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Board to meet to talk finances, parking issues

BY ADAM ATKINSON
 North Country This Week

POTSDAM -- A village trustee here has suggested that board members meet to discuss issues like ongoing municipal finances or other complicated issues before they are asked to vote on related resolutions in a regular meeting.

To that end, the full board voted at its Jan. 16 regular meeting to set two upcoming special meetings, open to the public, with each focusing mainly on one specific issue.

The board will convene on Jan. 29 at 6 p.m. in the civic center board room to further discuss future options for the village's paid parking setup in the downtown business district.

They have a second special meeting set for Feb. 12 at 6 p.m. to have a finance discussion.

The move to hold special meetings to discuss pertinent issues came after Trustee Monique Tirion raised questions about the village's ongoing fiscal status, and requested a better way for board members to be able to access and understand the information.

Tirion suggested at the village board meeting on Jan. 16, that questions the board may have on certain issues facing the board be raised in committee meetings instead of during a regular board



Monique Tirion

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\$4.5 Million coming to Canton

Midtown Plaza development among projects

BY PAUL MITCHELL
 North Country This Week

CANTON – The Village of Canton has been awarded a \$4.5 million NY Forward grant to enhance economic development which includes the nearly \$21 million Midtown Plaza mixed-use development.

Gov. Kathy Hochul made the announcement Tuesday morning in Lake Placid. In attendance were Mayor Michael Dalton, Canton's Director of Economic Development Leigh Rodriguez and Village Trustee Barbara Beekman.

"This is a great day for Canton," the mayor stated.

The village opted to not reapply for a Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) grant but chose to seek NY Forward funding.

A second \$4.5 million NY Forward grant was awarded to Alexandria Bay in Jefferson County.

"The Village of Canton has been preparing and planning for this opportunity for a very long time. We are proud of our community's growth and resilience in the face of ongoing challenges that rural communities like ours face," said Dalton.

"With broad participation from the community and strong support from area businesses, committed stakeholders and private investors, our team has assembled an ambitious set of projects that will transform Canton," the mayor continued.

Dalton said he appreciates the value of these revitalization efforts in preparation of the work that will ensure the village's future as a vibrant hub of the North Country.

"We thank our North Country REDC and the Governor's office and with this grant we will now embark on the ambitious and forward-thinking developments



Pictured with the \$4.5 million check are, from the left, Canton Mayor Michael Dalton, Canton Director of Economic Development Leigh Rodriguez, and Village Trustee Barbara Beekman.

that have been in the planning phase for years," Dalton said.

In May 2023, the village received \$2 million through the Restore New York Communities Initiative. That money will be used to demolish the dilapidated structure and help pay for asbestos abatement.

In May, the village officially assumed ownership of six parcels at 19 Miner Street from Garry Cohen, a New York City businessman, for \$1,280,000. The plaza has basically sat idle since 2000 when

the plaza's anchor business, the Jubilee grocery store closed its doors. Rite Aid vacated the plaza in 2018.

Other projects included in the village's NY Forward application are Riverside Revolution, 24, 25, 27 and 29 Riverside Drive at an estimated cost of \$3,110,000, Tick Tock, 9-11 Hodskin St. (\$1.5 million), Village Green (\$150,000), Willow Island (\$803,379), Riverside Gym (11-11 1/2

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Reluctant vote approves credit vendor for trial kiosks

BY ADAM ATKINSON
 North Country This Week

POTSDAM -- The village board continues to mull the question of how to handle downtown parking, but has moved the project one step forward.

That's due to a somewhat reluctant vote by trustees who approved a contract for merchant services for test parking kiosks the municipality will be studying.

At their meeting Jan. 18, the trustees and mayor voted 4 to 1 to approve the resolution.

The test kiosks, provided under a merchant contract with IPS Group the previous board approved at no cost to the village, will help gather data on a digital parking kiosk

system and how such a system would work on a larger scale, compared to the current paid parking meter system the village operates in the downtown business district.

Trustees Steve Warr, Monique Tirion and Lynzie Schulte, with Mayor Alexandra Jacobs Wilke all voted for the installation. Trustee Sharon Williams voted against. However, the three trustees that voted for the measure did so with caveats expressed and with some reluctance.

The resolution approved a service agreement between MMD Processing and the Village of Potsdam for merchant services for credit processing for the test kiosks. IPS Group will provide the test parking kiosks to the village at two spots downtown to gauge

how the system will work.

While IPS will provide the test kiosks at no charge, MMD Processing will charge a monthly service fee of \$15, and a credit card fee per transaction where the rates will be determined by VISA and Mastercard rules for the duration of the study, the resolution said. Such fees will not apply for cash transactions.

The kiosks will offer residents and visitors multiple payment options when parking within the village during the study.

Test run

The resolution said that for the purposes

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Adam Atkinson | NCTW photo

Fall Island will be one of the temporary sites earmarked for a digital parking kiosk during an upcoming trial study of the devices in the Village of Potsdam.

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Big renovations planned

No ice time this winter at Canton outdoor rink

BY PAUL MITCHELL
North Country This Week

CANTON – Although skating at the outdoor rink on Lincoln Street may not happen this winter, good things are planned for the recreational facility, including a roof.

Canton Recreation Director Meghan Richardson told members of the Canton Village Board Wednesday night, Jan. 17, that the Canton Minor Association has decided to take vested interest in the facility.

Richardson said current plans are to make the outdoor rink located adjacent to the Canton Pavilion a 10-month facility to be used for multiple sports.

“It’s a great facility,” said Richardson. “The addition of a roof would make this a wonderful recreational facility.”

The recreation director said a protected outdoor area with the installation of tile floor could host adult basketball, tennis, lacrosse,

‘The addition of a roof would make this a wonderful recreational facility.’

Meghan Richardson
Canton Recreation Director

pickleball and other sports using sports lines that can be reconfigured depending on the sport.

Richardson said Canton Hockey plans to slowly make upgrades and try to get the most use out of it.

Tim Abplanalp, a major player in the outdoor ice rink renovation venture, said he would like to see the rink flooded and made available to the public but pointed to the work

involved in flooding the rink, and Mother Nature as detriments to the rink work.

“We are basically in limbo. We appreciate the money given for the project. It’s worked very well,” said Abplanalp. “We would do something if we could because we are always looking to promote the outdoor sports court.”

In more Canton Recreation news, Richardson told village leaders that she is working with Canton Central School to resume a community pool program at the school. A new pool is under construction at Canton Central and with the new pool will be a secure entrance.

Richardson said a problem in the past was users had to walk through the school to get to the pool. She said initial conversations with school officials have the recreation department managing the lifeguards.

Further information will be made public once the new pool is operational and a plan is ironed out with the school district.



Hannawa Falls Fire Department | Courtesy

Firefighters battled a fire on Hadley Road Jan. 21, but were unable to save the home and pets inside.

Dogs die in house fire

HANNAWA FALLS -- Two people escaped a fire Sunday morning but their dogs died in the blaze.

Ken Eurto, Hannawa Falls fire chief, said fire crews from Hannawa Falls, Pierrepont, County Car 10, Parishville and West Potsdam help battle the Hadley Road fire.

The blaze was reported early Sunday, as homeowners were able to make it out of the structure.

Once on scene, firefighters had to battle a fully involved fire with smoke and flames, Eurto said.

One homeowner, who made it out safely, tried to rescue his dogs but flames overcame him in the entryway, the chief said.

Firefighters were on scene for about two hours before the fire was declared out, Eurto said.

Alien smuggling arrest at border

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.

Village board approves hires, appointment

BY ADAM ATKINSON
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POTSDAM -- The Potsdam village board has approved two new hires and an appointment.

The board passed the resolutions at its regular meeting on Jan. 16.

First the board unanimously approved the appointment of William Murphy of Potsdam to serve on the Potsdam Public Museum Board of Trustees.

The appointment is for a three-

year term from Jan. 16, 2024 to Jan. 16, 2027.

The museum board can consist of between 7 and 16 trustees. The Village Board of Trustees is tasked with approving the appointments with a recommendation from the museum board.

Later during the meeting, after an executive session, the board voted unanimously to hire two new employees for the Potsdam Village Police.

Dias Z. Barnett of Market Street

was approved to be hired as a police officer trainee, at the annual salary of \$47,119.

Barnett’s position was to start Jan. 17, with a probationary period not to exceed 18 months.

The board also approved the hire of Brenden T. Flanagan of Bishop Street, Massena, to the position of police officer trainee.

Flanagan’s annual salary will also be \$47,119.

His hire will be effective Jan. 18, with a probationary period not to



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State to help pay for Rensselaer Falls Library renovation project

BY PAUL MITCHELL
North Country This Week

RENSSELAER FALLS – A rehabilitation and expansion project at 212 Rensselaer Street, that houses the Rensselaer Falls branch of the Canton Free Library, will become a reality thanks to a \$400,000 state grant.

Mayor Michael Hammond announced the New York State Department of State, Division of Local Government Services, Local Government Efficiency Program Grant on Thursday.

“This grant, accompanied by a \$44,000 local match, signifies a significant milestone for our community following a comprehensive community input campaign and outreach initiative over the past year,” stated Hammond.

“Our collective efforts have resulted in the successful securing of funds, and we are eager to embark on the next steps of a transformative journey. The shared building space at 212 Rensselaer Street is set to undergo a net-zero rehabilitation and expansion project, aimed at enhancing and modernizing the space for improved service delivery,” he added.

“On behalf of the Library Association, we are very appreciative of this award. It will now make our dream a reality,” stated Shelly Sanderson, Association President.

The anticipated project timeline includes project scoping, design development, public meetings, permitting, construction, and completion. The project is expected to commence in May 2024, with completion and closeout by July 2025.

Hammond applauded the efforts of St. Lawrence County and Public Health Department for their letter of support, indicating the library and community center as a potential location for heating and cooling needs of North Country residents.

“As Mayor of Rensselaer Falls and a father, I am thrilled about the approval of this grant and the positive impact it will have on our community. This project is not just about enhancing infrastructure; it’s about creating a space where our children can thrive. An expanded library and community center will serve as a hub for education, com-

munity engagement, and a safe haven for our youth and elderly populations, said Hammond. This aligns with Governor Kathy Hochul’s ‘Back to Basics’ program, emphasizing the fundamental importance of literacy and education in the development of our children. This grant is a testament to our commitment to providing the best opportunities for our community’s future leaders.”

Hammond, an assistant principal in the Gouverneur Central School District, called attention to the importance of a community library.

“I understand the critical role that accessible and well-equipped libraries play in fostering a love for reading and enhancing students’ educational experiences. This grant is a crucial step in addressing concerns about children’s reading abilities. By creating an expanded

and modern library space, we are investing in the educational development of our youth and supporting the goals of the State Education Departments initiative to prioritize the Science of Reading research. This project aligns perfectly with our commitment to providing students with the resources they need to succeed academically.”

Librarian Agnes Hoey agreed. “I’m looking forward to creating a space where the community can go for village, library, and community activities. This has been a dream of mine since I started at the library in 2007... 212 Rensselaer St has the potential of being the hub of the Village,” said Hoey.

Emily Hastings, director of the Canton Free Library, said the state grant creates a positive environment for generations to come.

“The announcement of the

state grant” Canton Free Library is incredibly excited to partner with the Village on this remarkable project. As a lifelong resident, and huge fan, of small towns, I deeply believe that even the smallest communities deserve strong, beautiful libraries. Rensselaer Falls residents are rightfully proud of their village, and it’s an honor to join them in making a library that will serve new generations of readers for many years to come,” Hastings stated.

Hammond also pointed out that the project aligns with the North Country Progress Report’s regional vision, focusing on community development infrastructure and expanding opportunities.

“The improvements will contribute to downtown revitalization, acting as an anchor for further investment in downtown buildings,” he said.

OBITUARIES

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 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.



Vicki Payne

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

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.



Charles Fahd

Accidental death at Titus

MALONE — State police are investigating an accidental death at Titus Mountain Ski Resort Thursday afternoon.

Troopers say Richard P. Finch, 68, Malone, was on ski patrol when an unintentional accident occurred on the chairlifts.

Finch, an employee at Titus Mountain Ski Resort, was pronounced deceased on scene.

Troopers received the call shortly before 3 p.m. following a request from EMS for assistance at the resort on Johnson Road.

