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Mother calls for action on capitol hill after losing son to online predator

BY PAUL MITCHELL
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CANTON – The mother of a Potsdam teenager who took his life in an online sextortion scam in 2021 traveled to Washington, D.C. to check out a new education campaign called Parents SOS (Parents for Safe Online Spaces).

Mary Rodee, a teacher at Canton Central School, headed to the nation's capital on Tuesday for a Wednesday Senate Judiciary Committee hearing featuring CEOs from major social media platforms, including Meta, TikTok, Discord, and Snap, who addressed their companies' roles in safeguarding children online.

The main goal of Parents SOS is to raise awareness around the Kids Online Safety Act (KOSA) and really bring home the human-interest framing and highlight the lives of families who have been permanently altered by online harms.

"Social media companies profit off our children at the expense of their wellbeing and safety. We've come together to form Parents SOS because we refuse to let any other family experience this devastation. We are empowered by the memories of our beautiful children, turning pain into action," a statement from Parents SOS says.

Rodee says it's time to push back. "I became involved in the Parents SOS campaign through the leading nonprofit for children's online safety, called Fair Play. With that group, I have traveled to DC previously in an effort to



Riley was 15 in 2021 when he took his own life after falling victim to an online extortion scam. He was an athlete and angler and had hoped to become a DEC officer.

compel lawmakers to put the necessary safeguards on social media giants," Rodee stated.

Her role on Wednesday is simply to sit and listen to what the Senate Judiciary Committee has to say.

"Tomorrow, my role at the Senate hearings will be to be an observer. Prior to this I was able to submit testimony specific to this exploitation of Riley

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Parking plan problematic in Potsdam

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM – The \$20,000 a year cost of collecting parking meter coins, parking for Market Street tenants, permits, kiosks and tickets were just a few of the topics discussed at a recent village board parking workshop.

Village officials, downtown business people and members of the public sat in on the workshop meeting Monday night, Jan. 29, as board members tried to hash out a path forward on parking in the downtown business district.

The village is getting ready to transform its downtown with its state-funded Downtown Streetscape project and Potsdam will be in a good position to transition from its somewhat bedraggled paid parking meter system and various free parking lots to a more modern option during the overhaul.

The issue has been oft discussed in recent regular meetings of the village board. Some work has already been done.

A parking study on the downtown business district by Clarkson civil engineering students was recently presented, the village will soon be getting two free digital parking kiosks to try in its downtown on a trial basis and some informal study of the issue by village trustees has been conducted.

Questions facing the village include what type of parking system – paid, free, or residential parking pass; how visitors and residents would pay – kiosk, meter, parking permit; and where and how certain types of on-street and in-lot parking will be managed throughout the village's 876 parking spots throughout the downtown, with a

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Canton eyes plans for \$4.5 million

BY PAUL MITCHELL
North Country This Week

CANTON – A little more than a week after holding a check for \$4.5 million, Canton Mayor Michael Dalton says it's now time to begin the strategy process.

On Jan. 23, the Village of Canton was awarded a \$4.5 million NY Forward grant to be used for economic development and downtown revitalization.

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

"Canton and Alexandria Bay will now begin the process of developing a Strategic Investment Plan to revitalize their downtowns. A Local Planning Committee made up of municipal rep-



Michael Dalton

representatives, community leaders and other stakeholders will lead the effort, supported by a team of private sector experts and State planners," noted Dalton.

"The Strategic Investment Plan

will examine local assets and opportunities to identify projects that align with each community's vision and that are poised for implementation. Funding will be awarded for selected projects from the Strategic Investment Plan that have the greatest potential to jumpstart revitalization and generate new opportunities for long-term growth," he added.

The village will be hiring a consultant to assist in the management and strategic plan.

"You don't know what or who will come out of the woodwork," Dalton said. "Something like this helps leverage other monies."

Down the road, public information sessions will be held with the

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Winning sculpture

Winning the adult 'Artistic' award at the Potsdam Frosty Fest was the Medusa snow sculpture with her head of snakes, created by the McKenna family of Potsdam, from left, Matt, Maggie, Charlotte, and Penny.

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SUNY Potsdam to cut five academic positions, two professional jobs

BY ADAM ATKINSON
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POTSDAM -- SUNY Potsdam will be cutting five more academic positions and two professional jobs to try to deal with its \$9 million deficit.

Kevin D. Smith, United University Professions Potsdam Chapter president, verified the cuts Jan. 30.

"Yes, it's seven positions. There are five academic positions and two professional positions," Smith said.

The chapter president would not confirm which specific positions would be cut citing human resources issues.

Smith said the local union chapter does not know much more about the cuts at this point.

"We are still just trying to figure things out," he said.

The college is staring down a \$9 million deficit that school and SUNY officials believe is driven by a 43 percent decrease in enrollment in recent years. The college announced plans last fall to cut 10 programs to try to make ends meet. Those are art history (bachelor of arts), chemistry (bachelor of science), dance (bachelor of arts), French (bachelor of arts), music performance (master of music),

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Kevin D. Smith
United University Professions
Potsdam Chapter President

philosophy (bachelor of arts), physics (bachelor of arts), Spanish (bachelor of arts), and theatre (bachelor of arts).

College officials said that those programs represented 3.9 percent of its overall enrollment.

The UUP has called the deficit a "manufactured crisis" caused by Cuomo-era funding cuts to the SUNY system.

The college would not confirm the number of positions to be axed in this most recent purge, but SUNY Potsdam President Suzanne R. Smith released the following message to the campus last Friday, Jan. 26.

"When I announced our campus financial stability plan this fall, it was clear that difficult decisions lay ahead," Smith said.

"We have been working hard to realize cost savings, find efficiencies, attract philanthropic support, and attract and retain students, and those efforts are making a difference. I am proud of everyone's work toward this end," said the president.

"But at the same time, we still have a budget gap to close. As a result, our campus is continuing to adjust our workforce to serve our existing enrollment," said Smith.

"As you know, we cannot comment on individual personnel decisions or actions. However, I can say that nothing about such change is easy, because we value all of our faculty and staff. I do not take this lightly," the president said.

"I ask that you treat one another with care and compassion through this process. I know that you may be angry or upset with the administration and with me personally. All I can say is that I understand. We are doing everything in our power to limit cuts in personnel, but we sadly cannot avoid them altogether. That is just our financial reality. At the same time, know that we will follow the contract, and will assist and support people through this process as best we can," said Smith.

County legislators approve STOP-DWI Plan

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- St. Lawrence County legislators have signed off on an agreement to once again participate in the STOP-DWI program, taking steps to approve the county's 2024 plan.

Legislators approved a resolution during the services committee meeting Jan. 22 to approve the county plan to be sent to the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee.

The STOP-DWI Plan was requested by the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee from Jan. 1, 2024 through Dec. 31, 2024.

Legislators previously approved the program budget during the Dec. 4 full board meeting.

STOP-DWI stands for "Special Traffic Options Program for Driving While Intoxicated." The STOP-DWI program was created by empowering counties to coordinate local efforts to reduce alcohol and other drug-related traffic crashes within the context of a comprehensive and financially self-sustaining statewide alcohol and highway safety program, according to state officials.

The STOP-DWI legislation permits each of the State's 62 counties to establish a county STOP-DWI program which, in turn, will qualify the county for the return of all DWI fines collected for alcohol and other drug-related traffic offenses occurring within its jurisdiction. The "local option" concept set forth by the Legislature merely requires that the programs address alcohol and highway safety issues and be non-duplicative of related ongoing efforts. All 62 counties have opted to participate (with the five boroughs of New York City combining efforts into one program) under the auspices of 58 programs. Each county appoints a STOP-DWI coordinator whose duties include the development of a program, the coordination of efforts by agencies involved in alcohol and highway safety, and the submission of fiscal and program data to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

Although the implementation of STOP-DWI programs lies with counties, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles is tasked with approving plans prior to the expenditure of STOP-DWI monies.

Norfolk man hospitalized, faces felonies following crash after fleeing police

OGDENSBURG -- A Norfolk man faces nearly 20 charges after leading police on a pursuit that ended in a crash near Hammond, according to city police.

Preston S. Premo, 34, reportedly fled from police in a vehicle on Jan. 19 in the city and the chase ended on County Route 6 in

Hammond, police said.

Premo reportedly crashed his vehicle and was taken to Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center and treated for injuries.

Two days later police charged him with: Second-degree possession of a forged instrument, two counts of third-degree criminal

possession of a weapon, all felonies.

Premo was also charged with third-degree unlawfully fleeing police in a motor vehicle, three counts of speeding, reckless driving, crossing road hazard markings, passing a flashing red light, and failure to obey a police

officer, police said.

He was also cited for second-degree aggravated unlicensed operation, failure to stop a stop light, no seat belt, operating without vehicle inspection, false inspection, operating motor vehicle without insurance, improper plates, operating an unregistered

motor vehicle, officers said.

He was arraigned in city court and released under the supervision of probation, police said.

City police said state police and St. Lawrence County sheriff's deputies assisted during the incident.



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Officer snowman says 'freeze'

New York State Police, from left, Alex Williamson and Branden Gokey made a state trooper snowman and gave tours of their State Police airboat at the fourth Annual Frosty Fest held Jan. 27 at Ives Park, Potsdam. Sponsors for the event were SLC Arts and the North Country Children's Museum.

Potsdam Food Co-op GM dies

BY ADAM ATKINSON
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POTSDAM — The general manager of the Potsdam Food Co-op has died.

Mark Regni, who was hired on as the general manager for the local membership grocery and food store last fall, succumbed to cancer Wednesday, Jan. 24, said a message to the Co-Op membership from the organization's board of directors.

"In December, Mark thought he strained his back. While assessing the back pain, metastatic cancer was found in his spine," the board said. "After staying awhile in the Potsdam hospital, Mark was transferred to Albany where further testing found

that the cancer had spread throughout his body. On Tuesday, they were transferring him to hospice care and on Wednesday morning, he passed away. Although a rapid decline is hard to process, his family appreciates that he did not have to suffer."

The board said in the message that they and the Co-op staff will need time to develop a plan to move forward with management of the Co-op.

"Please be patient with the Staff and the Board as we navigate through this challenging time. As updates are available we will send them out. Everyone's goal is to have a successful Food Co-op here in Potsdam and we do need some time to determine the best path forward,"

the board said.

Regni had moved to Potsdam from Florida in October "excited to not only manage the Potsdam Food Co-op but to work on the DRI expansion project" the message to the membership said.

According to the board, Regni began working in the grocery industry in the 1970s. He had opened, managed and ran several stores across the country.

He was an accomplished artist and painter, and had studied at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts School and the California Institute of the Arts, Disney School of Animation.

Regni is survived by his sister Lynne, twin sister Kim, and daughter Jessica.

Museum to restore 1803 map

BY ADAM ATKINSON
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POTSDAM -- The village board has authorized the village treasurer to pull more than \$4,000 from a Potsdam Museum fund to pay for the restoration of an extremely rare 1803 map of the village, town and Upper Canada.

Potsdam Public Museum Director Trevor Blank told the board at their Jan. 16 meeting that the map's creation coincides with the founding of the town. The settlement of Potsdam began in 1803, with the town being established in 1806.

"The map conservation actually started with the previous director a couple years ago," Blank said. "A balance of \$2,700 has already been paid. We have a balance of \$4,310 to complete the project."

Blank said the museum has around \$68,000 in its Rossi fund balance. Access to the money needs to be approved by the village board of trustees however.

"We are hoping to utilize \$4,300 to complete the conservation project," Blank said.

"Is that the Upper Canada map?" asked Deputy Mayor Steve Warr.

"Yes it includes Potsdam and part of Upper Canada," Blank said.

"In addition to being a highly detailed map it actually has the names of the residents, of the homeowners, listed along with that map," Blank said.

"I think it is only one of three existing in the world," Warr said.

"Yeah, extremely rare," Blank said. "So, what is your intent to do with

it?" Warr asked.

Blank said part of the restoration involves digitizing the map fully, which will make it available for people to access in online collections.

Blank said the goal of the preservation was to restore the map and preserve it in safe storage or display it. Blank said the restoration project was begun before he took over at

the museum but he was encouraged to see it through.

Warr said he did not believe there was anything like the map in Quebec City, the home of Upper Canada, and that he thought the idea of the project was to restore the map, digitize it for use in Potsdam, and then donate the map to the museum in Quebec City for display there.

Incest charge in Potsdam

POTSDAM -- A Potsdam man was charged with incest Tuesday stemming from a sexual offense complaint made on Dec. 19, according to St. Lawrence County sheriff's deputies.

Nicholas J. Snell, 19, was charged with two counts of first-degree criminal sex act, third-degree aggravated sexual abuse and

first-degree incest, deputies said.

An investigation revealed Snell allegedly had sexual interactions with a minor, officers said.

