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Environmental study planned for Riverwalk, streetscape

BY ADAM ATKINSON
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POTSDAM — The village's Downtown Streetscape and Riverwalk Trail projects continue to move forward towards a start date later this spring.

The Potsdam village board of trustees passed a resolution at their meeting Monday, Dec. 18, designating the village as the lead agency for an upcoming New York State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) review for the projects.

Under state law, all local, regional, and state government agencies are obligated to examine any potential environmental impacts, along with the social and economic considerations, for certain types of projects, or actions they may undertake that have some bearing or future bearing on the public.

Both projects, the streetscape and riverwalk work, are being funded from part of the state Downtown Revitalization Initiative \$10 million award the village received in 2019.

The Downtown Streetscape and Riverwalk Trail Project's cost of more than \$4 million will be paid for in funding channeled through the state Department

SEE SEQR ON 17.



Kate McKinley | Submitted

Breakfast with the Clauses

Ollie, age 3, reassuring his sister Reese, 8 months old, at a breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus at The Meadows in Canton this past weekend. 'She was meeting them for the first time,' said mom Kate McKinley, who submitted the photo.

Village to work on water, plaza in 2024

BY PAUL MITCHELL
North Country This Week

CANTON — Canton Mayor Michael Dalton will greet 2024 with a full agenda as he and village trustees tackle several key issues that include solidifying a secondary water source, remediation work at the former Jubilee Plaza and what to do with the Canton Municipal Building.

"We have a group of hard working board members. Each brings an expertise to the group that helps us with a global or high level view of the Village. We all have our own interests but no one loses sight of what we are here for," stated Dalton. "Not one of our Board members comes to us with a personal agenda, other than to do the very best for our community."

It's been years in the making but the village is now zeroing in on securing a secondary water source.

"This has been a priority for some time and the project is close to going out to bid. The secondary source is important in that it protects the Village from problems if we have trouble with our primary supply," the mayor said. "In addition, the NYSDOH has been pushing us to develop this secondary supply so that the old facility on Lincoln Street can be eliminated."

The proposed site is behind 80 East Main Street on property owned by St. Lawrence University. The project is estimated to cost \$2.2 million and once complete will join the current water source on Waterman Hill.

SEE AGENDA ON 17.

Second cannabis dispensary opens in Potsdam at old Olympia store

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM -- The second cannabis dispensary in the town of Potsdam has opened in the former Olympia Sports store in the Tractor Supply shopping complex off Route 11.

The Firehaus Dispensary opened today (Wednesday, Dec. 13) at 7479 U.S. Route 11. and before the newest cannabis store in town welcomed its first customers at 1 p.m., owner Brian Mandell was busy organizing employees, taking inventory and getting things ready.

"We are hoping it's really busy. That it gets too busy," Mandell joked before the store opened its doors to customers.

"People have been pulling up all day to ask when we would be open," said the dispensary owner, a North Country native who built a business selling rare and hard-to-find shoes.

The Firehaus will be the first adult-use cannabis dispensary supported by the New York Cannabis Social Equity Investment Fund and designed and built with the help of the Dormitory Authority of New York State under a process laid out by the state Office of Cannabis Management.

The fund provides start-up cash, and other business resources for entrepreneurs who have been awarded Conditional Adult-Use Retail Dispensary (CAURD) licenses through the OCM. To be eligible for a CAURD license, at least 30 percent of the license holders must have been previously convicted of a marijuana offense.

"This initiative has allowed the state to invest in a private fund to finance the leasing and equipping of conditional adult-use retail dispensaries throughout New York State for operation by individuals who have been impacted by the inequitable enforce

SEE CANNABIS ON 17.



Adam Atkinson | NCTW photo

Brian Mandell, owner of The Firehaus Dispensary in the former Olympia Sports store, gets ready to open his doors to customers Wednesday afternoon.



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SLC IDA using ARPA funds toward tourism promotion

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- The St. Lawrence County Industrial Agency (IDA)

is reallocating \$450,000 in funds as part of the county's American Rescue Plan Act Funds aimed at promoting tourism and business. Legislators approved the reallo-

cation of funds funding during the Dec. 4 full board meeting of the county legislature. The IDA was allocated \$2.9 million in funding to administer by the Board of Legislators in 2022.

In light of other funding sources and "experience administering the ARPA programs", IDA officials requested a modification to increasing facility infrastructure improvements by \$450,000 while

decreasing small business and nonprofit assistance funding by \$50,000, new hire and existing worker training by \$250,000, heavy equipment operator training by \$50,000 and healthcare skills development by \$100,000.

Officials say the plan for workforce development includes a subdivision as well, with \$600,000 slated to be used for new hire and existing worker training,

\$150,000 to be used for heavy equipment operator training, \$125,000 to be used for healthcare skills development and \$25,000 to be used for workforce talent pipeline development.

The IDA has already been administering these programs for the last year, developing an understanding of the "demand and need for each of the programs within the county," officials say.

The IDA also has and has leveraged non-ARPA funds, officials say.

Those funds have bolstered training programs like the new and existing worker training program, heavy equipment operator training and healthcare skills development program.

"These additional funds will enable the training programs to be undertaken in the same timeframe ARPA funds need to be allocated and will provide the same training and skill development as would be provided by the ARPA funds," according to the resolution.

Legislators had initially allocated \$2.9 million in ARPA funding to the IDA in January to help residents, small businesses and non-profits.

As part of the funds, county residents could apply to receive financial assistance to earn a CDL-A license or become a childcare provider, county officials previously said.

Funding was also made available for small businesses and non-profits to assist with employee training, infrastructure improvement, tourism marketing and to offset the negative economic impact of the pandemic.

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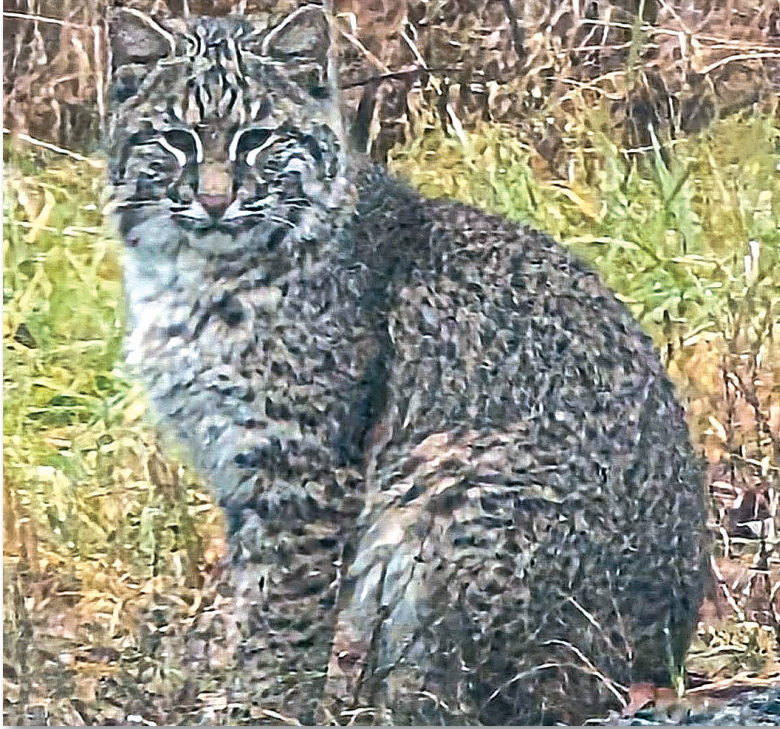
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Bobcat spotted in Parishville

This photogenic bobcat was spotted recently on the White Hill Road in Parishville.

Grant to pay portion of \$13M water treatment project

BY PAUL MITCHELL
North Country This Week

CANTON – A state grant announced Tuesday will pay for nearly one fourth of a \$13 million wastewater treatment project in the Village of Canton.

The village was awarded a \$3,375,000 grant from the New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement & Intermunicipal Grant Award Program.

“It’s all about clean water,” said Mayor Michael Dalton. “This is a really critical piece that will help our rate payers in the community. This is an important project that really needs to be done.”

“In addition to zero percent financing this WIIA grant, this makes for a nice holiday announcement for Canton,” added Dalton.

Earlier this year the village board hired the engineering firm of Barton and Loguidice to explore funding sources for the sewer treatment facility

upgrades and design work.

“I am really pleased with their work. They have been very good at helping us find funding sources,” the mayor remarked.

The upgrades are expected to include the installation of new liners and piping and a need for a sewer vacuum truck. The village will fund the project through a zero-percent financing Bond Anticipation Note.

The sewer treatment facility project is just one of several key projects facing village officials in 2024. Other projects include establishing a secondary water source at an estimated cost of \$2.2 million, redeveloping the Midtown Plaza now owned by the village, a major reconstruction project on Cleveland Avenue and lower Judson Street to deal with stormwater drainage problems at an estimated cost of between \$800,000 and \$1 million, and formulating a plan to reconfigure and renovate the existing Canton Municipal Building.

Canton man released two young adult series books

BY PAUL MITCHELL
North Country This Week

CANTON – Canton author Chris Angus has released the first two books in his Young Adult series, loosely recommended for ages 10-18, but which adults will also enjoy.

Book One is “Emma and the River of Time and Book Two is “Emma and the Egyptian Queen.” “The stories revolve around a young girl who discovers a way to travel through time, allowing her to have exciting adventures throughout history visiting famous people and events, stated Angus.

