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Village of Massena officials are moving forward with plans to remove a blighted property at 23 1/2 East Orvis Street, which was damaged by fire in April 2022. Trustees formally approved demolition in Sept. 2023.

Massena trustees take next steps to remove blighted property

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
 North Country This Week

MASSENA -- Massena village trustees approved an agreement with Atlantic Testing Laboratories for asbestos project monitoring services related to the demolition of a property located at 23 1/2 East Orvis Street.

The contract will cost the village \$2,541 but that does not begin to compare to the expense the village will incur to remove the blighted property.

Village trustees previously took action to condemn the property and approve its removal but that process has taken considerable time, leaving the vacant property standing in the heart of the village.

Described as a "nuisance", "health hazard" and

"eye sore" by residents, trustees are now nearing the finish line to clean up the property.

Trustees first approved condemning the property during the Sept. 12 board meeting following a public hearing, saying the property is dangerous and unsafe.

Village of Massena Code Enforcement Officer Aaron Hardy previously said a number of neighbors adjacent to the property have filed formal complaints with his office, saying they are concerned about the structural integrity of the building, about the potential for it to damage properties around it, as well as trash and debris from the site.

"We've also found animals living in it as well,"

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New mayor sees hope and opportunity

BY JIMMY LAWTON
 North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG -- Ogdensburg Mayor Michael Tooley says when he thinks of the city, two words come to mind. Opportunity and Hope.

On Saturday, he took his oath as city mayor alongside Democrats Donna Trimm, Michael Weaver, R. Storm Cilley and Jennifer Stevenson at the inauguration ceremony at city hall.

Tooley says he sees opportunity for development along the city's waterfront, Augsbury site and St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center properties.

He sees hope that tourism will increase. He noted that an \$18 million grant from the state will bolster the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority's Ogdensburg International Airport which he says will be a boon for the community.

He also sees hope for the Remington Art Museum, Ogdensburg History Museum, Ogdensburg Command Performance, the Seaway Festival and the St. Lawrence River.

Tooley wants to see the city capitalize on the tourism opportunities for the coming solar eclipse and he offered his appreciation to the Chamber of Commerce and its



Michael Tooley

efforts for preparing for the event. Ogdensburg has faced substantial pain in recent years following a massive change in the sales tax distribution formula by the county which cost the city nearly \$2 million in annual revenue.

The move sparked animosity between the previous city council led by Jeffrey M. Skelly who made deep personnel cuts, engaged in lengthy lawsuits against the fire union and county, shifted tax collection duties to the county and

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Sheriff Engle sworn in as county's top lawman

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
 North Country This Week

CANTON -- Long time law enforcement officer and former Marine Rick Engle is officially St. Lawrence County's newest Sheriff.

Engle was sworn in during the County Legislature's Jan. 2 organizational meeting.

Chairman David Forsythe, who was elected to the role again during the meeting, said he is excited for the future ahead and to have the opportunity to work with Engle.

Forsythe was complimentary of Engle and new Under-Sheriff Shawn McCarger, saying both will continue to do good work for the county.

"I, along with this board, look forward to working with you in the coming year," Forsythe said.

Forsythe said he did not know Engle well previously, despite both being from Lisbon, but throughout the year and through many conversations he quickly learned what



St. Lawrence County Judge Greg Storie swears in Sheriff Patrick 'Rick' Engle who is accompanied by his wife Brandi.

an asset Engle would be to the county.

"I wanted to introduce him to the people of our group and

let him know that we've got his back," Forsythe said.

"They will do an outstanding job. I've been impressed with both of them," he continued.

Engle lives in Lisbon and is a 20 year veteran of the Sheriff's Office. He previously served in the United State Marine Corps. In an interview with North Country This Week, Engle said his priorities include expanding the county's school resource officer program, tackling the drug epidemic plaguing the county and protecting Second Amendment rights. He says as sheriff he believes he can improve morale of the sheriff's deputies, the corrections officers inside the sheriff's office and rebuild relationships with other law enforcement agencies.

As the top law enforcement authority in the county, public safety is a high priority for the sheriff, but with swatting incidents and a mass shootings, school safety has become a focus locally and nationally in recent years.

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Downed compressor not stopping skating at arena

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- One compressor is down at the Massena Arena but village officials say hockey, figure skating and public skating will go on as planned.

According to Recreation Director Mike McCabe, work is well underway to address the issue.

In correspondence to the village board, McCabe said beginning the rebuild process is crucial to ensure winter sports can continue as scheduled.

"One compressor is down but we have a backup. It should affect things too much but if that other one goes, that means it's all done and we don't have any sports," Trustee Ken McGowan said during the board's Dec. 19 meeting.

Trustee Christine Winston said she was told by McCabe that the compressor likely wouldn't make it through the rest of the season.

The cost to fix the compressor is estimated to be around \$24,000 but McCabe told board members he is checking into insurance coverage to see if the rebuild would be covered under the policy.

The insurance company involved is Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. according to village officials.

In a separate action, McCabe put in a request that if the insurance policy does not cover the repairs, \$24,000 would be moved from the department's unappropriated fund balance to the arena equipment line item to pay for the repair. Trustees said during the meeting they would have no issue moving the funds.

Border runner crashes car, driver treated

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- A Canadian citizen attempted to unlawfully enter the United States through the Massena Port of Entry before eventually being detained just inside the village of Massena.

According to a U.S. Customs and Border Protection spokesperson, the incident occurred on Christmas Day.

"On December 25, 2023, at approximately 10:46 a.m., a vehicle driven by a Canadian citizen attempted to unlawfully enter the United States via the Massena Port of Entry. During this attempt, the driver lost control and rolled their vehicle. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Officers responded to the scene. The scene was secured and the driver was taken to Massena Memorial Hospital for treatment," the official said in a statement.

CBP officials did not confirm any further details regarding the pursuit of the individual or whether they were attempting to smuggle contraband or illegal migrants into the United States.

However, a video uploaded to Facebook at 11:08 a.m. on Dec. 25 appears to show the aftermath of the incident.

The video can be viewed at www.facebook.com/ernie.kingjr.88/videos/737190104580381

In the video, officers can be seen detaining the driver after the vehicle overturned at the corner of East Orvis Street and Alcoa Road.

Massena village police confirmed the location of the arrest and time from the video were accurate.

In the video, smoke can be seen coming from the overturned vehicle with what appears to be multiple



Facebook photo

A Canadian citizen was detained after attempted to illegally enter the United States through the Massena Port of Entry on Christmas Day. Customs and Border Protection officials say the individual was detained and transported to Massena Hospital shortly after.

OBITUARIES

John E. "Jack" Barto, 74 Massena

MASSENA -- John E. "Jack" Barto, age 74, passed away Thursday, December 28, 2023, at UVM Medical Center in Burlington, VT, surrounded by his loving and devoted family.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Phillips Memorial Home, 64 Andrews St. Massena.

Friends and family may call on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm until the time of services with Rev. Judy Van Kenne at 5:00 pm.

Burial with full military honors will take place on Thursday, January 4, 2024, in Pine Grove Cemetery, Norfolk at 12:00 pm.

Jack was born in Olean, NY the son of Frederick and Esther (Johnson) Barto.

He graduated in 1968 he entered the US Army in 1969 and was honorably discharged in 1972.

He married Susan Servsis on May 24, 1969, at The Church of the Nativity in Cornwall, Ontario Canada.

Jack was employed at Massena Electric Department as a line-man. He enjoyed spending time outdoors, ice fishing, hunting and visiting his hunting camp Diamond Sportsman's Club in South Colton,

NY.

Jack is survived by his mother Ester, his loving wife of 54 years, Susan, their two children, John G. of Brasher, and Rene Barto of Massena, five grandchildren, Johnathan; Rachael, Owen, Arianna and Aiden, two great-grandchildren, Brantly Barto, and Easton McDonald. His siblings;



John Barto

Gene and Connie Barto of Massena; Linda Barto of Colchester, VT, along with several nieces and nephews.

Jack was predeceased by his father Frederick E. Barto

Memorial contribution may be shared with the Disabled Veterans of America; 130 S Elmwood Ave., #620, Buffalo, New York 14202 and the American Heart Association; 2 Clinton Square, Syracuse, New York, 13202.

Online condolences, pictures and memories may be shared with the family by visiting www.PhillipsMemorial.com.

William L. "Bill" O'Reilly, 81 Saranac Lake

SARANAC LAKE -- William L. "Bill" O'Reilly, 81, of Saranac Lake, born in Watertown, NY in 1942, passed on December 24, 2023, under the care of his family supported by High Peaks Hospice.

Predeceased by his parents Herbert O'Reilly, Jr. and Katherine Allen O'Reilly, and brother David.

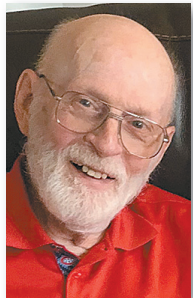
Survivors: Loving wife, Maxine O'Reilly. Children: Sue O'Reilly, Saranac Inn, NY; Michael & wife, Casie Worden O'Reilly, Ogdensburg, NY; Megan O'Reilly, Saranac Inn. Grandchildren, Hanna and Emma O'Reilly. Brother James and wife, Susan, Chaumont, NY; Sister Joanne Woolery, Houston, Texas; sister-in-law, Lyola O'Reilly, Watertown, NY. Nieces: Kim, Erin, Misty, Megan and Melissa. Nephews, Michael and Patrick.

He attended Wadhams Hall Seminary, St. Bonaventure University, and Plattsburgh State University.

Bill served in Parishes in Tupper Lake, Rouses Point, and Massena.

He also served as Director of the Office for the Aging in Franklin and Dutchess Counties. Working with

many others, Senior Adult Centers were established throughout Franklin County.



William O'Reilly

He completed certification in Clinical Pastoral Services at Albany Medical Center.

After retirement, he volunteered with High Peaks Hospice, St Lawrence Valley Hospice, Franklin County RSVP, Mercy Care for the Adirondacks, Claxton Medical Center, and Mercy Living Center.

Bill traveled with his daughters to many beautiful places beyond his dreams plus 3 trips to the Emerald Isle.

DWI charged after person spotted in trunk

POTSDAM -- A Massena man was charged with driving while intoxicated after police allegedly observed a person in the trunk area of the vehicle, according to village police.

Police said they charged 38-year old Jordan M. Beard with first-offense DWI on Market Street at 12:38 a.m. on Dec. 30.

Police reportedly observed a passenger in the trunk area of the SUV Beard was driving.

Officers determined Beard to be impaired by alcohol and took him to

punctured tires as well.

The suspect then appears to resist arrest while multiple officers attempt to handcuff them.

The video has been viewed over 79,000 as of press time.

Massena police say they were not involved in any pursuit of the vehicle but did assist on scene as CBP officers detained the individual.

St. Regis Mohawk Tribal police confirmed they were not involved in any pursuit or arrest related to the

incident.

It is unclear if the individual is still detained by CBP in the United States or if they have been sent back to Canada.

An attempt to clarify the detainment status of the individual with CBP officials went unanswered as of press time.

A request for comment from State police was not immediately returned as of press time.

the police station where a chemical breath test determined his blood-al-

cohol content to be .12%, police said. He was cited and released.



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OBITUARIES

David A. Colby, 74

Massena

MASSENA -- David A. Colby, 74, of Maple Street, passed away on December 24, 2023, at Canton-Potsdam Hospital.

David was born May 10, 1949, in Potsdam, the son of the late William and Elizabeth (Losey) Colby.

He graduated from Holy Family in 1967 and later served in the United States Navy and was honorably discharged after four years of dedicated service.

David later married Faline Lawrence on May 26, 1984, in Massena.

David started out working in the Pot Rooms at Alcoa and later held the position of Coordinator of Safety, retiring in 2003.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and attending the Alcoa retiree lunches.

David was a member of the Massena American Legion, DAV, and Alcoa 25-year club.

David is survived by his wife, Faline "Fae" Colby; his daughter,

Anastasia (Todd) Blanchard; four grandchildren, Jessica, Brittany, Dannel, and Jade; and eight great-grandchildren.



