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Massena moves forward with school officer

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- The Massena Central School District may soon be joining the list of St. Lawrence County school districts with a school resource officer.

Board of education members approved an agreement with the Village of Massena Police Department for an SRO, eliminating one hurdle to bringing an officer to the district.

The next step will be for Massena village trustees to sign off on the deal.

Trustees did not address the potential agreement during normal business during the Jan. 16 meeting.

Trustees had previously approved the position last year, however the candidate put before the school board was rejected without any reason given.

Now with the school signing off to hire for the position, school officials say they are hopeful the village will sign off on the agreement at the next village board meeting.

Just who should fill the role is one that has been in debate for some time, with Massena Police Chief Jason Olson previously saying they would not hire just anyone for the role.

"It has to be the right fit at the right time. The position requires skills and training that not just any officer may have at the time. So we are going to be very deliberate in our choice," Olson said last year when the



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Bertrand makes history as city's first female firefighter

Six new firefighters in O'burg

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG -- Ogdensburg's fire department added six new members including the first woman to ever serve in Ogdensburg.

At a ceremony in city hall Tuesday Jan. 24, the six new members took their oaths and Chief Kenneth Stull spoke briefly to mark the historic occasion.

"I would like to give a special thanks to the mayor and council for supporting the budget resolution that made today possible," he said.

Stull said the new recruits would bring relief to a department that faced adversity in recent years.

"The addition of the six new firefighters will greatly increase our firefighters' health and safety and reduce the cost for us to continue providing the excellent service to the community, which they deserve," Stull stated.

On Monday council also acknowledged that Brittaney Bertrand would be the first woman to serve as an Ogdensburg firefighter.

"Today is a historic day for the Ogdensburg Fire Department," Stull said. "To the best of my knowledge, we've never hired six firefighters at once. Also today I know for a fact that we have never had an appointment for the first female firefighter for the city of Ogdensburg. That needs to be commended," he said.

Several Ogdensburg firefighters attended the event along with Rescue Squad Chief Ken Gardner and Ogdensburg Police Chief Mark Kearns.

The new members of the department include Mark Barr, Brittaney Bertrand, Lucy LaFlair, Cole Piercey, Chad Lacey and Joshua Miller.



Cheryl Shumway | NCTW

Six new firefighters were sworn into the Ogdensburg Fire Department on Tuesday, Jan. 23, in Ogdensburg City Hall. Among the firefighters being sworn in was Brittaney Bertrand, Ogdensburg's first female firefighter.

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 fire-

fighters, 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.

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City selling 17 Main Street through RFP process

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG -- Parcel A at 17 Main Street will be sold through a request for proposal process rather than directly to mini-golf developer Nick Wright.

On Monday, Jan. 22, Ogdensburg City Council consulted with the city attorney regarding how best to sell the property which is complicated due to the fact it was sold and being repurchased from the buyer. In the end the attorney recommended the sale via RFP.

"Following consultation with the City's Attorney, and in the essence of time, the

City Council has directed the immediate publication of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to advance the sale," a press release from the city said. "The RFP is expected to be published by close of business today, January 23, 2024 with a deadline for responses of 2 PM EST on Friday, February 16. City administration will then review responses, with the goal that a recommendation will be made for City Council for consideration at its regular meeting of February 26, 2024."

A complicated matter

At the heart of the issue is an attempt by the city to meet the needs of two separate developers interested in parcels at 17 Main

Street while honoring a 2022 RFP that divided the property into two parcels which were to be sold to separate businesses.

The parcel was divided into parcels A and B.

Under the agreement parcel A was sold to Billy Hosmer for \$10,000 for his River Street Brewing Company venture. Although



the purchase moved forward, Hosmer found an alternate location and as included in the RFP contract, Hosmer is now selling the property back to the city for the same price.

In the same RFP parcel B was slated to go to At the Docks, a business venture owned by Chris Frary, however no similar stipulations were made on parcel B and At the Docks never moved forward to purchase the property.

A tale of two projects

Complicating matters is an interest from entrepreneur Nick Wright, who recently

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Blazes keep firefighters busy

Also responding to the scenes were the New York State Police, Heuvelton & Morristown Auxiliary's, NYS DOT, National Grid and town of Morristown & Oswegatchie highway crews.

He was arraigned in the Town of Bombay Court and released on his own recognizances, troopers said.



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Proposals sought for 17 Main St.

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG -- Ogdensburg is seeking proposals for the development of 17 Main Street parcel A.

The property is being actively sought by developer Nick Wright who plans to build a mini-golf and family fun center there, but due to a variety of complications the city opted to seek proposals on the property rather than sell it to Wright through a direct sale.

That decision came following an executive session at the advice of the city attorney and after the majority of council said they'd support a direct sale if it was a legally viable option.

City officials have indicated that the RFP process could expedite the sale to Wright, but it also presents other developers with an opportunity to secure the property.

Although he did not elaborate, at a recent city council meeting Mayor Michael Tooley noted that another developer had expressed interest in the property.

"The City of Ogdensburg would like to invite all interested parties to prepare a submission in response to this Request for Proposal (RFP) for the 17 Main Street site. The City will review and evaluate all submissions to determine completeness with the intent of inviting one or more parties to present more specific project details. The City may elect to enter into negotiations for the disposition and redevelopment of the property upon the completion of this review," the RFP says.

The lengthy RFP which can be found at (https://ogdensburg.org/DocumentCenter/View/3590/17-Main-Street-RFP_JAN-2024pdf)

provides a host of facts about the character of the city and the waterfront area surrounding the property. Demographic trends identified in the RFP paint a real look of some of the problems facing the city as follows:

- Over the last ten years, the City of Ogdensburg has lost population at a rate of 3.7%. The County also lost population during this period, although at a lesser rate of 0.7%.
- When looking at the region as a whole, the North Country has seen slight population growth at a rate of 0.1%.
- The City's average household size of 2.62 in 2022 has remained relatively unchanged from the 2020 average household size of 2.37.
- Median age has grown across each geography to 41.9, 38.9 and 39.1 years in the City, County and Region, respectively. While the City has the highest median age among the three areas, since 2010 its rate of growth has been less than that of the County and Region.
- There is a higher proportion of residents earning less than \$34,000 per year in the City than in St. Lawrence County or the North Country region.
- Approximately 44.5% of households in the City earn more than \$50,000 annually.
- The City of Ogdensburg median household income is projected to grow 12.8% by 2025 to \$49,739.

Those interested in submitting proposals to the city can reach out to Interim City Manager Andrea Smith at asmith@ogdensburg.org for the required response form.

Submissions should be sent in PDF format to the same address.

School plans for next project

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- One capital project is wrapping up and Massena Central officials are already planning what should come next on the agenda.

School board members discussed future projects during a recent board meeting, saying a recent tour of the high school led them to including the pool on the list of future projects.

According to Board Member Susan Lambert, extra attention will need to be paid in the next project to the pool, the two lobbies and numerous hallways paneling.

Lambert said she spoke with high school Principal Alan Oliver about the projects during a recent tour.

"We looked at the pool with all the challenges we had with that. The two lobbies up front were problematic. He brought things up that I honestly never noticed in all the years I was in and out, where some of the hallways were paneled. He would like to see that, if possible, come down and have the hallways that were paneled look like the ones that have been tiled so that it just would look much smoother and neater," she said.

Superintendent Ron Burke also spoke to the capital project renovations completed at Madison Elementary, saying the basement was "clean" and "streamlined" but a solution is needed to address the new doors being wedged open.

Burke said the issue came to light during a tour with Director of Operations Greg Tessier.

"They're basically stripping out the hinges. So he's looking at some

solutions in those areas where doors are getting wedged even though they're not supposed to be," Burke said.

The new doors were installed as part of the \$49.6 million capital project. Before any work can begin on new projects, however, the district will have to identify what architectural firm they want to work with.

"We need to make some decisions about who the architect will be. We will most likely be recommending to the board in January that we RFP this. It's always a good process to go through even if we keep the same architect or we go with a new architectural firm," he said.

In recent years, IBI Group has worked with the district on the \$49.6 million capital project, as well as the emergency heating line repair project the district is currently undertaking.

With a Request for Proposal, or RFP, the district would undertake multiple factors before selecting a firm to work with, including the feasibility of the bid submitted, the financial health of the bidding firms and the bidder's ability to successfully complete the project. By conducting an RFP, officials say the district would ensure that the best possible contractor is hired for the next project, even if it means that the same firm is used again.

In regards to the emergency heating project, officials say the work was finished over Christmas break. A temporary, above ground heating pipe now runs from three steam boilers in the Central Administration Building to the high school.

Massena water district moves forward

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- The town of Massena is continuing to move forward with the proposed South Raquette Water District despite a fluid financial situation.

Barton and Loguidice Senior Associate Matthew Cooper told town officials that the engineering firm is working on funding on multiple fronts.

Work largely began last year when grant funding was awarded and the district formation process began.

Barton and Loguidice began the design of the district last fall while also attempting to secure additional grant funding.

Cooper said the firm and town were able to secure a \$5 million grant from Environmental Facilities Corporation towards the project, while the town was also awarded a \$5 million Bipartisan Infrastructure Law General Supplemental grant.

Town officials also received approval for a \$4.27 million 30-year loan that will be interest free, according to Town Supervisor Sue Bellow.

Other funding efforts have been successful as well, Cooper said.

"You've been offered a \$1.5 million additional grant from USDA Rural Development. We still have a pending \$1.8 million grant. That is the State Tribal Assistance Grant through Elise Stefanik's office. It appears you're going to get that," Cooper told town board members during the Jan. 17 meeting.

Cooper cautioned though that the process to receive the federal grant through Stefanik's office may take some time because "the wheels turn really slow at the federal level."

Another complication is that the town can only receive one grant or the other, having to choose between moving forward with the \$1.5 million grant or waiting for the approval of the \$1.8 million grant.

Cooper said the federal grant through Stefanik's office would likely replace the \$1.5 million USDA grant for the project.

"The way the \$5 million grant

works is it's up to \$5 million or up to 70 percent of the net project cost, after you take your total project cost and subtract your other grants. If we get more than \$1.8 million in other grants, EFC will start reducing their grant. We don't want to start reducing that \$5 million one. So the \$1.8 million is the most we can get in addition to the \$5 million," he said.

Cooper said if all else fails, the town can opt to accept the \$1.5 million USDA grant but he remains optimistic that grant will be available to the town.

"If we get the \$1.8 million we'll just kindly let the Rural Development office know that we won't need their \$1.5 million. We're going to take the \$1.8 million, which just decreases the payments for those users a little bit more than 30%," he said.

In the meantime, town officials will need to bond for the project until grants are awarded to ensure the town has cash-flow "to get the project started and pay for the

design."

Cooper told town officials EFC will likely take five to six months to finish the grant and loan for the town. At the same time, Barton and Loguidice will likely have the design work complete, he said.

"You'll need some cash in the meantime to cover that," he said.

With the grant administered, town officials will then be able to pay off the bond, he said.

The \$9 million project will also incorporate the village, leading both the town and firm to coordinate efforts with village officials.

