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Lights on the River

Grace Baptist Church is one of many displays at the 14th annual Lights on the River at the Lisbon Beach Campground. The holiday display will be offered every night until Dec. 23 from 5-8 p.m. on weekdays and 5-9 p.m. on the weekend. Admission is free, but nonperishable food and monetary donations will be accepted to support local food pantries.

Trailing liabilities hurting Massena

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
 North Country This Week

MASSENA -- Despite passing the 2024 budget under the tax cap, the town of Massena currently has a zero balance in the general fund due to trailing liabilities from the sale of Massena Memorial Hospital in Jan. 2020.

According to Town Supervisor Sue Bellor, those liabilities continue to plague the town.

Town officials previously paid \$1.7 million to eliminate a debt owed to the county for Worker's

Compensation, however the debt owed for state pensions is much higher.

"I believe it sits around \$5 million or so right now. The interest is significant and makes it difficult to pay down the debt," Bellor said.

When the general fund saw a positive balance, Bellor said it was used to pay down the training liability, leading to a zero balance.

Bellor said the town is currently waiting on legal advice from Town Attorney Eric Gustafson. Officials have been weighing the pros and cons of bonding to eliminate the

debt so they would be able to start with a clean slate.

"We have not received any help from the (state) legislature in any way, so it really is up to us to find a solution," Bellor said.

Bellor said that town officials and department heads worked hard to pass a balanced budget that would continue the same services for town residents and would maintain jobs without exceeding the tax cap. That comes in sharp contrast to conversations had just

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City taxes coming early this year

BY JIMMY LAWTON
 North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG --With Ogdensburg no longer collecting property taxes, city residents can expect their tax bills to arrive just after Christmas.

The change came as part of failed sales tax negotiations between the city and county, which led Ogdensburg to stop collecting property taxes on behalf of the county. After a brief legal battle, the county was ordered to collect taxes on the city's behalf.

But the county collects taxes

earlier than the city did so Ogdensburg property owners must now pay by the Jan. 31 deadline. In the past, city taxes were not due until April.

The news comes as the city has proposed a spending plan that will raise the tax levy by nearly \$1 million, which is roughly 20 percent above last year's \$4.75 million.

The increase is largely due to massive hikes in assessments that came from a city-wide property revaluation, which followed a nation-wide housing market boom.

A press release issued by the Ogdensburg interim City Manager

Andrea Smith said that charter changes enacted in September have officially changed the collection date.

Residents of Ogdensburg can expect a combined City-St. Lawrence County bill just after the holiday.

Full payment, without interest, will be due on Jan. 31, but taxpayers can elect to pay their real property tax bill in three equal installments.

The due date of each installment is Jan. 31, March 31, and May 31.

SEE **DEADLINE ON 18**

OBPA's childcare center plans moving forward

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
 North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG -- Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority (OBPA) officials have signed off on a deal that will see the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) to handle \$1 million in federal funds for a planned child care facility.

The new funds and grant administration comes roughly one year after the OBPA received \$2.1 million in federal funding for the facility.

Total cost for the project will be \$4.7 million, Lawrence previously said.

The 15,000 square foot facility will not be built by DANC but

rather their role will be in handling funding, progress tracking and compliance, according to OBPA Executive Director Steven Lawrence.

The news came out of the OBPA's Dec. 13 meeting.

"They're going to be our partner in this and considering how much work there is, it's a good thing," he said.

With DANC designated as the grant administrator, the OBPA has fulfilled the requirement of the grant that was issued by the Northern Border Regional Commission.

The new facility has been in the works for months now but this

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Getting into the spirit in Hammond

Hammond Central School Principal Lauren Morley as the Christmas tree, posing with elementary school teacher Emily Frickey.



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own home.

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

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COVID emergency ends; enrollees must renew

The Federal COVID-19 public health emergency declaration formally ended on May 11, 2023.

While it was an important milestone towards a return to a normal way of life, it also created new challenges as some government supports related to the pandemic have ended.

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

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

New York State has now begun to reassess eligibility and renew-

ing coverage for all who are currently enrolled, and will continue to do so through April 2024.

Renewal notices are going out to enrollees in these programs based on their enrollment end dates.

The notice will include a deadline to take action to renew your insurance.

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

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

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Craft, vendor fair held

Danielle Thompson, left, and MMH Creations owner Makayla Hyde, of Lisbon, prepare for the local craft and vendor craft fair in Waddington Town Hall Dec. 9, part of the Christmas in Waddington weekend events.

Found guilty for break-in

CANTON — A Massena man has been found guilty of first-degree burglary and second-degree robbery after a four-day jury trial in St. Lawrence County Court.

St. Lawrence County District Attorney Gary Pasqua announced that Adam Baublitz, 35, was guilty of the charges Thursday, Dec. 14, and remanded to the St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility pending sentencing, which is scheduled for Feb. 20, 2024.

The defendant faces a maximum sentence of 25 years with the New York State Department of Corrections as a Second Felony Offender.

These convictions arise from an incident that occurred in the early morning hours of Oct. 23, 2022, when the defendant and another individual forcibly entered an elderly victim's home.

Baublitz and his accomplice attempted to steal money from the victim and in the process caused

physical injury to the homeowner.

"I am grateful to the jury for their hard work and their thorough examination of the evidence in this case," Pasqua said. "This defendant, and any person that chooses to invade the sanctity of a person's home, will be held responsible for his horrific actions against a member of our most vulnerable community. Hopefully the sentence imposed in February sends that message loud and clear."

The Massena Village Police Department conducted the initial investigation and Pasqua thanked them for their continued assistance with the prosecution.

Pasqua further thanked Assistant District Attorney Alexander Nichols and Assistant District Attorney Dillon Bullard for what he said was their hard work and excellent presentation of the evidence in the courtroom.

City to get \$652,000 for sewer work

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG -- Ogdensburg will receive \$652,000 for sewer improvements at East David Street.

The award is welcome news for the city as the aging infrastructure on the old pipes is leading to failures.

The award comes from the New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) grant towards the reconstruction of E. David Street. This award follows the completion of a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) completed with funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

The PER was accepted by Council in January 2023 and was the basis of the successful WIIA grant application this past August.

East David Street has been identi-

fied as a problem area due to aging, failing infrastructure. The approximately 1,300 feet of 8-inch vitrified clay pipe (VCP) sewer main along East David Street is not currently located a minimum of 10 feet from the existing water main, as recommended by Ten States Standards. In addition, approximately 11 stormwater catch basins along East David Street discharge directly to the sewer main, contributing to the City's Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs), according to interim City Manager Andrea Smith.

The E. David Street reconstruction project will replace sewer mains and sewer laterals to the road right-of-way, separate stormwater infrastructure along the length of East David Street (from Park Street to Hamilton Street), and granite curbing will be installed to appropriately direct stormwater flows.

In total, the reconstruction project is estimated at \$4,474,000.