He was arraigned in Lisbon court by Judge Burns and released under the supervision of probation, deputies said.

Sheriff's were assisted by Potsdam police during the investigation.

Two escape injury in accident

HANNAWA FALLS — Two people escaped injury thanks to air bags this past weekend, according to Hannawa Falls Fire Chief Ken Eurto.

Hannawa Falls fire responded to the scene, along with Colton Rescue and state police, he said on the department website.

The accident took place Sunday

night near the intersection of State Highway 56 and Butternut Ridge Road, Eurto said.

One car with two occupants reportedly went off the road striking a telephone pole.

Air bags were deployed and both occupants walked away without injuries, he said.

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Music: sponsored by Robideau's Mahogany Ridge

Saturday, Feb. 10

White Elephant Sale: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Colton Community Church Soup & Sandwiches, Bake Sale from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Craft & Vendor Show: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Colton Amvets Post 262 (downstairs), sponsored by Lisa Fisher. All proceeds from tables reserved to go to the Katherine Hayes food pantry.

FREE Clothing Giveaway, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Colton Pierrepont School

Introduction to Archery: 12 p.m., Fish & Game Club

Cardboard Sled Races with Prizes: 1 p.m., sponsored by the Fish & Game Club **The hill for sliding will be open for the weekend**

Ski challenge with distance markers at Higley Flow State Park: 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., sponsored by Ed & Judy Fuhr

Wood Carver's Event: held at and sponsored by Robideau's Mahogany Ridge

Shrek the Musical: 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., CPCS, sponsored by Musical Department

Chili Dinner & Hot Dogs: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at CPCS, sponsored by the Well

Trivia: 3 p.m., Raquette River Pub

Live Music, Tropical Theme: 8 p.m, Raquette River Pub

Quilt Show: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Colton Community Center

Sunday, Feb. 11

Free clothing giveaway: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at CPCS

Kids' Fest:
11 a.m. - 2 p.m., pancake eating contest, buddy sled race, s'mores, snow painting, face painting, sponsored by Red Pine Cone
1 - 3 p.m., fish crafts by South of the Rock Bair, Beer & Tackle Shop, South Colton Community Center

Fry pan toss followed by Cornhole Tournament: 10 a.m., sponsored by and held at Colton Amvets 262

Ski Challenge with distance markers at Higley Flow State Park

White Elephant Sale: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Colton Community Church

Superbowl Festivities: 6:30 p.m., Raquette River Pub

Legislators applaud \$1M lead abatement program success

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON — St. Lawrence County officials are praising a federal program that assisted the county in lead-paint abatement work for 23 housing units throughout the county to the tune of \$1 million.

Legislators and public health officials say the cooperative effort had a number of challenges throughout the course of the four-year program, the first of its kind in the county, however it eventually aligned with county expectations.

Initially awarded \$1 million in 2018, county officials were able to put the program into effect in 2019 after identifying the properties eligible for abatement work.

Officials say the program delivery method and standard operating procedures were based upon many years of experience running Community Development Block Grant-funded housing rehabilitation programs.

Partners in the program included the St. Lawrence County Planning Office (SLCPO), St. Lawrence County Public Health Department (SLCPHD) and the North Country Housing Council (NCHC).

Primary target areas in the county included the village of Gouverneur and Massena and the City of Ogdensburg, which have population centers that were identified as target areas “due to concentrations of children with elevated blood lead levels (EBLL) being monitored by SLCPHD on its State-mandated Lead Poisoning Prevention caseload.”

In total, the homes that were part of the program included four pregnant women, 35 children under six, 25 children between the ages of six and 17-years-old and three visiting children under six-years-old.

Two visiting children under six and 17 of the resident children under six had EBLL, officials say.

Eight units were located in Ogdensburg, while two more were in Gouverneur and one in Massena. The remaining properties were distributed throughout the county, officials say.

Of the properties included, 17 of 23 were built before 1920, while five were built between 1920 and 1945 and one was built between 1946 and 1979.

A total of seven lead abatement contractor trainings were conducted, with 67 individuals in total in atten-

dance.

But that figure was not nearly enough, with officials saying that if such a program were undertaken in the future, additional contractors and laborers to ensure the projects can be completed in a timely fashion.

Officials say each project is required to be completed within 10 days of entry, per HUD regulations, further complicating the program that was initially delayed by the COVID pandemic.

County officials were successful in obtaining a one year extension to complete the program, pushing the end date to Oct. 2023, which also enabled the county to expend all funds on the projects.

In some cases, those projects went well over the \$20,000 budget originally allotted to them.

Legislator Jim Reagen questioned whether HUD gave the county any leeway given the remote nature of the projects, which were spread across the county.

Public Health officials say after lengthy conversations and constant communication, HUD allowed the county more leeway to ensure the work could be completed.

Of the projects completed, 13 required special dispensations to utilize more funds to complete the work.

Those requirements added time to the process but the “handlers were able to understand the processes and housing needs of St. Lawrence County,” public health officials said.

Additional grant funding was also secured and used on four specific units to leverage beyond the initial \$20,000 awarded, officials say.

In many cases, older farmhouses were included on the list of homes to receive funds, a far cry from the multi-unit apartment complexes seen in the urban centers the program was originally intended for.

“We’re trying to teach folks that Northern New York is different from the Bronx. There is life above the thruway,” Reagen said.

Reagen said county officials need to do a better job of engaging with high ranking state and federal representatives, pointing to a local connection with Senator Chuck Schumer’s director of economic development who is from Ogdensburg.

Reagen offered his assistance to reach out to such reps, saying their engagement can be crucial in ensuring the long term success of such programs.

Potsdam architecture company acquired by international firm

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — Local architectural and architectural engineering design firm Brooks Washburn Architecture has been acquired by an international firm.

LaBella Associates, an international architecture, engineering, environmental and planning firm, recently announced its purchase of the local company started and operated by local architect Brooks Washburn.

“This partnering with LaBella is the next step in the development of our well established practice in Northern New York. It allows us to continue to serve our existing clients as well as expanding into new practice areas,” Washburn said. “We are very pleased with the blending of our established practice in Northern New York into their larger business experience and capacity. New opportunities will open up while maintaining the existing practice we have developed over the years.”

Washburn started the company in 1991.

The architect and his firm are known for several local projects including Woodstock Village at Clarkson University; Satterlee Hall Clock Tower Historical Renovations at SUNY Potsdam; the SLC Public Safety Building of St Lawrence County; Potsdam, Canton and Massena Housing Authorities; Canton-Potsdam Hospital/ Rochester Regional Health, and many buildings throughout the North Country.

Washburn said the blending of his existing practice into the larger LaBella business will both maintain his existing practice relationships and open up new opportunities for other projects in Northern New York.

“Combining our well established local practice with LaBella’s larger

experience and capacity will benefit Northern New York clients as we can continue to work with our existing clients while working on new opportunities in our local area,” said Washburn.

Washburn recently acquired the Market Square Mall building and is in the process of designing several rehabilitation projects in the Raymond Street area that will be incorporated into the village’s downtown streetscape project funded in part by the state’s Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

“It’s wonderful that LaBella had the confidence that Brooks Washburn, DPC, was a clear choice as the partner for their North Country expansion,” said Corey Mousaw, project manager for Brooks Washburn Architecture.

“This will give our clients that personalized experience that they love about Brooks Washburn, DPC, but also the capabilities of a big firm,” said Mousaw. “We value not only the close relationships that we have with our clients, but also our deep commitment to our local community. This acquisition will allow us to add jobs to the area and further develop

our existing team.”

The addition of Brooks Washburn expands LaBella’s presence in the North Country and brings its total number of offices in New York State to 14, the announcement from LaBella said.

“We are excited to welcome the Brooks Washburn team to the LaBella family,” said Jeff Roloson, President, LaBella Associates. “Their broad architecture expertise and deep relationships across the North Country will enable us to more effectively serve the North Country community in order to meet their specific regional needs.”

“With experience and expertise across residential, commercial and institutional architecture, the acquisition adds a small but skilled team of architects to the LaBella team and furthers LaBella’s commitment and access to the region,” the firm said of Brooks Washburn Architecture.

To learn more about Brooks Washburn Architecture visit <https://www.brookswashburnarchitect.com/>. To read more about LaBella, visit <https://www.labellapc.com/>.

OBITUARIES

Roland J. Gagner, 88

South Colton

SOUTH COLTON -- Graveside services for Roland J. Gagner, 88, a resident of Cove Road, South Colton, will be held at a later date in the Southville Cemetery.

Mr. Gagner passed away early Friday morning, January 26, 2024, at the North Country Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation in Massena after a brief stay.

Roland is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Myrna, South Colton; a son, Michael J. Gagner, Massena; a stepdaughter, Tamara and Steve Chambers, Potsdam; eight beloved grandchildren and several great-grandchildren as well as nieces and nephews.

Roland was pre-deceased by a stepson, Raymond Scott and a sister, Jeanette Bouchev.

Born in Cornwall, Ontario, Canada on April 3, 1935, to the late Alexander and Clephire Bouvier Gagner, Roland graduated from Massena Central School and Canton ATC.

Roland worked in the Meter and Test Department for Niagara Mohawk for over 35 years, retiring in 1991. Roland served as a past president of the Lions Club and was a member of the Elks Club and also served in the United States Army.

There was no game or sport Roland couldn’t master, he thoroughly enjoyed winning, one of his favorite quotes was, “you know what Gagner means in French, it means to win” and that is what he did at everything.

Roland was a key figure on his High School Football team at Massena Central as well helping lead his High School Hockey team to go undefeated throughout his high school year’s, serving as Captain of his team.

He was also a referee for numerous years at many levels, and a JV High School coach. Roland also led a Norfolk minor hockey team to a state title.

Roland was an avid follower of the NY Rangers hockey team where he almost never missed a game, hence where he earned the nickname to some as Ranger Ron.

During retirement, Roland also did his best to master the game of golf, he loved fishing and mentored many in his time. He created the annual fishing event “The Higley Cup” with his grandsons, and never lost of course.

Roland loved playing cards, especially with his beloved wife, daily throughout his retirement.

He was a competitor no matter the game, a pool and horseshoe master. He truly loved beating his son at any game they played.

His positive nature and kind, gentle loving way of life will be remembered by his family and those that knew him.

Memorial contributions can be made in Roland’s memory to the Colton Fire or Rescue Department, The Southville Cemetery or to the St. Lawrence River Walleye Association and memories and condolences may be shared online at www.buckfuneralhome.com.

The Buck Funeral Home in Colton is serving the family of Ronald J. Gagner.



Roland Gagner

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Laurel A. (Hafer) Thompson, 64

Potsdam

POTSDAM -- With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of a remarkable woman whose life was a testament to love, compassion, and selflessness. Laurel A. (Hafer) Thompson, 64, left this world suddenly on January 27th, leaving behind a legacy of kindness that will forever be engraved in our hearts. Laurie was the daughter of the late Dr. Paul E. Hafer and Genevieve (Henry) Hafer.

Born in Ogdensburg, on March 1, 1959, Laurie dedicated her life to helping others, embodying the true spirit of generosity and empathy. She began her working life in the Potsdam Nursing Home alongside her treasured Aunt Mary "Mamie" Hourihan. She left healthcare in 1987 to begin a 29-year career as a Job Coach with St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, helping individuals with special needs to find jobs of their own. Never shying away from a little sweat or grime, she worked side by side her students to help them learn, occasionally in some not so glamorous places, and gain their independence at job sites around the North Country.

Whether it was a comforting word, a helping hand, or a shoulder to lean on, she always extended warmth and love to those in need. Her compassion knew no bounds, and she touched countless lives with her kindness.

Family and friends were Laurie's world. Having built her home between her parent's and brother's home, family literally surrounded her throughout her entire life. Her recent retirement allowed her to spend more time with her mom and siblings. There was never a dull moment on "Hafer Hill".

She reveled in the joy of spending

time with her loved ones, laughing, and creating cherished memories that will be forever etched in the hearts of those fortunate enough to have known her.



Laurel Thompson

As a devoted wife, Laurie shared a special bond with her husband of 24 years, James V. Thompson Jr. He affectionately referred to her as "Vern" from the start.

They created a lifetime of beautiful memories, especially during their camping and kayaking adventures at Higley Flow, tapping maple trees every spring, and the warmth of many a bonfire surrounded by their close-knit family. She was typically the life of the party with her antics and storytelling.

A truly one-of-a-kind individual, Laurie possessed a memory that seemed almost unreal. Her ability to recall and share stories, reminisce about the past, and connect the threads of history was unparalleled. She was a living encyclopedia of cherished moments, making every gathering an opportunity to relive the joys of the past. Many of which resulted in laughing until there were tears of joy.

