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## Cost splitting questioned

**BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI**  
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MASSENA -- The Massena Community Center is a joint venture between the town and village of Massena and village officials want to know why they are continuing to invest more resources into operating the facility.

That was the topic of conversation during the village board's Jan. 16 meeting, with village officials saying that administrative time spent just in booking the community center takes significant time each week.

Trustee Ken McGowan spoke to the management of the joint owned facility, questioning why the majority of the work falls to the village.

"I'm not sure why the village is the only one providing manpower to take care of it," McGowan said.

McGowan suggested possibly getting the Joint Recreation Department involved to assist since some events held there are recreational in nature.

"I know they have their own issues with it but I just, I'm not sure why the village is the only entity doing anything there. So, I think it should be split. Maybe there's a back history there, I don't know. You know, I'm not sure why the village administrator's handling it with the DPW. I'm not sure why it's not a joint effort," McGowan said.

Officials also noted the contribution rate disparity, saying the town contributes around 38% towards the

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The city flag was at half-mast to honor former Mayor Richard Lockwood who served in the position for 20 years.

## City honors former mayor Richard Lockwood

OGDENSBURG — The longest-serving mayor of Ogdensburg has died.

Richard "Dick" G. Lockwood passed away Friday, Jan. 19, at the age of 85.

In 1980, Lockwood was voted Ogdensburg mayor, where he served the community for 20 years and earned the spot as the longest tenured mayor of Ogdensburg.

He also served as President of

the New York State Conference of Mayors as well as sitting on various local community boards and organizations.

In 1960, he started his teaching career as a science and math teacher at John F. Kennedy Elementary School, later becoming principal of Madill and Lincoln Elementary Schools. Lockwood eventually took

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## Main Street project's future uncertain

**BY JIMMY LAWTON**  
 North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG -- Plans to bring a family fun and miniature golf center to the city's waterfront are in limbo as the city council works to sort out a mess created by a 2022 request for proposal property sale.

On Jan. 9 Ogdensburg city council agreed to buy back a parcel at 17 Main St. It was sold to William Hosmer who had planned to construct a brewery there.

The property at 17 Main St. was purchased in April 2022 by Hosmer's company River Street Brewing Company for \$10,000 through a request for proposal process.

At the time Hosmer had sought to purchase a larger parcel at the same address, but because At the Docks LLC, a business owned by Christo-

pher Frary, who also owns the nearby Tiki Bar, had expressed interest in purchasing the same property at an earlier date, the city agreed to divide the parcel.

The plan was to sell half to Hosmer and the other to At the Docks, who planned to use the property for dock storage as part of plans for more waterfront development in the area, including a potential restoration of the former Ramada Inn, though no details have been publicly shared at this time.

At the time, Hosmer was required to present plans to the city on a short timeline, which he met.

The request for proposal also included language that would allow the city to buy the property back from Hosmer should he fail to follow

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## Local districts already back to basics

**BY MATT LINDSEY**  
 North Country This Week

State officials say they are taking steps to improve reading proficiency by requiring all schools to use "Science of Reading" by 2025, but many St. Lawrence County schools shifted to science-based reading instruction several years ago.

The new "Back to Basics" reading plan was announced recently by Governor Kathy Hochul as part of her 2024 State of the State address.

According to state officials, students who do not achieve proficiency in reading by the end of grade three are four times as likely to drop out of school.

Dropout rates have steadily increased in recent years, officials say, with students from disadvantaged backgrounds being even more likely to drop out of school.

"Reading proficiency has declined; however, we believe there are several contributing factors beyond school programming that have impacted

student achievement in the area of reading," said Brooke Reid, assistant superintendent for curriculum, instruction, technology & assessment at Ogdensburg City School District.

As part of the plan, schools will teach phonemic awareness, phonics, decoding, vocabulary, and comprehension, state officials said.

One local superintendent voiced support for the statewide changes, but says he has been using

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Massena Figure Skating Club | Courtesy

## Super skaters

Massena Figure Skating Club recently held their annual Learn to Skate competition, with the theme 'Skating to Superpowers'. Skaters were invited from all the local clubs. Among the skaters, from left, are Sonja Mitchell and Piper Stokes.

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# Village joins program to net grant cash

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

MASSENA — Massena officials have signed off on participation in a federal and state Department of Transportation Program that could net the village thousands of dollars for infrastructure upgrades.

According to Department of Public Works Superintendent Marty Miller, the village was contacted by the state DOT to take part in a pilot program known as the Thriving Communities regional pilot program. Miller said he responded and received correspondence shortly after that the village was accepted into the program.

Following acceptance, Miller said he was tasked with selecting a project for the village that fit the DOT requirements, which inevitably led to the North Main Street Project, which has been in the works for a few months now.

Miller said it is his hope to make it a complete green street “to help infuse more grant funding along with the DRI funding” into the proj-

ect “along with everything else that’s going on in the village.”

Miller said he was already working on the project with the Adirondack Agency prior to the DOT reaching out to take part in the new pilot project.

“I thought it was a pretty good time to put that out there,” he said.

The \$10 million Downtown Revitalization Initiative was awarded to the village of Massena in Dec. 2021 and includes funding for streetscape improvements, along with business investments and tourism promotion efforts. Projects for the DRI grant have largely been selected, however local businesses are still able to apply for funding through the Core of the Community fund, established with the DRI.

The program, which stems from the state’s Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI), provides an opportunity for businesses in the DRI zone to apply for a grant between \$10,000 to \$50,000, officials say.

Massena was awarded the \$10 million DRI grant in Dec. 2021 and has since finalized a number of projects for consideration for funding. The Core of the Community Grant program, which was a centerpiece of the application, will provide \$540,000 in grant funding to a number of businesses throughout

the village, officials said at the time.

“This fund is a testament to the village’s commitment to economic development and architectural heritage,” village officials wrote in a press release.

The grants can be used for a wide range of downtown enhancements, including but not limited to new signage, awnings, development of commercial interiors, apartment renovations, storefront and facade improvements, masonry work on brick facades and modernization of plumbing, HVAC and electrical, officials say. Other opportunities for applicants include acquiring new permanent machinery and equipment, as well as the creation of murals or public art installations “that reflect Massena’s vibrant community spirit,” officials say.

Interested business owners and entrepreneurs are encouraged to apply by visiting the village of Massena website at [www.massena.us](http://www.massena.us).

A full list of details related to the grant application process, eligibility requirements and submission guidelines are available on the village website, officials say.

For assistance or inquiries about completing the application, contact LaBella Associates’ Senior Planner Jamie Konkoski at [jkonkoski@label-lapc.com](mailto:jkonkoski@label-lapc.com) or (518) 491-9884.



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## Enjoying the sledding snow

Ogdensburg resident Faith Clary, with help from her dad, Travis Clary, starts down the hill at St. Lawrence State Park, Ogdensburg, during the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday.

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## Jailed on bail jumping charge

MASSENA — A Massena man was jailed Sunday on bail jumping charges, according to state police. Joshua J. Love, 32, was charged

with third-degree bail jumping at 10:30 p.m., officers said. His bail was set at \$2,500, police said.

# City casts nationwide net for city manager search

BY JIMMY LAWTON  
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG -- Ogdensburg City Council is hoping to fill the vacant city manager position swiftly following a lengthy vacancy that raised many concerns from the public.

The seat was left vacant after the departure of Mohideen Buharie who served in the position for less than a year in 2023.

On Jan. 9 City Council announced they’d be hiring a consultant to assist with the search for which they are planning to cast a nationwide net.

The city will accept applications until March 22 and is advertising a salary range for \$125,000 to \$150,000.

At a minimum anyone applying for the position must be qualified by at least “one year’s special training in public administration

and finance, and by at least three years’ experience in a responsible executive position in governmental administration, or by any equivalent training or combination of experience and training sufficient to indicate capacity for effective governmental administration,” according to the city charter which also requires residency within the city limits while in office, but not at the time of appointment.

Details can be found at <http://ogdensburg.org/DocumentCenter/View/3583/Ogdensburg-City-Manager-Position-Requisites-2024-002>

The new city council was quite active at its first meeting.

Mayor Michael Tooley shared publicly that prior to being sworn, what would be the new council, met and discussed a variety of issues, at that time such action was legal as the council did not represent quorum at the time.

Prior to taking office Tooley frequently called on the prior council to give an update on the vacant city manager position and proposed plans to fill it and followed up on those requests by taking action in his first meeting as mayor.

Former City Mayor Jeffrey M. Skelly said he believed the incoming council should handle the search.

In the past, St. Lawrence County Legislator Jim Reagen, who represents the city at the county level, pushed the former city council to hire interim City Manager Andrea Smith, who has long served as city planner, for the position, but no such action was taken.

Although Smith has filled the role many times during her career she does not reside within the city limits.

There has been no indication by city councilors for a proposed change to the charter and Smith has not publicly expressed interest in seeking the position.

Those seeking more information about the city manager role should contact John C. Kroll at 315-323-2659.

Kroll is serving as a consultant on the search for a fee of \$12,000.

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# Vote on \$65.5 million school project Jan. 23

BY JIMMY LAWTON  
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG -- Ogdensburg School District voters will have a chance to approve or shutdown a \$65.5 million capital project on Jan. 23 beginning at 9 a.m.

Ogdensburg City School District Superintendent Kevin Kendall says due the substantial state aid rate the project is the most effective way to keep school facilities up-to-date and make much needed improvements.

The massive project will span all three of the school districts with \$31.25 million designated for Ogdensburg Free Academy, \$7 million for the Golden Dome, \$9.6 million for Kennedy and \$7.1 for Madill.

The district will be using \$4 million from the capital reserve fund and \$360,000 from EXCEL Aid.

In addition to these funds, New York State would reimburse 98% of the district's spending on this project.

Improvements at OFA include exterior wall and window restoration and replacement; reconstruction of the metal shop, wood shop, drawing room, main gym, auxiliary gym, home and careers, robotics and create program rooms.

It will also include upgrades of mechanical systems and the public address system.

Other upgrades at OFA include improvements to the soccer field and bleachers, baseball outfields, irriga-

tion and message center.

Ogdensburg's Golden Dome would see various improvements including roofing and insulation. New team locker rooms, boards and netting would be included as well. A wheelchair lift and bathroom renovations would also be included as well as upgrades to plumbing and HVAC systems.

- At Kennedy Elementary parking lot and playground improvements would be made. The roof is set to be replaced and various upgrades to HVAC, plumbing and electrical systems are proposed.

- At Madill parking lot will be serviced and the playground will be relocated. Building interior upgrades are planned as well as improvements to the HVAC system.

Also planned is a new transportation facility which will include a drive, parking lot, fencing fuel station, snow scraper and utilities. A new 60 foot by 128 foot building would be added and will include three repair bays.

The project is funded at 98 percent aid ration meaning the local share will consist of only 2 percent of the total project cost.

In preparation for the project the school district has saved \$4 million which will be allocated to the project to cover the majority of the local share and will not have a negative impact on the tax levy.

If approved, construction would likely start in June of 2025.

# School considering intramural sports instead

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- Massena Central School Board members are exploring the possibility of intramural programs after school as an alternative to traditional sports programming.

Board of education members say the activities would be for junior high and high school students and would be a great way to help students socialize, learn how to best work within a team and will help students become more disciplined.

During a recent board meeting, both Jodele Hammock and Patricia Murphy raised the idea of introducing the programming as a means to also help students academically.

"Student athletes do better, they do better in their academics. They follow rules, they know how to socialize. They know how to work as a team, to become disciplined," Murphy said.

Murphy suggested sports that are normally played in gym class may be a good alternative for students, such as pickleball and kickball.

"They love PE but they don't want to join a team because there will be cuts. They possibly would be cut. There's a lot to go along with that," Murphy said.

Murphy also suggested kickball because it's a sport "nearly everybody can do no matter what their skill level."

Volunteers would also be recruited to help coach, she suggested.

"I would definitely be willing to do something like that because it would be fun. I am not the most coordinated athlete, but I like to play. So, I can relate to kids who are like that," she said.

Superintendent Ron Burke spoke of his experience as Canton Central School, saying the district held badminton tournaments in the past.

Burke said it had been some time since he did anything of the sort but noted that intramural programs "are an intriguing idea."

Though some board members supported the idea, Burke said more research would need to be conducted before any such programs are given the go-ahead.

"I think internally we would want to have some parameters met. I would certainly still want to have CPR and first aid just as an abundance of caution. But do we need the coaching classes? I don't think so but I'll check on that as well," he said.

Another concern is transportation, Burke said.

Burke said the possibility of adding such programs would fall under Diversity, Equity and Inclusion because families who are unable to transport their children to and from school for after-school practices would be able to participate in intramural programs.

"We know that there are families that just simply cannot get their child back and forth to interscholastics," he said.

The district will continue to explore intramural opportunities and what requirements may need to be met prior to implementing such programs in the future, officials say.

# Facing drug charges

DEKALB -- Two Hogansburg residents face drug charges following a traffic stop on Jan. 7.

According to the Sheriff's Office, Shane Monaghan, 33, and Marlayna Runions, 18, possessed 9.6 grams of cocaine and some fentanyl. Both were charged with fourth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance (C Felony) and seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance (A Misdemeanor).

Both were arraigned in Hermon Town Court and released.

# Massena town board sets regular meeting schedule

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- North Country This Week is one of three newspapers that have been designated as the town of Massena's official newspapers for the publication of local law notices and other matters required by law to be published.

Town council members approved the measure during the Jan. 3 organizational meeting.

The designation marked the second time in as many days that NCTW was listed as an official newspaper following approval by the St. Lawrence County Legislature on Jan. 2.

The Courier-Observer and Watertown Daily Times were also designated as official newspapers

during the Massena town council meeting.

Town council members also approved the 2024 regular town board meeting schedule. All meetings will be on the third Wednesday of each month beginning at 4:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

The schedule is as follows:

- January 17, 2024
- February 21, 2024
- March 20, 2024
- April 17, 2024
- May 15, 2024
- June 19, 2024
- July 17, 2024
- August 21, 2024
- September 18, 2024
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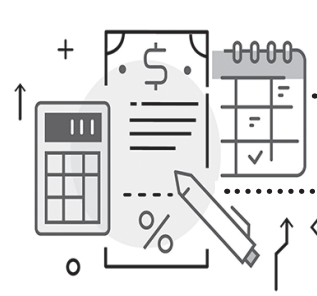
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## OBITUARIES

**Mary Elizabeth (Dalton) Knapp, 80**

Fulton

FULTON -- Mary Elizabeth (Dalton) Knapp, 80, of Fulton and formerly of Chase Mills, passed away peacefully on Dec. 14, 2023, at home.

She was born in Ogdensburg on Feb. 9, 1943, to the late Howard and Anna (Dishaw) Dalton.

She is survived by daughters Theresa Knapp (Matthew) of Medfield, MA, and Patricia (Thomas) Crishock of Fairfax, VA; grandchildren Jacob Enos, Kathryn Enos, Elizabeth Crishock, Margaret Crishock; and brother Paul (Mary) Dalton of Lisbon, his children and grandchildren.

Mary was a 1960 graduate of Madrid Waddington Central Schools and a 1961 graduate of Ogdensburg Business School.

Her first job was at Claxton-Hepburn Hospital where she worked until she married and moved to Phoenix (NY).

Once her children were grown, she returned to the medical field as a unit clerk at A.L. Lee Memorial Hospital where she worked for many years before retiring in 2007.

Mary was a private person with a subtle sense of humor, and if you were in her inner circle, she would share stories about her family and growing up on a farm in the North Country. Her brother recalls that, in her youth, she liked to roller skate with friends, read, go apple and berry picking, and work in the garden; she continued many of these things throughout her lifetime.

Mary Knapp

While raising her children, she was active in the Phoenix Central Schools and with the Girl Scouts.

While working and during retirement in Fulton, she enjoyed traveling, attending local and regional events, and weekly mass - most recently at Holy Trinity.

She also served as an election poll worker at Towpath Towers, and as a volunteer pen pal with Leader-

ship Oswego County.

Mary enjoyed country and classical music, watching PBS, chicken dinners, daisies, and sunflowers; she had a wicked sweet tooth and was very proud of her Irish heritage.

Her family is stunned by her sudden departure but remembers her fondly as the master of the Irish Goodbye.

Calling hours will be held on Fri., Jan. 12, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Sugar Funeral Home in Fulton.

There will be a private gathering for Towpath Towers residents on Jan. 13 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Community Room.

A Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life will be held in the spring at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Waddington, followed by a private burial at Brookside Cemetery.

Flowers may be sent to the Sugar Funeral Home. Donations can also be made to the Golden Agers of Holy Trinity Parish (Travel Fund), Attn: Mary Sugar, 309 Buffalo St., Fulton, NY 13069.

**Barry P. Skipka, 69**

Ogdensburg

OGDENSBURG -- A funeral service for Barry P. Skipka age 69 of Ogdensburg, NY will be held Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at Fox & Murray Funeral Home at 2:00 PM with Deacon Mark Lalonde officiating.

Calling hours will be held prior from 12:00 PM until the start of the service.

Mr. Skipka passed away on the early morning of Thursday, January 11, 2024, at Claxton Hepburn Medical Center surrounded by loving family.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Fox & Murray Funeral Home.

Barry was born on November 25, 1954, in Port Jefferson, New York, the son of Frank J. and Virginia E. (Blackburn) Skipka.

Barry graduated high school from Heuvelton Central School in 1972 and later from Canton A.T.C. with an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice in 1974. After

graduation, Barry worked as a Dispatcher for the Ogdensburg Police Department from February 1975 until 1978.

He then left to become a United States Border Patrol Agent in El Paso, Texas. In December 2004, he retired as a Senior Patrol Agent from the Ogdensburg Station.

He married and later divorced Mary Ann Hynes.

On June 22, 2002, Barry married Vicky Hooper.

He was a member of The International Order of Odd Fellows Seaway Lodge #41 in Ogdensburg and the Ogdensburg Moose Lodge.

He enjoyed gardening, collecting

stamps and coins, going to bingo with Vicky, and going out to eat.

Mr. Skipka is survived by his wife, Vicky Skipka of Ogdensburg; his mother, Virginia E. Skipka of Ogdensburg; his brothers, Curt and Brian Skipka of Belgium; a sister, Michelle and her husband, Tom Carkner of Ogdensburg; his step-children, Shawn (Jade) Crosby of Ogdensburg, Amy Crosby of Potsdam, NY, and Kim Walters of Pope Mills, NY; his in-laws, Arnold and Nancy Hooper Sr.; and many step-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was predeceased by his father, Frank Skipka, and his brother, Mark Skipka.

Memorial contributions may be made in Barry's name to the Richard E. Winter Cancer Center, 5 Lyon Place, Ogdensburg, NY 13669.

Condolences and fond memories can also be shared online at [www.foxandmurrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.foxandmurrayfuneralhome.com).

**Sharon L. Webber, 62**

Massena

MASSENA -- Sharon L. Webber, 62, a resident of Laurel Terrace, passed away Tuesday evening, January 9, 2024, at Essex Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing in Elizabethtown, New York.

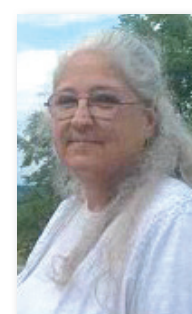
Sharon was born December 9, 1961, in the Town of West Barrington, Rhode Island, the daughter of the late Donald E. Webber and Ida Louise (Stevens) Webber Barrie.