David Colby

He was predeceased by a sister, Mary Ellen Colby, and a brother, William Colby.

Friends and family may call on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, from 11:00 am until the time of service, 2:00 pm at the Donaldson Funeral Home in Massena.

Arrangements are under the care of the Donaldson Funeral Home in Massena where memories and condolences may be shared online at www.donaldsonfh.com.

Michael George Abraham Jr., 81

formerly of Massena

MASSENA -- Michael G. Abraham Jr., 81, of Towson, Maryland, passed into eternal life on

December 25, 2023.

Beloved husband of Beverly M. Abraham for 44 years; the son of the late Michael G. Abraham, Sr. and Jeanette M. Abraham, of Massena, New York.

He was the dear brother of John D. Abraham, and his wife, Georgia. He is also survived by many cousins and friends.

Mike played football in high school and then went on to the University of Vermont where he majored in History.

During his career with Saga Corporation and then Marriott, he traveled extensively managing food service operations in colleges, hospitals, and retirement communities.

His pleasures in life included attending Broadway shows & musi-

cals, dining in fine restaurants, and following his Yankee baseball team. He was an avid reader of

historical novels and biographies.



Michael Abraham Jr.

Mike was a member of Timonium United Methodist Church. He held leadership roles as Chair of the Finance Committee, member of the Trustees, and Head Usher.

A celebration of Mike's life will be held at Timonium United Methodist Church, 2300 Pot Spring Road, Timonium, Maryland 21093, in the spring of 2024.

Detailed information will be posted at the time of the service.

Linda F. Boprey, 77

formerly of Massena

MASSENA -- Linda F. Boprey, 77, of Floral City, Florida passed away on December 27, 2023, at home after a long courageous battle with cancer.

Linda was born in Massena, New York on May 22, 1946.

She graduated from Massena Central High School in 1964.

She retired from Upstate Hospital where she was an Administrative Assistant for 22 years.

Linda loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved quilting and painting.

In her spare time, she could be found playing slot machines at the casino or traveling.

She was predeceased by her life partner, Thomas Blundell; her father, Harold LaClair; her mother, Lula (Lyle) Rush and her sister,

Jean Aldridge.

Left to cherish her memory are her loving children, Kellie Boprey Reakes and David (Chris) Boprey; her grandchildren, Ashley (Dennis) Reakes, Courtney (Mitch) Pettit, Samantha (Josh) Reakes and Josh (Kay-la) Boprey; 6 great-grandchildren and one on the way; two



Linda Boprey

brothers, Harold (Linda) LaClair and David LaClair.

There will be no services.

A celebration of life will be held in New York at a later date.

Allan George McIntosh, 97

Waddington

WADDINGTON -- Allan George McIntosh of Waddington passed away on Christmas Eve (December 24, 2023) at Canton-Potsdam Hospital at the age of 97, surrounded by loving family and holding the hand of his wife of 74 years. As she put it, "He did it his way."

Allan was born April 9, 1926, in Norwood, New York, the fourth of five children of Arthur G. and Sara Grant McIntosh.

He was a child of the Depression, and from his parents, he inherited the indomitable work ethic he would maintain throughout his life. At a young age, he and his brothers were entrusted with running the family farm while his father traveled out of the area on WPA jobs.

After attending school in Norwood and elsewhere, he graduated from Madrid High School in 1942 at the age of 16.

Allan and the other men and women of the Class of '42 produced their school's first-ever yearbook and planned its first senior trip—to New York City, where he saw Jack Dempsey and viewed a demonstration at the NBC studios of a fancy new technology called television.

On January 26, 1944, at the age of 17, he rode the train to Watertown and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps.

He served in the Pacific Theater of Operations of World War II and was honorably discharged on July 11, 1946, in Quantico, Virginia. The Marine Corps took him from his un electrified farm to places like Tijuana, San Francisco, and Guam, experiences that helped shape him tremendously.

After the war, he returned to work at ALCOA, where he was employed as a millwright until 1958.

He then began work at the St. Lawrence Seaway Development

Corporation in Massena; in 1970, he was appointed Chief of Maintenance. Allan was recognized by the United States Secretary of Transportation for his "uncommon ability" and "truly outstanding" initiative, as well as for the respect he inspired in those who worked with him. This will come as a surprise to nobody who



Allan McIntosh

knew him. He retired in March of 1985.

He enjoyed nearly four decades of rich and active retirement, traveling with his wife and remaining a steadfast fixture in the lives of his children and grandchildren. One of the great pleasures of his life was time spent outdoors, whether hunting, fishing or simply tending his garden. He loved and was beloved by animals, from the cow dogs of his boyhood to his many "granddogs".

Allan was a 68-year member and Past Master of Waddington Masonic Lodge, F. & A. M.; former member of Norwood Lodge and Syracuse Consistory, 32°; member of Waddington Legion Post No. 420; and retired member, and former Assistant Chief, of Waddington Volunteer Fire Department, where he also made many memories as part of the department's racing team.

Allan first danced with Leonore "Lee" McMillan at the Waddington Town Hall in 1946, shortly after returning from the Marine Corps. As he described it, nearly eight decades later, "something just clicked," and they were married three years later, on September

17, 1949, by Rev. William Wood in the Norwood Methodist manse. The couple settled in Waddington, where they raised three children.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Lee; two daughters, Hollis (Donald) Hughes of Waddington and Sandra (Joseph) Ruddy of Norfolk; and one son, David A. McIntosh of Waddington. He is also survived by three granddaughters, Melissa Hughes Madlin, Waddington, Elizabeth Ruddy, Los Angeles, and Eve Ruddy, Potsdam; three grandsons, Jonathan Hughes, Waddington, Derek McIntosh, Denver, and Mark Ruddy, Potsdam; one great-grandson, Tanner Smith, Waddington; and several beloved nieces and nephews, including Dianne Meyer, Massena, and Michael McIntosh, Waddington.

He was predeceased by his parents; a grandson, Jared McIntosh; his brothers, Donald, Ronald, and Jerrold McIntosh; and his sister, Elinor Nichols.

He will be remembered and missed for many qualities, including his intelligence, integrity, dignity, humor, and, most especially, his strength and his gentleness.

In accordance with his wishes, there will be no funeral or calling hours. His remains will be interred in New Brookside Cemetery, Waddington, at the convenience of the family. The Phillips Memorial Home, Waddington, is handling the arrangements for the McIntosh family.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Waddington Volunteer 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

Daniel J. "Danny" Cecot, 67

Louisville

LOUISVILLE, NY -- Daniel J. "Danny" Cecot, age 67, passed away on Sunday, December 24, 2023, at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, NY, after a long illness.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Phillips Memorial Home, 64 Andrews St., Massena, NY.

Friends and family may call on Friday, January 5, 2024, from 3 PM to 6 PM and Saturday, January 6, 2024, from 12 PM until the time of the service at 2 PM at the Phillips Memorial Home, Massena, with Reverend Judy Van Kennen officiating.

Danny was born in Massena, the son of the late Mabel (Mahoney) and Andrew Cecot on May 20, 1956.

On March 14, 1980, he married Christine "Chris" Dywan.

Danny is survived by his loving wife of 43 years; three sons, Joseph of Woodland Hills, CA, wife, Rebec-

ca, son, Graham, and daughter, Rose, Joshua of Corpus Christi, TX, wife, Marilyn, son, Maverick, and daughter,

Avery, and Jacob of Massena, NY. Two sisters, Catherine "Cathy" Cecot of Punta Gorda, FL, and Shawna Cecot of Naples, FL, and partner, Kathy Green.

Danny was passionate about his family, friends, and animals.

He enjoyed cooking, fishing, hunting, horseback riding, motorcycling, skiing, farming, camping, boating and wood lot management.

He was a builder with a creative eye as seen in his cordwood-constructed home, lovingly built with help from his children, family, and

friends.

Once researched thoroughly there was no project he would not tackle.

His charisma and quick wit were developed during his work with the public, and in his words, "Thirty Years Behind Bars", the title of the book he did not get to write.

Danny's spontaneous business ventures were a wonder to all. From tending bar at the Village Inn, to "Twin Maples Farm" beef cattle, to "Hemlock Farms" registered Berkshires, to "Highland Charters" fishing captain, along with his garlic, and maple syrup enterprise, and lastly "The Guy On the Beach", salt-water fishing lures made to order.

He will be missed...

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

RECENT DEATHS

JOYCE BROTHERS, 74, Massena, Dec. 19. Arrangements with Kenly Funeral Home.

DANIEL CECOT, 67, Louisville, Dec. 24. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

DAVID COLBY, 74, Massena, Dec. 24. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

MICHAEL ABRAHAM JR., 81, formerly of Massena, Dec. 25. LINDA BOPREY, 77, formerly of Massena, Dec. 27.

JOHN BARTO, 74, Massena, Dec. 28. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

JEANNE DESHAIES, 95, Massena, Dec. 29. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

CAROL CHAPMAN-BURNAP, 81, Winthrop, Dec. 30. Arrangements with Hammill Funeral Home, Winthrop.

JOHN BARTLETT, 81, Norwood, Dec. 30. Arrangements with Buck Funeral Home, Norwood.

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Photo submitted by Megan Langevin

Northern nabbed in Lisbon

Trey Vinch, 12, Lisbon, caught a 37-inch Northern Pike recently in his backyard.

Insurance premiums to rise

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA — Health insurance premiums are set to rise 14.10% for the village of Massena.

Village Treasurer Kevin Felt told trustees during the board's Dec. 19 meeting that the premium is updated on a calendar year basis and will affect five months of fiscal year 2023-24 from January through May and fiscal year 2024-2025 from June through December.

Monthly health insurance rates for a single employee will rise from \$582.23 to \$664.32. For an employee and spouse, the rates will rise from \$1,164.45 per month to \$1,328.64. For an employee plus children, rates will rise from \$989.78 to \$1,129.35, while a family plan will rise from \$1,659.34 to \$1,893.32.

In addition to health insurance premiums rising, prescription and Medicare Supplement plan rates for employees, retirees and spouses, age 65 and over from United Healthcare will also rise 4%.

Rates from United Healthcare also run on a calendar basis and

will rise from a monthly rate of \$306.16 in 2023 to \$318.41 in 2024.

In other action, Felt informed trustees the village made an \$8,128 interest payment to the Depository Trust Company for the Center Street/Parker Avenue sewer line long-term bond. The next payment is due June 1. Auditors from Fust Charles will also be on site in the coming week to complete the in-house portion of their fieldwork on both the internal controls and financial portions of the village's audit. Felt said the village expects to have a draft of the report by mid-January and a final report by the beginning of February.

Trustees also approved budget amendments for the Department of Public Works to spend just over \$12,000 on a needed upgrade to the department's Neptune 360 software. According to DPW Superintendent Marty Miller, the software is updated every few years and eventually phased out, which forces the village to constantly upgrade.

"We need the software to communicate with our water meters, so there really isn't much we can do in this case," Miller said.

Winter Carnival King passes

MASSENA — Former TV and radio personality Bobby Rivers, who was also the King of Massena's 1990 winter expo carnival has died at 70 years old.

Rivers was a celebrity interviewer and food critic who hosted Watch Bobby Rivers on VH1 and Top 5 on Food Network.

Aside from being King of Masse-

na in 1990, Rivers visited Massena in February 1990. While here, he interviewed Massena resident John Michaud III, who was 16 years old at the time.

Michaud was working for the Massena newspaper as a file clerk and staff journalist intern.

The video can be see here.



Friday Fish Fry

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New councilor says don't expect miracle

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG -- Ogdensburg City Councilor Storm Cilley is warning city residents not to expect a January miracle in the city after being sworn in Saturday.

Alongside him were fellow democrats Jennifer Stevenson, Michael Weaver, Donna Trimm and Ogdensburg's new Mayor Michael Tooley.

Storm and Stevenson both served on city council in the past, while Weaver Trimm and Tooley will be serving for the first time.

Though Mayor Tooley noted that he technically served as mayor for the day as part of the Elks Club initiative in the 1970s.