Smith said the city wins seeking several additional grants totaling \$1,870,000

- Those include:
- Water \$1,870,000
 - DWSRF IUP Listing (the listing will be considered for financing, BIL grant, and Hardship grant)
 - BIL Grant (70%) - Pending
 - Hardship Grant (60%) - Pending
 - WIIA Grant (60%) - Not Awarded
 - Sewer \$2,604,000
 - CWSRF IUP Listing (the listing will be considered for financing, BIL grant, and Hardship grant)
 - BIL Grant (50%) - Pending
 - Hardship Grant (25%) - Pending
 - WIIA Grant (25%) - Awarded
 - \$651,000
 - WQIP Grant (80%) - Pending

County receives \$350,000 from opioid suit

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- St. Lawrence County has received over \$350,000 from the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Support (OASAS) for opioid settlement funding.

The funds, which will pass through to the Community Services Department, were approved through a resolution and budget modification by legislators during the Dec. 11 services committee meeting.

"The Opioid Settlement Funding is designed to create a lasting impact and emphasis on supporting

agencies, programs and organizations that demonstrate a commitment to serving individuals and families affected by the opioid epidemic," legislators said.

The Community Services Board approved using OASAS settlement funding for new and existing pass-through agencies "for harm reduction, treatment, housing, prevention and transportation."

Officials say the Opioid Settlement State Funding will follow the calendar year and can be rolled over to subsequent years, if needed.

The budget modification for \$356,000 will increase appropriations \$150,000 for SEACAP

OSF payments, \$56,000 for Public Health OSF payments and \$150,000 for MILC OSF payments.

Legislators also approved a budget modification to accept \$29,549 for the Community Services Department for funding received from the state Office of Mental Health.

Those funds are 100% pass through funds for contract agencies and Community Services, officials say.

The funds will increase appropriations \$2,800 for the CRV NCTLS Advances account and \$26,749 for the OFS United Helpers Advances account.

Two jailed after drugs and gun seized

MASSENA — Two Indiana men were jailed Dec. 15 after drugs and a gun was seized, according to village police.

Cody Page, 31, was charged with two counts of second-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, fourth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, second-degree criminal possession of a weapon and third-degree criminal possession of a weapon, all

felonies.

David Johnson, 36, was charged with two counts of second-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, fourth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, all felonies.

Police said they seized over 364 grams of methamphetamine, almost 10 grams of cocaine, a Glock 26 9mm handgun, a 40-round ammunition feeding device and

a 30-round ammunition feeding device, police said.

Both men were arraigned in Massena court and remanded to St. Lawrence County jail, police said.

Village police were assisted by state police and the Department of Homeland Security.

More charges are pending, officers said.

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OBITUARIES

Wilda J. Green, 88

Massena

MASSENA -- Wilda J. Green, 88, of Massena, New York, passed away on December 15, 2023, in Natick, Massachusetts, after declining health.

Wilda was born in September of 1935 in Durand, Michigan as the oldest of nine children to Wilber D. Rounds and Lois M. (Fox) Rounds.

She graduated from Durand High School in 1955 and worked in Durand briefly before marrying M. Edward "Ed" Green in 1959. Ed's job with General Motors moved them to Massena NY soon thereafter.

Wilda lived in Massena for the next fifty-eight years. She raised her family there and considered it her home.

She took full advantage of the short Massena summers playing golf at the Massena Country Club where she was a long-time member and where she never took the St. Lawrence River views for granted.

When the winter cold arrived, she swapped her golf clubs for her bowling ball and enjoyed her Wednesday night bowling league at the Seaway Bowling Alley.

She was also a member of the Massena Congregational Church and a Meals on Wheels volunteer.

Wilda loved her adopted hometown of Massena and the surrounding "North Country" beauty.

She loved gardening and took great pride in her summer flowers. Mostly, she loved her children and grandchildren, who will miss her.



Wilda Green

Wilda was predeceased by her husband, Ed; both parents; her son-in-law, Joe Caruso, and several siblings. She is survived by her children, Kurt Green (Janis Eaton) of Plymouth MA, Laura Green (John Thielman) of Atlanta GA, Linda Caruso (the late Joseph Caruso) of Ft. Myers FL; and her three grandchildren, Brenden Green, Katherine Thielman and Sierra Thielman.

Wilda will be laid to rest when weather permits.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Massena Meals on Wheels (70 E. Hatfield St., Massena NY 13662), Salmon VNA & Hospice, 37 Birch St., Milford, MA 01757, or your local hospice organization.

Condolences can be expressed at shepherdfuneralhome.com.

James Kennard Newell, 71

Ogdensburg

OGDENSBURG -- James Kennard Newell -- January 2, 1952 - December 13, 2023

Silver earrings meticulously crafted, a program for a symphony season, a woodworker's finishing touch on an antique cabinet, and a beautifully restored rocking horse. These are only some of the pieces James Newell crafted in his lifetime.

A child of Charles and Ane Rasmussen Newell, James grew up in Detroit and Livonia, Michigan.

He graduated from Bentley High School in 1970, and in 1973 from Kendall School of Art and Design in Grand Rapids MI, where he began a long career in freelance graphic design and fine art.

Newell served as a medic with the USAF in the late seventies. In the early eighties, he met and fell in love with his life partner, and lover of all things art, Susan Schwartz. Together they built a life in Grand Rapids and Muskegon, MI, Minneapolis, MN, Cleveland, OH, Syracuse, and Buffalo, NY as Susan's symphony career took them to new cities and new work.

Just two years ago they completed their forever home on the St.

Lawrence River in Ogdensburg, NY, where they welcomed numerous friends and family to enjoy their

home with its parade of ships. In the winter months, they resided in East Aurora, NY.

James is survived by his wife, Susan M. Schwartz, a son Todd (Amber Iler) and grandson

Connor all of Ann Arbor, MI, sisters Nancy Newell Jones and Karen Newell Blaesing, father-in-law, Frank Schwartz, sister-in-law, Ellen Schwartz and her partner, John Poorman of Florida and Ogdensburg, as well as countless friends.

There will be no calling hours. A celebration of his life will be held on the St. Lawrence River this summer.

In remembrance, contributions may be made to the Cleveland and Buffalo Rotary clubs, or the Frederic Remington Art Museum in Ogdensburg, NY.



James Newell

Sabina May Smithers, 85

Lisbon

LISBON -- Sabina May Smithers, a cherished mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully on December 2, 2023, at the age of eighty-five.

Born on August 15, 1938, in Lisbon New York to parents Erva and Peter Burnside.

Sabina was a beacon of kindness and generosity from a young age.

Tragically, she lost her parents early in life, but their teachings of compassion and selflessness were deeply ingrained in her. She and her brother Ervin were taken in and raised by Flora Morrison and her family, who treated them as their own children.

Sabina married Donald M. Smithers senior, and although their marriage ended in divorce, they were blessed with five wonderful children:

Donald M Smithers Jr, who married Helen Odendahl and together had two children, Donald the third, who tragically passed away in 2018, and Dakota married to Sterling. Dakota has two children from a previous relationship.

Kevin Smithers, who married Cheryl and together had three children, Steven Smithers with one son, John Smithers with one son, and Jessica Smithers Scholtz, who is married to Nick Scholtz.

Christopher Smithers, who married Tammy Larock and together have two children, Morgan Smithers Kelly, who is married to Rick Kelly with two children, and Miranda Smithers with 4 children.