Sharon worked as a nurse's aide for various facilities and more recently at Burger King in Rhode Island.

She also made jewelry and enjoyed crocheting. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

She is survived by her children, Tanya (Jenniffer) McQuoid of Massena, Michala Whitford of Massena, Donald Buxton of Aurora, Illinois, Courtney Fuller of N. Providence, Rhode Island, Katherine Buxton of Providence, Rhode Island, Patrick Buxton of Rhode Island, William Buxton, Jr. of Providence, Rhode Island, Timothy Buxton of Cranston, Rhode Island, and Melissa Buxton of Massena; many grandchildren including, Damon Whitford, Aurore

"Aryn" and Collyn Paquin, Nathen Souza, Madison, and Piper Fuller, and Alexander Buxton; her siblings, Judith Lanardo, Donna Webber, Eileen Silveira, and Cynthia Stanzione, all of Rhode Island; her brothers, Richard Webber of Rhode Island and Kenneth Webber of Massachusetts; and many nieces and nephews.



Sharon Webber

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by a sister, Carolyn Waterman.

Arrangements are under the care and guidance of the Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena, where friends may call on Monday from 2-4 PM followed by a funeral service at 4:00 PM.

Burial will be in Swan Point Cemetery, Providence, Rhode Island at the convenience of the family.

Friends are encouraged to share memories and offer condolences online at [www.donaldsonfh.com](http://www.donaldsonfh.com).

**Jeanne M. Deshaies, 95**

Massena

MASSENA -- Jeanne M. Deshaies, age 95, passed away on Friday, December 29, 2023 under care of Hospice.

Jeanne was a resident at Harbor Health Care in Lewes, DE prior to her passing.

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

Services for Jeanne will take place in the spring at the convenience of the family.

Jeanne was born on April 13, 1928 in Cornwall, Ontario, the daughter of Armand and Dolores (Richer) Bissonnette.

She was educated in Ottawa, Ontario as a boarder at Notre Dame Convent for three years and continued with Cornwall schools followed by graduation from Cornwall Commercial College.

She married John L. Deshaies on December 26, 1949 at the Nativity Catholic Church in Cornwall, Ontario by a friend of the family, Reverend Anatole Walker of the University of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Jeanne was a longtime Massena resident who enjoyed flower gardening, crafts, and spent many years wintering in Florida.

She belonged to several Massena organizations including the Masse-

na Garden Club, Massena Hospital Auxiliary, the K of C retirees, K of C Auxiliary as well as the Hogansburg Seniors.

She also volunteered for many years working at the St. Vincent De Paul store.

Jeanne worked at the Marine Midland Bank in Massena for 15 years until her retirement.

She was also a communicant of the Church of the Sacred Heart in Massena.

She is survived by a son, Michael and wife, Martha of Milford, DE. Two grandsons; Jon Paul Deshaies of Burlington, VT; and Michael Shelly of Santa Rosa, Beach, FL., along with nieces and nephews.

Jeanne was predeceased by her husband of 54 years, John L. Deshaies, in 2003, a son, Paul A. Deshaies in 2022, a brother, Leo Bissonnette, and two sisters, Yvette Leroux and Aline Pulvino.

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



Jeanne Deshaies

## RECENT DEATHS

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

**RANCE BENTON**, 73, Brasher Falls, Jan. 7. Arrangements with Hammill Funeral Home, Winthrop.

**JOSEPH GAGNIER**, 93, formerly of Ogdensburg, Jan. 8.

**IRENE PICKERING**, 90, Lawrenceville, Jan. 8. Arrangements with Hammill Funeral Home, Winthrop.

**SHARON WEBBER**, 62, Massena, Jan. 9. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

**MARIA SAWYER**, 89, Ogdens-

burg, Jan. 9. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

**RICHARD LOCKWOOD**, 85, Ogdensburg, Jan. 11. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

**BARRY SKIPKA**, 69, Ogdensburg, Jan. 11. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

**JOHN WHITE**, 83, Akwesasne, Jan. 12. Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

**MARGARET CECOT**, 86, Massena, Jan. 13. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

**JOSEPH TROMBINO**, 81, Massena, Jan. 13. Arrangements

with Hammill Funeral Home, Winthrop.

**LYNNE DRAPER**, 65, Massena, Jan. 14. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

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**Joseph Austin Gagnier, 93**

formerly of Ogdensburg

OGDENSBURG -- Joseph Austin Gagnier was born in Churubusco, New York on August 9th, 1931.

His passage was on January 8th, 2024.

He leaves a beloved wife, Gertrude Bourque (Trudy), a sister Phyllis Gagnier (Arizona), a sister-in-law Janet Gagnier in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and a brother-in-law in Quebec named Borromée Bourque. Garth, his younger brother passed away on May 3rd, 2020. He also leaves many nieces and nephews.

Joseph was ordained a priest in 1958 in the diocese of Ogdensburg, N.Y., where he ministered for 20 years.

He married and moved to Syracuse, N.Y. where he worked for the New York State Office of Mental and Developmental Disabilities.

He retired and moved to Naples, Florida. He spent 20 years volunteering for Naples Zoo, The Botanical Garden, Wiggins Pass, and North Naples Hospital.

Joe was also involved with the Jamaica Outreach Program with St. John the Evangelist Church.

He will be missed by many. He was a sunshine.

In lieu of flowers, please support the Jamaica Outreach Program and the Parkinson Association of Central Florida.



Joseph Gagnier

# Town board makes annual appointments, committee assignments

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- The Massena town board was busy during the board's Jan. 3 organizational meeting, taking action on a number of resolutions and appointments.

Election officials were sworn in after winning elections in Novem-

ber, including new council members Raymond Lancet and Kristy Baker.

Town Clerk Jeannine Miller was sworn in for another term as well, along with Town Justice Eric Sharlow.

Councilor Pat Facticeau was named deputy supervisor once again, with Town Bookkeeper and Secretary Brenda Moscow being appointed to

her roles once again.

Town Attorney Eric Gustafson will also continue on in that role again, having been appointed by the town council once again.

In other action, town board members also appointed the following town employees:

- Deputy Town Clerk- Sean Lynch
- Deputy Registrar- Sean Lynch

- Marriage Officer- Sean Lynch
- Justice Court Clerks- Christina Barber, Shannon MacCuaig
- Receiver of Taxes- Taya Pryce
- Deputy Receiver of Taxes- Renelle Ryan
- Second Deputy Receiver of Taxes- Brenda Mossow
- Town Historian- Mary Ellen Casselman

- Town Archivist- Linda McDonald
- Superintendent of Highways- Dylan Casselman
- Superintendent of Maintenance/Building and Grounds- Dylan Casselman
- Airport Manager- Dylan Casselman
- Maintenance- Austyn Allen

## OBITUARIES

### Lynne Marie (Desjardins) Draper, 65 Massena

MASSENA -- Mrs. Lynne Marie (Desjardins) Draper passed away early Sunday, January 14, 2024, at the Massena Hospital after a short, but courageous battle with cancer.

Lynne was born on July 14, 1958, in Potsdam, NY, the daughter of Gerard and Elizabeth (Leach) Desjardins.

Lynne was a graduate of Massena Central after attending a number of years at Sacred Heart and Holy Family, and she was the first in her family to attend college, graduating from Canton ATC, before going on to get her beautician's license.

It was at Canton ATC where she met the love of her life, Ernest "Buddy" Draper Jr., after she had been dared to attend an automotive club meeting. They married on June 10, 1978, at the St. Patrick's Church in Brasher Falls, NY.

Lynne loved so many things about life, but there was nothing in this world that she loved more than her family and friends, especially her grandchildren who were her entire world. Whenever she was asked what she did for a living, she would proudly state that she was a mother and grandmother.

She volunteered to help with sports, musical events, and museum activities, and served as a secretary, substitute teacher, and cafeteria worker at Trinity Catholic School. She would do absolutely anything she possibly could in serving others along with supporting her children and grandchildren. She hardly missed a party, game, concert, or awards ceremony.

In her past time, Lynne loved camping and campfires throughout her entire life, especially locally at Coles Creek State Park.

Lynne also enjoyed playing cards, crocheting blankets and other gifts for her family, needlework, bowling with her mother, photographing family events, and being better known as "Grandma Red Light" to her endearing grandchildren for the light that would go off on her camera just before the photo.

Lynne wore her emotions on her sleeve, and it was never a challenge to know how she felt and how much she loved. She also enjoyed telling stories and shopping for every Christmas present she could find for her loved ones.

For Lynne, Christmas wasn't just one day, but an event that lasted all year long, and she had the house decor, closet full of red clothing, musical library, and warehouse of wrapping paper and gift tags to prove it.

Lynne was predeceased by her parents, whom she cared for so deeply and missed so dearly, along with her infant brother, Ronald, whom her family hopes she was finally able to meet after all this time. She was also predeceased by a



Lynne Draper

number of aunts, uncles, and cousins with whom she had so many beautiful memories and stories that she loved to share often.

To celebrate her life and mourn her loss, Lynne leaves behind her beloved and devoted husband of 45 years, Buddy; their adoring sons, Matthew (Erin), Andrew (Carly), and Michael; and her cherished grandchildren, Benjamin, Aaden, Allyson, Abigail and Hailey; along with her sisters and brothers-in-law, several cousins who were far more like the brothers and sisters she never had; two aunts, Leona and Connie, and so many more friends and loved ones.

Calling hours for Lynne will be held on Thursday, January 18, 2024, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm and 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Funeral services for Lynne will be held immediately following calling hours on Friday morning, January 19, 2023, beginning at 10:00 am until the time of services with Rev. Leagon Carlin at 11:00 am at the Phillips Memorial Home, located at 64 Andrews Street in Massena, NY.

A spring burial will be held in Holy Cross Cemetery, Hopkinton, NY in the family plot at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be shared with Trinity Catholic School; 188 Main Street, Massena, New York 13662.

Family and friends are encouraged to share memories, photos, and online condolence by visiting [www.PhillipsMemorial.com](http://www.PhillipsMemorial.com).

### Garry R. Morrow, 82 formerly of Potsdam

POTSDAM -- Garry R. Morrow, age 82 was carried away by the angels to his heavenly home on December 27.

He was born on April 24, 1941, in Potsdam, NY to the late Kermet and Mary Louise (Fallon) Morrow.

Garry graduated from Clarkson College in 1963 where he lettered in hockey and lacrosse and earned his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. He was elected a member of the Phalanx Society, the highest honor bestowed on a Clarkson undergraduate.

Garry began his career in 1963 as a cryogenic engineer at the Linde Division of Union Carbide's Speedway Laboratory in Indianapolis, Indiana where he developed ultralow temperature (approaching -454F) cooling systems for military electronics, cryogenic surgery, oxygen respiratory therapy, long-term preservation of biological materials and high field superconducting magnets for research in the physical sciences.

It was the last of these, high field superconductivity, that was to lead to the successful commercial development of the powerful magnets required for medical Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI).

Garry returned to New York in 1972 to join Intermagnetics General Corp. (IGC) (a spin-off of GE

R&D Center) where he worked in a number of assignments as an engineering and technical marketing executive until

his retirement in 2004 as Corporate Director of Marketing and Sales.

IGC (now Philips Medical Systems) was a pioneer in the development and commercialization of Magnetic Resonance Imaging, now widely deployed as a key element in the field of Medical Diagnostic Imaging. At the 2nd Annual New York State Superconductor Technology Summit in 2011, Garry was selected as a New York State Leader in Superconductivity for his important contribution to the field.

When asked what he did for a living Garry would often reply "I never worked a day in my life! They paid me to spend my days with some of the smartest people on the planet, applying a fascinating technology with seemingly endless potential, to solutions that helped people live longer and better lives. What more could one ask?"

For many years, Garry was an active communicant of Our Lady of



Garry Morrow

Grace Church in Ballston Lake. He shared his faith through his work in the Residents Encounter Christ Prison Ministry Program and, with his wife, Chris, as a member of the Cursillo community.

He also served his community as a long-time member and former president of the Burnt-Hills Ballston Lake Rotary Club where he was a Paul Harris Fellow.

In his leisure time, Garry could be found with friends and family enjoying a variety of outdoor activities including golf, canoe camping on the waterways of his beloved Adirondacks, biking, and both cross-country and downhill skiing.

He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, ready for a family party at the slightest provocation.

Garry is survived by his beloved wife of almost 40 years, Christine Morrow; children, Shawn Morrow (Tammy) and Jacinda Ann Deukmejian; sister, Marilyn Lindy (Dan DeMicco), grandchildren, Liam and Makenna Morrow, as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Along with his parents, Garry was predeceased by his brother, Richard Morrow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions were requested for The Davis Phinney Foundation for Parkinson's, 357 S McCaslin Blvd., Suite 105, Louisville, CO 80027.

### Janet A. Reynolds, 93 Massena

MASSENA -- Janet A. Reynolds, age 93, passed away on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at Groton Community Health Care Center in Groton, NY.

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

There will be no public calling hours.

Graveside services will take place in Ogdensburg Cemetery at the convenience of the family in the spring.

Janet was born on November 28, 1930, in Alburgh, VT, the daughter of the late Lyndhurst and Helen (Fifteen) Oliver.

She was employed at Bell Telephone Company as a switchboard operator, prior to becoming a full-time loving housewife and mother.

Janet is survived by her two sons, Rick and wife, Sharon of Massena, NY and Bill and wife, Ann of Cortland, NY, along with her three granddaughters; Tara, Leslie and Emily, great-grandchildren; Ava, Lukas and Rebel.

In addition to her parents Janet was predeceased by her husband Chester Reynolds and a sister Joyce Bernier.

Online condolences, pictures and memories may be shared with the family by visiting [www.PhillipsMemorial.com](http://www.PhillipsMemorial.com)



Janet Reynolds

### Mary Weinert, 101 formerly of Gouverneur

GOUVERNEUR -- Mary Weinert, 101 years young, passed away on January 14, 2024 at North Country Nursing Home.

From Gouverneur, New York, she was one of 8 children who lived on a farm.

She married Robert Hockey in 1942 that ended in divorce.

She moved to Massena and worked at Alcoa during the war years.

For many years Mary worked at the A&P; when they closed she went to Acme as the Deli Manager.

In December of 1982 she married Arthur Weinert and had 11 Happy Years.

They took many trips around the North Country and traveled to Florida and California.

Mary was a member of the First United Methodist Church and also went to the Grace Methodist Church.

She did Arts and Crafts at the Church. She was also a member of the Stars and Grandmothers Club.

Mary loved having family and friends visit. Going out to a meal with friends or family was one of Mom's happiest times.

Mary was always willing to help family and friends. She loved her dogs, listening to books and watching the Yankees.

Mary had three sons. Larry

deceased, David & wife, Kathy of California, Robert & Mari of North Carolina. Stepson Kevin Weinert, Grandson, Stephen Hockey and four other Grand Children and nieces and nephews.

We are so thankful for Joyce Labaff who treated Mary like a Mother, neighbors and friends

along with the caring Aides who helped Mary live in her home for many years.

Mary loved life and when in pain did not complain. Saying, "I've had a good life".

Arrangements are under the care and guidance of the Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena, where friends may call on January 27, 2024, beginning at 12:00 PM until the time of the service at 2:00 PM.

Burial will be held at the convenience of the family in Mount Zion Cemetery, Webster, Massachusetts.

Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to the American Diabetes Association.

Friends are encouraged to share memories and offer condolences online at [www.donaldsonfh.com](http://www.donaldsonfh.com).



Mary Weinert

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# Village approves E5 contract with added services, 89% increase

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

Massena village trustees approved a contract with E5 Support Services and the Massena Volunteer Emergency Unit that includes an 89% hike but Mayor Greg Paquin said there is a good reason for the increase.

Paquin said the increase is due in large part to an additional shift being added and advanced life support being provided.

"With ALS we, or rather the rescue squad, will receive a higher reimbursement rate," Paquin said.

Trustees originally agreed to a six-month contract during the Dec.

19 village board meeting, which was valued at \$267,582.78 but soon realized the contract should be a five-month contract to directly align with the end of the fiscal year.

The new contract is slated to cost the village \$222,985.65

The 12-month contract from 2023 was valued at \$282,406.70.

When compared to the 2023 deal, the cost per month will rise from \$23,533.89 per month to \$44,597.13 per month.

Paquin said the new contract should be cost-neutral and the rescue squad will be self-sufficient. "The rescue squad has been answering calls at an unbelievable rate for some time now and hopefully the new laws will help with reimbursement," Paquin said.

The law he spoke of is one passed in 2023 by state officials that will allow emergency services to receive reimbursement for services rendered directly from insurance companies.

In years prior, insurance companies would send those funds to the

patient, who in turn were to submit the payment to the service provider.

"Obviously, that didn't always happen but with the new law in place it should make things go much smoother," Paquin said.

That law will be in effect beginning in Jan. 2025.

Paquin also spoke to the fire department, which now boasts cross-trained EMTs after career firefighters completed EMT training at Clarkson University last year.

"They are a separate entity with their own reimbursement but there are situations in which they will always respond, like a cardiac event for instance," Paquin said.

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## Crash with school bus results in charge for Lisbon man

LISBON — A Lisbon man was charged following an accident involving a school bus Tuesday morning.

Troopers responded to Tait Road early Tuesday and an investigation determined a gray 2007 GMC Sierra backed into the driver side of a Lisbon Central School bus, officers said.

The operator of the pickup truck was identified as Patrick F. White-

hill II, 34. He was cited for unsafe backing and released, police said.

No one was injured during this incident.

There were reportedly two students, a monitor, and the driver on the school bus at the time of the accident.

Officials said the accident was minor and there was a scratch and a minor dent on the side of the bus.

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# City plans to hire six new firefighters at a cost savings

BY JIMMY LAWTON  
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG -- Among the first actions taken by Ogdensburg's new mayor and council is a budget amendment which will allow the city to hire six additional firefighters at a short-term cost savings.

During budget preparations Comptroller Angela Gray and others had informed the council that due to the existing contract which provides extra pay to firefighters working short staffed, adding more firefighters to the department would result in saving hundreds of thousands dollars in the short term.

However, the formal council voted against doing so due to concerns that in the long term the number of employees at the fire department would not be sustainable.

It's clear the new council sees things differently.

At the first meeting held Jan. 8 at city hall Tooley announced several budget amendments.

While many were minor, one of the largest was change to the fund balance used to offset the 2024 budget, which was lowered from \$850,000 to \$489,000.

Tooley said this was possible because the city would be saving money by avoiding overtime and hazard pay costs by adding back to the fire jobs.

In total the city used \$340,000 less from its fund balance in the budget by making the change.

The move opens a new chapter and marks the end of a long feud between city council and the fire union which were entangled in legal battles over the past several years.

In the end the legal endeavors cost the city hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal fees and judgements, which led to massive

payouts after an arbitrator ruled that the city had failed to fulfill the agreed upon contracts.

In November twenty-three firefighters, some former and some current, received an average payment of \$23,681.22 in back pay from the city following an arbitration award and interest following an Oct. 16 order from Judge Mary Farley.

The order stemmed from a lengthy court battle that cost the city nearly \$100,000 in legal fees and ended in arbitration in favor of the union.

The city had willfully violated the contract with Local 1799 on grounds that the contract was invalid as it was built on job security rather than public safety.

