and music director, conductor and vocal coach Brock Tjosvold. Scenic and lighting design and technical direction were led by John Larrance, while Sarah Maurer-Groth served as the costume coordinator.

The production itself included educational outreach to expose more young audiences to the medium, with a free weekday performance provided for students at local middle schools and high schools.

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Hall of Fame planning induction next summer

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 previ-

ously 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.mwesk12.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.

Santa & The Grinch expected in Hermon in Dec. 10

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

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- SCIENCE: What is the name of the giant land mass that is believed to have existed on Earth 200 million years ago?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which of the Great Lakes is southernmost?
- LANGUAGE: What is an octothorpe?
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DISPENSARY . . .

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 consider-

‘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.’

Aurora Wood
Co-Owner of The Highest Peak

ation 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.

“We are really happy with the crew we have right now,” Wood said.

“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.

“I anticipate we will be pretty well received,” LaPointe said, based on the feedback the business partners have received from the public thus far.

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

BUDGET...

Doyle noted that every year three to four towns conduct town wide assessments, which can 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 \$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.

BREWERY . . .

highway (Rt. 68), developers will have to receive permission from New York State Department of Transportation to access the business from Rt. 68.

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

The project is on the Village of Planning Board agenda for Thursday, Dec. 14, at 5:30 p.m. in the Canton Municipal Building boardroom.



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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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ACROSS

- Microwave
- Jubilant
- Scruff
- "- Believer"
- Give temporarily
- Big-screen format
- Layered desserts
- Refer to
- Irate
- Breaks away
- Stockholm's land
- JFK's veep
- Fleur-de-
- Cutting tool
- Parlor pieces
- Now, on a memo

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- '50s Ford
- "Great work!"
- During
- Top of the head
- Former mates
- Passing craze
- "Survivor" ailer
- High-five sound
- Sagacious
- Snooze
- Misery
- Crystalline mineral
- Skin soother
- Twinkler in the sky
- Tropical fruits
- Leb. neighbor
- Texter's chuckle
- Calms
- "Straight Up" singer Abdul
- TiVo, for example
- Denny's rival
- Inspiration
- Nuisance
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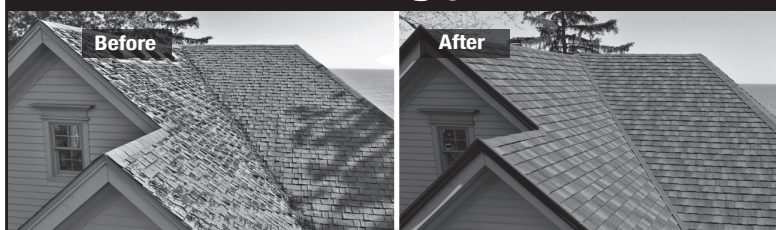
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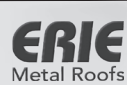
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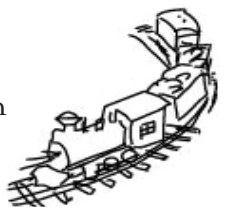


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Prevention, detection, treatment & rehabilitation Early screenings, advanced procedures lead Samaritan's lung care

According to the American Cancer Society, more people die of lung cancer per year than those from breast, colon and prostate cancers combined.

Concerning diagnoses, final estimates for new lung cancer cases in the U.S. hover around 234,000 by the end of 2023, but note: there is good news with these numbers.

Over the past five years, annual case counts have decreased. This means individuals are staying away from things that negatively affect their lung care and are pursuing ways to stay healthy — and breathe a little easier.

At Samaritan, our team of board-certified pulmonologists offers comprehensive



pulmonary care to provide the best prevention, detection, treatment and rehabilitation services for patients throughout our area of New York State.

“We’re very proud of lung care services consistently ranked as the best in the region,” says Dr. Aaliya Burza, specializing in Pulmonology and Critical Care.

“Our wide range of care can meet a variety of different needs and, in many cases, address breathing issues before it’s too late.”

Whether you or a loved one is struggling with symptoms of lung cancer or seeking relief from other pulmonary-associated conditions like asthma, sleep apnea and more, Samaritan is proud to offer advanced procedures and programs that help detect and treat all issues of concern, led by credentialed pulmonologists who can care for you close to home.

Here are some ways we do it:

Screen early

Early detection is a proven, successful strategy for fighting many forms of cancer.

That’s why Samaritan Medical Center’s developed its Early Lung Cancer Screening Program, which offers a low-dose computed tomography (CT) screening for people at high risk for lung cancer.

Because lung cancer has no symptoms in its early stages, more than 85 percent of men and women diagnosed with lung cancer today are diagnosed in a late stage, after symptoms occur and when there is very little chance of cure.

But with Samaritan’s early screening steps, everyone has a chance.