This is an ongoing investigation. Malone EMS and Titus Mountain Ski Patrol assisted on scene, police said.

Bust turns up \$26K in coke, fentanyl

CANTON -- Two North Country men were arrested on felony drug charges Tuesday following a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 11, according to St. Lawrence County sheriff’s deputies.

Brandon J. Mossow, 28, Massena, and Cody A. Gibson, 25, Dickinson Center, were each charged with two counts of third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance: Felony, deputies said.

Both subjects were found to be in possession of around 2,450 fentanyl packets and 15 grams of cocaine, officers said.

The drugs have a street value around \$26,000, deputies said.

Mossow and Gibson were arraigned in Norfolk court where Mossow was remanded to St. Lawrence County jail on \$5,000 bail

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RECENT DEATHS

JUNE LATIMER, 89, Canton, Dec. 6. Arrangements with Lawrence Funeral Home, Canton.

GORDON POOLE, 89, DeKalb Junction, Jan. 14. Arrangements with Allen-Denesha Funeral Home, DeKalb Junction.

KATELYN REECE, Potsdam, Jan. 14. Arrangements with Donaldson-Seymour Funeral Home, Potsdam.

EDWARD WIXTED, 96, formerly of Potsdam, Jan. 15. Arrangements with Garner Funeral Home, Potsdam.

KEVIN MOUSAW, 56, Colton, Jan. 19. Arrangements with Buck Funeral Home, Colton.

WARREN POTTER, 61, West Potsdam, Jan. 21. Arrangements with Donaldson-Seymour Funeral Home, Potsdam.

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OBITUARIES

Jacqueline "Jackie" Tracy, 68

West Stockholm

WEST STOCKHOLM - Jacqueline "Jackie" Tracy, 68, peacefully left this world on January 13, 2024, with her loving family by her side.

Jackie was born on December 11, 1955, in Palmer, MA, one of two children, to the late Beverly "Nan" LaViolette. She graduated from Palmer High School and spent her summers at her grandparents in Norwood with her brother and her mom, who was also her best friend.

She later moved to Potsdam, NY, where she met and married the love of her life, Duane. This June they would have celebrated 45 years of marriage.

Jackie was a dedicated mother & wife, first and foremost. She treasured her children and being a Meme to her grandchildren, and supported them in any way she could. Even if that meant spending all her time in cold hockey arenas or having all of the neighborhood children over to swim in the pool.

Jackie loved people. Some of her most cherished memories included time with her friends and family. She loved weekends at Little Blue Mountain with the kids, Halloween, Christmas, flowers, campfires, buffalo plaid, and the 4th of July.

After dedicating her early years to raising her children, Jackie spent the next 25 years as a florist, creating beautiful arrangements for others to enjoy. She always had a special knack for design.

After retirement, she enjoyed time spent down at the sugar house,

boating, camping at Twin Rocks, and traveling with Duane to as many NHRA drag races as they could. She was also a long-time member of the West Stockholm Ladies Auxiliary.

Jackie is survived by her husband, Duane, of West Stockholm; her children, Christopher (Christin) Tracy, Missy (Eric) Thomas, and Katie Tracy; her grandchildren, Coletton, Jackson, Raegan, and Lydia; her brother, Johnny (Sandy) of Palmer, MA, and countless nieces, nephews & friends who adored her.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, February 4th from 4 pm - 7 pm at the Norwood American Legion, with loving words & memories shared at 5 pm.

Those wishing may make memorial contributions in her memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or a charity of one's choice.

To all the special people in her life, thank you for loving her as much as we did.

Arrangements are under the care and guidance of the Donaldson-Seymour Funeral Home, Potsdam, where friends may share memories and offer condolences online at www.donaldsonseymour.com.



Jacqueline Tracy

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 Hogsburg, 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 belonged 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 Roosevelt, 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

POTSDAM -- Katelyn Alice Reece came to peace surrounded by her family on January 14, 2024.

Katelyn was born in Chicago, Illinois to Linda and Larry Reece as the third of four children.

Katie was diagnosed with Rett Syndrome at the age of 2.

Katie was known as 'Wild Woman' by her family, supported in her life by many, and loved by all.

As a 2009 graduate from Potsdam High School Katie was very active in the school community. Katie participated in the band, yearbook, newspaper, and photography club throughout her years as a Sandstoner.

Katie's love for music followed her for the next 15 years as she participated in community drum circles led by Len Mackey and music programs provided by music therapist Tracy Wanamaker.

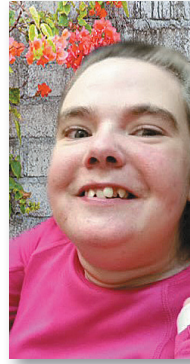
Katie woke each morning with a big smile on her face, ready to start the day. She enjoyed being out in the community, seeing her friends, and volunteering every week.

As a volunteer, Kate could be

Katelyn Alice Reece

Potsdam

found at the Best Friends Thrift Store, making cards at Partridge Knoll, or baking for numerous community organizations.



Katelyn Reece

what she was thinking with her infectious smile and notorious stink eye.

Katie was blessed to be supported by many people who saw the person behind the disability and made sure she had a very active life.

Thank you to her teachers and therapists especially Maureen Carrara, Sherrie Demers, and Stephanie Hill who loved her and created

Katie enjoyed swimming, riding her bicycle, cooking, horseback riding, spending time with her family, and being entertained by her very energetic nieces. Even though Katie couldn't speak, you always knew

Edward J. Wixted, 96

formerly of Potsdam

ciation of Accountants and Rotary.

He was a devout Catholic and gave freely of his time and talents to St. Mary's parish in Potsdam and to St. James in Gouverneur.

Late in life he once remarked, "I guess I've lived a normal life..." To those of us who knew him and loved him, his "normal" life set an example we can

only hope to live up to. The world has lost a good man.

Ed is survived by his children, Nora Hogue-Wixted (Lew Hogue), Bill (Betty) Wixted, Ed (Melanee) Wixted, and Dan (Susan) Wixted; his adored grandchildren, Bill Wixted, Tim Wixted, Ed (Katherine) Wixted III, Scott (Kyle) Wixted, David (Alexandra) Wixted, Ellen (Gunner) Brennan, Rowan Wixted, and Ashley (Gabrielle) Clover; his



Edward Wixted

June Elizabeth Latimer, 89

Canton

spouse, Michael McManus; Zachary Greene and spouse, Julie Greene; Philip Latimer and spouse, Kirstin



June Latimer

Latimer; Jonathan Latimer and spouse, Stefanie Latimer; Christina Latimer, Joseph Latimer, Rachel Latimer, Robert Latimer, Meggie Rodriguez Machigua and spouse Fernando Machigua; and great grandchildren, Connor McManus, Emma June McManus, Jack McManus, Max McManus, Avery Greene and Aubree Latimer.

June graduated from Colton-Pierrepoint Central School in 1953. June held many jobs that included housekeeping and child care when she was young.

Later she began work as a secretary and worked for the director of the Cornell University New York State Mastitis Laboratory in Canton, NY and spent the rest of her career there, retiring after 25 years.

opportunities for Katie to experience so much.

Katie was the light of her family's life and will be greatly missed by her parents, Linda and Larry Reece; brothers, Brian (Emi), and Christopher; sister, Audrey; numerous aunts and uncles; Grandmother Geraldine Reece (Kansas); and adoring nieces, Mina and Alin Reece.

Katie was predeceased by her grandfather, Lindsay Trerise who made sure she experienced being in the woods, her grandmother, Barbara Trerise who learned all of her care needs and her grandfather, Lawrence Reece of Kansas.

Family and friends are invited to a celebration of her life on Thursday, January 25 at Donaldson-Seymour Funeral Home in Potsdam.

Calling hours are 2-4 pm, followed by a service of celebration. In lieu of flowers please be casual in your brightest colors.

Friends are encouraged to share memories and offer condolences to the family online at www.donaldsonseymour.com.

beloved great-grandchildren, Teddy, Eddie IV, Annabelle, Arthur, Archie, Geri, and Meredith; his nieces and nephews who meant so much to him; and several dear friends, including Barbara Galligan.

Along with his parents, Ed was predeceased by his wife, Bea, who will be with him now in heaven; his siblings, Bill and Tom Wixted; Bea's brother and sisters; and many great friends whom he missed dearly these past few years.

The family would like to thank all the wonderful people at the Millview Assisted Living Facility for the love and attention they provided Ed over the last couple of years.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date at the Garner Funeral Home in Potsdam.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to your favorite charity and help make the world a better place.

Condolences for the Wixted family can be shared at www.garnerfh.com.

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OBITUARIES

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



Margaret Cecot

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.Phillips-Memorial.com.

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 chil-

dren, 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 Jerri-



Sherry Langevin

rica 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.

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 (Fifty) 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-

sen, 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.

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

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



Janet Reynolds

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Garry graduated from Clarkson College in 1963 where he lettered in hockey and lacrosse and earned his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering.

He was elected a member of the Phalanx Society, the highest honor bestowed on a Clarkson undergraduate.

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

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

Garry returned to New York in 1972 to join Intermagnetics General Corp.(IGC) (a spin-off of GE R&D Center) where he worked in

Lynne Marie (Desjardins) Draper, 65

Massena

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



Lynne Draper

Lynne also enjoyed playing cards, crocheting blankets and other gifts for her family, needlework, bowling with her mother, photographing family events, and being

better known as "Grandma Red Light" to her endearing grandchildren for the light that would go off on her camera just before the photo.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Garry R. Morrow, 82

formerly of Potsdam

a number of assignments as an engineering and technical marketing executive until his retirement in 2004 as Corporate Director of Marketing and Sales.



Garry Morrow

IGC (now Philips Medical Systems) was a pioneer in the development and commercialization of Magnetic

Resonance Imaging, now widely deployed as a key element in the field of Medical Diagnostic Imaging.

At the 2nd Annual New York State Superconductor Technology Summit in 2011, Garry was selected as a New York State Leader in Superconductivity for his important contribution to the field.

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

For many years, Garry was an active communicant of Our Lady of Grace Church in Ballston Lake.

He shared his faith through his

work in the Residents Encounter Christ Prison Ministry Program and, with his wife, Chris, as a member of the Cursillo community.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Pictured above are Coach Justin Todd, Kris VanWagner, captain Dylan LaMore, Ian VanWagner, captain Theo Hughes, and Alecia VanWagner.

VanWagner breaks PCS scoring record

POTSDAM — There is a new scoring leader for basketball at Potsdam Central School. Ian VanWagner, a freshman at PCS, broke the school points record

Saturday in an 82=29 win over Norwood-Norfolk Central School. VanWagner needed 23 to break the record, but scored 28 in the win.

The previous school record was owned by Zach Adams, which was 1,415 points. His achievement came early in the second quarter.

Signs, three-way stop considered on Court Street

BY PAUL MITCHELL
North Country This Week

CANTON — Creating a three-way stop at the intersection of Court and Judson Streets and installing a solar-powered flashing sign at a Court Street crosswalk were a few suggestions presented by a Complete Streets task force to the Canton Village Board on Wednesday night. Task force member Kara McLuckie led the presentation, reporting findings from a September pop-up project conducted on Court Street. The project was abbreviated due to rain but several survey responses were submitted. The project focused on alternate transportation lanes and crosswalks to enhance safety measures along Court Street, mainly from Pearl to Powers Street.

“We got 18 responses but wanted 30,” said McLuckie. “The concept of the pop-up was very helpful to show what it may be like.” McLuckie also pointed out that adding infrastructure for alternative transportation lanes and crosswalks would improve a key part of a connecting pathway between the Remington Recreational Trail and Taylor Park. Also, efforts to improve ADA compliance along that stretch of Court Street would offer better access to the Public Safety Complex, the St. Lawrence County Courthouse, adjoining county offices, the Department of Social Services building, and the bus stop on Judson Street. The study also took a look at State Street and Canton Central School. “As a direct articulation to State Street, Court Streets presents an area for developing a pedestrian and alternate transportation route to the schools. Connecting areas of the village in ways that encourage accessible travel by foot and non-motorized vehicle is vital to the personal and environmental well being of the community,” the task force report reads. McLuckie outlined three goals of

the pop-up project. First, to demonstrate potential roadway improvements for pedestrian and alternative transportation user safety. Second, to foster community awareness of the Complete Streets Task Force and the Court Street Pop-Up project through communication with stakeholders and outreach efforts. Third, to gather feedback from the community about alternative transportation lanes and crosswalks temporarily installed on Court Street during the project. The report also features a dozen future considerations for pop-up events. They include communication with relevant village committee liaisons while planning and executing similar projects, seek outside funding sources, conducting tabling events at the Canton Farmers Market, continue conversations with the county planning office, sheriff’s office, building and grounds, county clerk’s officer, St. Mary’s Church, and residents, all community stakeholders, and increase the frequency of press releases about pop-up projects prior to implementation and include links to surveys.