At the inauguration ceremony, Cilley offered appreciation to voters who elected him to office. In an emotional delivery he paid tribute to the late Blair Roethel who he said pushed him to run for office. But Cilley remained clear-minded about the problems facing the city.

"Please do not expect a January 1 miracle. We are taking over the government with many unfilled vital positions," he said. "It's going to take

us a while to get back on track. We're working on it."

He said with the support of citizens and employees the city will get there.

Stevenson also offered appreciation to the citizens of the city at the ceremony after taking her oath.

Stevenson said she was humbled to be elected again and said she was inspired by citizens' efforts over the last four years.

"So many people have stepped up and encouraged and helped," she said.

Stevenson said she remains passionate about the city of Ogdensburg which she loves and continues to trumpet in travels.

"Let's not work in the rear view mirror, let's look through the windshield," she said.

Donna Trimm told city residents she is a proud native of the city who spent the last four years watching the city council with real sadness.

However, she said she's excited to be part of the new council that hopes to usher in a new era for the city.

Weaver also spoke briefly at the inauguration.

low councilors and those who

elected him.

He said there is a lot that needs to be taken care of, but with the new council there will be a good start.

The new council members replaced Steve Fisher, Bill Dillabough, John Rische and former Mayor Jeffrey M. Skelly, who did not seek reelection. All four were elected to terms by landslide votes as write-in candidates for council.

However during their term the city was forced to make difficult choices that divided the community.

Ogdensburg has faced substantial pain in recent years following a massive change in the sales tax distribution formula by the county which cost the city nearly \$2 million in annual revenue.

The move sparked animosity between the previous city council led by Skelly who made deep personnel cuts, engaged in lengthy lawsuits against the fire union and county, shifted tax collection duties to the county and trimmed the budget to barebones in efforts to make the city financially solvent.

Trustees accept retirements

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA — Village trustees accepted three retirements during the board's Dec. 19 meeting, presenting a unique situation rarely seen.

Both Mike Romeo and Timothy Beaulieu are retiring as motor equipment operators from the Department of Public Works, effective January 26, 2024, after joining the department on the same day 30 years ago.

"I'm not aware of two people who started the same day and retired at the same time, it's very unique," Paquin said.

Paquin complimented both Romeo and Beaulieu for their "hard work and dedication to the people of Massena over many years of service."

Dolan honored

RENSELAER FALLS — Members of the Rensselaer Falls Fire Department acknowledged Mary Dolan, community member in Rensselaer Falls, for spearheading a fundraising campaign to purchase two AEDs (automated external defibrillator).

One was placed on a fire truck (E-51) and the other was placed in the firehall. AEDs are used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrests. The fundraising campaign raised \$3,400 in five days and the members thanked Dolan for her perseverance and dedication to helping the fire department reach its goals.

"They played a big role for the DPW department," Paquin said.

Trustees also accepted the retirement of Melissa Dishaw, who served as a police clerk with the Massena Police Department.

"She is another big loss and those will be big shoes to fill," Paquin said.

Trustees also accepted the resignations of Anthony Curley from the Village Planning Board and Kaitlyn Northrup who served as a dispatcher with the Massena Police Department. In other action, trustees also authorized canvassing for a new police dispatcher and appointed Andrew Beaulieu to the position of Water/Wastewater Plant Operator/Trainee.



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Volunteers needed for struggling EMS services across the county

BY JIMMY LAWTON

North Country This Week

Imagine experiencing a medical emergency, calling for an ambulance and waiting more than an hour for help to arrive.

Although uncommon, that's happening more frequently in St. Lawrence County as emergency medical providers struggle with volunteer shortages.

With the new year underway, St. Lawrence County Bureau of Emergency Medical Service issued a letter to St. Lawrence County EMS agencies and municipal leaders showing that a high number of turnover calls occurred last year.

"Call turnovers are considered any call in which the agency is toned and is unable to respond with an ambulance, thus requiring mutual aid," the report says.

This can be due to a variety of reasons including inability to staff an ambulance with the appropriate personnel, multiple calls for the agency resulting in no apparatus available and a variety of other issues.

"It is important to note that a call turnover results in having to dispatch an ambulance from another jurisdiction, reducing that

mutual aid ambulance service's availability to provide coverage for those in their primary response territory," the notice says.

The notice notes that intervention is needed, but exactly what that might look like remains to be seen.

"EMS in our County is struggling, and intervention is necessary to keep the system afloat and operational. County call turnover statistics, as displayed above, are at an all-time high (2020: 94% coverage rate, 2021: 90% coverage rate, 2022 88% coverage rate, 2023 89% coverage rate), which has resulted in overutilization of mutual-aid ambulance companies; companies that may see little-to-no financial reimbursement for coverage. Average ambulance response times have increased 5 minutes 13 seconds from 2019, with the longest response time of 2021 being 1 hour and 43 minutes, and the second longest being 1 hour and 26 minutes," the letter says.

The problem isn't new. In recent years Ogdensburg Volunteer Rescue Squad Chief Ken Gardner has been vocal about the shortage of volunteers. He said there are a number of contributing factors which were exacerbated by the pandemic. However, more stringent state regulations, training requirements, the

reduction in dairy farms and the need for multiple people to work full-time jobs to support families have made things more difficult for those who traditionally volunteer.

In 2022 St. Lawrence County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board Chair Mark Deavers and Jonathan Mitchell, County EMS Coordinator, issued a letter to legislators noting the Emergency Medical Service is collapsing due to a lack of volunteers.

According to that letter, most SLC EMS agencies were formed in the 60's and 70's and were largely staffed by volunteers, but volunteerism has declined significantly.

"This trend has been evident in both EMS agencies and Fire Departments across rural America. This can also be seen in the number of people enrolling in EMT classes. In the 1990's and early 2000's, St. Lawrence County would typically run two EMT classes a semester with a combined enrollment of 72. In 2021, the two original EMT certification courses had a combined enrollment of 39," the letter says.

The letter also points out that state laws have contributed to the problem. In 1999, lawmakers began requiring a certified EMT to be attending to a patient in ambulances. At the same time the state increased the minimum

hours of Basic EMT education.

"To attend EMT class and receive certification, volunteers are required to drive to and attend class two nights a week and several Saturdays for four months, totaling 150 hours of instruction," the letter said.

The letter says the state also phased out a program that allowed volunteers to provide advanced level care including narcotic administration, intubation, cardiac monitoring, and advanced level cardiac arrest management.

They also pointed out that the only available alternative to that program is paramedic which has significantly higher training requirements including 2,000 classroom hours, clinical rotations and significant tuition payment.

"These barriers to EMS education result in less people willing to become certified EMT's or paramedics and who receive no remuneration," the letter says.

The issue has been discussed many times by St. Lawrence County legislators but no action has been taken thus far.

Legislator David Forsythe has said that he'd like to see a multi-pronged approach to addressing the problem, including cross training for other emergency responders such as police officers who are often first on the scene.

TikTok paranormal investigator and L.A. content creator create new show

BY ADAM ATKINSON

North Country This Week

OXBOW — An online show featuring the sites of local folklore, history, hauntings, suspected cryptids and other phenomena is gaining popularity.

Popular TikTok Live paranormal investigator Jack Vaisey from Massena has teamed up with L.A.-based

digital creator Evan B. Stone for a new show titled "SVC Explorers Of The Unknown."

And, the first few episodes online, focusing on the small historical community of Oxbow, are getting some attention. The channel has racked up 2,350 subscribers and more than 18,000 views thus far and some established networks have taken notice, Vaisey said.

Visit the channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@SVCExplorersOfTheUnknown/videos>.

Vaisey, a former videographer for Channel 7 covering Section 10 sports, has garnered a following for his TikTok paranormal investigations over the last few years. This time he has teamed with Stone who has worked as a director of photography and creator on programs such as Expedition Unknown, Destination Truth, Naked & Afraid, Finding Bigfoot, Exped X and Ghost Nation.

Explorers of the Unknown offers high end production quality on its episodes thus far as the stories unfold of the pair researching the history of Oxbow and its local lore. Drone footage, handheld camera work from Stone, dash cams and

a first person documentary style combine to tell stories about the small and old community of Oxbow where Catherine Bonaparte, a princess of Spain and Napoleon Bonaparte's niece is buried. The historical little hamlet features some of the oldest buildings in the North Country with centuries of history at this point.

Vaisey believes the community is a perfect backdrop for a deeper dive into the local folklore which includes Bonaparte's life, the Underground Railroad, old stone houses and yes, ghosts.

"There are two bridges there and stories about the ghost of a lady in white that walks the bridge. And, we think it's Caroline Bonaparte," Vaisey said. The content creator

said he and Stone are interested in Bonaparte's history of helping ferry escaped slaves along the Oswegatchie River in Oxbow as part of the Underground Railroad network and how that might explain the bridge sightings.

"It's just a really cool story and we want to cover it," he said.

"Within Northern New York there is a lot of opportunity for the paranormal," Vaisey said.

The video episodes and accompanying review videos posted thus far range in length from around 10 minutes to about 50 and Stone and Vaisey are planning about 20 episodes overall. New content is posted on Fridays. For more about Explorers of the Unknown visit <https://linktr.ee/thescvchronicles>.

School officials in early stages of budgeting

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI

North Country This Week

MASSENA -- Massena Central School officials are in the preliminary planning stages for the district's next budget after establishing a timeline last week.

Officials say budget preparations are underway with budget assumptions and fund balances being reviewed already.

Finance Committee members also met this month to set the budget calendar, as well to assess employee expenses. Another meeting will be held Jan. 18 to review the preliminary budget, including athletics, central service, debt service, extra-curricular expenses, transportation and technology costs.

Finance Committee members will also meet again Jan. 29 to review the governor's proposal for schools, curriculum development, employee benefits, instruction, school lunch budgets and special education.

The draft budget will then be reviewed on Feb. 15 with a public forum to be held during the board of education meeting that evening. Officials will review projected fund balance, reserves, revenues and

whether the district will have to exceed the tax cap.

In recent years, the district has budgeted tightly and has not had to exceed the tax cap, nor has the district been forced to raise the tax levy.

A meeting will be held March 21 by the Finance Committee to review the BOCES budget and provide updates to the draft budget.

A second public forum will be held that evening during the board of education meeting, officials say.

School board officials are expected to adopt the 2024-25 budget proposal during the April 22 board of education meeting with a final budget hearing to be held May 9. The annual budget vote will be held at the Massena Community Center on May 21 with the new budget expected to be implemented on July 1.

According to Superintendent Ron Burke, the calendar is a very typical budget calendar but plans are in motion to hopefully begin the process sooner in the future. Burke said he has also held meetings with building administrators to create plans for the future budget as well.

Though school officials say they will seek the maximum state aid as

they have in years past, the emergency heating project and temporary heating pipe may cut into those funds.

That project, which has been in the works during Christmas break, is expected to set the school back nearly \$600,000 and is complicating pickup and drop-off of students.

Superintendent Ron Burke told board of education members that state officials may cut back on aid to the school for future projects after the district approved a contract not to exceed \$575,000 for the emergency project.

"At some point they may come back to us for the next project and say, 'OK, we've already given you X number of dollars in aid for that pipeline. We're deducting that from future aid on your project.' I think we need to go into this with the idea that we're going to apply for the aid. We're going to have to get the aid but don't be surprised at the end, 10 years from now, that we really did end up paying for the project," Burke previously said.

Burke said the district did plan to redo the entire HVAC system for the high school in a future project, moving away from the boiler systems in the CAB building and instead utilizing new systems in high school.

"That's still the plan," Burke commented. Burke said the emergency project may complicate matters but that doesn't mean the district will not try to continue to secure state aid in the future.

"We're going to fight for all the aid we can get. But worst case scenario, this almost \$600,000 may essentially be on us as taxpayers," he previously said.

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County to get second Family Court justice

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- St. Lawrence County will have a second Family Court justice following elections in 2024 after Governor Kathy Hochul signed legislation to add 21 justices throughout various courts across the state.

The move to add another justice is one the county has long explored, according to County Attorney Steve Button.

"When assessing the number of cases St. Lawrence currently has and after conversations with the Office of Court Administration it became apparent that St. Lawrence County has twice as many cases as the next closest court within the judicial district," Button said.