Laurie was predeceased by her father, Dr. Paul E. Hafer, and brothers Edward (Ted) Hafer and Paul (PJ) Hafer. She is survived by her mother, Genevieve Hafer; sister Marcy(Hafer) Ramsay (Will Thomas), brother Matthew Hafer (Mary Kay) and several nieces and nephews. Among her greatest joys in life

were her husband James Thompson Jr., her three daughters, Tommiann (Joseph) Russell, Kallie (Jason) Whalen, and Madelyn (Evan) Thompson. She leaves behind her five beloved grandchildren.

She wholeheartedly embraced her role as "Oma", never one to deny a popsicle or fruit snacks, when asked, or the opportunity to lead a snake hunt in the field. Her birthday cake frosting is going to be impossible to duplicate. Laurie poured love, wisdom, and laughter into the lives of Josephine and Thomas Russell, and Benjamin, Theodore and Kennedy Whalen. Oma's presence was a constant source of comfort and joy, creating a bond that will transcend time.

In celebrating Laurie's life, let us remember the warmth of her smile, the echo of her laughter, the kindness in her heart, and the love she freely gave to all. Donations may be made in Laurie's name to the American Red Cross or the Indian Creek Nature Center.

As a longtime blood donor, reaching the donation milestone of 5.5 gallons herself (something she was quite proud of!) Laurie would encourage others to give the gift of life first and monetary donations second. Donations can also be used to support the Indian Creek Nature Center (PO Box 286, Canton, NY 13617) that her father helped to create.

Calling hours will be Thursday, February 1st from 3-7pm at Garner's Funeral Home in Potsdam. A burial and celebration of life will be held later in the spring.

Condolences for Laurel Anne Thompson can be shared at www.garnerfh.com.

Louise Mary Pierce, 97

Norwood

NORWOOD – Louise Mary Pierce, of New Street, peacefully passed away Thursday afternoon, January 25, 2024, at Massena Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.

Louise was born on May 14, 1926, in Stockholm, the daughter of the late Peter and Edna (Hutchinson) Chatell.

She attended rural schools before graduating from Potsdam High School in 1943.

On April 23, 1946, she married Rodney Pierce at the United Methodist Church in Norfolk with Rev. Frank Brown, officiating. Rodney predeceased her in December 1996.

Louise worked for a time at Grand Union Grocery in Norfolk. After the birth of her children, she dedicated her life to raising her family.

Louise was a very talented baker, having made and decorated numerous wedding and special occasion cakes for over 40 years.

Always active within her community, she was a lifelong member of the Norwood United Methodist Church, an 83-year member of the Winthrop Grange, and a 63-year member of the Norwood American Legion Post 68 Auxiliary, where she served many roles including president and Poppy Chairperson for many years.

She was a Cub and Boy Scout Leader, member of the Home Bureau, March of Dimes Inspector, St. Lawrence County Election Inspector, Chairwoman of the Norwood Fall Festival, and the Red Hat Society. In 2013, she was honored at the Citizen of Year by the Norwood Kiwanis Club.

She and her late husband enjoyed

traveling, having visited every state with the exception of Hawaii. Louise enjoyed working on her mother's loom weaving rugs and playing cards.



Louise Pierce

Louise is survived by her two sons, Chester and Peggy Pierce of Newark Valley, New York and Frank Pierce of Norwood; two daughters, Patricia and Roy

Mayo of Potsdam and Meribeth and Richard Liscum of Ammon, Idaho; 11 grandchildren, 29 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Louise was predeceased by her siblings, Janett, Ruth, Olive, Vera, and Bernard.

Arrangements are under the care and guidance of the Donaldson-Seymour Funeral Home, Potsdam, where friends called Saturday, January 27th, 6-8:00 PM and Sunday, January 28th, 12-2:00 PM with a service that followed at 2:00 PM with Lay Minister Jane Peacock, who officiated.

Burial will be held in the spring in Riverside Cemetery, Norwood.

Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to the Norwood United Methodist Church Memorial Fund.

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

Rita A. Adams, 71

Norfolk

NORFOLK - The family of Rita A. Adams, age 71, of Hutchins Street, Norfolk, are saddened to report her passing, after a brief illness at Carthage Area Hospital on Thursday January 25, 2024.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the care and direction of the Phillips Memorial Home, Madrid.

Family and friends are welcome to call the Phillips Memorial Home, located at 20 Church Street in Madrid, NY, on Sunday, January 28, 2024 from 3:00 pm until time of services at 6:00 pm with Minister Paul D. Slayko presiding.

Rita was born on August 13, 1952, to the late Alfred and Charlotte (Rookey) White in Potsdam, NY. She attended Madrid-Waddington schools. She was married to Steven W. Adams Sr. in February of 1970, that later ended in divorce.

She was employed with ARC for nearly 10 years in Norwood, NY as a direct care provider.

Rita enjoyed the time spent with family and her fur babies "Chuck and Riley".

She also enjoyed spending time on word searches and puzzle books.

Rita is survived by her loving and devoted children, Kirstie

LaVare and companion Michael Abar of Nicholville, NY, Steven W. Adams Jr. of Canton, NY, a family friend Frankie Driscoll, of New York City; grandchildren, Dustin Woods and companion Maranda LaPage of Malone, NY, Dawson Lavare of Nicholville, NY, Wyatt Abar and Cyrus Abar



Rita Adams

both of Ogdensburg, N; along with three great-grandchildren, Carson, Wyatt and Jaxson.

Rita is also survived by a sister, Connie White and brother, Randy and wife Darleen White both of Madrid, NY, along with many nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions for Rita may be acknowledged with the Potsdam Humane Society; 17 Madrid Ave, Potsdam, NY 13676.

Family and friends are encouraged to plant memorial tress, share memories and photos along with condolence online by visiting www.PhillipsMemorial.com.

Jacqueline L. "Jackie" Fifield, 61

Winthrop

WINTHROP -- The family of Jacqueline L. "Jackie" Fifield, age 61, are saddened on her untimely passing, Monday, January 15, 2024.

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

A Memorial Service to be held in the summer at the convenience of the family, with burial to take place in Hermon Cemetery.

Jackie was born in Canton, on November 11, 1962, she was the daughter of the late Howard Jr. and Lula (Holliday) Fifield.

A graduate of Heuvelton High School in 1980. Jackie went on to continue her education at Canton ATC, and later began work as a civilian for the NYS Department of Corrections. Jackie graduated from the Academy and went on to serve for nearly 26 years until her retirement from Bare Hill Correctional Facility in Malone, NY of October 2022. Jackie was a people person. During her time studying at Canton ATC, she befriended other class-

mates with similar common core beliefs.

She and her late sister, became active in the Canton Chapter of Zonta International.

She enjoyed spending time outdoors, camping, kayaking and spending time at the family camp in Parishville, NY. She enjoyed the time spent with her niece when shopping, and at campfires along with visiting her nephew, Ryan and his family in Plattsburgh.

Jackie is survived by her loving companion for nearly 20 years, Robert L. "Rob" Rotonde of Winthrop, NY; her siblings, Terry Fifield of Heuvelton, NY, Gary F. Fifield of Ogdensburg, NY, Everett R. and wife Judy Fifield of Deltona, FL,



Jacqueline Fifield

Orval L. and Cabrina Fifield of Plattsburg, NY; along with a uncles, Cecile Wells and companion Nancy from Heuvelton, NY, Jay and companion Kathy of Old DeKalb, NY, and aunt Shirley Briggs of Canton, NY and Edith Rathburn of Gouverneur, NY. Jackie is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews' great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins.

In addition to her parents, Jackie was predeceased by a by one brother, William "Billy" Fifield of De Peyster; a sister, Penny Rooker of Star Lake, NY; and most recently her sister, Rebecca D. Fiacco in April, of 2022.

In lieu of flowers the family wished memorial contributions to be shared with Zonta International; 1200 Harger Road, Suite 330, Oak Brook, IL 60523.

Family and friends are encouraged to share online condolence, memories, photos and plant trees, in her memory by visiting www.PhillipsMemorial.com.

RECENT DEATHS

EDWARD WHITEFORD, 75, Canton, formerly of Russell, Jan. 20. Arrangements with Lawrence Funeral Home Canton.

ROBERT RICH, 92, Richville, Jan. 22. Arrangements with Green Funeral Home, Gouverneur.

BERNARD BEAUDETTE, 91, Canton, Jan. 22. Arrangements with Buck Funeral Home, Norfolk.

JOHN LANDO, 66, Gouverneur, Jan. 23. Arrangements with French Funeral Home, Gouverneur.

LOUISE PIERCE, 97, Norwood, Jan. 25. Arrangements with Don-

aldson-Seymour Funeral Home, Potsdam.

RITA ADAMS, 71, Norfolk, Jan. 25. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Madrid.

ROLAND GAGNER, 88, South Colton, Jan. 26. Arrangements with Buck Funeral Home, Colton.

DALE SHERBURNE, 89, Parishville, Jan. 26. Arrangements Donaldson-Seymour Funeral Home, Potsdam.

GORDON PERRY SR., 85, Norwood, Jan. 27. Arrangements with Buck Funeral Home, Norwood.

LAUREL THOMPSON, 64, Potsdam, Jan. 27. Arrangements with Garner Funeral Home, Potsdam.

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Interesting tidbits about groundhogs

BY PAUL HETZLER

I watched the 1993 film Groundhog Day featuring Bill Murray at least a dozen times. Or maybe it just felt that way. Just as February 2 was on a nonstop loop in the film, this year's iteration of Groundhog Day is likely to feel roughly the same as all the previous ones. I think it's a good metaphor for this time of year, as we stumble out each morning in the semi-dark to defrost the car, not even sure what day of the week it is. We probably don't have the energy for an exciting holiday right now.

The notion that sunshine on the second day in February portends a late spring is an idea that began in ancient Europe. The date marks the pagan festival of Imbolc, halfway between the winter solstice and spring equinox. In the Celtic world, Imbolc was dedicated to the goddess Brigid (Brigit), the traditional patroness of healing, poetry, hearth and home, agriculture and fertility. She was also a fierce warrior who killed adversaries like a champ. As Christianity spread, Imbolc was supplanted by Candlemas Day, but both traditions embrace the "sunny equals more winter, and cloudy means spring" theme.

Mostly because Europe lacked groundhogs, Groundhog Day was invented in the New World, first popping up among Pennsylvania Germans (who were steeped in the Candlemas tradition) in 1887. Though Punxsutawney Phil was the original prognosticating marmot, others like Wiarton Willie in Wiarton, Ontario, and Jimmy the Groundhog in Sun

Prairie, followed.

There's an old children's rhyme that asks "How much wood could a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?" I'd like to think that researchers are hard at work right now, looking for an answer to this enigma.

The rhyme suggests that woodchucks are somehow employed in the forest-products industry. In truth, these critters have no interest in wood. Like words such as moose, hickory and skunk, woodchuck (wojak) is of Native American origin, Algonquin in this case. I don't know its literal translation, but I suspect it means "fat fur-ball that can inhale your garden faster than you can say Punxsutawney Phil."

Much as I respect the origin of "woodchuck," I'm in favor of using one of its other names, groundhog, which is more descriptive (also, "Woodchuck Day" doesn't sound right). Not only do these rotund herbivores reside underground, they're such gluttons that I'm pretty sure even swine call them hogs. Tellingly, another moniker is "whistle-pig," referring both to groundhogs' shrill warning call as well as their voracious appetites.

Native to most of North America from southern Alaska to Georgia, groundhogs are a type of rodent called a marmot. They're related to other marmots and to western ground squirrels, but in the Northeast, they have no close kin. Given what a marmot can eat, that's a mercy.

They may be gluttons, but they're

not lazy. Groundhogs dig extensive burrows that are up to 5 feet deep and 40 feet long, with each burrow having two to five entrances. Supposedly, the average groundhog moves 35 cubic feet of soil excavating its burrow, which is upwards of 3,000 pounds. I can picture the poor bedraggled interns who had to spoon soil into measuring-cups in the rain to get these figures.

Mature groundhogs in the back-country typically measure 15 to 25 inches long and weigh 5 to 9 pounds. With access to lush gardens or tasty alfalfa, though, they can reach 30 inches in length and tip the scales at 30 pounds. Now that's a ground hog.

We may not know how much wood a woodchuck can chuck, but we do know how much ground a groundhog can hog: a lot, especially if beans or peas are growing on said ground. Needless to say, their habit of vacuuming up fields and gardens has given them a bad name in some circles.

Plant rustling is bad enough, but their hole-digging hobby really riles farmers. Groundhog holes often injure livestock and weaken foundations, and their soil mounds can damage equipment. Many a farmer trying to mow hay has cursed the groundhog when hay-mowing equipment breaks down after hitting a soil pile. True hibernators, groundhogs usually den-up in October, their winter body temperature dropping to 50 degrees Fahrenheit, and their heart slowing to a few beats per minute. Groundhogs might emerge in February in parts of Pennsylvania, but up north you won't find one blearily sniffing around for a mate that early.

