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## Environmental study planned for Riverwalk, streetscape

BY ADAM ATKINSON  
North Country This Week

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

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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.

SEE CANNABIS ON 17.

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



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 leveraged non-ARPA funds, officials say.

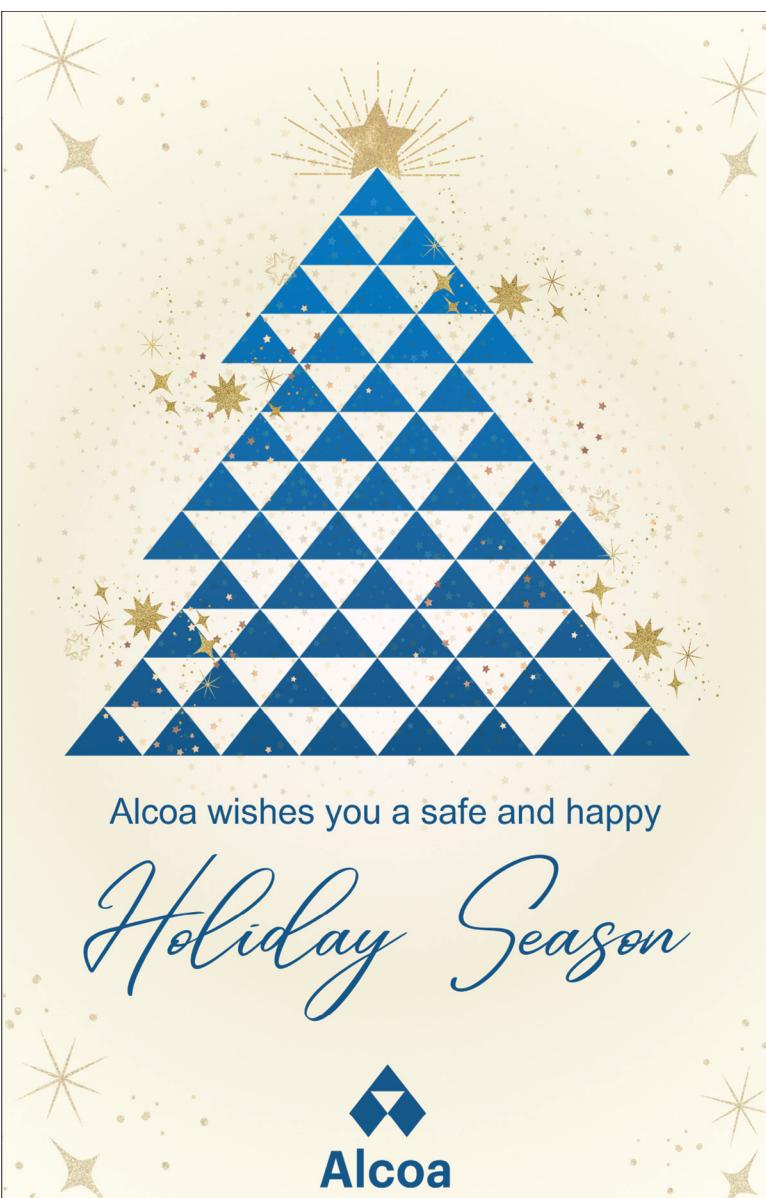
Those funds have bolstered training programs like the new and existing worker training program, heavy equipment operator training and healthcare skills development program.

"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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## 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 facil-

ty 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 vac 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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# Former Potsdam police officer to stand trial in choking case

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI

North Country This Week

NORFOLK — A former Potsdam police officer will stand trial in Norfolk Town Court in February on charges stemming from an alleged choking incident.

Matthew A. Seymour, 45, was charged with criminal obstruction of breathing after an incident that occurred at the Potsdam police station while he was on duty April 1.

Attorney Ed Narrow is represent-

ing Seymour.

In an interview with North Country This Week, Narrow said Seymour is set for trial Feb. 20-22.

"We were in court last week at the request of Judge Grubee to discuss whether a plea offer was made or not. The Franklin County District Attorney chose not to issue a plea offer, so we go to trial now," Narrow said.

But that may not be the final action in court between now and February, Narrow said.

In the coming days Narrow said

he plans to file a motion to strike "the People's certificate of compliance," saying the time to move to a trial violates Seymour's Sixth Amendment right to a speedy trial.

According to Narrow, the Franklin County District Attorney's Office has taken too long since discovery to move to a trial.

"For a misdemeanor it's 90 days. We had discovery in June and again just a couple weeks ago. Our argument is that the district attorney's office was clearly not ready in June if

we had discovery again this month. So, we will be asking the court to consider that with our motion in the coming days," Narrow said.

Nicole Kyle of the Franklin County District Attorney's Office is the special prosecutor on the case. St. Lawrence County District Attorney Gary Pasqua previously said the case would not be tried by his office due to the possibility of a conflict of interest.

Seymour's employment was terminated on April 25 after an extensive investigation into the

incident. Departmental leadership identified potential misconduct which warranted Seymour be placed on immediate administrative leave while additional investigative steps were taken, according to Potsdam officials.

Potsdam Police officials contacted the county District Attorney as well as the state Attorney General's Law Enforcement Misconduct Investigation Office for counsel and the matter was subsequently turned over to the county Sheriff's Office, the department said.

The village board met in executive session on April 25 and a notice of discipline was signed by Mayor Ron Tischler terminating Seymour's employment with the village, the department statement said. Seymour had been employed by the Potsdam Police Department since Dec. 20, 2004.

According to the Sheriff's Office, the investigation conducted after the incident developed probable cause to believe that Seymour applied pressure to the throat of a male individual, impeding his breathing.

In a press release, Sheriff's Office officials say the individual was in custody at the Potsdam Police Department at the time.

Seymour was issued an appearance ticket to Potsdam Town Court for a later date. An order of protection was issued for the victim.

In 2015, Seymour and another officer responded to a fatal stabbing at Swan Landing, during which Clarkson student Tian Ma fatally stabbed fellow student Yazhen Jiang to death.

Seymour, an 11-year veteran of the Potsdam Police Department at the time, who is also a firearms instructor and a certified emergency medical technician, ordered Ma several times to drop the knife. After refusing to do so and threatening both officers Seymour fatally shot Ma four times.

An investigation was conducted into the incident, after which Seymour was found to have acted in a justified manner.

## Stec wants electric bus mandate lifted

State Senator Dan Stec (R,C-Queensbury), who represents the Potsdam area, has signed onto a letter with 14 of his state Senate Republican colleagues, calling on Governor Hochul to lift the electric bus mandate for public schools or fully fund the conversion process.

The electric bus mandate was passed in the 2022-23 state budget to help the state meet the lower emissions targets of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA). It requires that new school bus purchases be zero emission by 2027 and all school buses in operation be zero emission by 2035. Given that a new, full-size electric bus costs \$400,000 - \$450,000 - triple the price of a conventional bus - this costly mandate would necessitate a massive increase in school taxes.

"At a time when rural, upstate schools could use more funding to focus on educational services, this expensive mandate would raise taxes and divert resources away from students," said Stec. "Green initiatives are laudable, but the electric bus mandate runs counter to the realities our schools face. Instead of requirements that have a detrimental impact on both our schools and taxpayers, the governor should either lift this mandate or allocate enough funding in next year's budget to cover the \$20 billion it is expected to cost to convert the 45,000 school buses in operation statewide."

## OBITUARIES

### Roberta A. Wright, 78

Potsdam

POTSDAM- Roberta A. Wright, 78, of 900 State Highway 11B, peacefully passed away on Saturday, December 9, 2023, at the University of Vermont Medical Center.

Roberta was born on February 5, 1945, in Potsdam, daughter of the late Sterling Scruton and Ordetta Mae (Klock) Sharpe.

She was a graduate of Madrid-Waddington High School and on April 20, 1968.

She married Frederick L. Wright at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Potsdam.

She worked for 28 years as a cafeteria worker for Potsdam Central School, having previously worked in the kitchen at the Potsdam Hospital.

She loved fishing, camping, train rides, playing bingo, and going to the Casino. Her greatest joy was spending time with her family and grandchildren.

Roberta is survived by her husband, Fred; her two children, Valerie Ann (Frank) Scott of Norfolk; and Mark Wright of Heuvelton; two grandchildren, Anthony William Scott and Corey Nicholas Wright; and a great grandson, Mason



**Roberta Wright**

### Lisa Young, 60

formerly of Parishville

PARISHVILLE -- Lisa Young -- July 2, 1963 – December 5, 2023

Lisa Young entered eternal peace on Tuesday, December 5, 2023.

Born on July 2, 1963, she was a daughter of Robert and Beatrice Fraser in Ogdensburg, New York. She grew up in Parishville, New York, and became a proud South Carolinian over two decades ago.

Lisa was preceded in death by her parents, and her two eldest brothers, Leigh and Bill.

She is survived by her three daughters, Jamara, Jarisha, and Jenna. Her siblings include Pamela, Brian, Valerie, and Kimberly.

She had two grandsons who were her world. She loved being a grandmother more than anything.

She also loved to crochet baby blankets and outfits as gifts for her friends and family.

She was proud of her house that she worked on tirelessly to make a true home with the warmth of a wood stove, a garden, a spoiled pig named Piggy Azaelea, and a dog, George, who got bacon and eggs every Saturday morning.