As part of the water district's formation, the village will supply water for a portion of the new water main, Cooper said.

"To get out to the district it has to be extended within the village limit. So we've had a conversation with them and we will have ongoing coordination with the village to do that," Cooper said.

Once complete, the water district will be able to serve 161 equivalent dwelling units, officials say.



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OBITUARIES

Sherry Lou VanOrnum Langevin, 71

Star Lake / Gouverneur

STAR LAKE / GOUVERNEUR, NY -- Sherry Lou VanOrnum Langevin, 71, of Star Lake and Gouverneur passed away unexpectedly at Bishop Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Syracuse after an auto accident in September 2023.

A viewing will be held privately for the immediate family. A celebration of life will be held at a later date with a time to be announced.

Lawrence Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Canton has been entrusted with Sherry’s care and arrangements.

Sherry was a daughter of the late Andrew M. and June E. (Mandigo) VanOrnum and was born August 10, 1952, in Gouverneur, NY.

She started her education at Brasie Corners and graduated from Gouverneur Central School. She furthered her education at Mater Dei College in Ogdensburg where she received her bachelor’s degree.

Most recently she was a secretary for her daughter and son-in-law at Jenkins Heating & Cooling in Gouverneur. She will also be remembered for her time as a delivery driver for the Snack Shack in Richville.

Surviving are her four children, Jeremy Matice, Lisa Hicks, Michelle

Cook, and Brandi Jenkins; and husband, Chuck; her grandchildren, Tyler and Zach Cummings, Morgen, and Emma Hicks, Kyle, Kiarra, Kendra and Kolby Jenkins and Caleb, Claire and Jerica Matice; five great-grandchildren, with one on the way and two grand kitties. She is also survived by her siblings, Karen (Rick) Shatraw, Linda Matice, Sharon “Inky” Matice, and Gary “Jughead” VanOrnum, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Sherry was an avid reader and watched Hallmark movies. She enjoyed talking on the phone with her sisters and spending special moments with her grand and great-grandkids.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lupus Foundation of America or the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America.

Condolences may be shared online by visiting www.lawrencefuneralhome.org.



Sherry Langevin

Ivan J. Major, 90

Massena

MASSENA -- Ivan J. Major, age 90, passed away early Tuesday morning, January 16, 2024, at Massena Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.

Arrangements are under the care and guidance of the Phillips Memorial Home in Massena.

Friends and family may be received on Sunday, January 21, 2024, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Phillips Memorial Home in Massena, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Sacred Heart Church on Monday, January 22, 2024, at 10:00 am with Rev. Leagon Carlin officiating.

Burial with Full Military Honors will be held in Calvary Cemetery in the spring.

Ivan was born on December 27, 1933, the son of the late Artel and Lorence (Leroux) Major.

After high school graduation, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged in 1959. Ivan then started employment with Reynolds Metals, retiring as a Crane Operator, after 37 years.

He married Margaret Ayotte on August 11, 1956, at St. Patrick’s Church in Hogansburg, NY. He and his wife enjoyed going for rides in his convertible.

Ivan was an incredible craftsman and self-taught man. He enjoyed the time spent at local diners’, sometimes twice in one day.

Ivan was also an avid car enthusiast. He belong to the Malone Old Car Club, and the Tri-Town Snowmobile Club and was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Massena, NY.

Ivan is survived by his four children, Thomas and Eileen Major of Buxton, ME, Timothy Major and companion, Sharon Curran of Roosevelttown, NY, Anthony and Diane Major, Joseph and Candy Major both of Massena, NY, a sister, Mary Ellen Gardner of Massena, NY, along with many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Ivan was predeceased by his wife, Margaret of 60 years in 2016.

Online condolences may be shared with the family by visiting www.PhillipsMemorial.com.



Ivan Major

OGDENSBURG -- Funeral services for John Morley, age 88, of Ogdensburg, will be held on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 10:00 AM at Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg, with Rev. Tom Nichols, Brother John Youngblood and Kyle Morley officiating.

Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 from 3:00 PM. until 6:00 PM.

Entombment will follow the funeral service at Oswegatchie Memorial Park.

Mr. Morley passed away at his home on Tuesday afternoon, January 16, 2024 surrounded by his loving family and under the care of Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Frary Funeral Home.

John was born on November 9th, 1935, in Ogdensburg, NY, the son of the late William and Margaret (Baker) Morley.

He was a 1958 graduate of Ogdensburg Free Academy.

He met Beverly Thomson at a skating rink in DeKalb and they lat-

John Morley, 88

Ogdensburg

er married on June 22, 1958 at St. Augustine Church in Hermon.

John joined the Local 81 Mason’s Union and was a bricklayer, building the Seaway locks, Niagara Frontier Power Project, Robert R. Moses Power Project, the Ogdensburg International Bridge, River-view Towers, Centennial Tower in Ogdensburg, Fort Drum and many projects from the Catskills to the greater Ogdensburg area, working for J.L. Leger Corp.

He worked for 66 years in Union and was a trustee of the International Union of Bricklayers, something that he was very proud of.

He enjoyed hunting, dancing, gardening, tending to his flowers, country music, playing cards and “Marbles”.

He was a lifelong member of St. John’s Episcopal Church, where he served as a trustee, sang in the choir



John Morley

Thomas Steven Chasse, 55

Massena

Anna Romeo, and Thomas and Emmie-Ann Chasse.

Tom opened his heart to many and never looked down on anyone. He had lifelong friends who were supportive and dedicated.

Tom enjoyed watching his children play sports, lunch dates with them, and phone calls or texts to stay in touch.

Tom was extremely proud of all his children and talked about them often. On a personal level, Tom loved anything dealing with cars whether that was maintenance, rebuilding, or seasonal upgrades.

His brain had an amazing ability to decipher how mechanical things worked whether that was a car engine or a heating and air condi-



Thomas Chasse

tioning unit, he loved to work on both. He also enjoyed snowmobiles, hunting, fishing, kayaking, and hiking.

A final blessing was performed bedside by Father Timothy Sullivan, Spiritual Care at the University of Vermont Medical Center. No services will be provided.

Tom’s body will be cremated, and a private burial of his ashes will occur at a later date in a wooded area of Vermont where he can rest in peace. Online condolences can be submitted at the Stephen C. Gregory and Son website www.gregorycremation.com by selecting obituaries.

In lieu of flowers, Tom’s family has asked for any donations to help support the Howard Center of Burlington VT, a critical support for mental health throughout the Vermont area or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are in the care of Stephen C. Gregory and Son, Burlington, VT. Online condolences at www.gregorycremation.com –select obituaries.

David G. VanAtter, 77

Massena

MASSENA – David G. VanAtter, 77, of County Route 43, passed away early Saturday morning, January 20, 2024, at Mercy Living Center in Tupper Lake.

David was born on May 31, 1946, in Watertown, the son of the late Howard F. and Lena (Dygert) VanAtter.

David lived and worked for a time in Syracuse before moving back to the North Country, where he started working for P&C Foods in Potsdam.

He was an avid fan of the Syracuse Orangemen, New York Giants, and New York Yankees.

David is survived by his brother, Bruce of Massena; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, Carl, Dale, and Donald.

Arrangements are under the care and guidance of the Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena, however, there will be no services.

Friends are encouraged to share memories and offer condolences online at www.donaldsonfh.com.

Margaret D. “Bunnie” Cecot, 86

Massena

MASSENA -- Margaret D. “Bunnie” Cecot, age 86, passed away Friday, January 13, 2024, at Massena Rehabilitation and Nursing Center. Arrangements are under the care and guidance of the Phillips Memorial Home in Massena, NY.

There will be no public calling hours or funeral services at this time.

Burial will be held in Pine Grove Cemetery located in Norfolk, NY, at the convenience of the family.

Margaret was born on May 23, 1937, in Ireland, West Virginia the daughter of the late Russel and Rachel (Williston) Ware.

A marriage to Milton Pitts ended in divorce. She later married Andrew “Midge” Cecot, on July 7, 1972, in Massena at The Church of the Sacred Heart, Midge later predeceased Bunnie in 2007.

Bunnie worked as a nurse for the majority of her career, later driving bus for Massena Central School District and later retired as a home health aide.

She was an avid reader, but most importantly enjoyed the time spent with her family, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Bunnie is survived by her children, Steven M. Cecot of White Castle, VA; M. John and Cassie Cecot; Donna and Carter Henry; both of Massena, Karen and Scott Hyneman of Evans Mills, NY, and Andrea Cecot of Clearwater, FL; along with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters, Geraldine and Joe Wilson of Bedford, IN, and Terri Flynn of Massena and Brenda and David Besio of Victoria Texas, along with several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Bunnie was predeceased by a son, Randy Cecot, a daughter, Jackie Mitchell, a brother, Charles Ware and sisters, Judy Murray and Audrey Jean Stokes.

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



Margaret Cecot

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City hires grant writer for fire costs

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG -- Hoping to maximize grant revenues to help shore up funding for the fire department, Ogdensburg City Council agreed to hire Julie Burline of MJ Burden Inc. at a cost of \$10,000.

Burline came highly recommended to the city due to her past success with other municipalities in securing grants aimed at funding emergency services.

The city had considered hiring her last year, but council voted against doing so.

However, on Monday Jan. 22, approved the resolution unanimously.

Fire Chief Ken Stull told council that despite the decision not to hire her last year, she still provided guidance to the department which was most appreciated.

Deputy Mayor Dan Skamperle, who voted in favor of the measure last year as well, spoke on the matter.

“It seems this lady has an excellent track record. I wanted to approve this before and the last council didn’t,” he said. “I supported it then and I’ll support it now as well.”

Burline will assist the city in seeking a FEMA assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG), Staffing For Adequate Fire and Emergency Response funding (SAFER), and applicable New York State Consolidated Funding Awards (CFA) and State and Municipal grants.

Information provided by MJ Burden Inc., highlights Burline’s past successes.

“With over 25 years of experience, Julie has successfully secured funds for a diverse range of clients, including First Responders, hospital systems, municipal infrastructure projects, school districts, and corporate entities. MJ Burden has participated in over 60 Fire Station Construction and development projects and 25 Law Enforcement Infrastructure Projects,” statement says.

City Councilor Storm Cilley asked if Burline would also be assisting with grants to bolster the police force.

Stull said that this resolution was specifically for help with the fire department.

Any extra funding secured by the city will be welcomed as the city is running on a lean budget. In recent years the city made deep cuts to the police and fire departments after a change in the sales tax distribution formula used by the county caused a roughly \$2 million drop in revenues.

In the wake of the blow, the city took drastic measures including legal battles with the county and fire department. However, adding insult to injury the city also dealt with substantial increases in previously approved construction projects along the city’s waterfront.

Furthermore the previous council worked to reduce the tax burden during that time which led to even deeper cuts.

Since taking office the new council has already been working to restore positions cut in recent years, but will need to offset the costs with new revenues or support from grants.

Council is hopeful Burline will be able to help in the efforts.

Mayor Michael Tooley said that based on past successes and the list of Burline’s previous clients he believed the city would get “good value” out of the contract.