Jody Smithers has three children, Aurora, Cheyenne, and Peter.

Andrea Smithers, Sabina's only daughter, married Todd Fuentes and has four children from prior

relationships: Felicia Smithers who has three children, Austin Smithers, Coral Smithers-Jacobson, married to Chris Jacobson, and Dillion Craig-Smithers.



Sabina Smithers

Sabina was a hardworking woman who juggled many jobs to provide for her family, including working in restaurants, selling Tupperware, and working at Acco for over 20 years.

Sabina held a special role in Andrea's children's lives, stepping in not just as a grandmother, but also as a second mother, providing them with love, guidance, and support.

She had a zest for life and never backed down from a challenge. She has a lot of challenges in life, but she found joy in the simple pleasures, like, reading a good book, cooking meals for her loved ones, and keeping her mind sharp with game shows and survival shows.

Her sister, Eleanor Jock, was always by her side, sharing in these simple pleasures. Her home was always filled with laughter and the smell of delicious food, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere for all.

Sabina's sister, Eleanor Jock, was married to Robert Jock who passed away on March 13, 2012, leaving behind two sons. Sabina also had a close bond with her half-sister, Helen Smithers, whom she always treated as a full sister. Helen sadly passed away on August 31, 2021.

Gary W. Villnave, 74

Waddington

Frogton, NY, and was so proud when the "80J" car became Track Champion in 1994.

Gary is survived by his wife, Judy, and his son, Wayne Villnave of Waddington, NY, and daughter Bobbi Smith (George Harvey) of Madrid, NY. He is also survived by his stepchildren

Tammy Raleigh, Kelly Mayette, and Charlie Sharlow all of Waddington, NY; his grandchildren; Morgan (Corey) Lavoie of Waddington, NY, Corey (Jordan) Villnave of Dunn, NC, Brianna Baillargeon (Tyler Gleason) of 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



Gary Villnave

Her Brother, Ervin Burnside, though lived in Florida, was always on her mind, he sadly passed away in 2022.

One of the most memorable stories about Sabina was her annual family vacations. Every year, she would save up all her vacation time, pay up all the bills, lock up the house, pack up all the kids, and take them to the story town for a grand adventure.

They would drive down and stay in log cabins, making memories that would last a lifetime. There was one particular night when her son Chris insisted on sleeping on the top bunk, despite Sabina's warnings.

As caring mothers do, she gave in to his wishes. However, that night, Chris had a bit of a surprise when he fell off the top bunk. It was a classic example of the adage 'kids live and they learn' and a testament to Sabina's enduring patience and love as a mother.

Sabina's legacy continues through her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her spirit lives on through the lives of all these individuals, and her love and lessons will continue to guide them.

She will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

The family kindly requests donations to save Sabina's house, a cause that was close to Sabina's heart, always trying to keep a roof over her Family's head.

Rest in peace, Sabina May Smithers. Your spirit will continue to live on in our hearts and memories. Your love, kindness, and generosity have left an indelible mark on us all

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.

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RECENT DEATHS

SABINA SMITHERS, 85, Lisbon, Dec. 2.

DONALD CAMERON, 79, Ogdensburg, Dec. 11. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

SISTER CATHERINE CUMMINGS, 86, formerly of Ogdensburg, Dec. 11. Arrangements with M. B. Clark, Inc, Funeral Home,

Lake Placid.
LUONG LIM, 76, Massena, Dec. 12. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

JAMES NEWELL, 71, Ogdensburg, Dec. 13.

WILDA GREEN, 88, Massena, Dec. 15. Arrangements with Shepard Funeral Home.

BONNIE ROSE, 73, Massena,

Dec. 16. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

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Bids awarded for \$5 million public safety complex project

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- Local contractors have been awarded multiple contracts valued at nearly \$5 million for the St. Lawrence County Public Safety Complex renovation project, beating out nearly a dozen other bidders.

The bids were announced by the county legislature during a special board meeting on Dec. 18.

Northern Tier Contracting, Gouverneur, has been named the general contractor for the project on a contract not to exceed \$2,072,200.

Plumbing services will be handled by ENI Mechanical out of Gouverneur with a contract not to exceed \$899,500.

The mechanical contractor will be Northern Mechanical, Inc., Norfolk, on a contract not to exceed \$1,269,000.

Electrical services will be handled by Colton's S&L Electric, Inc. with a contract not to exceed \$676,000.

Legislators say the decision came after "a comprehensive planning and competitive RFP process" and a "thorough bid process" that included 14 bidders.

More than 75% of bidders were from St. Lawrence County, officials say.

"I just want to say thank you to everyone involved and those who assisted in this process," Legislature Chairman David Forsythe said.

Legislator Larry Denesha also voiced his praise for the "collaborative effort" from board members and department heads alike.

"It's great to employ St. Lawrence County residents and to award these contracts to local companies," he said.

Legislator James E. Reagen also took time to praise the board for their efforts while pointing out that the project will be paid for in full and will not require bonding, "saving St. Lawrence County taxpayers thousands of dollars in interest every year."

"We are using one-time use Federal funds to pay for this project. It saves taxpayers a lot of money. Members of this board deserve a lot of credit for completing a project without burdening taxpayers with higher taxes," he said.

County Administrator Ruth Doyle said the project calls for \$7.5 million in total investment, though the four primary contractors announced account for "the lion's share of the work."

Remaining contracts that still have to be put out to bid include commissioning, front entry work, generator rental, asbestos abatement, HVAC and furniture procurement, Doyle said.

The complex is currently occupied by the Sheriff's Office road patrol and civil enforcement divisions, Emergency Services (PSAP), Planning and Conflict Defender, along with New York State Police, who

lease space on the first floor.

Earlier this year, legislators said the need for an updated and state-of-the-art 911 center had been evaluated, along with the need to upgrade the radio system.

Two additional desks will be in the center to handle additional call volume, with room to expand to add two more.

The new and better equipment will create an increased ability to respond, officials say.

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

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

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

County officials authorized spending \$5 million in ARPA funding, provided in 2021, to be used for capital projects. The public safety complex was the first to be deemed ready for construction, county officials say.

Officials say they hope the project will "assimilate law enforcement and the District Attorney's Office in one location and make dramatic improvements to the PSAP (911 Center) to increase capacity and improve service."

The acting architect on the project will be Beardsley Design & Associates, working on behalf of the county to conduct the necessary activities for the bid process. The buildings and grounds supervisor assigned to the county administrator's office will be assigned to represent the county as the owner's representative and clerk of the works.

The major renovation project may shut down a section of Pearl Street for 9 to 12 months.

A letter to Canton Mayor Michael Dalton from County Administrator Ruth Doyle said the county is looking carefully at the challenges with the "displacement of parking and construction equipment associated with the project."

Dalton said village officials will be sitting down with county officials to discuss the pending project. He said the village will keep the neighboring property owners updated.

"With a cooperative effort, I think we can come up with a good plan that meets everyone's needs," the mayor stated. "The big thing is that we're talking."