That backlog has caused a number of problems in recent years with multiple parties arguing that the process to be heard in court is taking far too long.

County officials were joined by state representatives in recent years to request the addition of a second justice but it was just last week that the Governor signed legislation to add the position.

Button said adding a second justice to Family Court will provide relief and will hopefully speed up many cases but that relief is still some ways off.

"This will alleviate the significant delays in these sensitive matters and we are pleased to see this come to fruition," Button said.

Button said the position is expected to be on the ballot in 2024 with the elected justice slated to take the seat in 2025.

Among other issues that need to be addressed, Button said a new court room will need to be addressed as there is not currently enough space to accommodate the two justices.

In addition, staff will also need to be hired, office spaces will need to be added and various administrative duties will need to be addressed.

"Obviously these are good problems to have and we are happy this is finally coming to fruition for the county. This will be a big step forward for the Family Court System," Button said.

Water line work underway

MASSENA -- Work is underway to repair a main water line that feeds the village of Massena after a rupture was discovered on Dec. 27.

As of 8 a.m. this morning, Hunter Underwater Specialties LLC was on scene to determine the cause and scope of the damage. Once identified, divers will also conduct work to repair the line.

In a press release issued Dec. 28, Mayor Greg Paquin said the rupture occurred at approximately 7:55 a.m. on Dec. 27.

The line, which runs under the Grasse River from the end of George Street to Andrews Street, feeds a significant amount of water to the village.

The water system suffered a severe temporary loss of pressure, which can allow sediments to infiltrate the system at the point of the rupture, Paquin wrote.

A boil water advisory was put in place shortly after.

"When this occurs, it necessitates a 'Boil Water Advisory'. A Boil Water notice is issued by water utilities or health agencies as a precaution to protect consumers from drinking water that may have been contaminated with disease causing organisms (also called pathogens). It was

The issue of office space for the courts is not a new one, with legislators recently forward with a project to update the county Public Safety Complex.

The county awarded multiple contracts valued at nearly \$5 million at a special meeting on Dec. 18.

The project includes a Public Safety Answering Point (911 Center) for the County with expanded workstations and upgraded technology, a new Emergency Services Suite, a District Attorney's Office and Grand Jury Suite, a new location for the Civil Office of the Sheriff's Office, and a new suite for the Detectives of the Sheriff's Office.

Local contractors were the recipients of the county contracts.

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.

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.

for this reason and out of an abundance of caution that the Village called for the Boil Water Advisory," Paquin wrote.

Following the rupture, the line in question was shut down with valves on both sides of the river.

The village is currently using a redundant line to get water to residents.

No timetable has been established regarding the repairs, Paquin wrote.

"Water samples were taken yesterday after pressure in the system was reestablished. Samples from four different locations in the Village were sent to Converse Labs in Watertown, NY. Four more samples are to be taken today as well. We have asked that these tests get expedited so we receive the results quicker. It is anticipated that we will have results back from yesterday's samples today, and the results from today's samples sometime tomorrow morning. The hope is that the Boil Water Advisory will be removed tomorrow morning," Paquin wrote.

Paquin said residents should check local radio, television, print media and social media sources for updates regarding the Boil Water Advisory.

Massena village committee assignments

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA — Committee assignments have been announced for Massena village trustees and few changes are scheduled.

According to Mayor Greg Paquin, village trustees assigned to the newly renamed Emergency Services Committee will work with the Massena police and fire departments along with the rescue squad.

"We felt it only made sense to incorporate all three within one committee to make sure we had better communication and so the departments are on the same page," Paquin said during the board's Dec. 19 meeting.

Committee assignments are generally unchanged following the re-election of Trustee Shelyn Peets in November to finish serving a one-year unexpired term.

Committee assignments are as follows:

- Deputy Mayor- Chad Simpson
- Budget Committee- Christine Winston/Shelyn Peets
- Budget Committee— Full board
- Economic & Community Development Committee- Shelyn Peets/Ken McGowan
- Code Enforcement/Code Book Committee- Ken McGowan/Chad Simpson
- DPW Committee- Shelyn Peets/Ken McGowan
- Emergency Services Committee-

Chad Simpson/Christine Winston/Greg Paquin

Employee Contracts & Insurance Committee- Ken McGowan/Chad Simpson

Personnel Committee- Shelyn Peets/Christine Winston

Recreation Committee- Christine Winston/Ken McGowan

In other action, trustees approved the final schedule for monthly meetings, which are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

The schedule is as follows:
January 16, February 13 (One week earlier), March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19, and December 17.

Appointments approved in Massena

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA — Massena village trustees formally approved over a dozen annual appointments set to run from December 2023 through December 2024.

Trustees re-appointed Fischer, Besette, Muldowney & McArdle, LLP as village attorney with Matthew McArdle as the first point of contact. Melissa Ward was also reappointed as deputy village clerk for two more years.

Trustees re-appointed Kevin Felt as village treasurer for an additional two years.

Felt was also re-appointed as the village tax collector, which is appointed on an annual basis.

Kelly Zakarauskas was re-appointed deputy treasurer for two more years and will also serve as deputy tax collector.

Maryann Childs was also appointed to an annual appointment as deputy tax collector as well.

Other appoints during the meeting are as follows:

- Fair Housing Officer- Shelyn Peets
- Section 3 Coordinator- Shelyn Peets
- School Crossing Guard- Cindy Bain
- School Crossing Guard- Gary Gladding
- School Crossing Guard- Gayle Hamilton
- School Crossing Guard- Nicole LaPradd
- School Crossing Guard- Kourtne Trotter-Noel
- School Crossing Guard- Alice Giroux
- School Crossing Guard- Harry Forney
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- Massena Housing Authority-

Elaine Dunne-Thayer
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Planning Commission- Larry Logan

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Well over a decade ago now, I left my first newspaper job to deliver pizzas. Although I had a degree in journalism and about four years under my belt at the Ogdensburg Journal, changes at the company led me to seek green pastures.

Editor's Notebook

Jimmy Lawton



While my professors have served me well, it's true that there is nothing quite like learning on the job. I was fortunate enough to learn from Jim Reagen, Chuck Kelly and Ryne Martin and worked with a dozen other reporters and editors in St. Lawrence County, but in truth I made more money delivering pizzas.

I believe it was around 2012 when I read that NorthCountryNow.com was looking for an editorial assistant and I decided to apply.

At the time there was only one edition of the paper. The paper featured one or two "bylined" stories a week. There was a big emphasis on events listing and dutiful postings of community organization's work. The website was largely an aggregate site, that is to say it was mostly links to other websites.

In truth, the drudgery of working as an editorial assistant was a bit mind-numbing compared to my previous journalism experience, which had me battling with

state officials, local municipal leaders and covering a barrage of meetings that were sometimes heated. I'd often be assigned to cover interesting community groups and organization events I'd never known existed.

In time, then News Editor Craig Freilich convinced my publisher Bill Shumway that I needed to be writing original content, rather than entering data.

It wasn't long after that I began writing more and more news stories. Soon we added another body to the newsroom.

Over the next few years, we grew the small operation into a news organization that was covering meetings and writing original stories. We launched a Massena-Ogdensburg Edition of the paper in 2013.

We added to the advertising and news staff and slowly became the dominant news source in the area. Our website now featured only a few links and was full of original content, local events and press releases.

We eventually out-grew the small office on Depot Street in Potsdam and moved to a new location on Clarkson Avenue. We continued to grow our news staff.

Our model was succeeding in an industry that was seeing massive problems nationwide. Across the country, newspapers were folding or being purchased by hedge funds and gutted.

Of course, then the pandemic struck. Most non-digital indus-

tries took a major hit due to forced closures and regulations as to their ability to advertise.

My publisher worked to find new revenues. We launched "Spotlight" pages. We created a paid edition of our paper to allow us to collect revenue by running legal notices, which also allowed the majority of county residents to have access to notices placed by local governments.

We also joined the many other papers across the nation in attempting to capitalize on online revenue to keep things afloat.

We asked the community to help us fund the website through subscriptions. We hoped our product was strong enough to garner that support.

We tried to keep the cost as low as possible - the goal was to provide news coverage to the public at a cost of less than 1 cup of coffee per week.

Fortunately, many of you answered that call and that's what has allowed us to retain our newsroom.

It's appreciated. Many local news organizations throughout the nation have not been so fortunate.

Now one of the biggest questions we've been asked since we launched the new site last week is why did we do it. The answer is really simple. It's because we had to.

The Drupal software version our old website was built on was no longer going to be supported.

Now one of the biggest questions we've been asked since we launched the new site last week is why did we do it. The answer is simple. It's because we had to.

there are things we like and dislike about the new site as well.

Somewhere in all this mess I was named News Editor. It's been quite the journey.

At the end of the day I chose this career because I believe in the fourth estate. Informing citizens is important and celebrating the achievements of people in our area is important.

The new changes to the website should allow us to do a better job in many areas. We have an improved events calendar, we have the ability to display photos better, we have a website that is responsive to the type of device that's being used and we have many back end improvements which we hope translates to more time for reporting.

The truth is that this organization has been in a state of constant change since before I started here and it's remained that way ever since.

It's what's allowed us to succeed and we'll need to continue to change to meet the demands of the industry, which is struggling nationwide.

For those of you that have supported North Country This Week over the years, we can't thank you enough.

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Jimmy Lawton is news editor of North Country This Week and NorthCountryNow.com

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Great PAL Christmas party

Our Massena Police Activities League (PAL) Christmas Party was a huge success. Every one of our kids left with smiles on their faces, which left our hearts feeling so full.

We are thankful to BJ's Wholesale in Massena for partnering for our angel tree.

Thank you to community members, friends and families for contributions, job gifts and donations.

Thank you to Maranda (Sugar Valley Bakery) & Matthew Rowley (Grinch) for their continuous love and support of our program.

We hope everyone had a magical holiday season.

Chris Linchy,
PAL Executive Director,
and **Noelle LaTrace,**
PAL Program Manager

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Majority are not making New Year's resolutions.

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Debbie Morgan | NC

NCNow Survey:

Are you making a New Year's resolution in 2024?

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION: Are you making a New Year's resolution for 2024?

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: Governor Kathy Hochul has signed legislation that largely outlaws some hunting and fishing competitions in an effort to curb 'the wasteful taking of certain wildlife.' In a press release issued by the governor's office,

Hochul said the legislation targets contests, competitions, derbies and tournaments held for prize money or entertainment. The new regulations will go into effect in November 2024. **Do you support a new law banning some hunting and fishing competitions in New York State?**

TO TAKE THE CURRENT SURVEY, visit bit.ly/3H43Oet.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

City Councilor Cilley ready to serve

I was truly humbled by the large turnout of citizens and city employees at the inauguration ceremony for myself, Mike Tooley, Jennifer Stevenson, Donna Trimm, and Mike Weaver on Saturday, Dec. 30, 2023.

I wish to express my thanks to the citizens that elected us to the Ogdensburg City Council and for having the faith in us to deal with the situation that the city finds itself in.

This experience began when my friend, Blair Roethel approached me about running for Mayor. I wish that he were here to celebrate with me. Blair, and several other citizens continued to encourage and support me over the past three and a half years. I made the decision to run for council once the extremely qualified

Mike Tooley expressed an interest in running for Mayor. I feel that the new councilors, along with the returning Dan Skamperle and Mike Powers will make a good team to lead the city back to prosperity.

I must also thank my wife, Kim, for her support and encouragement throughout.

Please do not expect a January miracle. We have to work within the budget provided to us by the previous council for the first year. We are taking over an understaffed government with many unfilled positions that are vital to the proper operation of city government. Together with our dedicated city employees, and the support of the citizens, we will restore our city. Please bear with us, and be patient. We will get the job done, but it is going to take a while to return to normalcy.

