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The entire town of Potsdam will be reassessed at a cost \$380,000. GAR Associates will perform the work.

Town-wide tax revaluation to start later this year in Potsdam

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — The town is gearing up for much needed revaluation of property assessments in the town later this year.

While the state recommendation is for towns to do a revaluation every four to six years, Potsdam hasn't had a town-wide reassessment of taxable properties since 2013.

To that end, the town board voted at its Feb. 6 meeting to authorize Town Supervisor Marty Miller to sign a contract with GAR Associates LLC



Marty Miller

North Country This Week.

"It hasn't been done since 2013 and it's, unfortunately, a necessary evil," the supervisor said. The supervisor said that for the record he was pretty

of Williamsville to conduct the revaluation.

"That's the fairest way, so everybody will be paying their fair share," Miller said in a separate conversation later with North Country

upset that a town-wide revaluation of Potsdam's 5,625 taxable parcels hasn't been done regularly for some time.

However, the town board has been planning to hire an outside firm to come in and get them up to speed, and budgeted \$200,000 last year to help pay for the service.

Total cost of the service provided by GAR could be around \$380,000 when all is said and done. Miller said the remaining cost would be budgeted in 2025.

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Assisted living closure will displace 30

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

CANTON -- More than 30 residents living at United Helpers Assisted Living program in Canton will need to find new homes.

United Helpers announced Wednesday that the Assisted Living Program at 205 State Street in Canton would be closing.

Like many healthcare providers United Helpers has struggled to make ends meet due to low reimbursement rates and staffing difficulties. The closure is difficult news for the organization as well as the area which has limited offerings for those in need of assisted living.

A similar tough decision was made by United Helpers in 2021 when the organization closed the Rehabilitation and Senior Care in Ogdensburg for nearly identical reasons and little has been done at the state level to address the problems facing the industry since.

United Helpers Assistant



Director of Corporate Services Jordan M. Downing-Duke said the organization is working with families and residents on alternative placements, based on individual needs. Although she could not provide numbers she said it's possible some residents could be moved to skilled nursing facilities in some instances.

Downing-Duke was not able to provide details as to where clients might be placed and was unaware of other assisted living providers of similar nature within the county.

She said the program would not be closed until the placements are finalized.

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SUNY Potsdam student jailed on arson charge

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — A SUNY Potsdam student faces arson charges following a Saturday night fire at Van Housen Hall that displaced a number of students.

Phonta Johnson of Buffalo, has been charged with second and fourth degree arson and was arraigned early Tuesday morning in Norfolk Town Court and jailed on \$25,000 bail.

"Johnson is a transfer student to SUNY Potsdam who resided in Van Housen, and his room was where the fire originated. Pending his legal case he will be suspended from the College," a statement from the college says.

Fire at Van Housen

Fire trucks plus emergency vehicles responded about 6:28 p.m. Saturday, according to student Zachariah Morehouse, who lives in Van Housen.



Phonta Johnson

College officials reported the fire out around 8 p.m. The investigation was overseen by the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control.

The Potsdam Fire Department managed the scene and emergency response.

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A fire at SUNY Potsdam was ruled an arson. The fire initially displaced more than 60 students.



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Local leaders urge Gov. Hochul to help with nursing shortage

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- As the nursing shortage continues to plague area health-care facilities, county legislators are calling on the New York State Senate and Assembly to pass legislation that would allow nurses from other states to legally practice in New York.

Under the terms of the proposed legislation, the Nurse Licensure Compact would allow nurses licensed in any state taking part in the compact to practice within any other compact state without applying for another license.

Officials say the move would make it easier for nurses to transfer from one healthcare system to another.

The NLC was first proposed by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing in 1997 in response to a variety of calls for action, officials say.

First proposed in New York State in 2013, though as of Aug. 2023 state officials have failed to sign an agreement to adopt the NLC. New York is one of 11 states in the nation that remains a non-NLC state.

"Being a member of the NLC means nurses would have more geographic flexibility which helps nurs-

es who work in multi-state health systems and traveling nurses, and it also benefits participating states and their employers since they can hire nurses from other NLC states removing the need to apply for new licenses, resilient in a more streamlined process," legislators say.

County officials noted the nationwide shortage of nursing staff and how it has progressed in recent years "with several factors contributing to the healthcare staffing crisis," including an aging workforce, burn-out, high turnover and the lack of nursing educators, along with the COVID-19 pandemic, which "aggra-

vated" the healthcare crisis.

"Rural and remote areas, such as St. Lawrence County, tend to have older residents who typically require more medical attention and care, and having fully-staffed local hospitals and access to care is necessary," legislators say.

County officials say being a member of the NLC would increase the number of available nurses, would help the county prepare for natural disasters and virus outbreaks or "other unpredictable circumstances where more nurses would be needed."

The inclusion of New York in the

NLC would also promote cooperation with nurses and healthcare professionals across state lines and would give greater access to care with patients not missing out on specialized care they could benefit from because of state lines, legislators say.

The state legislature will consider Senate Bill S1230 and Assembly Bill A4552, "An Act to Amend the Education Law, in Relation to Adopting the Inter-State nurse Licensure Compact (Part A) and to Amend the Education Law in Relation to Adopting the Advanced Practice Registered nurse Compact (Part B) during the current legislative session.

Public hearing to consider land additions to agricultural districts

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- St. Lawrence County now has a 30-day modification period for the eight-year agricultur-

al district review process.

Legislators approved the resolution during the Feb. 5 full board meeting, a move that will allow the public to offer comments on potential changes to the agricultural

districts.

At the moment, district one is undergoing an eight-year review. That district includes the towns of DeKalb, DePeyster, Edwards, Fowler, Gouverneur, Hammond,

Hermon, Macomb, Morristown, Oswegatchie, Pitcairn and Rose.

District two includes the towns of Brasher, Canton, Hopkinson, Lawrence, Lisbon, Louisville, Madrid, Massena, Norfolk, Parisville, Pier-

report, Potsdam, Russell, Stockholm and Waddington.

Officials say a proposal is on the table to consolidate districts one and two.

Under states law, a 30-day period is required to give landowners and municipalities the opportunity to petition for the inclusion of or removal of land from an agricultural district.

State regulations also require the county to give the public the opportunity to comment on any proposed changes to the districts as recommended by the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board which is to be completed with a public hearing, officials say.

The thirty-day modification period for the eight-year review will run concurrently with the Agricultural District Review of the county, which occurs March 1-30 each year, officials say.

The public hearing to allow individuals the opportunity to comment on the recommendations.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 23 at 6 p.m. at the Human Services Center Conference Room, located at 80 State Highway 310, Canton.

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Potsdam Public Museum | Courtesy

Museum windows restored

Potsdam Public Museum recently restored seven windows, including The Good Shepherd, an original stained glass window designed by H.J. Horwood, of Ogdensburg. Installed in 1928 in the Universalist Church, now the location of the museum, the window was dismantled when the church closed. The space became the Potsdam Public Library, and then the Potsdam museum. Found in storage 40 years later, The Good Shepherd was reinstalled in the museum in 1977.

County to receive over \$600,000 to rehab homes

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- County officials have signed off on a contract to receive Community Development Block Grant funds totaling \$615,000 for 2024.

County legislators signed off on the contract and corresponding budget modification during the Feb. 5 full board meeting.

The New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) awarded \$615,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to St. Lawrence County to continue funding for the Countywide Housing Rehabilitation Program (CHRP 5), officials say.

The funds will be used to provide housing rehabilitation assistance to 12 eligible, income-qualified households in communities across the county.

Officials say in the last 42 years, 660 low to middle income households in 24 municipalities across the county have been assisted to the tune of \$13.7 million combined.

Those funds from the CDBG for housing rehabilitation have helped residences meet building code requirements and have increased the quality of housing in the country, officials say.

In other action, legislators also approved signing a Federal Equitable Sharing Program Agreement and Annual Certification Report.

The U.S. Department of Justice requires the county District Attorney's Office to file an annual Federal Equitable Sharing Program Agreement and Certification Report to be

eligible to submit requests for federally forfeited property or proceeds.

According to St. Lawrence County District Attorney Gary Pasqua, the funds are part of a recurring program that is awarded annually.

Pasqua previously said he applies every year through an electronic program, giving the county access to the seized assets.

"Whenever federal law enforcement agencies seize any money in a federal investigation in St. Lawrence County, my office has any nexus to that. They share that with my office, as well as local law enforcement agencies," Pasqua previously told legislators.

The funds, which are seized by agencies like Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), come from busts that occur within the county throughout the calendar year, Pasqua previously said.

Legislators and the chairman of the legislature work in conjunction with Pasqua to keep track of the funds and to ensure the application is submitted and approved on time to ensure the flow of funds, he said.

"The chairman has to sign off every year. This resolution needs to be done so that when I go and fill out that paperwork before March 31 we can say we've met as a group," Pasqua said.

Accident kills one, injures two

DEKALB — A Hermon woman died and two other St. Lawrence County residents were injured following a motor vehicle crash on U.S. Highway 11 on Feb. 9, according to state police.

Troopers said a black Mitsubishi Glant driven by Pamela N. Moyer, 65, Hermon, entered US Highway 11 from the East Dekalb Road and failed to yield the right of way to a black 2017 UPS truck, driven by Dennis R. McNamara, 49, West Chazy.

Passengers in the Mitsubishi Glant, Pearl Wishney, 91, of Hermon, Gabriel Z. Moyer, 20, Hermon, and Pamela were transported to Canton-Potsdam Hospital sustaining injuries.

Wishney was pronounced deceased at the hospital.