Village and county officials will discuss the possibility of restricting access on Pearl Street from the driveway of the Public Safety Complex to the intersection of Pearl and Court Street during the duration of the project.

The project is expected to take 9 to 12 months to complete.



Submitted photo

Winter wear collected

The Massena Hospital Auxiliary collected winter wear during their annual Toasty Warm donation event, and the items will be given to students in Massena schools who are in need. Pictured with a few of the items, from the left, are MH Auxiliary Vice President Kay Romeo, Community Schools Coordinator Emily Kimble, Massena High School Principal Alan Oliver, Auxiliary President Maria Macaulay, and Auxilians Lisa Long and Mara Pelifian.

Village appointments made

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA — Massena village trustees approved a number of personnel actions during the board's December 19 meeting.

Trustees accepted a notice of retirement from Police Clerk Melissa Dishaw and Motor Equipment Operators Mile Romeo and Timothy Beaulieu.

Trustees also appointed Andrew Beaulieu to the role of water/waste-water plant operator/trainee.

In other action, trustees also accepted the resignations of Anthony Curley from the village planning board and Kaitlyn Northrup, Massena police department dispatcher.

Trustees also approved canvassing for a new Massena Police Department dispatcher.

Urgent care hours change

POTSDAM — Canton-Potsdam Hospital's Canton Urgent Care and Potsdam Urgent Care will be closed on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, and New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 2024.

Both Urgent Care centers will have modified hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, and New Year's Eve, Dec. 31.

Services at both locations will resume for regular hours on Tuesdays, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

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Village of Massena GARBAGE NOTICE

In observance of the **New Year** holiday, garbage and recyclables **WILL NOT** be collected on **Monday, January 1.**

The area normally collected on Monday will be picked up on **Tuesday, January 2.**

The area normally collected on Tuesday will be picked up on **Wednesday, January 3.**





Photo submitted

Holiday train visits Massena nursing home

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. Pictured with the residents from left in club shirts are Scott Young, Jim Shaw, Malcolm Jones, and Kenny Friedel. Info: www.norwoodmodelrr.org/.

One business cited in underage drinking sting

MASSENA — Nine out of ten businesses were compliant with a state police underage drinking sting on Dec. 17.

Troopers, in conjunction with St. Lawrence County Stop DWI, conducted an Underage Drinking Initiative Massena, Helena and Winthrop. During the initiative nine busi-

nesses were checked for compliance. One unnamed person was charged with first-degree unlawfully dealing with a child, after allegedly selling alcohol to a person under age 21, police said.

The business that was not compliant was Nice Butts of Massena. The following establishments

were compliant with the check: Massena Mobil gas station, both Sunoco gas stations in Massena, Alkies in Massena, Romeo's in Massena, Corner Store in Massena, Helena General Store in Helena, Stewart's in Winthrop, and Discount Wine and Liquor in Massena.

Former Potsdam police officer to stand trial

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 representing 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 a 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.

Christmas trash pickup

MASSENA — In observance of the Christmas holiday, garbage and recyclables will not be collected on Monday, Dec. 25 in the Village of Massena.

The area normally collected on Monday will be picked up on Tuesday, Dec. 26.

The area normally collected on Tuesday will be picked up on Wednesday, Dec. 27.

Christmas wrapping paper, gift bags, boxes and tissue paper are recyclable and must be placed loosely in your recycling container with the rest of your recyclables.

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Rabies clinics available

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- St. Lawrence rabies clinics will continue to be available in the coming year after legislators unanimously approved signing contracts with veterinarians and assistants to administer the events.

During the Dec. 4 meeting of the county legislature, officials signed off to seal the deal for the rabies program.

The program provides rabies vaccines, certificates and tags to all animals vaccinated, legislators say.

At the clinics, records are also taken and maintained, with rabies certificates on file for all St. Lawrence County rabies clinics.

Under the program, at least one rabies clinic must be held on a quarterly basis within the county.

According to legislators, it is the responsibility of the Public

Health Department and at least one licensed veterinarian and one veterinary assistant to provide vaccinations for each clinic.

Under the contract, veterinarians who work the clinics will be paid \$200, while any assistant who works one will be paid \$54.

In other action, legislators also approved a budget modification for the Public Health Department to cover higher than anticipated expenses from the early intervention program.

The modification for \$45,000 will cover service fees incurred from higher than anticipated participation in the program.

The funds will come from the Public Health PreK Program, which has lower than anticipated expenses this year, as well as from increased revenue within the Preventative Services Program.

Heuvelton school residents approve \$25 million project

HEUVELTON —Heuvelton Central School District residents approved a \$25M Capital Improvement Project on Thursday, with 126 votes in favor and 20 votes against.

The project, which will begin construction in 2025, will be funded primarily through state aid with a reimbursement rate of 94.3%. The district's capital reserve fund will contribute \$2.6M. There will be no tax increase associated with the project.

"I appreciate the contributions of our Facilities Committee and stakeholder groups that provided input throughout the Building Condition Survey (BCS) process," said Superintendent Jesse Coburn. "Board members Mr. Andy Martin and Mrs. Jacqueline Bill stepped up to serve on the Facilities Committee and spent many hours reviewing BCS material and helping to develop the proposal. The outcome of the vote validates their insights and priorities on making these significant capital improvements for the district."

The capital improvement project will focus on several areas of improvement. In the area of building infrastructure, the primary parking lot will be reconstructed, electrical feeders will be replaced, masonry will be restored, and the HVAC system will see improvements.

To address space adequacy concerns, the kitchen and serving area will be expanded, and the cafeteria will be reconstructed to accommodate separate dining areas for elementary and secondary students. Additionally, there will be a designated concession and cafe area.

The high school gymnasium will also see improvements, with a total reconstruction to bring the gymnasium up to current standards. Existing space will be renovated into a fitnesscenter, and locker rooms will be upgraded. The nurse's suite and student support areas will also see improvements to increase student privacy and expand resources.

The final category of improvements will address student and staff safety, with upgrades to the building's main entrance, the addition of heated sidewalks, and the replacement of multi-party toilet rooms with individual toilet rooms.

Also included in the project are improvements to the community walking trail, and addition of bathrooms that can be securely accessed from outside of the building during school events.

Heuvelton Central School will share project timeline information

as well as updates as the project progresses at https://www.heuvelton.k12.ny.us/apps/pages/CIP_2023.

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Planned cuts at Clarkson University will impact fewer than 20 people

BY JIMMY LAWTON

North Country This Week

POTSDAM -- Fewer than 20 people are expected to be impacted immediately by Clarkson's restructuring plan which has been months in the making, 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 Rela-

tions 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 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.

Bomb threats made at local 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.

Massena Chief of Police Jason Olson also confirmed a threat was received in Massena around the same time and similar action was taken by Massena police and State police.

Olson said the threat was unfounded after a K9 unit conducted a search of the building.

The investigation into both incidents is ongoing and both Gates-Shult and Olson confirmed police are currently working to identify the callers.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Not telling the whole EV story

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

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

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

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

This year, solar farms in Chaumont and in Lyme, both utilizing lithium batteries like those used in EV cars, caught fire. EV fires

have demonstrated to be more intense than conventional gasoline vehicles, last longer, considerably more difficult to extinguish, and tend to reignite. Negative characteristics that should raise genuine concerns.