She cared so deeply for the people around her and made an impact



**Lisa Young**

on many lives. She was so kind and passionate yet undeniably strong. She will be forever missed. As Lisa would say, "Love ya, bye-bye for now."

A memorial service will be held at 11 am on Friday, December 15, 2023, in The Tribute Room of The Standard Cremation &

Funeral Center, 1621 Pearman

Dairy Road, Anderson, SC, 29625.

Visitation will be held prior to the service from 10:00 am until 11:00 am.

John 16:22 "Therefore you too have grief now, but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you."

The Standard Cremation & Funeral Center is serving the Young family and a message of condolence may be sent by visiting [www.standardfuneralcenter.com](http://www.standardfuneralcenter.com).

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### Gary W. Villnave, 74

Waddington

Waddington, NY, Joshua (Haley) Villnave of Dunn, NC, Brendan (Camryn) Villnave of Jacksonville,

NC; Step-grandchildren; Ralph (Keshon) Sharlow of Chase Mills, NY, Vincent (Emily) Raleigh, Landon Sharlow of Waddington, NY, Hunter Sharlow of Ogdensburg, NY; and great-grandchildren; Aubrey, Troy, Caden Lavoie of Waddington, NY, Waylen Villnave of Dunn, NC and Ledger Villnave of Jacksonville, NC. Gary is also survived by his brother, Harold Villnave Jr. of Raymondville, NY, and sisters, Shirley (Paul) McGregor of Raymondville, NY, and Betty Parmeter of Waddington, NY along with several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Gary was predeceased by his brother, Francis Villnave, and sisters, Theresa Murray Ryan and Eileen Murray.

Friends and family are welcome to call on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, from 10:00 am until the time of services at 12:00 pm at the Phillips Memorial Home, in Waddington with lay speaker Martha Helmer officiating.

Burial will be immediately following the funeral services in the New Brookside Cemetery, Waddington, followed by a luncheon at the Waddington American Legion Post No. 420.

Memorial contributions may be shared with the Waddington Fire Department, P.O. Box 352, Waddington, NY, and the Waddington Rescue Squad; P.O. Box 331, Waddington, New York 13694.

Friends and family are encouraged to share memories, photos, and condolences online by visiting [www.PhillipsMemorial.com](http://www.PhillipsMemorial.com).

## RECENT DEATHS

**LISA YOUNG**, 60, formerly of Parishville, Dec. 5. Arrangements with The Standard Cremation & Funeral Center, SC.

**ROBERTA WRIGHT**, 78, Potsdam, Dec. 9. Arrangements with Donaldson-Seymour Funeral Home, Potsdam.

**MARY FINLEY**, 91, Gouverneur, Dec. 11. Arrangements with French Funeral Home, Gouverneur.

**DOUGLAS MATTICE**, 71, Potsdam, Dec. 11. Arrangements with Buck Funeral Home, Norwood.

**MARY BETTERS**, 66, Madrid, Dec. 12. Arrangements with Buck Funeral Home, Norwood.

**JAMES BOWHALL**, 82, Gouverneur, Dec. 13. Arrangements with Green Funeral Home, Gouverneur.

**SHERYL SIMMONS**, 69, Gou-

verneur, Dec. 13. Arrangements with French Funeral Home, Gouverneur.

**KENNETH WILLARD**, 78, Edwards, Dec. 14. Arrangements with Lawrence Funeral Home, Canton.

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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 sunsetting 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

## 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.

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.

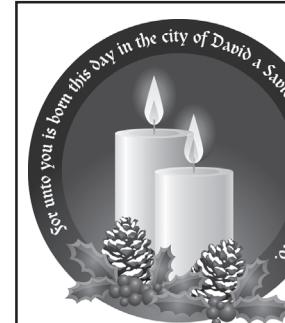
"We are the place where corporate America and global industries come when they need technical talent that can lead and find solutions to get the job done. Our educational outreach is over 7,800 students annually inclusive of the structured K-12 programs we lead, the paramedic and EMT trainings we do, 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 | NCTW

## 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.



## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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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.

# Legion lottery raffle winner named

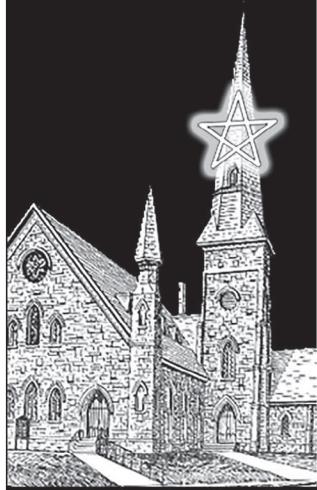
NORWOOD -- The Sons of the Norwood American Legion recently held a raffle which included gift certificates and scratch off lottery tickets.

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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## 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.



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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 mothers 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 street-lights," Hanss said. Hanss said if the village installed the street-lights 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."

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### The energy transition - the cheapest gas

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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.

### 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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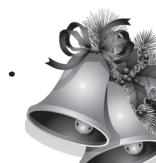
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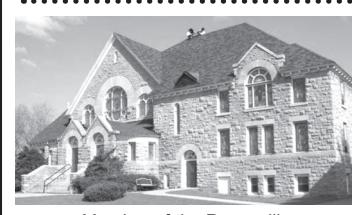
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**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 Chautauque 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 EVs 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 Shantz  
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

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**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.

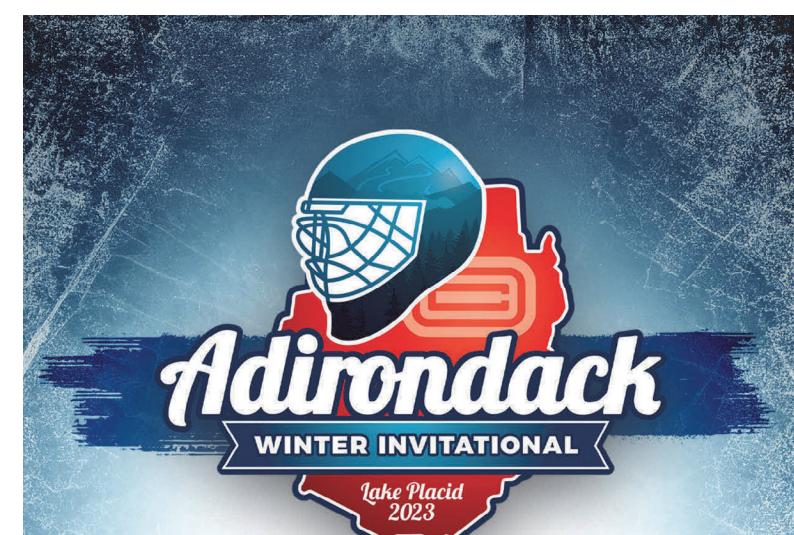
Austria opened the first-ever national weather bureau in 1851, followed by the UK in 1854, and the US in 1890. While virtually every country now has its own weather forecasting service, some of the top research facilities are in China, Japan, France, and the UK. Long-range modeling is an international 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](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 Nino3.4 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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In addition, Medicaid provides Nursing Home Care coverage when someone is no longer able to reside independently in their

own home.

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

### Help determining your eligibility

The Facilitated Enroller also provides eligibility screening and education to those who are curious about learning more about

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

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

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

The income limit for the Medicare Savings Program is even higher.

A single individual may have up to \$2,288.00 a month in income and a couple may have up to \$3,077.00 per month and qualify for Part B premium assistance.

### Schedule an appointment today

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

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

## 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.

Current enrollees will want to make sure their contact information including address and phone number is up to date with their health plan, New York State of Health, or the local Department of Social Services.

They will also want to check their mail or email for a renewal notice.

## MILC helps residents be independent

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## Strap on the skis and hit the trail

St. Lawrence County offers a wide range of cross country ski trails for local skiers. Here are just a few.

**BRASHER STATE FOREST**, off County Road 50, Brasher Falls, or Rt. 11 at St. Lawrence Central School, free, [www.dec.ny.gov/lands/7999.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/7999.html).

**SUNY CANTON COLLEGE**, 15 km of trails, accessed from Parking Lot 6 across from French Hall, bear left at the Y, free.

**CATAMOUNT FOREST**, 9 miles South of South Colton on the East side of State Route 56. Limited parking available at Catamount Mountain trailhead, just South of the lodge driveway. Groomed trails open to the public, [www.cata-mountlodge.com/about/theforest.html](http://www.cata-mountlodge.com/about/theforest.html)

**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](http://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](http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/34719.html).

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

**FORT JACKSON PARK**, Hopkinton.

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Photo submitted by Judy Fuhr

Brent Bishop with family in tow skiing at Higley Flow.

## 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 Dorotha 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 Lammers of the Canton Yoga Loft.

This past fall 40 classes were

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

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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.

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### Candlelight service

**POTSDAM** — The Potsdam United Methodist Church, 26 Main St., is hosting a Candlelight Christmas 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

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## 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.

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## 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](http://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](http://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.nicandrinnaturecenter.org](http://www.nicandrinnaturecenter.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. [helpsamikickcancer.org](http://helpsamikickcancer.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](http://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](http://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 Scafidi-McGuire.

Scafidi-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 Scafidi-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](http://www.tauny.org/shop).



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## Tickets on sale now for Hairspray trip

OGDENSBURG – North Country Insurance Professionals is sponsoring a bus trip to Syracuse Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024 to see the Broadway musical Hairspray. Hairspray, Broadway's Tony Award-winning musical comedy phenomenon is back on tour.