Pamela was transported to Upstate Medical Center due to the severity of her injuries and is in critical condition.

Gabriel was evaluated and sustained non-life-threatening injuries. McNamara was uninjured from the accident.

The New York State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Collision Reconstruction Unit responded to the scene. State Police were assisted at the scene by local fire and rescue teams.

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Correction

The graphic that accompanied the 'Warm Winter' article in the Feb. 9-15 edition contained two errors. The chart should have indicated the average combined temperature for Dec. 2014-Jan. 2015 was 19.91°F, and Dec. 2015-Jan. 2016 was 29 °F. So far, this winter's weather has been the third warmest over the past 25 years, based on Weather Underground data from the Massena airport. North Country This Week regrets the error.

County attorney working on gun rights case

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- St. Lawrence County Attorney Steve Button will act "of counsel" on another gun rights lawsuit, this time assisting on a lawsuit that is looking to change New York State's concealed carry reciprocity regulations.

County legislators approved his involvement in the case during a special meeting on Feb. 12.

Reciprocity between states allows individuals licensed in their home state to lawfully conceal carry across state lines to another state where the individual's license is recognized.

"On February 5, 2024, members of the Gun Owners of America filed

a new suit against the State of New York in the North District of New York U.S. District Court, identified as Higbie et. al v. James et. al challenging the refusal of the New York State to recognize out-of-state gun licenses or permit out of state residents to secure licensure within New York State unless there were landowners in the state," the resolution states.

Officials say the legal challenge is one that is commonly known as a "Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity" challenge.

Constitutional carry has become a mainstream movement and term means laws of a state concerning the carrying of weapons approximates the state of the law when the Second Amendment was ratified in 1791, officials say.

To date, 17 states have restored "a reasonable facsimile of Constitutional Carry, such as neighboring Vermont," the resolution states.

Button's involvement in the case is out of an interest to the county, including residents who can lawfully conceal carry, as well as the operations of the Sheriff's Office who conducted investigations for concealed carry license holders, the St. Lawrence County Clerk who assist with filing applications, amendments to licenses and other duties, along with the St. Lawrence County Court, the licensing authority in the county.

According to the resolution, the implications will be "significant should the plaintiffs prevail in this matter, making it a county concern."

The new lawsuit is just one of many that arose after state legislators passed the Concealed Carry Improvement Act (CCIA) "in direct retribution" to the U.S. Supreme Court overturning the state's 109-year-old concealed carry law in 2022.

Those laws were passed during a two-day "extraordinary session" that "moved to circumvent the decision to deprive its citizens of any effective right to self-defense

in public in one major way, by exponentially expanding the places 'Sensitive places' in which a person with a valid license cannot carry a firearm for self-defense," officials say.

That case, NYSRPA v. Bruen, had effectively reset New York State concealed carry laws and eliminated the "proper cause" requirement that forced applicants to provide a valid reason to conceal carry.

With the CCIA in place, applicants must "display good moral character", are subjected to in-person interviews with law enforcement, must provide four character references, undergo 18 hours of training and must recertify every three years instead of the prior recertification period of five years.

Button has also been working "of counsel" on the case Antonyuk v. Bruen since Oct. 2022.

That case, which also is being handled by Gun Owners of America attorney Stephen Stamboulieh, is challenging multiple provisions of the CCIA, including the "good moral character" clause, prohibited spaces designations, training requirements and other provisions in the set of laws.

North District Justice Glenn Suddaby originally issued a temporary restraining order against the CCIA, a decision the state appealed directly to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals.

The Second Circuit then heard the case and issued a ruling on Dec. 8, 2023 that struck minor provisions of the law but largely kept the CCIA intact. Provisions struck in the ruling include prohibited spaces such as houses of worship, institutions that sell alcohol and cannabis for on-site consumption, as well as some parks like the Adirondack Park, along with the requirement to disclose social media profiles on applications.

It remains to be seen if the plaintiffs in Antonyuk v. Bruen will appeal the case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

OBITUARIES

Catherine L. Plourde, 13

Massena

MASSENA -- The family of Catherine L. Plourde, age 13, are saddened to report her untimely passing at her family home on Friday, February 9, 2024.

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

Family and friends are welcome to call the Phillips Memorial Home, located at 64 Andrews Street in Massena, NY, on Thursday, February 15, 2024, from 3:00 pm until time of services at 6:00 pm with Rev. Judy Van Kennen officiating.

Catherine was born to her loving parents, Joseph A. "Butch" Plourde and Linda Moller on April 12, 2010, in Massena.

She attended Massena School and was currently enrolled in Mrs. Goodrow's 8th grade special education class.

Catherine loved to swim and enjoyed watching her cartoons and spending time with her emotional support dog, "Sheba". A little princess that could brighten any room with her smile.

Catherine is survived by her devoted father, Joseph A. "Butch" Plourde and his companion Charity Clark of Norfolk, NY, her mother Linda Bell and companion Christopher Michael Ray of Massena, NY.

Siblings Letashia and Andrew

James of Rochester, NY, Justin, Steven Plourde both of Massena, NY, and sister Gege Wan of Texas.,

along with an uncle; Aaron Plourde and her aunt Daisy of Massena, NY, her Aunt Hillary Clark of Massena, NY, Aunt Brittany Bush of Waddington, NY, Uncle Christopher Clark of Massena, NY, Uncle Johnathan and Theresa Bush of Franklin, NC, and an Aunt Helen Moller of Bombay, NY.

Catherine also leaves behind her memory to be cherished by her parental grandmother, Doreen Plourde of Massena, NY, maternal Grandparents, Helen and James N. Moller, Jr. of Brasher falls, NY.

She is also survived by step-grandparents, Virginia Baker and companion Randy Jandrew of Massena, NY, and several cousins.

In lieu of memorial contributions, donations may be made in her memory to a charity of one's choice.

The family encourages memories, photos and condolences to be shared online by visiting, www.PhillipsMemorial.com.



Catherine Plourde

James L. Wood III, 79

formerly of Colton

COLTON -- Mr. James L. Wood III, age 79 of Lake Placid, NY and formerly of Colton and Wilmington, NY passed away at the Elderwood of Uihlein Lake Placid Nursing Home on February 3, 2024.

Arrangements for cremation are with the Garner Funeral Service in Potsdam, NY. Burial will take place at a later date at the Pleasant Mound Cemetery in Colton, NY.

James was born on May 7, 1944 in Potsdam, NY to the late James L. Wood I and Grace Thamaris.

He was a graduate of Potsdam Central High School. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Potsdam State University.

He taught for a year but changed fields and went to work for the Merchant Marines out of New York City.

He was a ship navigator for 25 years and sailed all over the world including spending 8 years on a cruise ship in Hawaii until his retirement in 2007.

After he retired he worked a cou-

ple of summers as the Assistant Golf Pro at Lake Placid Club and then worked seasonally for NYSDEC at Wilmington Notch Campground until 3 years prior to his death.

Before that James served our country in the United States Navy from 1944 until his honorable discharge in 1982. He served in Vietnam.

James enjoyed golfing, fishing, fly fishing and spending his winters in Florida.

James is survived by his former significant other for 32 years, Darlene Thompson and her 2 daughters that Jim helped raise, Kelly (Brian) Corcoran and Kerry (Anthony) Dellea. He is also survived by 3 grandchildren that he cherished, Matthew Corcoran, Alexander Dellea and Olivia Dellea.

He is predeceased by his brother Fred Wood.

Condolence for Mr. James L. Wood III can be shared at www.garnerfh.com.

SUBMITTING OBITUARIES: Families have the option of publishing obituaries in North Country This Week as well as on NorthCountryNow.com. For more information or to submit an obituary for a former St. Lawrence County resident, email obituaries@northcountrynow.com or call 265-1000 ext. 23.

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OBITUARIES

Sigmund (Sig) Bargaleski, 79

formerly of Canton

CANTON -- Sigmund (Sig) Bargaleski, 79, of Magnolia, Texas passed away before dawn on February 2, 2024, with his wife, Sue at his side at Tomball, Texas hospital under the care of Oasis Hospice.

He expired as a result of recent respiratory problems, complicated by a long battle with Alzheimer's.

He was born in Utica, New York to the late Sigmund Joseph Bargaleski and Rose Amodio Bargaleski on September 23, 1944.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years: Susan Mooney Bargaleski; daughter, Alyssa Hill; son, Sigmund Paul Bargaleski and wife, Amber; sister, Martha Wylie and seven grandchildren: Nathan, Richard, Carson, Isaac, Aiden, Aubrey, and Olivia. He is also survived by his 3 cocker spaniels.

Sig graduated from Canton High School, in Canton, New York, Class of 1964.

Sig and Sue were married on June 28, 1969, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Canton. They moved to Houston, Texas in July of 1970, having lived in Madrid, New York during their first year of marriage.

Sig was a Loss Control Representative for several different insurance companies. He truly loved his profession which involved creating safety recommendations after visiting work sites.

One work-related highlight for him was at Texas A&M (his daughter's university) during the construction of Reed Arena in 1995.

He was videotaping the area at the exact time a crane fell. His insurance company surely appreciated having their own filmed documentation! Sig retired in 2008.

Sig loved all things outdoors, especially his many years of deer hunting in Nacagdoches and developing the property that surrounded their home in

Magnolia.

He truly had a servant's heart throughout his life. In his boyhood years, Sig was an altar boy at St. Mary's in Canton.

After moving to Texas, he was a member of the CyFair Volunteer Fire Department (CFVFD) for over 50 years.

He began his years of fire service in 1978 at Station 5 in the Bear Creek area, performed many roles through the years, and completed his service as a fire marshal for CFVFD.