That is not to say EV's are without merit. They do offer great potential as a future alternative to gasoline fueled cars. But their current problems suggest they are not yet ready for full implementation. Earnest advocates like Mr. Shipley need to be forthright, presenting both the pros and cons of current EV's, and candid of the trade-offs in time, money, and safety they currently present.

Ron Shirtz
Rensselaer Falls

Support Seaway Youth for Christ

Warm Christmas greetings from Hammond, New York, to all in the St. Lawrence River valley. The holidays are here and winter will soon be closing in.

Kids are out of school for Christmas break, and families and friends will gather to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He is, after all, the real reason for the season.

One of the North Country's treasures is Seaway Youth for Christ, the local YFC chapter, operating out of their Impact Center, 31 David Street, Ogdensburg. Formerly the Ogdensburg Wesleyan Church, this vintage edifice now serves as home to YFC after moving from their old location on Route 68 in Flackville.

For 55 years Seaway YFC has

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Dixie Dave Ellis
Hammond

reached local youth with the "good news" gospel message of Jesus' birth in a barn, His life spent teaching and healing people, His death on a cross to pay for our sins, and His resurrection from the tomb as he conquered death, all to give eternal life to those who will trust God.

This Saturday evening (12/23) at 6:30, Seaway YFC wraps up its 2023 event schedule with the movie "Christmas of Many Colors: Circle of Love" starring Dolly Parton.

All area youth, and their parents, are invited to this free event that will include popcorn, snacks, beverages, and gifts for the kids.

While this is the last YFC event of 2023, we pray that 2024 will see many more fun and rewarding chances for area youth to learn about Jesus and how His life is an example on how we all should live. But, these events, while free to all, do need funds to continue. There are many expenses from lights and heat to food, supplies, and building maintenance.

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‘I do a lot of my shopping online because there aren’t enough stores or variety in St. Lawrence County. And with the terrible weather...I don’t want to travel out of town. I keep saying that Massena needs more department stores here but we don’t have them. And I can find what I want online better.

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

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

‘Too hard to resist cheaper on-line

prices. With most Malls empty it’s too inconvenient to drive from place to place for individual shops.

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

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

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

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Geese galore on St. Lawrence

Snow geese practically blanket the view of a ship making its way up the St. Lawrence River near Wilson Hill. Photo by Justin Tredo.

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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/abouttheforest.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.

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

DILLABOUGH STATE FOREST, off Russell-Pierrepoint 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.

WHAT'S GOING ON

FRIDAY, DEC. 22

11B band to perform

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

Gabel and Bristol

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

Free holiday skating

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

Christmas on the Farm

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

KC Karaoke

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

Caroling & food drive

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

SATURDAY, DEC. 23

11B band

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

Alumni game

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

SUNDAY, DEC. 24

Christmas Eve services

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

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Tickets on sale for spring OCP shows

OGDENSBURG -- The spring lineup of Ogdensburg Command Performances will include Japanese drum music, a world traveling circus act, and tributes to the greats of country music and rock and roll.

The 2024 performances include:

Drum Tao

Monday | January 29, 2024 | 7 PM
Ogdensburg Free Academy Auditorium

Incomparable "Wadaiko-drums" and the beautiful melody of Japanese flutes and harps is the "Japanese Entertainment" for a new generation. Newsweek stated, "The highly acclaimed debut of Drum Tao Off-Broadway was completely sold out!" They performed in the opening ceremony of "Japonisms" in Paris France and co-starred with the Bolshoi Ballet at the Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow Russia.



Photo submitted

The drummers of the group Drum Tao will perform in January as part of the spring lineup of Ogdensburg Command Performances.

Grand Shanghai Circus

Saturday | February 24, 2024 | 4 PM
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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 limited, buy 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 Sun., Dec. 24 at 6 p.m.

Candlelight service

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

Service, carols

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

Candlelight service

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

MONDAY, DEC. 25

Christmas dinner

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

TUESDAY, DEC. 26

Free holiday skating

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

Library meeting

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

WEDS., DEC. 27

Free holiday skating

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

THURSDAY, DEC. 28

Free used clothing

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

BackWater Duo

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

Tarot Share in Potsdam

POTSDAM -- A free tarot card reading activity will be Thursday, Dec. 28, at the Potsdam Public Library from 6-7:30 p.m. Kathy Wilcox is hosting the event with a different theme each month. Reservations appreciated e on the events page of the library website.

Free holiday skating

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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, 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 dedi-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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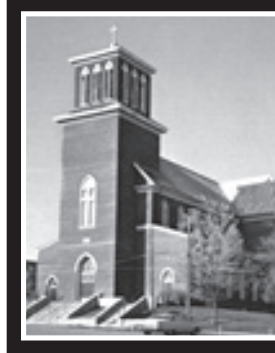
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Trip to see Hairspray

OGDENSBURG – North Country Insurance Professionals is sponsoring a bus trip to Syracuse Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024 to see the Broadway musical Hairspray.

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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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Santa reads stories in Massena

Santa reads to children at Massena Public Library Saturday, Dec. 16, as part of the library's holiday events. The day also included a holiday bake sale, book sale and concert by Patty Ryan on piano and Ellie Prashaw on vocals.

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

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

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

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

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Holiday events at Nicandri

MASSENA — Nicandri Nature Center has several holiday events available for families, as well as outdoor activities if there is snow. Ornament making will be available Wednesday-Friday, December 20-22, at 3:30 p.m. On Sunday, Dec. 24, there will be an all day nature ornament station.

On Sunday, Dec. 31, nature's noisemakers craft and activity will be offered at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Day camps will be held Dec. 26-29, with group size limited. Pre-registration is required. Outdoor programs with skiing and snowshoeing will be offered Dec. 26-29, weather dependent on snow availability. Call or check Nicandri Nature Center's Facebook page for more information.

Painting and lightsabers

OGDENSBURG — Watercolor painting, making a lightsaber, and lego play are among the January events at the Ogdensburg Public Library. Watercoloring painting a simple winter scene for ages 5 and up will be held Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 5 p.m. Lego Play will be held Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 5 p.m. for ages 6-12. Make a light saber and fight some balloons for ages 5 and older is planned for Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 5 p.m. Music and Movement for preschoolers ages 18 months -5 years is held Tuesdays at 11 a.m. Story Time for ages 2-6 is held on Thursdays at 11 a.m.

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2. Sweden.
3. A magic hat.
4. Mashed potatoes and cabbage.
5. Hawaii.
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Photo courtesy of Teabra Josh Porter

Minnie Mouse at Lights on the River

Minnie Mouse decks a Christmas tree at the 14th annual Lights on the River at the Lisbon Beach Campground. The holiday display will be offered every night until Dec. 23 from 5-8 p.m. on weekdays and 5-9 p.m. on the weekend. Admission is free, but nonperishable food and monetary donations will be accepted to support local food pantries.