OBITUARIES

Charles F. Fahd, 98

Albany

ALBANY - Charles F. Fahd, 98, of Albany, passed away on Monday, January 15, 2024 at Shaker Place Nursing Home.

Charles was born in Albany, the son of the late Charles Fahd and Ina Roth Fahd.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II with the Big Red One.

He was wounded in Cologne, Germany, and was awarded the purple heart.

After the war, Charles began a long career with the New York State Dept. of Labor.

He was a member of VFW Sheehy Palmer Post 6776, and had a great love for his family and for animals. In more recent years he loved his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Charles was predeceased by his beloved wife, Elizabeth Bonville Fahd.

He is survived by his children Charles F. Fahd, II (Susan) of Massena, NY, and Mary Anne McDonald (Keith) of Albany; his cherished grandchildren Meaghan Sloane (Marc) of Jamesville, Jonathan Fahd of Massena, Francesca Fahd of Syracuse, and Abigail McDonald Halgas (Barret) of San Antonio,

TX; his great grandchildren Tucker, Teagan, and Tessa Fahd, Emmy Sloane, and Everett and Miles

Halgas; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his siblings Joseph Fahd, Alice Patton, and Ina Berry.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in the

Charles Fahd

Parish of Mater Christi, Hurst Ave. & Hopewell St., Albany, Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m.

Relatives and friends are invited, and may call at the church Saturday morning prior to the mass beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Hans Funeral Home, Albany.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled Veterans or the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society.

To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit www.HansFuneralHome.com.

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, before becoming a full-time loving housewife and mother.

Janet is survived by her two sons, Rick and wife, Sharon of Mas-

sena, NY, and Bill and wife, Ann of Cortland, NY, along with her three granddaughters, Tara, Leslie, and Emily, and a grandson, Ryan T. and wife, Crystal Reynolds, great-grandchildren, Ava, Lukas, and Rebel.



Janet Reynolds

ter Reynolds, and a sister, Joyce Bernier.

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

Jeffrey S. Kuca, 63

Massena

MASSENA -- Jeffrey S. Kuca, 63, of Northview Drive, unexpectedly passed away Thursday morning, January 18, 2024, at his home.

Jeff was born on December 28, 1960, in Massena, the son of the late John F. and Lucille (Dufresne) Kuca. He attended and graduated from Massena Central Schools and continued his education at Clarkson University, where he earned a degree in Accounting.

Jeff was a self-employed accountant and enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, and playing cards, and was a former member of the Prospect Hunting Club in Chase Mills.

Jeff is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, John III and Monica Kuca of Massena; his sister and brother-in-law, Stephanie and Hawley Goodell of Punta Gorda, Florida; his best friend, Mike MacPherson of Massena; and his

much-loved cat, Felix.

Arrangements are under the care and guidance of the Donaldson

Funeral Home, Massena, where friends may call on Thursday 2-5:00 PM followed by a service at 5:00 PM.

Burial will be in the spring in Calvary Cemetery, Massena.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing may consider memorial contributions to be made in his memory to Massena Rescue Squad or a charity of one’s choice.

Friends are encouraged to share memories and offer condolences online at www.donaldsonfh.com.



Jeffrey Kuca

Vicki Marie Payne (Brown), 70

Waddington/Ogdensburg

WADDINGTON/OGDENSBURG -- Vicki Marie Payne (Brown) passed away on December 27, 2023, at age 70, after a brief and sudden illness. She went peacefully, surrounded by her family.

Vicki was predeceased by her husband, Dave Payne; parents, Carl and Avis (Dawley) Brown; sister, Irma (Mendell) Bartlett; brother, Walter Brown; nephew, Bill Jones, and beloved cat, Punkin.

She is survived by her sons, Adam Wright and Evan (Kristina) Wright; grandson, Wesley Sherwood-Wright; sister, Rita (Jerry) Gallagher; sister-in-law, Theresa Brown; nephew Gary (Pam) Brown; niece, Debra (Rod) Gilliland and many wonderful friends.

The youngest daughter of a dairy farmer/justice of the peace and school teacher, Vicki grew up in rural St. Lawrence County. As a child, she was active in 4H and went on to graduate from Madrid-Waddington Central School in 1971 where she was a cheerleader and prom queen.

Vicki studied at SUNY Geneseo for a year before transferring to SUNY Oneonta. Her interest and talent for sewing took her to Manhattan where she studied at the Fashion Institute of Technology for a semester before graduating in 1975 with a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics.

After college, Vicki returned to the North Country where she worked for Chicago Market Grocery before embarking on a career with the Department of Corrections, first at Ogdensburg Correctional Facility and later at Livingston Correctional Facility.

She held multiple positions with DOC but was most proud of her work as Inmate Grievance Coordinator, the position that would bring her back to the Geneseo, NY area with her sons in 1991. Vicki went on to work at Finger Lakes DDSO until she retired in 2019.

Vicki’s life was defined by her love for her sons, siblings, and mother. Her hard-working nature, light-hearted (and sometimes slightly inappropriate) sense of humor, generous spirit, and kindness made her a joy to be around. Forever unwavering in her dedication, loyalty, and love to her family and friends. She was a caretaker above all else.

Vicki was a gentle, proud, present, and supportive mother who never missed a game, competition, ceremony, or event that her boys participated in. Her home was the

gathering spot for all of her son’s friends growing up, many of whom still consider her to be their “second mom” to this day.



Vicki Payne

Vicki loved to bake and shared that expression of love with those she cared for. She wouldn’t let a friend’s, coworker’s, or relative’s birthday go by without baking them something

from scratch and she came to every holiday gathering with multiple desserts in tow. I’m sure she heard the words “Can you send me that recipe?” more times than she could count over the years.

Vicki loved going to craft shows with her sister, best friend, and partner in crime, Rita. Their yearly tradition of going to Christmas in the Country began to include her future daughter-in-law and her family - a tradition that ended too soon but will be cherished by all.

She also loved traveling to see her family in California (now South Carolina) with her sister; a cherished time spent reminiscing, playing games, drinking wine, and going out for Mexican food and margaritas.

A few years into a well-deserved retirement, after giving up on being a grandmother, Vicki was finally blessed with her beloved Wesley in January of 2022.

Vicki shared a deep and instant bond with Wes, one that only continued to grow throughout his first two years as she shared fully in caring for and raising him. The role of “Grammy” was one she was built for and relished every moment of.

Wesley gave her a new sense of purpose with his arrival that continued through the end of her life. He shares her sweet, gentle nature and sense of humor. His presence put a sparkle in her eye that will shine forever in our memories.

Vicki left us much too soon but her generous, compassionate, witty spirit will live on through all of us that she touched in her time here.

A celebration of her life will be announced at a later date and will include services in both Rochester and Waddington/Ogdensburg, taking place in early Spring around Vicki’s birthday.

To leave a message of condolence, go to: www.VisitMiller.com.

RECENT DEATHS

VICKI PAYNE, 70. Waddington/Ogdensburg, Dec. 27. Miller Funeral & Cremation Services, Rochester.

THOMAS CHASSE, 55. Massena, Jan. 10. Arrangements with Stephen C. Gregory & Son, Burlington, VT.

WILLIAM SCHARF, 79. North Lawrence, Jan. 12. Arrangements with Hammill Funeral Home, Winthrop.

JACQUELINE FIFIELD, 61, Winthrop, Jan. 15. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

CHARLES FAHD, 98, formerly of Massena, Jan. 15. Arrangements with Hans Funeral Home, Albany.

JOHN MORLEY, 88, Ogdensburg, Jan. 16. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

IVAN MAJOR, 90, Massena, Jan. 16. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

ERNEST BEDARD, 83, North Lawrence, Jan. 16. Arrangements with Hammill Funeral Home, Winthrop.

NANCY DESHAIES, 87, Massena, Jan. 16. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

RUTH BROOKS, 90, Hammond, Jan. 17. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

PAUL GIRARD JR., 45, Ogdensburg, Jan. 18. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

JEFFREY KUCA, 63, Massena, Jan. 18. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

DAVID VANATTER, 77, Massena, Jan. 20. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Salt storage facility planned at airport

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA — The Massena International Airport is inching closer to the construction of a sand storage building on site.

That project, which has been months in the making, is inching closer to becoming a reality, officials said.

The board authorized a pre-application for the building, which has a total project cost of \$1.8 million.

In welcome news to the town, Federal funds will cover \$1.71 million, with New York State kicking in an additional \$45,000. The town will then contribute the

remaining \$45,000 for the construction of the building.

Officials previously said the new storage building will save both time and money.

In a similar move, board members approved the fiscal year 2024 pre-application for airfield pavement markings for the airport.

That project will come at a total cost of \$232,800, with \$221,160,000 coming from the federal government, \$5,820 coming from the state and \$5,280 from the town.

In other action, board members also approved an advertisement notice to bidders for the construction of the airfield marking improvements project.

Village considers backing out of county comp plan

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- Worker's compensation costs are extensive for the village of Massena and trustees are weighing the pros and cons of exiting the program that operates through the county.

Mayor Greg Paquin said the village has been looking at different options in recent months but reiterated that the village is not close to taking action.

"We've been in contact with some insurance agents and they're going to give me a quote through Perma and a few other things to weigh our options," Paquin said.

Former Mayor Jim Hidy brought the topic to the forefront again, questioning the cost to the village.

"I read in the paper where you're saying there's not much you can do with that. We have a bill that just came up. I think the current one was \$330,000 or something like that," Hidy said.

Paquin questioned the figures, saying that the related expense Hidy was speaking of was for the entire cost of the plan for the village, not just a quarterly payment.

"I know the town's increased like crazy too. They're up to \$700,000 if I'm not mistaken. But yeah, there are increases. Their increase went from \$250,000 to \$700,000 or almost \$900,000. That's what was reported in the paper," Hidy said.

"I don't think that's actually possible," Paquin said.

"That's what was reported in the paper. So, I'm just wondering if maybe you and Sue (Bellor) could maybe put your heads together and see what you could possibly do," Hidy said.

Hidy pointed to the financial situation of the town and village, saying the village in particular was "hemorrhaging" and that it would "only get worse" in the future.

Paquin reiterated that the village was exploring options while saying the county has "no initiative to rein in any of those costs."

During the course of the conversation Paquin also reiterated the village would have to pay over \$2.2 million in exit fees due to an exit clause in the existing agreement between the county and village.

"That can't be negotiated down to a lower rate. I mean, our challenge, I don't see why any of them would want to do that. You would have to get attorneys involved and I'm sure we'd end up in court. And by then, you know, I'm exploring, we are exploring other options right now," Paquin said.

Hidy also broached the prospect of bonding to eliminate the plan as

well but Treasurer Kevin Felt shot that idea down as well, saying the village could but it's not a good time to do so with interest rates so high.

"It's not a good time to be doing it. Interest rates have gone up," he said.

"I hate to bond just to get out of a contract for 15 to 30 years. What if you could bond to get out of a contract for 10 years? Then, remember on top of that bond payment, now you have your additional payment of that new workman's comp. So, we would only want to do that if that's going to be under \$330,000," Paquin added.