“The books are beautifully illustrated by well-known North Country artist Anna Gerhard Arnold, Angus noted.

Book Three, “Emma Rescues Winston Churchill” and Book Four, “Emma on the Titanic” will be out early in 2024.

Copies of the books are available now at various North Country outlets, including TAUNY and the Brewer Bookstore on the St. Lawrence University campus in Canton, and Pickens General Store in Heuvelton. Books are also available on Amazon.

Angus has published both fiction and nonfiction, including thrillers, mysteries and books about the Adirondacks, which is also the setting for his young adult titles.

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Clarkson University finalizes downsizing plan, says fewer than 20 jobs impacted

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM -- Fewer than 20 people are expected to be impacted immediately by Clarkson's restructuring plan, officials say.

In October news broke that Clarkson would cut programs in an attempt to become more financially solvent and provide a return on investment for students enrolled at the college.

The news was met by an outpouring of students enrolled in the programs slated for cuts and rallies of support for staff who might be out of jobs. Officials say impacted programs will be "sunset" rather than eliminated immediately, which means students enrolled in the programs will still be able to earn their majors.

In October there were talks of as many as 42 faculty members impacted by the changes, however Vice President of External Relations Kelly Chezum says now fewer than 20 are expected to be impacted and added that the university may be able to find new positions for them.

"We have just begun to share broadly with our faculty and staff the plan, including those personally impacted by sunset programs. With the sunset of programs over the next three years and anticipated additions of new majors, normal turnover, options to move to research faculty status, changes in current teaching assignments, and retirements, it is still too early to provide more detail on personnel impact. We are working with fewer than 20 people across our campuses to determine if the new structure of the University has a new way of using their talents and career interests," she said.

In an emailed response to questions, Chezum said most of the faculty will be kept on as part of the Clarkson Common Experience, which is offered to all undergraduates. However the university will be "sunsetting" full majors in the Humanities, Social Sciences and Communications and Media Design.

"Those programs offered currently are literature, film, sociology, political science, American studies, history, digital arts & sciences, social documentation, humanities, social sciences, communications, media & design, as they exist today," she said.

Although Chezum noted that those

majors accounted for less than 2% of all students, and even fewer when considering those who choose to double major in another area.

"In the near future, we anticipate moving forward to New York State with new offerings with modern digital and data proficiency that will differentiate how Clarkson prepares students for rewarding careers in demand by industry with the full return on investment," she said.

Nationwide and locally educational institutions both private and public are facing massive shortfalls and declining enrollments.

SUNY Potsdam and St. Lawrence University have both shared news of \$9 million and \$11.5 million deficits respectively.

Emails obtained by North Country Now indicate that Clarkson had been dealing with a \$6.75 million operating budget shortfall and though Chezum did not confirm the number she provided the following statement.

"Clarkson, like most private higher education institutions, strategically uses its endowment to fund operations, financial aid and make improvements to its infrastructure within a defined framework that enables those funding streams to perpetuate. We have always balanced the budget and will continue to do so. As part of this process with the input from the Task Force, we have identified net savings so operating budgets stay aligned with revenue streams and hold our safety net resources for unforeseen as well as strategic expenditures that create new program revenue," she said. "With today's actions, we have found a way to begin mobilizing for strategic planning to begin in the spring and to move forward with initiatives we want to do in the future."

Officials at Clarkson said the goal is to play toward the university's strengths.

"As a University, we have prioritized investing in the student experience and access to education, and

we have begun to now pave the way to add in-demand degree programs and advance relevant research and workforce development for industry partners that align to our STEM strengths. We are committed to fiscal responsibility with student tuition dollars from CU families and investments from our donors," President Marc P. Christensen said.

Christensen says the changes are a positive for the university.

"Today, we proudly affirmed Clarkson as a proven leader in technological education, research and innovation. We embrace STEM as a means to advance social mobility and the trajectory of innovation that impacts all of humanity," he said. "As we go forward and implement the work of Re-Imagining Clarkson, our academic, fiscal, and brand commitments are again aligned and focused on what we are known for: providing students hands-on, practical experience in technology, innovation and research that lead to outstanding career placement and an incredible return on investment."

Chezum said Clarkson's core mission is in technological education, research and innovation.

"We are the place where corporate America and global industries come when they need technical talent that can lead and find solutions to get the job done. Our educational outreach is over 7,800 students annually inclusive of the structured K-12 programs we lead, the paramedic and EMT trainings we do, and the executive education courses/seminars we offer with our corporate partners in addition to our undergraduate and graduate programs. We know who we are and why we matter," she said.



Cheryl Shumway | NCTV

Key Club rings the bell

Members of the Norwood Key Club collect donations for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Drive at Price Chopper, Potsdam, recently. From left, front row: Elizabeth VanKennen, Josephine Steffenhagen; Back row: Key Club advisor Patti Dean, Abbie Weems, Maleya Mullen, and Adrianna Youngblood.



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Town sets codes hearing

CANTON – The Canton Town Board has set two meeting dates and scheduled a public hearing for the Town Code law.

In October, more than 30 people turned out to voice their concerns about revisions to the code law, mainly revisions that would affect EDF Renewables' 240-megawatt solar project on the Rich Road.

The public hearing will be held Jan. 10 at 5 p.m. in the courtroom at the Canton Municipal Building. The monthly meeting of the town board will follow the public hearing.

Copies of the proposed town code law will be posted on the town website and made available in the town clerk's office.

The town's year-end meeting will be held Dec. 28 at 10:30 a.m. and the town's organizational meeting will take place Jan. 4 at 5 p.m. Both meetings will be held in the municipal building boardroom.

Town leaders also approved the reappointments of Dakota Casserly and Sigie Barr as alternative members of the town planning board.

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State grant to help pay for Route 56 sewer upgrades

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — The town's Route 56 sewer project got a substantial funding boost from the state in the form of a \$1,399,484 grant Tuesday, Dec. 13.

Town officials were buoyed by the news of the grant which gives the project the momentum it needed in the face of ongoing struggles with increasing materials costs and delays.

"I am delighted to hear the news," outgoing Town Supervisor Ann Carvill told North Country This Week.

My first response is joy, of course we are still working to receive additional funding, but this gives us that shot of adrenaline that we needed," incoming Town Supervisor Marty Miller told the newspaper.

"It tells me people are listening to our issues. As I have been saying since day one, this is not easy, but we have to be willing to roll our sleeves up and get to work. Let us do our job that we were elected for.

To work toward the improvements for the Town of Potsdam. Let's make this happen," Miller said.

An engineer with the firm charged with developing the project said the influx of grant funding moves the project in the right direction.

"That's fantastic news. It certainly gets us a lot closer to our goal," Ian Yerdon, engineer with C2AE, told the town board at their meeting Tuesday, Dec. 13.

Yerdon said with the nearly \$1.4 million addition, the amount in grants both the Route 56 water and sewer district projects have received to date totals \$7.4 million.

"That's a significant amount of grant money," Yerdon said. "We still have a ways to go but that certainly helps."

While the projects still have to go to bid, the total expected costs, based on estimates from last year, are currently estimated at \$8,109,500 for the sewer project and \$6,665,000 for the water district project. And, those costs could

rise.

Those costs have increased substantially from initial estimates which have caused some debate between the engineers who want to move forward, and Roger Linden, the attorney tasked with handling the legal aspects of the project, who would prefer the town counts its losses and pulls the plug on the project. Both sides stated their case at the town's meeting last month.

Carvill told North Country This Week Wednesday that the town will obtain project bids later this spring and make a decision if the total cost is something the municipality will opt to take on. She said however that the influx of the nearly \$1.4 million grant brings more "optimism" to the project overall.

At the meeting, Yerdon told the board that the firm has completed all of the agency review documents and those design specs have been sent to multiple state offices for approval.

Yerdon said that process could take up to three months.

At the meeting, the engineer said the next step for the project will be

to address any agency comments that come back from the reviews and obtain final approvals.

Then the bidding process will start which will take about 3 to 4 weeks, he said.

Yerdon said the engineers and project planners will then immediately seek additional funding sources.

"I'm very confident that we can secure additional funding through RD (New York State Rural Development)," he said.

Yerdon said the town will have to update its bond resolution for the project to cover the upfront costs. That will most likely require another public hearing and a referendum, he said. Yerdon said the new timeline on the project may require the town to submit an updated application to the state comptroller as well.

Construction would begin after all of that.

"It's going to take some time. I think we all know that. But I think we are moving in the right direction with securing this additional funding," he said.

Bomb threats at McDonald's

The Potsdam McDonald's and Massena McDonald's located on Main Street received bomb threats last night, Dec. 14, around 6:30 p.m.

Both incidents were confirmed by both Potsdam and Massena police.

Calls to Ogdensburg and Canton police confirmed no threats were received at those McDonald's locations, despite Facebook rumors.

In Potsdam, Lieutenant Corbin Gates-Shult confirmed the police department received a call from McDonald's employees around 6:30 p.m. saying they received calls threatening that a bomb was at the location.

Gates said Potsdam police were on scene within minutes and evacuated the building and parking lot, sealing off the location to ensure public safety.

State police were also on scene with a K9 unit to search for a device and were able to confirm that the threat was not credible and the location was safe.

Units were back in service by 8:40 p.m.

The investigation into both incidents is ongoing.