The union disagreed, and in the end so did the judge.

The city was ordered to pay \$519,680.68 stemming from more than 10,510 hours denied under the union's six-year contract that began Jan. 1, 2020 and continues to Dec. 31, 2025.

However, the city attempted to make the payment to the union's law firm rather than to the firefighters and that led to a claim by the union that, due to the delays, they were owed additional money.

Farley agreed and ordered a new award, which added nearly \$30,000 in interest payments, bringing the new total to \$544,668.07 to be paid directly to the 23 firefighters impacted by the action.

Sixteen of the awards totaled \$30,927.73 apiece. Two firefighters received payments of roughly \$18,000. Two firefighters received payments of roughly \$5,000 and one firefighter received a payment for roughly \$2,400. Finally, two payments totaling less than \$600 went to two former firefighters.

# Two men jailed on weapons charges

HEUVELTON — Two St. Lawrence County residents face felony weapon charges, according to state police.

Eagen P. Baker, 21, Edwards, was charged with second-degree criminal possession of a weapon, felony, officers said.

He was also charged with possession of burglar tools, seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon

with intent to use, officers said.

Cody J. Gladle, 28, Gouverneur, was charged with second-degree criminal possession of a weapon and third-degree criminal possession of a weapon, both felonies, officers said.

He was also reportedly cited for possession of burglar tools, seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance.

Both men were listed as held.

# Norfolk man jailed after alleged child assault

NORFOLK -- A Norfolk man has been charged with reckless assault of a child after an investigation that began on Jan. 4.

According to the Sheriff's Office, Dustin S. Delosh, 32, was charged with one count of reckless assault of a child (D Felony) after it was determined Delosh caused serious physical injury to the victim.

Delosh was arraigned in Town of Norfolk Court by Judge Stevenson Jan. 10 and remanded to St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility on \$20,000 bail or \$40,000 bond.

The St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the St. Lawrence County District Attorney's Office during the investigation, police say.

# State reps react to Hochul's budget

Governor Kathy Hochul announced the details of her \$233 million budget proposal today, Jan. 16, a budget that, if passed, would be \$4 billion higher than last year despite calls to make cuts.

North Country state representatives largely panned the plan, with Senator Dan Stec saying he "looks forward to reading the particulars" of the budget when it is fully released.

"I was glad to hear the governor acknowledge that our state has a looming budget deficit and that New York has a robust reserve fund, but ultimately this budget plan does nothing to address that impending problem. Proposed spending is \$233 billion, a 4.5-percent increase over last year's record-setting budget. Combined with an acknowledged \$6 billion in lost tax receipts due to our state's ongoing outmigration woes and despite some fuzzy math that shows a budget surplus instead of an anticipated deficit, this is ultimately a costly proposal that does nothing to alleviate New York's long-term financial difficulties and right the ship going forward," Stec said.

Stec pointed to the \$2.4 billion that Hochul aims to spend to address the continually growing migrant crisis.

"This issue has been handled poorly by the governor, New York City Eric Adams and the current presidential administration and our taxpayers continue to bear the brunt of this. I'm particularly concerned by the fact that \$500 million of this is coming from the state's reserve fund. This is aid that should be going to legal residents and taxpayers, whether that means tax relief to combat rising costs, assist our struggling nursing homes or economic development initiatives," Stec said.

When it comes to healthcare, Stec said the state needs to address Medicaid spending immediately.

"During this presentation, the governor acknowledged that the state went more than \$1 billion over budget with Medicaid spending in the last fiscal year. While it was good to hear the governor acknowledge the enormous costs associated with our Medicaid system, I did not hear anything in her plan that would substantively address it and lower costs for both state and local governments," he said. Stec was also critical of the governor's plans to close more correctional facilities in the coming year.

"If this comes to fruition, it could potentially have a detrimental impact on our region," Stec said.

"Obviously, this presentation is only the beginning of the budget process. In the weeks ahead, I plan on working with my legislative colleagues and the governor to

ensure a final budget meets the needs of our taxpayers and charts a responsible fiscal future for New York," he said.

Assemblyman Scott Gray also raised concerns with numerous aspects of the proposed budget as well, pointing first and foremost to the proposed spending limits set by the governor.

"In terms of proposed spending, I recognize the importance of addressing critical issues such as crime, but I am particularly concerned about the continued obsession with guns and infringing on people's rights, which I believe needs careful consideration and balanced action to obtain crime reduction. Criminals could care less about the public policy we put in place," Gray said.

Gray called the planned spending a "worrying trend" while saying he wants spending to remain "responsible and sustainable."

Gray did say that allocations to healthcare training were a positive to come from the proposal, one that he was encouraged by.

"I am encouraged by the proposed allocations for mental health, homelessness, and independent living, as well as the support for SUNY and healthcare. However, we must also address the sustainability of Medicaid spending and ensure that healthcare providers receive the necessary rate increases without overburdening the system," he said.

Gray did criticize the proposal, saying not enough attention had been paid to investments for highways and infrastructure.

"There is a clear lack of investment in our highways, instead giving a major emphasis on New York City-centric transit along with a heavy focus on the migrant crisis which is not necessarily the burden of all New York State taxpayers," he said.

Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush said the proposal showed the governor's "priorities lie elsewhere."

"Rather than addressing the concerns of taxpayers, she is having them foot a \$233 billion bill for her progressive policies," said Blankenbush. "This is a \$4 billion increase from last year when we are approaching a fiscal cliff in the next two years, resulting in a \$36.4 billion gap. There has been no accountability for cutting our costs, just ways to spend more to drive New Yorkers out," Blankenbush said.

Budget negotiations will occur in the coming weeks, with a final budget approval required by April 1, according to the state Constitution.



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## The benefits we expect may differ from the benefits we receive So long cigarettes, an update on not smoking

Months ago I wrote about my attempt to quit smoking cigarettes. It was near the end of summer and it was the most miserable of processes. Bouts of anger, difficulty writing, near constant irritation, frequent confusion and a wide variety of anxiety and depression symptoms accompanied me on that journey.

### Editor's Notebook

Jimmy Lawton



Fortunately, they've largely subsided. During that time I was surprised to find that many of my friends and acquaintances had read that piece and had embarked on a similar journey themselves. It was not my intent to inspire nor persuade anyone to join me, but I'm hopeful that at least

some are having luck on meeting their goals. I'm glad to say that I've successfully kicked the habit, at least as much as any addict can say they have done so. I didn't count the days nor do I care much about how much time has passed since my last cigarette, but I know it's been months. Despite the promises by doctors and the anti-tobacco gang, I can honestly say that tales of feeling better, healthier and saving tons of money have been greatly exaggerated in my experience. I'll convey to you my honest report that I've seen no noticeable difference in my bank account and with the weight I've gained I feel more out of shape than I ever have. My body feels heavy and my ambitions toward physical activity have dwindled. Frankly, I can't honestly say I've felt any benefits to my physical well-being, but I do know they exist. I've seen what smoking can do to

a person overtime and as a father I've come to recognize time as the most precious resource we have. I hope my choice to quit does afford me more time with my family and friends in the long run. My journey began with a pact made with my father, who has also quit smoking and I hope that choice keeps him with me longer as well. Let me be clear though, that I'm not preaching to anyone here, I'm simply sharing my experience as there seemed to be enough interest in the subject to warrant an update. Now that I've conveyed a rather bleak picture about my journey, I can say there have been unexpected benefits that I experienced, but did not immediately recognize. During the height of withdrawal

symptoms I sought ways to busy my hands and my mind and in that time I did greatly improve my ability to play guitar. I've delved into a few more novels I'd have otherwise skipped and perhaps best of all I came to realize I had already gained back some of that most precious resource. I've gained time with my kids that was once spent out on the porch and oftentimes interrupted play. This weekend we celebrated my son's 5th birthday with a road trip to a splash pad and arcade. I did not have to stop multiple times to smoke on the way there. I did not have to leave the hotel room to get a cigarette in before or after my meals and I didn't have to deal with cigarette withdrawals

during my white-knuckled drive through a whiteout on the way home. I am certain that my son's birthday trip was much better without cigarettes interrupting our fun or having an ill impact on my mood as cravings cycles rolled around. As is often the case I've come to discover that the benefits we expect aren't always the ones we end up with, but that doesn't mean they aren't there. So there you have it folks, that's where I'm at on my journey and I hope you're having at least as much success on yours. Thanks for reading. Jimmy Lawton is news editor of North Country This Week and NorthCountryNow.com

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Tribute to Richard Lockwood

To the Ogdensburg Community: I first met Dick Lockwood in 1979, long before anyone of his friends thought to call him The Old Gray Mayor.

First as a City Councilor and then as a newly elected Mayor, I and every other City employee that I knew found him to be supportive, caring, and a pleasure to work with.

His special talent was the ability to preside over controversial, and often tense meetings or situations, and to keep those discussions at a civil level.

Handling disagreements and differing points of view are part of the job for a mayor.

But, over 20 years as Ogdensburg's Mayor I don't recall a single instance where he lost his temper, denied a citizen the right to speak their mind, or was publicly rude to any individual. Party affiliations were irrelevant. That's not to say that he didn't have opinions about issues or some individuals expressing views on those issues, but his own opinions never impeded civil discourse.

Dick's leadership style made every staff member want to work a bit harder to accomplish City Council goals. Staff members knew that even if a project or municipal effort was not successful, that Mayor Lockwood "had their back". And so, challenging projects were undertaken. They included: Beaver Brook subdivision, numerous sewer and water projects, establishing on-call reservists for the fire department, a city marina and a new boat launch, a municipal pool, the feasibility of municipal power, restoration of the historic post office, a massive housing rehabilitation program, the Oswegatchie River trail, City Hall renovations, bringing factory outlet stores to try to revive downtown, a municipal civic center and arena, the Ogdensburg Growth Fund loan program, a sales tax agreement with St. Lawrence County, and support for Commerce Park infrastructure. Not all these projects and efforts were a complete success. But his leadership encouraged the attempts.

Dick Lockwood was, of course, known by virtually everyone in

Ogdensburg. But he also became a senior statesman in St. Lawrence County. He was known and respected by other mayors throughout the County, and he formed close friendships with many. But this level of respect did not stop at this county's border. Dick Lockwood served on the NYS Conference of Mayors' Board of Directors for several years and later served as President of that state mayors' conference in 1994-95. I had the privilege of accompanying him to the National League of Cities' Conference one year when it was held in Boston, and I was amazed to see the number of mayors there who approached him as colleagues. Ogdensburg had no finer ambassador for its city or its citizens.

Dick's sense of humor was contagious, and it helped to keep his friends and colleagues in a positive state of mind. I am sure that everyone who knew him has a dozen or more "Dick Lockwood stories" that will bring a smile and that they are happy to share with others.

In my mind, Dick Lockwood embodied the very best of Ogdensburg. He represented public service without the ego and without the drama. This country is in desperate need of more elected officials like Dick Lockwood at all levels of government. I will miss him.

John Krol  
Waddington

#### Support OFA capital project

First, I emphasize that I write this letter as an eligible voter in, and a former school board commissioner of, the Ogdensburg City School District. The opinion I express is my own, and not that of any entity with which I am associated.

On January 23, the school district is conducting a vote seeking approval for a \$65.5 million capital project. I support this project, and I encourage voters in the school district to vote yes on its funding proposition.

You may obtain details about this project either at the school district's administrative office at OFA or by going online to the school district's website.

98% of the cost of this capital project will be covered by New York State aid, the remaining cost

covered by \$4 million of a capital reserve wisely funded in the past few years by the school district in anticipation of such a project. There will be no impact on the school district's tax levy in future years if voters approve the project.

Construction of a transportation facility for the school district's buses is a key component of this capital project. A few years ago, the school district took ownership of its student transportation system by purchasing its own school buses and hiring drivers and monitors. This decision significantly reduced transportation costs in the school district. I note that New York State annually covers 90% of school district transportation expenses.

Another component of this capital project is repair and renovation to the OFA Golden Dome, a city landmark. The dome's roof, constructed in the early 1970s, needs renovation. Locker rooms need upgrading.

There will also be renovation and improvements at each of the school district's schools (Madill School, Kennedy School, and Ogdensburg Free Academy). Again, details are available on the school's website.

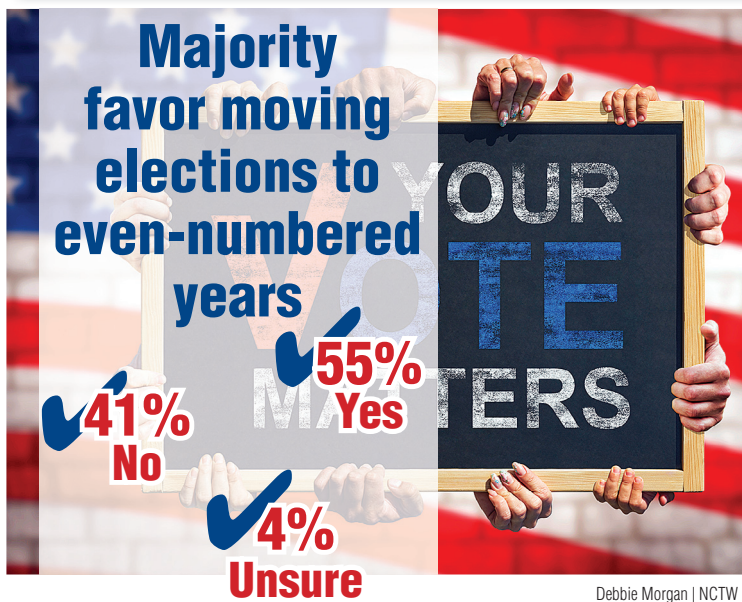
I was on the school district's Board of Education at the time of its last major capital project, which voters in the school district overwhelmingly supported. I am confident the current Board of Education and administration have performed their due diligence in determining which infrastructure needs of the school district should be included in this project. I am hopeful the school district will receive a similar result from voters on this capital project.

Ballots may be cast at Ogdensburg Free Academy from noon until 9 p.m. on Tuesday, January 23. Thank you.

Michael J. Tooley  
Ogdensburg

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### NCNOW SURVEY



Debbie Morgan | NCTW

Last week's question:

## Do you support moving a number of local elections to even-numbered years?

A NUMBER OF LOCAL elections will now be moving to even-numbered years after Governor Hochul signed legislation in hopes of boosting participation in those elections. The new law, which was signed around the Christmas holiday, moves the majority of town and county elections that were previously held during odd-numbered years to even-numbered years. In doing so, those elections will fall at the same time as state and federal elections that historically have a significantly higher voter turnout. According to state officials, voter turnout in New York State was around 64% in 2020, the most recent presiden-

tial election. That figure declined significantly in 2021, when local elections were held, to just 25%. Do you support moving a number of local elections to even-numbered years?

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:** What inconveniences did you and your family experience during the wind storm?

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## Howl Grand Slam returns to SLU



Kaet Moonberry | ACW photo submission

ACW's Executive Director Nathalie Thill stands on stage with all the storytellers at 2023's Howl Grand Slam at the Saranac Lake Town Hall.

CANTON – The Adirondack Center for Writing (ACW) and North Country Public Radio (NCPR) will celebrate the end of the Howl Story Slam's seventh season with the Howl Grand Slam, held at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20, at St. Lawrence University.

The Howl Grand Slam brings together nine winning storytellers from 2023's Howl Story Slams to go head-to-head to be named the grand champion and receive a trophy. The lineup includes storytellers who were victorious in Plattsburgh, Morristown, Newcomb, Lake Placid, Brant Lake, Ticonderoga, Old Forge, Keene, Keeseville, Potsdam, Saratoga Springs and Tupper Lake. Admission is \$15 pre-sale and \$20 at the door. Tickets can be purchased now at [adirondackcenterforwriting.org/event/the-howl-grand-slam-at-slu](http://adirondackcenterforwriting.org/event/the-howl-grand-slam-at-slu).

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"The 2023 Howl season was exciting because we went to so many new communities—Morristown, Brant Lake, Ticonderoga, Keene—and each new venue was packed the same way it is at our mainstays like Tupper Lake, Lake Placid and Canton. It's thrilling to see storytellers who we met in bars in a very casual setting all have their stories honored on a stage as prestigious as the Gulick Theatre at St. Lawrence University," said Nathalie Thill, Executive Director at Adirondack Center for Writing.

The Grand Slam allows contestants to tell 8-minute stories, as opposed to the 5-minute limit of regular season story slams.

SEE **HOWL** ON 11.

## Remington Museum hosting elementary art exhibit opening

OGDENSBURG — The Frederic Remington Art Museum announces the opening of its 40th annual Elementary Art Exhibit with a reception on Saturday, Jan. 20, from 2-4 p.m.

The reception is free and all are welcome.

The reception offers a chance to meet young artists—and some of their teachers—and is a great way to celebrate art education.

The exhibition includes work by elementary students from schools throughout the North Country.

The 40th Annual Elementary Art Exhibit will be on view in the Museum's Richard

E. Winter Gallery through Feb. 24.

During the reception, admission to the Remington Museum is free, and the Museum will be open for visitors to explore, with dedicated staff and volunteer educators on hand for questions and answers.

Sketching materials will be available in the Museum galleries for artists of all ages.

Light refreshments will be available in the Museum's Tiffany Room.

In addition to free admission during the reception, the Museum will offer pay-what-you-can admission for the entire day on Jan. 20.



Remington photo

Winter Birch Trees, Lillian Howland, watercolor paint, 4th grade, Edwards-Knox Central School from last year's exhibit.

SEE **CALENDAR** ON 11.

## WHAT'S GOING ON

**SAT., JAN. 20**

**Blood drive**

**NORTH LAWRENCE** -- The American Red Cross is staging a blood drive on 1/20/2024, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Lawrence Christian Fellowship, 88 County Route 52. Info: [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

**Celtic Dreams audition**

**POTSDAM** -- North Country Crusaders will hold auditions Saturday, Jan. 20, 3-4:40 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church (in the Community Center in the back of the Church) at 42 Elm St., for their musical revue, "Celtic Dreams," with shows on March 16 and 17. Singers, dancers, and musicians are asked to prepare a piece they would like to perform. Recordings or sheet music for the piece being performed are encouraged to be brought to the auditions. Parking at the Church is to the left of the church off of Lawrence Avenue. Info: [northcountrycrusaders@gmail.com](mailto:northcountrycrusaders@gmail.com).

**Exhibit opening**

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**Food distribution**

**MASSENA** -- A food distribution for St. Lawrence County residents is planned Saturday, Jan. 20 from 8:30-10 a.m. at St. Peter's Outreach Ministry, 128 Main St.

**Howl Grand Slam**

**CANTON** - The Adirondack Center for Writing and St. Lawrence University will host the Howl Grand Slam at St. Lawrence University on Saturday, Jan 20 at 7-9 p.m. Winning storytellers from this year's slams will compete head-to-head, telling stories in line with this year's theme, Achilles Heel. Admission is a \$15 donation and can be purchased now at <http://tinyurl.com/4c34asx4>. Tickets: \$20.

**RFK Jr. campaign meet**

**GOVERNEUR** -- People for Kennedy volunteers will host a North Country meet and greet at Jumbo's Diner, 1 E. Main St., on Jan. 20 at 1 p.m. RFK Jr. is running as an Independent for President of the United States in 2024. The event is an opportunity for those who are interested in learning about the campaign as well as meeting some of the volunteers preparing to "put Bobby on the Ballot," giving New Yorkers a true third choice for President in 2024. Info: [www.kennedy24.com](http://www.kennedy24.com).