Worker compensation is also higher for the village given the nature of the employees, Paquin previously said.

With the police department, fire department and the rescue squad under village control, the expense is much higher based on experience ratings and risk assessment, village officials previously said.

Hidy also spoke to the police department's involvement in the community, which he said frees up resources for the rest of the county.

"I still believe that the county and residents outside of this community benefit from that, because that means the Sheriff's patrol doesn't have to come here," Hidy said.

Despite that, Hidy did say the Sheriff's Office has helped the village police with numerous drug busts and high profile incidents in recent years.

"I think it's like a free rider situation. Where, you know, because we police this area and it's something that the county doesn't have to worry about, yet we still get charged taxes for the Sheriff's Department. I have a problem with that. I think there's a compromise there and if there's not a compromise, like you said, we're exploring all our options," Hidy said.

During the December meeting, Felt spoke to the rising costs affecting the village, which has prompted the village to explore those options.

Felt previously told trustees the expense for worker's compensation would increase \$66,032 in 2024.

Another hangup would be legacy costs for ongoing claims. According to Felt, simply changing providers would not absolve or eliminate those expenses. Felt said the village is essentially committed to having to pay out those claims over a certain number of years. "That chunk of change for all those future years is what you have to come up with to buy yourself out of the plan," he told trustees in November.

Paquin again noted that the formula used to calculate payments changed a few years ago, saying that assessed property values also played a part in "evening out the spread."

Charged with smuggling illegal migrants

MASSENA -- Another attempted illegal border crossing was foiled by Customs and Border Protection, leading to federal charges for one woman who sought to smuggle four illegal immigrants in the trunk of her car.

According to court documents, Cynthia Thomas, no age or address provided, attempted to illegally transport four Colombian citizens into the U.S. through the Massena port of entry.

Thomas allegedly picked up the five in a Cornwall, Ontario, parking lot before attempting to cross into the U.S. about 30 minutes later, documents state.

While attempting to cross at the port of entry, Thomas appeared nervous and did not make eye contact with officers when answering basic questions, according to documents.

When asked to lower the rear window of her 2002 Cadillac Escalade, Thomas became visibly nervous and began to shake, a CBP officer stated in the documents.

Officers then inspected the trunk area of the vehicle,

observing a blanket spread in the trunk area, which then began to move when an officer touched it. The officer then removed the blanket and found the illegal migrants hiding in the trunk, documents state.

The individuals in the trunk were identified as Colombian citizens who were attempting to illegally enter the United States.

According to court documents, Thomas picked up the individuals in a parking lot in Cornwall and was to drive back to Cornwall to meet with an unidentified person who coordinated the crossing so she could be paid between \$700 to \$1,000 for each person transported.

Thomas was being held in federal custody prior to a detention hearing on Tuesday, Jan. 16.

Multiple attempts to reach Border and Customs Protection officials for further information were unsuccessful as of press time.

Powers retiring from council, resigns from job

OGDENSBURG -- Ogdensburg City Councillor Michael Powers will be retiring from council and resigning from his post at the Department of Corrections.

Powers had also served as New York State Corrections Officers and Police Benevolent Association President from 2014 to 2023.

Power said that he is hopeful to be reappointed to his seat on council and would like to finish the remaining two years of his term.

However, he was advised by the New York State Comptroller's office that his best course of action is to retire from council and resign his post at DOCs as part of his retirement process.

Such retirements are not uncommon among public

officials holding office, in most cases they are simply reappointed, sometimes even at the same meeting.

The actions will allow Powers to maximize his retirement earnings.

However, due to Ogdensburg's charter the city will need to establish a vacancy committee and seek other candidates, of which Powers says will be one.

Powers last day on council will be Jan. 31.

Once that takes place a vacancy committee will nominate people for the council to choose from, the council will vote on which of the candidates to select for the position.

Deputy Mayor Dan Skamperle congratulated on his retirement and said that he looks forward to continuing to serve with him on council.

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A cheesy tribute to the return of the Ogdensburg Expo

Although I never lived in Ogdensburg, I spent my school years in Lisbon. Due to proximity and interests many of my friends attended Ogdensburg Free Academy and I spent a fair amount of time enjoying the usual high school leisure activities in the small city.

Editor's Notebook

Jimmy Lawton



My friends and I would roam the city winning free pizzas from what was then Little Caesars as we'd mastered the memory game there and engage in general Tomfoolery.

We'd skateboard around the city, launch each other off the steel wheel of death at Morrisette Park and jump off the old steel structures down on the waterfront.

However, there were two times a year where things really ramped up as a kid in the city. There was of course the Seaway Festival which used to include carnival rides and games and was full of teenage angst,

fight and fun in those days and then there was the Ogdensburg Expo.

The expo was one of the few events where you were guaranteed to run into everyone you knew. You'd meet up with friends and act like a fool in attempts to impress crushes.

Looking back we were essentially loitering while enjoying hotdogs, some live entertainment and getting a bag full vendor swag.

There was a lot of goofing off and general fun. It was a supervised event, but with enough people that you could get lost in the crowd.

One year when I was probably about 16 I'd been having fun throwing pieces of American cheese at things. I don't really know why, but I thought it was hilarious because it stuck very well to surfaces.

One year at the Ogdensburg Expo I achieved what remains one of my greatest teenage accomplishments. I was at the Ogdensburg Expo when I launched a piece of American Cheese in the stairwell leading to the dome where it stuck to the ceiling. The cheese was in a near impossible place to reach and there it stayed to my surprise for literal years. Each year at expo I'd check to see if it was still holding, and while I know some of you might

doubt this legend I assure you it is true.

Now I suppose it's possible that it fell and was replaced by another amazing shot, by another ambitious and talented youth, but knowing what I know about an American Cheese slice and just how hard it was to stick it to the ceiling, I like to think it was mine.

Although I graduated high school in 2001 and moved to Buffalo, I returned to the expo each March when visiting home, that of course is one of the things that makes expo an Ogdensburg event. To my surprise the cheese remained throughout my college career but did eventually disappear and sadly so did the expo.

Post Covid the Ogdensburg Expo was shuttered due to complications

associated with hosting what was the Ogdensburg Boys and Girls Club's largest fundraiser. Fortunately the club has managed to keep a steady flow of support through its raffles and generous supporters.

The Ogdensburg Boys and Girls Club does amazing work by offering youth in an impoverished area a place where they can be safe, learn and grow. It is an essential component to the city.

I recently spoke with Ogdensburg Boys and Girls Club Director Tom Luckie who said support for the organizations has remained strong in recent years despite the challenges and said the club has never been busier.

But with that growth, staffing needs have also grown and so have expenses.

And now after a four-year hiatus, the expo is returning to the city. I'm glad to hear it. I hope that friends far and wide answer the call and attend the event and show their support for the club.

The world, the country, the county and the city have been through a lot in the last four years and I can't help but feel like the expo's return is a sign that things are moving in the right direction. So make sure you go out and make some memories there, I know I cherish mine still.

Kudos to those who are putting in the work to bring it back the expo; let's make sure we make it worth their while with our support.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Please stop name calling

Ms Hodges wrote "We don't need sourpusses like Rep. Stefanik making trumped-up, anger-inducing claims - like the one about a "mass exodus" from NY due to "Far Left Democrat leadership."

That's partisan political deflecting, Ms Hodges. A half million New Yorkers exited New York in 2022 because of high taxes and bureaucratic red tape from decades of Democratic rule. St. Lawrence County suffers a lack of viable jobs. Its citizens leave to seek employment elsewhere, and its birth rate is decreasing. Meanwhile Massena's drug and crime rate continues to grow.

"It's Democrats who use your tax dollars to improve your quality of life."

So like socialism, where a small elite in charge determines what's best for everyone? As Margret Thatcher said "The problem with socialism is that you eventually run out of other people's money." NY

state's debt is currently 160 billion. It is projected to increase by 40 billion more by 2027. You cannot tax and spend into prosperity.

Ms. Hodges thanked Biden for "Bringing jobs back." Jobs mean little if currency is inflated. Since his term, the Federal Reserve printed \$3.3 trillion in 2020 alone, equal to one-fifth of all US dollars in circulation. It's an iron economic law that artificially increasing the money supply devalues one's spending power.

Wages cannot keep up with the increase of 30% or more of the price of consumer goods. Raising the minimum wage exacerbates the problem. Employers will be forced to let go staff to meet rising costs. Few will pay \$15 for a Big Mac. Government does not produce wealth. It only taxes it, spends it, runs up a debt, and extends to itself a credit line that no ordinary citizen can do.

"And what has Rep. Stefanik done? ... she introduced a bill to expunge Trump's two impeachments from record."

As well as she should. Both impeachments were without foun-

dation and evidence. Rep. Stefanik cross-examined the witnesses in the congressional hearing concerning Trump's alleged collusion with Ukraine. All admitted under oath they did not observe him doing so, and withdrew their false testimony. Same with the charge of insurrection. Until one is brought to court, evidence is presented, is tried, and convicted by a judge, one is to be presumed innocent, even Trump. If Trump is disenfranchised of his civil rights without trial and conviction, so can any citizen, setting a dangerous precedent for individual rights and freedom.

"Political partisanship, negative media hype and anger will be this nation's undoing." Agreed. So please stop with name calling, wrongful accusations, and exclusively blaming one side. Let's seek instead a consensus based on careful investigation, facts, and correct legal process.

Ron Shirtz
Rensselaer Falls

NCNOW SURVEY

Majority suffered no inconvenience during storm

■ 34% None

■ 23% Lost power / heat

■ 17% Lost Internet

■ 13% Downed trees, other debris

Debbie Morgan | NCTW

What inconveniences did you and your family experience during the wind storm?

LAST WEEK'S STORM knocked out power to more than 10,000 homes in St. Lawrence County after the area was pounded with wind, snow and rain. What inconveniences did you and your family experience during the wind storm?

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: The village of Potsdam is trying to determine how best to handle street and in-lot parking. Many current paid parking meters need updating. Police officers handle tickets for any infractions. Furthermore, a recent study by a Clarkson University civil engineering group revealed the village doesn't have much of a problem with lack of parking

turnover. The village board is still planning and has a few options on the table. Digital parking kiosks (with a high upfront cost) located at various points throughout the village's downtown, more meters, a smart-phone app system, a parking permit system, or a two-hour limited parking policy with signage are all being suggested. What type of parking payment system would you prefer in Potsdam?

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Full-service dog kennel open WellNow clinics stop accepting BCBS insurance

WADDINGTON — A father and daughter team who has been breeding labrador retrievers for seven years has recently extended their love of animals to establish a full-service kennel.

The kennel, owned by Kayla and John Dinneen, is located at 3050 CR 28, just off Route 37.

“Creekside Kennel offers boarding and daycare for all dogs,” Mr. Dinneen said.

He said the facility provides huge heated kennels for sleeping, three one-quarter acre running pens, and 90 acres of mowed walking trails through the woods.

They also offer bathing for dogs including shampooing, conditioning, flea, and tick prevention, deshedding, blow drying and teeth brushing.

For rates and monthly specials, visit their Facebook page, Creekside Kennel Waddington, or contact Kayla at 315-323-0488.