Potsdam parking study to guide decision

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM -- A recent study of current village parking trends in its downtown business district could help guide the board of trustees to a decision on how to move forward with its paid parking areas during its upcoming Streetscape project. The village is in the process of gathering information on several paid parking options for its downtown.

At their meeting Tuesday, Jan. 16, the board of trustees and the mayor heard a presentation on the study, which presents fresh data on the issue collected by civil engineering students from Clarkson.

The parking study was conducted by Clarkson CEM Consulting Group (C3G), and presented to the board by the group’s advisor Dr. Erik Backus, Clarkson Prof. of Prac., Civil & Environmental Engineering, and Nicholas Leggett, a senior civil engineering student at Clarkson, who was the project manager for the study.

The group studied downtown parking for five days in November right before Thanksgiving. Times studied were 1-2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 14; 1-4 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 15; 3-5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 17; 10-11:45 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18; Sunday, Nov. 19 from 12-1 p.m.

“We had six major areas,” Leggett said. “The Main Street parking lot as well as on-street parking on Main Street. Then, on-street parking on Market Street. The parking lot right by Raymond Street. Then, all along Elm Street, then the Munson lot up to the north, and the Frosh lot.”

“And we oversaw it for 10 hours total. That’s five days, two-hour blocks each,” the project manager said.

Leggett said the study data was organized to determine a parked utilized or lingered value for each of the lots and parking spots studied.

The data returned from the study indicated that in the on-street spots studied, which are enforced by the paid parking meters, the village did not have much lingering parking, where parked cars stayed overlong in a spot.

“In general, all across the village there is a low lingering rate,” Leg-

gett said. The main issue for downtown village business owners is to keep parking turnover happening throughout the day to allow customers to access those businesses. The study found that there was a high utilization of the Raymond Street parking lot during the time studied. Also revealed was a low utilization of parking on Elm Street.

“Was there just a rationale for not doing evening times?” asked Village Trustee Lynzie Schulte.

“We had to pick a period of time. That was restricted to ten hours because that’s just the man hours,” Backus said. “We didn’t choose the evening because you don’t charge for any parking after 6 p.m. anyhow.”

“Unless it’s Friday and then it’s 9 p.m.,” said Village Mayor Alex Jacobs Wilke.

“The stress (of the study) was about visiting businesses, and the majority of businesses close after evening hours,” Backus said. “That was that... that wasn’t the focus.”

“It was really hard to get down this 10 hours of people out there counting cars,” said Backus.

“To be fair to Dr. Backus and the students, we had them pair back. We could have put them on the street for every possible hour combination,” Wilke said.

“This is, we hope, a representative sample, however, there’s a lot of caveats on the back end,” Backus said. “If you were to really do this it would be a 40-hour study not a 10-hour study.”

Other key takeaways from the study’s overall analysis was that long term parkers seem to use Main Street, Prosh and Munson parking lots on the weekdays; and that there were more than ample overall parking spots in the village as a whole.

The study also gave pros and cons of several technology approaches to the village’s downtown parking to keep parking turnover up following the streetscape project.

Traditional coin meters, parking kiosks, online/remote app based paid parking and permit parking based on license plates were each compared and contrasted.

The village will be trying out two test digital parking kiosks in coming weeks to gather information on how those devices could be used.

Rash of crashes in SLC

State police reported that they responded to numerous traffic accidents at several locations in St. Lawrence County on Thursday, Jan. 18 until early Friday morning Jan. 19.

One of the accidents resulted in charges, while the others were closed by investigation with no injuries reported.

Charged with DWI A Potsdam woman was charged with driving while intoxicated after a property damage accident in Stockholm on Thursday, Jan. 18 at 9:33 p.m.

Brandi L. Paige, 42, was charged with driving while intoxicated: first offense and operating a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 of 1 percent: first offense.

She was ticketed and released. One-car crashes Troopers responded to another accident in Parishville on State Route 72 on Jan. 18 at 11:22 a.m.

State police said a vehicle driven by Taylor Page Harper, 44, of Potsdam was involved. Troopers closed

the road until Harper’s vehicle was cleared.

No injuries were reported. A Hermon woman was involved in a one-car accident later on Jan. 18 at 5:58 p.m. on State Route 68 in Pierrepont.

Alexys Nicole Newborn, 29, was driving the vehicle, state police report. Troopers closed the road until the vehicle was cleared.

No injuries were reported. Other fender benders State police investigated numerous other traffic accidents on Thursday, Jan. 18 until early Friday morning Jan. 19.

Numerous other accidents were investigated on Thursday, Jan. 18 in Lisbon at 8:45 a.m., Oswegatchie at 3:37 p.m., Massena at 4:26 p.m., Massena at 5:33 p.m., Hammond at 5:50 p.m., Clifton at 8:40 p.m., Oswegatchie at 9:09 p.m., Oswegatchie at 10:29 p.m.; and Hermon at 6:02 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 19.

Troopers released no further details on these incidents, which were closed by investigation.

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Mild winter keeps village snow removal costs down

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — A mild winter has kept expenses down on the village Department of Public Works snow removal budget so far, and the village administrator reports that the DPW has made quick work of the snow that has dropped on the community.

“Snowfall, we’ve been really lucky, has been at a minimum at this point,” said Village Administrator Greg Thompson at the Jan. 16 village board meeting. “And that which did fall, in my opinion and for those I talked to, was managed effectively and efficiently.”

“As the mayor alluded, we did follow our snow removal procedures and I think it worked, I think it worked very well. As always, I know there are those who would like to see changes made in that management plan. Right now, I think it looks really good for us. Again, as Trustee (Lynzie) Schulte alluded to, we are never going to please everybody 100 percent. We try our best.”

Thompson said one of the village DPWs challenge areas for snow removal is along Clarkson Hill due to the location of the guard rail there.

The village administrator said

the village has reached out to the state Department of Transportation regarding the location of the guard rail. Thompson said the DOT is going to put in a request for the village to move the guard rail back further in the spring.

“What that will do is widen that sidewalk out to five feet to match the rest of the sidewalks and then we can clear all the way up through those limits,” the administrator said.

“I’m happy to report, and this kind of goes along with it, plow season has been, knock on wood, a little bit slow. We have only consumed about half the actual overtime hours that we did last year at this time,” Thompson said. “Last year at this time, our high overtime hours were right around 96 hours total for the season for our highest individuals.”

“Right now we’re right around 40/45. So we are down considerably on that,” Thompson said.

The administrator also said fuel use is down too this year so far.

“The fuel consumption has been drastically, drastically reduced as far as the amount of fuel we’re having to use to get the job done,” he said.

Thompson thanked the board for allowing him to purchase two new



Marie Amell | Submitted

Protest calls of ceasefire

A peaceful protest calling for a ceasefire in Gaza was held Sunday, Jan. 21 at the Post Office and in Ives Park at the pavilion. Those participating were calling for a ceasefire to the conflict in Gaza and what they called a “genocide of the Palestinian people.” The conflict between Hamas and the Israel Defense Force was sparked by the Hamas terrorist attacks, killings, kidnappings and rapes of Israeli civilians in Israel on Oct. 7, 2023. Thousands in Gaza have since been killed in the military response by Israel to the Oct. 7 incident, according to leading world news organizations.

North Country leaders voice concerns about Gov. Hochul’s budget proposal

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

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

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

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

“This issue has been handled poorly by the governor, New York City Eric Adams and the current

presidential administration and our taxpayers continue to bear the brunt of this. I’m particularly concerned by the fact that \$500 million of this is coming from the state’s reserve fund. This is aid that should be going to legal residents and taxpayers, whether that means tax relief to combat rising costs, assist our struggling nursing homes or economic development initiatives,” Stec said.

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

“During this presentation, the governor acknowledged that the state went more than \$1 billion over budget with Medicaid spending in the last fiscal year. While it was good to hear the governor acknowledge the enormous costs associated with our Medicaid system, I did not hear anything in her plan that would substantively address it and lower costs for both state and local governments,” he said.

Stec was also critical of the governor’s plans to close more correctional facilities in the coming year.

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

“Obviously, this presentation is only the beginning of the budget process. In the weeks ahead, I plan on working with my legislative colleagues and the governor to ensure a final budget meets the needs of

our taxpayers and charts a responsible fiscal future for New York,” he said.

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

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

Gray called the planned spending a “worrisome trend” while saying he wants spending to remain “responsible and sustainable.”

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

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

said.

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

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

Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush said the proposal showed the governor’s “priorities lie elsewhere.”

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

Budget negotiations will occur in

the coming weeks, with a final budget approval required by April 1, according to the state Constitution.

Chimney fire damages Potsdam home

POTSDAM — A chimney fire damaged a home at 400 State Highway 11B, according to Potsdam Fire Driver Mark Maroney.

The blaze was reported shortly before 2 p.m. with Potsdam Fire, Potsdam Rescue and County Car 10 responding, Maroney said on the department’s website.

He said flames were showing when firefighters arrived on scene and more manpower was requested from West Stockholm Fire Department.

Firefighters found that the chimney fire had extended into the struc-

ture and was burning in the adjacent wall, Maroney said.

Firefighters used a ground ladder, chainsaw, and hand tools to take apart the siding and stretched an 1 3/4” hoseline off of E-80 to extinguish the fire, he said.

A thermal imaging camera was used to check for extension and to ensure the fire was out and Tower 5 was set up and firefighters were able to drop a chain down the chimney to clean it out and remove the burning material, Maroney said.

The Town of Potsdam Code

Enforcement Officer was requested and responded to the scene.

Potsdam Rescue was on standby for the fire.

No injuries occurred or were reported during the incident.

Potsdam Fire was back in service at 3:43 p.m.

“The Potsdam Fire Department reminds residents to ensure that their chimney’s are cleaned regularly and that only seasoned wood is used in order to reduce creosote buildup and prevent chimney fires,” Maroney said.

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Reps push back on prison closure proposal

State legislators will soon begin to hash out the details of Governor Kathy Hochul's proposed \$233 billion 2024 state budget, which includes plans to close five correctional facilities.

Under the proposal, which was in one small paragraph buried deep in the budget announcement, prisons would be given 90 days notice before closure.

In total, New York State currently operates 44 prisons throughout the state, though state officials have also closed 24 prisons since 2011, NYSCOPBA union officials say.

Closing prisons has been a top priority of Governor Kathy Hochul, who has taken a more aggressive approach than her predecessor, former Governor Andrew Cuomo.

Hochul established a New York Prison Redevelopment Commission, to "reimagine" closed prisons across New York State for innovative redevelopment.

Hochul took action nearly two years ago to close Ogdensburg Correctional Facility despite public outcry from the north country's state and federal representatives. That facility was one of six closed by Hochul in 2022.

North Country officials pushed back on the idea, saying it would lead to significant jobs losses while continuing to make prisons even more unsafe for correctional officers.

State Senator Dan Stec called the plan to close more correctional facilities "unacceptable and further proof of how reckless Democrat leaders continue to be with public safety."

"Because of their so-called crim-

'I will not support any budget that closes correctional facilities.'

Daniel Stec
State Senator

inal justice reforms, dangerous criminals are allowed to roam in their communities and felons inside correctional facilities have free rein to assault officers, staff and other inmates. Our police and corrections officers lack the support and resources they need to protect themselves and others," Stec said.

Stec said he is "proud to stand with our officers and civilian staff, whether that means sponsoring legislation to repeal HALT or opposing Governor Hochul's plan to close more correctional facilities."

"We cannot allow that to happen. I will not support any budget that closes correctional facilities. In the days ahead, I will fight on behalf of all the men and women who work in these sites and work to ensure these jobs remain right here in our community and that these facilities remain open," he said.