I used to live in the southern Adirondack region, and one late March I saw a burrow entrance with a halo of dirt scattered on the snow from where the groundhog had recently burst out, a squint-eyed dust mop looking for love. I couldn't tell if it had gone back in for a nap after seeing that winter had not yet departed.

I say we pull researchers off the Woodchuck-Chucking Quantification Project, and have them find a way to ensure that Groundhog Day is over-cast so we can get an early dismissal from winter.

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Debbie Morgan | NCTW

Last week's question What type of parking payment system would you prefer in Potsdam?

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.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: As Donald Trump nears a presidential Republican nomination for 2024, he has yet to name who his running mate will be. One name strongly being considered for Trump's vice presidential choice is North Country Congresswoman Elise Stefanik. Stefanik, who is the highest-ranking woman in the Republican conference in the House of Representatives, has been campaigning with Trump. She was also one of the first members of Congress to endorse Trump. Would you like to see Elise Stefanik named Donald Trump's vice presidential pick for 2024?

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REVISITING OUR PAST

Potsdam

Herbert W. Fearl, c. 1915. Among the most progressive merchants in Potsdam, Fearl began his career working in real estate. Subsequently from about 1892 to 1912, he was superintendent of Clarkson Manufacturing Co. And by 1907, he owned farmers' sheds and sold wood, oil, and gasoline. Fearl owned property that began at 12 Depot Street, ran through to Raymond Street, and extended to the railroad. In 1915, when this photograph was taken, Fearl employed seven men and owned barns, a blacksmith shop, tenements, and a fruit store. (Photo courtesy of the Potsdam Public Museum.)



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RILEY...

as well as questions. I would like to be asked by the CEOs. I am anxious to see how they can possibly justify the criminal harms they are allowing to happen to social media users," she said.

"We are particularly looking to protect children online. However, this is certainly not just something happening to children. Child sexual abuse material drug sales those are illegal, but yet running rampant on these social media platforms with no regulation," Rodee continued.

She noted the Senate has held 42 tech hearings and still has not instilled regulations.

"My frustration is additionally at our lawmakers, who are not doing their job. Following the Senate hearings tomorrow we will be having a rally at Capitol Hill. Two of my fellow survivor moms will be speaking at the rally. I will not be speaking tomorrow publicly only in individual interviews. On Thursday I will again be on the Hill leading with representatives, as I have done before asking them to please protect children online," said Rodee.

"It's become a very frustrating situation for me because I feel like I'm groveling. I can't believe I have to beg for this level of help. The big tech industry appears to be able to get away with anything. Every time I go to DC I need new parents who have lost their children to these social media harms," she remarked.

The family has established the Riley Basford Legacy Fund through the Northern New York Community Foundation.

The charitable mission and purpose of the fund is to support youth in their pursuit of safe and meaningful experience throughout their lives and in the community.

The fund supports three important focus areas.

A top priority is to provide funding for education, training, and awareness to St. Lawrence County school for programs and projects centered on cyberbullying and cyber safety, anti-bullying and character education.

Rodee and Riley's father, Darren Basford have said the best way to remember Riley is to foster strong relationships with youth and educate all community members about the hazards of social media.

The ParentsSOS website serves as a memorial to the children who lost their lives to online harms, including suicide as a result of relentless cyberbullying or sextortion; accidental death attempting viral challenges; and purchasing lethal drugs over social media: Alexander Neville, 14; Alex Peiser, 17; Annalee Schott, 18; Becca Schmill, 18; Carson Bride, 16; Coco Konar, 17; David Molak, 16; Devin Norring, 19; Emily Michaela Murillo, 17; Erik Robinson, 12; Ethan Burke Van Lith, 13; Grace McComas, 15; Griffin McGrath, 13; Jack Servi, 16; Mason Bogard, 15; Mason James Edens, 16; Matthew E. Minor, 12; Riley Basford, 15; and Walker Montgomery, 16.

CANTON...

possibility of forming a committee to help review and help with the selection process, he noted.

The mayor applauded the work of Canton's Director of Economic Development Leigh Rodriguez, her part-time clerk Jeni Reed, Deputy Mayor Anna Sorensen, and Lenore VanderZee, vice president for strategic relations and communications at SUNY Canton.

"They should all be commended for their efforts," Dalton stated. "Their persistence paid off."

Dalton said the village made a conscious decision to put a full effort into the NY Forward appli-

cation instead of trying to pursue a Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) grant or both.

"At the end we are very pleased where we landed," he said.

"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," stated Dalton earlier.

"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 said.

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.

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.

The governor addressed the importance of the NY Forward funding.

"We put the seed money in and all others take interest," Gov. Kathy Hochul 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.

PARKING...

special emphasis on its 182 on-street spots around Market Street.

"The main issue at hand is that the village of Potsdam has not updated or adjusted its parking policy or enforcement methods in 21 years at least," said Village Mayor Alexandra Jacobs Wilke at the top of the meeting. "Which brings us to a decision point."

"We have an opportunity thanks to the downtown revitalization project, and other grant funded projects, which are bringing millions of dollars in federal and state funds into our downtown, to take a look at how we manage our streetscape, how we manage the public parking which the village offers as a resource, and consider how we might update that given that we will be completely replacing sidewalks and curbing in some of these highest trafficked areas of our downtown," Wilke said.

There are additional issues facing the village leading to a serious reconsideration of its parking system as well.

The current village meters are old, costly to repair, and in some cases impossible to fix. They are also too high and not compliant with the Americans With Disabilities Act. Keeping with the old system, the village would be forced to reinstall its current meters during the streetscape project, only to have to pull them out again later more than likely. In addition the village project is expected to add spots during its upcoming downtown project.

The mayor said there are some questions as to why the village would have any parking management at all in its downtown.

Wilke said that public parking, in and of itself, is not inherently free for the village to provide and there is a cost associated with it. "It's a resource that the taxpayers fund, and it's a resource," she said.

The village also currently enjoys good parking turnover in its paid parking meter areas downtown in the Market Street business district, and village officials believe that parking turnover and compliance is due in part at least to the meters and enforcement of parking laws.

The mayor pointed out to the board and those gathered that the village was not making a decision on the issue at the workshop, and that the process would take time and a local law would have to be passed.

Dollars and cents

During discussion, Village Trustee Monique Tirion asked what the

municipality's objective is in terms of "dollars and cents."

"Is the objective to cover the cost of running the system, or is the objective to make some more money that would be good in the general fund for other expenses?" Tirion asked.

"No matter what method we choose, someone will be paying for it and that is a policy choice the board will be making," the mayor said. Currently the village has a small amount of revenue coming from users which then is turned into the general fund. Totally free parking would be a resource borne solely by village taxpayers, she said.

"We're at a point right now where we are actually being given an opportunity through the DRI funding. We are given an opportunity to fix a problem we know exists," said Village Administrator Greg Thompson during discussion. "There are a lot of different reasons. This is a multifaceted issue for the village to face right now."

"Speaking with my DPW hat on right now, we can't fix most of the meters we have," Thompson said. "They are outdated. We can't get parts for them any more. And they are really expensive to replace with new heads. So I think this provides us with a perfect opportunity to look at all the different options on the table to try to get rid of the outdated and move Potsdam forward and fix a problem that obviously has plagued us for some time."

Under the current parking system, the village collects around \$10,000 in revenues from parking meters per year. Thompson said the village collects coins from the meters on Mondays and Wednesdays. He said the entire collection process, which includes gathering them from the individual meters, bringing them back to the village offices, sorting the change, rolling them and taking them to the bank for deposit, costs the village around \$20,000 annually in staff time.

That cost does not take into consideration the cost of taking a parking meter apart and inside maintenance when they break down.

Thompson said the cost of maintaining the village's parking spaces are high as well. Paint for striping costs around \$750 for a five-gallon pail. Last year the village didn't stripe its parking spaces in anticipation of the downtown project, and still paid out \$3,000 for painting other village street features.

Sweeping costs about \$10,000 to \$12,000 a year on average statewide. Thompson said for Potsdam he would estimate that cost is probably higher.

Then there is paving for the off-street lots. Thompson said state CHIPS funding the village receives is designated for road use only. To repave the Frosh parking lot, he estimated it would cost from \$30,000-\$40,000, and Raymond Street lot would be about \$90,000. He said the recent arena parking lot resurfacing cost the village about \$300,000.

"It's not free. It's not inexpensive to have parking in your village," Thompson said.

He said the national average annual cost of on-street parking for municipalities is \$300. "At 182 spots (for on-street), that's a cost of \$54,600," the administrator said.

Add to that overall cost, the cost of fielding police officers to enforce the parking laws and issue tickets.

Village Chief Mike Ames said the village pays its part-time parking officers \$21.85 per hour. The average cost of fielding a parking officer is around \$11,000 per year. Those officers have been writing about 15 parking tickets per 2-hour shift. The fine brought in from the compliance ticket is \$14 Ames said. He said the first two tickets they write basically covers their employment expenses for the day.

(Village parking tickets can now be paid online at <https://www.doxo.com/bill-pay/village-potsdam-parking-tickets>.)

Other discussion During the workshop, village board members, village officials and several members of the public discussed the village's ticket enforcement, various paid parking and free parking options, like kiosks (which the village can currently buy for around \$5,000), meters, two-hour free parking, permit system and better signage.

Other concerns were voiced about durability of parking kiosks Trustee Schulte who owns two buildings and businesses on Market Street said her tenants and customers have a great deal of confusion about parking in the village and called for better "way finding" and signage.

Village Planner Fred Hanss said signage and wayfinding is included in the upcoming streetscape project.

No decisions were made on how exactly to tackle the downtown parking issues. However, village officials agreed to conduct more research on parking options and continue to move forward.

"I think we have a lot of homework to do. This is very clear. Twenty years of buildup of homework that we have discovered this evening," Wilke said.



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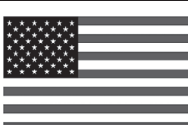
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Bears apply pressure

Ethan Francey leads the undefeated Central Division Bears on defense in a recent game versus Malone. Canton is unbeaten in league play as of press time.

Former Auburn coach joins SLU as defensive coordinator

CANTON — Zach Mallard has been named the Defensive Coordinator for the St. Lawrence University football team, head coach Dan Puckhaber announced on Wednesday morning.

Mallard joins the Saints after serving as the Assistant Defensive Backs Coach and Defensive Graduate Assistant at Division I Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama.

“SLU Football is excited to welcome Coach Mallard to our football family,” said Puckhaber. “He has had some impressive coaching stops at multiple college football levels including the SEC. The opportunity for him to come home to New York and lead a defensive unit was the perfect match for the next step in his professional career.”

Prior to his time at Auburn, Mallard spent four seasons (2019-2023) at Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Alabama, as a Defensive Backs Coach, Defensive Pass Game Coordinator, Academic Coordinator and Strength and Condition Intern. He coached the entire secondary since

the spring of 2019, including running position meetings and daily practice plans for safeties and corners. While at Huntingdon, he helped coach the Hawks to the NCAA National Playoffs including three of his four seasons.

In August of 2022, Mallard was selected as the Bill Walsh NFL Diversity Fellow for the Los Angeles Chargers, where he assisted the entire defensive staff, specifically the defensive backs, during all practice and walk through-related activities during training camp.

He also worked a stint at Greensboro College in Greensboro, North Carolina from 2017-2018 and has coached at numerous college football camps with the CCSC, Top 200 and Jr. Day Football, as well as the ESPN Camellia Bowl Summer Youth Camp and summer camps at Alabama, Samford and Georgia.

Mallard holds a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Sports Management from St. John Fisher College and an Associate’s Degree in Business Administration from Hudson Valley.

Voice of SUNY Potsdam sports dies

POTSDAM - SUNY Potsdam alumni and sports announcer Warren Potter passed away at his home in Potsdam last week.

The 1986 Crane School of Music graduate had served as the primary play-by-play broadcaster for Bears basketball and hockey on Mix 96 and online, according to a press release from the college.

He was 61 years old.

Potter’s broadcast career dates back to his time as an undergraduate at Potsdam.

The Bombay native called games for the then campus radio station WRPS and described some of the legendary Jerry Welsh Bears basketball moments live on air, the release said.

Former Potsdam administrator and men’s hockey coach John Horan provided color and analysis to Potter’s play-by-play for the last eight seasons.

“It was my pleasure to know and

work with Warren,” said Horan.

“From his days as a student covering our hockey games when I was coaching, to our partnership for the last eight years, his professional and gifted insight was a valued part of the Potsdam Hockey program. We were blessed to have him as the voice of Bears and a member of our hockey family. I will miss him greatly.”

Potter’s voice is very familiar to North Country high school athletes and their families, as he covered countless Section X contests in all sports over the last four decades.