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SUNY Potsdam clocktower renovations planned in spring

POTSDAM -- The Satterlee Hall clocktower at SUNY Potsdam will be restored in the near future as part of a \$1 million project.

According to Director of Public Relations Alexandra Jacobs Wilke, the project is slated to begin after commencement, with scaffolding expected to be erected immediately afterward.

She said the project will likely be finished by fall 2024.

Funding for the project comes from a capital project fund, which is separate from the operating budget, she said.

Those funds are not available to address the school's existing \$9 million deficit.

"Satterlee Hall was constructed in 1954 to serve as the main classroom building for the new Potsdam State Teachers College. Currently, Satterlee Hall is home to the College's education programs, classrooms and Literacy Center," Associate Facilities Program Coordinator Roy L. Smith said.

The clocktower was painted in 1989 and received a complete restoration in 2000. But over time, issues have begun to pop up.

Smith said the existing mahogany plywood on the north face of the tower has begun to delaminate.

"This deterioration is visible from Pierrepont Avenue below. In addition, the moldings and trim in the cupola have begun to deteriorate. It appears that water infiltration is likely the cause of the above conditions," he said.

Smith said the project will repair the deteriorating components of the clocktower, "one of the iconic architectural features of the campus and the main gateway to the Village of Potsdam, and the backdrop for the campus Commencement each year."

Officials say bids were received for the project on Dec. 8 and work will likely begin on May 20 after receiving approval by the New York State Office of the Comptroller.

Once complete, those on campus will see newly installed and painted wood trim that will match the existing trims with weather resistant materials.

Clock assemblies will be removed, rebuilt and reinstalled as well.

Smith said the existing Carillon system does not work and will be replaced with a new, modern Carillon system as well.

Legion lottery raffle winner named

NORWOOD -- The Sons of the Norwood American Legion recently held a raffle which included gift certificates and scratch off lottery tickets.

The lucky winner, Steve Roberts, won the raffle and took home a \$400 gift certificate and \$50 in scratch off lottery tickets.

The Sons of the Norwood American Legion have conducted a number of raffles and made numerous donations in recent months, including a raffle for a Crossbow in November.

The Norwood American Legion also hosts fundraisers, including a trivia night on Dec. 14 from 7-9 p.m. to benefit the St. Lawrence County American Legion.

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It has administered individual member donations for aid to Ukraine, and further donations to the Colton-South Colton Pierrepont Neighborhood Center with food drives that yielded 2 truckloads of food, and other items, and substantial donations to the Colton Pierrepont Teachers Association Back Pack program. It rotates its tithes from local to national and international back to local.

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Nativity scene in Canton

The Knights of Columbus Sarto Council 1059 and Bishop McEntegart Assembly 707 in Canton erected the Keep Christ in Christmas Nativity Scene in front of St. Mary's Rectory on Court Street in Canton. All are welcome to stop by and take a picture.

Village seeks support from town for new street lights on historic courthouse

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — The village is seeking town support for mounting new street lights on the side of the historic town courthouse during an upcoming renovation of Raymond Street.

Village Planning and Development Director Fred Hanss made the pitch to the town board at their meeting Dec. 12.

The village is using about \$4.5 million of its \$10 million DRI award it received in 2019 to renovate the downtown streetscape.

"When I say renovate, I mean a total makeover," Hanss told the town board. "Not much has happened in that section, a National register district, since I was in college in the early 1980s."

Part of that project will involve a restructuring along Raymond Street, complete with a new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant sidewalk on the north side of the street which runs along the bookstore, the Creative Spirit Arts Center and the North Country Children's Museum.

Hanss told the board that the work will involve widening the sidewalk to almost six feet wide to improve wheelchair access.

While initial design ideas were calling to make the roadway a one-way street to provide more room for the wider walk, the public balked at the idea and wanted Raymond to remain a two-way roadway, Hanss said.

The alternative solution, he said, was to narrow the sidewalk on the street's south side which runs along the town courthouse to one or two feet. The remaining

space freed up on the north side of the street will be wide enough for an ADA walk. However, not enough room will remain to install street lights there.

Hanss said the remaining option is to mount street lights to the side of the courthouse instead on the street's north side.

He said he was coming before the town board to garner support for the idea.

Raymond Street is a key piece to the village's downtown streetscape project and its Riverwalk Trail project, connecting them both.

Hanss said the children's museum and arts center will be a draw for visitors and residents, and the wider, six-foot walkway that is planned will facilitate pedestrian travel to those spots from parking locations downtown and near the Market Square Mall. "And, we want mother's with strollers, and people with wheelchairs to be able to safely get down to those destinations," Hanss said.

"The sacrifice we have to make there, is there really is no place in the roadway to place the streetlights," Hanss said. Hanss said if the village installed the streetlights in the sidewalks, they would no longer be ADA compliant.

Hanss said the project designers from LaBella Associates have suggested installing wall mounted street lights on the village water treatment plant and on the town courthouse.

The planner told the town board that the streetlights would be owned by the village and the village would be responsible for paying for the electricity.

Hanss said probably the easiest

way to mount the lights on the courthouse would be to run conduit on the side of the building. He said since the courthouse is on the National Historical Register, the village would have to consult with the state Office of Historic Preservation on the best way to handle the installation.

The planner asked the town board for some sort of written document of support for the idea, which will ultimately be reviewed by the state. Francis P. Cappello suggested that the town could create some sort of easement document to facilitate the installation and housing for the lights. "You tell me what you need and we can make it work," the attorney said. There was some discussion about how the conduit would be used to mount the lights. Hanss said the idea of using the conduit was to avoid drilling into the building.

Outgoing Town Supervisor Ann Carvill said she did have a safety concern about the idea of a narrow walk on the south side of Raymond. Hanss said that the project is currently in the design process but the landscape designer is suggesting ideas to enhance the safety there. The final design will be worked out in January, he said.

"The only thing I can see ... is that I don't want to see conduit going up the side of the building," said incoming Town Supervisor Marty Miller. "If we can do penetrations in the wall to actually mount those lights, I think it would be the best thing. It would certainly look better."

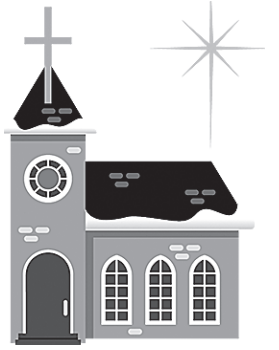
Miller said it looks cheap to run conduit down a historic building like the courthouse.

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'Most of my shopping was done in St. Lawrence County at small, local shops this year, just like always.'

'Have been doing most shopping online since the pandemic and plan to continue to do so. It is safer

and more convenient.

'Too hard to resist cheaper on-line prices. With most Malls empty it's too inconvenient to drive from place to place for individual shops.

'Too bad that we can't attract any decent stores to this county. 'None this year. We are just making it.'

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

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: Along with the rest of the country, people in the North Country are preparing for the holiday season. If you celebrate Christmas, how do you celebrate

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

More are spending same as last year
43.5% – Same
42.6% – Less
13.9% – More

Online shopping tops list of holiday shopping

68.8% – Online
25% – In county
6.3% – Out of county

Debbie Morgan | NCTW

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The energy transition - the cheapest gas

"I'd Love a Mean Tweet and \$1.79 Gas Right Now" – Local Yard sign

I can't help with the Tweet. I don't use the platform. I can help with the gas price.

Since gasoline came on the economic scene in the late 1800s its cost has been notoriously volatile. To compare prices from year to year the average annual cost, in any given year, can be

translated into today's dollars. For example, the national average cost of a gallon of gas in 1929 was \$0.21. Translated into today's dollars, that's equal to \$3.59/gallon. Pretty close to our local cost today.

During the pandemic worldwide demand plummeted and the average cost dropped from \$2.94 in 2019 to \$2.45 in 2020. In 2021, prior to Russia invading Ukraine, the average US cost had risen to \$3.26. Just after the invasion it shot up to \$4.90. Since then, it has dropped back down to \$3.19 nationally and \$3.59 locally.

As worldwide demand for gasoline continues to drop, so does the expected cost. \$1.79, however, is very unlikely. Gas in the US has never been that low. The closest was 1998 at \$1.89. Hoping for a day when gas might drop to \$1.79 is probably a bit unrealistic. There is, however, a way to get fuel that costs even less.

For most of us the fuel for our cars is simply a means to an end. A way to power us as we zoom about in our vehicles. If cost is the main concern, the type of fuel doesn't matter. Getting us from point A to point B for the lowest cost does.

To drive our EV 25 miles, it costs just \$0.95 when charging at home. A gas car that gets 25 MPG costs \$3.59 to go the same distance. Electricity would have to be \$0.56/kWh for our car to cost the equivalent of \$3.59. In the North Country it's about \$0.15/kWh. In municipal power districts like Massena, Philadelphia, Tupper Lake, Lake Placid and Plattsburgh, it's even less.

So, what's a driver to do? If you are hoping for cheap gas, good luck. Complaining may be your only course of action. If you want a solution, there is one. Electricity. It's the cheapest gas you'll ever buy.

Scott Shipley
Northern Lights Energy
Hermon

It's POTdam, not Potsdam

It's Potsdam, not POTdam. I dare say we have got enough pot stores in this town.

It's about time we start opening up stores that the town can profit from. It's ridiculous. We just had one close down because of selling to minors. What makes you think these new ones won't do the same? They're going to make the town be known as POTdam.