Join 16-year-old Tracy Turnblad in 1960s Baltimore as she sets out to dance her way onto TV's most popular show. Can a girl with big dreams (and even bigger hair) change the world?

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 deliriously 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.

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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.

Are you seeking entry level employees?

Do you have a vested interest in the skills that our future workforce demonstrates?

What ideas do you have regarding strengthening and sustaining our local workforce?

The webinar will explore the vital roles local businesses have in career development and job preparedness for local graduating seniors.

Become a work-based learning site, a program advisor, a guest presenter, a field trip destination, or a mentor.

Sign up for this webinar at [www.visitstlc.com/calendar](http://www.visitstlc.com/calendar) or contact Laura Pearson at 315-393-3620 or [Laura@slcchamber.org](mailto:Laura@slcchamber.org).



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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 1:30 p.m. at the Lazy River Playground and Retreat Center, 456 Lazy River Road.

Cost: \$20. Register: <https://tinyurl.com/5yjmfxwd>, 860-488-1895.

## 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.

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.

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 [themarlerun.com](http://themarlerun.com).

Registration closes on April 9.

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## 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](http://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.

To learn more, contact the Health Initiative's Lifestyle Program at (315) 261-4760 ext. 239 or email [nocosupport@gethealthyslc.org](mailto:nocosupport@gethealthyslc.org).

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## 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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price is \$16 (eBook \$11). For more information, or to request a review copy, please go to our virtual pressroom at <https://dorrancepressroom.com/do-you-know-the-meaning-of-these-united-states/> or our online bookstore at <https://rosedogbookstore.com/do-you-know-the-meaning-of-these-united-states/>.

## 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.

## 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 Commandable 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.

## KUDOS

### 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.

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.

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ment of cannabis laws. It is the first of its kind in the nation," said Jeffrey Gordon, DASNY director of communications.

Mandell said he originally had set an opening date of Aug. 17 and then another in September. However, ongoing legal battles at the State Supreme Court level and a subsequent moratorium on licensed shops opening across the state stalled the process until a recent approval from the court got things moving again.

Mandell said while the process took awhile, the wait was more difficult on employees whom he had already hired. The store employs 15 people currently, but Mandell said they hope to have 25 on staff eventually.

"You always wish it could move quicker. The process was long," he said. Mandell said however, that the cannabis economy is a state regulated industry so you expect hurdles to get over along the way.

The North Country native credited his involvement with DASNY and the Fund with helping kick start the business.

"It would have been doable on my own but it would have taken a lot longer," he said.

Mandell said DASNY picked the location, a prime spot on Route 11 directly across from the busy Walmart store. The authority also built out everything in the store and connected Mandell to financing and bank relationships, insurance, security measures and point of sale technology.

"It really is a unique program. No other state provides this kind of support for individuals whose lives were impacted by cannabis enforcement. Brian, like all of our partners, brings business experience to the table, but the Fund helps to supplement his experience with the tools needed to do well," Gordon said.

Mandell said the opportunity was life-changing.

"My experience with cannabis earlier in my life derailed some of my hopes and plans. The Fund has helped me with the capital and all the logistics I needed to start the business. Without their help, it would have been seriously challenging for me to do this on my own," he said.

The new store features an Adirondack theme with photographs of historic Adirondack fire towers and mountain views. Two wing rooms off the main sale space will be used to showcase merchandise and tell the story of Potsdam.

"The idea is a safe place to buy safe cannabis," he said. All the products at his and other licensed dispensaries are supplied by state

licensed and regulated suppliers.

The store will offer close to 400 SKUs from more than 40 different brands, all approved and regulated by the state.

No consumption will be allowed on the site, under state law. Patrons must be 21 and older.

The store will be open Sunday-Wednesday from 10 a.m.-10 p.m., and Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-midnight.

**AGENDA . . .**

The village received \$475,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from St. Lawrence County earmarked for the new water source project. In August 2022, the village was awarded a \$1 million grant from the Northern Border Regional Commission for development costs.

The village board has agreed to allocate \$550,000 in ARPA funds toward the water project and \$7,728 in River Valley Redevelopment Agency funds.

Dalton said construction could begin this spring.

For some time now, both the town and village boards have been exploring improvements or a reconstruction of the Canton Municipal Building. In April, both entities were informed a new building would cost more than \$25 million, a price tag both boards agreed was too steep. Since then both boards are contemplating what direction to proceed.

"The Village and Town building committee are still looking at all options. The expense to remodel the current building is high, as is new construction. I would say the renovation is still on the table but that has always been a cost vs. benefit question," commented Dalton. "We are looking at modifications to the plans and other ideas that will reduce the size and make a new building more affordable. Right now, nothing is off the table and we continue to look at ideas that have been brought to us."

Another major project is the Midtown or Jubilee Plaza project with the plan to turn the property into a mixed-use development offering diverse housing options, including a SUNY Canton Entrepreneur Center on the first floor. The upper levels would feature 45 residential units. The estimated cost is around \$21 million.

"The Village is waiting for some clarification from the different sources of the grants. The federal money that SUNY Canton has obtained, comes with some conditions that we need to be aware of before moving forward. In addition, federal monies require a different environmental process. We are all wading through the details to

make sure we don't jeopardize any funding," Dalton stated. "I would expect that an asbestos survey will be allowed soon and then we hope to proceed with the demolition once approved to move forward."

The village has received a \$1,322,000 Empire State Development grant to be used for demolition and abatement costs.

Attracting new business is an issue facing every municipality. In Canton, the mayor sees the Midtown Plaza project as a key part of economic development in Canton.

"The Village Economic Developer works very hard looking for programs and applying for grants on behalf of our community. The Village Board supports those efforts along with our Economic Development Consortium and the Steering Committee," Dalton said.

The mayor applauded the work of village board members, saying they are focused on doing what is best for the community.

"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. Not one of our Board members comes to us with a personal agenda, other than to do the very best for our community," Dalton remarked.

"So much has changed over the years and COVID drove drastic change. We operate virtually and solidly in a computer world now and have fully embraced that change at all levels. AI will be the next challenge for all of us but I am sure we

will adapt. I am thankful for what each board member brings to the table and their willingness to listen to each other's perspective."

"The Board and I can't operate in a vacuum, if someone has a concern please send an email, call or make an appointment to stop in and chat," he concluded.

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Village officials say the work will transform the downtown area making it more pedestrian friendly and better connect the Market Square Mall and Raymond Street areas of the village to Market Street.

The village expects to put the project workout to bid in coming weeks and work is expected to commence sometime this spring.

The Downtown Streetscape Enhancement Project area includes: Market Street from its intersection with Depot Street to the intersection with Maple and Main Streets, and Raymond Street from the intersection with Market Street to its terminus at Garner Park.

The village held two public design workshops on the projects this past summer.

Some of the design elements that will be part of the project include:

- New curbing
- Decorative pavements and sidewalks
- Improved pedestrian crossings and accessibility
- Roadway reconditioning and striping
- Street trees and planters
- New LED pedestrian street lighting

- Site furnishings
- Bioretention and stormwater upgrades
- Parking Kiosks
- Signage and wayfinding
- Incorporation of art into the streetscape

The Downtown Riverwalk Trail Project area includes: the section of Maple Street between Market Street and Clarkson Ave., Maple Street Park at the intersection of Maple Street, Clarkson Ave., and Sandstone Drive, and a connection between Sandstone Drive and Garner Park.

The riverwalk work and enhancements will include:

- New bicycle lanes
- New sidewalks
- Pedestrian safety features
- A pocket park
- Pedestrian-scaled LED street lighting

- New street trees
- Way-finding signage.

To learn more about the projects view an online slideshow presented at one of the public design sessions this summer at <https://tinyurl.com/2p9w6x2w>.

The streetscape and riverwalk projects are key parts of the DRI project lineup approved by the state for Potsdam.

Other portions of the \$10 million DRI award are being used to provide funding to businesses moving to, or expanding within downtown Potsdam with a short-term rental assistance grant or to repair or rehabilitate existing commercial or mixed-use buildings within the DRI Focus Area.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of Tellus Properties, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-11-07. Office location: Saint Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to John Rydzewski: 1748 State Highway 420 Massena NY 13662. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF MEETING**  
**Public Notice:** The Organizational Meeting for the Cranberry Lake Fire District of the Town of Clifton, County of St. Lawrence, New York, will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024, at 6:30PM on that day at the Cranberry Lake Fire Hall, 7115 State Highway 3, Cranberry Lake, New York. This Notice is being posted in accordance with the provisions of section 94 of the Public Officers Law of the state of New York.

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

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
VILLAGE OF WADDINGTON  
46b Maple Street  
Waddington, NY 13694  
THE VILLAGE OF WADDINGTON WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE NEW CODE LAW  
THE HEARING WILL TAKE PLACE PRIOR TO THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
6PM MONDAY  
JANUARY 2, 2024 AT 6:00 PM AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
46 MAPLE STREET

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of Mapleville Land Company, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-11-09. Office location: Saint Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Mapleville Land Company, LLC: 307 Jones Road Madrid NY 13660. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Effective January 1, 2024, St. Lawrence County Community Development Program Inc.'s Housing Choice Voucher Program will be reopening its Tenant-Based waiting list. Applications are available on our website [www.slccdp.org](http://www.slccdp.org) and at One Commerce Lane Canton New York 13617. Any questions should be directed to the Housing Choice Voucher Program at phone number 315-386-1102 option 2.