While Potter’s main Potsdam responsibilities were with the Bears on the ice and the hardwood, he also broadcast softball, lacrosse and soccer contests.

Potter’s love of music also played a major part in his life. He served as the choir director at the Potsdam United Methodist Church since 2007. Potter also taught music at several

local schools and since 2010 had been a music teacher at the St. Regis Mohawk Elementary School.

Potter provided play-by-play for over half of Bears men’s hockey coach Chris Bernard’s 15 seasons.

“In addition to being an exceptional broadcaster, Warren was a gracious and friendly person who was ferociously dedicated to Potsdam Athletics and to the North Country sports community,” Bernard said. “He was excellent at his craft and a true professional in every manner. We were fortunate to have him, along with John Horan, provide the soundtrack to our program for so many years. He was a proud alum and despite him doing countless local sports games, we always considered him as ‘our guy’. He will be incredibly missed.”

He is survived by his wife Caroline, daughter Carrie Ann and son Julian.



SUNY Canton | Courtesy

Members of the SUNY Canton basketball teams meet and greet students during ‘Kindness Day’ celebration recently at Norwood-Norfolk Central School.

College athletes joins NNCS ‘Kindness Day’

NORWOOD – Members of the SUNY Canton Roos men’s and women’s hockey teams took time recently to take part in Norwood-Norfolk Elementary and Middle Schools annual Kindness Day.

Members of the SUNY Canton hockey teams greeted students on their way into school and promoted acts of kindness.

Norwood-Norfolk varsity student-athletes, members of the high school honor society, teachers and members of the local volunteer EMT’s and firefighters also took part in the Kindness Day.

This is the seventh year the Roos

men’s hockey program has taken part in the initiative and second the women’s hockey team has participated. Adrian Franco, Cory Liu, Trey Miller and Bobby Voss took part for the men’s team, while Kamryn Barnes, Danika Lalonde, Kyra O’Keefe and Jane Pancoe represented the women’s team/.

Head Coach Alex Boak is a graduate of Norwood-Norfolk, while Head Coach Kalie Grant is a graduate of Potsdam and they believe getting the team involved out in the community is important.

“For me, throughout college giving back to the community was always a high priority,” Boak said.

“Having our student-athletes participate in something that means a lot to a surrounding community and to the community that I grew up in and helped me get to where I am now, means a great deal to both that school district and myself.”

“As coaches we love to see our student-athletes develop relationships with and give back to the surrounding community,” Grant said. “We would like to extend a big thank you to Superintendent Jamie Cruikshank and all of the Norwood-Norfolk staff members for including our teams on this special day. It was a very rewarding experience for everyone involved.”

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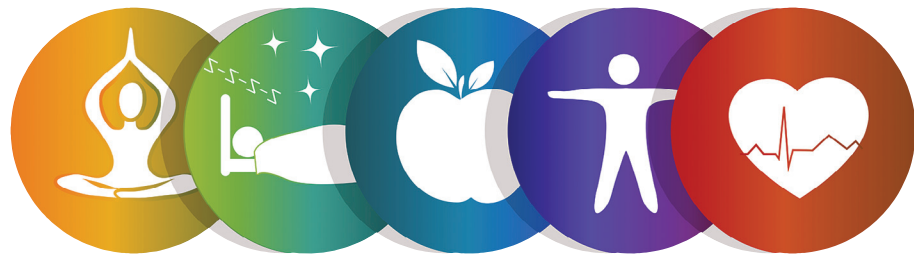


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Treat your body well: Put regular exercise on your schedule

CANTON – Instead of making a resolution to lose weight this year, make an intention to do something about it.

January is Healthy Weight Awareness Month and most of us are probably thinking the choice of selecting the first month of the new

year for this campaign is undoubtedly intentional. While we may go into 2024 with the determination and grit to eat better and exercise more, we may want to rethink the reasoning behind that decision.

Treating our bodies well means we are also working at lowering

cholesterol, improving blood pressure, reducing the risk of type 2 diabetes, and having a better mental outlook.

Being overweight and/or obese will increase the risk for diseases such as hypertension, high cholesterol, coronary heart disease, or osteoarthritis, which may subsequently lead to a poor quality of life.

Canton-Potsdam Hospital Family Medicine physician Benjamin Collard, MD, noted he hopes everyone enjoys the holiday season, and are ready to make their health a priority in their own lives.

“For anyone who struggles with weight loss, I want you to know you are not alone. There are many options for weight loss including behavioral interventions (exercise, low calorie diet, and counseling), pharmacotherapy, and/or surgery,” Dr. Collard added.

In general, approximately 150 minutes of moderate intensity exercise per week, with three days of aerobics and two days with a resistance-based activity, will assist in losing and maintaining a healthy weight.

“I do, however, recommend individuals meet with their family medicine provider before initiating any exercise regimen,” Dr. Collard said.

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Birthplace visit by Max C. Bear

SUNY Potsdam's mascot Max C. Bear met identical twin brothers Brody and Briggs during his stop at The Birthplace recently. The boys are the sons of Neilly and Jordan Wylie, and little brothers to big sister Mia. Max placed a stuffed animal version of himself in their cribs for the photo, and then quickly handed the toys over to mom and dad.

Superfood or super fooled?

Many foods are healthy, some less so. But are there really “superfoods” that are much healthier than others?

It's believed the term superfood originated in the early twentieth century as part of a food marketing strategy by the United Fruit Company to promote its major import of bananas around the time of World War I. Later, bananas were touted as superfoods in medical journals, which gave the term some additional credibility.

Seeing as the superfood moniker translates to superior sales, it's had some staying power, if also a little controversy. Consumers must wade through the hype and realize they can vary their diets accordingly to maximize nutritional focus without being lured in by a superfood characterization.

Many foods are beneficial. And as always, questions regarding health and nutrition can be discussed with a health care provider.

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CPH receives \$750,000 to reduce maternal mortality

POTSDAM – Canton-Potsdam Hospital (CPH) was approved for grant funding under the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) 2023 State Maternal Health Innovation Program.

CPH will receive \$750,000 over the course of five years, or \$150,000 per year, to assist in the reduction of maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity.

New York State Department of Health (DOH) was the lead applicant and partnered with CPH, Cardinal Health in Cortland, and the North Country Prenatal and Perinatal Council, which will each receive their own funding through the grant program.

The St. Lawrence Health Foundation had a fundamental role in applying for the grant on behalf of CPH, and has been the backbone of effective fund development strategies for the Hospital for years.

The goal of the HRSA 2023 State Maternal Health Innovation Program is to improve maternal health throughout the United States.

“CPH is developing a Maternal Outreach Program as part of a rural healthcare strategy to assist our un- and under-insured Medicaid population. We will address barriers to care through a comprehensive outreach program that includes behavioral healthcare and social determinants of healthcare,” noted St. Lawrence Health President Donna McGregor.

“Funding through the HRSA grant will assist CPH in providing patient navigation, telehealth resources, and education to new moms, and therefore, assist their infants,” she added.

The Birthplace at CPH served 567 pregnant and postpartum women in 2022, and the number of births here are expected to increase by at least 33.5% to nearly 800 or more over the next two years. A decade ago there were 10 hospitals with labor/delivery services between St. Lawrence and Franklin counties; today there are half as many remaining.

American Congress of Obstetricians research studies indicate 40% of women do not attend a

post-partum visit. St. Lawrence Health Chief Nursing Officer Lisa Lougheed explained CPH will be using a telehealth model for staff to visit with new mothers.

This will help span any racial and/or economic disparities that may create a barrier for the mother and her baby to get to a medical office for an in-person follow-up.

Canton-Potsdam Hospital is in the process of building a multi-million dollar Regional Care Pavilion which will include a new and larger obstetrics unit.

Learn more about Women's Health Services provided through St. Lawrence Health by visiting <https://www.stlawrencehealthsystem.org/Services/Womens-Health>.

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2. Scranton, Pennsylvania.
3. Switzerland.
4. Destiny's Child.
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6. “Through the Looking-Glass.”
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8. Having an extra nipple, which affects about 1%-5% of the population.
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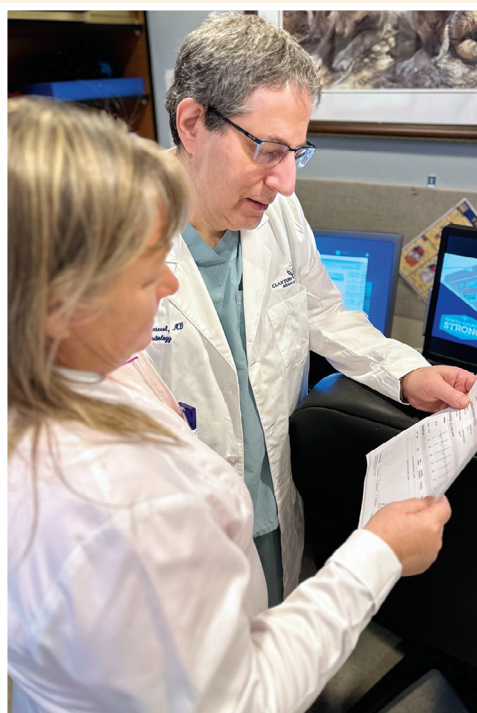
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Thankfully, those at Samaritan understand this impact and appreciate the chance to be a significant part of people's lives, every day.

"Samaritan was originally founded as a place to care for our neighbors," says Tom Carman, president and CEO of Samaritan.

"Nearly 150 years later, caring is at the heart of everything we do. Our staff feel this, and it makes work a welcoming and rewarding experience for all of us."

Nestled within the natural beauty of Northern New York, Samaritan offers dedicated candidates rewarding career opportunities, excellent benefits and professional development, and the ability to make a real difference in healthcare throughout our surrounding communities.

Vicky Steen, a 50-year employee of the Samaritan Keep Home, said, "My favorite part of my job is that I met so many amazing staff members I also work with an awesome group of girls within my department I love to put smiles upon the residents faces and they make my day as well. It's just a great place to work."

Opportunities across different departments

No matter the position—from registered nurse to certified nursing assistants to environmental services or office support—everyone's job is critical to the care of Samaritan's patients and residents. Bound by a common set of values known as HEART (honest, empathetic, accountable, respectful, and trustworthy) values employees are dedicated, enthusiastic and truly care about making a difference—and are surrounded by others who feel the exact same way.

This common focus helps to create a great place to work and



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"We're looking for employees who not only want to contribute to Samaritan's growth, but grow with us," says Cynthia Cassell, nursing recruiter for Samaritan.

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Supported by superior benefits

Samaritan and its affiliates offer a robust and competitive benefits package to its employees. These packages are the finest among Northern New York businesses; and

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Encouraged to develop

Samaritan is proud to invest in the future of its employees by providing financial assistance and professional guidance to individuals interested in enhancing job knowledge or developing skills that foster growth in healthcare careers.

"One of the best ways we can support our employees is by encouraging their development," says Rowe. "The more they can grow in their careers, the more they can accomplish for themselves, their families and our entire community. There are countless stories of employees that started in dietary and are now RNs and other roles. We helped them achieve their career goals."

Some of the ways Samaritan helps its employees develop—and make an even bigger difference—include the following:

Tuition assistance or reimbursement – Some employees are eligible for tuition assistance or reimbursement. There are various requirements and each case may differ. Potential employees or current employees are encouraged to contact Human Resources to see if there are options available to them.

Excellence through Collaboration Education and Leadership EXCEL Program – This program is designed to cultivate promising leaders within Samaritan who create and promote an engaged workforce and a culture of excellence; and focuses on such leadership competencies as delegating responsibility, communicating with impact, and building organizational talent.

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Cabin Fever Concert series kicks off

CANTON – The Cabin Fever Concert series at The TAUNY Center will feature John Kirk and Trish Miller on Feb. 9 at 7 p.m.

This acoustic duet, featuring John Kirk as the primary vocalist and instrumentalist (fiddle, mandolin, etc.) and Trish Miller on banjo, guitar, and footwork, has been performing and teaching in upstate New York for over three decades.

They present a repertoire rooted in old-time music, mixed with originals, Celtic, early country songs, humorous selections, and Appalachian clog dancing.

Both are music instructors at Skidmore College, and John is part of the music faculty at Bennington College as well.

They have received various accolades, including John's induction

into the North American Fiddler's Hall of Fame.

As teaching artists, they have conducted school programs and residencies in music and dance heritage since the 1990s.

Tickets are \$10 each. Reserve seats at TAUNY via donation online at <https://tauny-folkstore.myshopify.com/collections/programs>.

WHAT'S GOING ON

SATURDAY, FEB. 3

Amvets serving breakfast

POTSDAM – Potsdam Amvets are having a community breakfast Feb. 3, from 8-11 a.m. This breakfast is donation only and all are welcome.