Senator Mark Walczyk was equally critical of the proposal, saying Hochul's "soft on crime stance" will continue to hurt New Yorkers.

"The Governor wants to close

more prisons and continue her soft on crime stance. She wants to keep throwing your tax dollars at 'affordable housing,' while making building new or renting more expensive. She's proposed cutting rural school funding while sending \$2.4 billion to the illegal immigrants sent to sanctuary cities," Walczyk said.

Assemblyman Scott Gray called the decision to close more prisons "unfair," saying public safety

New York State Correctional Officers & Police Benevolent Association (NYSCOPBA), the union that represents correctional officers issues a statement shortly after Hochul's announcement, pointing to higher population density of those incarcerated as a primary concern.

Union officials also released statistics regarding violent assaults in prisons, saying assaults on prison staff rose 13.4% in 2023, while assaults on fellow inmates rose 41.5%.

"As the violence increases and staffing levels plummet, mandatory overtime for correction officers and sergeants has spiked to record highs. This overtime is well documented and it is unsustainable. Continuous mandates are straining members' physical and mental health, their families, and their quality of life. Members are burning out at alarming rates. How can the State of New York demand that our members continue working in these conditions and have the mental and physical ability to keep incarcerated individuals and staff safe? Members need relief," NYSCOPBA President Chris Summers said.



Cheryl Shumway | NCTV

Potsdam Varsity Boys Hockey Team organized a Rock N' Skate at Pine St. Arena, Jan. 20, as a fundraiser for St. Lawrence Health Center for Cancer Care at Canton-Potsdam Hospital. Potsdam hockey seniors, from left, Brodey Hughes and Bryan Dillon were among many skaters who participated.

Hockey team skates for charity

POTSDAM — The Potsdam Varsity Boys Hockey Team is raising money for St. Lawrence Health Center for Cancer Care by organizing two events this year.

Rock N' Skate was held at Pine St. Arena, Potsdam, Jan. 20, with community members skating with the varsity hockey players and Sandstoner Steve on the ice as well.

The second fundraiser was a hockey game held Jan. 24, with Potsdam Varsity Boys playing against St. Lawrence Central at Pine St. Arena.

Potsdam Hockey Coach Jack Charlebois said this year's senior hockey players selected the cancer center as its charity of choice. The team plans to fundraise for a different charity each year, he said.

Man accused of rape in Canton

CANTON — A man was charged with rape Friday stemming from a sexual offense complaint made Feb. 14 of 2023, according to state police.

Ryan Coburn, 22, Rosedale, was charged with rape:

Intercourse with a physically helpless person, felony, officers said.

His arrest status was not made public.

No other information was provided.

Garage burns in Parishville

PARISHVILLE — Potsdam fire responded to a garage fire Friday night at 738 State Highway 72.

Potsdam Fire Driver Mark Maroney said firefighters were called to the blaze around 11:11 p.m. along with Parishville Fire and Rescue, Colton Fire and County Car 36 responding as well.

Fire and rescue workers battled the cold, along with the fire, Maroney said.

The blaze at the garage was

threatening another structure, but the blaze was contained.

Firefighters were together on scene and completed extinguishment and overhaul in the rear of the garage.

"Tanker 100 used roughly 1,300 gallons to extinguish the fire," Maroney said.

The cause of the fire was under investigation.

Potsdam Fire was in service at 12:54 a.m., Maroney said.

Arts Council grants available

POTSDAM -- The St. Lawrence County Arts Council (SLC Arts) has received a 60% increase in state funding for 2024.

This means that SLC Arts will be distributing \$160,000 throughout the North County to support 2024 arts programming. Grants are project-based, community-focused, and can represent any artistic discipline.

SLC Arts offers three grant opportunities.

The Individual Artist Grant funds the creation of new work within a community setting; the Arts Education Grant funds creative learning experiences; and the Community Arts Grant supports public arts programming and fosters creative communities.

Grants are open to artists, arts organizations, 501(c)3 non-profit organizations, government entities, Tribal Nations and unincorporated collectives throughout St. Lawrence, Jefferson, and Lewis Counties.

Throughout January and February, SLC Arts offers both live

and virtual info sessions that cover eligibility and fundable expenses, and explain the application and review process.

To register for an info session, visit slcartscouncil.org/grants.

Click on the workshop date to access the registration form.

For the 2024 grant cycle, All applicants are required to attend an info session or meet with the Grant Coordinator before submitting an application.

The grant application deadline is March 1.

Funding is for projects taking place in 2024.

Projects funded earlier in the year may be funded retroactively. 2024 guidelines and application questions can be viewed at slcartscouncil.org/resources.

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First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Food pantry says thank you

The Norfolk-Raymondville Food Pantry would like to thank the Northern New York Community Foundation for its \$1000 grant towards the purchase of food from the Food Bank of Central New York, specifically meats, fruits and vegetables, cereals, breads, dairy products, as well as dry goods such as pancake mix, pasta, and rice.

The NRFP is a five day pantry, providing 15 meals per family member on our distribution days (the 3rd Saturday of each month, 9-11 AM). We are also available for emergency calls, making arrangements to meet at a mutually convenient time. Our pantry exists solely due to the generosity of our donors, volunteers, and grants received. It is housed in the Norfolk United Methodist Church, 9 W. Main St, Norfolk.

Our December distribution served 66 households (39 children, 53 adults, and 45 seniors, for a total of 2055 meals). The Norfolk-Raymondville Food Pantry gratefully acknowledges this generous gift.

Patricia Matthews, Treasurer
Norfolk-Raymondville Food Pantry

Questions green hydrogen plan

Is the green hydrogen plant being proposed for Massena a good idea for northern New York? Given the increasing drought conditions in this country and the seasonal droughts that affect northern New York, I question whether taking huge amounts of water from the St. Lawrence River (nearly 1,000,000 gallons a DAY) and changing it to hydrogen is wise. This is not water that is returned to the environment like when we take a shower, prepare dinner, or water plants. It is water that is turned into hydrogen and oxygen ... our water is lost forever so there is less water in the atmosphere and more hydrogen.

The Department of Energy "acknowledges that water consumption for H2Hubs could place additional stress on regional water resources." In northern New York we are not experiencing the drought situation that exists in the west but we do have drought conditions here at times and it seems these would be worsened by a hydrogen plant that removes so much of our water from the environment. Before we accept a hydrogen plant locally, we should be sure that the plant does not affect the water supply for other essential purposes such as home use of water and agricultural use of water.

In other parts of the country, hydrogen plants are considering the adoption of seawater desalination to supply the millions of gallons of water needed every week for these plants. It is, however, probably cheaper to use the water from the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River than to remove the salt from sea water but is it in our interest to allow hydrogen plants to use up our fresh water ... again, not to use the water and then return it to the environment but to permanently remove it by making it into hydrogen and oxygen? How long would it be before northern New Yorkers started experiencing seasonal or more severe droughts? How would the proposed hydrogen plant affect local agriculture, tourism, and the enjoyment we

get from our abundant fresh water?

I am not an expert on any of these issues and therefore would love to hear what local farmers, meteorologists, and environmental engineers think about the hydrogen plant and the approximately 1,000,000 gallons of fresh water we would lose every day.

It also seems possible that the 90 permanent jobs that the hydrogen plant would provide could instead be provided by a lithium battery plant or an electric vehicle plant or solar energy manufacturer. These types of manufacturing plants are currently being created all over the country by the Inflation Reduction Act. It seems like our Senators and Representatives could help us get some of this manufacturing in Massena or Ogdensburg.

Thank you,

Ann Lenney
South Colton

Questions Stefanik's choice of candidate

According to the Congresswoman's House of Representatives "About" webpage, "Elise has been rated as one of the most effective and bipartisan Members of Congress."

It is clear that it is past time for Elise to update this language.

In a recent national television appearance, Stefanik made several claims that shows she is working hard to ingratiate herself to Donald Trump, echoing his inflammatory language regarding the 2020 election and those charged and convicted with storming the Capitol on January 6, 2021.

In the 2020 election, she repeated claims that the election was unconstitutional. This argument has been rejected by every court that heard arguments on the election. These arguments serve only to create division and can in no way be considered "bipartisan."

On the Capitol rioters, she used the term "hostages" to refer to those who have been arrested and charged with crimes related to the attempt to disrupt the counting of electoral votes. A basic premise of our consti-

tutional system is equal treatment under the law. No one imprisoned for their actions on January 6 had their due process rights withheld. Hundreds have been put on trial and found guilty by a jury or have themselves plead guilty to crimes committed that day. There is no justification for calling these criminals "hostages," yet Stefanik did so on national television. When asked to clarify which criminal defendants she would consider "hostages" there was no comment from her office.

When you take the side of rioters who attempted to overthrow the popular will and attempt to replace the votes for President Biden with fake electors, you can no longer claim to be "bipartisan." "Bipartisan" is accepting an election loss for your preferred candidate. One does not have to accept the rival party's policies, but one must respect the election results that were duly certified by each of the states.

Representative Stefanik has every right to support whichever candidate she wishes. When she pledges her support for a twice-impeached, 91-time criminally indicted candidate who attempted to subvert the results of the 2020 election, it speaks volumes about her judgment and her character. My most sincere wish is that her efforts to curry favor with Trump will lead to him choosing her as his running mate in 2024, and we can move on from being represented by a partisan who apparently cares more about her national profile than she does about representing the people of Northern New York.

Dan Sullivan-Cattin
Potsdam

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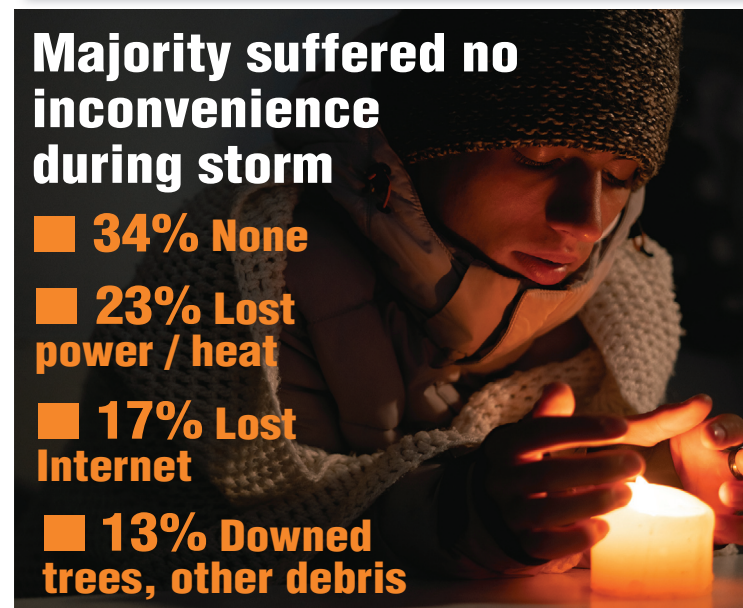
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NCNow Survey

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?

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

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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Make memories, see old friends and support the Boys and Girls Club Goodbye COVID, hello 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.

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, fights 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.

Editor's Notebook

Jimmy Lawton



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.

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; let's make sure we make it worth their while without support.

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

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PCS Music Friends expresses thanks

PCS Music Friends thanks the Dr. D. Susan Badenhausen Legacy Fund of the Northern NY Community Foundation for supplementing the PCS School District's financial support of the new Modern Band Class to be taught at the Potsdam High School by Mrs. Jill Rubio.

The \$2,000 grant, along with the District's support, will allow for the purchase of electric guitars, electric basses, electronic drum kits, microphones and amplifiers needed for this innovative class. Modern band features popular music such as rock, hip-hop, pop and other styles, and this class should attract more students in the Potsdam School District to music as well as supplement the education of current music students.

PCS Music Friends

Winter poem from South Colton

Will He or Won't He
It's almost time for him to awake.
That rodent of ill gotten fame..
As far as he's concerned,
The weather is just a game.

He will crawl out of his hole
And look around,
The whole thing is a bore.
Shadow or not,
He will dive back in his hole,
And then you'll hear him snore.

But what if he doesn't awake
And stays in his hole until
spring?

I guess we would wait as we always do
Because it's no big thing.

Four weeks, six or eight,

Winter lasts forever.
But that's okay with me,
I love winter weather.