**Rabbit Derby**

**HEUVELTON** -- Doug's Tavern Rabbit Derby will be held Jan. 20, with entry time from 2-4 p.m. The event will be a cottontail and snowshoe division. Only one rabbit per division is needed. It is a No Weigh In / No Registration Derby Day. Pre-register at Doug's Tavern, Bradley's Service, Gray's Gun Shop or Waddington True Value. Food raffles and 50/50 will be available, and DJ Dallas Denny will play after the event. The rabbit derby benefits the Heuvelton Trap Team.



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The American Red Cross is staging several blood drives around St. Lawrence County. The following opportunities are scheduled:

- Canton, 1/31/2024: 1-6 p.m., Best Western University Inn, 90 E Main St.
- Lisbon, 1/30/2024: 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Lisbon Central School, 6866 County Route 10
- Madrid, 1/22/2024: 1-6 p.m.,

Madrid Community Center, 1833 State Highway 345

- North Lawrence, 1/20/2024: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Lawrence Christian Fellowship, 88 County Route 52
- Ogdensburg, 1/24/2024: 10 a.m.-3 p.m., United Helpers RiverLedge, 8101 State Highway 68
- Potsdam, 1/22/2024: 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Potsdam High School, 29

Leroy St.; 1/29/2024: 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Clarkson University Student Center, 8 Clarkson Ave, Box 8715

- Winthrop, 1/26/2024: 12-4:30 p.m., Winthrop American Legion Post 514, 675 State Highway 11C.

Info: RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS

## Jamboree in Massena for child with cancer

MASSENA -- A jamboree to raise money for Evelyn, a young child with cancer, will be held Sunday, Jan. 21 at the American Legion Post 79.

\$5 Entry Fee / \$8 A Couple Live entertainment:  
 12-1 p.m. Chris Cole  
 1-2 p.m. JR Murray Band  
 2-3 p.m. Loren Fountain & David Bish (From the Dadbods)  
 3-4:30 p.m. Margarita Mike Trio  
 4:30-6 p.m. Plan B (host band)

6 p.m.-close DJ by Ben Gladding There will be food, silent auction, Chinese auction and a 50/50. To donate for the jamboree, contact Linda Rufa at l.rufa@yahoo.com.

Organized by Linda Rufa, Betty Smith, Heidi Summers, BonnieJean LaPradd, Nicolea Rufa, Adeleina Rufa, Amanda Labier, Katrina Ward, Scott and June McWharf and Susan Sweeney Smith.

## Wildlife photography event set

MASSENA — Join award winning wildlife photographer, safari leader, and veterinarian Dr. Yaron Schmid for a presentation on how to improve your wildlife photography. The free event will be held Saturday, Jan. 20, at 10 a.m. Dr. Schmid is the owner of a wildlife safari company. His work can be viewed on his website <https://www.ywildlifephotography.com/> or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/YS.Wildlife.Photog->

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This talk will be aimed at an adult audience and those with an interest and/or experience in taking photos of wildlife. There will also be information on the center's nature photography club available. The event is open to the public and free of charge.

## February break Day Camp

MASSENA — Nicandri Nature Center's Day Camp registration for winter break, Feb. 19-23, will open January 19 at noon on the nature center's Facebook page. 'Astonishing Animals Day Camp' for ages 5-9 will be held 9:30-12:30 p.m. and include animal-themed crafts and games. 'Winter SportsDay Camp' for ages 10-13 will be from 1-4 p.m.

with skiing, snowshoeing, indoor games and Olympic Day. Activities will include indoor and outdoor time each day. Pre-registration is required for the whole week. If the camp is full, you can call the center at (315) 705-5022 to join a waiting list. Also, check back at the link periodically, as openings will show if people drop out.



NCNow Photo

## Winter fun in Massena

Lindsey Vallance watches her daughter, Oakley Kerr, as she slides down the hill at Springs Park, Massena, Monday afternoon, Jan. 8. The family had also sledged at the park the day before after the first significant snowfall to hit Massena this winter.

## Boater safety course offered

OGDENSBURG — As of January 1, 2024, all boat operators born after January 1, 1978 are required to complete a boater safety course before operating their motorized vessel this season. "Boat America" fulfills this requirement and will be presented by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, virtually, online, Jan. 22 and 24, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. You must attend both days. Tuition is \$35 per person with family rates and youth scholarships

available. To preregister, email [cgauxogdenzburg@gmail.com](mailto:cgauxogdenzburg@gmail.com). For information about this and additional classes, call 315-605-8041. The Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed civilian component of the U.S. Coast Guard and supports the Coast Guard in nearly all mission areas. The Auxiliary was created by Congress in 1939. For more information, visit [www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org).

## Weaving class in Waddington

WADDINGTON — The Gallery, 14 Main St., is offering individual

weaving classes taught by Susan Riley in her weaving studio at her home on Route 345 outside of Waddington. Each class runs 4 days from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with lunch provided. Students will learn to wind a warp, sley the loom, and weave a table runner. Cost: \$200. All yarn and equipment is provided. Susan has been weaving for 13 years. She is a member of The Gallery and weaves every Wednesday at the Thousand Islands Arts Center in Clayton. Call Susan at 315-322-5826 or email [susanmiriley@gmail.com](mailto:susanmiriley@gmail.com) for an appointment.

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**Station 45**

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**Wildlife photography tips**

**MASSENA** -- "How to Take your Wildlife Photograph to the Next Level," presented by photographer Yaron Schmid, will be held Jan. 20 at 10 a.m. at Nicandri Nature Center, 19 Robinson Bay Rd. The presentation will look at the photographer's work and give ideas how to improve your wildlife photography. It is for adults. For more info call 315-705-5022.

**Wellness & Networking**

**MASSENA** -- "Beat the Blues: Wellness & Networking" will be held Saturday, Jan. 20, from 12-2 p.m. at Nicandri Nature Center. It will feature Allison Courtney, from Massena Yoga Studio, and Tracy Thomas, Nicandri Nature Center Executive Director. The free event, hosted by North Country Women's Leadership Initiative, will also provide networking opportunities and local activity showcase. Attendees may cross-country ski or snowshoe before and after the event, with free equipment rentals and miles of groomed trails.

**Chenille yarn workshop**

**WADDINGTON** -- A chunky chenille yarn workshop will be held Saturday, Jan. 20, at 1 p.m. at The Gallery, 14 Main St. Learn various techniques of working with the yarn to craft stylish rectangles. Shape the rectangles into a warm blanket or chopped shawl. Minimum 4, maximum 12. Cost \$90. All materials supplied. Call 315-388-3033 or email lakesaintlawrencearts@gmail.com soon to reserve your place.

**Food distribution**

**MASSENA** -- A food distribution for St. Lawrence County residents is planned Saturday, Jan. 20, 8:30-10 a.m. at St. Peter's Outreach Ministry, 128 Main St.

**SUNDAY, JAN. 21**

**Jamboree for Evelynn**

**MASSENA** -- A jamboree to raise money for Evelynn, a young child with cancer, will be held Jan. 21 at the American Legion Post 79. \$5 Entry Fee / \$8 A Couple Live entertainment: 12-1 p.m. Chris Cole 1-2 p.m. JR Murray Band 2-3 p.m. Loren Fountain & David Bish (From the

Dadbods) 3-4:30 p.m. Margarita Mike Trio 4:30-6 p.m. Plan B (host band) 6 p.m.-close DJ by Ben Gladding There will be food, silent auction, Chinese auction and a 50/50. To donate for the jamboree, contact Linda Rufa at l.rufa@yahoo.com . Organized by Linda Rufa, Betty Smith, Heidi Summers, BonnieJean LaPradd, Nicolea Rufa, Adeleina Rufa, Amanda Labier, Katrina Ward, Scott and June McWharf and Susan Sweeney Smith. . 12:00 p.m., - 6 p.m., Sunday, January 21, 2024. \$5 Entry Fee / \$8 A Couple. Linda Rufa - l.rufa@yahoo.com.

**Small Town Ramblers**

**HEUVELTON** - Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St., will host a dance featuring music by the Small Town Ramblers on Jan. 21 from 1-5 p.m.

**MONDAY, JAN. 22**

**Blood drive**

**MADRID** -- The American Red Cross is staging a blood drive on 1/22/2024, 1-6 p.m., Madrid Community Center, 1833 State Highway 345. Info: RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

**Boater safety course**

**OGDENSBURG** - "Boat America" boating safety course will be presented by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, virtually, online, Jan. 22 and 24, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. You must attend both days. Tuition is \$35 per person with family rates and youth scholarships available. Pre-registration is required and will be accepted until Jan. 15. To register email cgauxogdensburg@gmail.com. For information about this and additional classes, call 315-605-8041.

**Catholic video series**

**MASSENA** - St. Peter's Catholic Parish will host regular screenings of the first season of the popular film series "The Chosen" on Monday evenings starting Jan. 22 at 6 p.m. at St. Mary's Social Hall, 7 Sycamore St. This highly acclaimed series is a groundbreaking historical drama based on the life of Jesus, seen through the eyes of those who knew him. Set against the backdrop of Jewish oppression in first-century Israel, the series shares an authentic and intimate look at Jesus' revolutionary life and teachings. Short discussions will follow each of the 8 weekly episodes.

**TUESDAY, JAN. 23**

**Biblical mysteries series**

**MASSENA** - St. Peter's Catholic Parish will host the "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" series on Tuesdays beginning Jan. 23. Also known as the "Great Adventure Bible Timeline" this series helps you get the "big picture" by showing how fourteen narrative books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church. Presenter Jeff Cavins shows you how to read the Bible so that you can actually understand it. Aided by the unique color-coded Bible Timeline(R) Chart, which arranges the key people, places, and events of Scripture in chronological order, Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible will help you discover the story of salvation history. There will be time for discussion throughout the series. The series

will include eight 90-minute sessions beginning Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 2 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. at St Mary's Social Hall. Both sessions are offered in person with the evening session offered via ZOOM as well. Light refreshments will be served, and study materials will be available. For more information or to register, contact the Parish Office at (315) 769-2469.

**BOCES tour**

**NORWOOD** -- The St. Lawrence County Business Connections Committee is partnering with St. Lawrence-Lewis Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) for upcoming special informational programs and student-led tours on Tuesday, Jan. 23 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. in Norwood at Seaway Tech. To register for the Jan. 23 event, go to www.visitslc.org and look for the "Business Connections: Spotlight on Resources" link on the Calendar of Events section. Info: Laura@SLCChamber.org, (315) 393-3620.

**Republican caucus**

**NORWOOD** -- The Village of Norwood Republican Party Caucus will be Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. in the village municipal hall, 11 South Main St., to nominate candidates for village offices to be elected at the upcoming village general election on March 19. All duly enrolled members of the Republican Party in the village are eligible to participate. Offices appearing on the ballot including the village mayor and two trustees seats for four year terms and another trustee seat for a 2-year unexpired term.

**WEDS., JAN. 24**

**Blood drive**

**OGDENSBURG** -- The American Red Cross is staging a blood drive on 1/24/2024, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., United Helpers RiverLedge, 8101 State Highway 68. Info: RedCrossBlood.org.

**Chicken 'n biscuits**

**RICHVILLE** -- An eat-in or take-out chicken n' biscuit dinner will be offered Wednesday, Jan. 24 at the Richville Fire Hall, Main Street. Pickups start at 4 p.m. Order by calling 315-287-7045, leave message with name, phone number, number of dinners, time of pickup. \$12 and include chicken, biscuits, mashed potatoes, vegetable and dessert.

**THURS., JAN. 25**

**Free dinner**

**HEUVELTON** - A free will dinner will be offered at the Heuvelton United Methodist Church, Lisbon Street, on Jan. 25 from 4-5:30 p.m. Ham, macaroni and cheese, other side dishes, dessert, drinks. The meal is free, but donations are welcome, and will help the church food pantry and other missions. A limited number of take outs may be available after 4:45 p.m.

**FRIDAY, JAN. 26**

**Blood drive**

**WINTHROP** -- The American Red Cross is staging a blood drive on 1/26/2024, 12-4:30 p.m., Winthrop American Legion Post 514, 675 State Highway 11C. Info: RedCrossBlood.org, 1-800-RED-CROSS.

**SAT., JAN. 27**

**ASAS Paint & Sip**

**MASSENA** -- A paint and sip will be held the American Legion Post 79, 40 E. Orvis St., on Jan. 27, from 1-4 p.m. to benefit Americans Supporting Armed Services. Cost: \$40 per person/includes canvas & paint. Call 518-521-6456 to reserve a spot. Limited spots available. Light snacks. Tamie Sauve 518-521-6456.

**Black Lake Fishing Derby**

**HAMMOND** - Black Lake Fishing Derby 2024 will be Sat., Jan 27, 6 a.m.-4 p.m. as catch and release on Black Lake only. Sign-up online @BLFGA.org ; Friday night 6-9 p.m. at the new clubhouse, or register on Derby Day at the weigh stations. \$10 kids 16 and under; \$20 adults. \$100 cash giveaway each hour, Weigh In Stations at Black Lake Marine & Roll -A -Way Bay. Prizes up to \$500 for pike, panfish, walleye and dogfish. Proceeds benefit Black Lake Fish & Game Association outdoor education programs.

**Flannel Fling**

**RENSELAER FALLS** -- The Falls Fest Flannel Fling will take place Jan. 27 from 7-12 p.m. at the Rensselaer Falls Fire Hall. Attendees can anticipate a night of music, savory delights, and captivating moments. The Common Revolution Band will set the stage for revelry, and a Charcuterie Board Buffet, featuring Bella-Brook's Winery delights, will be offered. Photo Booth, 50/50 raffle drawing, and hourly giveaways. Tickets: \$30 each.

**Indoor rummage sale**

**NORFOLK** - An indoor rummage sale will be held at Bregg Winery, 56 W. Main St.t, Norfolk, Saturday, Jan 27 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Proceeds of sale will be donated to the Norfolk Historical Association.

**KC Karaoke at 1997**

**HEUVELTON** -- Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St., will host KC Karaoke on Friday, Jan. 27, from 6-9 p.m. No cover charge.

**Make a gnome board**

**WADDINGTON** - A class on making a gnome board porch sign will be held Saturday, Jan. 27, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Old Town Hall, 38 Main St., sponsored by The Gallery and taught by Theresa Gabor. This is a large porch sign painted on a 12" X 48" sanded 1/2 " thick plywood board. Seasonal symbols can be interchanged to match the season. A heart symbol will be prepared for Valentine's Day. Cost: \$65. All materials supplied. Minimum 4, maximum 12. Call 315-388-3033 or email lakesaintlawrencearts@gmail.com soon to reserve your seat.

**The BackWater Duo**

**MASSENA** -- The BackWater Duo will perform Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. at Chase's Riverside Dining, 829 State Highway 131.

**HOWL . . .**

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The other Howl Story Slam rules remain intact: stories must be true and no notes are allowed. Stories from the Grand Slam will also appear on the Howl podcast, produced and distributed by NCPR. The show's first season was the fastest-growing and most popular podcast in the station's history, with nearly 35,000 downloads to date. The Howl Podcast can be streamed on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Google and Amazon.

"Howl Grand Slams are such special evenings," said NCPR Station Manager Mitch Teich. "Having so many people in one place to celebrate storytelling makes for a truly unique experience. In 2023, we launched The Howl Podcast which has become a sort of online extension of the story slams where folks can tune in from anywhere and hear some of the most entertaining and enlightening stories being told around the North Country."

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## SLC swimmers make splash

Several St. Lawrence County swimmers competed and placed highly at the Albany Starfish Trophy Invitational at Niskayuna High School.

The event was held Jan. 5-7 with Northern TRIBS Swimming sending 14 local swimmers to the competition.

Earning high-point trophies were Gretchen Braun (Lisbon) First Place 15-18 Year Old Girls; Sonja Wultsch-Fuller (Helena) Third Place 13-14 Year Old Girls; Tori Cusworth (Massena) First Place 11-12 Year Old Girls; and Kinsley Sekelj (Potsdam) Second Place 8 and Under Girls.

## Massena student earns Rotary Club student of month

NORWOOD – Justice Brown, a student at Massena Central School is the recipient of the Seaway Career & Technical Education Center Potsdam Rotary Club Student of the Month for December.

Justice is in the Criminal Justice Program and the child of Frank and Lauren Brown.

The Criminal Justice program focuses on the criminal justice system including instruction in criminal law and policy, police and correctional systems organization, the administration of justice and the judiciary and the public attitudes regarding criminal justice. Students are introduced to forensic science including crime scene investigation, anthropology, hair and fiber analysis, soil analysis, blood spatter analysis and practical hands-on activities.

This course of study gives the student a strong foundation which they can build on when they continue their education and pursue a career in the field of Criminal

Justice.

Joe Colon, instructor, said “Justice is astonishing when it comes to initiative and integrity. She will always be the first one to volunteer whether for an extra curriculum activity or a class project involving investigations techniques. I am very confident Justice can be left unsupervised and will accomplish any task while knowing she will do the right thing when no one is around.”

Seaway Program Students of the Month are Cullen Taraska, Massena, Automotive Technology; Jeremiah Nostrom, Brasher Falls, Building Trades; Daylea Heaton, Canton, Cosmetology; Cecily Shipman, Canton, Culinary Arts; Trinity Brothers, Potsdam, Education & Human Services; Luc Eddy, Massena, Electrical Technologies; Madison Green, Brasher Falls, Health Careers; Alex Thompson, Canton, Natural Resource Management; and Eva Donahue, Norwood-Norfolk, Software Development & Business Design.



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## SRO Appreciation Day

Ogdensburg City School District second grade classes took some time to appreciate Student Resource Office Ahsley Streeter on SRO Appreciation Day. Students wrote letters sharing what they love most about her. Some of them noted her passion for keeping them safe, her love of dinosaurs, her enthusiastic high fives and some nailed her amazing hair in their illustrations.

## Post-secondary scholarships up for grabs

The Northern New York Community Foundation is accepting scholarship applications from students in St. Lawrence County who plan to enroll in post-secondary educational programs in the fall of 2024.

An online application streamlines the process for most scholarships. Students may access the portal, create a user account, and begin an online application by clicking on “2024-2025 Scholarship Application” found at the top of [nnycf.org/scholarships/scholarship-overview](http://nnycf.org/scholarships/scholarship-overview). With few exceptions, all Community Foundation scholarship applications are due Friday, March 15, 2024, through the online portal. Scholarships with different deadlines — some after March 15 — are noted on the same web page. Applications cannot be accepted after the published deadline.

High school seniors from St. Lawrence County who plan to enroll as full-time undergraduates next fall may apply for a one-year, Community Foundation Freshman Scholarship. Students pursuing technical, trade or vocational school may also apply and should complete the same application.

There are also opportunities for those who may be pursuing studies after a break in their education. Students are reminded to thoroughly read all application instructions and include a complete application, an essay, appraisal forms, references,

and transcripts.

Students may now apply online using the same 2024-2025 Scholarship Application for several scholarships that previously required unique applications, including: 10th Mountain Division (Light) Scholarship; George C. Boldt Scholarship; Rotary Purple Heart Scholarship; Vici and Steve Diehl Foundation Graduate Scholarships; Frances Anderson Luck Foundation Scholarship; North Country Goes Green Irish Festival Scholarship; North Pleasant Street (Watertown) Scholarship; Northpole Fire Company Inc. Scholarship; North Side Legacy Fund Scholarship; Shaw Harbor Foundation Scholarship; and all Thousand Islands Foundation scholarships.