Adult indoor archery to start

NORFOLK — The Norfolk Archers' Adult Indoor League will start Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024 at the Norfolk R&G Club on Cemetery Road and continue for 10 weeks. Compound, recurve and longbow archers all welcome.

League scores can be shot on Wednesday evenings starting at 5:30 p.m., or Saturdays at 9 a.m. Non-league archers are also welcome to attend. Call 315-769-3140 for more information.

Register now for marathon

CANTON — Registration is Open for The Maple Run Half Marathon and 5K in Canton. The Maple Run invites runners and walkers to experience St. Lawrence County's premier half marathon and 5K. Established in 2017 to celebrate the advent of spring and support youth running programs. The Maple Run offers a variety of participation options including the

Saturday, April 13 in-person event and a unique hybrid half marathon. Learn more and register at themaplerun.com. Follow us on Facebook at The Maple Run Half Marathon and 5K, Canton NY or connect by email at themapleruncanton@gmail.com for the most up to date information about the run. Registration closes on April 9.

Free skating at Massena Arena

MASSENA — Free public skating will be offered at Massena Arena during the Christmas holiday season. Skate rentals are available for \$3. The seven free skating sessions will be held Friday, Dec. 22: 11:00 a.m.-12:50 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 23: 7:30- p.m.-9:15 p.m; Tuesday through Friday, Dec. 26-29: 1:00-2:50 p.m; Local businesses and organizations sponsoring the free skating are Northside Community Church, Donaldson Funeral Home, Mike Hazelton Foundation, Sons of Amvets, Nicandri Nature Center, Well Now, and NBT Bank.

Holiday trash pickup changes

MASSENA -- The Village of Massena's trash pickup schedule will be changed in light of the holiday. In observance of the New Year holiday, garbage and recyclables will not be collected on Monday, Jan. 1. The area normally collected on Monday will be picked up on Tuesday, Jan. 2. The area normally collected on Tuesday will be picked up on Wednesday, Jan. 3.

Chamber offers lunch and learn

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.visitslcc.com/calendar or contact Laura Pearson at 315-393-3620 or Laura@slccchamber.org.

Amvets hosting NYD party

HEUVELTON — Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St., will host a New Year's Day dance on Jan. 1 from 1-5 p.m. featuring the Small Town Ramblers (formerly known as Pure Country). Cover charge \$6. Country music, buffet, 50/50 raffle and door prize.

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St. Lawrence County Public Transit surpasses 100,000 rider mark in 2023

St. Lawrence County Public Transit (slcnypublictransit.com), operated by The Arc Jefferson – St. Lawrence, has set a new record with over 100,000 rides logged in 2023, surpassing last year's total ridership of 97,740.

St. Lawrence County (SLC) Public Transit works in partnership with the Volunteer Transportation Center who coordinates the County's First Mile Last Mile program, and provides Mobility Management services.

All three programs are overseen by the St. Lawrence County Planning Office. The increase in ridership is attributed to updated routes and additional stops on routes 67, 68 and 71.

"The entire Public Transit team strives to make the service efficient and sustainable to support people to comfortably reach their destinations," stated Lynn Pietroski, Chief Executive Officer of The Arc Jefferson – St. Lawrence. "We are always improving to enhance the experience, while keeping this affordable option available for everyone to enjoy."

The St. Lawrence County Public Transit routes with the highest ridership through October 2023 include:

- Route 68 with 29% of the Ridership
- Route 67 with 17% of the Ridership
- Route 69 with 8% of the Ridership

Ridership

- Routes 12 and 61, Both with 7% of the Ridership

While all routes are open to the public, students at Clarkson, SUNY Potsdam, and SUNY Canton make up a little over 50% of the ridership on the College Connector routes, which include 67, 68, and 69. Students at the three colleges ride all SLC Public Transit routes for free with their student IDs, thanks to partnerships with those universities.

St. Lawrence County's Public Transit System provides transportation throughout most towns in the County on Monday to Friday. Buses are wheelchair accessible, bicycle racks are available, and there is free Wi-Fi service on many routes.

Passengers who are not within walking distance of a Transit stop may access Volunteer Transportation Center's First Mile Last Mile service to get a ride to their nearest bus stop. Customers needing this service may call Public Transit at 315-386-2600 on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Find us on Facebook @SLCPublicTransit for additional information.



Teabra Porter | Submitted

Lit up Lisbon

The Canton Animal Clinic was among the displays at the 14th annual Lights on the River at the Lisbon Beach Campground. The holiday display runs until Dec. 23 from 5-8 p.m. on weekdays and 5-9 p.m. on the weekend. Admission is free, but nonperishable food and monetary donations will be accepted to support local food pantries.

SLC reallocates \$450,000 in ARPA funds to County IDA

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- The St. Lawrence County Industrial Agency (IDA) will receive \$2.9 million as part of the county's American Rescue Plan Act Funds aimed at promoting tourism and business.

Legislators approved the funding during the Dec. 4 full board meeting of the county legislature.

The plan is to use the funds on five targeted areas, including workforce training and development, facility infrastructure improvements, small business and nonprofit assistance, travel tourism, hospitality promotion and travel, tourism and hospitality capacity building grants.

For workforce training and development \$900,000 was allocated, while \$1,000,000 was allocated for facility infrastructure improvements.

Small business and nonprofit assistance initiatives received \$300,000, \$350,000 was to be used for travel tourism and hospitality promotion and \$350,000 was to be used for travel, tourism and hospitality capacity building grants.

In light of other funding sources and "experience administering the ARPA programs", IDA officials requested a modification to increasing facility infrastructure improvements by \$450,000 while decreasing small business and nonprofit assistance funding by \$50,000, new hire and existing worker training by \$250,000, heavy equipment operator training by \$50,000 and healthcare skills development by \$100,000.

Officials say the plan for workforce development includes a subdivision as well, with \$600,000 slated to be used for new hire and existing worker training, \$150,000 to be used for heavy equipment operator training, \$125,000 to be used for healthcare skills development and \$25,000 to be used for workforce talent pipeline development.

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

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

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

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

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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 **Closest 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 bipass doors at Centennial Terrace.

Bids shall be received until 2PM, local time, on Wednesday, January 10th, 2024, via electronic submission to Katie Jerome (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 21st, 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. Ogdensburg Housing Authority

OGDENSBURG PUBLIC NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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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 10th, 2024, via electronic submission to Katie Jerome (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 21st, 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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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) 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 21st, 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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Second cannabis store opens in Potsdam

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 real busy. That it gets too busy," Mandell joked before the store opened its doors to customers.

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

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

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 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.

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 Ryzdzewski: 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 11th 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. By order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Cranberry Lake Fire District
Susan Leroux, Secretary/Treasurer

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID
Sealed bids will be received at the St. Lawrence County Purchasing Office, where they will be opened and read aloud for;
Bid # (2023-32) Purchase of 2023 or Newer 120 Cubic Yard, Walking Floor Transfer Trailer
Bid # (2023-34) St. Lawrence County Supply Bid #1 - 2024
Bid Opening Date: Thursday, December 28, 2023 @ 3:00 PM

Detailed specifications may be obtained at the St. Lawrence County Purchasing Office, 48 Court Street, Canton, New York 13617-1169.