R. Storm Cilley
Ogdensburg City Councilor



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Winter beauty in The Falls

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Submitted by Scott Hilyard

\$2,500 donated to St. Peter's Outreach

Laborers' Local 1822, along with NYS LECET, recently presented a \$2,500 donation to St. Peter's Outreach Christmas Program. This program offers a variety of food plus a Christmas dinner kit, Christmas gifts for each child in the families served along with winter clothing, coats (if needed), hats and mittens/ gloves, pajamas, a book and wrapping paper. This year, the Christmas Program helped 350+ families and

441 children in Massena. St. Peter's Outreach Christmas Program co-chair committee members, Marylou Francia, Vice President; Beverly Robinson, Secretary; Elaine LaPage, Pantry Manager; Carole Toomey, Thrift Store Manager; Kitty Samuel, Christmas Program Manager; and Scott Hilyard, Business Manager, Laborers Local 1822.

Falls Fest Flannel Fling set for Jan. 27

RENSELAEER FALLS – As winter is about to blanket The Falls in a serene snowscape, the Falls Festival Committee is thrilled to announce the upcoming Falls Fest Flannel Fling, set to take place on Jan. 27 from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Rensselaer Falls Fire Hall.

In a letter to local business partners, Co-Chair Michael Hammond extended an invitation for businesses to be part of the festive celebration.

“As we gear up for our Falls Fest Flannel Fling, we invite you to contribute to the joy by participating in our hourly giveaways during the event,” expressed Hammond. The Falls Festival Committee brings a frosty twist to this call for support by unveiling a matching donation initiative for local sponsors. “Whether it’s a half dozen cinnamon rolls, a pizza, or a monetary contribution, your generosity will be highlighted across social media, North Country Now, and the radio,” emphasized Hammond. The Falls Fest Flannel Fling promises to be the ultimate

winter escape, said Hammond. Attendees can anticipate a night of music, savory delights, and captivating moments, he said. The Common Revolution Band will set the stage for revelry, and a Charcuterie Board Buffet, featuring Bella-Brook's Winery delights, will keep the spirits high.

Adding to the excitement, a Photo Booth will capture the evening's best moments, and a 50/50 drawing and hourly giveaways will offer attendees a chance to win big, said Hammond. Tickets, priced at \$30 each, are now on sale, and interested attendees can contact Bri Backus or Michael Hammond for purchases.

“Dress cozy, unleash the fun, and support The Falls Festival - 2024. This year's Flannel Fling promises an even more epic winter celebration than last year's NYE event!” exclaimed Hammond.

For businesses wanting to participate call 315-276-0189 or email rfmayorhammond@gmail.com.

WHAT'S GOING ON

FRIDAY, JAN. 5

Art program

OGDENSBURG -- The Remington Museum will offer its Consider This program on Friday, Jan 5 at noon. This on-site program takes place in person at the Museum and offers guided exploration of Frederic Remington's ca. 1904 oil painting Russian Infantry Going to the Front, which is on loan to the Museum for its centennial exhibition. Docent Luanne Herzog will guide the discussion. Read more about this great program. Call (315) 393-2425 or email Laura Desmond to sign up. Sponsored by The Enchanted Edible Forest at Cross Island Farms.

WEDS., JAN. 10

Amvets meet

HEUVELTON - Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St., will hold its regular meeting Jan. 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Class of 1974 to meet

NORFOLK -- Members of the NNCS Class of 1974 are encouraged to attend a meeting to begin plans for their 50th class reunion. The meeting will be held at Breggs Winery, Norfolk, on Wednesday, January 10, at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 10, 2024. Deborah, dmorgan9@twcny.rr.com, 3152449144.

SATURDAY, JAN. 6

Rabbit derby

NORFOLK - Ther 1st Annual Rabbit Derby & 1st Annual Squirrel Hunt will be held at Norfolk Rod & Gun Club, Norfolk Club, 53 Cemetery Rd., off Plumbrook Road on Saturday, Jan. 6. Prizes will be awarded in an Adult & Junior (ages 12-15) category for both Rabbits & Squirrels (can be any species of rabbit or squirrel). Registrants must present one of either species by 4 p.m. at the Clubhouse to be eligible for 3 top prizes drawn from entries . Pre-register until Jan. 5 at 4 p.m. at Merriman's Lumber, Norwood; Al Smith's Superette, Norfolk and Evans & White Ace Hardware, Potsdam. Registration will be Jan. 6 from 7-10 a.m. at the Clubhouse. Registration will be \$20 for rabbits & \$10 for squirrels.

Work-based webinar

CANTON - The St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce is offering a lunch and learn webinar, “Work-Based Learning,” on Wednesday, Jan. 10 from 12-1 p.m. via zoom. Presenters will be Bianca Christian and Lori Sheffield from the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Career and Technical Education Program. Sign up for this webinar at www.visitstlc.com/calendar or contact Laura Pearson at 315-393-3620 or Laura@slcchamber.org. Wednesday, January 10, 2024. . .

THURS., JAN. 11

BOCES board meets

CANTON - The St. Lawrence-Lewis Board of Cooperative Educational Services will hold a regular board meeting Thursday, Jan. 11, at the Educational Services Center, 40 W. Main St., beginning at 6 p.m. Board member James Lattimer will be joining via zoom from Florida.

Used book sale

BRASHER FALLS -- Friends of the Badenhausen Public Library will hold a used book sale on Saturday, Jan. 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Badenhausen Library, 897 Main St. Featured this month will be self-help books. Book prices are as follows: Adult hardcover \$2, adult paperback \$1, children's hardcover \$1, and children's paperback and board books 2/\$1. Funds raised will benefit the Badenhausen Public Library. Friends of the Badenhausen Public Library will hold book sales on the first Saturday of each month as an on-going fundraiser. 9:00 a.m., - 1 p.m., Saturday, January 6, 2024. Badenhausen Public Library 897 Main St. , Brasher Falls, NY.

SUNDAY, JAN. 7

Hike at Lampson Falls

CLARE - Nature Up North will host a First Week Hike starting at the Lampson Falls trailhead in Clare on Sunday, Jan. 7 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. The hike is fun and easy. Snowshoes will be available for use depending on conditions.

Fiddlers jam

POTSDAM -- The North Country Fiddlers is inviting acoustic players of all kinds and listeners to its January Jam on Sunday, Jan. 7, from 2-4 p.m. at the Potsdam Public Library. The event will start with a workshop, followed by a few familiar jam favorites and then some round robin at a quicker pace.

Cards, collectibles

MASSENA -- A sports cards, coins and collectibles show will be held Jan. 7 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the American Legion. There is a \$1 door fee. First 20 people are admitted free. Door prizes.

FRIDAY, JAN. 12

Blood drive

GOVERNEUR - St. Lawrence Health is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, Jan. 12, at the Gouverneur Community Center, 4673 State Highway 58, from 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Donors must be healthy, at least 16 years of age, and weigh at least 110 lbs. Consider a Double Red donation if you are O Neg, O Pos, A Neg, or B Neg. Donors can pre-register using RapidPass (www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass). Pre-registration can only be completed the day of the drive prior to arrival. Registration can be made online at www.redcrossblood.org, or by contacting 1 (800) RED CROSS. First time donors and walk-ins are welcome. For a list of upcoming blood drives sponsored by St. Lawrence Health, please visit <https://stlawrencehealthsystem.org/about/events>.

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Lisbon farm lit up for Christmas Day

Christmas lights at the Zufall Farm in Lisbon on Christmas Day during the full moon.

Annual North Country Chili Cookoff returns

The Volunteer Transportation Center Foundation will mark the 25th anniversary of its Annual North Country Chili Cook-Off this February. The event will return in the hybrid format it adopted last February, being offered first at participating restaurants and businesses in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties and culminating with its in-person event at the Dulles State Office Building in Watertown.

"We're excited to be back for what will be our 25th anniversary of this fun community event and crucial fundraiser," said Jeremiah S. Papineau, Director of Communications and Foundation Director for the VTC. "We had great success last year by marrying the restaurant-to-restaurant format we offered during the COVID-19 pandemic with our traditional in-person event. It was the best of both worlds."

The North Country Chili Cook-Off has historically been a one-day event at the Dulles State Office Building, held on the first Saturday in February. However, as Mr. Papineau stated, the event was modified during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021 to focus on hosting a month-long competition among participating restaurants and businesses in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties throughout February. That format repeated in 2022 while large gatherings were still frowned upon and, earlier this year, the VTC merged the two formats, with nearly 30 restaurants in the tri-county area participating and 17 teams competing at the Dulles State Office Building.

"The restaurant-to-restaurant format started as a way to keep the spirit of our event alive until we got back to our in-person event and as a way to shine a light on local businesses as they were facing challenges brought on by restrictions related to the pandemic," said Mr. Papineau. "It became so popular we decided it made sense to keep that format going as a way to lead up to our in-person event."

The North Country Chili Cook-Off will return in February starting with its restaurant-to-restaurant format Thursday, Feb. 1, which will run through Wednesday, Feb. 21. Participating restaurants and businesses will make available samples of their chili entries during regular hours of operation during that time and the public will be able to vote for their favorite entries. The entry

with the most votes will receive a plaque denoting the winner of the People's Choice Award for the tri-county competition. In addition, participating locations will again be able to compete for the Top Fundraiser Award by collecting donations for the Volunteer Transportation Center Foundation. The participating team with the highest amount raised will receive this special recognition. Winners of both awards will be recognized at the in-person event at the Dulles State Office Building on Saturday, Feb. 24.

In addition to signing up restaurants and businesses interested in being participating locations for its off-site portion of the cook-off, the VTC is hosting registration for amateur and professional teams interested in competing in its in-person event at the Dulles State Office Building. The in-person event can accept a maximum of 35 teams. Each entry at the in-person event will be scored by a panel of local judges, with winners taking home top bragging rights and cash prizes.

Those wishing to enter the competition at the Dulles State Office Building must complete an entry packet and those wishing to be a participating location for the tri-county competition must register in advance. The registration process for each may be started online at www.volunteertransportationcenter.org or by calling Mr. Papineau at 315-303-2590. Information may also be requested via email to foundation@volunteertransportation.org. Additional paperwork will be provided once the initial registration form has been received. The deadline to register for the cook-off is Friday, Jan. 14.

In addition, sponsors are being sought for this event, with those interested encouraged to reach out to Mr. Papineau by phone or email. The deadline for sponsorships is also Friday, Jan. 14.

Proceeds of the North Country Chili Cook-Off will benefit the Volunteer Transportation Center, which provides essential rides to health care appointments, grocery shopping, and other destinations for residents with no transportation alternatives. Funds raised through the cook-off are earmarked to provide transportation to veterans and their family members, which make up roughly one-third of those transported by volunteer drivers through the VTC.

BRIEFLY

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Christmas bags prepared

MASSENA — The U.S. Customs and Border Protection prepared Christmas bags for all of the Mas-

senas Meals on Wheels recipients. They donated about 80 bags of snacks, filled with cheese, meat sticks, crackers and chocolates. "Our recipients were feeling the Christmas spirit when they were delivered with their meal," said Stacie Sweet, the new director at Mas-sena Meals on Wheels, following Sister Cindy Sullivan's retirement last month.

Constitution class offered at Ogdensburg library

OGDENSBURG – The Ogdensburg History Museum will offer a series of classes to learn about the U.S. Constitution.

The first class will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at the museum located at 206 Ford St.

The instructor for the class is Susan Weidler and the class is sponsored by Swe-Kat-Si Daughters of the American Revolution.

The classes will be held once a month and are open to ages 12 and up. Refreshments will be served and participants will receive certificates and recognition during Constitution Week in September.

For more information about the classes, please contact the Ogdensburg History Museum at (315) 528-0733.

CALENDAR . . .

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SAT., JAN. 13

Auxiliary meets

HEUVELTON - Amvets Ladies Auxiliary 1997 will meet at the post at 107 State St. on Jan. 13 at 11 a.m.

Open mic night

NORFOLK -- An open mic night hosted by the BackWater Duo will be held Saturday, Jan. 13 at 8 p.m. at The Coach Tavern, 3 West Main St. Will focus on performance arts like comedy (sketch or stand-up), music (singer-songwriters, rappers, musicians and karaoke singers), magicians, poets, and spoken word.