For those desiring, donations in Sig's memory can be made to CyFair Volunteer Fire Department. Donations are by check only, made out to CyFair Fire and Rescue Foundation (memo line - in memory of Sig Bargaleski"), addressed to CFFRF P.O. Box 2988, Cypress, Texas 77410.



Sigmund Bargaleski

Joseph L. Eickhoff, 61

Colton

COLTON -- Joseph L. Eickhoff, age 61, a resident of Weaverville, NC and formerly of South Colton, passed away on Monday, February 5, 2024, at the Mission Health Hospital, Asheville, NC.

There will be no calling hours or service.

A family gathering will be held in the spring. Arrangements are under the direction of the Buck Funeral Home, Colton.

Joe was born in New Hartford, NY December 26, 1962, the son of Eugene Russell & Elizabeth Jane Regan Eickhoff.

Following graduation from Colton-Pierrepont Central School, Class of 1981, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served as a military policeman.

After the service, Joe worked as radio DJ "J.J. McKay" in Canton and Ogdensburg. Joe was a huge fan of the band KISS and loved anything to do with magic.

He was the first president of the Friends of the Colton Hepburn Library.

Joe married Candace Coombs

who passed away November 18, 2020 in Weaverville, NC.

Joe is survived by a daughter, Chantel of Marion, NC, a son, Caleb and Dante Wines, who he raised as his own son, both of Weaverville, NC; a brother, Dennis [Linda] Eickhoff, Colton and a sister, Lisa Cole, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; a niece, Rachel [Antonio] Orologio, Potsdam, and two nephews, Matthew [Kristen] Cole and Jamie Cole, of Slatington, PA.

Memorial donations may be made to the Colton Hepburn Library, P.O. Box 7, Colton, NY 13625 and memories and condolences may be shared online at www.buckfuneralhome.com.

The Buck Funeral Home is serving the family of Joseph L. Eickhoff.



Joseph Eickhoff

POTSDAM -- Lenore Marie (Kelly) Hennessey, 98, passed away on February 9, 2024, at the Canton-Potsdam Hospital, Potsdam, New York. Lenore and her twin brother, Timothy Leonard Kelly, Jr., were born on November 16, 1925, in Worcester, Massachusetts, the first of nine children born to Mary Lucille (McKeon) Kelly and Timothy Leonard Kelly, Sr. Her younger siblings often recalled the loving care she gave them as she helped her mother.

Lenore was predeceased by her husband, Joseph Thomas Hennessey, Sr. who passed away in March 2009 and by her twin brother along with other brothers, James W., Joseph E., Francis X., and David J. Kelly and sister, Lucille A. (Kelly) Cleary.

She is survived by children, Mary Ellen Hennessey (James) Nottage, Fishers, IN; Joseph Thomas, Jr. (Maureen) Hennessey, Richmond, MA; John Timothy Sr. (Cherle) Hennessey, Hannawa Falls, NY; James Michael Hennessey, Hannawa Falls, NY; and Kevin Patrick Hennessey, Hannawa Falls, NY; Grandchildren, Kelly A. Hennessey (Steven) Snyder, John T. Hennessey, Jr. (Lianne), Patrick J. Hennessey, and Catherine M Hennessey; and Great Grandchild, Riley J. Hennessey. She is also survived by sisters, Mary Jane Dempsey and Patricia Kelly both of California and by 40 nieces and nephews.

Life-long learning and teaching was a strong theme throughout Lenore's life. She graduated from Brockton High School, Massachusetts in 1943 and from Bridgewater State College, Massachusetts, in 1947 earning her Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society pin and a BS in Education.

She went on to teach junior high school classes in Whitman, Massachusetts before earning her Masters degree in Geography from Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts in 1950. She was a pioneer in

MADRID -- The family of Stanley N. Matthie, age 80, formerly of Madrid, NY are saddened to report his passing early morning on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at St. Joseph's Nursing Home in Ogdensburg, NY, where he had been a resident since 2017.

The arrangements are under the care and direction of the Phillips Memorial Home, in Madrid, NY.

Stan was born to the late Carl and Marjorie (Rowe) Matthie in Troy, NY on Christmas Day, 1943.

He attended schools in Potsdam, NY, and graduated from Potsdam High School in 1962. He enlisted into the United States Marine Corp in 1962, served his country proudly, and was honorably discharged.

He married Sandra Coons on June 18, 1964 at the Chipman Church.

Stan was employed as a United States Border Patrol Agent in 1969 and later retired in 1994 as Patrol Agent in Charge, after 24 years of dedicated service. During his years of service, he recognized by the USBP for distinguishing acts in the

Lenore Marie (Kelly) Hennessey, 98

Potsdam

the field of geography which was not welcoming of women in that era.

Lenore was appointed to instructor of geography at Potsdam State Teachers College, where she taught from 1949 to 1952, retiring when she had her first child. Down the hall from her office at Potsdam State was a young assistant professor named Joseph T. Hennessey. They married on June 15, 1951, in Brockton, Massachusetts, and had 58 wonderful years together in Potsdam.

Lenore's passion was her family, and she was a devoted wife and mother. She cared deeply for her brothers, sisters, and many nieces and nephews.

She loved to sew and made everything from baby clothes to tailored coats and suits for her family; her work was superb. Needlework and knitting were other pursuits she loved, and she provided family and friends with hundreds of things to wear and decorative items (especially Christmas) for their homes.

She continued to make various needlework gifts and donation items right up until her last days. She was a very generous woman.

Being a member of the Potsdam community was of great importance to Lenore. She was a faithful Catholic, devoted to St. Mary's Church and her membership in the Altar and Rosary Society where she served a term as president.

She was the secretary of the first Parish Council and taught Christian Education Department classes at the church. Lenore was also active in Girl Scouts and was Troop Leader of a Junior Scout troop.

She was a member of Friends of the Library, Friends of the Potsdam Public Museum and the Potsdam

Hospital Guild and served in many volunteer activities. She was an avid reader and took great pleasure in her book group membership.

Lenore greatly enjoyed athletic pursuits, having been an excellent swimmer and instructor throughout her life; she waterproofed her children when they were very young. In her young adult years, she was a duck pin bowling champion.

She was a member of the Potsdam Town and Country Club and enjoyed participation in the women's leagues and was especially proud of her Hole-In-One. Exercise classes were a particular joy of hers, and she was an accomplished dancer - especially the jitterbug and was especially proud of her Hole-In-One.

She began travelling at a young age and spent many summers throughout her youth and adulthood at Swift's Beach on Cape Cod; she instilled a love of the ocean in her children.

Visits to her children in Massachusetts, Kansas, California and Indiana, Vermont, Maine Maryland New Hampshire were many. She fulfilled a lifetime goal of spending time in Ireland with her husband, twin brother and his wife in 1981.

Lenore always marveled that she lived a wonderful life. And she did.

Friends may call at the Donaldson-Seymour Funeral Home, Thursday from 4 - 7 PM.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, at 10:00 AM at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with Father Joe Giroux celebrating.

Burial will be held in the spring at St. Mary's Cemetery, Potsdam.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Lenore's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association and the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are under the care and guidance of the Donaldson-Seymour Funeral Home where friends and family are encouraged to share memories and condolences online at www.donaldsonseymour.com.

Stanley N. Matthie, 80

formerly of Madrid

line of duty.

After retiring, he operated the Coles Creek Marina with his wife for several years, and also worked as a contract security guard for the Ogdensburg Social Security office.

Stan was a member of the American Legion Post No. 109, several Bass Fishing Associations, and was an avid outdoorsman and fisherman.

In his younger years, he enjoyed playing golf and softball with local law enforcement teams. Stan enjoyed reading, old westerns and had a big personality. Stan was also a member of the Ogdensburg Elks Lodge No. 772.

He is survived by a daughter, Patricia and Gabriel Martinez of Easton, PA; a son, Brian and Elizabeth of Norway, MI; a son, Jason

and Sarah Matthie of Rensselaer Falls, NY; grandchildren; Nicholas Matthie, Christian, Crystal, and Cameron Martinez, Zachary, Tara and Finnegan Matthie; and several great-grandchildren, nephews and niece; Steven, Chris and Susan Matthie.

In addition to his parents, Stan was predeceased by his loving wife of 54 years, Sandra M. Matthie in 2018, and a son, Michael in 1994 along with a brother Carl "Butch" Matthie, in 2021 and nephew David Matthie.

In accordance with his wishes, there will be no public viewing or funeral service. There will be a small, private celebration of life for close family and invited friends at a later date.

In lieu of flowers and gifts, donations can be made instead to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at www.cff.org/give-monthly, or your local Rod and Gun Club.

Friends and family are encouraged to share photos, memories, and condolences online, by visiting www.PhillipsMemorial.com.

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- SIGMUND BARGALESKI**, 79, formerly of Canton, Feb. 2.
- STANLEY MATTHIE**, 80, Madrid, Feb. 3. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Madrid.
- JAMES WOOD II**, 79, formerly of Colton, Feb. 3. Arrangements with Garner Funeral Home, Potsdam.
- DR. ELEANOR LEEK MD**, 82, Potsdam, Feb. 4. Arrangements with Lawrence Funeral Home, Canton.
- JOSEPH EICKHOFF**, 61, formerly of South Colton, Feb. 5. Arrangements with Buck Funeral Home, Colton.
- NORENE SHERIDAN**, 89, Canton, Feb. 6. Arrangements with O'Leary Funeral Home, Canton.
- LINDA THOMAS**, 74, Gouverneur, Feb. 7. Arrangements with

- French Funeral Home, Gouverneur.
- LENORE HENNESSEY**, 98, Potsdam, Feb. 9. Arrangements with Donaldson-Seymour, Potsdam.
- KIMBERLY SIBLEY**, 39, Gouverneur, Feb. 9. Arrangements with Green Funeral Home, Gouverneur.
- JOHN ADAMS JR.**, 79, Parishville, Feb. 9. Arrangements with Donaldson-Seymour, Potsdam.