Artist reception

CANTON -- A Meet the Artist reception featuring Virginia Burnett will be held Feb. 3, from 1-3 p.m. at The TAUNY Center, 53 Main St. Burnett has always been "irresistibly drawn to textiles and to things that sparkle," said a press release from TAUNY. As a young girl, she developed an appreciation of handcrafts from watching both of her grandmothers create a variety of beautiful textile art. She took weaving as an independent study in her senior year in college, but ultimately became fascinated with beadwork. Beadwork led to silk dyeing, and then to Shibori, quilting, embroidery, felting, crocheting and yarn dyeing. The TAUNY Folkstore's collection of Virginia's work represents both her textile art and bead jewelry. Her "Garden Companion" necklace won first place in Interweave's Bead Embroidery category for 2023.

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.

Cardboard sled workshop

CANTON - 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.

Groundhog Day 5K

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 Alexa Chase at AChase@stlawco.gov or calling 315-379-9464 with any questions.

Rock N' Skate

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

Used book sale

BRASHER FALLS -- Friends of the Badenhausen Public Library will hold a used book sale Saturday, Feb. 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Badenhausen Library, 897 Main St. Book prices are as follows: Adult Hardcover \$2, Adult Paperback \$1, Children's Hardcover \$1, and Children's Paperback and Board Books 2/\$1. Funds raised will benefit the Badenhausen Public Library. Friends of the Badenhausen Public Library will hold book sales on the first Saturday of each month as an on-going fundraiser.

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>.

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CALENDAR . . .

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SUNDAY, FEB. 4

Chill the February out

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.

Fiddlers jam

POTSDAM -- North Country Fiddlers invites acoustic players of all kinds and listeners to its February Jam for some tunes Sunday, Feb. 4, at 2 p.m. at the Potsdam Public Library. A workshop tune at the beginning will be followed by a few familiar jam favorites, and then some round robin at a quicker pace. The North Country Fiddlers is a chapter of the NYS Old Time Fiddlers.

Retirement reception

DEKALB JUNCTION - The Town of DeKalb will honor the service of John Frary and Barbara Creazzo, retired town supervisor and town clerk, with a public reception at the Olde DeKalb Hotel Sunday, Feb. 4. Frary and Creazzo recently retired from their respective positions after many years of dedication to their community. Town residents are invited to stop in to join their neighbors in saying thank you and wishing Frary and Creazzo the best of luck in their next endeavors. There will be free refreshments and a cash bar. Attendees are asked to RSVP via call or text to Connie Elen, 315-486-2580.

MONDAY, FEB. 5
Italian Night Dinner

PARISHVILLE - Italian Night Dinner hosted by Parishville AmVets Ladies Auxiliary 265 on Monday, Feb. 5, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Fireman's Field, 25 Rutman Rd. Spaghetti with meatballs, lasagna, tossed salad, bread and butter, beverage and dessert for \$12 per person. Eat in or take out. Call 315-261-4642 for take out.

Microplastic pollution

CANTON -- 'Microplastic Pollution in the Raquette and Grasse Rivers' will be a free presentation to be held Monday, Feb. 5, from 6:30-8 p.m. at the St. Lawrence Health Regional Administrative Campus, 6196 US Hwy 11, Canton. Dr. Abul Baki, of Clarkson University, and graduate student Addrita Haque will discuss research findings on microplastics in rural areas of North Country, how microplastics harm the aquatic environments and human health, and what can be done to protect North Country waters from this pollution.

TUESDAY, FEB. 6

Anchorspace open house

POTSDAM - Anchorspace Potsdam recently relocated and expanded its co-working space inside Market Square

Mall in downtown Potsdam and will celebrate with an open house and ribbon cutting on Tuesday, Feb. 6, from 4-7 p.m. Find more information about this event and other upcoming events at <https://www.anchorspacepotsdam.com>. Info: info@anchorspace.com, 207-613-5344.

Norwood Lake group

NORWOOD -- Norwood Lake Association will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 6 p.m. at the Norwood municipal building. The meeting is open to all members and individuals interested in joining the association.

Seniors meet

CANTON -- The Canton Senior Citizen Club monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 1 p.m. at 35 Riverside Drive. Megan Conklin, director of Community Programs of Community Health, will speak on the services offered to help seniors in their home. All senior citizens welcome. Info: Myrtle Regan, Pres., 315-386-8917.

WEDS., FEB. 7

Library group meets

MORLEY -- The Morley Library Association Inc. will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 6 p.m. Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month. All are welcome.

Science talk on food

POTSDAM -- The next Clarkson University Science Café will be Play with your Food and Learn: Farm to Fork Mathematics, Wednesday, February 7, 7:15 p.m. When you think about where your food comes from, how to prepare it, and why it tastes good, you probably don't think mathematics has much to do with it. Join mathematicians Drs. Joe Skufca and Katie Kavanagh (Clarkson University) in an exploration of agriculture processes, cooking techniques, and food pairings, and for a hands-on (and tasty!) insight to the ways in which mathematics plays a role in what we eat. 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.

THURSDAY, FEB. 8

Restorative yoga

CANTON -- A restorative & meditative evening co-taught by Yoga Loft Instructor Denise Kerr & guest presenter Molly Williams on Friday, Feb 8, 6-7:15 p.m. at the Canton Yoga Loft at 21 Miner St. Williams' online Meditation App "Wild Minds" is followed daily by subscribers in 112 countries. This class is a Yoga Loft fundraiser with all proceeds going to the studio. The first part of this class will be a restorative yoga class followed by a guided meditation with a focus on "The Energy of Abundance!" Register online at www.yoga-loft.org, \$15 per person. Participants should bring a small notebook & pen. All levels of experience are welcome.

FRIDAY, FEB. 9

BackWater Duo

PARISHVILLE -- The BackWater Duo will perform Friday, Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Valentine's Party at Amvets Post 265, 5 Catherine St. Free Valentine's Day Swag basket giveaway.

Colton Winterfest

COLTON -- The Annual Colton Winterfest will be held Feb. 9-11, with a wide variety of events. Cardboard sled races, a frying pan toss, corn hole, archery, craft and vendor sale, a white elephant sale, Trivia, Kids Fest and Shrek the Musical are among the events. A ski challenge with distance markers will be offered at Higley Flow State Park both Saturday and Sunday. Events for Friday, Feb. 9 include: spaghetti dinner 2:45-5:00 p.m. as grab and go, and 5-7 p.m. dine in or until sold out; Boys JV vs. Tupper Lake will play at 5:30 p.m., followed by Boys

Varsity vs. Tupper Lake at 7 p.m.; Ski challenge at Higley Flow State Park with distance markers; Music sponsored by Robideau's Mahogany Ridge 9 p.m.-midnight.

Kirk and Miller concert

CANTON - The Cabin Fever Concert series at The TAUNY Center will feature John Kirk and Trish Miller on Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. This acoustic duet, featuring John Kirk as the primary vocalist and instrumentalist (fiddle, mandolin, etc.) and Trish Miller on banjo, guitar, and footwork, has been performing and teaching in upstate New York for over three decades. Tickets are \$10 each. Reserve seats at TAUNY via donation online at <https://tauny-folkstore.myshopify.com/collections/programs>.

Strictly Hip Tribute Band

BRASHER FALLS -- 'The Strictly Hip,' a tribute band to The Tragically Hip Band,

will perform Friday, Feb. 9, at Pike's Place, Brasher Falls, 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. Based in Buffalo, the band performs for The Hip's American fan base across North America. Cost is \$28.52. To order tickets: TheStrictlyHip.com.

Winter hiking class

POTSDAM - The class Winter Hiking for Beginners with Jessica Heck will be offered Feb. 9 from 5-6:30 p.m. at Anchorspace Potsdam, 22 Depot St., Suite 19. Have you always wanted to adventure in the woods and mountains in the winter, but you're unsure where to start? Join Heck to get the basics of getting into the backcountry safely with this beginner's class on winter hiking. Heck will provide a packing list and resources to check trails, weather, and conditions, along with tips and tricks for keeping warm and safe in the backcountry. \$25/person or free for Anchorspace members. For more information: <https://anchorspacepotsdam.com/events>.



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Lunar New Year concert planned in Potsdam

POTSDAM - Potsdam Public Library will play host to a concert celebrating the moon in one of its major roles, the Lunar New Year, also known as the Chinese New Year, on Feb. 10 at 1 p.m.

The Lunar New Year will start the year of the Dragon, and Crane School of Music Visiting Assistant Professor Tim Yip, who organized the concert, said community members attending the performance can anticipate a culturally enriching experience, bending traditional and contemporary New Year music.

“Including a contemporary piece by Professor Ziyu Wang from SUNY Potsdam inspired by a mythical monkey, and musical selections from Asian cinema by Joe Hisaishi,” Yip said. “The event aims to celebrate Asian cultures, foster cultural appreciation, and provide a unique musical and literary experience in honor of the Lunar New Year.”

The Year of the Dragon, more specifically, the Wood Dragon, runs from Feb. 10, 2024 through Jan. 28, 2025.

The Lunar New Year is the beginning of the new year based on the lunar calendar or lunisolar calendar.

The lunar calendar follows the lunar phase while lunisolar calendars follow both the lunar phase and the time of the solar year.

February 10th's concert will consist of an ensemble made up of students from the Crane School of Music, some of whom are also members of the Orchestra of Northern New York, as well as professional musicians and faculty members Tim Yip, Risa Okina, and Ziyu Wang.

There also will be a literacy component, led by Potsdam Public Library's family literacy specialist, Maria Morrison, who will read several children's books that celebrate the Lunar New Year.

Free children's books on the Lunar New Year will also be available to bring home.

This is a free family event, suitable for all ages.

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 Sat, Sun 12:30, 3:00

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 Sat, Sun 1:00, 3:00

Mean Girls
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 Sat, Sun 12:30, 3:00

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

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

COLTON NOTICE OF MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Colton-Pierrepont Central School Board of Education will hold its regularly scheduled board meeting @ 5:30 p.m., February 13, 2024, in the library.
Jennifer Fleury
 Board Clerk

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Next LVL Consulting LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/24/2024. 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 Emma Slate: 210 Main St. - Hailesboro Road, Gouverneur, NY 13642. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

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

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF MEETING TOWN OF STOCKHOLM LEGAL NOTICE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Stockholm Town Board will hold their Annual Audit meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building, Winthrop.
 The regular meeting will immediately follow at 6:00 P.M. These meetings are open to the public.
 DATED: January 12, 2024
 Heather Kish
 Stockholm Town Clerk

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 J. Vollmer: 8242 US Highway 11, Potsdam, NY 13676. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NORTH COUNTRY THIS WEEK

POTSDAM NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A Public Hearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Potsdam will be held on Thursday, February 8, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Center Board Room, Park Street, Potsdam, NY to consider the following:
 1. UseVariance Application #2024-1-24 submitted by Michael Barnum for 5 Division Street. Variance is being sought to allow front yard parking in R-2 zoning district.
 The above application is open for inspection at the Code Enforcement Office, Civic Center, Potsdam, NY. Persons wishing to appear at the hearing may do so and will be permitted to speak to the subject application. Communications in writing may be filed with the Board before or at this hearing and will be read into the official record.
 Lisa Thompson
 Code Enforcement Officer

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Joyful Paws, LLC was formed on December 7, 2023. The principal offices are located in St. Lawrence County and the Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. The Post Office address which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process is 634 State Highway 420, Brasher Falls, NY 13613. Joyful Paws, LLC is engaged in any lawful business activity.

CANTON LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Town Board of the Town of Canton, that pursuant to the provisions of Town Law of the State of New York, a public hearing will be held at 5:00 PM on the 14th day of February, 2024 at the Canton Town Hall, 60 Main Street, Canton New York to consider the adoption of a local law entitled LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE TOWN ZONING LAW AND OTHER LAND USE LAWS. This proposed Local Zoning Law would repeal and replace the existing Zoning Law and Zoning Map of Chapter 70 of the Town of Canton Code; and repeal Local Law No. 3 of 2019 Solar Energy Facilities of the Town of Canton Code. The Town Board determined that this local law would have no significant environmental impacts pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act. A complete copy of the proposed local law is available for public inspection at the Town Clerk's office and on the Town's website. **NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN** that all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard. Written comments will be accepted by the Town Clerk. townclerk@canton.nv.gov. until no later than 2:00 p.m. on February 14, 2024.
 Heidi L. Smith
 Canton Town Clerk
 January 30, 2024

BRASHER LEGAL NOTICE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Regular Meeting of the Brasher Town Board will be held on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 4:00 PM it will be held at the Municipal Building in Brasher Falls, NY. All meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.
 Dated: 01/29/24
 Bethany St. Hilaire
 Brasher Town Clerk

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

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of 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

OGDENSBURG LEGAL NOTICE
 The City of Ogdensburg is inviting all interested parties to consider this exciting opportunity to develop a .58-acre parcel in the City's Marina District. The request for proposals (RFP) is available by contacting Director of Planning and Development, Andrea Smith at asmith@ogdensburg.org. All submissions must be received no later than 2:00 PM EST February 16, 2024. The submission shall be sent by email in a single merged file (PDF format) to: asmith@ogdensburg.org.