Warren S. Harman
South Colton



Emily Shaw | Courtesy

And they're off

About a dozen young 'Ermines,' a youth ski program for children ages 4-14, start out on the trails at Higley Flow State Park Sat., Jan. 20. for their first lesson. The Friends of Higley Flow State Park offer the free program on Saturday afternoons in January and February, weather permitting.



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Tickets for the upcoming performance of Japanese international touring sensation Drum Tao in Ogdensburg on Jan. 29 are available by calling 315-393-2625 or by emailing ocp@ogdensburgk12.org. Information can also be obtained by visiting www.ILoveTheatre.org

Traditional Japanese drumming to blend with Las Vegas-style entertainment

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.

SeaComm Super Saturday tax preparation

MASSENA – Super Saturday tax preparation events are back at selected SeaComm locations.

These tax preparation events provide the opportunity for low and moderate-income working individuals and families to have their income tax returns prepared free of charge.

Eligibility is generally limited to taxpayers with an income under \$63,398.

SeaComm, in partnership with Akwesasne and Potsdam Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites,

The AARP Tax Aide Program, along with the IRS will host Super Saturday as follows:

- Feb. 10 at SeaComm’s Main Office from 8-11:30am
 - Feb. 10 at SeaComm’s Malone Branch from 1-5pm
 - February 24, 2024 at SeaComm’s Ogdensburg Branch from 9am-1pm
 - Feb. 24 at SeaComm’s Potsdam Branch from 12:30-5pm
 - March 2 at SeaComm’s Plattsburgh Branch from 12:30-5pm
- IRS-trained volunteers will be

on hand to prepare returns for qualified individuals. Financial Service Representatives from the credit union will be available to open accounts, following eligibility requirements, and possibly provide loans for those who are looking for an immediate refund.

Appointments for Super Saturday are required, as walk-ins will not be allowed.

To make an appointment or for more information, call toll free 1-800-764-0566, www.seacomm.org.

Home energy coffee hour in Potsdam

POTSDAM – Find out how to save on your home energy use with a free session and refreshments at Potsdam Public Library Saturday, Jan. 27, at 10 a.m.

Cornell Cooperative Energy Advisor Nolan Rische will offer a question and answer talk on saving money with home energy costs and some programs available to help

you.

For questions, contact Nolan at 315-379-9192 ext. 427 or email nar79@cornell.edu

Cardboard sled racing returns

CANTON – Nature Up North’s 6th Annual Cardboard Sled Race is slated for Saturday, Feb. 10, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at the SUNY Canton Sledding Hill, 34 Cornell Dr.

With the race just around the corner, racers can start building their sled using cardboard, duct tape, and recyclable plastic bags.

Nature Up North will also have sleds for participants to borrow if sledders just want to take some runs down the hill. Nature Up North’s cardboard sled-building workshop will be held Saturday, Feb. 3, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Wachmeister Field Station, 6104 Co. Rd. 27

In preparation for their 6th Annual Cardboard Sled Race, this workshop teaches you how to build your cardboard sled for the race.

Feel free to bring your own materials, or Nature Up North can provide them. Cardboard, duct tape, plastic bags, glue, and paint are all allowed. Divisions: Youth (12 and

under), Open (13 and up), Family (multi-ages) and College.

Registration: To register ahead, email info@natureupnorth.org with your team name, participant names and grades, and division. Day of registration will also be available February 10th from 10:00 am - 10:30 am.

Rain/weather date: February 11th and 24th, 10:00am - 1:00pm. Any rescheduling will be announced the day before on social media and at natureupnorth.org. The first reschedule will be to the 11th, then the 24th if poor weather persists.

Directions and Parking: The SUNY Canton sledding hill is located on the south east side of campus, between Kennedy Hall and the Footbridges. From downtown Canton, head west on Hwy 68 to SUNY Canton. Turn onto Cornell Drive, and take a right at the first Y toward the river. Turn left on Miller Drive and park in Lot 1. Look for signs to the nearby sledding hill.

Rock N’ Skate fundraisers planned 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

Info: slcartscouncil.org/artscenter

Trip planned to go see musical ‘Pretty Woman’ at the Landmark Theater in Syracuse

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 (Hair-spray, 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, Wad-dington, NY 13694

Info: Robin at 315-323-0282.



Photo submitted by Larissa Fawcner

Kathy 'Kat' Wilcox will offer a course on tarot at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Jan. 30.

Church hosting tarot class

CANTON – The Unitarian Universalist Church, 3 1/2 E. Main St., will host Kathy 'Kat' Wilcox, a Potsdam-based multi-modal holistic healing practitioner with 20 years of experience in the healing arts field on Tuesday, Jan. 30, 5:30-6:45 p.m. for a workshop to explore how tarot can be used as a tool for personal growth and inner exploration.

The workshop will begin with a guided meditation to warm up intuitive and psychic muscles and connect with the energy of new beginnings and adventures. Once intuitive and creative brains are active and ready to go to work, participants will learn how to do their own Tarot spread to help identify the lessons, challenges, and accomplishments of the last year, and connect with intentions and aspirations for the new year ahead.

There will be opportunities for each participant to read their own card spread and receive support and insight from other group members.

The introduction to Tarot and Oracle will open opportunities to empower each participant to make lifestyle changes that align with the goal of living one's true potential and best lives.

If you have a Tarot deck, you may bring it.

If you do not have a deck or if you're curious about working with different card decks, decks will be available for use during the workshop.

The workshop is free, open to the public, and welcoming to all.

Workshop will be hosted in social room at the Unitarian Universalist Church located at 3 1/2 East Main Street in Canton, across from the village park.

Chill the February Out yoga

CANTON – "Chill The February Out!", a new series of restorative yoga classes will be offered on Sunday nights in February, beginning Feb. 4.

Classes are at 7-8:15 p.m. at the Canton Yoga Loft at 21 Miner St in

Canton.

All levels of experience are welcome.

Sign up for the series of four Sunday night classes or for an individual class at www.yoga-loft.org.

Valentine's Day cards needed

CANTON – The St. Lawrence County Office for the Aging and the St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau invites students of all ages to make Valentine's Day cards, notes or drawings for older adults to spread love this Valentine's Day.

Please mail or deliver cards by Friday, Feb. 9 to: SLC Youth Bureau, 80 SH 310, Suite 4, Canton, NY 13617.

For more information, email AChase@stlawco.gov or call (315) 379-9464.

Early literacy programs resume

CANTON - Early Literacy programs have resumed at the Canton Free Library. This includes Baby Storytime at 10:30 on Tuesdays, Toddler Storytime at 10:30 a.m. on

Mondays, and Pre-school Storytime at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays.

For more information, email vwhite@ncls.org or call (315) 386-3712 ext 4.

WHAT'S GOING ON

FRIDAY, JAN. 26

Firefly Band

POTSDAM -- The band Firefly will perform at McDuff's Pub on Jan. 26 from 6-8 p.m. Firefly is a four piece folk/pop band from Potsdam, that performs covers and some originals. They are 4 friends inspired by Friday night fire sitting and artists like Rufus Wainwright and Radiohead.

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

Flannel Fling

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

Frosty Fest Competition

POTSDAM -- The fourth annual Frosty Fest Snowman Competition will be held Saturday, Jan. 27, at Ives Park. Come build a snow person or creature and bring items from home to make your snow creation special. Free registration starts at 11 a.m. Judging begins at 12:30 p.m. and awards are at 1 p.m. There will be prizes for Best in Show, People's Choice, Most Artistic, Most Comedic, and Most 'North Country,' with separate divisions for kids and adults. There will also be free treats and a campfire. If there is no snow on Jan. 27, the event will be rescheduled for Sat., Feb. 3.

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. 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., Norfolk, Saturday, Jan 27 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Proceeds of sale will be donated to the Norfolk Historical Association.

Playback

POTSDAM -- Potsdam Amvets, 6771 US HWY 11, will have live music by Playback on Jan. 27 from 7-11 p.m. Cover is \$5 a person; veterans are free.

Ribbon cutting

RUSSELL -- There will be a ribbon cutting at the enRiCH building at 18 Pestle Street in The Town of Russell on Jan. 27, at 1 p.m. The enRiCH building is new and houses free items for anyone in any community to have for free. They accept items daily. enRiCH stands for Russell Community Helpers. Call 315-212-8009 for more information.

Save on home energy

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session and refreshments at Potsdam Public Library Saturday, Jan. 27, at 10 a.m. Cornell Cooperative Energy Advisor Nolan Rische will offer a question and answer talk on saving money with home energy costs and programs available to help you. For questions, contact Nolan at 315-379-9192 ext. 427 or email nar79@cornell.edu.

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. There will be cookie frosting and decorating, a variety of crafts to work on, as well as winter stories, card games, and A Don't Break the Ice competition. Those attending will be able to bring home their own packet of Snowman Soup.

Winter Discovery

RENSELAER 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, eiwheeler@yahoo.com.

SUNDAY, JAN. 28

Drum circle

POTSDAM -- Transcendent Yoga and Holistic Health will host a drum circle at 468 Hatch Road on Sunday, Jan. 28 from 2:30-4 p.m. Bring your favorite drum if you have one, or use one of the drums or other rhythm makers we have on hand at the healing arts center. Absolutely no experience is required. This is a judgment-free zone where our greatest desire is for everyone present to have fun. Suggested donation: \$5 or bring a snack to share.

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

Solar eclipse talk

POTSDAM -- A free presentation on the upcoming solar eclipse will be held Tuesday, Jan. 30, at 6:30 p.m. at Potsdam Public Library. The speaker, Elaine Fortin, a NASA representative and Adirondack Sky Center trustee, will discuss how to prepare for a 'Once in a Lifetime Solar Eclipse in NNY' on April 8, 2024. It won't happen again here in the north country until Aug. 2399.

Tarot class

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WEDS., JAN. 31

Blood drive

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staging a blood drive on 1/31/2024, 1-6 p.m., Best Western University Inn, 90 E Main St. Info: RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

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 has opened the channels between high arctic islands, allowing their four-person team to cross the 1,800 mile Northwest Passage in 103 days. Dr. Visser will address changing conditions in the arctic and their implications, while focusing on the adventure of tackling sea ice, wind, cold, and polar bears to experience this immersion in nature. The informal talks about science and research topics with a local researcher or expert will be held in the community room at the Potsdam Civic Center, 2 Park St. Info: <https://www.clarkson.edu/science-cafe>, science-cafe@clarkson.edu.

SATURDAY, FEB. 3

Cardboard sled workshop

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Groundhog Day Stroll

CANTON -- The St. Lawrence County Public Health Department, in partnership with the Youth Bureau, will offer a Groundhog Day 5K(ish) event at participating local schools on Saturday, Feb. 3, from 9-10:30 a.m. Three schools hosting this event are Heuvelton Central, Colton-Pierrepont Central, and Madrid-Waddington Central. Walking loops will be mapped out in each school for participants to walk or run at their own pace. Individuals can choose how many laps they complete. For some, it could be a 5k, for others it could be a quarter mile or less. In lieu of paying a registration fee, attendees are asked to bring one canned or pantry item to donate to the school's food pantry. Contact the Youth Bureau by emailing AlexaChase@stlawco.gov or calling 315-379-9464 with any questions.

Rock N' Skate in Norfolk

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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>.

The BackWater Duo

DEKALB JUNCTION -- The BackWater Duo will perform Saturday, Feb. 3 at 8 p.m. at The Olde Dekalb Hotel, 4348 State Highway 11.

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NOTABLE

A Potsdam Central student is fundraising for a trip to perform with American Music Abroad this summer. Potsdam High School student Constantine Darie has been selected to play cello as well as to sing in a chorus this July as part of the group. He will perform alongside more than 150 students from America in five counties, including Austria, Czech Republic, Italy, Germany and Switzerland. To help his fundraising efforts, visit <https://bit.ly/471bePu>.

R. Falls memory tree names

RENSSELAER FALLS – Donations to the Rensselaer Falls Library memory tree were received.

From: Karla Kenny, Alan Carpenter and Norma Martineau.

From: Mark & Maureen Bomyea in memory of Richard Hogan, Gertrude Hogan, Raymond Hogan, Bernie Hogan, James Narsh, Lisa LaFountain, Richard Bomyea, Shirley Barton, Ethel Baker, and Mary Bomyea.