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Grants to help fund airport improvements

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — The village has agreed to accept three state matching grants for continued planning and improvements at the Damon Field municipal airport. The village has already received Federal Aviation Administration

grants which will pay for 90 percent of allowable costs for three projects related to the airport — a pavement management program, design of the terminal aircraft apron pavement rehabilitation and expansion, and to conduct an airport master plan update. At the village board meeting Monday, Feb. 5, the mayor and

board of trustees voted to accept three matching grants from the state Department of Transportation that will cover 50 percent of the non-federal share of the eligible costs for each of those projects.

“We continue to work with Passero Associates on the future plans of the Potsdam Airport,” Village Administrator Greg Thompson told Potsdam village trustees and the mayor at the meeting.

Thompson said village officials will be meeting with the firm soon to discuss the master plan for the airfield. He said he and Village Director of Planning and Development Fred Hanss had a preliminary meeting with Procerro and discussed the plans for Damon Field for the next 6 to 8 years.

“What this will do is this will get us set in motion in a direction,” the administrator said. “We will have to make changes obviously, both due to financial issues which I’m sure we’ll see. And the availability of land surrounding the airport so we that we might be able to expand our runway another four or five hundred feet, which will allow us to bring larger planes in from UPS which will be great for them.”

Thompson said it was his “dream” that the airfield may someday play host to a small commercial carrier to service the university and healthcare populations and other North Country residents. “And possibly reinstate that flight back to Albany that was so popular amongst everyone,” he said.

The administrator said those types of expansions and enhancements were the types of things that would be discussed with the airport planning group in the future.

Thompson urged the board to pass all three of the airport related resolutions “to ensure the continuing success of our airport.”

“When you own an airport, you learn very quickly that there are certain things you just have to do. There are certain studies, there are certain improvements, there are certain projects that have to take place. These (the resolutions passed later during the meeting by the board) are part of that,” Thompson said.



DeGrasse Fire Department | Courtesy

Members of several fire departments across St. Lawrence County battled the house fire but were unable to save the home.

House deemed total loss; pellet stove ember blamed

RUSSELL — Embers from a pellet stove are believed to have caused a fire that destroyed a home on County Route 17 on Friday.

Degrasse Fire Department officials said in an online statement that they responded to a structure fire in South Russell at 10:48 a.m. Once on scene they found the back side of the house engulfed in flames and heavy smoke visible.

Despite their efforts, firefighters were unable to save the two-story home, which is a total loss, officials said. Fortunately, there were no people or animals inside the home and no one was injured.

Investigation revealed the cause of the fire to be an ember coming

from the pellet stove chimney caught tall grass on fire which spread to the exterior of the house.

Mutual aid was provided by Russell, Hermon, Edwards, Pyrites, Star Lake, Fine, and Canton fire departments.

Members of Degrasse FD Department would like to thank all responding agencies for their assistance

Fire District 6 Deputy Coordinator Gary Lutz and St. Lawrence County Fire investigators were also on scene.

St Lawrence County Highway Department employees that were in the area also assisted with traffic control.

Hermon woman faces felony

CANTON -- Canton Police have arrested a Hermon woman on an active St. Lawrence County bench warrant, leading to a felony drug charge as well.

Police say Bridgett Murdock, 42, was taken into custody in the village of Canton on the bench warrant, at which time she was also found to be in possession of approximately 60 grams of methamphetamine.

Murdock was charged with second-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance (A-2 Felony).

She was arraigned before Canton Town Court Judge Michael Morgan and subsequently held on no bail at St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility.

The Canton Police Department was assisted by the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Department.

Inmate accused of assault

CANTON — A St. Lawrence County inmate was charged following an altercation at the county jail Jan. 18, according to St. Lawrence County sheriff's deputies.

Branden S. Arquiatt, 35, was

charged with second-degree assault on Jan. 28, officers said.

He was arraigned in Hermon court and is to answer the charge in Canton court at a later date, deputies said.

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PIERREPONT -- A Potsdam woman was charged with driving while intoxicated following a property-damage accident on County Route 59 Wednesday, according to St. Lawrence County sheriff's deputies. Lori A. Gilbert, 57, was charged with first-offense DWI following investigation of the accident, deputies said. Her blood-alcohol content was allegedly .14%. She was cited and released.

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Lunch ladies

Eating lunch at the Colton Community Church during Colton Winterfest Feb. 10 were, from left, Pat Winters, Joanne Fisher, Lois Wickwire and Elin Coleman.

County promotes solar development mapping tool for projects

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- St. Lawrence County officials are taking steps to protect land that can be used for agriculture by implementing a solar development mapping tool to aid in decision making.

Solar development have been popping up throughout the county at a significantly increased rate in recent years, officials say, something that has forced officials to take steps for better governance.

County legislators approved the resolution to encourage municipalities to use the solar development mapping tool during the Feb. 5 full board meeting.

Officials say the market value of agricultural products grown in St.

Lawrence County was \$191 million as of 2017, a figure that has likely continued to grow in recent years.

But with solar farms popping up throughout the county, many times on prime agricultural land, legislators say that land needs to be protected to ensure the success of the farming industry in the county.

"The success of the farming industry in St. Lawrence County relies on the availability of productive soils to grow foods and products and the presence of prime farmland," officials say.

Prime farmland, if drained, is limited to 19% of all land in St. Lawrence County, officials say.

"Large-scale solar arrays typically require five to seven acres of cleared, flat, dry land for every megawatt of power they generate,"

the resolution states.

In the past decade the county Planning Board has reviewed 45 solar projects that have or will potentially displace 1,400 acres of farmland.

"The rural character, affordable real estate prices and presence of high voltage transmission lines in St. Lawrence County, along with the energy policies of New York State will continue to attract the siting of solar arrays on farmland," officials say.

In response, the Planning Office created the Solar Development Mapping Tool, which is available on the county website, that identifies areas of the county where solar development will have less negative impacts on agricultural land, and is available and encouraged to use by local governments.

North Country state reps call for to delay electric bus implementation

North Country representatives joined fellow Republicans in Albany Monday to call for an end to the electric school bus mandate, which they say is too much too fast.

Assemblyman Scott Gray was critical of the move to mandate schools to purchase electric buses beginning in 2027, which he said would result in billions of dollars in cost increases for school budgets.

Assembly members introduced legislation (A 8447) to delay the mandate to 2045, which would also call upon the Commissioner of Education to complete a cost-benefit analysis for each district as well.

Gray said the concerns regarding the switch to electric buses are shared statewide, with local school administrators and transportation experts all saying the switch is not realistic.

"We should not expect school districts to meet a goal they are not prepared to carry out. This is not feasible for school districts or taxpayers and we know that because we've talked to them," Gray said.

Gray also spoke to the cost of the switch, something many north country schools cannot afford. Governor Hochul has also proposed cutting millions of dollars in foundation aid to north country school districts, money that is earmarked to pay for salaries, emergency projects and repairs, as well as advancing educational opportunities for students.

"The cost of all-electric school buses is astronomical at nearly \$1.8 billion each year, with an additional \$3.4 billion to implement the infrastructure necessary to house and charge these buses. The kicker is the state is only funding the cost

of 3,000 of the 45,000 buses that would be needed statewide to fulfill this mandate. New York state should be leading, not forcing other entities to lead the way. We need to work with school districts to reach sustainability goals and make the transition to all-electric. The voters are rejecting this mandate as we've already witnessed, so how can we expect them to accomplish this task," said Gray.

Senator Dan Stec also called on Hochul to reverse course on the electric bus mandate, offering an alternative to distinguish the feasibility of a statewide transition.

Stec suggested a pilot program be implemented to evaluate how effective the performance of such buses are in New York's urban, rural and suburban areas.

"The electric bus mandate for our schools is expensive and unfeasible. A diesel-powered school bus has an average cost of \$150,000. An electric bus is two-to-three times that price, not even factoring in charging infrastructure, meaning replacing and maintaining a fleet of electric buses will cost school districts millions of dollars," said Stec.

"Studies show electric buses have an average range of about 150 miles at 70 degrees. When it's 20, the range is 85-90 miles. For context, I was recently speaking with the superintendent at the Massena School District and each of their buses drives 70 miles per day. For the Saranac Lake School District, the largest school district geographically speaking, their fleet of 16 buses drive an average of 100 miles each day."

Stec specifically cited Massena and Potsdam as two districts of

concern given the extreme low temperatures the north country sees in the winter, coupled with the wide ranging rural districts students live in.

"Given the unreliability of charging electric vehicles in extreme cold and the long distances buses have to travel to pick up students in these rural districts, you're asking schools to spend a lot of money for a significantly less efficient mode of transportation," he added.

Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush also spoke against the measure, saying the extreme costs associated with purchasing each bus was

prohibitive to the process and is not feasible.