The Retired Educators of New York North Central Zone Scholarship requires students to complete an application packet that can be downloaded and printed from the Community Foundation’s website at [nnycf.org/scholarships/applications](http://nnycf.org/scholarships/applications). The deadline to apply for that scholarship is Friday, March 15, 2024.

Completed packets must be returned or postmarked by the deadline to the address specified in the application.

The Community Foundation also administers the following scholarship funds and programs for which students may apply using the same online 2024-2025 Scholarship Application:

Evergreen STEM Scholarship — (High school class of 2025) Awards ten, \$3,000 scholarships annually to St. Lawrence County high school juniors who plan to pursue studies in STEM-related fields (science, technology, engineering, and math). Applications for this scholarship program are due by Saturday, June 1, 2024.

Herring College Memorial Scholarship — Awarded to students in engineering, sciences, mathematics, and related fields, as well as the Visiting Nurses Association Scholarship for students pursuing continued education in nursing or health-related fields. Applications for this scholarship program are due by Friday, March 15, 2024.

Rotary Purple Heart Scholarship — Available to residents of Jefferson, Lewis, or St. Lawrence County who were awarded a Purple Heart by the U.S. armed forces or are a dependent — spouse or child — of a

U.S. military member or veteran who was awarded the Purple Heart. Purple Heart Scholarship applications are reviewed throughout the year until all available funds for the academic year are awarded. Applications for this scholarship program are accepted throughout the year on a rolling basis.

Contact Mary Perrine, coordinator of partnerships, 315-782-7110, or [maryp@nnycf.org](mailto:maryp@nnycf.org), with questions. Visit [nnycf.org](http://nnycf.org) to access applications.



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**LOCKWOOD...**

the position of principal at the OFA Middle School where he retired in 1995 after 35 years.

The Richard G. Lockwood Civic Center and Hockey Arena was dedicated in his name in 2001.

He graduated from St. Mary's Academy in 1956 and received his bachelor's degree in teaching in 1960 from Potsdam State.

Lockwood married Sylvia on November 14, 1959, at Notre Dame Church with Rev. Cyril Rapin presiding.

**RECREATION...**

costs of the facility.

When repairs are needed, officials say the town is billed based on that percentage.

"If the bill costs 100 bucks, they get billed around 38 bucks," Mayor Greg Paquin said.

According to Treasurer Kevin Felt, the original agreement was closer to a 55/45 split between the village and town, a gap that has continued to grow each year, he said.

Though trustees said the contribution percentage disparity was an issue, multiple trustees questioned why administrative manpower from the village was used exclusively for scheduling, applications, deposit collection, final payment and other duties.

"How many times do you have to book the community center," Trustee Christine Winston asked.

"I will say that they don't get billed on the admin time. And I mean, we must have had at least 10 calls today alone. And each of them,

you have to do the application on the phone and each call takes I'd say at least 10 minutes. Then they have to come in and we collect the security deposit. Our guys or Marty (Miller) go down on Mondays after the events (to inspect), we deal with the tenants there. I mean, it takes up a significant amount of our time." Village Administrator Monique Chatland said.

Calls to book the center happen on a daily basis, she said.

According to Chatland, community groups and members call every day to hold events at the location.

"We are pretty much booked solid through April already," she told trustees.

Events ranging from birthday and retirement parties to karate practices, bridal and baby showers, line dancing and senior citizen events take up a significant portion of the schedule, officials say.

Winston asked if scheduling could be completed online to save administrative time, however Chatland said a whole new system would need to be purchased to handle applications, scheduling, deposits and payments, which would likely be at the expense of the village.

Village officials say the DPW were asked to be the first point of contact for all repairs and emergency assistance due to former Superintendent Hassan Fayad living in the village and having an extensive knowledge of the facility.

The heating system, which is fully computerized, was a major concern at the time, officials say.

"They didn't want too many people with their hands in there touching the heat," Mayor Greg Paquin

said.

McGowan said regardless of who has been responsible for certain operations in the past, it's time for the town to step in and offer more help.

"I'm not looking to dump anything on anybody and I get everybody's busy. That was my message today from the joint recreation (committee), you know, I said every department in the village is doing more with less now. It sounds like it's very busy. So, I don't know, maybe you would be able to set up a calendar with availability," McGowan said.

"I think the village administrator has better things to spend her time on. We have a village administrator and I'm sure there's bigger and better things maybe," McGowan said.

Paquin said the village had already shot down the idea of turning a part-time Joint Recreation Department position into a full-time position to handle the scheduling, as well.

"They were asking, 'alright, so we take over the scheduling. Do we get to add, make that half-time person full time?' I'm like, no, because I know what the town has budgeted. And then there's going to be that (expectation) and we're not picking up the extra. We are not picking up any additional monies from that," Paquin said.

Village officials also floated the idea of billing the town for administrative time to offset expenses, saying the village can no longer do things for free.

"Why does the village continue to do stuff for free for the town. I know most of us live in the town, but there's still a community outside the village, McGowan said.

Officials say that process could be similar to what DPW does, with the creation of a work order that has to be fulfilled, which would also allow for Felt to create journal entries for accounting purposes to track billing for administrative duties.

Regardless of whether the village pursues billing the town for services or not, Paquin said the cost split will change significantly in the next two years when the town wide assessment is completed.

"Just so everyone knows, this is based on the assessment. Everybody needs to remember that assessment is going to change in two years. Drastically," he said.

**GOLF...**

through with plans to build the brewery.

Hosmer later found an alternate location for the brewery nearby, which freed up the parcel.

Unfortunately, the former city manager, did not require similar commitments from At the Docks, which has left questions regarding their plans to develop the property, which is still currently owned by Ogdensburg despite the RFP.

Meanwhile businessman and Ogdensburg native Nick Wright then told city council he was interested in purchasing the property as well as the other parcel which At The Docks, LLC. had expressed interest in, but has not yet been sold.

On Monday council agreed to purchase the property back from Hosmer, but there was no discussion of selling the other parcel to Wright at this time.

Mayor Michael Tooley explained that the city council would need to meet with representatives from At the Docks to get an update on their situation prior to moving forward with any requests.

Smith said Monday that a meeting was set to take place with representatives from At The Docks and she expected an update to be presented to the public at the next council meeting. At the meeting the city is hoping to hear what At the Docks has planned for the property and what timeline is being proposed for said development.

Wright and Hosmer appeared at the Jan. 9 meeting both asking for support for the project along with several citizens who said that development of the city's waterfront needed to remain a top priority for the city which has struggled to capitalize on tourism despite decades of efforts. Wright shared his plan for the course as well as entertainment extensions such as holiday light shows built within the complex and small spaces for corporate/birthday events. He said it would also include a gem mining area off the main entry for kids of all ages to discover takeaway fossils and mine for gems.

Wright said he's had success in other developments and having grown up in the city he wants to bring an attraction to the area that can draw on the 1.7 million people who live within a 50-mile radius of the small city.

However, to move forward Wright says he'll need both parcels and that time is a concern as he hoped to break ground in spring.

Wright called on the city to appoint someone from city staff or council to work with him directly to move things forward, but no formal action was taken.

**SCHOOLS...**

evidence-based teaching for a few years.

**SLC Schools Ahead of Curve**

"We believe it is positive, in that this attention will bring literacy to the forefront of people's minds; however, the title of the initiative is a bit misleading," Reid said.

"We will not see a huge change in instruction as we have continued to teach phonics, phonemic awareness, and other aspects of reading which were alluded to be missing from our current programming."

She said most local school districts implement a balanced literacy approach through assessments and data, which is specific to each student's literacy needs.

By September of 2025, all school districts will need to certify with SED that their curriculum, instructional strategies, and teacher professional development align with all elements of the instructional best practices, state officials say.

**Positive changes**

"The instructional time lost due to the pandemic, as well as truancy issues has had a profound impact on students," Reid said

In addition, she said children are entering school with increasingly limited vocabulary and foundational skills.

"Considering these factors makes it difficult to assess an exact nexus for the general decline in literacy," she said. "Focusing solely on schools would be a misstep in this initiative."

She said parents and other family members are needed to improve student literacy.

"Parents and families can help," she said.

Reid said the best thing parents can do for their children is to increase their exposure to literature, and develop their receptive vocabulary in their early years.

Additionally, assessing and treating potential learning deficiencies is vital, she said.

"The more students are read to, or with, and attend school, the more competent they will become with all academics," Reid said.

As a result of these changes and more, school officials are hopeful students will begin seeing improvement in their reading fluency and comprehension.

Funding will be key in the implementation of new programs and the required training.

Gov. Hochul has signaled that she will seek a \$10 million investment from the state to train 20,000 teachers in Science of Reading instructional best practices. In total, over 30 states have transitioned to a "back-to-basics" model.

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## St. Lawrence County IDA

# Working to promote, attract and create jobs

The mission of the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) is to promote, encourage, attract, and develop job opportunities and economically sound commerce and industry in St. Lawrence County.

Outreach efforts involve direct calls, site visits, advertisements, trade show participation, and a variety of business-to-business sponsored activities such as Business Resource Mixers, and other cosponsored events with the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce.

As an example, in 2023 business connection activities included tours of the SUNY Canton Canino School of Engineering as well as events at the three BOCES Tech Centers.

The IDA sponsors and participates in these events to connect businesses with skilled workers to help both the employers and local job seekers.

The IDA and New York Power Authority hosted the business-to-business "Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership" networking and business development program, a spin-off from a program initiated at the University of Buffalo. SUNY Canton is the local sponsor for this affiliation. Seven small business leaders from throughout the county completed the 20-week session in June 2023.

In 2022, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators allocated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the amount of \$3,387,000 to be administered by the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency to assist businesses, organizations, and individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic through several program categories.

As of the end of 2023, over \$2.2 million has been awarded throughout St. Lawrence County through these programs.



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Artist's rendering of planned Massena Green Hydrogen Project.

Building on the success of the CDL-A training program at the SUNY Canton CREST Center, other training programs were formed utilizing ARPA funds. Heavy Equipment Operator and Health Care Skills Development programs were developed in partnership with St. Lawrence Lewis BOCES and the Family Childcare Training Program, which started in 2022, continued 2023, helping to develop greater access to quality childcare throughout the county.

Project activity for the IDA, and its affiliated development entities, including the St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency, continued in 2023 with projects at Atlantic Testing Laboratories in Canton, Lead Foot Trucking in Norwood, and Northeastern Sign Corporation in South Colton.

Air Products, a manufacturer of industrial gases and chemicals, announced plans to open a new liquid hydrogen manufacturing facility in Massena. The facility will require an investment of over \$400 million, a major milestone in further establishing St. Lawrence County and New York State as leaders in the clean energy sector.

The company proposes to create 90 full-time jobs within its first three years of operation.

To utilize grant funding provided as part of the successful Downtown Revitalization Initiative award in Massena, the IDA and the Village of Massena signed a Memorandum of Agreement for the redevelopment of the former Massena School of Business into a community space, while maintaining the historic

Main Street facade of the building.

The IDA will provide bridge financing for the project and is partnering with the Development Authority of the North Country on the oversight and grant administration for the demolition and redevelopment of the property.

With assistance from the IDA, the New York State Energy Research & Development Authority, through its Build Ready Solar Program, is supporting the development of a 12-megawatt solar project on 111.5 acres of a 1,000 parcel of underutilized property at the former Benson Mines in the Town of Clifton.

An additional seven community-scale solar development projects were also approved for Payment In Lieu of Tax (PILOT) assistance by the IDA throughout the county.

Improvements and repairs were approved as part of Phase III renovations at the 100 Paterson Street Building in Ogdensburg, formerly the Newell manufacturing building. The newly rehabilitated facility houses U.S. manufacturing operations for Canexsys Network Systems and provides additional warehousing services for Corning's Canton Plant.

Discussions continue with other prospects to utilize the remaining space in the building.

The IDA Local Development Corporation and St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency also approved \$100,000 in awards for the 2023 River Valley Community Development and Environmental Improvement Program.

The program has provided over \$4.3 million in funding over the past thirteen years for a variety of projects throughout St. Lawrence County.

For more information contact the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency at 315-379-9806 or visit [www.slcida.com](http://www.slcida.com).

# Fighting cancer and benefiting St. Lawrence County

CANTON -- The St. Lawrence County Cancer Fund has existed in our community since 1979.

We are an all volunteer group that prides itself on the fact that all funds raised remain here in St. Lawrence County to help our friends and neighbors.

Our mission is and always will be to be dedicated to the local fight against cancer.

Our focus is to raise awareness and funds for hospitals, cancer treatment centers and organizations in St. Lawrence County which works to provide education, early detection and screening, treatment and financial sup-

port for individuals battling cancer in our community.

Through an application process, local groups are encouraged to apply for grants distributed by the St. Lawrence County Cancer Fund. This past year we gave out over \$60,000 to our local community.

Long-time recipients of funding include the Cancer Treatment Center at Canton-Potsdam Hospital, Richard E. Winter Cancer Treatment Center at Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center, Ryan's Wish, Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley, and the Gouverneur Hospital Cancer Care Center. New recipients this year were

Compassionate Care Foundation and Jerry's Run for a Cause.

As an illness, cancer does not discriminate against who it touches even in the times of a pandemic.

Support for the programming and services provided by these organizations during this time are more important now, than ever before.

Each year, community members who have been impacted by cancer gather at the annual SLCCF/Edward I. Moses Walk/Run for Life, the Cancer Fund's primary fundraiser.

This year, the event will be held on April

28 starting at 9 a.m. in Canton, Potsdam and Ogdensburg. To get a registration form, donate, or to learn more about our group and any future activities visit [www.walkrunforlife.com](http://www.walkrunforlife.com).

A mix of cancer survivors and their supporters, families remembering those who fought a courageous battle and hopeful community members join together to ensure support for important programs stays local to support our friends and neighbors.

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This view shows the new bridge going out to the point on the St. Lawrence River that was part of the rail car ferry in days gone by.

## Fort history celebrated in 2023

OGDENSBURG — The year 2023 gave the Fort de La Présentation Association an opportunity to celebrate more of the history of the Fort property. The progress we have made was due to a large degree due to the cooperation of our supporters. We thank you.

This year, we dedicated the original site of Fort de La Présentation as the Newell Family Archaeological Park to recognize the family's generosity to our organization and the wider community. The Daughters of the American Colonists placed a historical marker acknowledging Fort de La Présentation's importance to the colonial history of North America and the United States.

The site will continue to contribute to our knowledge of life in the 18th – 19th centuries in the St. Lawrence Valley.

On the day of the dedication, we were invited to take part in a demonstration using ground penetrating radar, to give us a vision of the discovery potential of the original location of Fort de La Présentation. The Association was able to complete the installation of the bridge giving the public, ultimately, access to the port of the rail car ferry which operated from the mid-1800s to 1972.

The ability to transfer freight via rail to Canada helped to make the rail system, once existing on the fort property, to assist the economic growth of the region and expand the markets for New York State products. From the tip of

Lookout Point, an uninterrupted 180-degree view of the St. will be available for the Lawrence River.

This was the culmination of a three-year project with Clarkson University engineering students and our landscape designer, Andy Rymph of LaBella Associates.

Final landscaping will be completed on Lookout Point in the Spring with partial funding from the Badenhauser Legacy Fund.

There have been upgrades to the Masonic memorial area. The memorial, which was dedicated in 2018, was in memory of all Masons who answered their nation's call. Its origin was, that there was a Masonic Lodge at Fort Oswegatchie, while the British held the property during the Revolutionary War.

The Association set a record of visitors to the Abbe Piquet Walking Trail. In analyzing the sign-in sheets at the trail entrance, we recorded visitors from 22 states and five foreign countries. The total number registered was 529 individuals. Other improvements of the Walking Trail are three dog stations for depositing dog droppings. These help the fort volunteers keep the property clean and welcoming for everyone. Finally, the association would like to take this time to say thanks to our volunteers and supporters.

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# Keeping Healthcare **LOCAL...**



## Regional Collaboration Between Carthage Area Hospital and Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center



### AS WE LOOK AHEAD TO 2024...

Carthage Area Hospital (CAH), Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center (CHMC), the North Country Orthopaedic Group (NCOG), and Meadowbrook Terrace Assisted Living Facility, united under the North Star Health Alliance (NSHA), are on the cusp of an exciting phase of change and development.

This period is marked by our collective dedication to a shared mission:

**PROVIDING QUALITY-DRIVEN,  
PATIENT-CENTERED  
HEALTHCARE  
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# St. Lawrence sets its sights even higher in 2024

After an exciting 2023, St. Lawrence has much to look forward to in the weeks and months ahead, including the growth and development of its new Center for the Environment, major renovations to benefit current and future students, increased investment in student support programs, new academic opportunities, and a once-in-a-lifetime cosmic event over campus.

## Growing the New Center for the Environment

St. Lawrence punctuated the end of 2023 with one of its most exciting announcements of the year—it had already raised \$2.5 million for its brand-new Center for the Environment (CFE). The CFE unifies the University's existing programs and ties them to innovative new initiatives, including funding for environmental research and innovation on campus, green internships, and environmental scholarships.

CFE programming is for all students, regardless of their major, and will help them develop the environmental leadership, critical thinking, and communication skills they'll need to make an impact in a rapidly changing world.

## Elevating Our Campus Spaces

2023 was a year for major renovations at St. Lawrence.

In June, the University celebrated the groundbreaking of the Appleton Arena George W. Karpus '68 Athletic Center.

Named to honor the generosity of its lead donor, the Appleton renovations and expansions will strengthen the St. Lawrence experience for all student-athletes, with a special emphasis on Division III athletics.

As part of the renovations, the University will revamp the existing DIII strength and conditioning space in the Stafford Fitness Center, allowing open access to a larger fitness area for all students, faculty, and staff.

Across campus, construction is already well underway on a \$30 million facilities enhancement project to enhance the spaces that students use most. Updates began immediately after Commencement in May and include lighting, flooring, and furnishings in first-year residence halls, Dean-Eaton, the Student Center, and Owen D. Young Library.

## Supporting First-Generation Students

In 2023, St. Lawrence doubled down on its commitment to first-generation students. During an induction ceremony in April, 46 students, 16 faculty and staff, and two alumni became members of Alpha Alpha Alpha (Tri-Alpha), the national honor society recognizing first-generation students for academic excellence.

St. Lawrence's chapter of Tri-Alpha is part of the University's First-Gen Initiative, which aims to help first-gen-



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The University celebrated first-generation students, faculty and alumni at its first-ever induction ceremony for the Tri-Alpha first-generation student honor society.

eration students navigate the complexities of college life with specialized support and mentoring

## St. Lawrence Ranked Among the Nation's Best Colleges

It was another successful year in the rankings for St. Lawrence, with recognition in best colleges reports from both U.S. News and World Report and The Princeton Review.

Notably, U.S. News ranked St. Lawrence 59th among over 200 liberal arts colleges, putting it in the top 30% of its peer group. Elsewhere, the New York Times once again included the University on its College Access Index.

According to their measurements, it is the sixth most economically diverse liberal arts college in New York State and the 20th among national liberal arts colleges.