Seniors dance

MASSENA -- The Massena Senior Citizens will host a dance on Saturday, Jan. 13, from 5-9 p.m. at 61 Beach St. Cover charge is \$5 per person with Eagle Country playing. Kitchen is open 4:30-7 p.m. The public is welcome.

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Silver medalist visits local skaters

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Rabbit, squirrel hunt planned in Norfolk

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Al Smith's Superette, Norfolk and Evans & White Ace Hardware, Potsdam.

Registration will be Jan. 6 from 7-10 a.m. at the Clubhouse.

Registration will be \$20 for rabbits & \$10 for squirrels.



Submitted

Free skate draws hundreds in Potsdam

The Raquette River Lions Club has sponsored five days of free ice skating during the holiday break at Potsdam's Sandstener Arena for over 25 years. Exact numbers for this year are not available, but over 100 skaters were on the ice on December 27, with other days having similar attendance.



BOCES | Submitted

Harrisville senior Tanner Sullivan pictured with his family along with Boys Varsity Basketball Coach Brian Coloney as they celebrate Sullivan's 1,000-point scoring

Harrisville athlete scores 1,000th point in basketball

HARRISVILLE. – Senior Harrisville Central School student athlete Tanner Sullivan just joined the 1,000-point scorer club.

Sullivan reached the major milestone while the Boys Varsity Basketball team was taking on Ogdensburg Free Academy at the Sackets Harbor Tour nament on Dec. 16.

When Sullivan scored his 1,000th

student career point, the game was paused and Sullivan was presented with a custom basketball to mark the achievement.

It was a great game for both Sullivan and the Harrisville Pirates as a whole. Sullivan scored 28 points during the game, and the team was victorious with a final score of 66-38.

SLC Snowmobile Association gets \$250,000 grant

St. Lawrence County Snowmobile Association has been awarded \$250,000 from round 13 of the Regional Economic Development Council Initiative.

The REDC will award \$26.6 million to 72 projects as part of the Environmental Protection Fund, along with \$2.4 million from the federally funded Recreational Trails Program, which will support 15 projects.

The grants for the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) will support two projects in the North Country, including the \$250,000 grant for the county snowmobile association to

fund a new groomer for the Child-wold SnoPackers to use on the Remsen Lake Placid Railroad Corridor.

The St Lawrence County Snowmobile Association is made up of eight clubs in the county; Childwold Sno Packers, Colton Sno-Skippers Inc, Dairyland Snowmobile Club, Edwards Snowmobile Club, Grasse River Groomers, Heuvelton Punchlock Travelers, St Lawrence County Club, and TriTown Trailblazers.

The RTP is an assistance program with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration.

BRIEFLY

Maple Run in Canton

CANTON – Registration is Open for The Maple Run Half Marathon and 5K in Canton. 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. Register at themaplerun.com. Follow them 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.

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NorthCountryNow.com launches new upgraded website

STAFF REPORT

North Country This Week

Literally years in the making, NorthCountryNow.com has launched a new website aimed at improving delivery of news, advertising and events to viewers and subscribers.

Work on the upgraded site began two years ago and involved thousands of hours of time by the staff of North Country This Week / North Country Now and Creative Circle Media Services of Rhode Island. Creative Circle has helped redesign more than 350 web sites and 650 publications.

The new NorthCountryNow.com is designed to be more user-friendly, with larger typefaces for stories, more photos and better display.

"We are pleased to provide St. Lawrence County with a cutting-edge local news website," said Publisher Bill Shumway. "We hope area residents appreciate the cleaner appearance and new features."

In addition to a fresher appearance, the new site is capable of offering new features now and in the future and even allows users to post and promote their own events.

Viewers can now click on the North Country This Week logo at the top of all pages to view current and past issues. After selecting an issue, in the upper right, viewers can click the "TV screen" icon to view in full screen and the double arrow

icon just to the right to choose a variety of viewing options. Viewers on phones will appreciate being able to now enlarge the page, a feature that was not previously available.

A new day-by-day calendar is featured in the third column of the homepage on desktop and accessed by the "Calendar" button in the blue toolbar on phones. The calendar can be displayed by a specific day or the entire calendar can be viewed at any time. Organizations are now also able to submit information about their upcoming events at any time after setting up an account.

Although the appearance has changed, viewers and subscribers will find the local content they've come to enjoy remains.

"Although there are always some growing pains, I believe the new website will allow us to better display our work and improve the user experience," News Editor Jimmy Lawton said. "We're able to display high-quality photos and we've added an events calendar that's displayed on our

homepage."

Five full-time editors and reporters keep NorthCountryNow.com updated with news about St. Lawrence County government, police, fire, community events, obituaries and other issues 365 days a year from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. The site relies on both advertising and subscriptions to provide the financial resources necessary to provide comprehensive local news service.

"We hope area residents appreciate the valuable local news service provided by North Country Now," said Shumway. "Your support is essential for us to continue providing the important service."

To ensure full access to all stories, viewers can subscribe for about the cost of a cup of coffee a week.

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St. Lawrence Health centralizing support services

BY ADAM ATKINSON

North Country This Week

POTSDAM — Local residents and patients may have noticed several new St. Lawrence Health office buildings and treatment spaces opening up around the county in recent months.

The new spaces are part of a planned relocation of certain departments as the health system zeros in on a major expansion at the Canton-Potsdam Hospital and reorganization of space at its other hospitals in the region.

Among the changes, SLH's accounts payable, compliance, human resources, information systems, patient finance and quality departments have all been relocated to the SLH Regional Administrative Campus at 6196 U.S. Highway 11, just outside the village of Canton.

The relocations have all occurred in the past three months, said SLH Pamela Klosowski, SLH communications specialist.

"It has long been the plan for St. Lawrence Health's non-clinical administrative services to be housed off-site in one location, where they can work more collaboratively and efficiently with other non-clinical support areas," Klosowski said. "Since they are system-wide services, they are conveniently located mid-way between Gouverneur, Massena, and Potsdam where our three hospitals are located."

"The office moves also permit much-needed office spaces to open up inside our hospitals for clinical purposes. It also allows for additional patient and visitor parking on the hospital campuses," she said.

Office hours for those departments at the Regional Adminis-

trative Campus are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Other recent relocations include Potsdam Cardiology's move to the Potsdam Plaza at 201 Market St.

Also relocated there is the SLH Provider Scheduling Call Center, Klosowski said.

Other change-ups include the temporary move of the SLH Administrative C-Suite to The Quarry at Old Snell Hall, 41 Elm St., in Potsdam.

The Quarry is also now housing the SLH Clinical and Rural Health Research offices, and the Isabella Graham Hart School of Practical Nursing.

St. Lawrence Health has undergone a great deal of change in recent years. An affiliation with Rochester Regional Health, the purchase of a section of Cottage Street adjacent to Canton-Potsdam Hospital and several properties on that block and the construction of a \$70 million four-story bed tower at the hospital are just a few of the major changes for the regional health-care provider.

The bed tower project, once complete, will add a 121,000-square-foot expansion to the Canton-Potsdam Hospital building.

The tower will give the facility a major facelift and create needed space for patient care at the hospital. It will also provide a modern elite building to accommodate future workforce development and residency training.

The first floor of the new tower will be dedicated to the hospital's new emergency department and will provide up to 28 treatment areas.

The tower will add 60 new single occupancy rooms, and the fourth floor will be a dedicated OB wing.

MASSENA PUBLIC NOTICE

VILLAGE OF MASSENA PLANNING BOARD
2024 MEETING SCHEDULE

January 10	July 10
January 25	July 24
February 14	August 14
February 28	August 28
March 13	September 11
March 27	September 25
April 10	October 9
April 24	October 23
May 8	November 6*
May 22	November 20*
June 12	December 4*
June 26	December 18*

(*Please note change in November and December due to holidays, 1st and 3rd Wednesday those months)

*** Please note *** The board is scheduled to meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each Month. Meetings are scheduled at 5:00 P.M. If you do not receive an agenda before the meeting date, there will not be a meeting.

STOCKHOLM NOTICE OF TAX COLLECTION
NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the undersigned, the collector of taxes of the Town of Stockholm, has received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes for the Town of Stockholm for the fiscal year **January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024**.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the undersigned will receive the taxes listed on said roll at her office located at 540 State Highway 11C, Winthrop, NY, Town of Stockholm, St. Lawrence County, New York, during usual business hours, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM on the following days: Monday – Thursday.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that taxes may be paid to the undersigned without interest on or before the **thirty-first day of January**. Taxes received after the 30-day penalty free period shall have interest added at the rate of one per cent for each month or fraction thereof until such taxes are paid or until return of unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer pursuant to law. The date for the return of unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer is **June 1, 2024**.

DATED: January 2, 2024

Heather Kish
Collector of Taxes
Town of Stockholm

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 # (2023-33) St. Lawrence County Public Safety Complex Renovations – Low Voltage Work
Bid Opening Date: January 30, 2024 @ 3:00 PM

Notice to Bidders: Qualified bidders may submit bids for project as described in this ad notice. Submit bids according to the instructions to Bidders.

Project Identification: (2023-33) St. Lawrence County Public Safety Complex Renovations – Low Voltage Work
Project Location: 49-1/2 Court Street, Canton, NY 13617, United States

Owner: St. Lawrence County
Owners Representative: Ruth Doyle

Architect: Beardsley Architects +Engineers
Architects Representative: Michael Reynolds, RA

Project Description: See section 00 21 13 Instructions to Bidders

Construction Contract: Bids will be received for the following work:
A single contract for Low Voltage Work incorporating the following scope:
a. Modifying and expanding an Addressable Fire Alarm System
b. Provide a new Access Control System
c. Provide a new Intrusion Alarm System
d. Provide a new Video Surveillance System
e. Provide a new Video Wall System
f. Provide a new Information Technology Cabling System

Bid Submittal and Opening: Owner will receive sealed lump sum bids until the bid time and date at the location given below. Owner will consider bids prepared in compliance with the Instructions to Bidders issued by Owner, and delivered as follows:
a. Bid Date: January 30, 2024
b. Bid Time: 3:00 PM local time
c. Location: St. Lawrence County Purchasing Office, 48 Court Street, Canton, NY 13617

Bids will be thereafter publicly opened and read aloud.

Bid Security: Bid security shall be submitted with each bid in the amount of 5 percent of the bid amount. No bids may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after opening of bids. Owner reserves the right to reject and any all bids and to waive informalities and irregularities.

Pre-Bid Meeting: A mandatory Pre-bid Meeting will be held: See Document 002513 "Pre-bid Meetings"

Documents: Bid documents will be provided in electronic format (PDF) by St. Lawrence County. Contact the St. Lawrence County Purchasing Department at 315-379-2207. Bidders may distribute these documents to sub-contractors and suppliers as they see fit.

Time of Completion: Successful bidders shall begin the work on receipt of the Notice to Proceed and shall complete the work within the Contract Time.

Bidder's Qualification: Bidders must be properly licensed under the laws governing their respective trades and be able to obtain insurance and bonds required for the work. A performance bond, separate Labor and Material payment bond, and insurance in a form acceptable to Owner will be required of the successful bidder. See section 00 21 13 Instruction to Bidders for additional qualification requirements.

Notification: This advertisement for bids document is issued by St. Lawrence County.

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MASSENA PUBLIC NOTICE VILLAGE OF MASSENA ZONING BOARD 2024 MEETING SCHEDULE January 1 - No Meeting July 1 July 15 August 5 February 5 August 19 February 19 September 16 April 1 October 7 April 15 October 21 May 6 November 4 May 20 November 18 June 3 December 2 June 17 December 16 *** Please note*** The Board is scheduled to meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Meetings are scheduled at 5:15 P.M. If you do not receive an agenda before the meeting date, there will not be a meeting.