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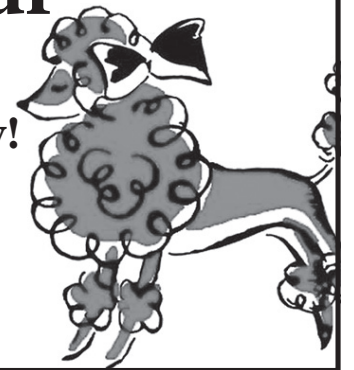
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(2023, United States, d. Nicole Newnham) 118 min. R

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SUNY Chancellor says he remains committed to success of SUNY Potsdam

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

POTSDAM -- SUNY officials say they remain committed to the long-term success of SUNY Potsdam and feel the comprehensive plan in place will allow the university to take the proper steps to become fiscally solvent.

Assemblyman Scott Gray was among a handful of state senators and assembly members who questioned SUNY Chancellor John King Jr. during a Joint Legislative Public Hearing on the 2024 Executive Budget Proposal Feb. 8.

During his three minutes of allotted time, Gray questioned the chancellor on multiple topics, pointing to the potential financial impact the closure of SUNY Potsdam could have on the region, noting the 1,500 jobs and \$93 million in payroll that the SUNY system brings to St. Lawrence County alone.

"We have a community with tremendous uncertainty," Gray said.

While speaking to the possibility of SUNY Potsdam closing, Gray also touched on the proposal to close five more prisons, a move that could also impact the north country.

To date, the state correctional system employs 300 individuals and brings \$25 million in payroll to the county, Gray said.

"Are we committed to making sure these college campuses don't fail?" Gray asked.

King Jr. said state officials are committed to ensuring the university is a success moving forward.

In his response, King suggested the university administration needs to take strides as part of the plan set in place by SUNY leaders to right size the university and modify existing practices and education standards to fall in line with the current enrollment.

"I am committed to the long-term success of SUNY Potsdam. The plan we have in place is to ensure that success," he said.

Gray also touched on the existing dormant structures on campus, asking what the state intends to do with existing buildings on campus that remain dormant due to a decline in enrollment.

"Is there any idea of taking over some of these fallow structures so SUNY campuses can focus on their mission," Gray asked.

King Jr. was non-committal about the buildings, saying he recognized the need to address the situation and suggested that Gray and other officials should all have a follow-up meeting to discuss the vacant buildings on campus.

"We can discuss the current inventory then," King Jr. said.

King Jr. also spoke to the decline in enrollment, pointing to the 40% decline in recent years that has seen SUNY Potsdam drop in enrollment from 4,000 to 2,500 or so students since the COVID pandemic. That decline began around a decade ago and was sped up but the pandemic, state officials previously said.

"The university is paying to preserve them, to heat them and no students are there to inhabit them. We have to tackle that need. I would love to work with you on that," King Jr. told Gray.

Gray also touched on the possibility of electrification as state officials push to make all campuses green through the state over the next decade.

Gray questioned whether the requirement to electrify the state, including public universities, may be playing into the current projected deficit.

"When we discuss electrification, is that part of the deficit you spoke of," Gray asked.

King Jr. clarified, saying the deficit he spoke of just comes from operating expenses for the universities state wide.

"Obviously we want to get to net zero, that is a state initiative. Forty-percent of all state property is comprised of the public buildings on our campuses," King Jr. said.

Though the state has pushed initiatives to move the state to a net zero carbon emission status, King Jr. said his primary focus right now is the long-term success of SUNY Potsdam.

Moments after Gray's line of questioning, Sen. Liz Krueger, who represents New York County which comprises Manhattan, spoke directly to Gray's comments and questioned the need to invest in prisons to keep them open. Krueger suggested investing more money into SUNY schools as a means to keep individuals off the streets and from falling into a life of crime.

"Would we do better to invest in higher education than prisons? How many students (in the SUNY system) have criminal records," she asked King Jr.

King Jr. spoke to the role SUNY schools play in prisons, saying the education system is the largest provider of education in the New York State prison system.

He also spoke to the success of the Second Chance Pell Grant program, which he helped foster as former President Barack Obama's Secretary of Education.

King Jr. said in many cases students say they feel they are "making connections with faculty members who truly care, who stimulate them intellectually and push them to reach their potential."

"The recidivism rate is dramatically lower with incarcerated persons who take part in these programs," King Jr. said.

Potsdam man charged after dead dog found

NORWOOD — A Potsdam man was charged Tuesday after a dog was found dead in Norwood Lake last summer, according to village police.

Norwood Village Police charged Joshua D. Brownell, no age listed, with animal cruelty on Feb. 6 stemming from an investigation into the death of a pit bull found deceased

last summer in the lake.

Officers were assisted in their investigation by the Potsdam Animal Control Officer and Potsdam Humane Society officials.

Brownell was reportedly released on an appearance ticket and will answer the charge in Town of Potsdam Court.

"The Norwood Village Police

Department would like to remind everyone of the essential role the Potsdam Humane Society has in caring for homeless animals every day," police said.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gray: Closing prisons opens door to economic strife

In Gov. Kathy Hochul's recently proposed executive budget, the potential closure of five correctional facilities in New York state has sparked widespread concern among residents and local authorities in our North Country communities.

The impacts of the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility closure—heightened unemployment rates, displacement of families and financial instability—will be repeated should more facilities be forced to shut their doors. The potential impact of such closures on the already vulnerable economic landscape of St. Lawrence County has prompted me to intensify efforts to prevent further closures and mitigate adverse effects on our community.

The closure of the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility resulted in the loss of 268 jobs and a substantial \$25 million payroll. This has had a significant impact in a region where the current unemployment rate is 18% higher than the state average and more than 48% higher than the national average, according to data from the NYS Department of Labor. The closure has exacerbated economic hardship and widened the disparity between the North Country and the rest of New York.

Furthermore, the facility's closure has added 525,000 square feet of vacant state-owned space in St. Lawrence, a county already grappling with more than 500,000 square feet of abandoned state-owned space. Many of these buildings have been left unused for decades, underscoring the redevelopment challenges in the area. This points to a more significant issue of underutilization of resources and a need for a strategic plan for reusing and redeveloping these facilities.

The closure of an additional correctional facility, according to multipliers identified in a Cornell University report, would result in the loss of approximately 466 jobs and a staggering \$42.6 million in lost payroll. Considering the dire economic conditions in the county, such losses would be insurmountable, further exacerbating economic distress in the region.

Beyond job losses and underutilized real estate, the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility provided 40,000 pounds of produce for food pantries, senior citizens and others in the area through a community garden. Simply eliminating these facilities removes the multifaceted value they offer to the community beyond their primary function. In response to these challenges, Gov. Hochul has raised the question of repurposing these facilities for alternative uses, such as substance abuse treatment centers or residential facilities.

The potential for creative adaptive reuse of these buildings has become a focal point for advocates seeking to preserve the economic and social fabric of the affected communities.

As your state representative, I will continue to be a vocal proponent of retaining these facilities in operation. Recognizing the plausible impact of an additional prison closure in St. Lawrence County, I have emphasized the necessity of preserving these jobs and economic stimuli, particularly in a region already marred by staggering poverty and unemployment levels.

I have communicated with the

governor and stressed the importance of actively maintaining, marketing and redeveloping the current decommissioned correctional facilities that have already been closed in the North Country. As the discussions around the potential closure of the prisons continue, I will work with local elected officials, county legislators, the board and staff of the Industrial Development Agency to ensure economic resilience, job retention and community well-being. I stand prepared to be a partner in preserving our communities.

Assemblyman Scott Gray
R-Watertown

False advertisement aimed at older Americans

I am 80 years old and watch free videos on Youtube.com. Lately we older Americans have been bombarded with a blitz of advertisements that begin with, "Every older person, over 65 needs to see this." And it goes on to say that we are missing out on thousands of free money that you can spend any way...all you have to do is click the button below.

It suggests that it is a government program of Medicare, when in fact you are switching from regular Medicare to Medicare Advantage, "a private insurers plan which fails to tell you how much more limited the provider's network is or how hard it is to get back to regular Medicare."

Newsweek stated, "one in five with the privatization plans reported issues getting care for costly procedures due to approval denials and delays. "Some hospitals won't take Medicare Advantage because of the frequency of prior authorization delays and denials.

The good news is that you can switch back one time to regular Medicare both parts A and B before March 31st. Older people need to read small print before switching even though it is blurred and written in light blue print as shown on the You Tube advertisements.

Information can be found in "Politico", Robert King, "The American Prospect", Matthew Cunningham-Cook, "The Motley Fool", Maurie Backman and Sarah Jane Tribble in NPR's "KFF Health News," also found in "The Week", under The Business section, page 33, under Health Costs: The drawbacks of Medicare Advantage

I believe this is important to let people know now in enough time for them to change if they want to or at least look at the changes in plans.

Elizabeth B. Turner
North Lawrence

Canton VFW Aux. lists donations

Edward C. Seymour Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1231 Auxiliary has made several donations for 2023-2024 in support of our local community and the VFW Programs.

Thank you to all who had a part in this by working an event, making financial donations or by your attendance at our functions.

We have donated to Backpack School Programs, Dream Tree Ranch, Fairview Cemetery, Fort Drum Adopt A Unit, Greg Harris Courtesy Room, Gouverneur Breast mCancer Walk, Hospice, Joella Craig Foundation, Potsdam Humane Society, Renewal House, Syracuse VA Hospital, St. Lawrence County Office for the Aging, St. Lawrence County People Project, Trees for Troops, Trout Lake Kids Fishing Derby, Tunnels to Towers Foundation, United Helpers Nursing Home, VFW National Home, West Potsdam Fire Training Center, Wounded Warriors Sled Hockey, and Wreaths Across America.

This has been made possible by the support our organization receives. We also extend a thank you to our media for promotion of our events.