COLTON PUBLIC NOTICE Colton Planning Board
 Please Take Notice The Town of Colton's Planning Board will hold a meeting February 13, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall, 94 Main Street, Colton NY. The Board will continue work on a comprehensive plan for the town.
 Respectfully submitted,
 Kirke Perry
 Chair, Planning Board
 Town of Colton

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

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 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Articles of Organization of Green Coat Photography, LLC (the "LLC") were filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on January 5, 2024, effective upon the date of filing. Office Location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 11681 State Highway 37, Lisbon, New York 13658. Purpose: General.

INVITATION TO BID AND LEGAL NOTICE TO BIDDERS - TOWN OF COLTON:
 Notice is hereby given that the Town of Colton, County of St. Lawrence, New York will be accepting two separate sealed bids. 1) For the wall and ceiling restoration at the Hepburn Library. 2) New replacement custom trim for the Hepburn Library. Sealed bids should be labeled as bid 1 and/or 2.
 Submit sealed bids to Colton Town Hall, 94 Main St., Colton, NY 13625. Sealed bids will be accepted until 12 noon on Tuesday, February 20th, 2024. Sealed bids will be opened for review at noon on Tuesday, February 20th. Contract will be awarded on Friday, February 23rd, 2024.
 The Town of Colton reserves the right to refuse any and/or all bids, and a non-consultative statement must accompany all bids.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE
 The resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on December 7, 2023, and an abstract thereof has been published and posted as required by law and the period of time has elapsed for the submission and filing of a petition for a permissive referendum and a valid petition has not been submitted and filed. 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 Town of Rossie, in the County of St. Lawrence, New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of the notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.
 Jennifer Gardner
 Town Clerk
BOND RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ROSSIE, NEW YORK, ADOPTED DECEMBER 7, 2023, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW TRUCK; STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS NOT TO EXCEED \$249,655, APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT FOR SUCH PURPOSE, INCLUDING GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND AVAILABLE FUNDS OF THE TOWN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$655 TO PAY A PORTION OF SAID APPROPRIATION, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF SAID TOWN IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$199,000 TO FINANCE THE BALANCE OF SAID APPROPRIATION
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 A complete copy of the bond resolution summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 908 County Route 3, Redwood, New York.
 Dated: December 7, 2023

Notice of Public Sale: On March 7, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. at the St. Lawrence County Courthouse, 48 Court Street, Canton, NY 13617, the following goods will be exposed to sale at public auction without reserve:
 Premises known as 6937 State Highway 56, Potsdam, NY 13676
 Tax ID Number 63.058-3-7
 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Potsdam St. Lawrence County and State of NY
 This sale is held to enforce the rights of Community Bank, N.A., of 201 North Union Street, Olean, NY 14760, as the secured party arising under a Mortgage executed with Gordon D. Nehm and Lisa S. Nehm, as debtor(s); said Mortgage was duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County of St. Lawrence on February 11, 2019, Instrument No. R-2019-00001485
 Thomas R. Adams, Esq., Referee, 2 Judson Street, Canton, NY 13617
 Morgan & Associates, PLLC, attorneys for the Plaintiff, 201 N. Union St., Ste. 410, Olean, NY 14760, 716-373-2165



NCNow photo by Cheryl Shumway

Julia and Kinley McCargar, of Potsdam, pose with their hippie snow woman at the fourth annual Frosty Fest held Jan. 27 at Ives Park, Potsdam. More than 30 snow sculptures were created during the event, sponsored by SLC Arts and the North Country Children's Museum.

Over 30 snow sculptures at Frosty Fest in Potsdam

POTSDAM — Over thirty snow sculptures, including a Medusa head of snakes, a giant fish, and a variety of cats and snowmen, were created at the fourth annual Frosty Fest Competition held at Ives Park, Potsdam, Jan. 27.

The balmy winter weather and moist snow were ideal for building snow sculptures.

Despite the rain and warmer temperatures the previous days, enough snow remained for the event to be held as scheduled.

Participants ranged from solo acts and small family groups to large teams of friends and family members of all ages, from small children to grandparents.

There were prizes for kid and adult divisions in several categories.

The 'Best in Show' kid division was given to Abbie Hayes for her Murder Snowman.

The 'Best in Show' adult division was awarded for a Giant Fish, created by Max, Adam, and Izzy Petley, Julien and Jason Wells, and Lisa Legault.

The 'Most North Country' kid award went to the Snowy Owl, made by Sarah Lister, Rocco and Alice Trithart, Grace Hiltunen, Miranda Britt, Erica LaFountain, Juno Gonzalez and Steve Greco.

A Farmer Snowman, with goat and chicken snow sculptures, won the 'Most North Country' adult award, created by St. Lawrence University Sustainability Program students Julia Hahne, Audrey Bowman, Bryn Rodgers and Liz Anderson.

'Most Artistic' kid division was given to A.J. St. Onge, of Fort Covington, for her galaxy snow sculpture.

'Most Artistic' adult division was awarded for Medusa's head of snakes, by artistic creators Matt, Maggie, Charlotte, and Penny McKenna.

The 'Most Comedic' kid award was given to Amos St. Onge, Fort Covington, for his snowman rubbing the bump on his head after being hit by a falling piece of ice.

The 'Most Comedic' adult award was given to Darion Grant and Amelia Crosslin.

A Handstand Snowman won the 'People's Choice' adult award, created by Marta and Luis Rodriguez, of Potsdam.

Winning the 'People's Choice' kids award for their Cookie Monster Pregnant Cat were Anya Bansal and Marta Rodriguez.

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The Town of Madrid Planning Boards regular monthly meeting will be rescheduled from February 1st to February 15th at 6:30 PM.
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 Dated: 01/30/2024

Colton Winterfest planned for Feb. 9-11

COLTON — The Annual Colton Winterfest will be held Feb. 9-11, with a wide variety of events.

Cardboard sled races, a frying pan toss, corn hole, archery, craft and vendor sale, a white elephant sale, Trivia, Kids Fest and Shrek the Musical are among the events.

A ski challenge with distance markers will be offered at Higley Flow State Park both Saturday and Sunday. Also, the sledding hill at the Fish and Game Club will be open for the weekend.

- Friday, Feb. 9: Spaghetti dinner 2:45-5:00 p.m. as grab and go, and 5-7 p.m. dine in or until sold out; Boys JV vs. Tupper Lake will play at 5:30 p.m., followed by Boys Varsity vs. Tupper Lake at 7 p.m.; Ski challenge at Higley Flow State Park with distance markers; Music sponsored by Robideau's Mahogany Ridge 9 p.m.-midnight.
- Saturday, Feb. 10: Free clothing giveaway 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at CPCS;

- White Elephant Sale 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Colton Community Church; Soup and sandwiches and bake sale 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Colton Community Church; Craft & Vendor Sale 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Colton Amvets Post 262 downstairs, sponsored by Lisa Fisher; Introduction to Archery 12 p.m. and Cardboard Sled Races with prizes 1 p.m. both held at Fish and Game Club; Shrek the Musical will be performed Saturday at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the school by the Colton-Pierrepoint Music Department; Wood Carver 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Robideau's Mahogany Ridge; Chili Dinner and Hot Dogs 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the school sponsored by the Well; Trivia 3 p.m. at Raquette River Pub; Live music with Tropical Theme 8 p.m. at Raquette River Pub.
- Sunday Feb. 11: Free clothing giveaway 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at CPCS; Kids Fest with pancake eating contest, buddy sled race, s'mores

and snow painting 11 a.m.-2 p.m. sponsored by Red Pine Cone; Fry pan toss followed by corn hole tournament 10 a.m. at Colton Amvets 262; White Elephant Sale 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Colton Community Church; Superbowl Festivities 6:30 p.m. at Raquette River Pub.

BRIEFLY

'The Strictly Hip'

BRASHER FALLS — 'The Strictly Hip,' a tribute band to The Tragically Hip Band, will perform Friday, Feb. 9, at Pike's Place, Brasher Falls, 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. Originally started in 1995 in St. Catharines, Ontario, The Strictly Hip is now based in Buffalo, performing for The Hip's American fan base across North America. Admission is \$28.52 and can be purchased on their website: TheStrictlyHip.com

Free Rock-N-Skate

CANTON — A free Rock-N-Skate will be held Saturday, Feb. 10, starting at 7 p.m. at the Canton Pavilion. The free event will also include free skate rentals, hot chocolate, and pizza. The event is sponsored by SVPC Tobacco Free Communities and Reality Check. Their mission is to provide recreation, fitness, special events and wellness opportunities for local residents.

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- ACROSS**
- Hot tub
 - Pack (down)
 - Honeycomb division
 - Joke
 - Teen fave
 - Celestial bear
 - Capote nickname
 - Difficult problem
 - Celery unit
 - Pantheon member
 - Morays
 - Twilight, poetically
 - "Bravo!"
 - Wry
 - Bombeck
 - Raw rock
 - Begets
 - Melody
 - Actress Meg
 - Maintains
 - Wheel connectors
 - Bake sale orgs.
 - Victor
 - Dugout seating
 - Sociable and lively
 - "Caught ya!"
 - Medicinal plant
 - Vogue rival
 - Singer Phair
 - Reporter's quest

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- DOWN**
- Boot camp
 - Section
 - Water, in
 - Hearts, slangily
 - Big fuss
 - Calendar abbr.
 - Advertise
 - Get cozy (with)
 - Blunder
 - Baton Rouge sch.
 - Felon's flight
 - Eggy quaff
 - Triathlon segment
 - Secular
 - Razor sharpener
 - Algerian port
 - During
 - Red planet
 - Mrs. Dithers of "Blondie"
 - African antelope
 - "Hud" actress Patricia
 - Faxed
 - Equine homes
 - Butterflies
 - Language suffix
 - High school subj.
 - Declare
 - "The Lion King" lion
 - Intel product
 - Visibility hindrance
 - Fire
 - Flamenco cheer
 - At once
 - -de-France
 - Jungfrau, for one

Answers found elsewhere in this paper.

Sudoku

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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

- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the last name of Ken, who was Barbie's boyfriend?
- TELEVISION: In the sitcom "The Office," the company is in which U.S. city?
- GEOGRAPHY: In which country is The Matterhorn located?
- MUSIC: Which 1990s group was the singer Beyonce a part of?
- U.S. STATES: In which state is Monument Valley located?
- LITERATURE: In which children's book do the characters Tweedledee and Tweedledum appear?
- MATH: In Roman numerals, what is XLVIII divided by XII?
- MEDICAL: What is a common name for polythelia?
- CHEMISTRY: How many elements are listed on the Periodic Table?
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Security Guard: Under the direction of the Head Security Guard, the Security Guard is responsible for providing the proper security needed for the Tribal Courts and maintaining order in court proceedings. Status: Full-Time, Non-Exempt. Salary: \$18.15 - \$36.41 Deadline: February 14, 2024. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov.



HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL is accepting applications for a full-time custodial worker. Applications are available at <http://www.hdcsk12.org> or at HDCS. Please send letter of interest, application, resume, and letters of recommendation 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 February 9, 2024.

Greenwood Dairy has positions available on its outside crew for Equipment Operators and Maintenance Work. Full or part time call 315-386-3231, or stop by for an application.

NORTH COAST Occupational, Physical and Speech Therapy PLLC is seeking part-time/full-time Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Special Education Teacher and Speech Therapists to provide services to children in St. Lawrence County in home and school settings. We offer competitive rates and benefits. Interested applicants can email their resume to office@northcoasttherapypllc.com

Experienced bookkeeper for Maxfield's, Mama Lucia & Cactus Grill. Mon - Fri 9 am - 3 pm, Proficiency in Excel & Quickbooks. Hazen Enterprises, Potsdam. Email resume to Lawrencehazen@gmail.com. EOE

College Association, Inc. at SUNY Canton has the following position open: Production Cook- The Production Cook is responsible for taking an ongoing inventory of ingredients to ensure nothing is running low, cutting up vegetables, preparing side dishes and getting salads ready for special events and regular dining hours. This is a full-time seasonal position based on the academic year and includes a generous benefits package. Hours for this position are Sunday 9:00am-8:30pm, Monday-Thursday 1:00pm-8:30pm. Starting pay is \$15.00 per hour. Send resumes to Nichole Todd, Human Resources Representative, College Association, Inc. SUNY Canton, 34 Cornell Drive, Canton, NY 13617 or at oshea109@cantonn.edu. College Association, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All offers of employment are subject to the applicant successfully passing a background (including criminal records) check.