MORRISTOWN NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND REGISTRATION OF VOTERS OF THE MORRISTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE MORRISTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that pursuant to a Resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the District on December 19, 2023, a special meeting of the qualified voters of said School District will be held at the Main Lobby of the Main School Building located at 408 Gouverneur Street, Morristown, New York, on February 13, 2024, from Noon to 8:00 p.m., prevailing time, for the purpose of voting on the following proposition:

PROPOSITION Shall the Board of Education undertake a capital improvement project consisting of the reconstruction and renovation of, and the construction of improvements, additions and upgrades to the District's main school building, transportation building, and the sites thereof, the purchase of original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required in connection with the purposes for which such buildings, facilities and sites are used, all to include site, access, parking, athletic field and playfield improvements, demolition, utility, mechanical, plumbing and electrical improvements as well as payment of professional fees and all other necessary costs incidental to such work (the "Project") at a total maximum estimated cost of \$16,951,375 and to pay for the Project by (i) spending \$3,000,000 on deposit in the District's existing Capital Reserve Fund approved by the voters in May of 2021, (ii) by expending \$500,000 of available funds, and (iii) by the levy of a tax which is hereby voted in the amount of \$13,451,375, subject to available State aid or to any other revenues available for such purpose, which tax shall be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, bonds and notes of the District are hereby authorized to be issued at one time, or from time to time, in the principal amount not to exceed \$13,451,375, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the principal and interest on said obligations when due?

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that qualified voters of the District may obtain applications for an absentee ballot or an early voting ballot from the office of the Clerk of the District. Completed applications for an absentee ballot or an early voting ballot must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. A listing of all persons to whom an absentee or early voting ballot is issued will be available for inspection by any qualified voter in the office of the Clerk of the District during regular office hours until the day of the election.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that military ballots may be applied for by qualified voters by requesting an application from the District Clerk at 315-375-8814, ext. 21001, or sbasford@mcsk12.org. Completed applications for military ballots must be received by the Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 19, 2024. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail. An individual will qualify as a military voter if he or she (1) is a qualified voter of the State of New York, who is in actual military service, and by reason of such military service is absent from the District on the day of the election, or is a voter who is discharged from military service within 30 days of an election; or (2) a spouse, parent, child, or dependent of such service member who is a qualified voter and is absent due to accompanying or being with the military service member.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Morristown Central School District has previously complied with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (the "SEQRA Act"), Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, as amended, and the Regulations of the Department of Environmental Conservation thereunder (the "Regulations"). No further action under the SEQRA Act and Regulations is required.

DATED: December 19, 2023 BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION: Stacey L. Basford, District Clerk Morristown Central School District

LOUISVILLE PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Town of Louisville will hold a public meeting to award the bid for the Louisville Water Treatment Plant upgrades (20-0086) at the Thomas J Carroll Louisville Municipal Building located at 14810 State Highway 37 at 6:00pm on January 26, 2024. 12/28/2023 Joanne Cameron Louisville Town Clerk

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Notice of Formation of CS NY Miner Holdco, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 12/22/23. Office location: St. Lawrence County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Corporate Creations Network Inc., 600 Mamaroneck Ave. #400, Harrison, NY 10528. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

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 NOTICE OF MEETING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Stockholm Town Board will hold their Annual Organizational meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 5:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building, Winthrop. The regular meeting will immediately follow at 6:00 P.M. These meetings are open to the public. Heather Kish Stockholm Town Clerk DATED: December 21, 2023

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Notice of Formation of Sleeping Fox LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-10-06. 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 Austin Bailey: PO Box 751 Canton NY 13617. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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

HOPKINTON NOTICE OF MEETING SPECIAL MEETING The Town Board of the Town of Hopkinton will hold a Special Meeting on Monday, January 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hopkinton Town Hall. This meeting will be to open received bids for the Town of Hopkinton Town Hall Renovation Project, and any other business that comes before the board. The public is encouraged to attend. DATED: January 5, 2024 Richard L Powers Town Clerk

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

LOUISVILLE PUBLIC NOTICE The Town Board of the Town of Louisville, County of St. Lawrence, New York, on the 27 th day of December, 2023 adopted a resolution pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York a summary of which is as follows: To issue its serial bonds or statutory installment bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,869,686.00 for the purpose of paying the costs of the Town of Louisville's upgrades and improvements to its water treatment plant, including improvements to the existing filtration process equipment, that services all water districts within the Town, pursuant to the Preliminary Engineering Report dated July 2021, revised through November, 2023, of Capital Consultants Architecture and Engineering on file with Town Clerk of the Town of Louisville which plans are available for public inspection, the total cost of which is not to exceed the sum of \$2,869,686.00. A complete copy of such resolution is filed at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Louisville, St. Lawrence County, New York and is available for public inspection during regular business hours. The validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town of Louisville, County of St. Lawrence, New York is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication if this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

LOUISVILLE PUBLIC NOTICE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the taxes may be paid to the Louisville Tax Collector without interest on or before the thirty first day of January. Taxes received after the 30-day penalty free period shall have interest added at the rate of one percent for each month or fraction thereof until such taxes are paid or until return of unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer pursuant to law. The date for the return of unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer is June 1, 2024. DATED: 12/28/2023 Terri O'Keefe Tax Collector, Town of Louisville

OSWEGATCHIE TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the undersigned, the collector of taxes of the Town of Oswegatchie, has received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes for the Town of Oswegatchie for the fiscal year January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the undersigned will receive the taxes listed on said roll at her office located at 51 State St, Heuvelton, NY 13654, Town of Oswegatchie, St. Lawrence County, New York, during usual business hours: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 8:00 - 11:30 am and 12:30 - 4:00 pm. Wed 8:00 - 11:30 am only. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, the taxes may be paid to the undersigned without interest on or before the thirty first of January. Taxes received after the 30-day penalty free period shall have interest added at the rate of one per cent for each month or fraction thereof until such taxes are paid or until return of unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer pursuant to law. The date for the return of unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer is June 1, 2024. Vicki L. Thornhill, Collector of Taxes Town of Oswegatchie December 29, 2023 Joanne Cameron Louisville Town Clerk 12/28/2023

LOUISVILLE PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Louisville Tax Collector will receive the taxes listed on said roll at the town office located at 14810 State Highway 37, Town of Louisville, St. Lawrence County, New York, 8:00am to 3:00pm, Monday through Friday.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Notice of Formation of 81 Pierreport Avenue LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-09-22. 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 Timothy J. Wagoner: 5 Market St Alexandria Bay NY 13607. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

COLTON PUBLIC NOTICE THE TOWN OF COLTON The Town of Colton will hold a public hearing regarding Town of Colton Local Law No. 1 of 2024. This law will address alternates for the Zoning Board of Appeals. This public hearing will be held at 5:45pm on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 in the Colton Town Hall at 94 Main St., Colton, NY 13625. All are welcome to attend.

HOPKINTON NOTICE OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the undersigned, the collector of taxes of the Town of Hopkinton, has received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes for the Town of Hopkinton for the fiscal year January 01, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the undersigned will receive the taxes listed on said roll at his office located at 7 Church St., Town of Hopkinton, St. Lawrence County, New York, during usual business hours of 9:30 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays; and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. on Wednesdays, beginning January 3, 2024.

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Dated: December 28, 2023 Richard L Powers Collector of Taxes for the Town of Hopkinton

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE HOPKINTON FIRE DISTRICT 2024 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hopkinton Fire District, in the Town of Hopkinton, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York, will hold the organizational meeting for the year 2024 on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at the Hopkinton Municipal Office, located at 7 Church Street, Hopkinton. The regular monthly meeting will follow. This notice is being publicized and posted in accordance with the provisions of Section 104 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York.

By order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Parishville Fire District.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 585 HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 11/8/23, St. Lawrence Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to Zenbusiness Inc. 41 Sate St #112 Albany, NY 12207 General Purpose

BRASHER NOTICE AND RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the undersigned, the collector of taxes of the Town of Brasher, has received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes for the Town of Brasher for the fiscal year January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the undersigned will receive the taxes listed on said roll at her office located at 11 Factory Street, Town of Brasher, St. Lawrence County, New York, during usual business hours, i.e. 7 AM to 4 PM on the following days: Monday-Thursday. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that taxes may be paid to the undersigned without interest on or before the thirty first day of January. Taxes received after the 30-day penalty free period shall have interest added at the rate of one per cent for each month or fraction thereof until such taxes are paid or until return of unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer pursuant to law. The date for the return of unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer is June 1, 2024 DATED: December 29, 2023 Bethany St. Hilaire Collector of Taxes Town of Brasher

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Notice of Formation of 15 Lincoln Street LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-09-22. 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 Timothy J. Wagoner: 5 Market St Alexandria Bay NY 13607. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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COLTON NOTICE OF MEETING The Town of Colton's Planning Board will hold a meeting January 16, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall, 94 Main Street, Colton NY. The Board will continue work on a comprehensive plan for the town. Respectfully submitted, Kirke Perry Chair, Planning Board Town of Colton

COLTON NOTICE OF MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Colton-Pierreport Central School Board of Education will hold its regularly scheduled board meeting @ 5:30 p.m., January 17, 2024, in the library. Jennifer Fleury Board Clerk

COLTON PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the undersigned, the collector of taxes of the Town of Colton, has received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes for the Town of Colton for the fiscal year January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the undersigned will receive the taxes listed on said roll at his/her office located at 94 Main St., Town of Colton, St. Lawrence County, New York, during usual business hours, i.e. 8:30AM to 4PM on the following days: Monday-Thursday. For the month of January only. Fridays as well. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that taxes may be paid to the undersigned without interest on or before the thirty first day of January. Taxes received after the 30-day penalty free period shall have interest added at the rate of one per cent for each month or fraction thereof until such taxes are paid or until return of unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer pursuant to law. The date for the return of unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer is June 1, 2024 DATED: December 29, 2023 Jennifer R. Cole Collector of Taxes Town of Colton

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BLIGHT...

Hardy said. A structure fire damaged the property in 2022 and no improvements have been completed short of a partial board up of large openings, according to Hardy.

Village Attorney Matthew McArdle, who operated as the hearing officer on Sept. 12, asked Hardy if the property remained in the same condition today as it did in March 2022 after the fire.

"It's continually getting worse," Hardy replied.

Hardy told trustees and McArdle that he completed every requirement before recommending the property be torn down.

According to Hardy, two notices were sent to the owner on file, and a phone call to the owner's lawyer went unreturned despite the attorney saying they would call back.

Hardy said he also completed an inspection on Aug. 7, 2023 that included a full walk around, photos of the property, photos of the interior of the property from areas that remain open and a video from the day of the fire.

Those photos and videos were submitted to McArdle and trustees to paint a picture of the extent of the damage.

As part of village code, Hardy also said the property was in violation of multiple aspects of village code chapter 120, which governs unsafe structures in the village.

Under the code, the property is violation due to extensive foundation damage, improperly distributed loads due to fire damage, inadequate sanitation, large openings due to fire damage, along with smoke damage, insufficient stairways, lack of egress, detached parts that are on the verge of falling down and other dangers that present health and safety concerns to the public and neighbors.

When asked what his recommendation would be for the property, Hardy did not hesitate.

"My recommendation is that the structure should be demolished and torn down," Hardy said.

Trustees followed Hardy's lead,

voting unanimously to remove the structure if the owner does not bring it into compliance with village code, a feat that Hardy said will be impossible to do given the extent of the damage from the fire and the decay of the property over the last year and a half.

"This has been an issue within this community for quite some time and the neighbors would be happy to see it removed. I'm concerned this structure may not last another winter," Hardy said.

SHERIFF...

Engle says he's pleased more schools have brought law enforcement into their buildings in the form of school resource officers, but says the current program being used by the county could use some adjustments.

As it stands the sheriff's office is willing to hire and train deputies if the schools are willing to cover the cost. Engle says that's a hefty sum for many schools and would create a glut of deputies in the summer months when school isn't in session.

In regard to the county's ever-growing drug problem, Engle believes expanding the county's drug task force is one of the steps that should be taken, but added there is no "silver bullet" to the problem which isn't just a local one.

He said substance abuse addiction recovery programs need improvements to ensure people aren't just kept clean for 28 days and then thrown back into the same environment. He also noted that the costs for existing treatment programs and the recovery success rate make for high costs and poor results.

He says that bringing in other agencies and professionals to the table to tackle issues is an important part of bringing in the resources necessary for change, because law enforcement alone can't stop the problem.