Edward C. Seymour VFW
Post 1231. Canton

Newton family says thank you

The family of Beverly would like to thank friends, family, clergy, as well as the medical professionals who either cared for, visited, called, sent cards/flowers to, or prayed for Beverly in her final days. It is greatly appreciated.

She had so many kind and caring people who took excellent care of her for many years at the Richards Winter Cancer Center, as well as with her primary care physicians, Dr. Kelly Scott and Dr. Scott Beeles.

Hospice made her final wishes a reality by allowing her final days to be spent in the comfort of her own home, surrounded by her family and friends.

Beverly had a very strong faith and devotion to her Catholic religion, so many visits, prayers and blessings Beverly received from our local clergy and Hospice's spiritual care people gave her peace and comfort in her final days.

To Frary Funeral Home and Waddington Blooms, thank you for a job well done.

Beverly Newton Family

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Last week's question

How do you prepare your income taxes?

INCOME TAX SEASON is underway and many St. Lawrence County residents are planning to file their taxes for the 2023 year. Free income tax preparation and electronic filing is offered in St. Lawrence County. How do you prepare your income taxes?

age of 123.4 million viewers. This year the Kansas City Chiefs took on the San Francisco 49ers with the Chiefs coming out on top. The game became the second most watched program in history, only to the Apollo Moon landing. Did you watch the Super Bowl this year?

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: This year's Super Bowl was the most watched Super Bowl broadcast in history, with an aver-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Fight to save jobs
at SUNY Potsdam**

As the statewide President of United University Professions, I am writing to make this clear about the notices of retrenchment issued at SUNY Potsdam: We are fighting these cuts and we will continue to fight them.

No one in our union has surrendered or will surrender on this issue.

We are advocating in Albany every day to restore funding necessary to reinstate the positions affected by the recent wave of retrenchment notices. We are pursuing every avenue available to us under our collective bargaining agreement to save these jobs.

We are also keeping all options on the table to defend the rights of our members and right the wrongs of these retrenchments.

We collectively stand in solidarity as one union against SUNY's misguided approach and ask you to join us in advocating for continued investment in your community's SUNY campus.

We must all stand together
#PotsdamProud.

Frederick E. Kowal
United University
Professions President

**Make post office
more user friendly**

I read with interest this article in the January 26 issue.

This is the opportunity of the century for Canton to improve itself.

The first priority should be to develop a new concept for our Post Office.

The daily patronage of the Canton Post Office may be the greatest of the downtown businesses, except perhaps for Sergi's or the Tick Tock (in season).

The clientele (if studied) is probably older than at most of the other businesses.

The current location of the Post Office is awkward, right on the busiest corner in the village, and next to the semi-weekly farmers' market.

There is nil parking; three spaces which are hotly contested, even in winter when their access to the sidewalk is blocked by a three foot high glacier.

I have visited other regional post offices. Two stand out in my mind; Norwood, and Colton. They both allow off-street parking, and have large capacity lots.

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Robert Nordberg
Canton

I urge the Powers-That-Be in Canton to consider including a new Post Office in the new Midtown Plaza, suitable for the Twenty First Century.

Robert Nordberg
Canton

**Is it party
over country?**

The recent publication in North Country Now of the list of elected Republican and Conservative town, village and county officials backing the re-election of Elise Stefanik in the 21st Congressional District has raised some concerns. What has caught our attention are the positions the Congresswoman has taken during her time in Congress. We understand she wants to be a candidate for Vice President, but find her positions on critical issues facing our country problematic. She appears to be marching towards an autocracy.

To wit:

- She supported the false narrative that the 2020 election was stolen from Trump, with no evidence to support that position.

- She declared, initially, that the rioters that attacked the capital should be punished to the full extent of the law. She has now reversed her posture and refers to them as "hostages," and has removed from her website her original description of their unlawful actions.

- Immediately after a racist killed black citizens in a Buffalo convenience store, she attempted to normalize the "replacement theory"

espoused by the racist shooter.

- She has publicly blamed the E. Jean Carroll court decision on the "woke" media, claiming that she doesn't believe the decision of the jury in the rape case against Trump was valid, but was all part of a giant corrupt effort by the Biden administration and justice department.

- She wants NY Governor Hochul to embrace the tactics of Texas Governor Abbott in dealing with border issues that are clearly the purview of the federal government, not state government.

- She refuses to hold public forums in her district. When she makes the rare appearance, it is strategically timed to be purposely inconvenient for working voters and questions are screened beforehand. Her few ventures into the 21st are usually reported after the fact.

- She is campaigning for an individual entangled in multiple trials whose personal behavior is built on lies and slander, and is facing potential jail time.

- She refuses to engage with local media in a discussion of her positions.

Perhaps those GOP and Conservative elected officials who have signed pledges of support for Stefanik could explain why they endorse her. Is it "party over country" that leads them to support her authoritarian and conflicted positions as she runs for re-election with their support?

David Duff, Hammond
John Casserly, Canton
David Bradman, Canton
Bob Washo, Canton
Karen Johnson-Weiner, Canton

**Voting for Stefanik
would be a 'crime'**

We who live in the 21st district need to reject Elise Stefanik's lust for power.

Rarely does Stefanik venture beyond the safe right wing propaganda channels like Fox News, but she did so recently on NBC's "Meet the Press." Why? If there is any certainty in life, it's that Stefanik operates via her own self-centered political calculus. She was on NBC to speak to an audience of one—Donald Trump. She touted her stuff as a MAGA cheerleader auditioning for Trump's vice presidential spot.

Of course, when Meet the Press's host Kristen Walker noted the major discrepancies between her Pre-MAGA Critic of Trump persona and her present MAGA Trump loving, election and insurrection denying persona, Stefanik attacked her as "biased media." This is the go to Trump vetted attack strategy against anyone bold enough to raise uncomfortable questions.

Here are the facts:

On NBC Stefanik reiterated

her bogus claims that she simply objected to PA, Georgia, Wisconsin and Michigan's voting because they "had violated the Constitution by making changes to election processes without approval from state legislatures." There simply is no basis for this. In the case of PA, for example, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear the case, period.

In fact, she endorsed the meritless Republican lawsuit to overturn the election in 2021. She calls Trump "President" rather than "former President," a dog whistle to her MAGA base that he, not Biden, is our legitimate president. Stefanik continues working hard to spread big lies and misinform her supporters about the 2020 election.

In the interview, she baldly parrots Trump by saying the January 6th insurrectionists are "hostages," and that "we're seeing the weaponization of the federal government against not just President Trump but we're seeing it against conservatives."

The 1200 thugs (and counting) charged with storming the Capitol on January 6th are convicted criminals, not victims. They violently tried to destroy our duly elected government, and were found guilty in federal court—no firing squad—we are a country of laws after all. To claim otherwise is to deny that our democracy was victimized by Trump's treasonist putsch on January 6th.

Whether a Democrat or Republican—use your brains and develop a patriotic conscience. How can you vote for someone who loves lies and deceit, violates her oath of office, and cheers the overthrow of the very government she gets paid to serve?

To vote for her for even dogcatcher is a crime.

Mark MacWilliams
Canton

**Exciting Brush Art
Gallery exhibit**

I am writing to let you know about an exciting gallery exhibition and community building project scheduled for January-February 2025, though components of the project may begin earlier and remain on display longer.

Entitled Make Visible: North Country, the project is being organized by Shannon Novak, artist, curator, activist, and director of the Safe Space Alliance, a non-profit organization that aims to help people identify, navigate, and create safe spaces for LGBTQI2S+ communities worldwide. Our Make Visible: North Country project will also dovetail with Shannon's statewide Make Visible: New York project.

Both projects aims to grow sup-

port for LGBTQI2S+ communities by making visible their challenges and triumphs. The North Country chapter manifests as work developed with local LGBTQI2S+ communities across multiple sites and is supported by the Richard F. Brush Art Gallery at St. Lawrence University.

Based on other iterations of Make Visible projects around the world, ours will rely heavily on community engagement from people of all stripes and ages. Some of the programming will be designed by Shannon, and some can be generated by people from the region. Shannon has done a community letter writing project, for example, in which "people can write an open response/letter to the prompt 'Dear North Country.' The instruction is 'What would you like people to know about what it's like being LGBTQI2S+ in North Country?' It's like an open letter to the 'North Country' from local LGBTQI+ people. Visitors can write, draw, whatever they like on little cards which are then strung up for people to read." Such a letter writing project can also be done online to engage our rural neighbors across the region.

Shannon also designs beautiful rainbow window installations in public buildings, and we are hoping to find one or more organizations to work with on custom pride window installations. For examples, click on "Works" at www.shannonnovak.com/.

If you would like to get involved and/or join a working group, please feel free to contact me at ctedford@stlawu.edu or 315 229-5174. For more, visit <http://www.shannonnovak.com/make-visible-north-country> and <http://www.shannonnovak.com/make-visible-new-york>.

Catherine Tedford, Director
Richard F. Brush Art Gallery at St. Lawrence University

**PCS Music Friends
says thank you**

PCS Music Friends thanks the North Country Savings Bank for a \$250 grant, supplementing support given by the Dr. D. Susan Badenhansen Legacy Fund of the Northern NY Community Foundation as well as the PCS School District. Funds will go to the Modern Band Class to be taught at the Potsdam High School by Mrs. Jill Rubio.

The \$250 grant, along with other support, will allow for the purchase of electric guitars, electric basses, electronic drum kits, microphones and amplifiers needed for this innovative class. Modern band features popular music such as rock, hip-hop, pop and other styles, and this class should attract more students in the Potsdam School District to music as well as supplement the education of current music students.