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF STOCKHOLM PLEASE TAKE NOTICE;**  
the Stockholm Town Office will be closed from December 25, 2023 - January 1, 2024, for the Holiday Season and to prepare for the New Year. We will re-open on Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 AM.

There is a drop box for your convenience, and we will be checking mail, email, and phone messages regularly.  
Have a safe and Happy Holiday Season!  
December 12, 2023

Heather Kish, Town Clerk  
Town of Stockholm

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#### MORRISTOWN ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that sealed proposals are sought and requested by the Morristown Central School District for Work of a Single Contract at the Main Building listed below in accordance with Drawings, Specifications, and other Bidding and Contract Documents prepared by Ashley McGraw Architects, 125 East Jefferson Street, Syracuse, New York 13202.

#### MORRISTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2023-2024 CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECT N.Y.S.E.D. No. 51-21-01-04-0-003-022

Bids are requested for the following Prime Contract: General Construction Work - Flooring Replacement

Sealed Bids will be received until **3:30 p.m.**, local time on **January 16, 2024**, at the **School's Library**, at which time all bids will be opened and read aloud.

The Bidding Documents shall be available beginning **December 4, 2023** and may also be examined at the following locations:

- Mohawk Valley Builders Exchange, Inc. - 28 Court Street, Utica, NY 13502 - [www.mvbe.com](http://www.mvbe.com)
- Northern New York Builders Exchange, Inc. - 2074 Fabco Road, Watertown, NY 13601 - [www.nnybe.com](http://www.nnybe.com)
- Syracuse Builders Exchange, Inc. - 563 Ridings Road, Syracuse, NY 13206 - [www.syrabex.com](http://www.syrabex.com)
- Dodge Reports - online - [www.dodgeprojectcenter.com](http://www.dodgeprojectcenter.com)
- Morristown Central School District - 408 Gouverneur Street, Morristown, NY 13664

Drawings, Specifications, and Bid Form(s) (Contract Documents) may be obtained at the **Plan Holder, Plan and Print Systems, 6160 Eastern Ave, Syracuse, NY 13211 (315) 437-5111** as follows:

**Electronic Format:** In an effort to be environmentally and fiscally conscious of paper use and consumption documents will be available as digital sets. The Contract Documents may be downloaded from the Plan & Print website for a **non-refundable cost** of \$25. A compact disc (CD) of the Contract Documents will be available in electronic format (.pdf files) to be purchased by prospective bidders for a **non-refundable cost** of \$49.00 for each disk requested. With either method, this is **not a deposit**, and **no refunds** will be made after purchase. After purchasing the files, prospective Bidders may obtain paper copy prints of the documents, full set or partial set, at their own cost from Plan & Print Systems, or by taking the disk to a printer of their choosing.

Cash is not acceptable for Contract Documents. Partial sets requested, shall be obtained interested parties, at their cost, with no money returned.

#### CHECKS RECEIVED WITHOUT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHALL BE RETURNED:

- TELEPHONE NUMBER
- FAX NUMBER
- SHIPPING ADDRESS

#### PLANS AND SPECS WILL NOT BE SHIPPED TO POST OFFICE BOXES

Documents may also be viewed free of charge at the Plan Holder's website.

As bid security, each proposal shall be accompanied by Certified Check or Bid Bond made out to Owner, in accordance with amounts and terms described in INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities in, or to reject, any and all bids. No bidder may withdraw their proposal within thirty (30) calendar days of actual date of opening thereof.

Pre-Bid Conference: The Morristown CSD has **not** scheduled a Pre-Bid Conference. All prospective bidders are strongly encouraged to visit the site in order to review specific requirements of these contracts. Site visits may be coordinated with Mr. Larry Yeddo, Jr., Interim Director of Buildings, Grounds, & Transportation, at (315) 375-8814, ext. 21303.

## SL Health offers holiday stress reduction tips

POTSDAM -- St. Lawrence Health officials are reminding North Country residents to make efforts to reduce stress during the holiday season.

"We often put a lot of pressure on ourselves to get

everything done and make sure each aspect of a holiday gathering is perfect. However, those self-demands can leave us feeling anxious and worn out," officials say.

Primary Care Physician Leslie Strickland, MD, with St. Lawrence Health's Brasher Falls Community Health Center pointed out it is necessary to focus on what is important during this time of year, and that means looking beyond material gifts.

"Holiday stress can be more intense due to cultural and family expectations, in addition to expectations we place on ourselves," she said. "Financial stress can be exacerbated during this time when there is an assumption of gift giving and entertaining. The holidays can also bring up or increase feelings of grief, sadness, and loneliness."

"Make sure to be kind to yourself; do not diminish or ignore your difficulties or emotions. Try to be present and compassionate for yourself first and foremost," Dr. Strickland added.

Officials say being overly stressed or anxiety-ridden for several days in a row that stress can affect every part of our physical and emotional health.

"People under stress can experience disrupted sleep, increased blood pressure, increased pain, and heartburn. Stress may also cause people to engage in unhealthy behaviors to seek relief, such as overeating or overconsuming alcohol, which may help temporarily, but cause more suffering in the long term," officials say.

Primary Care Physician Michelle Prentice, MD, with the Massena Hospital Medical Group noted that self-care is an important step in staying healthy during the winter season, and is also beneficial to alleviating feelings of stress.

Self-care means prioritizing things like getting morning sun (vitamin D), practicing gratitude, nourishing your body daily with vegetables and fruits, drinking eight cups of water, and blocking off time for eight hours of sleep daily.

If you are traveling for the holidays, there is often the feeling of added stress about arriving on time.

"Try to remember that the most important thing is to arrive safely. Do your best to plan ahead and give yourself plenty of time, and try to let go of circumstances that are impossible to control," Dr. Strickland said.

#### Notice to Bidders

The DeKalb Richville Fire Commissioners have up for bid a 1986 FMC tanker with a 1800 gallon stainless steel tank and 1250 gallon per minute pump. The chassis is a 1986 GMC V8 diesel, single axle with standard 5 speed manual transmission and a 2 speed rear axle. Mileage currently is 33,112 miles. 1250 pump, works but will not pass pump test.

All red lights and sirens will be taken off prior to being sold, unless to another fire department. Miscellaneous fittings and hose. 2000 gallon Porta Tank.

Interested bidders can inspect the truck by calling 315-276-4533 or 315-347-3588 for an appointment or for further information. Bids should be addressed to DeKalb Richville District Fire Commissioners P.O. Box 256 DeKalb Junction N.Y. 13630.

Sealed Bids will be accepted until January 8, 2024 at which time they will be opened. All bids should be in a sealed envelope marked "Truck Bid".

There is a reserve of \$2,500.00.

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**CANTON LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** by the Town Board of the Town of Canton, that pursuant to the provisions of Town Law of the State of New York, a public hearing will be held at 5:00 PM on the 10th day of January, 2023 at the Canton Town Hall, 60 Main Street, Canton New York to consider the adoption of a local law entitled LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE TOWN ZONING LAW AND OTHER LAND USE LAWS. This proposed Local Zoning Law would repeal and replace the existing Zoning Law and Zoning Map of Chapter 70 of the Town of Canton Code; and repeal Local Law No. 3 of 2019 Solar Energy Facilities of the Town of Canton Code. The Town Board determined that this local law would have no significant environmental impacts pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act. A complete copy of the proposed local law is available for public inspection at the Town Clerk's office and on the Town's website.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN** that all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard. Written comments will be accepted by the Town Clerk, townclerk@cantonny until no later than 2:00 p.m. on January 10, 2023.

Heidi L. Smith  
Canton Town Clerk  
December 15, 2023

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**HOPKINTON NOTICE OF MEETING SPECIAL MEETING**

The Town Board of the Town of Hopkinton will hold a Special Meeting on **Thursday, December 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Hopkinton Town Hall. This meeting will be to pay any end of year bills, end of year transfers, and any other business that comes before the board. The public is encouraged to attend.

DATED: December 19, 2023

Richard L Powers  
Town Clerk

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of BIGAREL WILDEWOOD, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-12-06. Office location: Saint Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to THE LLC: 56 BIRCHWOOD DRIVE GOVERNEUR NY 13642. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF MEETING**

There will be an Organizational Board Meeting of the Board of Legislators held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., at the Board of Legislators Chambers, 48 Court Street, Canton, and broadcasted live via YouTube, for the purpose of electing a Chair of the Board of Legislators and transacting any other business that may come before the Board.

Heidi L. Smith  
Canton Town Clerk  
December 15, 2023

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

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

**NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN** that all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard. Written comments will be accepted by the Town Clerk, townclerk@cantonny until no later than 2:00 p.m. on January 10, 2023.

Heidi L. Smith  
Canton Town Clerk  
December 15, 2023

**OGDENSBURG PUBLIC NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

**Ogdensburg Housing Authority**, herein called the Owner, in accordance with Section 103 of Article 5-2 of the General Municipal Law, invites the submission of sealed bids for the construction work involved with the **Closet Door Replacement Project for Ogdensburg Housing Authority at Riverview Towers and Centennial Terrace** as follows:

#### General Scope of Work:

The project involves removal of existing closet doors and installation of new bifold doors at Riverview Towers and bypass doors at Centennial Terrace.