## Students Explore 6 New Majors

On their applications for admission, nearly 12% of the Class of 2027 indicated at least one of St. Lawrence's six new majors as their primary area of academic interest.

This class will be one of the first to take full advantage of the new programming, which includes biomedical sciences, data science, digital media and film, finance, pre-health chemistry, and public health.

## A Record Number of Gilman Scholars

St. Lawrence students broke a school record when 15 were awarded Gilman Scholarships to support their off-campus study experiences. The awards, which totaled \$3,000 to \$5,000 per student, will support opportunities like research



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Reunion weekend in June marked the groundbreaking of the Appleton Arena George W. Karpus '68 Athletic Center at St. Lawrence University.

and internships for students studying in Austria, Australia, Costa Rica, Kenya, London, New Zealand, Spain, and Thailand.

## Kickstarting Careers On and Off Campus

This year, St. Lawrence students traveled to meet up with alumni in Burlington, Vermont, Washington, D.C., and San Francisco. They got a first-hand look into careers in advocacy, finance, entrepreneurship, media, and so much more.

Connections made on these trips often lead to later opportunities. For example, of the 15 students who participated in the Washington, D.C. trip, nearly a third secured summer internships. SLU Connect 2024 kicked off with three days of networking and career exploration in New York City, including a visit to the set of CBS This Morning.

## A Legacy of Empowering North Country Students

At St. Lawrence, a world of opportunities awaits North Country students—from our six new majors to our Center for the Environment to career networking trips in cities like Boston and Washington, D.C. We award over \$500,000 in tuition assistance to North Country students each year through the Augsburg/North Country Scholarship, which is exclusive to students from our region.

Future members of the Class of 2029—it's never too early to learn more about starting your journey at St. Lawrence. Visit: [stlawu.edu/admissions](http://stlawu.edu/admissions).

# Community Friendship Volunteer Program provides a helping hand

The Community Friendship Volunteer Program (CFVP) is volunteer-based and originally developed to provide friendship and a helping hand to older residents in northern Franklin County, but has recently been expanded into St. Lawrence County to meet the needs of the older residents there.

CFVP promotes the building of age-friend-

ly communities and improves the quality of life for older residents across the North Country.

CFVP is unlike any other program found in the North Country region; it addresses very important unmet needs and is 100% non-income based. CFVP cares about individuals, not just for the individual.



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Participants attending a recent "Discovering Your Inner Artist Series – Felting Class" offered by the Community Friendship Volunteer Program.

Many older residents become isolated and lose touch with their communities and, unfortunately, do not have the supports they need to carry out daily activities.

The Community Friendship Volunteer Program will change this by improving the lives of individuals within Northern Franklin and St. Lawrence Counties through equity in aging. Volunteers with the program serve as advocates for seniors and help them stay connected to the communities they call home.

They provide services such as friendly home visits, phone conversation, assistance with errands, and transport to medical appointments and events.

The program directors coordinate volunteers and place them with people according to their needs and interests.

Volunteers can be of any age, and there is flexibility in the frequency of volunteering. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Meghan Conklin, Director of Com-

munity Programs, at (315) 379-8346, or by email at [mconklin@chnorthcountry.org](mailto:mconklin@chnorthcountry.org).

If you, or someone you know, could benefit from the assistance of a volunteer, you can also contact Meghan or complete the referral form on our website – [www.chnorthcountry.org/cfvp](http://www.chnorthcountry.org/cfvp).

The Community Friendship Volunteer Program is a service of Community Health Center of the North Country (CHCNC).

Their model of care is based not only on clinical needs, but on social needs as well, and is why the Community Friendship Volunteer Program is mission critical in building the healthiest communities possible for older residents.

CHCNC operates health centers open to all residents across the North Country in Canton, Gouverneur, Malone, and Ogdensburg. They also have an Optometry Center in Watertown. More information is available at [www.chnorthcountry.org](http://www.chnorthcountry.org)



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# St. Lawrence Health offers specialty care at over 40 practices, facilities

St. Lawrence Health (SLH), an affiliate of Rochester Regional Health, is comprised of three hospitals -- Canton-Potsdam Hospital (CPH) with its Level III Trauma Center, Gouverneur Hospital (GH), and Massena Hospital (MH).

It offers specialty care across more than 40 outpatient practices and primary care facilities in Brasher Falls, Canton, Colton, DeKalb Junction, Edwards, Gouverneur, Louisville, Massena, Norfolk, and Potsdam.

St. Lawrence Health employs 2,104 staff, including 216 full-time medical providers.

Throughout 2023, SLH recruited more than 20 new providers among the specialty fields of anesthesiology, dermatology, emergency medicine, general surgery, hospital medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, oncology, orthopedic surgery, pain management, physiatry, primary care, and psychiatry.

In January 2023, the steel framework of the future four-story Regional Care Pavilion at CPH began taking shape as the first beam was lifted into place.

The Pavilion will house an expanded emergency department with 28 treatment rooms, four flex exam rooms, four resuscitation and trauma rooms, and central clinical station; 60 private, single occupancy inpatient rooms with family accommodations; a new registration and reception area, gift

shop, and coffee kiosk.

SLH anticipates a fall 2024 grand opening.

SLH formalized its acquisition and assumed ownership of Seaway Valley Ambulance (SVA) in Massena.

As one piece of SLH's larger Rural Health Strategy, expansion of the ambulance service will help ensure residents of the North Country have critical access to healthcare, including transporting patients between hospitals locally and across the State.

St. Lawrence Health celebrated its first two graduating classes from RRH's Isabel Graham Hart School of Practical Nursing (IGH) in Potsdam.

Established to afford local education for individuals wanting to advance their careers and help resolve ongoing nursing shortages, the School enables SLH team members and area residents to grow into a professional development career track to become a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).

The school produced 10 new LPNs into the field in 2023, with 6 students currently enrolled and working toward a spring 2024 graduation.

Patients of SLH are now afforded access to state-of-the-art, minimally invasive robotic surgery through da Vinci Xi.

The da Vinci Xi System's immersive



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CPH's Surgical Services department received a new da Vinci Xi Robotic Surgical System in March 2023. Members of the robotics surgical team are shown with the System, from left, Senior Director of Surgical Services Jeffrey Eckdahl, RN, CSSM; Director of Robotic Surgery and General Surgeon Michael Oakley, MD, FACS; and registered nurses Kyle Weems, Kaylin Switzer, and Kristie Peretta.

3D-HD vision system provides surgeons with a highly magnified view and offers patients smaller incisions, less scarring, a decrease in length of stay in the hospital, and a significantly shortened recovery time.

Through the hard work and long hours of the negotiating team, SLH's three hospitals reached an unprecedented five-year contract with their represented nurses.

Serving the North Country for eight-plus years, SLH's Clinical and Rural Health Research team, including Rheumatologist and contributing author of ACTIV-1 manuscript Eyal Kedar, MD, was recognized by The Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) for their work and participation in the ACTIV-1 clinical trial.

Canton-Potsdam Hospital received certification as a Primary Stroke Center, affirming the Hospital's readiness to handle a full range of stroke-related medical conditions.

A combination of the right equipment, personnel, and training certification affords North Country residents specialized and timely care locally, resulting in faster treatment for stroke patients, minimizing the potential for brain damage and disability.

Additionally, CPH recognized Mike and Nancy Griffin with a Community Service Award for the vast multitude of ways they support our communities.

Gouverneur Hospital installed state-of-the-art patient monitors in its medical-surgical patient rooms.

The newly integrated monitoring technologies provide noninvasive and continuous measurements that automate and streamline the flow of patient data to improve clinical efficiency.

Additionally, GH recognized the Gouverneur Police Department with a Community Service Award for its exceptional service in preserving and protecting the citizenry and property of the residents of Gouverneur.

Massena Hospital achieved a LeapFrog Safety Grade A score, after being reviewed among 30 national performance measures.

An A grade is the highest accomplishment possible and reinforces team members' commitment to keeping patients safe from preventable harm and medical errors.

Closing 2023, MH completed its \$1.2M Wound Care construction project. The service is expected to open in spring 2024.

Additionally, MH recognized the Massena Free Clinic with a Community Service Award for the endless ways it enhances healthcare throughout the region.

began the public phase of the Great Care, Right Here Fundraising Campaign with a Kick-Off Gala that raised more than \$155,000 to support the priorities of the Campaign.

Proceeds from the event will support the construction of the Regional Care Pavilion, the establishment of the Family Medicine Rural Residency Program, and scholarships to support employees pursuing further education.

In addition to significant support from individuals, nearly \$13.5M in grant funding was approved, including two NYS DOH Statewide Facility Transformation Grants; \$7M is earmarked for an Obstetrics Expansion project to help alleviate barriers in accessing healthcare services for pregnant and postpartum women; and an additional \$3 million in grant funding was realized for the construction of a Rural Family Medicine Residency facility.

The three-year Rural Family Medicine Residency Program will prepare residents with training and experience required of primary care providers and ultimately help address the shortage of providers in rural healthcare settings.

Grant funding of \$750,000 over the course of five years was awarded to partner with NYS Department of Health and the North Country Prenatal and Perinatal Council on a Universal Maternal Health Light Touch Program, and to assist in the reduction of maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity.

As part of SLH's rural health strategy, CPH is developing a Maternal Outreach Program to assist the un- and under-insured Medicaid population that will address barriers to care, including behavioral healthcare.

Funding will support patient navigation, telehealth resources, and new mom education.

Additionally \$1.5M in funding from NYS OASAS was realized to stand up a Comprehensive Low-Threshold Buprenorphine Services program to help in addressing the opioid epidemic and enhance access to those needing help for substance use disorders.

"Steadfast in our vision for a Rural Health Center of Excellence, our team of professionals remain hyper-focused on continually improving how quality care is accessed and delivered, especially within our unique and challenging rural environment. We are devoted to being of service and offering the essential care our communities need and deserve," noted SLH noted SLH President Donna McGregor.

To learn more about St. Lawrence Health, visit [www.stlawrencehealthsystem.org](http://www.stlawrencehealthsystem.org).



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## Big Spoon Kitchen now in 7th year providing local food

Big Spoon Kitchen is now in its seventh year!

We were very proud to have been chosen as the Potsdam Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year for 2023.

We have a terrific group of people working for us and wonderful customers who look forward to being Spoon Fed.

Owned by Will Trithart and Rose Rivezzi, Big Spoon works with local producers of meat, vegetables, fruit, honey, syrup, and eggs.

Each Thursday, a new menu is developed for online ordering of ready-to-reheat meals available for Tuesday pickup or Wednesday delivery.

We have options for vegans, GF, and lactose free. Gift certificates and freezer meal options are always available online.

Last summer, we launched our purple Spoon Bus to bring you our food on wheels at local events and the Farmers' Markets. We plan to be spotted around the Canton-Potsdam area again this summer!

We are also proud to work with BOCES and Cornell Cooperative Extension on a Farm-to-School program in which we offer minimally processed local apples, salsa mix, butternut squash, carrots, corn, beans, and slaw mix to eighteen area schools to use in their school lunches.

You can also contact us for your catering needs. There is no set menu. It all starts with a conversation to suit your needs.

Check us out at [bigspoonpotsdam.com](http://bigspoonpotsdam.com) and email us at [bigspoonpotsdam@gmail.com](mailto:bigspoonpotsdam@gmail.com) with any questions. We are a proud part of the local food community!

Big Spoon is located at 6510 NYS Hwy. 56, Potsdam. Contact them at 315-244-8888 or visit [bigspoonpotsdam.com](http://bigspoonpotsdam.com)

## Deep Root Center celebrates its 10th birthday in January

Deep Root Center (DRC) just celebrated its 10th birthday at the beginning of January.

With two drop-in learning resource centers in Canton and Massena that offer an alternative to school for youth ages 5-19, they continued to thrive this past year — serving over 40 student members.

The foundational belief at DRC is that all young people deserve a safe, non-coercive, educational environment — where they feel like they are part of a community with people who care about them as individuals.

DRC supports each student member to follow their interests and aspirations at their own pace.

DRC is a place where they can rediscover and embrace their natural playfulness, curiosity, and creativity.

They are free to explore all the possibilities and rekindle their love of learning and belief in themselves.

Deep Root Center also provides a Consultation Service for families who wish to homeschool at home.

The demand for this service has grown year — so much so that they have developed a free booklet entitled "A Guide for What to Expect When Your Child is fully in Charge of Their Education."

It can be found on the Deep Root Center website: [www.deeprootcenter.org/guide---what-to-expect.html](http://www.deeprootcenter.org/guide---what-to-expect.html)

As their reputation for providing a supportive, educational alternative to anyone who needs them grows, the DRC staff and board look forward to expanding into other communities in the North Country within the next few years.

Families interested in learning more are encouraged to visit [www.deeprootcenter.org](http://www.deeprootcenter.org) or contact Maria at [maria@deeprootcenter.org](mailto:maria@deeprootcenter.org).

## Art Gallery & Supply sells everything an artist needs

LOUISVILLE -- St. Lawrence Art Gallery & Supply at 14500 State Highway 37 offers space for local artists to sell their work, as well as selling all sorts of art supplies and creative gifts.

The store, opened by Bob Girard and Greg Wiley during the pandemic, includes basically anything an artist could need.

Aside from taking in submissions from local artists to exhibit their work and sell it, the store offers classes, contests and artist showcases.

The Gallery & Supply is always looking for more artists to display their work at the shop. Anything handcrafted made locally is welcome to be sold in the store.

The store carries art supplies and a large range of canvases for oil, watercolor, and acrylic paints, as well as a large selection kids crafting supplies, kits, and paint-by-numbers. The store also sells handcrafted frames and mats, and also does custom framing.

The store is open Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. Girard and his partner run the store.

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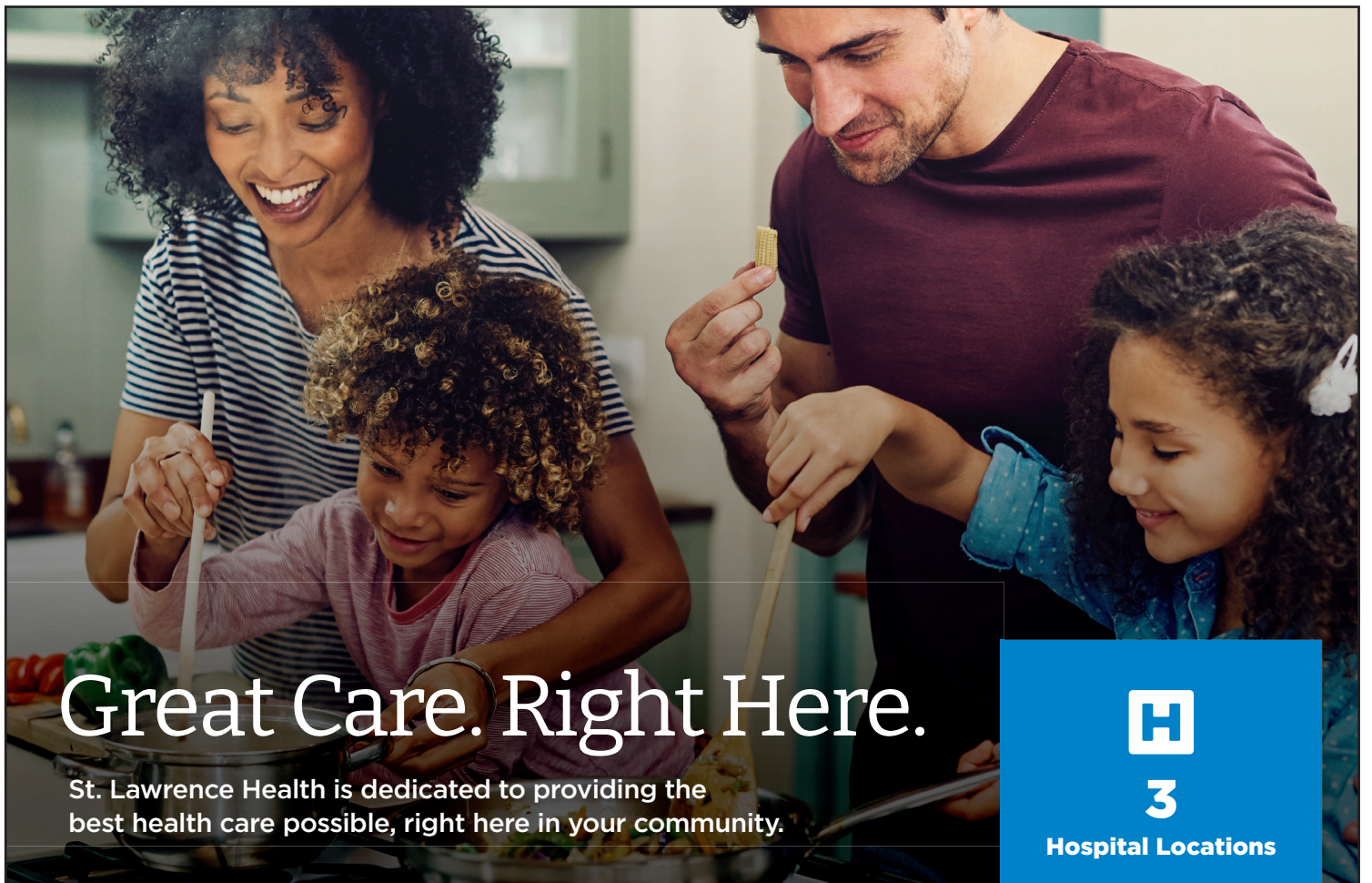
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## Village Green Series presents international performers

Founded in 1974, the Norwood Village Green Concert Series is unique including international performers among the concerts presented each year.

In 2024, countries to be represented include China, Korea, Chile, Bangladesh, and India.

Over the years, the series has presented groups from New Zealand, Russia, Albania, Denmark, Scotland, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Mali, Burkina Faso, Uganda, Colombia,

Peru, Honduras, Brazil, Venezuela, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Canada, the Mohawk Nation, Spain, Cuba, and beyond.

Also unique to the series are the many forms of dance, children's programming, magic shows, puppetry, and many other arts genres presented. It is the most diverse outdoor concert series in Northern New York State.

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the Norwood Village Green Concert Series has presented 31 Grammy recipients, 4 National Heritage Medalists and most recently a Kennedy Center many other prestigious award recipients over the years.

**2024 International Performers**

International performers to be presented in 2024 include Chinese classical hammered dulcimer player Chao Tian, Korean Gayageum virtuoso artist and composer accompanied by multi-award-winning Korean Pansori singer Kim Yulhee and percussionist You Byungwook, Pasquala I Labaca and Fauna performing original and folk-rock music of the Andes and Chile, and Shimul Zaman and Clove and Chai of Bangladesh.

**2024 Grammy Award Recipients and Nominees**

Grammy Award winners will include Jay Ashby (5), Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer (2) and Michael Cleveland (1 and nominated for his 2nd).

He is also a National Heritage Medalist recipient. Grammy nominee Kim Nazarian

will perform with the All Star Big Band under the direction of Wally Siebel.

She will be joined by her husband Jay Ashby and their son Ian Ashby.

**The 2024 Schedule**

For a complete schedule of 17 Norwood Village Green Concert Series events for 2024, links to performer's web sites and much more information peruse the series website: nvgs.org.

The Norwood Village Green Concert Series is a not-for profit founded to impact our home communities via inspiring and spirit-uplifting public outdoor performances as represented in its 2024 schedule.