As for the law enforcement end though, Engle says that under the current administration the drug task force has shrunk, for a number of reasons and that needs to change.



Sheriff Rick Engle (right) and Undersheriff Shawn McCarger took their oaths on Monday.

He said reduction in some local police forces is a contributor but said strained relationships between the departments is also a major contributor.

"The bond between law enforcement isn't there anymore. It is between rank and file, because we're all in the same trenches but as far as the line of communication between administrators and the sheriff's office, it's not there anymore," he said.

In a previous interview with North Country This Week, Engle said he is confident of the administrative functions of the office and the team he has in place.

"You have people that are in supervisor positions, like your sergeants. You promoted them because you trusted them. You were confident in their abilities," he said. "There is a chain of command for a reason. So it's about putting the right people in the right position and letting them do their jobs."

He says as sheriff he believes he can improve morale of the sheriff's deputies, the corrections officers inside the sheriff's office and rebuild relationships with other law enforcement agencies.

MAYOR...

trimmed the budget to barebones in efforts to make the city financially solvent.

which he says are important to the community.

Tooley said he also hopes to rebuild partnerships with the Ogdensburg City School District and the Ogdensburg Public Library, both of which saw strain in recent years.

Tooley said courtesy matters when it's between councilors, employees, other government agencies and citizens. He said he intends to lead as a courteous and respectful mayor.

"We may not always agree as we explore ways to make lives better in the city, but these disagreements do not need to become personal," he said.

Tooley encouraged citizens to work with city council as they begin work in 2024.

"As my comments today demonstrate, I am hopeful for the future of Ogdensburg, but we need the help of many. We need the help from our federal, state and county governments. We need help from our local employees. We need help from all of you, our citizens," he said.

Tooley asked city residents to pay attention to city issues so they can help make informed decisions about the future of the city.

"He encouraged residents to form opinions and share them," he said. "You may have elected the five of us to enact changes but that doesn't mean your job as citizens is done"

Other new members of council also spoke at the event, which was well attended. Watch the inauguration at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pXK09tKtGgs>

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 12 Stead
 13 Spanish aunt
 14 Tortoise's opponent
 15 Ride-sharing arrangements
 17 Work units
 18 Sixth sense
 19 Forbidden acts
 21 Stylish wrap
 24 Flintstones' pet
 25 Comic strip possum
 26 "Yellow" band
 30 Where Lux. is
 31 Primitive
 32 Brit. record label
 33 Slapstick missile
 35 Perched on
 36 Evergreens
 37 Icky
 38 Where Gauguin painted
 41 Pen name
 42 Out of the storm
 43 Temporary lodging
 48 Furnace fuel

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1 Pampering, for short
 2 Estuary
 3 Not 'neath
 4 Elvis' birth-place
 5 Halt
 6 Texas tea
 7 Historic French prison
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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Trivia Test

1. GEOGRAPHY: In which city is the Brandenburg Gate located?
 2. TELEVISION: Which 1990s TV show catapulted actor George Clooney to fame?
 3. MOVIES: Which department store is featured in the 1947 holiday film, "Miracle on 34th Street"?
 4. LEGAL: What kind of legislative body is bicameral?
 5. FOOD & DRINK: What is the main ingredient in guacamole?
 6. LITERATURE: In "The Night Before Christmas" poem, how many reindeer does Santa Claus have?
 7. CHEMISTRY: Which chemical element's symbol is C?
 8. HISTORY: Who is the first female chancellor of Germany?
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Neighborhood centers install 'Naloxboxes'

POTSDAM – The Northern Area Health Education Center (NAHEC) and Seaway Valley Prevention Council took a significant step in combating opioid overdoses by installing Naloxboxes at the St. Lawrence County Neighborhood Centers recently.

Boxes were placed in the Neighborhood Centers in Potsdam, Canton, Parishville, Pierrepont, Colton, and Massena.

These installations will provide each community with safe access to eight doses of Narcan, a life-saving medication for opioid emergencies.

NAHEC points to a Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) grant for the opportunity to extend these services across St. Lawrence County Schools.

Other organizations throughout the County are eligible to receive a NaloxBox. Organizations interested in installing a Naloxbox at their location can contact whitney@nahecnet.org.

New AEDs for fire department

RENSSELAER FALLS – Members of the Rensselaer Falls Fire Department acknowledged Mary Dolan, community member in Rensselaer Falls, for spearheading a fundraising campaign to purchase two AEDs (automated external defibrillator).

One was placed on a fire truck (E-51) and the other was placed in the firehall. AEDs are used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrests.

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Samaritan's Healthy Lifestyles is designed to provide direction to those interested in pursuing healthier habits and teach how to self-manage one's own health.

Samaritan's Healthy Lifestyles is designed to provide direction to those interested in pursuing healthier habits and teach how to self-manage one's own health, fitness routine, and overall wellness in the years ahead.

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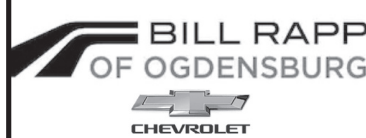
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**Cornell Cooperative Extension
 St. Lawrence County
 After School Educator**

Deadline to Apply: January 17, 2023

POSITION SUMMARY:

This 10-month position will serve as an Afterschool Program Educator for Cornell Cooperative Extension of St. Lawrence County and will provide comprehensive 4-H youth development opportunities for youth in grades K-5 at the Extension Learning Farm of St. Lawrence County. This position will provide established guidance and direction for program participants and after-school activities, including club and life skills, as well as assisting youth during the academic study portion of the program. This position will provide instruction utilizing established 4-H curriculum in the areas of agriculture, environmental science and natural resources, science, technology engineering, and math (STEM). This position will utilize existing program resources and materials in program work, assist in the creation of program lesson plans, utilize a variety of delivery methods and assist in delivering established innovative educational programs as assigned.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Specify required minimum equivalency for education, experience, skills, information systems knowledge, etc.
- Associate's Degree or equivalent education (GED/High School Diploma and 1 year transferable/program experience).
 - Experience is relevant to the role of the position.
 - Ability to meet travel requirements associated with this position, including valid NYS driver's license.
 - Ability to meet acceptable background check standards (DMV and criminal background checks).
 - Ability to meet all School Age Child Care (SACC) and Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) licensing requirements (i.e. Tuberculosis Test, physical exam, background check, and training requirements).
 - Ability to meet acceptable background check standards (After-School Checks – Grant Based).
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 - Ability to work flexible hours which may include evenings and/or weekends, as appropriate.

<https://stlawrence.cce.cornell.edu/administration/employment-opportunities>

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Licensed Practical Nurse

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Minimum Qualifications:
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Direct Care Job Opportunity

Mental Health Therapy Aide

Make a difference in the lives of individuals with mental illness!

Minimum Qualifications:
High School Diploma or High School Equivalency Diploma (GED)
License Requirement: Depending on assignment, you may be required to possess a valid license to operate a motor vehicle in New York State at the time of appointment and continuously thereafter.

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Preschool 4 classroom. Qualifications needed: B.A in Early Childhood or Childhood Education, A.A.S. in Early Childhood Education or CDA Credential in Preschool care and experience working with young children. Wage range: \$15.40 - \$15.85 per hour. Apply online at www.potsdam.edu/community/spccc. Email letter of interest, an updated resume and three current reference letters to: Lori Moulton at moultojl@potsdam.edu or mail to SPCCC, 185 Outer Main Street, Potsdam, NY 13676. Applications accepted until position is filled. Anticipated start date of January 2, 2024. SPCCC, Inc. is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

Administrative Assistant: Local law firm with offices in Ogdensburg, Malone, and Watertown looking for an individual to primarily answer phone calls and assist as needed with the operation of the office. Must possess computer skills and should be comfortable working with Microsoft applications including Outlook, Word, and Teams. This is an in office position which may be performed in any of our offices. The position is full time, Monday-Friday from 8:00-4:00, pay will be \$15-\$18/hour depending on qualifications. Benefits include paid days off, medical and dental insurance, and 401(k). Please email cover letter, resume, and references

to lgrandy@carlislefirm.com.

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Secretary - Part-time, permanent. Must have proficient computer skills and comfort using Mac OS. Job responsibilities include document creation, office management, database maintenance, email, coordination of church calendar & building use. The ideal candidate enjoys multi-tasking, has excellent organizational and people skills, works independently, and will maintain confidentiality. A very rewarding position where you WILL make a difference. Depending on abil-

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2024-25 TENURE TRACK POSITIONS

(1) Library Media Specialist
(1) Chemistry Teacher (or alternate science)
(1) Secondary Math Teacher
(0.5) Physical Education/(0.5) Health Teacher OR
(1) Physical Education Teacher AND (0.5) Health Teacher
(1) Special Education Teacher
(1) Elementary Teacher
Deadline: Monday, January 15

2024-25 LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE


Secondary Social Studies Teacher is needed starting Sept 1, 2024 for 20 wks.
Applications accepted until filled.

IMMEDIATE POSITION

A floating long-term substitute teacher for all grade levels.
Applications accepted until filled.

NYS certification required.
Applications available to submit online at <https://www.heuvelton.k12.ny.us/>

Direct Inquiries to:
Tessa Herron, District Clerk
therron@heuvelton.k12.ny.us or 315-344-2414 x28891
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Hospice is expanding the AIM palliative care program and has immediate openings for **full time, part time and per diem Nurse Practitioners** to provide home-based palliative care consultations throughout St. Lawrence County. AIM provides pain and symptom management and education and support to families and caregivers, while working with and supporting patients' primary care physicians.

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

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

BRUSHTON-MOIRA CENTRAL SCHOOL
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT



Brushton-Moira Central School District (EO/AEE) is currently accepting applications for the 2023-24 School Year for the following positions:

- (2) School Counselor or School Psychologist
- 7.75-hour Bus Driver/Monitor/Laborer
- (2) 3.75-hour Bus Monitor
- 8-hour Cleaner/ Food Service Helper

Applications can be found at <https://www.bmcsd.org/home/employment-opportunities>

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

Brushton-Moira Central School, Attn: District Office,
758 County Route 7, Brushton, NY 12916

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Assistant Residential Manager are responsible for the operation of the facility in the absence of the Residential Manager. They may also be assigned to more than one home.

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Potsdam Program Coordinator & Assistive Technology Specialist

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

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

Position is open until filled. EOE

Potsdam Alumni Events Coordinator

College Advancement is accepting on-line applications for an **Alumni Events Coordinator (Staff Associate)** to join a team of dedicated professionals tasked with engaging members of the SUNY Potsdam family. This 10-month position is responsible for coordinating all regional, local, and virtual alumni events, including management of regional alumni volunteers, planning and implementation of the College's annual Reunion celebration, and electronic communications to alumni which includes social media, email, and website updates.

The successful candidate will bring exceptional interpersonal, organizational, and writing skills; flexibility, professionalism, and capability to manage multiple events, projects, and deadlines.

To review the complete job description and/or apply, visit employment.potsdam.edu, job posting number U-00540. SUNY Potsdam alumni are encouraged to apply. EOE

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Are you struggling with

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We are looking for experienced, energetic and enthusiastic caregivers that demonstrate a commitment to caring for people in a home-based setting.

If you are not already certified, training will be provided.

A valid driver's license is needed, as travel is required.

Northern Lights Home Health Care is supported by the consortium of Canton-Potsdam Hospital, Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center, and United Helpers Management Company, Inc.

To apply, visit mynorthernlights.org or mail resume to:

Northern Lights Home Health Care

Attn: Kathy Race
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kathyrace@nlchha.org
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CONTACT: St. Lawrence Child Care Council to enroll by calling 315-393-6474 or emailing BStewart@StLawrenceChildCare.org today!

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As a Direct Support Assistant
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As a Developmental Disabilities Secure Care Treatment Aide
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The Sunmount Developmental Disabilities State Operations Office (DDSOO) is seeking DSAs and DDSCTAs.

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

As a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

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

The Sunmount Developmental Disabilities State Operations Office (DDSOO) is seeking LPNs. Minimum Qualifications: Must have a current license and registration to practice in New York State, or a limited permit to practice in NYS, or an application on file for a limited permit to practice in NYS.

For more information:

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