Bids shall be received until 2PM, local time, on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, via electronic submission to Katie Jerome ([kjerome@gymodpc.com](mailto:kjerome@gymodpc.com)) or hard copy drop off, where they will be publicly opened and read. Bidders will be notified within 10 days after bid opening of selection. There will be a Pre-Bid walk-thru on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, at 10am. It is strongly encouraged that contractors attend the Pre-Bid walk-thru. If you are unable to attend, please reach out to the Housing Authority directly to schedule an alternative date and time.

Proposals in excess of \$100,000 must be accompanied by either a Bid Bond issued by a surety company which shall insure the Owner to the extent of ten percent (10%) of the Proposal or a certified check to be used by the Owner to insure the Owner in lieu of a bid bond to the extent of five percent (5%) of the Proposal. Proposals less than \$100,000 must be accompanied by a certified or bank check in the amount of 5% of the proposal. A performance and payment bond will not be required from the selected contractor for proposals less than \$100,000. However the Owner may require another form of security for faithful performance. Sample forms for bid, bid bonds, performance and payment bonds and construction contract documents are included in this package.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory performance and payment bonds.

The OWNER reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informalities in the bidding.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the OWNER.

The General Municipal Law of the State of New York requires that bidders certify, under penalty of perjury, that bids have been prepared without collusion with other bidders, subcontractors, suppliers, etc. This certification is included within the Bid Form.

MBE/WBE/DBE's are encouraged to submit. Authority

**OGDENSBURG PUBLIC NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

**Ogdensburg Housing Authority**, herein called the Owner, in accordance with Section 103 of Article 5-2 of the General Municipal Law, invites the submission of sealed bids for the construction work involved with the **Flooded Apartment Renovation Project for Ogdensburg Housing Authority at Belmont Courts** as follows:

#### General Scope of Work:

Renovate all items affected by the flood as identified and noted on the drawings.

Bids shall be received until 2PM, local time, on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, via electronic submission to Katie Jerome ([kjerome@gymodpc.com](mailto:kjerome@gymodpc.com)) or hard copy drop off, where they will be publicly opened and read. Bidders will be notified within 10 days after bid opening of selection. There will be a Pre-Bid walk-thru on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, at 10am. It is strongly encouraged that contractors attend the Pre-Bid walk-thru. If you are unable to attend, please reach out to the Housing Authority directly to schedule an alternative date and time.

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## NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

1. The Board of Education of the Parishville-Hopkinton Central School District invites the submission of proposals on the following:

**Title:**  
Construction Management Services

**RFP Submission Deadline:**  
Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 12:00 P.M.

2. All sealed proposals must be clearly marked "Proposal for Construction Management Services" and must be delivered to the District Office, attention Stefanie Latimer, prior to the Submission Deadline, as stated above, at which time they will be collected and internally evaluated. The proposer assumes the risk of any delay in the mail. RFPs received after the RFP Submission Deadline will be returned unopened.

3. All proposals shall be prepared in accordance with the instructions in the attached RFP to receive consideration.

4. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all RFPs, or to waive any irregularities or defects in any proposal, should it deem it to be in the best interest of the School District to do so. Any RFP submitted will be binding for 60 days beyond the RFP Submission Deadline.

### A. General Information

The Parishville-Hopkinton Central School District (the District) is requesting proposals from qualified agencies for Construction Management Services. There is no expressed or implied obligation for the District to reimburse responding agencies for any expenses incurred in preparing proposals in response to this request. An appointment and on-site inspection may be scheduled by any agency interested in submitting a proposal to answer questions about the services to be rendered. Any inquiries concerning the request for proposals should be addressed to Stefanie Latimer (Assistant to the Superintendent) and Megan Vanderbrook (King + King Architects).

### B. Description of the School District

Parishville-Hopkinton Central School District is comprised of one Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12 Main Building with an enrollment of approximately 330 students and a Bus Garage.

### C. Project Background & Information

The District passed a vote on December 12, 2023 for a capital project, with a not-to-exceed project cost of \$9.2 million, for alterations, renovations and improvements to the District's school building and associated facilities, including site work which includes the reconstruction of a main drain line at the athletic fields, improvements to the bus loop, sidewalks, and student drop-off areas. The District has been working with King + King Architects on project scope and preliminary estimates for the project. See project scope descriptions and schedule attached as Exhibits A and B.

### D. Architect

King + King Architects have been retained to provide architectural and engineering services for this project.

### E. Scope of Work to be Performed.

See responsibilities and duties matrix attached as Exhibit C as well as contract for services - Exhibit D for additional information.

### Pre-Referendum Phase Service

This phase has been completed and no services are required from the Construction Manager.

### Pre-Construction/Design-Phase Services

1. Consult with the District and the Architect/Engineer regarding the project program, budget, timetable and advisability of various bidding options and timing of construction.  
2. Assist the District in the selection of Consultants (i.e. testing labs), where appropriate, for various projects. Review performance of these groups, making recommendations when necessary.  
3. Develop appropriate procedures manual, delineating division of responsibilities and duties between the District, the Construction Manager, the Architect/Engineer, Consultants, Contractors, Suppliers, and others involved in the project.  
4. Undertake value engineering studies of alternative systems. Manufacturers and Vendors of long lead items to obtain the greatest economic benefit from a cost standpoint while maintaining the District's functional and program requirements.  
5. Perform budgeting and scheduling evaluation of alternative schemes and approaches to each project from the standpoints of construction, cost, and schedule.

6. Develop cost models, monitor progress, evaluate proposed changes, & their cost impacts and provide one complete cost estimate at the Construction Document phases (July 2025) of the project.

7. Report regularly to the District on progress, budgets and schedule.  
8. Establish a system of controls requiring specific performance of Contractors and Vendors which will anticipate by way of adequate reporting and documentation, the means to expeditiously resolve disputes, delays and change orders.  
9. Study local labor market conditions and construction materials as they affect design choices and construction costs; establish a liaison with area Contractors and encourage their participation in bidding.  
10. Develop a multiple prime bid strategy for the project. Prepare the bid packages for each trade including scope definition, terms and conditions, insurance and bonding requirements. Conduct pre-bid conferences, solicit local bidder interest for this project, and maximize competition to achieve the best bidding results for the District.  
11. Assist the District and Architect/Engineer in evaluating the responsiveness and completeness of construction bids received.  
12. Review and make recommendations to award Contract to successful bidders.

### Construction Phase Services

1. Provide full time, on-site staff to perform all duties, but not limited to, supervision of contractors to expedite their work, maintain quality control and conformance to the contract documents; provide full time Project Management and Field Supervision.  
2. Provide all necessary personnel and expertise required for the administration of contracts, negotiation of change orders and resolution disputes and delays. Establish a qualified team of experts dedicated to the project from the planning phase through close-out procedures.  
3. Act as Agent/Owner's advocate, heading up construction activity that includes fielding a supervisory team to monitor/control the work in progress, coordinate activities, schedules and work of multiple prime Contractors at multiple sites, operate all monthly requisition and payment processes and keep accounts, handle costs, prepare punch-lists, administer completion and hand-over process, and administer as-built, warranties, guarantees, etc., for acceptance.  
4. Assist in coordination of activities of the utility companies and the regulatory agencies.  
5. Oversee the testing services and other services retained for the project.  
6. Expedite the submission of all Submittals and Shop Drawings to be reviewed by the Architect/Engineer for conformance with Contract Documents, maintain accurate records of accepted Shop Drawings and Submittals.  
7. Continuously evaluate the project/work in progress, identifying issues that could impact upon the accepted project schedule and recommending appropriate actions to keep the project on track.  
8. Conduct monthly and specially scheduled job meetings with the District, Architect & Construction Manager (O/A/CM), keep and distribute accurate minutes. Conduct weekly and specially scheduled job meetings with prime Contractors (foreman's meetings); keep and distribute accurate minutes. Conduct bi-weekly and specially scheduled job meetings with A/E team and prime Contractors; keep and distribute accurate minutes. Provide periodic updates to the Board of Education including general schedule and budget status over the course of the project.  
9. Establish, maintain, and utilize a cost control system for all construction on a project-by-project, building-by-building basis, keep records in a form readily usable by the Project Team, make recommendations to the District and the Architect/Engineer.  
10. Maintain a daily log of all significant events, including visitors and occurrences at the job site; maintain record drawings, photographs, etc.  
11. Review requests for payments from Contractors and Suppliers against previously established milestones and schedules.  
12. Assist in establishing and maintaining good relations with the surrounding community and implement reasonable methods to control dust, noise, lighting, odor, etc., as required by the Contract Documents.  
13. Lead contractors toward avoidance and resolution of jurisdictional disputes if/when they occur.  
14. Collect and organize for delivery to the District, all Operating Manuals, Equipment Lists and Maintenance Manuals required by the Contract Documents.  
15. Recommend to the District when final inspection(s) and punch-lists should be made, conduct final inspection(s) with the Project Team (and others) as required to ensure that all punch-lists items are completed in a timely manner.

16. Assist the District's personnel in assuming operation of all systems, including scheduling of instructional sessions by the Contractor as required in Contract Documents.  
17. Assist the District in exercising guarantees and warranties.  
18. Deliver all records, documents, and other items pertinent to the project to the District.

### F. Anticipated Project Schedule & Key Milestone Dates. See Exhibit B.

The Board of Education expects to appoint the Construction Manager at its January 22, 2024 regular Board meeting.