Daytime Cleaner for Potsdam restaurant. call Larry 315 212 2707. EOE

The Village of Canton is in search of a Deputy Treasurer to join our team. Starting pay is \$42,900/year with an excellent benefit package. It is a highly responsible, confidential, and professional position. Areas of responsibility include but not limited to utility billing, tax collection and accounts



EOP Director

Senior Staff Associate SL5

Job Summary: SUNY Canton seeks an inspiring, dynamic leader to lead its Educational Opportunity Program (EOP). In this role, the Director will be responsible for the overall coordination of the Program, including operating within the SUNY EOP guidelines to achieve student recruitment, matriculation, persistence, and completion goals. The State University of New York's Educational Opportunity Program provides access, academic support, and financial aid to students who show promise for succeeding in college but who may not have had access otherwise. The ultimate goal of EOP is to make higher education possible for high potential students from historically underserved backgrounds. The Program is jointly funded by SUNY Canton and the State University of New York State-wide System Office of Special Programs.

The Director is responsible for creating a supportive environment that promotes academic and personal success, through high quality advising, academic interventions, transitional support, and student engagement. The Director is responsible for all aspects of the Program's operations, budget, recruitment, retention, and programming, with a strong emphasis on creating a sense of community among students. The Director will be committed to incorporating the Program into the university's overall educational mission and supporting the Program's contribution to university-wide goals, strategic priorities, and initiatives.

Supporting more than 100 students annually, the EOP annual budget includes staff salaries, direct aid, tutoring, summer orientation, and special projects. The Director supervises a staff of 4 full-time employees and 6-12 part-time employees including counselors, instructors, an administrative assistant, and professional and peer tutors.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Master's degree by time of appointment from a college or university accredited by the U.S. Department of Education or an internationally recognized college or university.
- Minimum of 3 years of experience in a leadership role in an opportunity program and/or academic success department or related field.
- Experience in supervision of professional staff.
- Deep understanding, dedication, expertise in supporting the needs and success of students from educationally and/or under resourced and/or underserved backgrounds.
- Demonstrated experience with diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.
- Demonstrated experience developing, organizing, and administering budgets.
- Strong personnel management skills including team development, goal setting and measurement, strategic planning, and the ability to manage multiple functions and organize institution resources to meet goals and objectives.
- Excellent interpersonal, verbal, and written communication skills.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Terminal degree.
- Progressively responsible leadership experience at a college or university.
- Ability to foster an environment of exemplary professionalism and commitment among staff to build strong working relationships with other university departments.
- Professional experience working in an EOP/HEOP program or sister opportunity program from out-of-state.
- Experience with collective bargaining and union environments.
- Experience with Banner, MS Teams, or other relevant technology.
- Knowledge of applicable federal and state laws, statutes, campus processes, and awareness of law and policy proposals affecting EOP students.

* Valid driver's license

Work Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:30-4:30 and availability to work nights and weekends

Salary: \$73,000 to \$75,000

Prior to final offer of employment, the selected candidate will be required to submit to a background check including, but not limited to, employment verification, educational and other credential verification, and criminal background check.

Application Deadline: Open until filled; application review begins immediately. Persons interested in the above position should apply online at <https://employment.canton.edu/>

SUNY Canton, a unit of the State University of New York, is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer. SUNY Canton is building a culturally diverse and pluralistic faculty and strongly encourages applications from minority and women candidates.

The college is located in Canton, a village in the St. Lawrence River valley of northern New York. Located 20 miles from the St. Lawrence River and the Adirondack Park, and 70 miles from the Canadian capital city of Ottawa, Ontario, Canton holds excellent opportunities for the outdoor or cultural enthusiast. SUNY Canton is a member of the Associated Colleges, a consortium of four colleges.

payable. Extensive computer skills are a must. A complete job description is available @ www.cantonny.gov. Submit letter of interest, application, resume and three references to Sharon Brunet, Treasurer, 60 Main St, Canton, NY 13617 or email to sbrunet@cantonny.gov. AA/EOE Employer.



COLTON MIRROR & GLASS, INC. is looking to hire an apprentice in the glazing industry. Must have basic carpentry skills and be able to lift 80+ pounds. Must have reliable transportation. Please apply in person 6085 US HWY 11, Canton.

The Research Foundation for SUNY, a private, not-for-profit Corporation, is seeking a part-time, Salmon River position as a Migrant Educator (Teacher's Assistant) for the Northeast Education Program (\$18.00-\$21.00/hour and paid mileage). We are looking to add an energetic, qualified educator to our dedicated staff. The successful candidate will provide high quality small group or one-on-one tutoring including advocacy for eligible students and their families. NYS



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES (EO/AAE) is currently accepting applications for the following position located at Adirondack Educational Center in Saranac Lake.

Automotive Technology Teacher

Salary: \$51,865 Pro-Rated (2023-24 Base Salary)

Consideration for additional compensation based on education and experience.

Start Date: ASAP

Application Deadline:
February 2, 2024

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Queries should be directed to:

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EOE



NURSE PRACTITIONERS

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

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

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



Dining Services - Utility

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

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

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

All offers of employment are subject to the applicant successfully passing a background (including criminal records) check.



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Salmon River Central School District is currently accepting applications for the following positions for the 2023-24 School Year:

- Art Teacher
- Driver Education Teacher
- Elementary Teacher
- Reading Teacher
- Home & Careers Teacher
- Math Teacher • Music Teacher
- Science Teacher
- Biology & General Science
- Special Education Teacher
- Technology Teacher

Application Deadline: Until Filled

Full job descriptions and applications can be found at www.srk12.org/employment/

Submit a completed application to:
Angela Robert
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Salmon River Central School
637 County Route 1
Fort Covington, NY 12937

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These positions may be eligible for Loan Forgiveness via the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program

For more information:

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

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

New Car Dealership in Potsdam, NY seeks Building/Grounds Keeper. This is a full time, permanent position. New York state drivers license required. Duties include indoor and outdoor maintenance of facilities. Must possess basic mechanical, electrical, and plumbing skills. Position requires frequent lifting of heavy objects. Submit resume to: Mike Hamlin, Service & Parts Manager, TJ Toyota, Inc., 6706 SH 56, Potsdam, NY 13676, or by email to: mikehamlin@tjtoyota.com

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Budget and Administrative Coordinator Information Technologies & Libraries

St. Lawrence University invites applications for the position of **Budget and Administrative Coordinator, Information Technology and Libraries** for the Information Technology Department. Reporting to the AVP and working closely with IT and Library leadership, this position is responsible for managing IT and Library operating, capital, grants, gifts, and project budgets. The individual in this position understands the technology and risks associated with contracts and payment. This position will track expenses while forecasting future payments and renewals. This position also assists the AVP, IT and Library leadership with administrative operations and support. The position is responsible for coordinating IT and Library budgets in a strategic fashion allowing for transparency, communication, and efficiency gain. All transactions must be processed in compliance with the University's policies and procedures.

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

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

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

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Dining Services - Catering Cook

St. Lawrence University has an opening for a full time/ Seasonal (9 month) **Catering Cook** for the Dining and Conference Services Department. Duties include: The Catering Cook position is a top-level position in the dining unit with broad responsibilities including: Preparing all test recipes and final products for the scheduled catered events. Make recommended changes after items have been tested. Attend and assist with the event. Develops recipes for the Dining Service unit according to the Dining Service standards of St. Lawrence University. Estimate food quantities to be used and the supplies needed for the menu and recipes. Works under the direction of the Production Manager, Unit Manager and Assistant Catering Manager. Prepare all items (entrees, vegetables, soup, sauces and other items) according to the recipe, including displaying and carving meats. Prepare and complete pertinent forms and reports. Properly store and utilize excess food according to New York State Health Department Food Service Health Code. Maintain standards of cleanliness and safety. Maintain standards of good personal and public relations. Flex Schedule rotating every two weeks. Schedule consists of days, evenings, weekends and holidays.

Minimum Qualifications: High School diploma. Experience in upscale food preparation and presentation necessary. Must be able to meet the university's requirements to be authorized to drive a university vehicle. Operate standard cooking machinery and equipment. Ability to work independently and well under pressure. Ability to move 25 lbs. a minimum of 10 Ft. Develop positive and productive working relationships with co-workers and supervisors. Effectively present information and respond to questions from managers, customers, co-workers and the campus community in a professional manner. Support a positive work environment through teamwork, honesty, approachability and a commitment to customer service.

Interested candidates please apply at <https://employment.stlawu.edu/>. St. Lawrence University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity employer.

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- Establish solid relationships with teammates, business partners and internal network by fostering teamwork and collaboration.
- Demonstrate initiative and a commitment to continuous learning, and the ability to adapt to changing demands and requirements. Focus on adoption of digital self-serve technology.
- Strong organizational skills including the ability to manage multiple responsibilities and prioritize

Qualifications: High school diploma or GED Equivalent required, Bachelor's degree preferred or 2+ years of relevant experience.

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St. Lawrence County is in search of: SENIOR FISCAL OFFICERS (3). Salary: \$53,044 with benefits. These are provisional appointments. The successful applicants will need to take a Civil Service exam and score within the top three interested candidates in order to be permanently appointed. Applications accepted until positions have been filled. Applications and qualifications may be obtained from the County's Website at: <https://stlaw-portal.mycivilservice.com/> or by calling 315-379-2210. AA/EEO.

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Position Vacancies:

- 1 Relationship Specialist – Location to be determined;
- 1 Relationship Banker – Potsdam Branch

Desired Skills:

- Display strong interpersonal skills, including the ability to easily engage others in dialogue, convey sincere interest in building/deepening relationships, and demonstrate a commitment to providing personalized service.
- Demonstrate customer service skills and the ability to resolve problems independently; utilizing critical thinking, and problem-solving skills, or escalating as needed to promote member satisfaction.
- Establish solid relationships with teammates, business partners and internal network by fostering teamwork and collaboration.
- Demonstrate initiative and a commitment to continuous learning, and the ability to adapt to changing demands and requirements.
- Strong organizational skills including the ability to manage multiple responsibilities and prioritize.
- Assist customers face to face and over the phone with banking needs.

Qualifications: High school diploma or GED Equivalent required, Bachelor's degree preferred or 2+ years of relevant experience.

Compensation:

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Canton Central School

is accepting applications for the following anticipated positions:

- **Modified Boys Lacrosse Head Coach and Modified Boys Lacrosse Assistant Coach** must meet NYSED coaching requirements
- **Certified Long Term Substitute** must be certified in 7-12 Math

Applications and employment criteria can be found at www.ccsdk12.org/employment

Applications are due by 4:00 pm Monday, February 12, 2024.
NYS Certification is required.

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Position Vacancies:

- 1 Part-Time Teller – Canton Branch; 1 Part-Time Teller – Ogdensburg Branch

Desired Skills:

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- Demonstrate customer service skills and the ability to resolve problems independently; utilizing critical thinking, and problem-solving skills, or escalating as needed to promote customer satisfaction.
- Establish solid relationships with teammates, business partners and internal network by fostering teamwork and collaboration.
- Demonstrate initiative and a commitment to continuous learning, and the ability to adapt to changing demands and requirements.
- Strong organizational skills including the ability to manage multiple responsibilities and prioritize.
- Provide assistance performing cash transactions when necessary to meet customer needs and deliver best in class customer experience.
- Support additional North Country Savings Bank initiatives to support the needs of customers, and the business.

Qualifications: High school diploma or GED Equivalent required, Bachelor's degree preferred or 2+ years of relevant experience.

Compensation:

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City of Ogdensburg ASSESSOR

The City of Ogdensburg is accepting applications to fill the position of Assessor. Salary is \$48,100; 20-25 hours per week on site.

Civil Service applications are available at the City Clerk's Office at City Hall or at www.ogdensburg.org. Completed applications must be returned to Cathy Jock, City Clerk, 330 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669 by **Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 4:00pm.**

Please review the full job posting at www.ogdensburg.org or contact City Clerk Cathy Jock at cjock@ogdensburg.org for the minimum qualifications.

The City of Ogdensburg is doing immediate review of applications received and will contact qualified applicants to schedule first interviews following review. This posting is scheduled to remain open until Tuesday, February 20th, however, please note that the recruitment may be cancelled or the position filled before the February 20th deadline.

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

As a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
Salary range: \$52,009* to \$56,146* (* Includes Geographic Pay of \$4,000)
 The Sunmount Developmental Disabilities State Operations Office (DDS00) is seeking LPNs.
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 Sunmount DDS00 NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)
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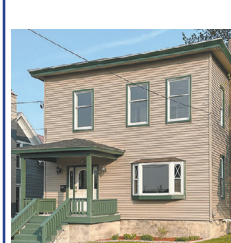
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