From: John & Debbie Bartlett in memory of Lee & Venetta Gill, Carl & Linday Cutway, Maurice & Hazel Cline, Herb & Kathleen Goodison, Bob & Ruth Roca, Kenneth & Eve-

lyn Ginn, Harold & Anita Carpenter, Harry & Effie Stiles, George Cline, Sue Reynolds, Harold Palmer, and Lynn Palmer.

From: Linda Liscum in memory of Herbert Wainwright, Jessie Miller Wainwright, Nettie McDonald Wainwright, Chester Wainwright, Rayta Mathys, Harry Mathys, Roy Liscum, Reg Liscum, Lida McMartin, Julia McMartin Miller, Howard Miller, Harry & Bernice Wainwright, Howard Wainwright, Roxy, Ruby, Max and Bob.

A donation to the Library was received from Carol Franklin in memory of Royal Cleland.



SUNY Canton | Submitted

SUNY Canton University Police Department recently earned New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation through the Department of Criminal Justice Services. Pictured (l to r) are Officer Joseph E. Kubinski, Officer Dale W. Hutchins, Officer David J. Cummings, Lt. Brian E. Kurish, Chief Timothy M. Ashley, Lt. Tyler C. Thomas, Officer Jacob Pitcher, Officer Joshua T. Eng, and Officer Benjamin A. Dent.

SUNY Canton University Police Department gains state law enforcement accreditation

CANTON – SUNY Canton's University Police Department has received initial accreditation through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS). It is the first time the department has sought or achieved voluntary accreditation.

"Your participation in the accreditation program demonstrates the commitment you and your officers have to provide the highest level of service and professionalism to the community you serve," said Kea Cheever, Accreditation Program Coordinator, in a letter to University Police Chief Timothy M. Ashley. "You and all of the members of the SUNY Canton University Police are to be commended for this achievement."

Ashley, who rejoined SUNY Canton University Police in 2022, said the accreditation process assesses a department against the highest standards of professionalism, aiming to enhance its ability to serve the col-

lege and the community effectively. Accreditation is also part of an ongoing SUNY-wide initiative.

"I'm proud of this achievement and all of the University Police officers who continually contribute to our success as a department," Ashley said. "The college benefits from this achievement through a complete review and evaluation of the entire department. Our successful completion further demonstrates our commitment to the safety and security of our campus."

To successfully achieve DCJS accreditation, the department must demonstrate high levels of excellence and professionalism in law enforcement by meeting 111 best practice standards. University Police hosted an Office of Public Safety assessment team for an on-site review.

The college's University Police Department employs nine members in addition to Ashley, including lieutenants Brian E. Kurish and Tyler C. Thomas and officers Dale W.

Hutchins, Tammy J. LaPage Avery, David J. Cummings, Joseph E. Kubinski, Benjamin A. Dent, Joshua T. Eng, and Jacob Pitcher. It also has a dedicated Office Assistant, Michael J. Smith. It is a part of SUNY Canton's Administrative Affairs Division, overseen by Vice President for Administration and CFO Shawn K. Miller.

"I extend my congratulations to Chief Ashley and the entire SUNY Canton University Police Department on successfully meeting the guidelines outlined by the DCJS," Miller said. "The achievement underscores their unwavering commitment to excellence and dedication to ensuring a safe and secure campus environment for our students, faculty, staff and community members."

The State's Law Enforcement Accreditation Council has exclusive authority to grant accreditation to law enforcement agencies. It is granted for five years.



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Local on dean's list

The following Potsdam and Canton area students were named to the Dean's List for the 2023 fall semester at Nazareth College in Rochester. They are: Megan Martin, Angelie Bush and Isabella Jaskowski, all of Canton; and Katherine Theobald, Megan Taylor, Megan Saber, and Braden Whittaker, all of Potsdam. A student's grade point average must be at least 3.5 or above, and they must complete 12 credit hours of graded work that semester in order to be included on

the dean's list at Nazareth.

Presidential Scholars

POTSDAM -- The following Potsdam and Canton area students have been named Presidential Scholars for the Fall 2023 semester at Clarkson University. Canton: Jennifer Haycook. Norfolk: Sydney Jarvis of Norfolk. Norwood: Anthony Fiacco of Norwood. Parishville: Emma Bloom. Potsdam: Stephanie Andreescu, Kevin Bou-Abdallah, Luke Brosell, Jochanaan Fair-Schulz, Aliena Grainger, Jacob Hatch of Potsdam, and Theodore Hughes.

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Myrtle Regan | Submitted

Canton seniors sworn in

Jacob Kormanyes, Office for the Aging Senior Program Coordinator, swore in the Canton Senior Citizen Club Officers for 2024 recently. Following the swearing in ceremony, Kormanyes updated club members on the Medicare Savings Program. In the front row, from the left, are Janet Butler, Secretary, Ivy Martin, VP, County Council Delegate; Myrtle Regan, President, Activity Director; Sharon Bassett, VP; Paulette Burcume, Treasurer; and Jane Pike, Ass't Treasurer. In the back row are Ed Knight, Ass't Chaplain; Ellie Hewes, Bd of Directors; Shirley Briggs, Co. Council Delegate; Keith Bassett, Chaplain, Arvilla Aldous, Bd of Directors; and Peg Beaudin, Ass't Chaplain.

Canton native pens children's book about stinkbug

CANTON — A Canton native has written a children's book about making friends.

Author Michael H. Terrell's new book "Stanley the Stinkbug Goes to School" is a

story of a stink bug who tries to make new friends at school despite his stink.

Stanley, a stink bug who goes to school for the first time after being homeschooled all his life, is worried about controlling his stink. With the help of a friendly butterfly, Stanley learns to accept his stink and how to control it without changing himself.

Terrell, a pastor for over twenty years, including in Canton, currently serves as pastor of Asbury United Methodist Church in Watertown.

Born and raised in Richmondville, Terrell currently lives in Watertown.

The author is a recipient of the DAR Good Citizen Award Medal and has earned two Eagle Scout mentor pins.

When not preaching, Terrell can often be found on stage in a theater show, playing music on his piano and other instruments, or working

in his garden.

"Stanley the Stink Bug has been homeschooled his whole life, so he was very excited about his first day at Bugs Middle School, but unfortunately, everything went terribly wrong," said Terrell. "He discovered that it was harder to make friends than he thought."

Published by Page Publishing, Terrell's tale is inspired by the author's firm belief that children must learn at a young age to be proud of who they are, and not to lose themselves when trying to fit in and get along with others.

With colorful artwork to help bring Terrell's tale to life, readers of all ages are sure to be captivated by Stanley's adventures and identify with his struggles, all while discovering a valuable life lesson along the way on the

importance of being true to oneself.

Readers can purchase "Stanley the Stinkbug Goes to School" at bookstores everywhere, or online at the Apple iTunes Store, Amazon, Walmart, Google Play, or Barnes and Noble and other sites.

Clarkson dean's list announced

POTSDAM — The following Potsdam and Canton area students have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2023 semester at Clarkson University.

They include Scott Ahlfeld of

Canton, Rhett Ashley, Aidan Daniels, and Michael Dewey, all of Norwood, Kate Davis of Potsdam, Shiloh DeGray of Colton, Abigail Green of South Colton, and Kadein Kelley of Russell.

Pierrepont memory tree remembers loved ones

PIERREPONT — The 2023 Memory Tree at the Pierrepont Museum in the historic schoolhouse remembered family and friends with connections to the community.

Those honored were Gerald & Hazel Tupper, Gary Tupper, Glenn Tupper, Stanley & Dorothy Tupper, Everett & Mildred Howard, Orrin & Ann Taylor, Francis & Arloween Todd, Mary White, Lorna Wagner, Gilbert Guyette, Ronnie Guyette, Gail Guyette, Evelyn Guyette, Marion Lang, and Phyllis Hunter by Cheryl Guyette.

Henry McIntosh, Erva McIntosh, Nate Judd, Loretta Rodwell, Gertrude Corcoran, Michelle Mills, Sally Tupper, Lawrence Tupper, Dot Ames, Donald Ames, Betty Dalton, Judy Hoyt, Betty & Ray Vebber, and Erica Waters by John and Kay McIntosh.

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Floyd & Theresa Vebber, George & Mary Jane Rutledge, James & Irene O'Brien, Joan Waite, Monica & Wallace Vebber, Fay & Gwen Vebber, Ray & Betty Vebber, Mavis & Clarence Vaughn, Lee Vebber, Donald & Dottie Ames, and Betty & Ray "Red" Dalton by Nancy and Jim Rutledge.

Family and Friends by Patsy and Dave Holland.

Thank you to all who participated and to John McIntosh each year for the tree.

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ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE AIRFIELD MARKING IMPROVEMENTS 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.

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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.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality in the proposal, and to reject any and all proposals.

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

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, Massena, 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.

NORTH COUNTRY THISWEEK Keep **INFORMED!** Read the **LEGAL NOTICES**

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.
 Class of objects or purposes: construction of improvements to and reconstruction, renovation and improvements of various District buildings, facilities and sites, acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings, facilities and sites are to be used and payment of costs incidental thereto
 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

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 Lambda Fuel Management System Black Powder Coated Conditioner Poly Runner for Conditioner Snow Tank Window Aluminum Alloy Wheels Parking Brake LPG Carburation (includes LPG Low Fuel Light) Wash Water System Hydraulic Oil Cooler Board Brush Water Level Sight Gauge Backup Alarm Stainless Steel Ice Making Water Discharge Pipe
Description
 Power Board Brush Electronic Water Level Sight Gauge Galvanized Conditioner Tire Wash System Snow Tank Light Wash Water Transfer System Automatic Snow Breaker System Snow Melting System Integrated Auger Washout System Advertisement Racks Plastic Snow Tank Bottom Liner Zamboni Connect System (Includes 2 year subscription) Advanced Watering System FastICE Ice Making System Level-Ice Laser Leveling System Extra Blades Magnetic Blade Guard Conti Blade Changer Device Zamboni 10.5 HP Power Edger (Rope Start) Zamboni 10.5 HP Power Edger (Electric Start) Zamboni EZIII Battery Power Edger
 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
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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
 1/12/24

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:
 Model 552AC
 Includes: 510 Amp Battery Pack Battery Charger Black Powder Coated Conditioner Poly Runner for Conditioner Snow Tank Window Aluminum Alloy Wheels AC Motor Controls Lithium Ion Batteries in Lieu of Lead Acid Batteries Wash Water System Board Brush Water Level Sight Gauge
 Backup Alarm
 Stainless Steel Ice Making Water Discharge Pipe
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 Integrated Auger Washout System Plastic Snow Tank Bottom Liner Advanced Watering System Level-Ice Laser Leveling System Magnetic Blade Guard Viscous Coupling Drive Line Zamboni 10.5 HP Power Edger (Electric Start) Single Point Battery Watering System (Lead Acid Batteries) Electronic Water Level Sight Gauge Tire Wash System Wash Water Transfer System Automatic Snow Breaker Snow Melting System Advertisement Racks Zamboni Connect System (Includes 2-year subscription) FastICE Ice Making System Extra Blades Conti Blade Changer Device Zamboni 10.5 HP Power Edger (Rope Start) Zamboni 10.5 HP Power Edger
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 01/19/2024