### G. Qualification Guidelines for Submitting Proposal

1. Knowledge of local construction marketplace and experience with significant projects.  
2. Relevant experience with at least five (5) school construction projects of similar size and complexity, either underway or completed within the last five (5) years. Include full project descriptions.  
3. References for projects identified above in #2, including addresses and telephone numbers, and contact persons.  
4. Organization chart developed around full-time, on-site supervision of all construction activity that includes names and resumes for staff / personnel who will be assigned to the project. Identify each staff member's responsibility or involvement associated with the delivery of services to be provided by your firm during each project phase. Indicate any in-house and/or sub-consultant arrangements.  
5. Describe strategies that your firm has utilized to maintain the project schedule and to minimize disruption of school district calendar/activities. Explain how you could apply these methods to this project based on the information provided to you by the District.  
6. Outline methods and techniques used in the past to maintain close budget and cost containment.  
7. Experience in representing Districts in the analysis and resolution of construction claims.  
8. In the role of District's advocate, briefly describe any theories or concepts your firm applies when facilitating and implementing a project.  
9. Discuss your approach and procedure regarding change orders.  
10. Agree to use Owner/Construction Manager Agreement Form (AIA Document C132/Cma-2019 Edition) attached as Exhibit D for defining services to be provided by the Construction Manager.  
11. Comment generally on your firm's approach to meeting an aggressive design/construction schedule; include the steps required for implementing and enforcing the plan.  
12. Present 'other information' including any relevant data or particulars that present a strong rationale for your firm being selected to work on this project.  
13. Selected finalists for the position of Construction Manager, including staff reflected on Organization Chart, might be invited to an interview session held with a Selection Committee.

### H. Form of Construction Management Agreement

The form of agreement that the District intends to enter into with the selected Construction Management firm is an AIA C132-2019 agreement as amended by the District. The Construction Management firm shall be required to enter into this Agreement. No response to this proposal shall serve to modify or amend any portion of that Agreement. The District may, but is not required to, amend the Agreement based upon negotiations with the Construction Management firm. In the event any obligation in the Agreement differs from an obligation in this proposal, the obligation that is more beneficial to the District shall control. See Exhibit D.

### I. Submission of Proposals

#### Proposal Format:

- Title Page: 'Proposal for Construction Management Services'; your firm's name, address and phone number; your firm's contact person, including name/address/phone; date of the proposal.
- Table of Contents.
- Information described in Technical Proposal Sections I, II, III, IV, V (see below).
- Insurance Requirements (Technical Proposal Section VI see below).
- Fees for Construction Management Services (Technical Proposal Section VII see below).

#### Technical Proposal:

- **Section I: Company Profile**  
This section should state the size of your firm, the type of firm (i.e. General Contractor/ Construction Manager, Architect/Engineer, Construction Manager only), firm background, the location of the

office that will perform the work on this project.

#### • Section II: Experience

Your proposal should include experience as described in the RFP.

#### • Section III: References

Provide references who may be contacted about the projects requested above/ Section II. Provide individual references for Project Manager and Project Superintendents listed on Organizational Chart.

#### Section IV: Project Approach & Management Plan

Provide your understanding of the scope of services required and the approach your firm would use to achieve the Owner's project objectives.

Provide a Management Plan that describes the roles and responsibilities of qualified staff/personnel being proposed on the Organizational Chart for this project. Include resumes for the Project Manager and Project Superintendents.

#### • Section V: Proposed Company Services

Provide detailed Summary of Services your company is proposing to the District.

#### • Section VI Insurance

Include an Insurance Certificate to verify your firm's ability to provide the following limits of liability during the project:  
See the attached contract form – Exhibit D for insurance requirements.

The firm selected shall provide the District with certificates of insurance verifying the existence of the above referenced policies and limits. Said certificates shall specifically state that the District, its administrators, Board of Education, employees and assigns shall be named as additional insured parties.

\*The above additional insured wording does not apply to Professional Liability Coverage.

#### • Section VII: Fees

All firms responding must provide their fee arrangements in each of the following components:

##### • A. Pre-Construction/Design Phase

• Fixed Management Fees including all overhead profit and staff costs:  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

##### • B. Construction Phase (See responsibility matrix Exhibit C)

• Fixed Management Fees including all overhead profit and staff costs:  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

• Miscellaneous Re-imburable Expenses:  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Provide Schedule)  
(Open-book, not to exceed)

• All firms should base their fee calculations for comparison purposes on the following criteria:  
See Exhibit B for schedule.

Ten printed (10) copies and an electronic copy (thumb drive) of the proposal must be received by Stefanie Latimer, District Office, at 12 County Route 47, Parishville, NY 13672 by 12:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 10, 2024. A single printed copy and an electronic copy (thumb drive) of the proposal should also be sent to Megan Vanderbrook at King + King, Architects at 358 West Jefferson Street, Syracuse, NY 13202

Your firm may provide any additional information that will assist the District in the comparison of fees. Firms shall also note that any and all associated costs, including multipliers, are to be included in the above two fee components, so that the fee represents the complete total to be charged to the District.

The District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted.

During the evaluation process, the District reserves the right, where it may serve the District's best interest, to request additional information or clarifications from proposers, or to allow corrections of errors or omissions. At the discretion of the District, firms submitting proposals may be requested to make oral presentations as part of the evaluation process. Interviews with selected agencies will be scheduled following review and evaluation of proposals.

The District reserves the right to retain all proposals. Submission of a proposal indicates acceptance of the conditions contained in this request for proposals, unless clearly and specifically noted in the proposal submitted and confirmed in the contract between the Parishville-Hopkinton Central School District and the agency selected.

\*Appendices A and B can be found at <https://www.phcsd.org/page/2022-building-condition-survey-capital-project>

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**General Scope of Work:**

Remove existing interior Community Room door, window, hardware, and frame, and replace interior Community Room door, window, hardware, and frame, as noted on drawings.

Bids shall be received until 2PM, local time, on Wednesday, January 10th, 2024, via electronic submission to Katie Jerome ([kjerome@gymodpc.com](mailto:kjerome@gymodpc.com)) or hard copy drop off, where they will be publicly opened and read. Bidders will be notified within 10 days after bid opening of selection. There will be a Pre-Bid walk-thru on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, at 10am. It is strongly encouraged that contractors attend the Pre-Bid walk-thru. If you are unable to attend, please reach out to the Housing Authority directly to schedule an alternative date and time.

Proposals in excess of \$100,000 must be accompanied by either a Bid Bond issued by a surety company which shall insure the Owner to the extent of ten percent (10%) of the Proposal or a certified check to be used by the Owner to insure the Owner in lieu of a bid bond to the extent of five percent (5%) of the Proposal. Proposals less than \$100,000 must be accompanied by a certified or bank check in the amount of 5% of the proposal. A performance and payment bond will not be required from the selected contractor for proposals less than \$100,000. However the Owner may require another form of security for faithful performance. Sample forms for bid, bid bonds, performance and payment bonds and construction contract documents are included in this package.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory performance and payment bonds.

The OWNER reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informalities in the bidding.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the OWNER.

The General Municipal Law of the State of New York requires that bidders certify, under penalty of perjury, that bids have been prepared without collusion with other bidders, subcontractors, suppliers, etc. This certification is included within the Bid Form.

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## Adding to the Toys for Tots pile

SeaComm employees recently made a donation of toys to support the Toys For Tots program in Canton. The year-long employee fundraising efforts contributed to a \$5,112 donation of toys, which will be delivered to children in need who live within communities served by the credit union. Pictured from left are SeaComm Assistant Branch Manager Ashley Montgomery, Toys for Tots Director of Inventory Development Derrick Conway, and SeaComm Financial Service Representative Rose Ellison.

### BRIEFLY

#### Toys for Tots donation

POTSDAM – SeaComm employees and members recently made a donation of toys to support the Toys For Tots program in Potsdam. The year-long employee fundraising efforts contributed to a \$5,112 donation of toys, which will be delivered to children in need who live within communities served by the credit union. Toys For Tots is operated by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve with the mission of collecting and distributing toys as Christmas gifts to children in need throughout the community.

#### Church & Community donation

CANTON -- North Country Savings Bank is again making a donation to a local community program, this time in Canton. The banking institution in Canton has donated \$1,000 to the Church & Community Program.

Officials say the boost comes at a time of especially high demand for the pantry. The program serves about 230 families per month, officials say.

#### LaValley holiday fund donation

POTSDAM – Randy LaValley, owner of LaValle Transportation Inc. in Potsdam, recently made a very generous donation to the Potsdam Holiday Fund, which provides gifts, warm clothing and food to families with children and senior citizens in the Potsdam area who are in need of assistance during the holiday season. LaValley has been one of the program's most generous donors for more than a decade. The program serves families in need in Potsdam, Madrid, Hopkinton, Nicholville, Brasher Falls, Chase Mills, Fort Jackson, West Stockholm and Winthrop. Donations to the program are always welcome and appreciated and may be made

DEKALB JUNCTION - DeKalb Junction residents once again have a local watering hole to call their own.

After several years, the shuttered Amvets at 4348 US 11 in DeKalb Junction has reopened as the Olde DeKalb Hotel with a lovingly restored interior and a familiar face behind the bar.

Scott Fenlong grew up in the DeKalb landmark as it was once owned by his father, David Fenlong from 1984 to 1998. Mr. Fenlong

assisting living facilities.

Services offered include all face and body waxing services, ranging from Brazilian and bikini waxing to smaller applications for lip, chin and nose waxing.