Creekside Kennel is also an AKC breeder that breeds fully papered AKC Labrador Retrievers of all colors.

Right now, they are offering a litter of chocolate Labs that will be ready to home in late January.

For more information on puppies, can contact John at 315-323-6068.

“Creekside Kennel offers very competitive rates in all aspects of their business and looks forward to years of boarding, bathing, and breeding dogs,” Dinneen said.

The business was established in September of 2023.

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- North Country residents who have health insurance through Excellus BlueCross BlueShield (BCBS) will now have to pay out of pocket for medical care at WellNow clinics after the insurance giant and urgent care provider failed to strike a deal.

WellNow, which operates urgent care clinics in Massena and Ogdensburg, said the crux of the issue was due to reimbursement rates for services provided.

The two sites, which have been open for a little over a year now, have provided a crucial service to the communities as area hospitals continue to reduce services and endure financial hardships.

WellNow President Sam Meites previously said the company made the “difficult decision” to notify BCBS in September of the pending decision to potentially end the partnership.

That came to fruition on Jan. 1 when WellNow reps say they could not come to an agreement on what a “reasonable rate” would be.

Unfortunately, the rates we receive from Excellus BCBS for the care provided to their members have been flat for the past decade. At the same time, over the past five years, Excellus BCBS has continued to drive average rate increases to their members of more than 8 percent every year, generating more than \$130 million in profits a year. It’s a simple equation: charge you more, pay your WellNow providers the same or less, boost profits for the insurance company,” Meites previously wrote in an October letter to Well-Now patients.

At the time, Meites said the rate of reimbursement was not sustainable for WellNow Clinics, which would potentially lead to the closure of clinics in a number of communities throughout the state.

No specific locations were mentioned in the letter.

In a separate link provided by Meites in October, WellNow detailed Excellus BCBS’s financial status, saying that since 2017 Excellus has profited around \$130 million per year.

The page also stated that Excellus’ CEO salary has averaged more than \$3 million annually.

Since 2017, the state of New York has approved an average rate increase to Excellus’ patients of more than 8% per year, according to WellNow officials.

Despite the profits and rate increases, WellNow rates with Excellus have remained flat, Well-Now officials said.

“The 2,500 healthcare profes-

sionals at our 75 WellNow Urgent Care sites in the state of New York have worked tirelessly to provide high quality, convenient care to our patients in communities across the state,” Meites previously said.

Meites went on further, saying the essential care provided by WellNow is needed for patients that are seen “seven days a week for up to 16 hours per day.”

“We also provide 24/7 access to care through our telehealth services. We have worked hard to play an essential role as a provider of quality, dependable healthcare in your community,” he previously wrote.

Now that WellNow clinics are no longer accepting BCBS insurance plans, those on such plans will have to visit urgent care clinics run by St. Lawrence Health, Claxton-Hepburn or private providers that accept BCBS insurance.

St. Lawrence Health operates an urgent care facility located at 49 Lawrence Avenue in Potsdam, as well as an urgent care facility at 80 East Main Street, Canton.

In Massena, those in need of an urgent care facility can go to Mountain Medical Services Urgent Care at 2 Hospital Drive.

In Ogdensburg, the Claxton-Hepburn Convenient Care facility is located at 100 Horwood Pl.

Claxton-Hepburn also operates clinics in Waddington, Hammond and Canton as well.

\$10,000 donation to MATA

MASSENA – SeaComm recently presented \$10,000 in support of the Massena Arts and Theater Association (MATA).

The funds will be used to help the association further its mission

to restore and revitalize the historic Massena Schine Theater. This support is made in conjunction with the Small Business Recovery Grant Program provided by the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York.



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Help with taxes available

MASSENA -- Tax-aide will have one site open in St. Lawrence County for the 2023 tax year. Massena Community Center, 61 Beach St., will be open Mondays and Tuesdays from Feb. 5-April 16, from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Taxpayers must come during site hours to pick up and fill out an intake sheet.

Taxpayers will be interviewed and asked to leave their documents in a large tax envelope.

As this is the main site in the County there may be a number of returns in the queue to be processed.

Returns will be processed in the order that they are received.

Taxpayers can wait at the site, in their car or at home.

Taxpayers will be called with questions and to pick up their returns when complete.

It is important that we have a good working number to call you when we are completing the return and when they are done and able to be picked up.

The Tax-Aide program is not limited to serving senior citizens; AARP does not discriminate based on age. Info: AARP Tax-Aide, Sheryl Campbell, (315) 212-0450.

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Sweet Heart Ball slated at O'burg Elks

OGDENSBURG – Ogdensburg Elks Lodge 772 are hosting a Sweet Heart Ball for parents to bring their children ages 3-13 out for an evening of dancing and memories on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 6-9 p.m.

Children must be accompanied by a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle or parental figure.

Pre-sale tickets for the event cost \$15, which includes admission for one adult and child).

An additional \$5 will be required for an extra adult or child.

Admission at the door night of event will be \$20 plus the additional \$5 if applicable.

For tickets, contact Stacey at 315-854-2106 or buy them at the Ogdensburg Elks Lodge , 332 Caroline St.

There will be a DJ providing the tunes, pizza & snacks and photo opportunities.



Photo submitted by Crystal Carney

Winter playground posse

These gentlemen didn't let the snow and cold stop them from playing at the USS Ogdensburg playground. In the photo are brothers Jacob, Michael and Ronald Brossoit from Norwood.

Ice show planned

MASSENA — Massena Figure Skating Club will hold its annual Ice Show, "Rain or Shine" on Sunday, Feb. 11, at 1 p.m. at Massena Arena, Harte Haven Plaza.

This year the club is celebrating its 50th anniversary, founded in 1973, with "Holidaze" as its first ice show.

Admission is \$1 student, \$3 seniors 65+ and \$5 adults.

Past Massena Figure Skating Club board members, coaches and skaters are asked to email the club at massenafsc@gmail.com or Facebook message Massena Figure Skating Club with your name, position, highest level(if skater) and years you were involved in the club, so you can be recognized.

Traditional Japanese drumming to blend with athletic choreography

OGDENSBURG – The next professional theater troupe to headline for Ogdensburg Command Performances Jan. 29 will be the Japanese music, dance and drumming sensation "Drum Tao," on Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. at George Hall Auditorium.

The show artistically blends traditional Japanese Taiko drumming with eccentric displays of music, percussion and athletic choreography bathed in colorful costuming and stunning changes of set, mood and lighting.

Drum Tao member Taro Harasaki says the group's unique blending of modern performance art and traditional Japanese drumming was inspired by a trip to Las Vegas to see a staging of the long-running Cirque du Soleil show called "Mystère."

"Our show uses traditional and classic types of drums, but what we do is far away from that classic style," Harasaki said in a recent interview. "Our director and founder decided he wanted to make a Drum Tao show just like a Cirque du Soleil show which is full of entertainment and full of joy."

Established in 1993, the cultural phenomenon known as Drum Tao has entertained more than nine million people across the globe.

Mr. Harasaki said the high-octane and adrenaline-pumped performance that the group brings to each venue is far more than a classical music show.

"We dance and perform, as well as showing you some martial arts on stage with rhythms and music, so it's a totally brand-new kind of

culture, both traditional and modern," he said. "We put many years into one number to make the songs rich."

Other than drumming the group also highlights modern and classic usage of instruments such as the Japanese shamisen guitar and the country's traditional bamboo flute known as a shakuhachi.

The Drum Tao members are based out of Oita, Japan on the country's southwestern-most island of Kyushu. Historians consider the area to be the birthplace of Japan's 2,000-year-old culture.

Ogdensburg Command Performances Administrator Sally F. Palao said Drum Tao is one of Japan's most noteworthy international touring groups. She said this is a special opportunity for north country residents to see the artists on stage.

"This is the kind of sophisticated art, music and dance performance that I love to bring to the north country, and quite frankly, that the New York State Council on the Arts loves to see us have in our lineup," Mrs. Palao said. "From a cultural and entertainment point of view, Drum Tao has it all. To be able to see international performers of this caliber and magnitude here in Northern New York is indeed a great and unique opportunity for all of us."

Tickets are available by calling 315-393-2625 or by emailing ocp@ogdensburgk12.org. More information can also be obtained by visiting www.ILoveTheatre.org.

Rock N' Skates for SLC Arts

Three Rock N' Skate fundraising events at ice skating rinks in Norfolk, Ogdensburg and Potsdam will be held in February, hosted by SLC Arts Council.

Rock out on the ice, check out the temporary tattoo station, and make your mark on the community graffiti wall!

All ages are invited. Entry is \$5 per person. Skates can be rented directly from the rink.

The Rock N' Skate events will be held at: Norfolk Zappia Community Center on Saturday, Feb. 3, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.; Ogdensburg Lockwood Civic Center on Friday, Feb. 9, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.; and Potsdam Pine Street Arena on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Proceeds will support the renovation project at the Creative Spirit Community Arts Center.

For more information, contact SLC Arts at arts@slcartscouncil.org or 315.265.6860

To read more about the capital project, visit slcartscouncil.org/artscenter

Tastes & Treasurers show

OGDENSBURG — The Frederic Remington Art Museum invites the public to its annual food, beverage, and artisanal goods show, newly renamed Tastes & Treasures, at the Museum on Saturday, Feb. 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission to the event, including access to the Museum galleries for the day, is \$5 per person and children under 5 are free.

Local wineries, breweries, distilleries, bakers, soap makers, candy and food makers, and artisans will display their wares across the entire Museum. Guests will enjoy this wonderful opportunity to meet local vendors and purchase a wide variety of unique gifts of artwork, household items, and local culinary and beverage specialties in time for Valentine's Day.

"We enjoy opening the Museum up for fun events like this, especially during our long winter days,"

Executive Director Maggie McKenna states. "It is so important to our team at the Museum that we support our local businesses and makers by creating opportunities to sell regional products and showcase the treasures made in our region. We always want to encourage local shopping and engagement within our North Country community."

Vendors expected at the event this year will include: Coyote Moon Vineyards, Thousand Islands Winery, Olde Tyme Winery, Busted Grapes, Lakeland Winery, Otter Creek Winery, Busted Grapes, Bregg Winery, Lock 1 Distilling Company, Township 7 Brewery, Newcombe's Maple Ridge, New York Honey and Maple Company, Bechaz Riverdale Cheese, North Country Creamery, Sticky Dicks Honey Products, The Sweet Retreat Bakery, Not Your Average Cookie, Cindy's Cake Shop, Endless Sweets, Cosimano & Ferrari Olive Oil Company, Tug Hill Artisan Roasters, Tastefully Simple/Color Street, The Cheese Board Company, Crafting Towards Dreams, River Rat Designs, Attagirl Soaps, The Dirty Business Bath Co., Sandy's Wreath Boutique, St. Lawrence Soap Co., Flambo Candle Co., Eye Candy Jewelry, Aries Moon Co., Art by Maria PP, Twila Basley Crochet, Schuler Woodworks and Tom's Got Wood.