Memory Tree names released

PARISHVILLE – The following names appeared on the 2023 Parishville Historical Society Memory Tree:
 Emma Remington, Warren Remington, George Remington, Lucy Remington, Lyle Fountain, Eva Fountain, Lawrence Barlow, Hilda Barlow, Julia Bump, Kathleen Kenyon by Terry & Marijean Remington & family. Emily Bartlett, Sara Ann Bartlett, Stevie Bartlett, Dan Sullivan, Cassie Farns Bartlett, Harriet Farns, Archi Bartlett, Jessie Wyne Bartlett, Aurthur Bartlett by Diane Bartlett MacWilliams. Marion Russ, Richard Russ, Nancy Russ, Michael McBurnie, Margaret McBurnie, Tom McBurnie, Francis Miner, Charles Miner, Mildred Miner, Dani Jacot, Kodi Perkins by McBurnie Family. Carter Green, Kenneth P. Planty, Beulah Planty, Harold Chevier, Anna Chevier, Kenneth F. Planty, Burton Chevier Sr., Gwen LeBeau by Ellen Planty. Carter Green by Nicholas, Megan, Owen, Madelynn, Grayson Kenny. Carter Green by Cody, Brooke, Noelle & Brenna Kenny. Louis Wiklacz, Jean Wiklacz, Cynthia Boals, David Roberts, Genevieve Hanson, Robert Hanson, Harold Ellis, Alton Bump, Kimberly Evans, Annette Evans, Edgar Kelly, John Shean, Julie Bump, Robert Tyler, Edith Tyler, David Tyler, Elva Bump by Kenneth and Sue Wiklacz. Jordan P. Sochia by Infinity-Mom and Wayne. Eli Sochia by Patty & Wayne Brabaw & family. George & Nettie Thompson, Kenneth & Hazel Thompson, Carl & Doris Thompson, Ray & Ellen Thompson, Roy & Mae Hatch, Duane & Thelma Butterfield, Darrell Butterfield, Lori Butterfield, Nellie Sampier, John & Kay Bartlett, Jean Farr, Rex & Anila Sampier by Don & Shirley Butterfield. Kathy Converse Zahler, David & Alberta Zahler, Erwin Zahler, James & MaryLou Converse, Paul & Hilda Merrill, Rosabel Meashaw, Kyle Cootware, Nicholas Zahler, Linda & Richard Daby, Ellen Vallance, Caroleen Gumaer, Edith Norman, Betsy Niles by John & Marjorie Meashaw. Stanley "Pete" Richardson, Beverly Richardson, Terry Richardson, Richard "Dick" Barrett, Lena Barrett, Mary Barrett, Ervin Barrett, Susie Richardson, George Bertucci, June Bertucci, Steve Bertucci, Thomas Boegler, Chip Hannable, Deputy Shannon Bennett, Bill McCune, Sally Kirby, Ron Kirby Sr., Jennifer Huels Schutt, Ayskel Edgerton by Brad & Sheila Bertucci. Prepa Cook Snell Earle Adams, Edgar Allen Snell, Malcolm J. Snell, Milton B. Snell, Kathryn Frego Snell, Milton P. Snell, Vincent J. Snell, Marion Beaudin Snell, Paul H. Snell, Gordon L. Snell, Gerald V. Snell, Florence Snell McCarthy, Anne Snell Sullivan, Estella (Tess) Cook, William Cook, Scott Cook, Catherine Benham Cook, Viola Miller Cook, George Cook, Joshua Holt Snell, Patrick Allen Snell II, Martha Collins Snell, Milton C. Snell, Elsie Conlin Snell, David W. Pennington, Gary Sebastian, Connie Cook Chapman, Sam Chapman, Grace Snell Tucker, Mark Snell, Lester Gale by Madeline Snell Pennington. Leon LeBeau, Gwen LeBeau, Dr. Bruce Smith by Molly Lebeau Kaffka. David Nelson, Diane Hayes, Roy Caringi, Melvin Nelson, Nina Nelson, Rowena Burdett, Clifford Burdett, Mayfred McCasland, Jon McCasland, Anna Nelson, Harold Nelson by Linda Nelson. Corliss Mittelstaedt, John Mittelstaedt, Carole Kinglsey, Terry Miller, Christopher Mittelstaedt by Rosie Bartholomew. Robert Mandigo, Beverly Mandigo, Gary Mandigo, Scott Mandigo, Joanne Kelso-Mandigo, Raymond Mandigo, Elizabeth Mandigo, William Mandigo, Lawrence Quist, Mildred Quist, Doris Herrick, Frank Bradish, Ken McGowan, John Dwyer, Lee Dona, Terry Davis, Dave Beekman, Donna Adams, Chloe Ann O'Neil by Craig Mandigo. Lester Gale and Todd Daby by Felicia Bonno. Melvin & Doris Lerch, Jim & Tina Morrow, Clarence & Hazel Crystal, Robert & Mary Morrow, Bertha Perry, Clifford Sharpe, Sam LaFluer, Sally Frederick, Patrick Maguire, Denise Henophy, Todd Daby, John Bunstone, Merrick Bunstone, Lester Gale, Danny Sullivan by Dan & Connie Maguire and Family. Nelson Tupper, Dolores Tupper, Fred & Viola Tupper, Suzanne Tupper, Marie Tupper Darrah, Richard Tupper, Loretta Lamphere, Edwin Cool, Bernard Sweeney, Eddie Ashlaw, Robbie Phillips, Garrett Phillips, Al Wilson, Sharon Sweeney Bell, Nancy & Jerry Sullivan, Gary Sebastian, Jerry Snell, Gordon Snell, Paul Snell, Donna Adams, Dan Wills, Herman Kleiboer, Joan Waite, Norman Rosselle, Mark Williams, Lester Gale, Danny Sullivan by Melvin & Gloria Sweeney.

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The former Jubilee supermarket that closed in 2000 in the Midtown Plaza. There are plans to tear down the entire plaza and construct a nearly \$21 million mixed-use development that includes an entrepreneur center and apartments.

DOWNTOWN...

Riverside Drive (\$400,000), Nature's Storehouse Expansion, 21 Main St. (\$535,000), Riverview Towers, 35 and 37 Riverside Drive (\$1,530,656), Traffic Reconfiguration at Riverside Drive, State and Chapel Streets (\$300,000), and a Canton Main Street Program, multiple locations (\$750,000).

"There's a whole another process involved with this including community involvement," the mayor said.

The governor addressed the importance of the NY Forward funding.

"We put the seed money in and all others take interest," the governor stated.

"Canton's NY Forward application presented a realistic, visionary and comprehensive plan to transform blight into new mixed-use development that will offer diverse housing options, premium retail space and abundant entrepreneurial opportunities. As a community situated at the crossroads — geographically, economically and culturally — of the St. Lawrence Valley, the Village will implement a bold plan, backed by substantial private investment and community-driven planning, to elevate the downtown to a new place of commercial, cultural and entrepreneurial excellence. Project priorities include rebuilding and restoring commercial and residential buildings, beautifying Main Street and making downtown a welcoming and accessible place for everyone — residents, businesses and visitors alike," said the governor's office in a press release.

The plan is to turn the plaza property into a mixed-use development offering diverse housing options including a SUNY Canton Entrepreneurship Center on the first floor. The upper levels would have 45 residential units. The estimated cost of the project is \$21

million. SUNY Canton has secured around \$4 million toward the project.

Both State Senator Dan Stec and Assemblymember Scott Gray applauded the NY Forward awards.

"If we're going to grow our region and help it succeed, investing in upstate communities is vital. The \$4.5 million in NY Forward funding will help bring new residential and commercial opportunities to Canton and help make it an even better place to live, work or visit," said Stec.

"Congratulations to the communities of Canton and Alexandria Bay on their well-deserved \$4.5 million NY Forward grant awards. These grants are a tribute to the visionary planning and commitment to revitalization displayed by both communities. Canton's plan to transform its downtown into a hub of housing, retail, and entrepreneurial activity is particularly commendable, promising to bring renewed vitality and prosperity to the area," Gray remarked.

PARKING...

of the trial, parking rates and terms may be adjusted in the kiosk study areas.

The village of Potsdam is gearing up for a total makeover of its downtown business district during its state Downtown Revitalization Initiative funded Streetscape Project and is trying to determine how best to handle the on-street and in-lot parking. It has been decades since the municipality has taken a serious look at the issue.

Downtown Potsdam currently has a classic paid parking meter system, but many of those are out of date, broken or not Americans with Disabilities Act compliant.

The village board is still in the planning stages of how to handle the issue and has a few options on the table. Digital parking kiosks (with a potentially 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, or a combination of some of these are all being suggested.

A recent study on the village's business district parking was also presented at the meeting by Clarkson professor Erik Backus and his student-led civil engineering group from Clarkson. The study detailed problem areas and other spots, and presented pros and cons of some of the various options of how to rework the village's parking system in light of the downtown streetscape project.

While the measure to approve the merchant services with MMD passed, some concerns were raised by village officials.

"When would this take place?" asked Tirion.

"So again, as previously approved by the board, the thought would be... it would really depend on how quickly they can get the kiosks here," Wilke said. "We were moving ahead with them, but I'm not sure when last we had heard how quickly they can get the kiosks here," Wilke said. "They are waiting on us."

"They are waiting on us," confirmed Village Administrator Greg Thompson.

Village Police Chief Mike Ames said the company had three units ready in New Hampshire for the village.

"So for the purposes of the study, they are free to the village minus this \$15 fee, which if we already had one of these credit card processing systems it would have been totally free," Wilke said. "But other than that it's free for us to try these. We choose which rates are set on them, again, other than normal credit card processing fees. We can choose where they are located. We can do anything we wish with these trial units during our trial period with them. It is just that, a trial."

The trial period could last as long as the village wants from one month to more, village officials said during discussion.

Other options?

"I am wholly against the kiosks," said Williams. "I wasn't on the board (during the previous decision to set up the trial kiosks) to weigh in on that. I think there is a lot to look at, including 2-hour free parking and I'd like to study that, rather than this."

Schulte asked if the village would be able to keep the fees collected by the test kiosks. Wilke said yes except for the credit card processing fees and the \$15 fee collected by MMD for the merchant service. The kiosks will allow those parking to put in change or bills, swipe their cards to pay for parking, tap with their phone for Apple Pay, or use a

mobile app provided by the company to pay. "It has all the options," Wilke said.

The board will be holding a special meeting on Monday, Jan. 29 at 6 p.m. to discuss the village parking issue in greater detail and at greater length.

Williams suggested the board table the resolution until that meeting. "I think it's a bad idea," Williams said.

"It's unfortunate that it happens in the winter," Tirion said.

"The trial that we have selected is limited to the Frosh lot, and the one on-street location is going to be Maple on Fall Island in front of Jernabi," said Ames.

"That was conceived to see how they would perform in two different environments," Wilke said.

"And again, this is just a study. We are not nailing anybody down, we are not committing to anything. This is a study for information," Thompson said.

Public concerns

"Well people are completely freaking in this village because they are suddenly getting ticketed," Tirion said. "I mean I am being accosted all day long about that and then I explain that this is part of a larger study to examine whether or not we bring kiosks in. Well my phone has been ringing off the hook with people saying 'Please don't do it. I don't want it.'"

Recently, two village police officers have been tasked with ticketing lingering cars that are parked for too long or next to unpaid meters. However, the practice has apparently raised some ire of the local downtown business people and patrons alike.

"Is it possible to put this on hold until we have this conversation? Or, I would like to see a study, an equal study on two-hour parking," Williams said.

"A lot of work went into this to this point already, unfortunately," Tirion said.

"I think there are other things more relevant to study. I'm very much against it," Williams said.

"I think we should just call the vote on this resolution and then we can see where the cards fall and then talk about next steps," Wilke said.

Reluctant support

"I'm going to vote 'yes' because we agreed to do it to get a basis on success or failure on kiosks period. Even though I'm not in favor of them. But we agreed to this study under the previous board, and I'm going to hold to that agreement," Warr said.

"I find this is a very difficult one, because I feel I should speak for my constituents," Tirion said. "And they have asked to not do it. But I think, you (to Wilke) assured me that by voting 'yes' here that it does

not mean that the kiosks will stay. I don't want this to be a way to sneak in a new technology, and once it's here then too bad. So, hoping that this is not a final thing, I will support this as an 'aye.'"

Williams voted nay.

"I will say, I'm with Sharon in regards to looking at other options than payment like this. I also do appreciate information," Schulte said. "I will vote 'aye' simply so that I can see that it won't work and I won't like it and then I can come back and vote no."

"I will also vote 'aye' and we'll hopefully come away with some good information," Wilke said.

FINANCES...

meeting.

Village Mayor Alexandra Jacobs Wilke pointed out that due to Open Meetings Law, if more than two board members attend a meeting it becomes an official meeting that needs to be properly, publicly notified.

"What I find very frustrating . . . and you've heard me say this before. This is the only time that we are all together and we can have some hope of getting less confused, because if I talk to Sharon (Williams, fellow village trustee) and she doesn't know anything about it, then us talking together doesn't help and we need a third person who knows what's going on so that we can both learn," Tirion said. "So these are the Open Meeting Laws that prevent us from making really useful interactions ever."