Phillips also has a variety of lash extensions that include classic full set extensions, two and three week fills, along with hybrid options as well.

As for hours, Phillips said it's best to book an appointment online or to call for scheduling.

"Right now my hours are in the afternoon and by appointment only just because we are finding our balance right now with our daughter and work schedules," Phillips said.

For those interested in scheduling an appointment, Phillips said she is typically available Monday through Thursday from 4-7:30 p.m., 2:30-5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. In some cases extended hours may be available, so it is best to call ahead and ask for availability, she said.

Phillips said she is currently accepting new clients and is looking forward to providing services for the North Country that are in short supply.

"Joining the Potsdam community has been better than I could have dreamed. So many small businesses make this town a special and thriving place to live and I'm so happy to be a part of it," she said.

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## New beauty industry option now in Potsdam

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI

North Country This Week

POTSDAM -- For Lindsay Phillips, working in the beauty industry was a childhood dream come true, one that she now brings to Potsdam and the Market Square Mall.

Phillips, a Nebraska native, recently moved to the North Country with her husband Matthew and their young daughter to be closer to family.

She said her interest in the beauty industry started at a young age, making homemade face masks for her mom and her to try.

"I also had friends let me wax their eyebrows or paint their nails, to varying degrees of success," she joked.

Phillips said she graduated from the College of Hair Design in 2013 and began work at a salon and day spa "mostly doing facials and pedicures."

"I was able to build up my clientele until I was out on my own, renting a small space on the main strip of the city," she said.

Phillips said when she moved to the North Country, she was excited to get back to a small town environment like she grew up in.

But what sets the North Country apart to her is the sense of community.

Phillips said her end goal was always to start a small business in a small community where people know each other on a first name basis.

Clientele also vary, she said, ranging from kids getting ready for a dance recital to seniors living in

## Olde DeKalb Hotel now open

and his wife Rebecca purchased the building earlier this year not just as a business opportunity but to honor the family legacy and the history of the town itself.

As part of the extensive restoration, the Fenlongs' focus was on preservation which is evident in Mr. Fenlong's detailed craftsmanship and the homey feel of the interior decor.

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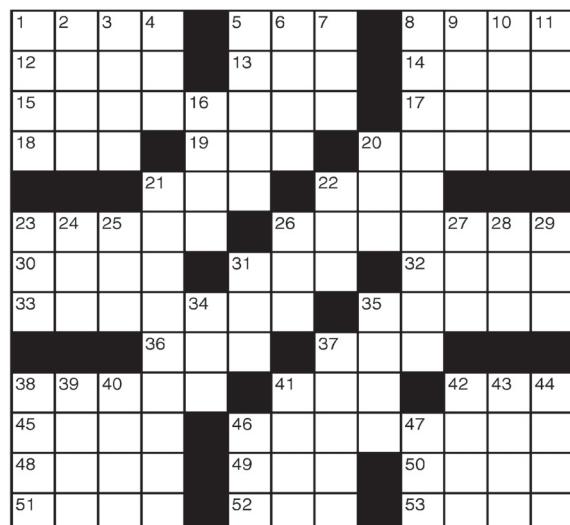
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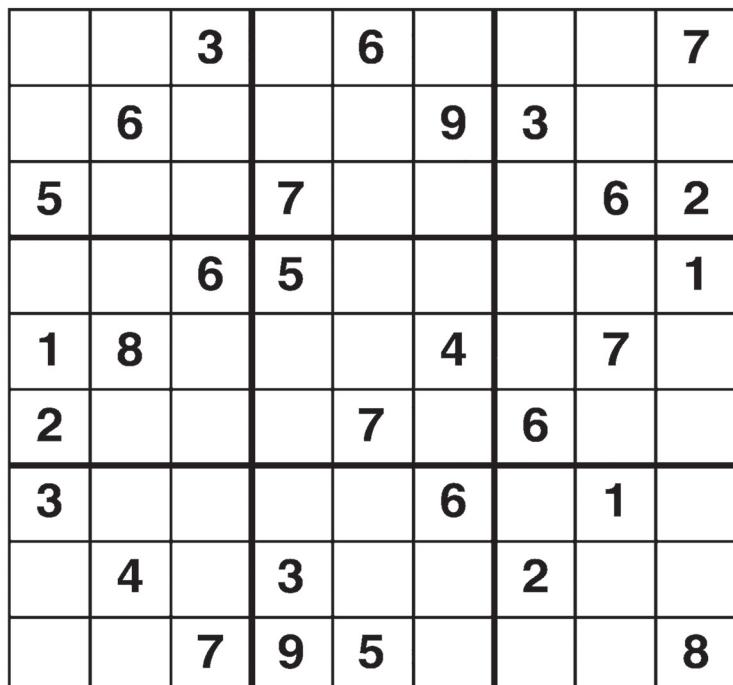
**ACROSS**

- 1 North —
- 5 Green prefix
- 8 Oodles
- 12 Writer Kingsley
- 13 As well
- 14 Capri, e.g.
- 15 Souvenir seller
- 17 Move like a butterfly
- 18 Tours season
- 19 Snaky fish
- 20 Ceases
- 21 Solidify
- 22 Twitch
- 23 Shroud city
- 26 He can hold his head high
- 30 "Dream on!"
- 31 Zero-star review
- 32 Santa's runway
- 33 Old English Sheepdog feature
- 35 Skilled
- 36 Tramcar contents
- 37 " — the season ... "
- 38 Poker ploy
- 41 Fish propeller
- 42 Spa sounds
- 45 Protracted
- 46 Decorative paper
- 48 "There!"
- 49 Santa's help-



Answers found elsewhere in this paper.

## Sudoku



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

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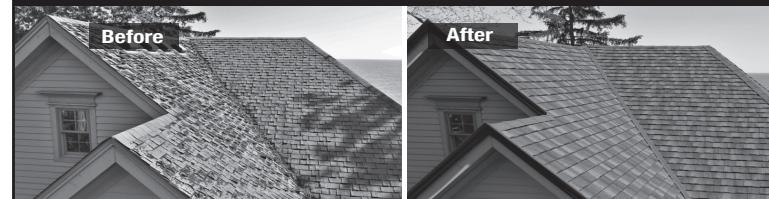
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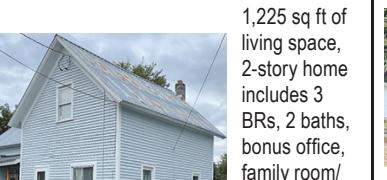
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 <p>3 BR, 2 bath. 2 car. Oversized garage. Move-in-Ready. Mountain view. Great room. Fenced yard. Custom built materials convey. Swimming pool. Mother-in-law suite. Walk to the Wild Center.</p>	 <p>1.8 acres. 1,723 sq. ft. 3 BR, 2 bath. Newly remodeled. New roof, flooring. 2 patio decks. Open concept. Chef style kitchen. Quiet secondary road.</p>	 <p>1,523 sq. ft. 4 BR, 2 bath. 1 car. New furnace, hot water heater, leachfield and sump pump. Move-in ready. Great location. Close to Walmart.</p>	 <p>0.75 acres, 2,200 sq.ft., 3 bed, 3 bath Owner/Contractor built in 1997. High grade appliances, oak cabinets, breakfast bar. Bamboo &amp; porcelain tile throughout. In-ground heated pool, hot tub. Terra cotta patio</p>	 <p>4.4 acres, 4,000 sf., 5 BR, 3 bath, 4 car. A MUST SEE WATERFRONT HOME! 3 yr. young. 382 ft of waterfront. Open concept. 10ft. ceilings. 4 season sunroom. Large wraparound front porch. Heated 4 stall garage w/100 amp subpanel</p>
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### Gouverneur Center:

**Assistant Teacher (1):** Person must have a minimum of a CDA (Child Development Accreditation), or a written plan of study. Early childhood experience preferred. The salary range is \$15.00 to \$15.84 per hour.

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

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

### Massena Center:

**Teacher (1):** Bachelor's degree in early childhood or related field preferred (24 credit hours of early childhood). Supervisory experience is a plus. Salary range is \$17.95 to \$19.01 per hour.

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

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Positions follow the BOCES schedule/holidays.

Send letter of interest, resume and three current, signed and dated written letters of reference to Head Start, One Commerce Lane, Canton, NY 13617. Deadline is until the positions are filled. Head Start is an EOE.



### VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES (EO/AE) is currently accepting applications for the following position at North Franklin Educational Center in Malone:

#### Part-Time Transportation Coordinator (4)

**Salary:** Up to \$60 per hour

**Application Deadline:** December 26, 2023

Applications can be found at:

[www.fehb.org/careers](http://www.fehb.org/careers)

Queries should be directed to:

**Brittany Susice - Administrative Assistant**

Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES

PO Box 28, Malone, NY 12953

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St. Lawrence University has a full-time, 11 months, seasonal **Utility** opening in Dining and Conference Services. Under supervision from the management team, performs a variety of tasks concerned with the sanitation, maintenance and up-keep of a Dining Services Unit. Drives catering vehicle as needed.

**Qualifications:** High school diploma (or equivalent) required; must have the ability to operate mechanical cleaning devices and to correctly measure, weigh and apply simple cleaning solutions. Requires the ability to move objects 50 pounds or more a distance of 10 feet or more. Must be able to meet University requirements to be authorized to drive University vehicles on and off campus and work with cleaning chemicals. Wage range is \$15.00 - \$19.98 per hour.