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WHAT'S GOING ON

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 or call 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 provided. 1:00 p.m., - 4 p.m., Saturday, January 27, 2024. \$40. 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

RENSSELAER 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. Tickets: \$30 each.

Food distribution

MASSENA -- A food distribution for St. Lawrence County residents is planned Saturday, Jan. 27 from 8:30-10 a.m. at St. Peter's Outreach Ministry, 128 Main St. This distribution was originally scheduled for Jan. 20 but was postponed due to the threat of inclement weather.

Games, food, Bible trivia

OGDENSBURG -- Seaway Youth for Christ will hold its January event Saturday, Jan. 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the YFC Impact Center, 31 David St. There will be games, food, and refreshments, along with Bible Trivia which will give area youth a chance to win gift cards by showing their knowledge of the Old Testament book of Genesis. All area youth and their parents are invited to come check out what's new at Seaway YFC.

Ice Fishing Derby

MASSENA --The Northern Pike & Walleye Derby will be Jan. 27. Fish must be alive and weighed in from 5 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Fishing is open boundaries within St. Lawrence County. \$25 entry for pike category and \$25 for walleye category, with \$20 going to the winner payouts and \$5 for a 50/50 drawing.Children 12 and under fish for free. Prizes for largest pike and for walleye by weight: 1st place is 75% of entry fee; 2nd place is 20% of entry fee, and 3rd place is 5% of entry fee. Sign up at 178 Victory Rd, Massena Salvation Army, Strike Fear Baits, or Sugar Shack Bait or day of event. Winners must be present at the award ceremony to claim any prize. Ceremony will start at 5:30 p.m. at Salvation Army, 178 Victory St., Massena. All proceeds

will be donated to the Salvation Army.

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 Saturday, 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.

Small Town Ramblers

MASSENA -- The Massena Senior Citizens will host a dance Saturday, Jan. 27, at the Community Center, 61 Beach St. Small Town Ramblers (Formerly Pure Country) will play from 5-9 p.m. Cover charge is \$5. The kitchen is open 4:30-7 p.m. The public is welcome.

Snow Much Fun

NORFOLK - The Norfolk Hepburn Library will host the holiday fun event "Snow Much Fun" for local children in the community room on Saturday, Jan. 27 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. The event is organized by NHN and CLPK. Those attending will be able to bring home their own packet of Snowman Soup.

The BackWater Duo

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

Winter Discovery

RENSSELAER FALLS -- Indian Creek Nature Center, Rensselaer Falls, is hosting a Winter Discovery event on Saturday, Jan. 27. Participants will search for signs of animal life on, in, and under the snow and in the woods. Bring snowshoes or borrow them from the Center. Leaders: MaryBeth Warburton and Eileen Wheeler, eivwheeler@yahoo.com .

SUNDAY, JAN. 28

Breakfast fundraiser

BRIER HILL -- The Brier Hill Junior Fire Department's Breakfast Fundraiser will be held Jan. 28 from 8-11 a.m. Cost is \$12 per person ages 6 and older. Younger than 5 eat for free. Menu: eggs, sausage, bacon, French toast, pancakes, toast, home fries and a drink.

MONDAY, JAN. 29

Drum Tao

OGDENSBURG -- Drum Tao, highly acclaimed Japanese drumming troupe, will perform Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. for the Ogdensburg Command Performance Series at OFA Auditorium, 1100 State St. Tickets are \$19-\$43. 315-393-2625. ILoveTheatre.org .

TUESDAY, JAN. 30

Blood drive

LISBON -- The American Red Cross is staging a blood drive on 1/30/2024, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Lisbon Central School, 6866 County Route 10. Info: RedCross-Blood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Redevelopment meetng

MASSENA -- The St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 4 p.m. at the Town of Louisville Municipal Building, 14810 State Highway 37, Massena. The meeting is open to the public.

WEDS., JAN. 31

Kayak journey talk

POTSDAM -- The Spring 2024 season of the Clarkson University Science Caf? kicks off Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 7:15 p.m. with Baffin Bay to the Beaufort Sea by Kayak, Wednesday, January 31, 7:15 p.m. Join Dr. Eileen Visser (Biology, SLU) as she describes the first single season human-powered traverse of the Canadian Arctic Archipelago. This elusive sea route was long impassable due to thick year-round ice but climate change

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FRIDAY, FEB. 2

KC Karaoke

HEUVELTON -- Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St., will host Friday Night KC Karaoke on Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23 from 6-9 p.m. with a Queen of Hearts drawing at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 3

Rock N' Skate in Norfolk

NORFOLK -- A Rock N' Skate will be held at Norfolk Zappia Community Center Sat., Feb. 3, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Proceeds will support the renovation project at the Creative Spirit Community Arts Center. For more info, contact host SLC Arts at arts@slcartscouncil.org or 315.265.6860.

Snow Dash 5k

MASSENA -- A "Snow Dash 5k" fundraiser will be held at the Nicandri Nature Center Saturday, Feb. 3, at 10 a.m., as a fundraiser for the Massena

High School Class of 2025 .The 3.1 mile/5k course takes place on the nature center trails on skis or snowshoes. It is a stop watch time "fun run" style event. Shorter distances are available for those that wish to support the class but aren't up to a 5k. Free equipment loans are available for all ages and sizes at the nature center. Arrive by 9:30 if you are borrowing equipment. Register by emailing for a form, or via the facebook event posting. Suggested donation of \$20. Co-sponsored by the Massena Drug Free Community Coalition.

Tastes & Treasures

OGDENSBURG -- The Remington Museum's annual food, beverage, and artisanal goods show, newly renamed Tastes & Treasures will be held Saturday, Feb. 3, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission to the event, including access to the Museum galleries for the day, is \$5 per person and children under 5 are free. Local wineries, breweries, distilleries, bakers, soap makers, candy and food makers, and artisans will display and sell their wares across the entire Museum. Learn more about this event and see a full list of vendors at <https://fredericremington.org/tastes-treasures-2024.php> .

Wine, beer fest

OGDENSBURG -- The Wine, Beer, Cheese, Chocolate & Artisan Festival will be held at the Frederic Remington Art Museum, 303 Washington St., on Saturday, Feb. 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person.

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NORFOLK PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Norfolk, New York Planning Board will hold a meeting on Monday, February 5, 2024 at 06:15 PM at the Norfolk Town Hall 5 W Main St to review proposed Zoning changes, and update work on the Town Code. Dated – January 26, 2024 Theresa Planty – Planning Board Secretary

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



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ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
The Potsdam Central School District is soliciting proposals from eligible agencies to offer a Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program for children who turn four years of age by December 1, 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year. Any eligible agency interested in applying to offer a Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program as part of the Potsdam Central School District Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program should contact Mark Bennett, Assistant Superintendent at (315) 265-2000 extension 36729 or at mbennett@potsdam.k12.ny.us to ask for a request for proposal. Eligible agencies who desire to apply to offer a program must submit their proposal by March 1, 2024, at 3:00 pm. The program requires active parental involvement supporting the educational development of the child. Staff development and yearly evaluation of agency staff is required. Collaborative agencies are required to work with the Potsdam Central School District to provide a strong and positive transition for students to the early educational grades in the school district.

MASSENA PUBLIC NOTICE
Dear Property Owner, You may be eligible for a SENIOR CITIZEN TAX EXEMPTION. To qualify a person must be 65 years of age or older, own their home for 12 consecutive months, occupy their home as their legal residence used exclusively for residential purposes and meet certain income limitations. The maximum income limitation is **\$29,000 for tax year 2022**. Income includes: • all Social Security payments • salary and wages (including bonuses) • interest (including nontaxable interest on state or local bonds), total dividends • rentals/business • estates and/or trusts • gains from sales and exchanges received from governmental or private retirement or pension plans • annuity payments (excluding amounts representing a return of capital) • alimony and/or support money • unemployment insurance pay. You have until March 1st of each year to apply (no exceptions). Applications are available at your Town Assessors Office or online at https://massena.us Form RPTL-467 and County Real Property Department. Completed applications need to be mailed to the Town Assessor's office at: 60 Main St., Massena, NY 13662

STOCKHOLM PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF STOCKHOLM PLANNING BOARD MEETING'S LEGAL NOTICE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Stockholm Planning Board will meet on the third Tuesday of the month to conduct regular business. If there is no business to transact, the meeting will be canceled. Please call the Town Clerk to determine if a meeting has been canceled. Separate notices will be sent when the Board meets to address permits, site plan review, and other similar business. Action that is not subject to separate notice includes such activities as training and reviewing current laws and regulations. They will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in 2024:
February 20, 2024
March 19, 2024
April 16, 2024
May 21, 2024
June 18, 2024
July 16, 2024
August 20, 2024
September 17, 2024
October 15, 2024
November 19, 2024
December 17, 2024
These meetings are open to the public. Any written comments may be submitted to the Town of Stockholm Planning Board, 540 State Highway 11C, Winthrop, NY 13697.
DATED: January 23, 2024
Robin McClellan, Chairman
Stockholm Planning Board

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE
The bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on the 16th day of January, 2024, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Brasher Falls Central School District (the "District") is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution. A complete copy of the bond resolution summarized herewith is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the School District Clerk of the School District for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.
District Clerk
BOND RESOLUTION DATED JANUARY 16, 2024 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BRASHER FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED \$11,850,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SERIAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND THE EXPENDITURE OF \$712,000 FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO, RECONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION AND IMPROVEMENTS OF VARIOUS DISTRICT BUILDINGS, FACILITIES AND SITES, THE ACQUISITION OF ORIGINAL FURNISHINGS, EQUIPMENT, MACHINERY AND APPARATUS AND PAYMENT OF COSTS INCIDENTAL THERETO AT A MAXIMUM COST OF \$12,562,000, LEVY OF TAX IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUMS FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.
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Maximum Estimated Cost: \$12,562,000
Period of probable usefulness: Thirty (30) years
Amount of obligations to be issued: \$11,850,000
Amount to be expended from the Capital Reserve Fund: \$712,000

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF SALE
Lien Sale:Layos Auto Sells 2/5/24 125 Maple St Massena, NY 13662 1:00PM 12 Nissan 1N6AA0EJ3CN306309 Re:Newcombe,J

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Bent Beam Brewing LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-04-14. Office location: Saint Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Gary Hammond: 470 County Route 19 Hermon NY 13652. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Sleeping Fox LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-10-06. Office location: Saint Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Austin Bailey: PO Box 751 Canton NY 13617. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

MASSENA NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Insulation Solutions of NNY, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/12/2023. Office location: St. Lawrence. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Michael Baxter: 27 Riverside Parkway, Meassena, NY 13662. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

HEUVELTON NOTICE OF MEETING Please Take Notice, that the Village Board of Heuvelton and the Town Boards of the Town of DePeyster and the Town of Oswegatchie will hold a joint meeting on the 8th day of February, 2024 at 6pm at the Town Hall, 51 State Street, Heuvelton NY, to consider the formation of a joint fire district to include all of the limits of each of the towns of DePeyster and Oswegatchie, including the Village of Heuvelton, and for such other and further action on the part of said Boards with relation thereto as may be authorized and prescribed by law.