I mean if that's what you want, this used to be a cozy town to be known for, go for it, but the ones who don't want it to be known for that, let it be known that they made the town that way, not the ones who liked the town the way it was before.

Karen Besaw-Pimentel
Potsdam

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Take note of Season Affective Disorder

December is usually thought of as a family fun holiday season, but it isn't so for some of us. I'm talking about S.A.D. Seasonal affective disorder.

Every year when it gets dark earlier, everything is cold and icy and snow covered, the days get shorter and shorter and it just starts to feel like you are suffocating (which in turn makes you panic). You spend the winter months (that's what October-April for Potsdam) wondering what is wrong with you that everyone else is happy and you want to die.

Vitamin D and a UV light are the only things that I think really help, other than talking about it. But when the thoughts of everything that went wrong that year and everyone you love who is gone occur in your head you lose the will to live. I saw a meme on Facebook one day and it said something like "Live for your pets" "Live for your friends" "Live for school" "Live for your job" "Live for your sims 4 families or your animal crossing town" "Live for your plants" "Live for God". And keep doing it, and someday maybe you can begin to live for you.

If you are feeling alone, scared, hopeless, afraid or suicidal please call 988 for some help, you are worth it. Four months till April.

Amanda Ames
Potsdam

Not telling the whole EV story

Scott Shipley in his recent letter [Opinion: The energy transition - the cheapest gas, says Hermon man, Dec. 15, 2023] is not telling the full story when he compares the advantages of charging EV cars to filling up gasoline vehicles. He wrote:

"To drive our EV 25 miles, it costs just \$0.95 when charging at home. A gas car that gets 25 MPG costs \$3.59 to go the same distance."

What he did not mention was the time required charging an EV car at home. Per the Department of Transportation, it takes 40-50+ hours to charge an EV to 80 percent from empty and 5-6 hours for a Hybrid. The estimated miles per hour charged is 2-5 miles for an EV, and 10-20 miles for a hybrid. If an EV/Hybrid owner spends \$300 to \$500 for a Level 2 charger to be installed at home, the charging time shrinks to 4-10 hours and 1-2 hours respectively. This ignores that time too is also money, a significant trade off to be considered. I also think Mr. Shipley is over-optimistic believing most citizens can afford to pony up for EV cars, pay for chargers to be installed at home, and replace expensive batteries, while expecting to earn back their investment in an EV over its lifetime.

He also does not address the manufacturing of EV cars and batteries require fossil fuel and coal powered plants, the environmental impact of discarded EV batteries, the strain on the national electric grid to charge EVs, and greater severity of fire hazard by EVs to passengers.

This year, solar farms in Chaumont and in Lyme, both utilizing lithium batteries like those used in EV cars, caught fire. EV fires have demonstrated to be more intense than conventional gasoline vehicles, last longer, considerably more difficult to extinguish, and tend to reignite. Negative characteristics that should raise genuine concerns.

That is not to say EV's are without merit. They do offer great potential as a future alternative to gasoline fueled cars. But their current problems suggest they are not yet ready for full implementation. Earnest advocates like Mr. Shipley need to be forthright, presenting both the pros

and cons of current EV's, and candid of the trade-offs in time, money, and safety they currently present.

Ron Shirtz
Rensselaer Falls

'The Village of Canton was instrumental in bring the dream of the Brown Bear Ramble to fruition'

Doreen Radway
Canton

A huge Brown Bear Ramble thank you

On behalf of the Brown Bear Ramble committee, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to all of the people who made our event a wonderful and memorable experience. Despite the weather, children of all ages enjoyed the many activities planned by the committee.

A special thank you goes out to Dr. Maureen Maicco and her students from Canton College who organized the craft and interactive activities. To Kristen Ames and the National Honor Society students who assisted the children in enjoying and participating in all the events. Reverend Mike, at the Canton Presbyterian Church, allowed us to use the hall to hold our event.

The Village of Canton was instrumental in bringing the dream of the Brown Bear Ramble to fruition. Mathilde Lind at TAUNY had a wonderful display on the making of the bronze works. The biggest thanks go to the business owners and others who allowed us to use their buildings as stops along the way for the permanent placement of the bronze statues. We raised over \$25,000 to cast the bronze statues and hold the kickoff free of charge to the Canton community. A Huge shout out to all of the businesses and community members who sponsored The list of sponsors can be found on the Brown Bear map.

The Brown Bear Ramble is a permanent display located in the Village of Canton. The maps can be found at and online at the Canton Free Library, in front of the Canton Village office, TAUNY, and at the St. Lawrence Chamber of Commerce.

We love watching children of all ages explore our Village and stop in at the businesses in our town. While at the Canton Free Library, why not purchase a Brown Bear Ramble T-Shirt? They are adorable and just the right keepsake for completing the Ramble.

Doreen Radway
Brown Bear Ramble Committee

Clocktower boondoggle

It's ridiculous that SUNY-Potsdam will be receiving \$1,000,000 of tax-payer money to fix its clocktower, even though the campus is shutting down numerous academic programs because of its \$9,000,000 deficit.

SUNY and its campuses have a well-known history of questionable fiscal practices, including bloated administrative costs, outrageous golden handshakes,

and litigation settlements hidden under the guise of salaries. SUNY Chancellor John King gets a salary of \$750,000 (plus \$210,000 in additional benefits and reimbursements), which is three times the salary that Gov. Hochul earns.

Less than 10 years ago, \$55,000,000 was spent building the Performing Arts Center, yet the campus is now shutting down its Theater and Dance programs, the very programs that the building was built for.

Yet every year, SUNY parades its campus presidents to Albany to beg the Legislature for more money.

It's angering that SUNY administrators can manage to find \$1,000,000 of our tax dollars to fix a clocktower, but somehow can't find enough money to keep the college's Chemistry, Spanish, and Philosophy programs up and running.

Paul Siskind
Norwood

Weather modeling a tricky task

BY PAUL HETZLER
ISA-Certified Arborist

Weather modeling has become quite a big deal in recent decades, with meteorologists falling all over themselves to report what the latest models say. It sounds like a fun job, and I'm trying to find out how to apply to become a weather modeler. If it involves appearing in a swimsuit, though, forget it.

I love it when a radio announcer chirps "clear and sunny" during a storm because they read the outlook without first going to the window to have a look out. Funny how reality can boost the accuracy of weather reports. So, when you can't even bank on today's forecast, it's normal to view long-range projections with a skeptical eye.

However, seasonal models are very good at foreseeing key trends such as droughts or severe hurricane seasons. You can depend on models if they call for above-average precipitation this winter. But if you want to know if it will snow on a given day next week, you'll have to listen to the radio. Or flip a coin.

On its website, the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) explains that seasonal modeling "...provides information about the expected state of regional climate, based on long-term trends, shorter-term persistence in the climate system, and the current and anticipated state of tropical sea surface temperatures (i.e., El Niño). Seasonal forecasts for upcoming months use sophisticated computer models, statistical models, and/or expert judgments."

El Niño and La Niña, respectively, are the warm and cool phases of the 2- to 7-year "Southern Oscillation," a tropical ocean current system that has a huge effect on our weather. That's a drawback to living on a planet — heat doesn't stay on its own part of the map.

Meteorology dates back to Aristotle; in fact, he's the guy who came up with the term. I suspect that in its early days, meteorology was pretty boring, hampered by a general scarcity of meteors. Honestly, you have to wonder what Aristotle was expecting. Most likely, things picked up for the new discipline when it began to measure other

stuff that fell out of the sky — rain, for example.

I had always equated the science with forecasting, since the person on TV giving the weather outlook was called a meteorologist. But meteorology includes studying the chemistry and physics of the atmosphere, and tracking changes and trends in its composition and behavior.

Austria opened the first-ever national weather bureau in 1851, followed by the UK in 1854, and the US in 1890. While virtually every country now has its own weather forecasting service, some of the top research facilities are in China, Japan, France, and the UK. Long-range modeling is an international effort, as getting accurate forecasts is important for all nations. NOAA is a free, user-friendly resource, and I encourage people to visit http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/long_range to see its outlook for the upcoming season.

Some climate centers charge fees to release modeling charts and graphs. Highly accurate systems such as the European Seasonal to Inter-annual Prediction (EUROSIP) may run 20 or more models at once, each using different processes, and

with origins in perhaps a dozen countries. EUROSIP reports are for professionals, with language like "The set of dynamical and statistical models predict weak La Niña conditions with an SST anomaly in the Niño3.4 region of -1.1 C..." I'll stick with NOAA, thank you very much.

Model accuracy is checked by "hindcasting," or predicting past weather. This sounds like another job I could handle, provided the past was not older than about a week. In hindcasting, climate inputs from a given time period are entered into each model, and researchers compare the modeled forecasts with known historical conditions. Models are constantly adjusted to further "train" them. In one exercise, ocean surface temperature readings were used to "forecast" El Niño and La Niña events from 1857 to 2003. Not only did the model correctly identify every event, it predicted each one up to two years out.

Results like that make me wonder why the three-day forecast is often not much better than a guess. Maybe I really should get into weather modeling. I hope you're not required to wax.

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COVID emergency ends; enrollees must 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 renew-

ing 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.

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CLARKSON UNIVERSITY, five miles of trails, accessible from parking lot on hill campus by Center for Advanced Materials Processing (CAMP) by big green water tower, free, people.clarkson.edu/~outdoors/trails.html.