Qualified and interested applicants must apply online at: <https://employment.stlawu.edu>. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. SLU is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer.

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### VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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#### Long-Term Substitute Social Studies Teacher

**Salary:** \$51,865 Pro-Rated (2023-24 Base Salary). Consideration for additional compensation based on education and experience

**Start Date:** February 1, 2024

**Application Deadline:** December 26, 2023

Apply online at: [www.fehb.org/careers](http://www.fehb.org/careers)

Queries should be directed to:

**Candace Poitras- Administrative Assistant**

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Home Health Aide Supervisor: Home Health Aide Supervisor oversees a staff of home care health aides who provide and support patients with personal care and housekeeping. The supervisor orients and trains staff in departmental and organizational policies and procedures; schedules aides, directs their work assignments, and monitors their quality of care. The supervisor ensures that aides have gained a basic understanding of hands on personal care, patient safety, and interacting with elderly and dementia

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To apply, visit [mynorthernlights.org](http://mynorthernlights.org) or mail resume to:

#### Northern Lights Home Health Care

Attn: Kathy Race  
91 Main Street, Canton, NY 13617  
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## NURSE PRACTITIONERS

Hospice is expanding the AIM palliative care program and has immediate openings for **full time, part time and per diem Nurse Practitioners** to provide home-based palliative care consultations throughout St. Lawrence County. AIM provides pain and symptom management and education and support to families and caregivers, while working with and supporting patients' primary care physicians.

Applicants should have some familiarity with palliative care, broad clinical knowledge, and excellent interpersonal and communication skills. Experience and certification in palliative care, hospice and/or pain treatment preferred; if not certified in hospice and palliative care, must obtain certification within 2 years of employment. NYS license required.

**Salary range \$57-\$60/hr.** Paid CME and competitive benefits. Send resume to Ruth Fishbeck, CEO, Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley, PO Box 510, Potsdam NY 13676. Email: [rfishbeck@hospiceslv.org](mailto:rfishbeck@hospiceslv.org).



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## Lecturer-HVAC

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

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

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#### Qualifications:

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

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

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

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

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

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



## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES (EO/AAE) is currently accepting applications for the following position located at North Franklin Educational Center in Malone:

### Principal Clerk

**Salary:** \$33,000-\$35,000 (2023-24 Base Salary) Additional compensation based on education and experience

**Application Deadline:** December 26, 2023

Apply online at:

[www.fehb.org/careers](http://www.fehb.org/careers)

Queries should be directed to:

**Brittany Susice - Administrative Assistant**

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## Employment Opportunities

### 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.

Range: \$55,000- \$60,000 based on experience

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

**Position Summary:** The Academic Counselor of CUPO/HEOP manages various tasks related to the persistence and graduation of students within the five grant-funded programs; Arthur O Eve Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP), The Collegiate Science & Technology Entry Program (CSTEP), The Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program (McNair), and The Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation Program (LSAMP). The Academic Counselor will provide management of student caseloads related to academic guidance, personal support and career counseling. Coordinate and provide support for prospective students; assist in coordinating career, cultural and other workshops/activities, assist Associate Director in summer programming. In addition, the Academic Counselor will manage all communication and marketing logistics using traditional digital and social media marketing techniques.

**Minimum qualifications:** Bachelor's Degree, must have demonstrated ability working with culturally diverse and disadvantaged student populations in a confidential manner

Range: \$20- \$23 based on experience

### 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.

**Minimum qualifications:** Bachelor's Degree, a minimum of 3-5 years relevant experience working with academically and economically disadvantaged students in a secondary or post-secondary setting required.

Range: \$25.00-\$29.00 based on experience

Review of applications will begin immediately and continues until the position is filled. To submit your application, go to [www.clarkson.edu/hr](http://www.clarkson.edu/hr) and click "Career Opportunities" below Careers at Clarkson section. An equal opportunity /affirmative action employer, Clarkson actively seeks and encourages applications from minorities, women and people with disabilities. <https://www.clarkson.edu/human-resources/career-opportunities>

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Civil Service applications are available at the Department of Public Works, City Clerk's Office at City Hall or at [www.ogdensburg.org](http://www.ogdensburg.org).

Completed applications must be returned to the Department of Public Works, 901 Champlain Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669 by **Thursday, December 28, 2023 at 2:00 PM**.

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## Admissions Counselor SL2

**Salary: \$47,000 - \$50,000**

Department: Admissions

**Job Description:** SUNY Canton invites applications for the position of Admissions Counselor to be based Canton, New York. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, recruitment of prospective students, working with students and parents through all phases of recruitment from inquiry through enrollment, working as part of an admissions team to achieve enrollment goals, event management, and handling other responsibilities as assigned. The position requires extensive travel with overnights and a willingness to keep a flexible work schedule, including evenings and weekends.

Excellent Benefits Package including healthcare, paid vacation, and tuition assistance.

### Required Qualifications:

- A Bachelor's degree and valid driver's license.
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to build relationships with potential students, families, and the counselors and teachers in the students' support network.
- Ability to work independently and on a team.
- The successful candidate will be adaptable, detail oriented, accurate, able to learn new technology quickly, and able to gather data.
- Ability to work nights and weekends

### Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience traveling and working with students with multicultural backgrounds.
- A strong knowledge base of Microsoft Excel, Word, and Outlook.
- Experience working with a student information system.

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

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

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## 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.

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### Qualifications:

#### Required:

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

#### Preferred:

- A master's degree in a relevant field.
- Past college-level teaching experience is preferred.
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# 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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## 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.

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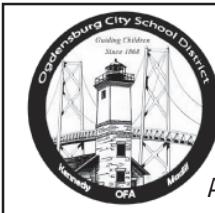
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- Letters of Reference (3 Current)
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- Failure to provide all requested materials will result in disqualification of the candidate's application

All requested materials are to be submitted to:

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Ogdensburg City School District  
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[scharleston@ogdensburgk12.org](mailto:scharleston@ogdensburgk12.org)  
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## Lecturer Civil Construction

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

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#### 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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#### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- A) Graduation from high school, possession of a high school equivalency diploma or possession or 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](http://www.ogdensburg.org). Please contact City Clerk Cathy A. Jock at [cjock@ogdensburg.org](mailto:cjock@ogdensburg.org) or (315) 393-3540 with questions.

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#### Required Qualifications:

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

#### Basic Functions include:

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- Communicate and collaborate with faculty and staff regarding exams. Serve as point of contact for SAS and provide excellent customer service. The Testing Services Coordinator reports to the Director of Student Accessibility Services.

#### Essential Functions include:

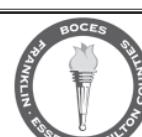
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- Coordinate and implement final exams for students with testing services, including but not limited to exam conflicts, room reservations, communication with parties, proctor training and scheduling (if needed), etc.
- Collaborate with campus constituents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

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

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

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## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

### Teaching Assistant

Located at Chateaugay Central School

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

**Application Deadline:** Until filled

Apply online at: [www.fehb.org/careers](http://www.fehb.org/careers)

Queries should be directed to:

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

(518) 483-6420, Ext 1013 • Email: [cpoitras@fehb.org](mailto:cpoitras@fehb.org)

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## Network Infrastructure & Media Technician

The Computing & Technology Services Department at SUNY Potsdam is seeking a Network Infrastructure & Media Technician (Instructional Support Associate – budget title), to join a team of technical support professionals to provide support and maintenance to campus network infrastructure and telecommunications infrastructure, A/V classroom technology, and occasional event support.

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](http://employment.potsdam.edu), job posting number U-00533.

Position is open until filled.

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## St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center



## Part & Full Time REGISTERED NURSES

For More Info, Please Call  
**Human Resources**  
**at 315-541-2179 or**  
 Fax resume to (315)541-2034  
 or send via email to  
[sipc.humanresources@omh.ny.gov](mailto:sipc.humanresources@omh.ny.gov)



**Office for People With Developmental Disabilities**

## Career Opportunities

### Start Your Career with New York State in St. Lawrence County, Franklin County, Essex County, Clinton County, or Hamilton County

#### Enjoy Great Benefits:

- Health Insurance • Retirement Plan • Paid Vacation • Paid Holidays • Veteran's Job Training Stipend • Paid Sick Leave • Opportunities for Advancement • Loan Forgiveness And Much More!

#### As a Direct Support Assistant Salary Range: \$45,457-\$49,405

#### As a Developmental Disabilities Secure Care Treatment Aide Salary Range: \$56,623 - \$64,693

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

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

#### As a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

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

The Sunmount Developmental Disabilities State Operations Office (DDSO) 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 DDSO NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)  
 Office of Human Resources:  
 518-359-4150  
 or [Sunmount.Careers@opwdd.ny.gov](mailto:Sunmount.Careers@opwdd.ny.gov)  
 Sunmount DDSO, 2445 State Route 30, Tupper Lake, NY 12986

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## LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST

The CLIFTON-FINE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT seeks an energetic educator to fill the position of **LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST**.

Located in the western side of the Adirondacks and the gateway to the 5 Pond Wilderness Track, Clifton-Fine Central School District is a small, tight knit school that works hard to offer specialized instructional opportunities to students. The ideal candidate will be enthusiastic about promoting a love for reading, information literacy, and research skills among students. The successful candidate will play a crucial role in supporting the school's educational objectives and creating a dynamic library environment. This position includes a highly competitive salary, comprehensive benefits, and extensive professional support.

#### 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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