LOUISVILLE PUBLIC NOTICE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the following dates are Holidays for the Louisville Town Employees who are not covered by a labor contract for the year 2024:
January 1 New Year's Day
January 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 19 President's Day
March 29 Good Friday
May 27 Memorial Day
June 19 Juneteenth Day
July 4 Independence Day
September 2 Labor Day
October 14 Columbus Day
November 5 Election Day
November 11 Veteran's Day
November 28 Thanksgiving Day
November 29 Day after Thanksgiving
December 24 Christmas Eve
December 25 Christmas Day
Amy Ellsworth
Louisville Town Clerk
1/12/2024

LOUISVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Town of Louisville will be taking bids for THE PURCHASE of a Propane Zamboni

Model 546
Includes: Gasoline Carburation
3-Way Catalytic Converter
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Bids will be accepted at the Town of Louisville Municipal Building, located at 14810 State Highway 37, Massena, NY 13662 up until 3:00pm February 13, 2024 and will be opened at the regular Town Board meeting on February 14, 2024 at 6:30pm.
Amy Ellsworth
Louisville Town Clerk
01/19/2024

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of 15 Lincoln Street LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-09-22. Office location: Saint Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Timothy J. Wagoner: 5 Market St Alexandria Bay NY 13607. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of 81 Pierrepont Avenue LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-09-22. Office location: Saint Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Timothy J. Wagoner: 5 Market St Alexandria Bay NY 13607. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

POTSDAM NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Stone and Steel Gym LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/17/2024. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Timothy A. Vollmer: 8242 US Highway 11, Potsdam, NY 13676. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

MASSENA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 300 of the Zoning Law of the Village of Massena, New York, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be conducted by the Zoning Board of Appeals in the Fire Station, 34 Andrews Street, Massena, NY on February 5, 2024 at 5:15 o'clock p.m., to consider the following matter.
Keshia Convea regarding 112 Maple St (Tax Map# 9.058-2-28) is requesting use variance to Chapter 300-6 for opening of a small scale retail shop. The property is zoned Residential-B. Said Village Zoning Board of Appeals will at said time and place; hear all persons in support of such matter or any objections thereto.
Dated: January 22, 2024 Robert VanDusen
Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals

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ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of MUDPUP721 LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/23/2024. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Michael B. Riley: 3690 CR 17, Dekalb Junction, NY 13630. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LOUISVILLE PUBLIC NOTICE
Please take notice that, Louisville Town Board will hold their regular monthly meetings at the Louisville Municipal Building at 6:30pm for the year 2024 on the following dates:
February 14
March 13
April 10
May 8
June 12
July 10
August 14
September 11
October 9
November 13
December 11
Amy Ellsworth
Louisville Town Clerk
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BRASHER NOTICE OF MEETING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Brasher Planning Board committee meeting will be held on Tuesday February 07, 2024 at 6:00 PM it will be held at the Municipal Building in Brasher Falls, NY. All meetings are open to the public, all are welcome to attend. Dated: January 22, 2024 Julia Rose, Chairperson Town of Brasher Planning Board
Board committee meeting will be held on Tuesday February 07, 2024 at 6:00 PM it will be held at the Municipal Building in Brasher Falls, NY. All meetings are open to the public, all are welcome to attend.

LOUISVILLE PUBLIC NOTICE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Town of Louisville will be taking bids for THE PURCHASE of an Electric Zamboni
Bids are to furnish and install new compressors as per the following:
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Amy Ellsworth
Louisville Town Clerk
01/19/2024

Trip set to see ‘Pretty Woman’

OGDENSBURG – North Country Insurance Professionals is sponsoring a bus trip to Syracuse on Saturday, March 23, to see the Broadway musical Pretty Woman. Pretty Woman: The Musical, based on one of Hollywood’s most beloved romantic stories of all time, springs to life with a powerhouse creative team led by two-time Tony Award®-winning director and choreographer Jerry Mitchell (Hairspray, Kinky Boots, Legally Blonde). Brought to the stage by lead producer Paula Wagner, Pretty Woman: The Musical features an original score by Grammy® winner Bryan Adams and Jim Vallance (“Summer of ’69”, “Heaven”), and a book by the movie’s legendary director Garry Marshall and screenwriter J. F. Lawton. Pretty Woman: The Musical will lift your spirits and light up your heart. “If you love the movie, you’ll love the musical!” (BuzzFeed News). The group will depart Save A Lot parking lot, Canton Street, Ogdensburg, on Saturday, March 23, at 9:30 a.m. arriving at Spaghetti Warehouse at 11:30 for lunch. The group will depart from there at 1 p.m. and head to the Landmark Theater for the 2 p.m. matinee of Pretty Woman. The show will be over approximately 4:45 and the bus will head back to Ogdensburg, arriving about 7:15 p.m. Transportation will be a luxury coach bus provided by Hale Transportation, Watertown. Cost of the trip is \$175 per person, all inclusive of the theater ticket, bus ride, lunch parking and all tips and gratuities Lunch choices are spaghetti & meatballs, 5 layer lasagna, manicotti, alfredo, cesar salad; included with lunch are non alcoholic drinks, bread and toss salad. To reserve a seat, payment no later than Feb. 15. Payment can be sent to: NCIP (make checks payable to NCIP) C/O Robin Miller, PO Box 395, Waddington, NY 13694 Info: Robin at 315-323-0282.

Open house planned at SUNY

CANTON -- SUNY Canton’s Canino School of Engineering Technology will hold their annual Open House to commemorate National Engineers Week from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8 in Nevaldine Hall. Parents and children of all ages are invited to attend the free event, which features more than 15 hands-on activities that are designed to inspire students to pursue STEM careers. Attending high school juniors and seniors can enter a raffle to win a \$2,000 or \$1,400 SUNY Canton scholarship. Guests will get a glimpse into the college’s tech-focused programs by meeting faculty and learning about robotics, testing out virtual reality equipment, exploring game design techniques, meeting the college’s award-winning steel bridge team and more. Dinner will be provided, and guests can register by visiting the Engineers Week webpage.

Trivia night slated in Massena

MASSENA — “Back to 80’s Trivia Night” will be held Saturday, Feb.10, at the VFW, 101 West Hatfield, Massena, from 6-9 p.m. Attendees are invited to come in costume with their sickest 80’s clothing. Registration includes four meal tickets (taco bar/nacho bar). Cash bar will be available. Prizes will be for top teams and best costumes. Entry cost is \$120 for teams of four 21+ in age. To register your team: 315-705-6075 or email noelle@massenapal.com Proceeds will benefit the Police Activities League (PAL) of Massena.



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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE

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AT THE

MASSENA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Sealed proposals for the construction of the Airfield Marking Improvements Contract will be received at the Massena Town Clerk's Office, 60 Main Street, Massena, New York 13662 until 11:00am, local time, February 28, 2024, and there, at said office, at said time, publicly opened and read aloud.

The project consists of the application of new airfield markings on various airfield pavements. The project will be bid as follows:

Base Bid: Pavement markings on Taxiways A, B, E, and G.
Add On No. 1: Pavement markings on Taxiway D.
Add On No. 2: Pavement markings on Runway 9-27

The Contract Documents may be requested by emailing Patrick Hludzinski of C&S Engineers, Inc. at phludzinski@cscos.com. Please include the following in your email request:

- Company Name
- Address
- Contact Name
- Phone Number
- E-mail Address – All Addenda will be issued via E-mail

Bidders following the above procedure will be sent a link to a file sharing website where PDF versions of the Contract Documents may be downloaded.

Hardcopy proposals must be sent to the Town Clerk's Office at the address above. Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total maximum proposal price (combination of base bid or alternate bid plus add-on items) for the contract in the form and subject to the conditions provided in the Preparation of Proposal.

This Contract does not allow for price escalation in unit bid items. The Contractor shall take this into consideration when preparing unit prices for bidding.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total maximum proposal price (combination of base bid or alternate bid plus add-on items) for the contract in the form and subject to the conditions provided in the Preparation of Proposal.

After award, the low bidder shall be prepared to hold bid prices for anticipated start of construction expected as late as October 2024, weather dependent. The execution of the construction Contract is dependent upon the receipt of an FAA grant offer and is expected no earlier than July 2024. This Contract does not allow for price escalation in unit bid items. The Contractor shall take this into consideration when preparing unit prices for bidding.

The deadline for submitting questions concerning this project is February 21, 2024 at 2:00pm.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total maximum proposal price (combination of base bid or alternate bid plus add-on items) for the contract in the form and subject to the conditions provided in the Preparation of Proposal.

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Trivia Test

1. MOVIES: What state is the setting for the 1990s movie "Twister"?

2. GEOGRAPHY: Lake Okeechobee is in which U.S. state?

3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president adopted the expression, "Speak softly and carry a big stick"?

4. MUSIC: Actor/singer Jared Leto also is the front man for which rock music band?

5. HISTORY: The U.S. Civil War ended in 1865 when Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered to Union forces in which Virginia town?

6. SCIENCE: Which element has the symbol Pb?

7. GAMES: What is the destination in the board game Candy Land?

8. TELEVISION: Who was the long-running host of "American Bandstand"?

9. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of Alaska?

10. LITERATURE: Who is the author of the autobiographical work "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings"?

Answers found elsewhere in this paper.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Essence
5 Sprint
9 Weed whacker
12 Part of a French play
13 Draft status
14 Jackson 5 hit song
15 Bribe of a sort
17 Kanga's kid
18 Hindu hero
19 Mature, as fruit
21 Laugh track sounds
24 Painter Joan
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26 College life
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34 Vichy water
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During the next year, the agency will implement a strategic initiative to invest in the renovation of buildings to provide state of the art facilities for the people supported. Programs and services will transition to meet the needs of people supported and evolve to adjust to systemic changes in the disability field.

Between the counties, there are 50 residential homes, a large variety of community employment options, two agency work sites for people supported, five site-based day programs, Federal contracts at the border stations and Fort Drum, two UPS stores, as well as educational programs for children, teens, and adults. Clinical Services such as Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, and an Article 16 Clinic are available.

The agency also has Board Certified Behavior Analysts on staff to guide service plans that are created to suit each person's needs.

The Arc Jefferson - St. Lawrence employs over 1,100 staff members and has an annual budget of \$85 million. The agency is overseen by Lynn Pietroski, Chief Executive Officer and Jackie Sauter serves as the Board of Directors' President.



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The Arc offers compassionate, expert one-to-one care for those with special needs.

In 2023, The Arc Jefferson - St. Lawrence upgraded technology in most locations. Residential homes were fully assessed and renovations began to ensure full accessibility, so that people can age comfortably in place.

The business division of the agency increased meaningful work opportunities for people with disabilities and contracts were increased to provide more job options.

In 2024, the agency will focus on additional facility upgrades as part of a five-year renovation plan.

The team will continue to tackle

the strategic plan and pivot, when needed, to always put the people supported at the forefront of decisions.

Programs and services are being reviewed to ensure the people supported have access to innovative, community-based activities and skill trainings.

Advocacy efforts for the 2024 budget year are ongoing to fight for better funding to maintain staffing rates for the critical Direct Support Professional role.