PCS Music Friends still seeks \$750 for remaining costs associated with this class. To this end, we plan to hold a fun fair and Super Bowl fundraiser. Interested donors can contact potsdammusicfriends@gmail.com.

Alisa G. Woods
PCS Music Friends

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'Sing and Swing' at Hosmer Hall

POTSDAM -- The Community Performance Series at SUNY Potsdam will welcome "Sing and Swing: Our American Songbook," a Jazz at Lincoln Center Presents production, as part of its spring lineup.

Featuring trumpeters, vocalists and composers Bria Skonberg and Benny Benack III, the North American tour of "Sing and Swing: Our American Songbook" will make a stop at SUNY Potsdam's Crane School of Music on Friday, March 15, for an evening concert at 7:30 p.m., in the Helen M. Hosmer Concert Hall. Tickets are now on sale at cpspotsdam.org.

"We're both fans of the classic songbook era and the artists that made it possible," said Skonberg. "The fact that we're still playing these songs 75 to 100 years after they were written is a testament to their quality. Naturally, we gravitated towards the great pairings of trumpet players and vocalists, like Louis Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald or Louis Prima and Keely Smith. We've listened to that music as long as we have played the trumpet. Also, the band with us is exceptional, so we'll discover and highlight everybody's hidden talents." The show, she noted, "will have a friendly variety show type of feel."

Benack and Skonberg will lead a talented group featuring Jocelyn Gould (guitar), Mathis Picard (piano), Mark Lewandowski (bass) and Darrian Douglas (drums). The performers are the seventh Cania Visiting Artists for the CPS Guest Artist Series.

The repertoire, notes co-leader Benny Benack III, will include songs such as Duke Ellington's classic "In a Mellow Tone," a duet (see video here) featuring Skonberg on trumpet and vocals, featured in his most recent album, "Third Time's the Charm." The show will also include "Comes Love," a nod to the inimitable Louis and Ella; "Banana Split For My Baby," a cheeky swinger by Louis Prima and Keely Smith, and "I'm Glad There is You," a classic by Sarah Vaughan and Clifford Brown.

"There are a lot of familiar songs that people know and love," said Benack. "But we have put fresh arrangements on these songs. And Bria and I also have some of our brand-new original material inspired by this era's music. We wanted to have a modern take on the songwriting form. So we have some of that as well. You keep the music fresh by adding your experiences and making it relatable to the audience before you."

To present "Sing and Swing: Our American Songbook," and following the success of last year's "Songs We Love: 50 Years of Jazz Song," Jazz at Lincoln Center is partnering again with the international booking agency IMG Artists. The aim of JALC's tour initiative is to



Perry Bindelglass | Submitted

Benny Benack III and Bria Skonberg will lead "Sing and Swing: Our American Songbook," a Jazz at Lincoln Center Presents production, coming to the Community Performance Series. The tour will bring them to SUNY Potsdam's Crane School of Music on Friday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m., in the Helen M. Hosmer Concert Hall. For tickets, visit cpspotsdam.org.

allow presenters to offer excellent jazz programming while introducing to a broader audience the musicians who will reinterpret and reimagine the sound of jazz for years to come. It is part of Jazz at Lincoln Center's mission "to entertain, enrich and expand a global community for jazz through performance, education and advocacy."

As part of those efforts, the tour will include an educational component in selected cities, including at The Crane School of Music, where the guest musicians will lead four masterclasses for students in respective studio areas at Crane on March 14 and 15, leading up to the performance.

"I didn't grow up in a big city. I grew up in a small town," says Skonberg, a native of Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada. "There was no way that anything from Jazz at Lincoln Center would

come there. It will be a real pleasure to connect with people from different towns along the way. It's going to be a joy to get to spread the word."

About the performers

Called "one of the most versatile and imposing musicians of her generation" by the Wall Street Journal, Bria Skonberg is a singular talent who has performed with everyone from Jon Batiste, Wylliffe Gordon, U2 and Sun Ra Arkestra to the nation's top symphony orchestras. Her music has garnered tens of millions of streams worldwide. The Juno Award winner's seventh studio album "What it Means," which was recorded in New Orleans with the Crescent City's finest, will be released in the fall of 2024. The daughter of teachers, Skonberg is deep

SEE TRUMPETERS ON 13.

WHAT'S GOING ON

FRIDAY, FEB. 16 Bear Pride Night

POTSDAM -- SUNY Potsdam is looking to pack the Maxcy Hall Athletic Complex on Friday, Feb. 16, as the College gears up for its 20th annual Bear Pride Night. SUNY Potsdam will invite area alumni, fans and students to cheer on several Bears teams and take part in fun activities and promotions throughout the evening. The event schedule includes: 3 p.m. Women's Hockey vs. Morrisville (Maxcy Ice Arena); 4-6 p.m. Community Open Swim (Maxcy Pool)*; 5:30 p.m. Women's Basketball vs. Oneonta (Welsh Gymnasium); 7 p.m. Men's Hockey vs. Fredonia (Maxcy Ice Arena); 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Oneonta (Welsh Gymnasium). Free admission is available for all fans. Info: (315) 267-2307 or mitchewj@potsdam.edu.

Blood drive in Potsdam

POTSDAM - St. Lawrence Health is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, Feb. 16, at the Potsdam Presbyterian Church, 42 Elm St., from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Donors must be healthy, at least 16 years of age, and weigh at least 110 lbs. Please consider a Double Red donation if you are O Neg, O Pos, A Neg, or B Neg. Donors can pre-register using RapidPass (www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass). Pre-registration can only be completed the day of the drive prior to arrival. Registration can be made online at www.redcrossblood.org, or by contacting 1 (800) RED CROSS. First time donors and walk-ins are welcome. For a list of upcoming blood drives sponsored by St. Lawrence Health, please visit <https://stlawrencehealthsystem.org/about/events>.

Comedy Show

BRASHER FALLS -- A comedy show and dinner at Pike's Place will open the Tri-Town 50th Winter Carnival Weekend on Friday, Feb. 16, at Pike's Place. Bryan Hatt and Patrick Haye will be entertainers for the night. Cocktails 6 p.m. Crowning of the Winter Festival Royalty 7 p.m., dinner 7:15-8 p.m., comedy show 8-9:30 p.m., DJ Wendy Crump 9:30-11 p.m. Cost \$30 per person. For more info, contact Mallory: 1-315-250-6744.

Community Ski Challenge

COLTON -- The Friends of Higley Flow invite cross-country skiers (young and old) to join in the Community Ski Challenge at Higley Flow State Park on Friday, Feb. 16 through Sunday, Feb. 18, as part of the Colton Winterfest. The goal is to see if the community of Higley skiers can ski 145 miles which virtually crosses the North Country or better yet, ski 325 miles which is enough to claim they effectively skied across New York State. Each skier will be asked to record the miles they skied daily over these three days on a poster-sized spreadsheet in the Higley Lodge. If skiers cannot track their miles electronically, the Friends of Higley Flow will have a chart with trail names and distances to help. This is the third year of the Community Ski Challenge, and organizers hope to beat last year's record number of 90 participants who skied 325 miles. If the region doesn't get more snow, organizers will postpone the Community Ski Challenge to Feb. 23 to the 25. Check the Friends of Higley Park web page at www.higleyfriends.org for updates.

Whiskey Room

POTSDAM -- McDuff's Pub & Grill, 59 Market St., will host the band Whiskey Room on Feb. 16 from 6-9 p.m.

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Fish fry

CANTON -- VFW Post 1231 Auxiliary, Gouverneur Street, will host an in-house dining fish fry on Friday, Feb. 16 from 4-7 p.m. Price will be \$14 per dinner. Menu will consist of (breaded) deep fried fish or oven baked fish, macaroni & cheese or French fries, coleslaw, roll, and desert. Take outs will be available by calling Post at 315-386-8953.

WhiteOut Weekend

CLIFTON FINE - The 2024 WhiteOut Weekend will be held Friday, Feb. 16, Saturday, Feb. 17 and Sunday, Feb. 18 in the hamlets of Cranberry Lake, Newton Falls, Oswegatchie, Star Lake and Wanakena. Info: www.adkwow.org. Most events throughout the weekend are free and open to all. Friday, Feb. 16 events include: 6 p.m. - Footbridge Lighting Weekend Kick-off / Wanakena Footbridge; Dusk - 10 p.m. - Ice Luminaries Woodland Walk - 2nd St & Ranger School Rd. / Wanakena; Dusk - 10 p.m. - Labyrinth Fairy Village - S. Shore Rd. / Wanakena; 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. - Open Air Open Mic - Otto's Abode / Wanakena; Dusk - Midnight - Snow Croquet & Campfire - Otto's Abode / Wanakena; Any Time - Winter Photo Contest - online at www.adkwow.org.

Tri-Town Winter Carnival

BRASHER - The Tri-Town Winter Carnival runs Feb. 15-18. Events Friday, Feb. 16: Riverview Triathlon: Darts to benefit Kathy Carr 6 p.m., Riverview, Brasher Falls; Opening Ceremony at Pike's Place, Brasher Falls: Tickets \$30: 1-315-250-6744, semi-formal attire black/gold encouraged, cocktails 6 p.m., presentation

of royalty and dinner by Gideon's Gallery 7 p.m, comedians Bryan Hatt and Patrick Haye 8-9:30 p.m, DJ Wendy Crump 9:30-11 p.m.; Music 'Divided Roads' 8-p.m.-midnight, The Riverview, Brasher Falls; Music DJ 'The Jug' 9 p.m.-midnight, North Lawrence.