"Maybe we just have an open meeting," Deputy Mayor Steve Warr suggested.

"We could have a special meeting if you wish, or use up large portions of our normal meetings," Wilke said.

"And the first one I would really like to see would be a finance budget meeting," Tirion said, "so that we can share some concerns that I have about the way that the board is not really on top of some of these expense . . . everything is kosher. You know, everything is spent well, but we have to wait almost two years to get the word from Pinto (the auditing firm contracted by the village to check the municipal books) before we know what's going on. And, by then it's too late to help design the budget."

Chimney fire

POTSDAM — A chimney fire damaged a home at 400 State Highway 11B, according to Potsdam Fire Driver Mark Maroney.

The blaze was reported shortly before 2 p.m. with Potsdam Fire, Potsdam Rescue and County Car 10 responding, Maroney said on the department's website.

He said flames were showing when firefighters arrived on scene and more manpower was requested from West Stockholm Fire Department.

Firefighters found that the chimney fire had extended into the structure and was burning in the adjacent wall, Maroney said.

Firefighters used a ground ladder, chainsaw, and hand tools to take apart the siding and stretched a 1 3/4" hoseline off of E-80 to extinguish the fire, he said.

A thermal imaging camera was used to check for extension and to ensure the fire was out and Tower 5 was set up and firefighters were able to drop a chain down the chimney to clean it out and remove the burning material, Maroney said.

The Town of Potsdam Code Enforcement Officer was requested and responded to the scene.

Potsdam Rescue was on standby for the fire.

No injuries occurred or were reported during the incident.

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Potsdam cannabis dispensary offering delivery service

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM -- St. Lawrence County cannabis users can now get pre-rolls, flowers, edibles and other state-licensed products delivered to their door.

The Highest Peak on Market Street in Potsdam has launched a discreet delivery service.

"We are happy we were able to get it up and running quicker than expected," said Aurora Wood, one of the shop's co-owners. "We are still trying to get the word out."

The Highest Peak delivery service will deliver cannabis products out as far as Malone, Gouverneur, Massena, Ogdensburg and Colton.

"There is a delivery fee and a minimum purchase," Wood said. Fees for delivery in Potsdam are \$5. The shop charges \$10 for deliveries outside of town.

"The vehicle we will be using for delivery is discreet. It won't have pot leaves painted all over it. It looks like any car. It's not screaming 'You are getting a cannabis delivery,'" Wood said.

"Even though we are working on

'The vehicle we will be using for delivery is discreet. It won't have pot leaves painted all over it.'

Aurora Wood
The Highest Peak

as well.

Wood said she and co-owner Kinsey LaPointe first considered a delivery service using employees' vehicles, but quickly pivoted to buying a dedicated company car and scheduled route days due to the insurance cost.

Customers can place orders online through www.highestpeakny.com at any time, but delivery to specific communities happens only on certain designated days.

On Monday-Thursday from 2-7 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday from 4-10 p.m., and Sunday 4-7 p.m. deliveries will be made to Potsdam, Canton, Hannawa Falls, Stockholm Center, Norwood, Norfolk, Raymondville, Colton and Parishville.

Sunday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Monday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. deliveries go out to Massena, Brasher,

North Lawrence, Chase Mills, Waddington and Madrid.

On Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Tuesday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., The Highest Peak will deliver to Ogdensburg, Heuvelton, Rensselaer Falls and Lisbon.

Deliveries to Gouverneur, Richville, DeKalb and DePeyster go out on Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Wednesday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Customers in Malone, Bangor, Brushton, Moira and Hopkinton can receive deliveries on Sunday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Thursday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

All cannabis products are shipped in a locked case installed inside the car and the delivery person keeps track of all deliveries and shipped products with a transportation manifest. Those purchasing the products must be 21 or older, show ID and sign for the delivery.



Submitted Photo

Clementine Taillon making the first pizza for The Blue House restaurant which reopened recently following a fire last year.

Blue House eatery reopens in Madrid

MADRID — The Blue House Restaurant has reopened following a fire last spring.

The eatery sustained heavy damage during a May 12 blaze.

"Through community support, grit and determination we have been fortunate to be able to bring our dream back to new heights," said Josh Taillon. He owns the business with his wife Alicia.

The Blue House first opened in Jan. 2021 after nearly two years of planning and demolition.

Despite COVID restrictions and six months of take out service, the Blue House garnered significant attention and developed a strong local following.

Dine-in service was first offered in July 2021, with an extensive menu that included brick oven pizzas and weekly specials.

"Time has given us the opportunity to change for the better," Taillon said.

There is a fresh new look with artistry and design that warms the interior, he said

"A new concept has emerged to bring thoughtful innovative food to our menu," Taillon said.

The new hours are Thursday through Saturday from 5 to 9 p.m.

Visit thebluehouseny.com

or find them on Facebook at The Blue House or on Instagram at thebluehouseny.

Reservations are recommended at the link via their Google profile or social media. People can also call 315-590-3021.

"We very much look forward to feeding you once again," Taillon said.

getting rid of the stigma associated with cannabis, there is still sort of stigma with it," she said.

Cannabis products delivered to customers will be in plain paper bags

Provide input for Canton Winterfest

BY PAUL MITCHELL
North Country This Week

CANTON – Although more than one month, the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce wants to know what events will take place during Canton Winterfest and who is interested in being a sponsor.

In an email to Canton business leaders, Katie Berry, the county chamber's newly-hired Canton Community Coordinator & Communications Specialist, is seeking participation in the form of event hosts and business sponsorships.

The county chamber has set the date of Winterfest 2024 for February 23 to March 3.

"The St. Lawrence County Chamber is so excited to continue coordinating this beloved event for the Canton community to enjoy. This

is 10 days full of winter fun for the whole community to enjoy, all while promoting your business," the email reads.

Berry noted that in keeping with Winterfest tradition, Winterfest buttons designed by a Canton Central school student will be for sale in local businesses. All who purchase a Winterfest button will be entered into the drawing for raffle prizes.

Hosting an event or events, sponsoring raffle prizes or selling Winterfest buttons are ways to get involved, she said.

"All business sponsors will be recognized by name in our Winterfest promotional materials and media! We appreciate you joining us to make this week in February fun for our Canton Community," Berry continued.

To participate, complete the

online 2024 Winter Event & Sponsorship Application Form by Jan. 31 -

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSejhJ8HfxnG-gfB2MUSC8cO5ZG7zv83wUQiyk-mLQq2A-XrcuA/viewform>

"Our generous sponsors and the sale of the Winterfest buttons will help support the Winterfest event," she said.

Questions or concerns can be emailed to Berry at katie@SLC-chamber.org or call at (315)-386-4000 ext.6.

She noted the deadline for event/sponsorship applications is Jan. 31 and in order to properly promote all events, this is a strict deadline, and any submissions received after that date will not be included in our promotional materials.

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SLC unemployment rate slightly higher than state rate

The unemployment rate in St. Lawrence County currently stands at 5.2%, without seasonal adjustment, 0.7 percent higher than the New York state seasonally adjusted rate.

According to a state Department of Labor report issued this week, the county's unemployment rate increased 1.2 percent when compar-

ing Dec. 2022 to Dec. 2023.

The state unemployment rate is 4.5 percent.

In neighboring counties, the unemployment in Jefferson County is 5.4 percent, up 1.1 percent from 4.3 percent in Dec. 2022. Franklin County's unemployment rate is 4.6 percent, an increase of 1.0 percent

from 3.6 percent in Dec. 2022.

Rates are calculated using methods prescribed by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The State's area unemployment rates rely in part on the results of the Current Population Survey, which contacts approximately 3,100 households in New York State each month.

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

Answers found elsewhere in this paper.

Trivia Test

- MOVIES: What state is the setting for the 1990s movie "Twister"?
 - GEOGRAPHY: Lake Okeechobee is in which U.S. state?
 - U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president adopted the expression, "Speak softly and carry a big stick"?
 - MUSIC: Actor/singer Jared Leto also is the front man for which rock music band?
 - HISTORY: The U.S. Civil War ended in 1865 when Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered to Union forces in which Virginia town?
 - SCIENCE: Which element has the symbol Pb?
 - GAMES: What is the destination in the board game Candy Land?
 - TELEVISION: Who was the long-running host of "American Bandstand"?
 - U.S. STATES: What is the capital of Alaska?
 - LITERATURE: Who is the author of the autobiographical work "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings"?
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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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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 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.

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Mullarney's Garden Center, is 4 miles west of Malone on Route 11 North Bangor, NY where they have helped people save on their fuel bills.

Since 1989, Mullarneys have sold and serviced Monitor, Toyostove and Rinnai vented heaters, that are the most fuel-efficient way to heat a home, often using 250 gallons of fuel for a full year.

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Toyostove kerosene fired and Rinnai propane fired heaters are available in 8 models and can duplicate heating needs for any monitor system. Mullarney's still services Monitors, and sells and service Toyostove systems.

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Center reminds parents of 'safe to sleep' tips

As a caregiver, you know that keeping your baby safe is most important, including when they sleep.

All babies need a safe place to sleep. There are steps you should take to ensure your baby is "Safe to Sleep" when putting them to bed to prevent infant deaths from unsafe sleeping arrangements.

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.

For information on how to keep your baby safe, contact the Child Fatality Review Team Coordinator at 315-788-8520.

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2018 - 6 Unsafe Sleep Deaths
2019 - 4 Unsafe Sleep Deaths
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Northern Insuring Agency continues to be largest, locally owned insurer in North Country

POTSDAM -- Founded in 1930, Northern Insuring Agency, 69 Market St., continues to be the largest, locally owned insurance agency in Northern New York.

Specializing in personal, business, life, and health insurance, the firm's local professionals can assist you with all your insurance needs.

Northern's Potsdam office is fully staffed and has several new faces as of 2023.

Joining Tanya LaShombe and Amanda Terrance are Ashley Kalman-Smith and Lori Rohde. Ashley is the company's newest personal insurance sales executive.

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.

Associate vice president and senior sales executive in Northern Insuring's business insurance and employee benefits divisions, Tanya LaShombe holds certified insurance counselor and registered employee benefits designations. Tanya is licensed in both property/casualty and life/health making her a great resource for all her business clients.

Northern Insuring Agency is strong and committed to delivering exceptional customer service. The agency knows and understands the difficulties and challenges surrounding the insurance industry, and are here to help. Northern Insuring looks forward to serving its communities in 2024.

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Northern New York Community Foundation supports local charities

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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 Badenhausen 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.

The Foundation's Youth Philanthropy Council awarded a \$1,000 mission-based

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grant to three St. Lawrence County nonprofits that included Traditional Arts in Upstate

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

STEM-related field.

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

The Community Foundation partners with more than 50 St. Lawrence County-based nonprofits.

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The Community Foundation is in the Northern New York Philanthropy Center, 131 Washington St., Watertown, with a Canton extension office in partnership with Grasse River Heritage.

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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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HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL is accepting applications for 7-12 Tenure Track Special Education Teacher. Applications are available at <http://www.hdcsk12.org> or at HDCS. Please send letter of interest, application, resume, letters of recommendation and official transcripts to: Mark White, Superintendent, Hermon-DeKalb Central School District, 709 East DeKalb Road, DeKalb Junction, NY 13630. The Hermon-DeKalb Central School District offers employment and educational opportunities without regard to sex, race, color, national origin, or handicap. Application deadline is January 31, 2024.

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 louisvillemnny.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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City of Ogdensburg Maintenance Equipment Mechanic

The City of Ogdensburg is accepting applications to fill a full-time **Maintenance Equipment Mechanic** position in the Ogdensburg Public Works Department. Starting salary is \$22.18/hour, 40 hours per week. In accordance with the collective bargaining agreement, following completion of the 12-month probationary period, salary is \$28.27/hour.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

(A) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered technical school or community college with an Associate's Degree or certificate in automotive equipment technology or mechanics; OR

(B) Graduation from a high school, technical or vocational program in motor equipment mechanics and two (2) years of full-time paid experience in an automotive repair shop performing repair and maintenance of motor equipment under the supervision or direction of a higher -level mechanic; - OR -

(C) Four (4) years of full-time paid experience in an automotive repair shop performing repair and maintenance of motor equipment under the supervision or direction of a journey level mechanic in a commercial, industrial or facilities operations setting.

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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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