CRANBERRY LAKE AREA, Five Ponds Wilderness Area, remote area, 40 miles of trails, starting in Wanakena, two miles south of NYS Hwy 3; in Wanakena cross one-lane bridge across Oswegatchie River. High Falls truck trail goes straight ahead; for Dead Creek Flow truck trail, turn left after crossing bridge, go one-half mile, www.dec.ny.gov/lands/34719.html.

DILLABOUGH STATE FOREST, off Russell-Pierpont Rd., 7 km of trails, free.

FORT JACKSON PARK, Hopkinton.



Brent Bishop with family in tow skiing at Higley Flow.

Photo submitted by Judy Fuhr

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Yoga in the Schools begins

CANTON — The Canton Yoga Loft has launched the “Yoga in the Schools” program collaborating with Canton, Potsdam and Edwards-Knox school districts.

Funding for these programs has been made available through the Canton Community Fund, Clarkson’s Lewis School of Health Sciences, and the Northern New York Community Foundation / John and Dorothea Van Ness Family Fund.

The goal of “Yoga in the Schools” is to provide group yoga classes as part of the physical education program and has gained support from school administrators, counselors, Positivity Project Advisors, and teachers, according to Jane Lambers of the Canton Yoga Loft.

This past fall 40 classes were



Yoga instructor Lori Dye leads local students in a series of yoga poses.

Photo submitted

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WHAT'S GOING ON

FRIDAY, DEC. 22

11B band to perform

POTSDAM -- The band 11B -- Gordon Hall, guitar; Ryan Hayes, drums; Austin Hughes, bass; Maria Tartaglia, keyboard; and Shannon Todd, lead vocals -- will perform at McDuff's Pub on Market Street in Potsdam on Dec. 22 at 10 p.m. Contraband will open at 9 p.m. 11B is a pop rock band formed in 2015 that plays music for all generations—from the Beatles to Bruno Mars.

Gabel and Bristol

DEKALB JUNCTION -- Liana Gabel and James Bristol will perform live music at The Olde DeKalb Hotel, 4348 U.S. Highway 11, on Dec. 22 from 8-11 p.m. Food, cold beer. Info: 315-302-4200.

Free holiday skating

POTSDAM -- Free holiday public skating will be offered at Pine Street Arena, 43 Pine St., on Friday, Dec. 22 at 1:45 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Raquette River Lions Club. Skate rentals will be available for \$3 per pair.

Christmas on the Farm

POTSDAM -- Sunrise Stables, 507 Ames Road, is offering a Christmas on the Farm Day Camp on Friday, Dec. 22 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost: \$75. There will be a riding lesson, hot cocoa, treats, holiday and horsey games. Info: 315-261-8087.

KC Karaoke

HEUVELTON — Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St., will host KC Karaoke Dec. 22 from 6-9 p.m. No cover.

Caroling & food drive

HERMON — The 9th Annual Caroling & Food Drive will be held Dec. 22 from 6-8 p.m. Carolers will stroll the wintery streets of Hermon and sing while donating and picking up non-perishable food items for the local food pantry. To set up a pick-up call or text 315-854-4929. Residents who would like to be visited by the carolers should leave their porch light on.

SATURDAY, DEC. 23

11B band

THERESA -- The 11B band featuring Gordon Hall, guitar; Ryan Hayes, drums; Austin Hughes, bass; Maria Tartaglia, keyboard; and Shannon Todd, lead vocals will perform at 3C Bowl, 38530 State Route 37, on Dec. 23 at 8 p.m. 11B, a pop rock band formed in 2015, plays music for all, from the Beatles to Bruno Mars.

Alumni game

NORFOLK -- The 2023 Icemen/Flyer Varsity Hockey Alumni Game will be held Dec. 23 at 7 p.m. at Dominic Zappia Arena, 9 Clinton St.

SUNDAY, DEC. 24

Christmas Eve services

CANTON — The Canton United Methodist Church at 41 Court St. will host two Christmas Eve services. The first service will be held at 10 a.m. It will be a Carol & Sing with Christmas carols followed by drinking hot cocoa. The second service will be a traditional candle-light service at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

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Adult indoor archery league to begin

NORFOLK – The Norfolk Archers' Adult Indoor League will start Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024 at the Norfolk R&G Club on Cemetery

Road and continue for 10 weeks. Compound, recurve and longbow archers all welcome. League scores can be shot on Wednesday evenings

starting at 5:30 p.m., or Saturdays at 9 a.m. Non-league archers are also welcome to attend. Call 315-769-3140 for info.

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Candlelight service

POTSDAM – The Potsdam United Methodist Church, 26 Main St., is hosting a Candlelight Christmans Eve Service on Sunday, Dec. 24 at 6 p.m.

Cookies with Santa

CANTON – Cookies with Santa will be offered at the Best Western University Inn, 90 E. Main St., on Sunday, Dec. 24 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Admission is \$10 per child, which includes 3 sugar cookies to decorate, placemat coloring stations, visit with Santa, photo opportunities. Complimentary hot cocoa, warm apple cider, chocolate chip cookies, and oatmeal cookies. Space is limited, purchase your tickets at the front desk while supplies last.

Christmas Eve service

POTSDAM -- A Christmas Eve service will be held at the Anchor Baptist Church, 9 Gilmore St., on Sunday, Dec. 24 at 6 p.m.

Candlelight service

NORWOOD -- The Norwood Free Methodist Church, 12 Dry Bridge Rd., is hosting a Christmas Eve candlelight service on Sunday, Dec. 24 from 4:30-5 p.m.

Service, carols

HEUVELTON -- The Heuvelton Presbyterian Church, 63 Lisbon St. invites the public to a Christmas Eve service and carols on Sunday, Dec. 24 at 4 p.m.

Candlelight service

HERMON -- A Holiday Candlelight Service will be held at Hermon United Methodist Church, 115 Church St., on Dec. 24 from 7 p.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 25

Christmas dinner

MASSENA – Amvets Post 4, 12 Andrews St., will hold a free Christmas dinner on Monday, Christmas Day at the post. Eat in, takeout or delivery by calling (315) 764-0686.

TUESDAY, DEC. 26

Free holiday skating

POTSDAM -- Free holiday public skating will be offered at Pine Street Arena, 43 Pine St., on Dec. 26 at 1:45 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Raquette River Lions Club. Skate rentals will be available for \$3 per pair.

Library meeting

HERMON -- The Hepburn Library of Hermon Monthly Trustee meeting will be held Dec. 26 from 6-7 p.m. at the library at 105 Main St. Info: 315-347-2285.

WEDS., DEC. 27

Free holiday skating

POTSDAM -- Free holiday public skating will be offered at Pine Street Arena, 43 Pine St., on Dec. 27 at 1:45 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Raquette River Lions Club. Skate rentals will be available for \$3 per pair.

THURSDAY, DEC. 28

Free used clothing

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

BackWater Duo

HEUVELTON – The BackWater Duo will play Wednesday, Dec. 28 at 5:30 p.m. for Wing Night at Doug's Tavern, 71 State St.

Tarot Share in Potsdam

POTSDAM -- A free tarot card reading activity will be Thursday, Dec. 28, at the Potsdam Public Library from 6-7:30 p.m. Kathy Wilcox is hosting the event with a different theme each month. Reserva-

tions appreciated e on the events page of the library website.

Free holiday skating

POTSDAM -- Free holiday public skating will be offered at Pine Street Arena, 43 Pine St., on Dec. 28 at 1:45 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Raquette River Lions Club. Skate rentals will be available for \$3 per pair.

FRIDAY, DEC. 29

BackWater Duo

MASSENA – The BackWater Duo will play Friday, Dec. 29 at 7 p.m. at the New Year's Eve Bash at Chase's Riverside Dining, 829 State Highway 131.

11B band

MASSENA -- The 11B band featuring Gordon Hall, guitar; Ryan Hayes, drums; Austin Hughes, bass; Maria Tartaglia, keyboard; and Shannon Todd, lead vocals will perform at Eyland's, 10 West Orvis St., on Dec. 29 at 7:30 p.m. 11B is a pop rock band formed in 2015 that plays music for all generations—from the Beatles to Bruno Mars.

KC Karaoke

HEUVELTON – Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St., will host KC Karaoke Dec. 29 from 6-9 p.m. No cover.

SATURDAY, DEC. 30

New Year's Eve gala

MASSENA – The Massena Senior Citizens are hosting a New Year's Eve Gala on Saturday, Dec. 30, at 61 Beach St. in Massena. The dinner dance is \$30 per person, serving a buffet from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Deadline to buy the Dinner Dance tickets is Wednesday, Dec. 20. The band North Country will play from 6-10 p.m. Cost for the dance alone is \$10 per person. All tickets can be pre-purchased at the Seniors' office Mon-Thurs, 12-3 p.m. Call 315-769-7810 for more info. The event is open to the public.

11B band to perform

POTSDAM -- The band 11B -- Gordon Hall, guitar; Ryan Hayes, drums; Austin Hughes, bass; Maria Tartaglia, keyboard; and Shannon Todd, lead vocals -- will perform at McDuff's Pub on Market Street in Potsdam on Dec. 30 at 9 p.m. 11B is a pop rock band formed in 2015 that plays music for all generations—from the Beatles to Bruno Mars.

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GLENMEAL STATE FOREST, Town of Pierrepont, off County Road 24, accessed from Rt. 68, <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/91697.html>, 1.9 miles of trails, free.