“We encourage all patients concerned about their lung health to get screened,” says Maria Pascolini, Samaritan’s director of Radiology. “A CT scan can find 85 percent of lung cancers in their earliest, most curable stage, allowing for treatment and the possibility of eventual recovery.”

Individuals who may benefit from the Early Lung Cancer Screening Program are current or former smokers between the ages of 55-74 and a 30-pack-a-year smoker; or over the age of 50, a 20-pack-a-year smoker, and have one other risk factor for lung cancer.

Cutting-edge bronchoscopy treatments

A bronchoscopy is a procedure that allows doctors to look inside your lungs’ airways



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(called the bronchi and bronchioles) and find the cause of a lung problem, including such things as bleeding, blockage, infection or existence of a tumor.

At Samaritan, we use different types of state-of-the-art bronchoscopy treatments, depending on the need of the patient.

A technologically advanced robotic bronchoscopy can be used to view the inside of lungs, obtain tissue samples for biopsy and, through use of Auris Health’s Monarch™ Platform, can enable an earlier and more-accurate diagnosis of small and hard-to-reach nodules in the periphery of the lung.

Samaritan is the first hospital in Central New York and the North Country to invest in this new technology, and one of only two sites in the entire state to utilize the platform.

This provides the region’s patients with next-generation care for the health concerns of today.

“It’s essential that we invest in these tools to provide the best outcomes for our patients,” says Eva Edwards, Samaritan’s director of Oncology. “They’re allowing us to intervene earlier than we’ve ever been able to, and in turn, save more lives.”

In addition to its robotic bronchoscopy, Samaritan can also perform an electromagnetic navigation bronchoscopy (or ENB), which combines specialized endoscopic tools and technology with traditional bronchos-

copy to provide computer-driven guidance, based on a patient’s CT scan.

The tools extend much further into the



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An endobronchial ultrasound (EBUS) uses real-time ultrasound to identify and sample small abnormalities within your lungs without having to perform surgery.

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Pulmonology and Critical Care

lungs than standard bronchoscopes, which enables a safe way for physicians to reach more lung tissue for a more accurate diagnosis.

Endobronchial ultrasound

For those who have lung concerns that do not require bronchoscopy treatments, Samaritan offers other, less invasive options to help diagnose issues.

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The EBUS system also makes biopsies safer and more accurate than conventional methods, all while providing necessary peace of mind for Samaritan patients.

“It’s all about pursuing the most suitable way to find a solution,” says Edwards. “Patients come here for us to care for them, and whether through our lung care services or Samaritan as a whole, we’re committed to providing this care and helping each patient to enjoy a healthy life.”

To learn more about Samaritan and its Lung Care capabilities, visit <https://samaritanhealth.com/service/lung-care/>.

Holiday craft and food fair season underway

Photos by North Country This Week



Clarkson University student Joshua Schwartz, left, serves potato latkes to Carlene Hermann, Ogdensburg, and Tim Parker, Lisbon, at the Congregation Beth El, Potsdam, Dec. 3. The 41st annual Jewish Food Festival offered a traditional style Kosher-style restaurant.



Emmett Kerberg, of Canton, buys a caramel applesold 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.



Joan Beekman, of Hopkinton, holds artwork made from painted rocks by Massena business Creative Creations at the Jingle & Mingle Craft Show held at the St Lawrence Centre Mall Nov. 25.



Adam Jaffe sells bread to Louise and John Lisiecki during the Congregation Beth El, Potsdam, Dec. 3. The 41st annual Jewish Food Festival also offered a traditional style Kosher-style restaurant.



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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



like to save on their Medicare expenses, Facilitated Enrollers can also help individuals apply for the Medicare Savings Program (MSP).

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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FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

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

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Application deadline: December 8, 2023

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

For questions, contact:

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FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Certified HS English Teacher

Beginning February 1, 2024

Application deadline: **December 15, 2023**

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

For questions, contact:

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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

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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.

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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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- 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.

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- 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.
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- 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.

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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.
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**Assistant Director
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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.
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- 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.
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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.

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Lecturer-HVAC

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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.

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

As a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

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

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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

Substitutes in all positions are needed.

Positions follow the BOCES schedule/holidays.

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

Deadline is until the position is filled. Head Start is an EOE.

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SUNY Canton, a unit of the State University of New York, is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer. SUNY Canton is building a culturally diverse and pluralistic faculty and strongly encourages applications from minority and women candidates.

The college is located in Canton, a village in the St. Lawrence River valley of northern New York. Located 20 miles from the St. Lawrence River and the Adirondack Park, and 70 miles from the Canadian capital city of Ottawa, Ontario, Canton holds excellent opportunities for the outdoor or cultural enthusiast. SUNY Canton is a member of the Associated Colleges, a consortium of four colleges.

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