Additionally the series will complete the construction of the handicap-all purpose ramp the Liotta Band shell on the Norwood Village Green and continue its transition of administrative leadership during 2024.

**Major Supporters**

The Norwood Village Green Concert Series and its audience enjoy major support from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the NYS Legislature and the Office of the Governor.

Also lending major support and funding for the region's biggest annual concert series

are the National Endowment for the Arts Via the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, IberMusicas National Grid, the Corning Incorporated Foundation, the Northern New York Community Foundation, the Sweetgrass Foundation, and the family of Harriet (Mickey) Liotta, series co-founder.

Its workers are supported by meals from Subway.


It is also supported by a wide array of local business, organizations, and individuals as well as the Town of Potsdam and the Village of Norwood.

**How to donate to the 2024 Norwood Village Green Series**

All donations are needed and are tax deductible.

At this time, only donations by check are acceptable. Make check payable to Norwood Village Green Concert Series and mail to Norwood Village Green Concert Series, 3 Bicknell St., Norwood, NY 13668.

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**Rich Duvall, Chief Executive Officer of Carthage Area Hospital and Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center says both facilities are on the cusp of an exciting change.**

# Keeping Healthcare Local: Carthage Area Hospital and Claxton-Hepburn

**BY RICH DUVAL**  
 Chief Executive Officer, Carthage Area Hospital  
 and Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center

As we look ahead to 2024, Carthage Area Hospital (CAH), Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center (CHMC), the North Country Orthopaedic Group (NCOG), and Meadowbrook Terrace Assisted Living Facility, united under the North Star Health Alliance (NSHA), are on the cusp of an exciting phase of change and development.

This period is marked by our collective dedication to a shared mission: providing quality driven, patient centered healthcare right here in the North Country.

### North Star Health Alliance

The NSHA embodies a collaborative partnership aimed at keeping healthcare accessible within the local communities of northern New York.

NSHA's collective efforts are aimed at ensuring local hospitals achieve economic sustainability, while preserving

their independence within the community.

Working together, members of NSHA provide convenient access to healthcare services within the local community.

### Critical Access Transition

CHMC is making significant progress as we transition from a sole community hospital to a critical access hospital and a stand-alone behavioral health hospital.

As we move forward, our plans include the creation of a 25-bed Critical Access Hospital along with a 10-bed observation unit.

Additionally, our facilities will include a stand-alone specialized 40-bed inpatient behavioral health hospital to deliver much needed services to individuals of all ages, including children, adolescents, and adults.

A cornerstone of this initiative, the Elizabeth May Duvall Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health Unit opened in April 2022, is the North Country's only facility for acute inpatient mental health care for children and adolescents, reflecting our dedication to meeting our community's specific healthcare needs.

### New Providers

Despite our recent challenges navigating the cyber attack and economic inflation, our organization continues to grow and enhance our services.

We're thrilled to share the news of welcoming a number of new healthcare providers, expanding the scope of our healthcare services.

Dr. David Harvey Antecol, MD, FACC, FAHA, FRCP(C), has become a valuable addition to our Claxton-Hepburn team, and Dr. Mirza M. Ashraf, MD, F.A.C.C, F.C.C, has joined the Carthage Area Hospital team. These highly regarded cardiologists bring extensive experience to benefit our community in the North Country region. Furthermore, we are pleased to introduce Dr. Daniel Kyung as the new Medical Director of the Richard E. Winter Cancer Center. Dr. Kyung, a renowned oncologist, brings expertise in areas such as thoracic cancers, gastrointestinal cancers, genitourinary cancers, head and neck cancers, breast cancers, and blood cancers. His addition to our team reinforces our commitment to providing comprehensive and specialized care in oncology.

### Service Expansion and Accreditation

We're excited to announce our new Wound Care Center in Watertown, complementing the Rev. Thomas T. Patterson Wound Healing Center in Ogdensburg, marking a key advancement in our wound care services throughout the North Country.

The new center is equipped to tackle various health issues like diabetes, circulatory problems, and burns. Additionally, the Rev. Thomas T. Patterson Wound Healing Center has recently earned the distinction of being the only hyperbaric medicine program in the region accredited by the Undersea & Hyperbaric Medical Society. This recent reaccreditation serves as a testament to our dedication to healthcare excellence, even in challenging times.

Additionally, we are excited to embark on significant technological upgrades in both our imaging and cancer centers throughout all of our hospitals. This initiative represents our commitment to providing cutting-edge care and ensuring that our patients benefit from the latest advancements in medical technology.

### Looking Ahead

As we move forward into 2024 and beyond, the communities in the North Country can have confidence in the unwavering commitment of Carthage Area Hospital, Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center, and the North Country Orthopaedic Group, along with the North Star Health Alliance, to provide consistent and dedicated care.

Whether it is a swift trip to the emergency room, the convenience of using our walk-in clinics or mobile units, support treatment at the Richard E. Winter Cancer Center, or spending time with family at Meadowbrook Terrace Assisted Living, our pledge is unchanging.

We are committed to enhancing your life through compassionate, comprehensive healthcare, serving as your trusted neighborhood healthcare system.

As we move into the new year, we want to express our profound gratitude to our dedicated team – our employees, medical staff, foundation members, auxiliary team, and board of directors. Your unwavering commitment, along with the strong support from our community, is the driving force behind our ability to provide exceptional patient-centered healthcare services right here in your hometown.

## Norwood Village Green CONCERT SERIES

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# 2024 SEASON SCHEDULE

ALL CONCERTS BEGIN AT 7 P.M. EXCEPT AS NOTED

### THURSDAY, JULY 18

#### String Solstice

Local musicians Mike Welsh, Jennifer Hubbard Kessler, Chip Lamson, Chris Hosmer, and Larry Baycura offer a unique blend of contemporary folk-like song.

### SUNDAY, JULY 21

#### Pasquala I Labaca and Fauna

This Santiago band performs original and folk-rock music of the Andes and Chile. There will be a participatory demonstration of Chilean rhythms at 5 pm.

### THURSDAY, JULY 25

#### Norwoodstock with Northbound

A Star-studded cast of several dozen local musicians performing for the benefit of the Norwood-Norfolk-Raymondville Outreach Program. Northbound will be the house band.

### SUNDAY, JULY 28

#### Jordon Davidson and Toni Zyglado

#### Maria Tartaglia and Jeffrey Hinkle

A Vocal concert with music from Broadway to Contemporary gems.

### THURSDAY, AUG. 1

#### Shimul Zaman and Clove and Chai of Bangladesh

Music from India and Bangladesh led by Norwood resident and Bangladesh native Shimul Zaman and friends.

### SUNDAY, AUG. 4

#### The Dave North Trio Music

From the English and Irish pub scene. Diane Murray Warburton, a native of Norwood, is part of the group.

### THURSDAY, AUG. 8

#### The Brass Firemen

Norwood's own Fire Department Band.

## Thank You Supporters!

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### HOW TO DONATE:

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### THURSDAY, MAY 30 TIME TBD

#### A Music Education Event

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### THURSDAY, JUNE 6

#### Music from China to Appalachia

2-time Grammy Award recipients Cathy Fink & March Marxer join Chinese classical hammer dulcimer player Chao Tian. Workshops and a concert for Norwood-Norfolk CS students and an evening performance for the general public.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 13

#### Foolish Pride

Trevor Blank & Ben Lacy sharing dual guitar & lead vocals, Carter Jones on bass & vocal harmonies, Josh Barkley on keys, and Sean Tierson hammering home the rhythm on drums.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 20

#### Northern Symphonic Winds

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### SUNDAY, JUNE 23

#### Seo Jungmin

Seo Jungmin is a Korean Gayageum artist and composer who pushes the boundaries between traditional and contemporary music with her exceptional skills on the 25-string Gayageum. As a member of the renowned Korean traditional music duo Su:m, Seo has earned global recognition through performances at major festivals such as WOMEX, WOMAD, and SXSW.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 27

#### The Gibson Brothers

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### SUNDAY, JUNE 30

#### The Ronnie Leigh Quintet

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### SUNDAY, JULY 7

#### The All Star Big Band

Under the direction of **Wally Siebel** with guest artists **Kim Nazarian**, lead vocalist NY Voices, her husband **Jay Ashby** a 5-time Grammy winner as arranger, producer, and chairman of jazz dept. Oberlin Conservatory on trombone, and their son **Ian Ashby** on bass. Jay and Ian will play with the All Star Big Band.

### SUNDAY, JULY 14

#### Michael Cleveland and Flamekeeper

Born blind and almost deaf in one ear, Michael Cleveland has attained legendary status as one of the greatest fiddlers of his or any other generation. The Grammy Award recipient has been nominated for his 2nd Grammy in 2024. He has also been awarded the National Endowment For the Arts National Heritage Medal.

# SeaComm completes 60th year

MASSENA – As SeaComm completes its 60th year of service, the focus remains to optimize the financial well-being of its members while contributing to the communities in which it serves.

In this respect, 2023 was a significant year for continued success. “The heart of why we exist comes from us serving and improving the overall financial lives of our membership,” says Scott A. Wilson, President and Chief Executive Officer. “We are committed to being there, when our members need us most.”

Throughout the year, SeaComm continued to concentrate on strengthening its current offerings to improve member experience.

Several improvements and upgrades were made to the mobile app, SeaComm’s audio response system (SMARTLine) and its eZCard alert system.

“Our focus continues to be on enhancing our product and service offerings to meet the needs of our membership,” said Wilson.

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SeaComm’s Pay-It-Forward Program carried out random acts of kindness, impacting over 4,800 individuals.

Delivery of floral arrangements and puzzles to nursing home residents; surprising restaurant patrons with free breakfast; paying for orders at local coffee shops and purchasing school supplies for students in need, are just a few of the events fulfilled.

For its community engagement, SeaComm was awarded the 2023 Silver MAC Award from the Marketing Association of Credit Unions, the Diamond Award from CUNA Marketing and Business Development Council, and the First Place Dora Maxwell Award for Social Responsibility.

In an effort to further support the service communities, SeaComm staff members participated in the “Do Some Good” Program, which allows them to volunteer for a charity or cause of their choice during work hours.

Some of the local charities selected were Hospice of the North Country, United Way of Northern New York and Helping Hands of Potsdam. During the year, more than \$428,000 in donations and sponsorships were given, including donations to the foundations of Samaritan Medical Center and St. Lawrence Health; The Malone Recreation Foundation; Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley; Veteran’s Memorial Park in Massena and Jefferson Community College.

In 2023, SeaComm was Great Place to Work Certified™, as elected by its employees. The prestigious award is based entirely on what current employees say about their working experience. Following an 82-question survey process, 90% of employees said it’s a great place to work. “It is gratifying to be named as a Great Place to Work on a national level,” said Wilson. “We have a talented, smart, hard-working staff, which takes great pride in their work of serving our members.”

BauerFinancial, Inc., an independent rating company analyzing the performance of U.S. banks and credit unions, has awarded SeaComm the Superior Five-Stars.

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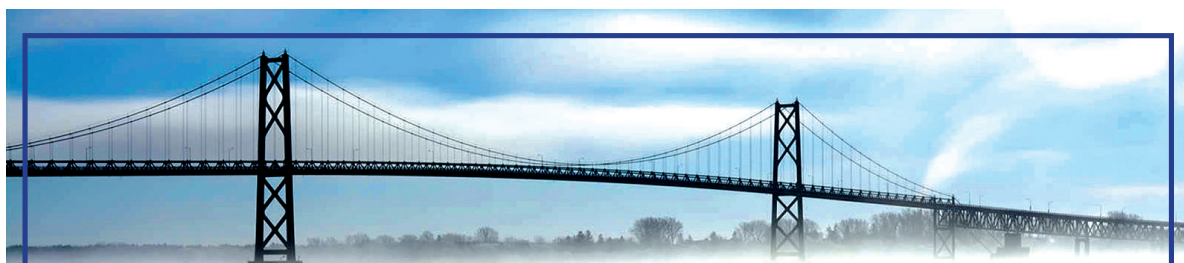
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The City seeks a seasoned leader of a comparable organization with extensive personal experience in finance, budgeting, labor relations, capital and operational planning, expenditure management, public facilities, and staff development.

A Position Profile, which details the essential education, experience, and personal qualities of the ideal candidate, as well as application requirements, can be viewed at the City's website, [www.ogdensburg.org](http://www.ogdensburg.org)

The starting salary range for this position is \$125,000 to \$150,000, DOQ.

For additional information contact the City's recruitment facilitator, **John Krol, at [citymgr4@gmail.com](mailto:citymgr4@gmail.com)**.

The deadline for the submission of applications is March 22.

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Tri-Town Kids is growing! We prioritize a nature based family style Center. We are a busy and active center looking to serve local parents with caring for their littles. We are hiring for part-time substitutes and multiple full-time teacher positions! Full time positions in Pre-K and Toddler, Pay based on education and experience \$17-19/hr. PTO, paid holidays, priority to flexible family friendly scheduling M-F (variable schedule). Paid continuing education, welcome staff children on site! Call us at Tri-Town Kids (315) 389-4321 or email resume to [tritownkids@gmail.com](mailto:tritownkids@gmail.com)

The Town of Louisville will be accepting applications to work in the Summer Recreation Program, as Youth Counselors. Candidates must be between the ages of 16 to 21 and preferably a resident of Louisville. Candidates must be highly motivated and willing to work with the community youth in a Summer Recreation Program. Responsibilities include overseeing, participating and interacting with the children. If you are interested in being considered for one of the positions, you can pick up an application at the Louisville Town Clerk's office, Monday thru Thursday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm or download the application at [louisvillenenewyork.com](http://louisvillenenewyork.com). The deadline for submitting an appli-

cation is March 11, 2024. If you have any questions please call the office at 764-7473. The Town of Louisville is an equal opportunity employer.

**IN-HOME SITTING** needed for infant in Hannawa Falls. 40 hour week Mon-Fri, must be reliable, have transportation, references required. Call or text 315-212-3682

**DISHWASHERS** at Cactus Grill and Mama Lucia. Immediate opportunity. Call Larry at 315 212 2707 for interview.

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Autobody Technician needed - Gouverneur Collision - full time position, experience preferred, paid vacation, health benefits, 401k, starting pay ranging from \$16/hour to \$25/hour. Inquire within, or call Craig at 315-535-5004.

College Association, Inc. at SUNY Canton has the following position open: Production Cook- The Production Cook is responsible for taking an ongoing inventory of ingredients to ensure nothing is running low, cutting up vegetables, preparing side dishes and getting salads ready for special events and regular dining hours. This is a full-time seasonal position based on the academic

year and includes a generous benefits package. Hours for this position are Sunday 9:00am-8:30pm, Monday-Thursday 1:00pm-8:30pm. Starting pay is \$15.00 per hour. Send resumes to Nichole Todd, Human Resources Representative, College Association, Inc. SUNY Canton, 34 Cornell Drive, Canton, NY 13617 or at oshea109@canton.edu. College Association, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All offers of employment are subject to the applicant successfully passing a background (including criminal records) check.

**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 ability/experience, \$15 to \$20/hr for 6 to 8 hrs./wk in office with some flextime possible; paid vacation & sick time. PDF of resume and cover letter to: RevMike@ChurchOnThePark.org. First Presbyterian Church of Canton (315) 386-2570, <http://www.ChurchOnThePark.org>.

**Agriculture Laborer:** The Agriculture Laborer is responsible for performing all labor related tasks involved with program activities. Status: Full-Time, Non-Exempt. Salary: \$15.02 - \$21.49. Deadline: January 24, 2024. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: [www.smt-nsn.gov](http://www.smt-nsn.gov).

**Registered Nurse:** Under the direction of the Assistant Program Manager, the Registered Nurse is responsible for overseeing the medical and clinical conditions of the individuals. Interacts with and works closely with the individual's physicians and medical specialists, to promote their medical well-being. Status: Full-Time, Exempt. Salary: \$27.29 - \$41.03. Deadline: Open Until Filled. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: [www.smt-nsn.gov](http://www.smt-nsn.gov).

**JANITOR** wanted in Ogdensburg. The successful candidate maintains the plants physical appearance so it is clean and neat, including floors/walls/windows/common spaces and non-manufacturing equipment and grounds. He/she will keep inventory of lunchroom and cleaning supplies. May be required to lift 50 pounds or more. Starting wage between \$17.00 and \$20.00 dependent on experience. Competitive benefit package offered. Interested applicants may drop resume off to 110 Denny Street or email [kim@hoosiermagnetics.com](mailto:kim@hoosiermagnetics.com)

**CHEF POSITIONS** at Hazen Enterprises. Email resume to [Lawrencehazen@gmail.com](mailto:Lawrencehazen@gmail.com). Experienced Chef, organize kitchen activities, control & direct food prep, ensure food quality, experienced in all positions of cooking.

The St. Lawrence County Information Technology Department is in search of a Network Technician. The starting salary is \$51,102 with excellent benefits. For more information please visit <https://stlaw-portal.mycivilservice.com>. Applications will be accepted until 01/19/24. Please send applications to: Human Resources Office, 48 Court Street, Canton, NY 13617. Applications can be obtained from the St. Lawrence County Human Resource's webpage: <https://stlawco.gov/Departments/HumanResources> or by contacting Human Resources (315)379-2210. AA/EOE

## Trivia Test

1. GEOGRAPHY: The Darien Gap separates which two countries?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is Three Kings Day also known as?
3. MOVIES: What's the name of the supervillain character in the animated film "Despicable Me"?
4. LITERATURE: Who is the author of "The Kite Runner"?
5. TELEVISION: What is the name of the motorcycle-riding greaser in the sitcom "Happy Days"?
6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which musical instrument does former President Bill Clinton play?
7. GAMES: In the game Battleship, how many ships does each player have at the beginning?
8. MUSIC: Which famous rock singer was born with the name Farrokh Bulsara?
9. HISTORY: What was the name of the first U.S. Space Shuttle?
10. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the Mammoth cave system, believed to be the longest in the world?

Answers found elsewhere in this paper.



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 Proficient in letter-writing using business letter skills.

**Hours:** Typically 40 hours a week but may consider part-time hours if Bi-lingual in Spanish.

**Compensation:** Minimum of \$18.25

To apply to this position or to see a full listing of current openings please go to: <https://cbna.com/careers/work-happy>

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## Ogdensburg City School District

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### \*SCHOOL BUS DRIVER\*


(\$27.32/hr.)

All interested candidates must submit the following:

- Civil Service Application (can be obtained in the Superintendent's Office or downloaded from our school website)
- Copy of New York State Commercial Driver's License
- Copy of Trainings and Certifications
- Application deadline is **January 23, 2024**
- If not currently licensed the District will, upon completion of a successful interview, provide the necessary trainings to obtain a Bus Driver's License

All requested materials are to be submitted to:

**Sabrina Charleston**  
**Secretary 1**  
**Ogdensburg City School District**  
**1100 State Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669**  
**scharleston@ogdensburgk12.org**  
**315-393-0900 (p) • 315-393-2767 (f)**  
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## PART-TIME TELLER

St. Lawrence Federal Credit Union is currently seeking a **part-time teller** for the **Ogdensburg** and **Heuvelton** branches. Responsibilities include providing excellent member service, performing member transactions (deposits, withdrawals, loan payments, etc.), directing members to the appropriate department for services and building lasting relationships with members and potential members.