We strongly encourage all vendors to submit bids as soon as possible. Bidders will be fully responsible for the delivery of their bids a timely matter. Reliance upon the US Postal Service or other carriers is at the bidder's risk. Late bids will not be considered. It is our intent to offer this public bid opening in Zoom format as well as in-person. Please visit our website 15 minutes before the opening at www.Stlawco.gov - visit the Purchasing Office page for the link.

All bids must be accompanied by a non-collusion statement. St. Lawrence County reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Please mark bid envelope with the appropriate BID ITEM AND NUMBER and mail to:

St. Lawrence County
Purchasing Office
48 Court St.
Canton, NY 13617-1169
December 13, 2023

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
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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 2nd 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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NORTH COUNTRY THISWEEK

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

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 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.

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 CENTRALSCHOOL 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
- Northern New York Builders Exchange, Inc. - 2074 Fabco Road, Watertown, NY 13601 - www.nnybe.com
- Syracuse Builders Exchange, Inc. - 563 Ridings Road, Syracuse, NY 13206 - www.syrabex.com
- Dodge Reports - online - 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:

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- 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.

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NORTH COUNTRY THISWEEK

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

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@cantonnny.com until no later than 2:00 p.m. on January 10, 2023.

Heidi L. Smith
Canton Town Clerk
December 15, 2023

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 GOUVERNEUR NY 13642. Purpose: Any lawful purpose



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

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.

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NOTABLE

Cadence Cole, a 12th grader at Ogdensburg Free Academy, was named The Greater Ogdensburg Chamber of Commerce Student of the Month for November. Cadence was nominated for the award by Sue McLean, her teacher and volleyball coach. Cadey was awarded 1st team all northern as well as athlete of distinction (GPA requirement) for Section 10 and most recently named 5th team all-state for New York State.

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Submitted

Massena Senior Citizens presented a check for \$800 to the Massena Neighborhood Center's Annual Christmas Program. Proceeds were raised through the Seniors' Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser in November. From the left are MSC President Cheeta Lazore-Dietlein, NHC Director Jennifer O'Shaughnessy, and MSC Treasurer Marcia LaMountain.

Wayne Ladouceur award nominees sought by UH

OGDENSBURG – United Helpers is seeking nominations for the Wayne N. Ladouceur Award presented annually to a deserving United Helpers employee.

The award was established in order to preserve and honor Ladouceur's memory while recognizing an employee who gives of themselves to better the lives of others.

Nominees must be an hour-

ly employee who possesses and demonstrates towards residence and clients. Nominees must have a strong drive to go above and beyond in providing the utmost care, display generosity with their personal time, have the ability to see beyond their own needs, and display empathy and a love for life.

For nomination packets, email giving@unitedhelpers.org

BRIEFLY

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.

Elmira College Dean's List

Several North Country students have been named to the Dean's List for Academic Achievement for the Fall 2023 Term at Elmira College. They include Sophia Compeau of Potsdam, Mia Pavon of Heuvelton, Tyler Scott of Russell, Camden Stephon of Norfolk, and Cadey Wheat of Edwards. The Dean's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who were registered for at least 12 computable credit hours and who earned a term grade point average of 3.6 or higher.

Chamber student of month

OGDENSBURG – Mozaiah Hirsch, a senior from Morristown Central School, has been selected as the Greater Ogdensburg Chamber of Commerce November BOCES Student of the Month. Hirsch is in the Metalworking Program at Northwest Tech BOCES in Ogdensburg. Mozaiah received a Certificate of Achievement from BOCES and a plaque from the Greater Ogdensburg Chamber of Commerce.

Zonta Club thankful

OGDENSBURG – Zonta Club of Ogdensburg recently thanked New York State Troopers for their unending service and dedication to our state. As a 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence/Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women Service Project, Ogdensburg Area Zonta Club members thank local first responders for their hard work and dedication to saying no to violence against women. Zonta Club of Ogdensburg, building a better world for women and girls.

SUBMITTING MILESTONES: To obtain a form to submit an engagement, wedding or anniversary announcement, visit NorthCountryNow.com/submit-milestone, call 315-265-1000, or email News@NorthCountryNow.com.

Ogdensburg resident pens Christmas book

OGDENSBURG -- A long-time educator from Ogdensburg recently published a children's Christmas book.

Becky Duprey taught at Heuvelton Central School for 9 years and then at SUNY Potsdam for 21 years.

Hallie Boyer is the illustrator of the book. She is also an Ogdensburg native and now resides in Potsdam.

The story is about two elves, Asha and Donato who are given the task of checking on children in hopes of moving them from the naughty list to the nice list. But Asha cannot tie her shoes and this leads to quite the adventure.

The book is available directly from the author at <https://sites.google.com/view/beckydupreyauthor> or at

Applewood Orchards in Rensselaer Falls, Pickens Hall in Heuvelton, or 3 Seasons Whimsical Finds in Ogdensburg.

It is also available on Amazon in both the paperback and kindle version. More information about events where the book will be available as well as purchasing information can be found on the website listed above.

Waddington couple celebrates 50 years

WADDINGTON -- Fred and Judy Bergman, Waddington, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 17 with a party given by their children at The Lobster House in

Norwood.

Fred Bergman and Judy Bilow were married Aug. 17, 1973 at St. Edmund's Church in Ellenburg, NY. They have four children, Katie and

Mike Rocco of Sackets Harbor, Elizabeth Bergman of Waddington, Marjorie and Bill Todd of Waddington, and Michael Bergman of Plattsburgh. They also have 5 grandchildren.

Local author pens book about 50 states

RENSELAER 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.

The 30-page paperback retail

price is \$16 (eBook \$11). For more information, 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/>.

Two SLC residents named Presidential Scholars

POTSDAM -- Two North Country students were among 11 SUNY Potsdam students named to its Presidential Scholars Program, which provides funding and recognition for students to create their own independent project and to more fully develop their interests and intellect, while working with faculty mentors.

The Presidential Scholars include: Chloe Dockstader of Gouverneur, whose major is Biology. Dockstader will work with faculty mentor(s) Jan Trybula on a project titled "Burmese Pythons in Florida": <https://www.potsdam.edu/academics/applied-learning/studentresearch/presidential/chloe-dockstader>

Ellie Foster of Ogdensburg, whose major is Anthropology. Foster will work with faculty mentor(s) Nasser Malit and Lydia Rodriguez on a project titled "The Use of Mandible to Profile Forensic Remains": <https://www.potsdam.edu/academics/appliedlearning/studentresearch/presidential/ellie-foster>

Salvation Army in need of bell ringers

POTSDAM -- The Salvation Army is in need of volunteer bell ringers to help out the community for its Kettle Campaign until Christmas.

Local groups and organizations who would like to sign up for a specific date for the members of their group to ring the bell are welcome.

For more information on being a bell ringer this holiday season contact Kate Mikel, Volunteer Coordinator, at 315-212-9600, or by email at kmikel@clarkson.edu.

Volunteers can sign up by going to the following link &/or QR Code: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20FoE48A8AC2DA-oFA7-45136999-potsdam>.