HIGLEY FLOW STATE PARK, off Rt. 56, 2 miles east of South Colton, 262-2880, <http://higley-friends.org/> or nysparks.state.ny.us/parks/58/details.aspx, 23 km of groomed and ungroomed trails, free. The park also has options for adults and children to learn to ski, rent equipment for \$7 a day, and enjoy a heated lodge when taking a break from the trails.

Trails are groomed by a dedicated group of volunteers with the road grooming being provided by St. Lawrence University, one of the two colleges whose XC teams train there, the other being Clarkson University. Grooming is done with two Arctic Cat Bearcats with Tidd Tech drags and one Skandic with a roller. The roads are groomed for skating and classic technique with an adjacent lane for snowmobile traffic groomed by the county snowmobile association (the Park is the connecting link for trails south and north of it).

HIGH FLATS STATE FOREST, Parishville, from County Road 58, right on Rodwell Mill Road, left jog to Crowley Road, 4.5 miles of trails, 2.6 miles of unplowed road

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used to complete the loop, free. <https://www.stlawco.org/data/files/Departments/Planning/High-Flats.pdf>, <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/104007.html>.

LENNY ROAD, Parishville, 7 km of trails, free.

PEAVINE SWAMP SKI TRAIL, State Highway 3, west of Cranberry Lake, main trail of 3.9 miles to state lean-to at Inlet flow, two loops at either end of 3.4 and 1.2 miles each, and 2.1 mile loop in middle; www.adirondackscenicbyways.org/resource/peavine-creek-ski-trail.html.

POSTWOOD PARK AND COUNTY FOREST, Hannawa Falls, 13 km of trails starting at parking lot, 1.6-mile loop and 4.1 mile loop, free.

SUNY POTSDAM LEHMAN PARK, off Rt. 56, Potsdam, 4 km. of trails, free.

REMINGTON RECREATION TRAIL AT PARTRIDGE RUN GOLF COURSE, Outer State Street, Canton, several miles of groomed trails, warm-up building, free; <http://www.cantonnewyork.us/wp-content/uploads/2010/08/trails.pdf>.

RIVER HILL, begins on Southville-West Stockholm Road, off Rt. 11B, 5 miles northeast of Potsdam, 2.3 miles of trails, free; <https://www.stlawco.org/data/files/Departments/Planning/RiverHill.pdf>.

ROBERT MOSES STATE PARK/NICANDRI NATURE CENTER, off Rt. 37, 3 miles north of Massena, 6+ miles of groomed trails, free, trails managed by Nicandri Nature Center; trails open dawn to dusk daily; free equipment loans at the center; www.nicandrinenaturecenter.org.

ST. LAWRENCE GOLF/COUNTRY CLUB, off Rt. 11, Canton, access behind Best Western, from Pike/Russell Roads, 25 miles of groomed trails, free.

THE LODGE @ DREAMING TREE RANCH, 185 Wilkinson Rd. Potsdam, NY 13676, several miles of groomed trails, free. helpsamikick-cancer.org.

UPPER AND LOWER LAKES WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA, (Indian Creek Nature Center), off Rt. 68, Canton, 8 km of trails, free, www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/66126.html.

WILSON HILL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA, Louisville, from State Route 37, turn onto State Route 131 to Willard Road, turn north and follow the road, 1.6 miles of trails, www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/9324.html.

SWAMPER DOME, Louisville Arena. The trail is approx 2 miles in length running from behind the Arena through the woods skirting a 90 acre meadow and back into the woods down along the Grasse River and back to the arena.

YOGA . . .

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led by yoga loft teacher Lori Dye, in grades 4-12, with over 300 students participating at both Edwards-Knox and at Potsdam schools.

In January & February, a new pilot program for high school students will be available at Potsdam Central High School, taught by Lori Dye; and an extensive series of group yoga classes at Canton Central will be taught by Yoga Loft instructor Sarah Scaffidi-McGuire.

Scaffidi-McGuire will teach classes for grades 3 - 8, as proposed by the Canton Central staff.

The Canton Yoga Loft's "Yoga in the Schools" Coordinator Jane Lammers states, "The enthusiastic response from the larger community & individual schools has been terrific. With the skilled & energetic Yoga Loft teachers, Sarah Scaffidi-McGuire & Lori Dye, we are able to respond to this interest with great pleasure! Congratulations to everyone involved in this innovative

program, which extends the type & magnitude of the Yoga Loft's long tradition of community service."

"Yoga for student athletes is a good cross training activity and can help to prevent injuries," she said. "Introducing young people to this beneficial practice is a great way to encourage a lifetime of fitness and wellness. Funding organizations have been quite enthusiastic about the new Multi-District "Yoga in the Schools" program. The Lewis School of Health Sciences' Physical Therapy and Physicians Assistants student group, which hosted the 2023 Raquette River Dragon Boat Festival, contributed funds from this fundraiser. Christopher LaPoint, from the Lewis School, & the student group have supported other lifetime fitness sports for youth, including "Girls on the Run" in Potsdam.

The Canton Community Fund's generous contribution is enabling a comprehensive program for 3rd to 8th graders at Canton Central, a very impressive & unprecedented program of group yoga for youth in public schools. The Van Ness Family Fund is assisting in offering "Yoga in the Schools" to 216 4th & 5th graders in Potsdam & the "Pilot Program" for grades 9 - 12 at the Potsdam Central high school. This program will allow students to choose to participate & is expected to provide a template for successful programs in other school districts.



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'Hands' exhibit extended

CANTON – The exhibit “Willing Hands” by Catherine LaPointe Vollmer has been extended through December at the TAUNY Center folkstore on Main Street.

“Willing Hands’ is a series of portraits focusing on hands at work. In this series I portray unique portraits of individuals, never showing their faces. I want to explore all the different ways we use our hands -- for work, for leisure, for connecting with others. I have always been fascinated by hands as a vehicle for telling a story -- not only do we talk with our hands, but our hands themselves reflect our life experiences through their individual physicality and character. Hands are a portrait of a life lived. This series tells the story of a multitude of moments that make

up the richness of life, and the joy of living,” Vollmer said.

The artist grew up in the North Country, earned a BFA in Illustration from Syracuse University, completed internships with the Florence International Theater Company in Italy and Illustration House in New York City, then returned to the north to run a home studio on a freelance basis.

She is a fine artist, book cover designer, and poster artist and enjoys dabbling in many different styles of artwork and always has several projects going at once.

Vollmer plays several instruments, at least when there are a few moments away from the studio.

View the spotlight online here: www.tauny.org/shop.



Photo by Elaine Saarinen

Santa and Mrs. Claus at kids Christmas Party

The Norwood American Legion hosted a Kids Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 17 at the Legion Post. Kids enjoyed an afternoon of music, balloons, coloring, crafts, and a buffet of “Holiday Goodies.” Each child received a gift bag filled with candy, snacks, a kazoo, coloring book, colors, pencil and paddle ball. Pictured are Legion greeters Mrs. Claus (Arlene Nocerino), Frosty (Patty Penny), Elves (Cammy Ann Jackson and Breana Jackson), and Santa (David Butterfield).

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Featuring the beloved score of hit songs including “Welcome to the ‘60s,” “Good Morning Baltimore” and “You Can't Stop the Beat,” Hairspray is “fresh, winning, and deliciously tuneful!” (The New York Times).

This all-new touring production reunites Broadway's award-winning creative team led by director Jack O'Brien and choreographer Jerry Mitchell to bring Hairspray to a new generation of theater audiences.

The group will depart Save A Lot parking lot, Canton Street in Ogdensburg on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. arriving at Spaghetti Warehouse at 11:30 for lunch. The group will depart from there at 1 p.m. and head to the Landmark Theater for the 2 p.m. matinee of

Hairspray.

The show will be over approximately 4:45 and we will head right back to Ogdensburg, arriving about 7:15 p.m.

Transportation will be a luxury coach bus provided by Hale Transportation, Watertown.

Cost of the trip is \$175 per person, all inclusive of your theater ticket, bus ride, lunch parking and all tips and gratuities.

Lunch choices are spaghetti and meatballs, 5-layer lasagna, manicotti, alfredo, Cesar salad. Included with lunch are non alcoholic drinks, bread and toss salad.

To reserve your seat, please forward a deposit of \$75 due by Dec. 20, and the balance by Jan. 15.

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County Chamber hosting lunch and learn webinar

CANTON – The St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce is offering a lunch and learn webinar, “Work-Based Learning,” on Wednesday, Jan. 10 from 12-1 p.m. via zoom.

Presenters will be Bianca Christian and Lori Sheffield from the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Career and Technical Education Program.

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Playing Dreidel at Norfolk library

Riley Taylor and Cullen Murray try their hand at the Dreidel Game at the Holiday Fun Event sponsored by Neighbors Helping Neighbors and the Community Lunch Program for Kids at the Norfolk Hepburn Library Community Room Sat., Dec. 16. Kids also frosted and decorated Christmas cookies, listened to Christmas stories and made holiday crafts.

Winter forest bathing session offered in Hermon

HERMON – Lazy River Forest Therapy will offer its first winter forest bathing walk in a series led by Sarah Pickard, certified ANFT forest therapy guide and reiki master, on Jan. 13 from 1-3:30 p.m. at the Lazy River Playground and Retreat Center, 456 Lazy River Road. Cost: \$20. Register: <https://tinyurl.com/5yjmfwd>, 860-488-1895.