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NAHEC dedicated to healthcare workforce development in North Country

CANTON -- Established as a nonprofit organization in 2001, NAHEC is dedicated to healthcare workforce development across the entire North Country region.

Our services encompass community-based pipeline programs that guide students into healthcare careers, placing them at local preceptor sites.

Additionally, we offer continuing education, professional development for healthcare professionals, and human-centered workforce development services and solutions.

NAHEC's success is rooted in strong community partnerships with academic institutions and healthcare employers, bridging gaps between education and employment.

This ensures the enrollment of quality students in local healthcare training programs, creating a pool of well-trained workers.

Through initiatives like MASH Camps and job shadowing, students gain valuable healthcare experience. NAHEC is currently planning Summer MASH Camps in St. Lawrence, Franklin, and Clinton Counties.

The Rural Immersion program introduces college students to clinical practice in rural communities.

After spending a week immersed in a rural community, most students express a profound appreciation for the benefits a rural workplace can offer.

NAHEC also addresses the opioid crisis through events funded by their Opioid Prevention Education Project (OPEP) Grant and their Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) Grant throughout their five-county region, with continued services planned through 2024.

NAHEC is a partner of the New York State AHEC System headquartered in Buffalo, New York.

Their primary funding is from a cooperative agreement between the Health Resources and Services Administration and the New York State Department of Health.

For more information about NAHEC and their programming, contact Whitney Callaghan, NAHEC Center Director, at whitney@nahecnct.org.



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Center reminds
parents of ‘safe
to sleep’ tips

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This also decreases the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). There have been an increasing number of fatalities involving sleeping arrangements of infants: both sleeping alone in unsafe sleeping arrangements and sleeping with other persons.

The Child Fatality Review Team, a program of the Victims Assistance Center of Jefferson County, offers these “Safe to Sleep” tips:

- Placing your baby on their back to sleep, even for naps. “Back to Sleep” is the safest position to place your baby to reduce the risk of SIDS.
- Dress your baby lightly and keep the room at a temperature that is comfortable for an adult to be lightly dressed.
- Dress your baby in clothing such as a one-piece sleeper or sleep sac, do not use a blanket.
- Ensure you lay your baby to sleep in a child-safe crib that has a firm mattress covered by a fitted sheet. Crib slats should be 2 3/8 inches or less apart.
- Sofas, chairs, futons and waterbeds are not safe places for your baby to sleep.
- It is commonplace for friends and family to give you fluffy blankets and stuffed animals as gifts for your new little one, however, these items are not safe to have in your baby’s sleeping environment.
- Pillows, comforters, and crib bumpers are also unsafe for babies. It is also important to keep your home smoke free.

Bed-sharing during sleep is not recommended since it may increase the risk of the infant becoming caught in the bedding or smothered when others in bed shift while sleeping. Bed-sharing is especially dangerous if the caregiver has used alcohol or drugs of any kind since that may cause a deeper sleep that decreases the caregiver’s awareness of the infant and sleeping arrangement.

For information and more on the NYS Office of Children and Family Services website visit ocfs.ny.gov/programs/cps/safe-sleep.php.

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Unsafe Sleep Stats from Jefferson, Lewis & St. Lawrence Counties

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An area native, and residing in Massena, Ashley enthusiastically assists current and perspective clients, ensuring they are accurately protected and at the best rates possible.

Lori Rohde joined the agency in June and is training rigorously to assist business insurance clients with all servicing needs. She is licensed in property and casualty insurance and is taking in every bit of knowledge she can from our team.

Amanda Terrance manages all incoming phone calls to the Northern office. Amanda is the agency's business insurance service associate. She assists the business division with a multitude of servicing tasks. Amanda is also a New York State Notary and can assist anyone with Notary needs.

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The Rock Charitable Fund of the Community Foundation continues to make a meaningful enduring impact on the places and people of St. Lawrence County, recently awarding \$138,000 to support projects at eight organizations in the county. A bequest from St. Lawrence County resident and retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Marjorie J. Rock established the fund at the Community Foundation in 2019.

Also in St. Lawrence County, the Dr. D. Susan Badenhause Legacy Fund of the Community Foundation made its third series of grant awards, providing nearly \$47,195 to 10 nonprofits dedicated to strengthening critical and essential needs for county residents and enhancing arts and culture.

In Potsdam, a legacy fund honoring John and Dorothea VanNess awarded \$13,500 to support initiatives at five nonprofit organizations whose work strengthens the quality of life for Potsdam residents.

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New York (TAUNY), the Potsdam Holiday Fund, and the United Cerebral Palsy Association of the North Country. The funding was provided to help each organization with its work and mission in the county and beyond.

Three St. Lawrence County students representing three different middle schools were among 10 winners of the sixth Community Spirit Youth Giving Challenge.

Each student presented a \$1,000 grant to support a St. Lawrence County nonprofit, including the Police Activities League of Massena, the Society of United Helpers, and the Ogdensburg-based St. Joseph's Foundation.

The Canton Community Fund celebrated its 24th year as a Community Foundation affiliate.

Donors continued to meaningfully respond to exceed a \$25,000 matching grant challenge to grow its permanent endowment within the Community Foundation.

In December, the Community Foundation approved grant funding totaling \$150,000 to help transform the 75-year-old Clifton-Fine Hospital into a modern, patient-centered facility that will serve rural southeastern St. Lawrence County residents for years to come.

Through partnerships with all 17 St. Lawrence County school districts, the Community Foundation awarded scholarships to nearly 75 graduating high school students.

Among those awarded were 10 students who each received a \$3,000 Evergreen STEM Scholarship to pursue studies in a

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The Foundation administers educational foundations for Potsdam Central, Massena Central and Hermon-DeKalb Central School Districts and an alumni scholarship for Ogdensburg Free Academy.

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Founded in 2021, the school is grounded in promoting academic excellence, formation of character, and fostering students' love of learning.

Utilizing a uniquely classical curriculum, Siena Academy provides students with an opportunity to discover mythology, history, poetry, music - as well as ELA, theology, science, and math - in a way that encourages enthusiastic and thorough engagement of the material.

With a particular focus on truth, goodness and beauty, Siena Academy integrates students' educational development, joyful pursuit of knowledge, and personal formation.

The school's faculty and aides bring expertise not only in education, but experience at the highest level in a variety of prominent career fields including art, athletics, business,

medicine, music, & theater.

Siena Academy students hail from all over the North Country as busing is available up to 15 miles outside of Canton.

Since opening three years ago, Siena Academy has seen a nearly 100% enrollment increase, added a sixth grade for the 2023-2024 academic year, and will see the addition of a seventh grade next year, with plans to continue through high school by 2030.

For the second year in a row, Siena has earned a Pope Francis Green Apple Award, and students have participated in field trips to local sites including the Wilder Farm, Fobare's Orchard, Canton Apples, and the Canton Skating Rink.

Rehearsals are underway for the first children's musical, and students have also participated in musical performances at Partridge Knoll and St. Mary's Church in Canton.

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Budget and Administrative Coordinator

Information Technologies & Libraries

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Qualifications: High School diploma (or equivalent) required and at least five years of professional experience in an office-based position which required budget management, customer service, organization skills, multi-tasking, significant use of technology, and critical thinking.

Salary: \$24.00 - \$26.00/hr.

Interested candidates please apply at <https://employment.stlawu.edu/>.

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City of Ogdensburg

ASSISTANT TO CHIEF OF POLICE

The City of Ogdensburg is currently accepting applications for the position of ASSISTANT TO CHIEF OF POLICE. The starting salary is \$52,500 with fringe benefits.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

A) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with an Associate's degree in legal, business or criminal justice field and two (2) years of experience in an office setting, law enforcement field or records management position; OR

(B) Graduation from High School and four (4) years of experience in an office setting, law enforcement field or records management position.

Applications must be received by **Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.** This posting is scheduled to remain open until Thursday, February 8th, however, please note that the recruitment may be cancelled or the position filled before the February 8th deadline.

To apply, please submit a Civil Service application along with a resume and cover letter to: **"Assistant to Chief of Police Search" c/o Cathy Jock, City Clerk, 330 Ford Street, Room #4 Ogdensburg, NY 13669.**

Applications are available at the City Clerk's office or on the City website at www.ogdensburg.org.

Please contact **City Clerk Cathy Jock** at cjock@ogdensburg.org or **(315) 393-3540** with questions.

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Clarkson

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Employment Opportunities

Assistant/Associate Director of Undergraduate Admission (Potsdam, NY)

Position Summary Guidelines: The Assistant/ Associate Director of Admission is responsible for contributing to the overall recruitment efforts of the University, including planning and implementing procedures and projects for attracting and matriculating a diverse and talented new-student class. The Assistant Director travels at least six to eight weeks in the fall term and spring travel as determined by the Assistant Vice President of Admission.

Minimum qualifications: A Bachelor's degree is required.

Range: \$21.50- \$33.00 based on experience

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

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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.

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The Research Foundation for SUNY, a private, not-for-profit Corporation, is seeking a part-time, Salmon River position as a Migrant Educator (Teacher's Assistant) for the Northeast Education Program (\$18.00-\$21.00/hour and paid mileage). We are looking to add an energetic, qualified educator to our dedicated staff. The successful candidate will provide high quality small group or one-on-one tutoring including advocacy for eligible students and their families. NYS Teacher Certification or Teacher Assistant Certification and teaching experience preferred. An associate degree in education or equivalent combination of education and experience. Experience implementing instructional programs with children and/or young adults in a classroom setting. Strong communications and record keeping skills required. This unique opportunity allows the individual to work with students at the district buildings during and after school hours. Excellent benefits including health, dental, vision and life insurance for anyone working over 18.75 hours per week. Cell phone w/voicemail, e-mail, dependable car, and valid driver's license required. Renewal of appointment is subject to The Research Foundation employment application, cover letter and resume, and reference letters immediately to Laura Burnett, NMEP, SUNY Potsdam, 282 Van Housen Hall Ext., Potsdam, NY 13676, or upload to <https://webspace.potsdam.edu/NMEP> . or for more information, please email Lisa Colby at colbylm@potsdam.edu. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. The Research Foundation is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. The Research Foundation is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity



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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 louisvillenewyork.com. The deadline for submitting an application 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.



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Network Infrastructure & Media Technician

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

To review complete job description: the job requirements & essential functions of the job, required and preferred qualifications, and submit resume, cover letter, application, and references apply on-line at employment.potsdam.edu, job posting number U-00533.

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(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 -

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Civil Service applications are available at the Department of Public Works, City Clerk's Office at City Hall or at www.ogdensburg.org. 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.**

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- Establish solid relationships with teammates, business partners and internal network by fostering teamwork and collaboration.
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- Strong organizational skills including the ability to manage multiple responsibilities and prioritize.
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Qualifications: High school diploma or GED Equivalent required, Bachelor's degree preferred or 2+ years of relevant experience.

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

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For more information:
Sunmount DDSOO NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)
Office of Human Resources:
518-359-4150
or Sunmount_Careers@opwdd.ny.gov
Sunmount DDSO, 2445 State Route 30, Tupper Lake, NY 12986

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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.

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