After an appropriate training period, the position will consist of approximately 20 to 25 hours per week with limited Saturday rotations. There may be a potential that the position will develop to full-time status. The pay rate is \$19.00 per hour. Previous teller experience is preferred but not necessary.

Please submit cover letter and resume to **Jean M. Clouse, Vice President of Human Resources**, at [jclouse@stlawrfcu.com](mailto:jclouse@stlawrfcu.com) no later than **January 26**. Applications may also be obtained at any branch.

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## NURSE PRACTITIONERS

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

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

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



## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

St. Regis Falls Central School District (EO/AE) is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2023-24 school year:

- School Monitor • Teaching Assistant
- School Counselor • Teacher Aide (2)
- Typist (12-month position) • Registered Nurse (substitute)
- Weight Room Supervisor • School Psychologist
- Physical Education Teacher

Application deadline: **Until filled**

Applications are available at <https://www.stregiscsd.org/district/employment-opportunities>

Please submit completed application along with a current Resume, Letter of Interest, copy of Certification(s), Transcript, and Letters of Recommendation to:

**Alexis Chapman**  
**St. Regis Falls Central School**  
**PO Box 309, 92 North Main Street**  
**St. Regis Falls, NY 12980**  
[achapman@stregiscsd.org](mailto:achapman@stregiscsd.org) EOE



## Dining Services - Utility

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

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

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

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- Background in steel or wood construction would be helpful

Applications can be picked up at 8 Church Street in Gouverneur, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Reception area. Or send resume (with references and previous employment contact info) to: [kpistolesi@cives.com](mailto:kpistolesi@cives.com)



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Office of Human Resources:

518-359-4150

or [Sunmount.Careers@opwdd.ny.gov](mailto:Sunmount.Careers@opwdd.ny.gov)

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St. Lawrence County is in search of: SENIOR FISCAL OFFICERS (3). Salary: \$53,044 with benefits. These are provisional appointments. The successful applicants will need to take a Civil Service exam and score within the top three interested candidates in order to be permanently appointed. Applications accepted until positions have been



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### University Events Director (Potsdam, NY)

**Position Summary Guidelines:** Provide vision, solicit input, initiate, plan, direct/coordinate and execute the set-up of high-quality University-wide ceremonies and student recruitment events in close coordination with the Offices of the President, Marketing & External Relations, and Undergraduate Admissions. Collaborate extensively with faculty and staff providing academic and educational content consistent with the University mission and goals as well as communicating and implementing logistical needs across multiple departments and external vendors to facilitate successful events to meet standards and needs. This position will be required to reserve appropriate event spaces, ensure patron safety, and procure the required reports needed for documentation or required announcements pertaining to the events. This position will also need to be available and able to execute the events on various assigned weekends throughout the year independently with overnight travel to the Capital Region Campus in Albany, NY, as needed.

**Minimum qualifications:** Bachelor's degree, with 3 to 5 years professional experience. Candidate will have had two or more years working in a public facing position serving a wide array of people from different backgrounds and ages in a professional setting.

**Range: \$60,000-\$74,000 based on experience**

### Department of Physical Therapy: Chair and Program Director (Potsdam, NY)

**Position Summary Guidelines:** The program director demonstrates the academic and professional qualifications and relevant experience in higher education requisite for providing effective leadership for the program, the program faculty, and the students.

**Minimum qualifications:** Physical therapist who holds (or eligible) an active, unrestricted PT license in New York; earned academic doctoral degree; holds or would be eligible for the rank of associate professor, professor, clinical associate professor, or clinical professor; minimum of six years of full-time higher education experience, with a minimum of three years of full-time experience as a core faculty member in a CAPTE accredited entry-level physical therapist education program.

**Range: \$120,000- \$147,000 based on experience**

### Instructor/Assistant Director of Applied Projects and Instructional Support (Potsdam, NY)

**Position Summary Guidelines:** The Assistant Director will manage the overall operations of recruiting/admissions processes, student mentoring and academic achievement support. In addition, the Assistant Director will manage all aspects of the applied practical work of graduate students which include support for the research, consulting and outreach activities of our program. In its capacity as the Assistant Director of Instructional Support, the employee will be called upon to execute various aspects of instructional support for the MSADS curriculum: recitation sessions, labs, etc..

**Minimum qualifications:** A Master's degree in Applied Data Science or compatible field is required. At least two years of experience in designing, developing and executing data science technologies, solutions and methodologies. Two years of responsibility in instructional development, delivery and support. Management experience is required.

**Range: \$65,000- \$75,000 based on experience**

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

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** The work involves responsibility for administering and enforcing the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building code or a local fire and/or building code if approved by the State Fire Prevention and Building Code Council. Under general supervision, provides for the coordination of all activities relevant to ensuring compliance with the appropriate laws, codes, rules and regulations.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Either:

A) Possession of a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture, Civil Engineering, Civil Engineering Technology, Construction Technology or Fire Protection and Safety; OR

B) Possession of an Associate's Degree in Architecture, Civil Engineering, Civil Engineering Technology, Construction Technology or Fire Protection and Safety and one (1) year of full-time paid experience in building or fire prevention inspection, building construction work or in a building trade; OR

C) Currently possesses a New York State Department of State Code Enforcement Certification as mandated in the State of New York Title 19 NYSCRR Part 434.5 (Certification of Code Enforcement Personnel) and has completed any necessary In-service Code Enforcement Personnel Training to maintain proper certification; (Candidates stating they possess the NYS Department of State Code Enforcement Certification will be required to provide proof of such certification and that the certification is currently in compliance with the regulations set forth under the State of New York Title 19 NYSCRR Part 434.5 (Certification of Code Enforcement Personnel) OR

D) Three (3) years of full-time paid experience as described in (B) above.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:** Pursuant to the Department of State Division of Building Standards & Codes in the State of New York the incumbent must:

- Complete Basic Training requirements within eighteen (18) months of appointment.

- Obtain certification after completing the required Courses 9A16, 9B16, 9C16, 9D16, 9E16 and 9F16.

- Maintain the required yearly in-service training (24 hours annually) and any required advanced in-service training.

This is a non-competitive appointment and St. Lawrence County will qualify before hiring for this part time job that will pay from a range of \$10,575 - \$12,000 commensurate with experience. The applicant must pass drug/alcohol screening.

**Application Deadline: Monday January 22, 2024 at 4pm.**

Job application is available by contacting the Town Clerk's office.

Send letter of interest, completed application, resume and letters of recommendation and copy of certification to:

**Town Clerk Jeannine Brouse, 60 Main Street, Massena, NY 13662**

## 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).

- 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 work flexible hours which may include evenings and/or weekends, as appropriate.

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

**\*\*Cornell Cooperative Extension is an employer and educator recognized for valuing AA/EEO, Protected Veterans, and Individuals with Disabilities and provides equal program and employment opportunities.**

filled. Applications and qualifications may be obtained from the County's Website at: <https://stlaw-portal.mycivilservice.com/> or by calling 315-379-2210. AA/EEO.

Cook needed at Potsdam Sergi's. Call Lisa after 3 pm at 315 265 3420.

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The Town of Oswegatchie is accepting applications for a full-time Motor Equipment Operator (MEO). The successful applicant must have a valid and clean Class B license. Excellent benefit package; HSA health

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Potsdam Specialty Paper, Inc. is looking for a Compliance Manager to handle Environmental and Quality. Duties not limited to: Solicit necessary information on raw materials and respond to customer product stewardship inquiries. Acquire environmental data and submit required reports to the Local, State and Federal government, and represent the organization before environmental regulatory agencies. Manage the organization's Quality Management System. Accountabilities include: Oversee operation of Wastewater and Raw Water. Accumulation, storage and disposal of all hazardous and non-hazardous waste. Perform the duties of the Emergency Management Coordinator, TSCA Coordinator, Radiation Safety Contact, Certified Pesticide Applicator, and ELAP Quality Manager. Qualifications: Associates degree with a technical background preferred. Two years work experience in Environmental and Quality a plus. We are willing to train the right candidate who portrays the following: Leadership, analytical and organizational skills, excellent communication skills, excellent Excel skills. Salary range is: \$60,600-\$75,000. DOE. Competitive benefits package: Medical/prescription, dental, life, vision, generous PTO and matching 401(k). Interested candidates should send cover letter and resume by January 19, 2024 to: Business Leader, Potsdam Specialty Paper, Inc., 547A Sissonville Road, Potsdam, NY 13676. [tracy.champion@pspi.us.com](mailto:tracy.champion@pspi.us.com)

Now Hiring: Full-time PFS Project Director - PAL of Massena, serving the kids of our community since 2013, has an immediate opening for Project Director of our Partnerships for Success (PFS) Program. This is a full-time, grant-funded position to oversee the planning and implementation of evidence-based prevention programs. Review of applications and interviews begin immediately, until position is filled. For complete details, visit: [www.MassenaPAL.com/careers](http://www.MassenaPAL.com/careers) EOE

St. Lawrence County Department of Social Services is in search of a Clerk. Starting salary is \$35,101 with excellent benefits. Generous vacation and sick time allowance, and the option to enroll in the St. Lawrence County's health insurance or opt out of the insurance and receive a buyout in the amount of \$2,000 for single coverage or \$4,000 for family. This is an entry-level class involving the performance of a variety of systematized clerical tasks. This is a provisional appointment. The successful applicant will need to take a civil service examination and score within the top three interested candidates in order to be permanently appointed. You can apply online at <https://stlaw-portal.mycivilservice.com> or by contacting Human Resources at 315-379-2210.

HOUSEKEEPER. 1 day a week. General cleaning, tidying up. No cleaning services please. Experience helpful but not required. Potsdam village. 315-244-0912

The Counseling Center at SUNY Potsdam is accepting on-line applications to fill the key position of Case Manager (Senior Staff Assistant) who will report to the Director of the Counseling Center and will be responsible for providing holistic wrap-around support services by assisting students with negotiating access to campus and community resources for behavioral, financial, and social service needs. The Case Manager will provide assessment, case management, and follow-up support services and referrals to community services providers and college specific resources for students who are experiencing non-academic difficulties that may impede their persistence and academic success. Specifically, the Case Manager works with, supports, and connects students to resources; develops preventative identification, education, and response strategies; and tracks student outcomes. To review the complete job description: requirements and essential functions of the job, required and preferred qualifications, and/or apply, visit [employment.potsdam.edu](http://employment.potsdam.edu), job posting No. U-00535. Position is open until filled. EOE

Hiring Journeyman Shift Electricians (Full Time) Average Annual Pay 85K+ BiOrigin Specialty Products (formerly Dunn Paper) in Gouverneur has been mastering the art of crafting sustainable specialty paper and tissue products for years, and now we want you to be part of our dynamic team. Join us on our journey of growth and innovation and support the manufacture of some of the most outstanding sustainable paper and tissue products in all of North America. We are looking for qualified Journeyman Electricians for plant maintenance. This position works a 12-hour Dupont shift schedule (work only 14 days with one full week off per month). This role will take on the daily tasks of trouble shooting electrical issues around the mill using electrical test equipment, assisting the operations and mechanical maintenance departments with their day-to-day tasks, and operating the steam plant. Successful candidates will join the United Steel Workers Union Local 0687. Come join our dynamic team as we grow our business in specialty tissue products. You will have the unique opportunity to work with all levels of staff, from mill manager to



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Please contact: **District Office, P.O. Box 187, Parishville, NY 13672**

or submit the SLL BOCES Regional Application

<https://forms.sllbooces.org/Forms/CommonApplication>

by: **January 24, 2024 or until positions are filled**

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**ITEMS FOR SALE**

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**Public Health Director**

St. Lawrence County is seeking an exemplary candidate to lead the Department of Public Health with a \$8.4M Budget and talented staff of over 35 employees. The Public Health Director is responsible to the Board of Health for the implementation and enforcement of the State and County Sanitary Code and other public health programs, and is responsible to the County Administrator for the implementation of the financial, personnel, and administrative policies. The ideal candidate will bring knowledge and experience in exemplary public health practice, outstanding leadership, effective communication, and administrative skills. General Supervision is exercised over programs of the Health Department such as the Clinic functions, Emergency Preparedness, Maternal Child Health, Early Intervention, Lead Poisoning Prevention, Pre-School Transportation, Preventive Health, and Communicable Disease control, Immunizations, and general health promotion and education. Work location is in person.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Master's Degree in Public Health or related field\*, and two (2) years of administrative experience in a health related organization or government agency. Experience should demonstrate effective knowledge and communication skills to administer public health programs, manage staff and budget, establish and implement policy and goals, and compliance with legal requirements.

NOTE: \*Related field includes; health administration, nursing, environmental health or community health education. Appointment to the Director Position is subject to approval of New York State Commissioner of Health.

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Send a letter of interest and resume to:  
**Ruth Doyle, County Administrator**

**48 Court Street, Canton, NY 13617**

Deadline for applications will be Wednesday, January 31, 2024. AA/EOE

Apply today ONLINE at:

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**MALONE CENTRAL SCHOOL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Malone Central School District is currently accepting applications for the following positions for the 2023-2024 School Year:

**Teachers**

Kindergarten Teacher • Secondary Math Teacher  
Elementary Special Education Teachers  
Secondary School Counselor • School Psychologist

**Support Staff**

Teacher Aides • Teacher Assistants

**Substitutes**

Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Teacher Aides, School Monitor, Clerical, Laborer, Bus Driver, Bus Monitor, Nurses, Cleaners

Applications are due by **January 22, 2024**

Please submit applications available at <http://www.maloneschools.org> to:

Please submit applications to:

**Heather Hardy, Human Resources Assistant**  
**Malone Central School District, PO Box 847, Malone, NY 12953**  
**518-483-7800 • hmhardy@maloneschools.org**

The Malone Central School District is an equal opportunity employer.



**Potsdam Network Infrastructure & Media Technician**

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

To review complete job description: the job requirements & essential functions of the job, required and preferred qualifications, and submit resume, cover letter, application, and references apply on-line at [employment.potsdam.edu](http://employment.potsdam.edu), job posting number U-00533.

Position is open until filled.

EOE

## Cornell Cooperative Extension St. Lawrence County After School Educator 21st Century Program

Deadline to Apply: January 17, 2023

**POSITION SUMMARY:**

This position will serve as an After-School Program Educator for Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of St. Lawrence County in support of the 21st Century After School Program, and will provide comprehensive 4-H youth development opportunities for youth in grades K-8 in the Parishville- Hopkinton Central School District, Edwards-Knox Central School District, Hermon-Dekalb Central School District or Colton-Pierrepont Central School District. This position will provide established guidance and direction for program participants and after-school activities, including club and life skills, as well as assisting the collaborating teachers during the academic study portion of the program. This position will provide instruction utilizing established 4-H curriculum in the areas of, but not limited to: STEAM, environmental science, natural resources, community service, life skills development, and agriculture. 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:**

- Associate's Degree in child development, recreation, related field or equivalent education (GED/High School Diploma and 2 year transferrable/program experience).
- Experience relevant to the role of the position.
- Valid NYS Driver's License and the ability to meet travel requirements associated with this position.
- 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, training requirements).
- 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 work flexible hours which may include evenings and/or weekends, as appropriate.

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## City of Ogdensburg Maintenance Equipment Mechanic

The City of Ogdensburg is accepting applications to fill a full-time **Maintenance Equipment Mechanic** position in the Ogdensburg Public Works Department. Starting salary is \$22.18/hour, 40 hours per week. In accordance with the collective bargaining agreement, following completion of the 12-month probationary period, salary is \$28.27/hour.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

- (A) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered technical school or community college with an Associate's Degree or certificate in automotive equipment technology or mechanics; OR
- (B) Graduation from a high school, technical or vocational program in motor equipment mechanics and two (2) years of full-time paid experience in an automotive repair shop performing repair and maintenance of motor equipment under the supervision or direction of a higher -level mechanic; - OR -
- (C) Four (4) years of full-time paid experience in an automotive repair shop performing repair and maintenance of motor equipment under the supervision or direction of a journey level mechanic in a commercial, industrial or facilities operations setting.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION:**

1. Eligibility for any appropriate class New York State driver's license and possession of license at time of appointment.
2. Possession of a Motor Vehicle Inspector's Certificate issued by the State Department of Motor Vehicles or eligibility to obtain if required by the employing agency.

Civil Service applications are available at the Department of Public Works, City Clerk's Office at City Hall or at [www.ogdensburg.org](http://www.ogdensburg.org). Completed applications must be returned to the **Department of Public Works, 901 Champlain Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669** by **Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 3 pm.**

The City of Ogdensburg is an equal opportunity employer.

## LISBON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2024 - 2025 School Year:

**- Certified Math Teacher (Grades 7-12)**

- Minimum Starting Salary: \$47,330 (to be negotiated based on experience)

**- Certified Elementary Teacher (Grades UPK-6)**

- Minimum Starting Salary: \$47,330 (to be negotiated based on experience)

is accepting applications for the following position for the 2024 Spring Season:

**- Modified Girls Softball Coach**

(Spring Season Dates: March 11, 2024 to June 8, 2024)

- Stipend: \$1,533

All interested candidates must submit the following to be considered for some positions:

- ▶ Cover Letter
- ▶ Application (Please apply using the Regional Common Application)
- Application and information about Lisbon CSD may be found at: <https://www.lisboncsd.org/>
- ▶ Resume
- ▶ Letters of Recommendation (three)
- For Instructional Positions, Principal Positions, Teaching Positions and Bus Driver Positions ONLY
- ▶ Original College Transcripts(s)

**Application deadline is January 31, 2024.**

Failure to provide all requested materials may result in disqualification of the candidate's application. Please submit information attention to:

Please submit information attention to:  
**Mr. Patrick J. Farrand, Superintendent of Schools**  
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- 5 Droid
- 8 — Romeo
- 12 Squid dish
- 14 Crowd noise
- 15 Earring shape, often
- 16 Rock's Moetley —
- 17 Little louse
- 18 Great —
- 20 Spiral
- 23 Cannon of film
- 24 Sofa brand
- 25 Cake mixes
- 28 Links org.
- 29 Los —, California
- 30 Satisfied sigh
- 32 "Say something!"
- 34 "Alfred" composer
- 35 Flower part
- 36 Run-down
- 37 Sudden bursts
- 40 Aachen article
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- 42 Fly at a low altitude
- 47 Grate
- 48 Points of view
- 49 Pro votes
- 50 Bit of butter

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- 11 War god
- 34 Virgil epic
- 13 1509, to Cato
- 36 Billboard
- 19 Back muscles, for short
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- 20 Trendy
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- 21 Heart charts
- 39 Church section
- 22 Bound
- 40 Work on proofs
- 23 Fact
- 43 Clean air org.
- 25 Pastry store
- 26 Scarce
- 44 — polloi
- 27 Hourglass
- 45 Single
- 28 Esoteric
- 29 Portal
- 46 Calif. clock setting
- 30 Satisfied sigh
- 31 "Pss!"

Answers found elsewhere in this paper.

## MISCELLANEOUS

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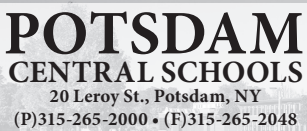
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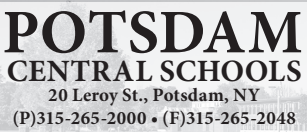
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8	2		6			1	
6			5			3	
		2			7		9
	7			6	1		8

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