Participants will reconnect with nature and sync with the natural rhythms helping to reduce anxiety and stress.

Dress warmly with hats, mittens and snow pants if you have them.

There will be a warming station and bathrooms available. Snowshoes and walking poles are welcome. Arrive 15 minutes before the walk start time.

Free skating at Pine Street

POTSDAM – Five free public skating sessions will be offered at Potsdam Pine Street Arena over the holiday break.

Free skating will be held Dec. 22, Dec. 26, Dec. 27, Dec. 28 from 1:45-2:45 p.m. and on Dec. 29 from 2:45-3:45 p.m.

The Raquette River Lions Club is sponsoring the annual skating sessions. It welcomes guests to enjoy skating during the holidays at no charge.

Skate rentals will be available for \$3 per pair.

Register now for Maple Run

CANTON – Registration is Open for The Maple Run Half Marathon and 5K in Canton.

The Maple Run invites runners and walkers to experience St. Lawrence County's premier half marathon and 5K. Established in 2017 to celebrate the advent of spring and

support youth running programs.

The Maple Run offers a variety of participation options including the Saturday, April 13 in-person event and a unique hybrid half marathon. Learn more and register at themaplerun.com.

Registration closes on April 9.

Peer leaders needed for chronic disease program

POTSDAM -- The Get Healthy North Country Community Integrated Health Network and its partner organizations are recruiting and training Chronic Disease Self-Management Peer Leaders.

Peer Leaders are community members trained to help others understand how to recognize the signs and symptoms often associated with chronic conditions. These individuals work to empower others to take control of their health and live better, fuller lives.

From Jan. 4 to Feb. 15, the Health Initiative of St. Lawrence County – a founding member of the Get Healthy North Country Coalition – will host a Peer Leader training on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The training is seven weeks long, with one session on Thursday during the first week, and two sessions each week on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the subsequent weeks. Those interested in participating must apply online by the Dec. 22 deadline. To apply, visit bit.ly/gethealthypeerleaders and fill out the form.

Peer Leaders should be friendly and open-minded, motivated by helping others from diverse backgrounds, comfortable speaking in group settings, willing to follow an evidence-based scripted manual, able to lead and/or facilitate with a co-leader, be dependable, and able to lead at least two workshops annually.

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- Surf-n-Turf - marinated grilled Filet Mignon w/grilled Lobster Tail
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The Potsdam Rotary Club recently honored Kalei McDonald of Massena Central School for her academic excellence at BOCES Seaway Tech.

Local author pens book about 50 states

RENSSELAER FALLS – An author from Rensselaer Falls has published a book that helps readers learn about the history of all 50 states.

James Dean is the author of a history book entitled Do You Know the Meaning of These United States? The book has been released by RoseDog Books of Pittsburgh, Pa.

In the book, Dean details how each state got its name. Some states may be surprising, but such is the history and legacy of these United States.

The book is complete with a crossword puzzle and touches on our country's flag and the Bills of Rights.

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Alzheimer's research grant coming to Clarkson

POTSDAM – Ka Ho Leung, an Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Clarkson University, was recently awarded a nearly \$300,000 grant from the National Institute on Aging, part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The main goal of this research is to evaluate the eligibility of chloride channel-targeted therapy for Alzheimer's disease.

The increasing prevalence of Alzheimer's disease and the lack of successful drugs in clinical trials result in a significant healthcare

burden. This project aims at prospectively evaluating chloride channel-targeted therapy for attenuating maladaptive immune response in Alzheimer's disease.

This study may lay the foundation for chloride physiology and prospective validation of chloride channel-targeted therapy against Alzheimer's disease and related neurological disorders.

"This project is about testing a new treatment that targets specific channels in cells to see if it can help reduce the harmful sustained

immune response in Alzheimer's disease," Leung explained.

Leung joined Clarkson University as an assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry & Biomolecular Science in 2021. His research interests lie in developing subcellular imaging tools for cell physiology investigation. He was awarded the NIH 2022 Maximizing Investigators' Research Award. The K. Leung research group has secured around \$2.2 million in federal research grants since its inception.



Submitted

The Self-Advocate of the Year Award was given to Heather Fukes for her volunteerism through the Norwood Day Habilitation program. Presenting the award is Steven Sauter, past award recipient.

CU prof publishes 806th peer-reviewed article

POTSDAM – Clarkson University's Robert H. Hill Professor of Mechanical Engineering Goodarz Ahmadi recently published his 806th peer-reviewed journal article.

Ahmadi, whose areas of research include fluid mechanics, multiphase flows, computational fluid mechanics, aerosol transport and deposition, and other related topics, published "Selecting the Safe Area and Finding Proper Ventilation in the Spread of the COVID-19 Virus" in the Journal of Energies as his 800th journal publication.

Ahmadi has been at Clarkson since 1982, and his research has been supported by federal agencies, namely, the National Science

Foundation, Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, EPA, and Air Force Office of Scientific Research, as well as several industries including GE, IBM, Corning, Xerox, Kodak, and Dura Pharmaceutical.

Ahmadi is a fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) and a fellow of the American Society of Thermal and Fluid Engineering (ASTFE). He received the 2016 ASME Freeman Scholar Award in Fluid Mechanics and ASME Fluid Engineering 90th Anniversary Medal. He was inducted into Phalanx, Clarkson's highest honor society, in 2015 and was the

recipient of the Clarkson Lifetime Research Achievement Award in 2015. He also received The Phalanx Commendable Leadership Award (2015), Clarkson's Outstanding Advisor Award (1986, 1988, 2002), the Clarkson Distinguished Teaching Award (1988), Pi Tau Sigma Distinguished Teaching Award (1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, 2021), and Martin Luther King Jr. Award (2023). He has been a member of the University's Five Million Dollar Club since 2006. Ahmadi has also co-authored four books, with his recent book on fluid and particle dynamics in the human respiratory system published in 2013.

He holds five patents.

Arc Jefferson- St. Lawrence honors employees, supporters

The Arc Jefferson - St. Lawrence (www.thearcjclsc.org), recently held their Annual Meeting to elect officers and set terms for the Board of Directors, as well as honor employees, volunteers, and individuals supported by the agency.

The 2023-2024 elected officers for The Arc Jefferson – St. Lawrence Board of Directors are Jackie Sauter, President; Jennifer VanReenen, Vice President; and Joanne Rhode, Secretary/Treasurer.

Staff members, people supported, and volunteers were recognized for their achievements during the past year. Durand Hayes received the David Brassbridge Staff Member of the Year Award. Hays is a Direct Support Professional with the Bridges program. He is an enthusiastic and reliable staff member who always puts the best interests of people with disabilities in the forefront. Hays was recognized for his respect for people, strong work ethic, and willingness to assist.

Beth Morales received the Stephen Robarge Employee of the Year Award. She was honored for her work as the on-call, Administrator on Duty. Morales was honored for her dedication to address any concerns that come up, no matter the time of day. She is upbeat and treats the people supported by the agency with great respect, always looking for ways to better their lives.

Joseph Vohnoutka was awarded The Arc Jefferson – St. Lawrence's Kathy Hill Individual of the Year Award. Vohnoutka lives in an agency residence and works at The Arc JSLC Enterprises. He was recognized for making tremendous growth to gain independence in the community. Vohnoutka takes pride in his work and comes home every day eager to help with chores. He takes time to encourage, uplift, and assist not only his roommates and coworkers, but others in the community.

The Self-Advocate of the Year Award was given to Heather Fukes for her volunteerism through the Norwood Day Habilitation program. She is a strong advocate for herself and will tell the team about her interests, which plays a big role in person-centered planning. Fukes recently assisted with a shoe drive in support of a local animal shelter. She was instrumental in the success of this fundraiser by designing posters for donations, sorting the shoes, and collecting money from contributors. Fuke's determination, positive attitude and work ethic are inspirational.

The Arc Jefferson – St. Lawrence Community Spirit Award was presented to David Spilman, Gouverneur Town Supervisor, in recognition of his long-standing support for the agency. Spilman makes it his mission to ensure that everyone has an enriching experience at the Gouverneur Community Center. He has a proven commitment to offering valuable experiences for the people with disabilities supported by the agency through volunteerism in partnership with the vocational programs.

The Arc Jefferson – St. Lawrence provides lifelong opportunities that enhance the lives of people, so that they may achieve their goals and aspirations. To learn more, visit www.thearcjclsc.org or find us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

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Lee University dean's list

Two students from Potsdam earned Dean's List honors during the Fall 2023 semester at Lee University in Cleveland, Tenn. They are Bronwyn Paladin and Jackson Paladin. Dean's List recognition is earned by full-time students with a semester grade point average between 3.7 and 4.00.

Railroad club visits seniors

MASSENA – The Norwood Model Railroad Club recently set up a working holiday train at the North Country Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for the enjoyment of the residents. More information about the club can be found at <http://www.norwoodmodelrr.org/>

Fellows elected

POTSDAM – John Milne, Neil '64 and Karen Bonke Associate Professor in Engineering Management in Clarkson University's David D. Reh School of Business has been elected as a Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors, the Academy announced Tuesday. Election as an Academy Fellow is the highest professional distinction awarded solely to inventors. Milne is an expert in supply chain optimization planning and scheduling methods and is the inventor or co-inventor of more than 40 U.S. patents, predominantly focused on software methods for optimizing supply chain planning and scheduling. His patented innovations led to IBM reducing inventory by \$80 million in 1999 alone while improving customer service.