The Red Kettle will be located at various local retailers, including the Walmart, Potsdam Price Chopper, and Potsdam IGA stores. Money raised at these locations will be used to assist those in need.

SL Health team gets certification

POTSDAM — Members of the St. Lawrence Health Facilities team recently earned 16 hours in training time and now hold their certification in solid surface fabrication.

Earning this certification will provide a cost savings in material procurement and fabrication labor, the health system said.

The training also provides the team members with the ability to expedite turnaround times, procure materials direct from manufacturers, and allow for an expanded service to the system.

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CHILDCARE . . .

marks a major milestone for the project, officials say. OBPA officials say construction on the facility should begin sometime in 2024. To help run the facility the OBPA is planning to partner with The Arc Jefferson- St. Lawrence, a non-profit membership association dedicated to full inclusion and integration

for persons with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. Federal officials have also played a big role in securing funding over the last two years, officials say. Lawrence previously offered praise to Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrant, as well as Congresswoman Elise Stefanik who helped secure an additional \$1 million towards the projects. The support of federal represen-

tatives played a key role in allowing the project to progress forward so quickly, OBPA officials previously said. "On behalf of the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority, I wish to extend our sincerest gratitude to the NBRC and Senator Charles Schumer for their invaluable support in selecting the OBPA childcare project as a recipient of the \$1 million dollar grant award. This substantial support underscores our shared commitment to nurturing quality childcare services and will undoubtedly shape a brighter future for the children of our community," Lawrence previously said.

Lawrence previously said the need for childcare in the area is very real. On top of only a small number of providers in the area, the high cost of childcare can impact people's ability to enter the workforce because they may only break even after paying for the service.

Lawrence said that the project would also incorporate early development education and would not just provide daycare services. The project will consist of the 15,000-square-foot childcare center for the residents of St. Lawrence County to provide daycare, an integrated preschool program and other childcare services.

"This project aims to provide parents have access to affordable, high-quality childcare in Ogdensburg, as currently there aren't any providers in town," OBPA officials previously said.

Bids are now being received by design and engineering firms and will be reviewed at the end of the month, Lawrence said.

As part of the bidding process, Lawrence said the OBPA is seeking requests for qualification bids which removes monetary considerations from bids and instead allows the OBPA to select a bid based on the qualifications of the company who submitted it.

Once complete, the facility will ensure child care for up to 125 children with anywhere from 30 to 40

employees working there, according to Lawrence.

DEADLINE . . .

There is a 2% surcharge when electing the installment method and is included in the first installment.

If a taxpayer does not pay the taxes in full on Jan.31 or pay the first installment by January 31 then the taxes are considered late and will be subject to interest at the rate determined pursuant to section 924-a of the Real Property Tax Law, up to and including the date on which it is to be paid.

City and County taxes will be collected at the City of Ogdensburg Comptroller's office from Jan. 1 through May 31. The office is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Any payments made after May 31st should be delivered to the St. Lawrence County Treasurer, 48 Court Street, Canton, NY 13617.

The change in collection drew outrage from city officials who accused the county of putting an undue burden on the city's property owners by changing the collection date.

However, county officials said that the county collects all property taxes at the same time and that the change in collection was due to actions taken by the city, not the county.

BUDGET...

a few months ago when Bellor told board members to expect a tax rate increase that would exceed the 2% tax cap.

"Every department gave in a little bit to help and we are very appreciative of that. Their efforts have gone a long way to us passing a budget that includes a very small tax rate increase," Bellor said.

All jobs were maintained with the budget and a 2% raise was included in recent negotiations with the unions representing town employees.

Pay for the town board remains flat under the new budget.

"We were under the tax cap by \$2,213 this year. It was tighter than we wanted but all things considered I think we passed a budget that is fair to our departments and taxpayers alike," Bellor said.

The new budget includes an eight cent tax rate increase. For those living inside the village, valuations on property will increase from \$5.42 per \$1,000 in assessed value to \$5.50 per \$1,000 in assessed value. The tax rate change represents a 5.2% increase for those inside the village.

For those living outside of the village, the tax rate increased from \$5.93 per \$1,000 in assessed value to \$6.01 per \$1,000 in assessed value. The tax rate change for those outside of the village increased by 4.7%.

Bellor had previously said that tax rates for those inside the village could increase to \$6.29 per \$1,000 in assessed value and those outside the village would likely see a 51 cent increase per \$1,000 in assessed value.

"Significant work was put in to ensure that the tax rate remained as low as possible while maintaining services. We are very happy we did not have to exceed the tax cap," Bellor said.

Assessments also increased in the village and for town residents who live outside of the village.

The village assessment rose \$2,936,022.00 to \$343,022,598.00 while the town outside of the village rose \$814,029.00 to \$199,399,493.00. Total assessment for the town sits at \$542,422,091.00, which represents a net increase of \$3,750,051.

The amount raised by taxes also rose moderately by \$65,199.00 from residents inside the village. There was no change for residents outside the village.

For residents outside the village, the assessment for fire protection purposes also rose, this time by \$810,006.00. The assessment now sits at \$200,309,131.00.

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

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Queries should be directed to:

Brittany Susice - Administrative Assistant

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Application Deadline: December 26, 2023

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES (EO/AE) 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

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Queries should be directed to:

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5. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the Volcanoes National Park?
6. MOVIES: What is the name of the acapella group that Anna Kendrick joins on "Pitch Perfect"?
7. INVENTIONS: Who invented the Barbie doll in 1959?
8. MATH: How many tablespoons are in 1 cup?
9. LITERATURE: What is the title of the sequel to "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" by Roald Dahl?
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Minimum qualifications: A PhD in bioscience and biotechnology.

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

IT Support Specialist I (Potsdam, NY)

Position Summary Guidelines: Acts as the "first line of support" for the entire Clarkson University Community. This person will reside at the Helpdesk counter (currently located on the 2nd Floor, ERC) and serves as the primary point of contact for walk-up and phone call inquiries to the University's OIT Helpdesk. Provides first-tier support for telephone, media, and computer technology issues within the Office of Information Technology (OIT) organization. Escalates issues as needed to appropriate OIT personnel and delegates all other issues to the appropriate department or team.


Minimum qualifications: High School Diploma or equivalent, 2 years relevant experience.

Range: \$19.20- \$21.30 based on experience

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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

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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.

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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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Part-Time HOSPICE PHYSICIAN

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EOE



Lecturer - Computer Information Systems/ Information Technology

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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

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EOE



Lecturer

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Qualifications:

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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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- B) One year of full-time clerical experience.

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

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

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**Testing Coordinator
Student Accessibility Services**

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

Salary: \$40,000

Required Qualifications:

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

Basic Functions include:

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

Essential Functions include:

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

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/AEE) is currently accepting applications for the following position for the 2023-24 School Year:

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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

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Candidates in Library Media Specialist track of coursework may be considered.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 10, 2024 or until filled.

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



**Assistant Director
Student Accessibility Services**

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

Salary: \$54,000

Required Qualifications:

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

Responsibilities:

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

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

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

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

For more information:

Sunmount DDS00 NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)
Office of Human Resources:
518-359-4150
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