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Minimum qualifications: High School Diploma required. New York State driver's license and a driving record acceptable to the University.

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DIII Operations Manager (Potsdam, NY)

Position Summary: This position performs the daily business operations for the Division III programs and the Fitness Center. These business operations include but are not limited to: daily budget operations, transportation, scheduling contracts, fitness club memberships and performs supportive administrative duties generated by the Athletic Director and Sr. Associate Athletic Director, Assistant Athletic Director, and Fitness Center Director, approximately 12 DIII coaches and approximately 19 department and supporting staff.

Minimum qualifications: Associates Degree in Business Related Field, 3-5 years office experience required. Must have excellent word processing, communication, organizational skills, and experience working with budgets. Ability to work as a team member and/or independently must possess the tact and courtesy needed for interaction.

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Minimum qualifications: A PhD in bioscience and biotechnology.

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IT Support Specialist I (Potsdam, NY)

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BOREALIS Scholars Program Coordinator (Potsdam, NY)

Position Summary Guidelines: A temporary position is available with the BOREALIS Scholars Program within the Spring semester 2024. This position is responsible for performing a variety of professional and administrative duties that facilitate the day-to-day operations of the BOREALIS Scholars program. These include assisting in program planning; coordinating expenses and stipends; and acting as liaison between the program and many campus departments. A key function of this position is maintaining documentation for annual reports to our funders. This position involves a high degree of interaction with students, faculty, and other staff across Clarkson. In the Spring of 2024, this will also include coordinating and assisting with the recruitment of the second class of BOREALIS Scholars, interfacing with our external evaluation team, and planning and hosting our External Advisory Board meeting. Minimum qualifications: Associate's Degree, 2-3 years of program coordination experience..

Range: \$19 - \$22.00 salary based on experience

Micro-credential Project Manager (Potsdam, NY)

Position Summary: The Micro-credential Project Manager at Clarkson University will play a pivotal role in overseeing and coordinating various microcredential related projects within the university. Leveraging experience in project management and STEM, the Project Manager will be responsible for ensuring the successful planning, execution, and completion of these initiatives.

Minimum qualifications: Bachelor's Degree in a STEM related field, 1+ years in a project management role and 2+ years in an office environment.

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Academic Counselor (CUPO/HEOP) (Potsdam, NY)

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Associate Director, Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) (Potsdam, NY)

Position Summary Guidelines: Manages programming and strategic direction pertaining to underrepresented student recruitment, retention, persistence and graduation. Develop, lead and manage admission recruitment strategy and admission criteria in collaboration with the Director of Admissions, and Office of New Student Financial Aid in accordance with grant compliance and University strategic direction. Lead and supervise full-time direct report Assistant Director HEOP and Academic Counselor HEOP/CUPO. Plan, implement and manage mandatory summer bridge program through development of framework, programmatic objectives, academic curriculum and learning outcome with goal of preparing incoming first year students academically from underrepresented backgrounds to transition to Clarkson University. Hire, train and supervise staff of residential advisors, project assistants and academic tutors/mentors. Develop, lead and implement high impact academic, cultural and professional programming. Provide guidance to the HEOP staff and supervision for Assistant Director HEOP and Academic Counselor HEOP/CUPO. Also, will assist in the preparation and submission of institutional and State Education budgets and reports. Finally, the Associate Director will be able to assume duties of the Director in their absence.

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- Experience traveling and working with students with multicultural backgrounds.
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Lecturer - Computer Information Systems/ Information Technology

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

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

Position Overview:

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

Qualifications:

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

Preferred:

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

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EOP Director Senior Staff Associate SL5

Job Summary: SUNY Canton seeks an inspiring, dynamic leader to lead its Educational Opportunity Program (EOP). In this role, the Director will be responsible for the overall coordination of the Program, including operating within the SUNY EOP guidelines to achieve student recruitment, matriculation, persistence, and completion goals. The State University of New York's Educational Opportunity Program provides access, academic support, and financial aid to students who show promise for succeeding in college but who may not have had access otherwise. The ultimate goal of EOP is to make higher education possible for high potential students from historically underserved backgrounds. The Program is jointly funded by SUNY Canton and the State University of New York State-wide System Office of Special Programs.

The Director is responsible for creating a supportive environment that promotes academic and personal success, through high quality advising, academic interventions, transitional support, and student engagement. The Director is responsible for all aspects of the Program's operations, budget, recruitment, retention, and programming, with a strong emphasis on creating a sense of community among students. The Director will be committed to incorporating the Program into the university's overall educational mission and supporting the Program's contribution to university-wide goals, strategic priorities, and initiatives.

Supporting more than 100 students annually, the EOP annual budget includes staff salaries, direct aid, tutoring, summer orientation, and special projects. The Director supervises a staff of 4 full-time employees and 6-12 part-time employees including counselors, instructors, an administrative assistant, and professional and peer tutors.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Master's degree by time of appointment from a college or university accredited by the U.S. Department of Education or an internationally recognized college or university.
- Minimum of 3 years of experience in a leadership role in an opportunity program and/or academic success department or related field.
- Experience in supervision of professional staff.
- Deep understanding, dedication, expertise in supporting the needs and success of students from educationally and/or under resourced and/or underserved backgrounds.
- Demonstrated experience with diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.
- Demonstrated experience developing, organizing, and administering budgets.
- Strong personnel management skills including team development, goal setting and measurement, strategic planning, and the ability to manage multiple functions and organize institution resources to meet goals and objectives.
- Excellent interpersonal, verbal, and written communication skills.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Terminal degree.
- Progressively responsible leadership experience at a college or university.
- Ability to foster an environment of exemplary professionalism and commitment among staff to build strong working relationships with other university departments.
- Professional experience working in an EOP/HEOP program or sister opportunity program from out-of-state.
- Experience with collective bargaining and union environments.
- Experience with Banner, MS Teams, or other relevant technology.
- Knowledge of applicable federal and state laws, statutes, campus processes, and awareness of law and policy proposals affecting EOP students.
- * Valid driver's license

Work Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:30-4:30 and availability to work nights and weekends

Salary: \$73,000 to \$75,000

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All requested materials are to be submitted to:

Sabrina Charleston
Ogdensburg City School District
1100 State Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669
scharleston@ogdensburgk12.org
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Lecturer Civil Construction

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

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

Qualifications:

Required:

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

Preferred:

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

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Program Coordinator & Assistive Technology Specialist

SUNY Potsdam is accepting on-line applications for a **Program Coordinator and Assistive Technology Specialist** (Instructional Support Technician SL-3) within the Office of Accommodative Services (OAS) and will work with the Director of Accommodative Services to ensure appropriate academic accommodations, adjustments, and/or auxiliary aids and services for students with disabilities in post-secondary education. Ideal candidate will be organized, detail-oriented, patient, self-motivated and a flexible team player with demonstrated communication skills and commitment to inclusivity and will work one-on-one with students with documented learning, psychological, and physical disabilities. Work would include reviewing student documentation, determining accommodations, coordinating, and implementing any Assistive Technology (AT) needs, serving as an advocate, advisor, and point of contact for students, and other duties as assigned.

To review job requirements and essential functions of the job, required and preferred qualifications, and/or apply visit <https://employment.potsdam.edu/postings/4955>.

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**Testing Coordinator
Student Accessibility Services**

The State University of New York (SUNY) College at Canton invites qualified applicants for a full-time, 10-month position in the Student Accessibility Services Department beginning January 1, 2024.

Salary: \$40,000

Required Qualifications:

Bachelor's degree and experience working with people with disabilities or equivalent.

Basic Functions include:

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

Essential Functions include:

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

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The City of Ogdensburg is currently accepting applications for the position of **CLERK**.

The starting salary is \$42,504 with fringe benefits.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- A) Graduation from high school, possession of a high school equivalency diploma or possession of an Individual Education Plan diploma; OR
- B) One year of full-time clerical experience.

Applications must be received by **Thursday, January 4, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.**

To apply, please forward a Civil Service application along with a resume and cover letter to City Clerk Cathy Jock, 330 Ford Street, Room #4, Ogdensburg, NY 13669.

Applications are available at the City Clerk's office or on the City website at www.ogdensburg.org. Please contact City Clerk Cathy A. Jock at cjock@ogdensburg.org or (315) 393-3540 with questions.

This is a provisional appointment. The successful applicant will need to take a civil service examination and score within the top three interested candidates in order to be permanently appointed.

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Franklin-Essex Hamilton BOCES (EO/AEE) is currently accepting applications for the following position for the 2023-24 School Year:

Teaching Assistant

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Salary: \$23, 468 (2023-24 Base Salary) Consideration for additional salary may be granted based upon education and experience

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Candace Poitras- Administrative Assistant

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To review complete job description: the job requirements & essential functions of the job, required and preferred qualifications, and submit resume, cover letter, application, and references apply on-line at

employment.potsdam.edu, job posting number U-00533.

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**LIBRARY MEDIA
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CERTIFICATION: Library Media Specialist
Candidates in Library Media Specialist track of coursework may be considered.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 10, 2024 or until filled.

START DATE: Currently open. Start date to be determined by the successful candidate and District. A September 2024 start date will be considered.



**Assistant Director
Student Accessibility Services**

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

Salary: \$54,000

Required Qualifications:

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

Responsibilities:

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

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

As a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

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

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

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

For more information:

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