**SATURDAY, FEB. 17
Battle of Ogdensburgh**

OGDENSBURG -- Musket and cannon fire will sound out on the streets of the city Saturday, Feb. 17 and Sunday, Feb. 18 when the Fort La Pr?sentation Association, in conjunction with Forsyth's Rifles Reenactor group, host the annual reenactment of the Battle of Ogdensburgh. Saturday events include the customary laying of a wreath on Sheriff Joseph York who defended the town with a cannon crew of fellow townsmen during the original battle. The days battle begins at 1:30 p.m. with the British and Canadian Forces coming on shore near Riverside Avenue. The battle continues through the town to the corner of Ford and State Street where the battle ends with the capture of Sheriff York and disbanding of the defenders. Coffee will be served immediately following the battle reenactment at the Ogdensburgh History Museum at 206 Ford St. At 3 p.m., Greg Baron will speak on medical and surgical procedures of the 18th Century at the Museum. The event is free and open to the public. Info: www.fort1749.org.

Fiberistas exhibit

CANTON - The TAUNY Center, 53 Main St., will host the opening of the exhibit "Changing Places" by The Fiberistas on Feb. 17, from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. The Fiberistas are a North Country group who explore and expand the boundaries of fiber arts by creating textiles made

with both traditional and innovative skills and fibers. The Fiberistas: Kathy Burns, Donna Hastings, Ann Heidenreich, Sonja Jensen, Melanie Kimbler, Susan McAvoy, Rebecca Muir MacKellar, Adele Lunan Vandenburg, Leah Zerkowitz. Info: 315-386-4289, info@tauny.org.

Dulcimer workshop

CANTON - A hammered dulcimer workshop with Dan Duggan will be held at the TAUNY Center, 53 Main St., on Feb. 17, with an intermediate class at 10 a.m. Registration costs \$10. Participants will learn several tunes, songs and chords and will also learn more about the history of this instrument. Dulcimers provided as needed, participants will need to register in advance at <https://tauny-folkstore.myshopify.com/collections/programs>.

Kid's dulcimer building

CANTON - The Nancy Wilder Palmateer Memorial Children's Workshop: Building a Lap Dulcimer with Dan Duggan will be held Feb. 17 (12-5 p.m.), Feb. 21 (2-5 p.m.) and April 12 (7 p.m.) at the TAUNY Center, 53 Main St. One registration reserves all three sessions. Free workshop. Ages 10 and up. Limit of 12 participants. The dulcimers will be assembled from kits. No messy sanding and sawing required. The instrument bodies are made of sturdy cardboard, and the necks are wooden. Participants will paint the bodies, assemble them, glue the necks and install the tuning machines. In the first session, Dan will guide the students through building their instruments and decorating them. The workshop and materials are free, but participants are asked to commit to all three days of the workshops. Free, registration is required at <https://tauny-folkstore.myshopify.com/collections/programs>.

Snowshoe hike

POTSDAM -- A level 2 snowshoe hike for beginners at Indian Creek Nature Center will be offered Sat., Feb. 17 by Dr. Blair Madore, of ADK Mountain Club and Potsdam Public Library. If you don't have equipment, contact Madore at 315-261-0751 or madorebf@potsdam.edu for details. Meet behind Potsdam Public Library at 10 a.m., or meet at 11 a.m. at Indian Creek Nature Center. Learn more and register on the Potsdam Public Library Facebook page.

Spaghetti dinner

NORWOOD -- A spaghetti dinner will be offered Saturday, Feb. 17 from 4-5 p.m. at Norwood American Legion, 10 Maple St. to benefit the Norwood Museum. The menu includes spaghetti, meatballs, Italian bread, dessert. Cost is donation only. Take-out only. Local delivery available by calling 315-244-2325.

Tri-Town Winter Carnival

BRASHER -- Tri-Town Winter Carnival Saturday events: Craft Fair 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Middle School Cafeteria, Brasher Falls; Snow babies 9-10:30 a.m., Riverview, Brasher Falls; Longest icicle contest 9-10:30 a.m., Riverview; Snowshoe XC Ski Poker Run 9-10 a.m. DEC parking lot, Vice Rd, Brasher Falls; Storytime/Book sale 10:30-11:30 a.m. Badenhausen Library, Brasher Falls; Trivia Game ends 3 p.m. Badenhausen Library; Brasher Falls Teddy Bear Sleepover drop off bears 9-5 p.m. Badenhausen Library; Parade 11 a.m. starts at ABCD Hardware, ends at SLC, Winthrop; Pulled Pork lunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m. or til sold out, North Lawrence VFD; Snowmobile Poker Run noon - 6 p.m. ends at Riverview, Brasher \$20 per hand. Kids Zone at SLC Elementary School 12-3 p.m. with adult present: bounce house, carnival games, fun time coding, story time, Family Swim 1-2 p.m.; Frank's Wing Eating Contest 1 p.m., Frank's Pizzeria, Brasher Falls; Out House Races and Frying Pan Toss 1-3 p.m. Helena Genera Store, Helena; Corn Hole Tournament 1 p.m. \$40 entry, to benefit Jesse Erickson family, Pike's Place, Brasher Falls; Piano Recitals featuring CE students 1-3 p.m. Methodist Church, Brasher Falls; Dangling Donuts 1-2 p.m. Maria Elaina's Bakery & Diner, Brasher Falls; Charity Hockey Game 2:15 p.m. Tri-Town Arena, Brasher Falls, to benefit Tri-Town Food Pantry; Bonfire S'mores 4-6 p.m. High Peaks Winery, Winthrop; Spaghetti Dinner 4-7 p.m. American Legion, Winthrop; 1950's Family Sock Hop Creative Endeavors 6-8 p.m., Crapser Hall, Brasher Falls; Riverview Triathlon: Pool/Foosball to benefit Kathy Carr 6 p.m., Riverview, Brasher Falls; Band The Back Water Duo 6-10; p.m.; DJ 10 p.m.-midnight, Riverview, Brasher Falls; Fireworks 8 p.m. Tri-Town Arena, Brasher Falls.

Used book sale

BRASHER -- Friends of the Badenhausen Public Library will hold a used book sale during the Tri-Town Winter on Saturday, Feb. 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 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.

Shuffleboard tourney

CANTON -- The Edward C. Seymour VFW Post 1231 is holding a shuffleboard tournament at the Post located at 32 Gouverneur Street on Feb. 17. People may sign up for the tourney by calling the Post at 315-386-8953. Participants should plan to be at the post at 11 a.m. to draw for teams. The event begins at noon. Refreshments will be available. The Post will partner with the Zonta Club of Canton during the tournament. The Club will set up a silent auction and offer a raffle for a lottery tree. Proceeds from the auction and raffle help fund the four scholarships that the Club awards annually to graduating high school seniors in twelve St. Lawrence County school districts. For more information, please contact the VFW Post at 315-386-8953 or Julie Miller at 315-323-4065.

Warrior Fest

POTSDAM -- Clarkson University will host the seventh annual Warrior Fest on Saturday, Feb. 17 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The event celebrates and supports the contributions of veterans in the North Country. Warrior Fest is open to the public and is fun for the whole family. The morning game and follow-on events will feature several raffles and giveaways

and a sled hockey match between the Fort Drum Mountain Warriors and the Kingston (Ontario) Knights. The puck drops at 9:30 a.m. in Cheel Arena. The cost for non-season ticket holders, per person over the age of 12, is \$5, and children under 12 are free. Donations are gladly accepted. All proceeds from Warrior Fest will support the Fort Drum Mountain Warriors team and the ROTC cadet programs at Clarkson University.

WhiteOut Weekend

CLIFTON FINE - The 2024 WhiteOut Weekend will be held Friday, Feb. 16, Saturday, Feb. 17 and Sunday, Feb. 18 in the hamlets of Cranberry Lake, Newton Falls, Oswegatchie, Star Lake and Wanakena. Info: www.adkwow.org. Most events throughout the weekend are free and open to all. Saturday, Feb. 17 events include: 8 a.m.-10:45 a.m. - Big-foot Pancake Challenge - UB's Mercantile and Diner / Oswegatchie; 8 a.m.-10:45 a.m. - Sugar on Snow - UB's Mercantile and Diner / Oswegatchie; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. - CF Hospital Craft and Vendor Fair - American Legion / Star Lake; 10:45 a.m.-Frying Pan Toss - American Legion / Star Lake; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. - Taco Bar and Hotdogs - American Legion / Star Lake; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. - Book & Bake and Rummage Sale - CF Community Center / Star Lake; 11 a.m. & Noon - Story Teller Mairi Meredith "The Cremation of Sam McGee" - CF Community Center / Star Lake; 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - Soups and Sandwiches - CF Community Center / Star Lake; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. - Campfire, S'mores & Weenie Roast - Adirondack Exhibit Center / Star Lake; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. - All Things Birding and Refreshments - Adirondack Exhibit Center / Star Lake; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. - Grab & Go Crafts - Adirondack Exhibit Center / Star Lake; 10 a.m.-Noon - Build a Chickadee Birdhouse - Adirondack Exhibit Center / Star Lake; Noon-3 p.m. - Baked Potato Bar - Adirondack Community Church / Newton Falls; 1-2 p.m. - Story Teller Lynn Morgan - Adirondack Community Church / Newton Falls; 1-3 p.m. - Grab-and-Go Craft & Free Book Choice - Adirondack Community Church / Newton Falls; Afternoon - Winter Woods Walk Excursion - Adirondack Exhibit Center / Star Lake; 1-4 p.m. - Common Thread Quilts Activities, Displays & Refreshments - Western Adirondack Presbyterian Church / Star Lake; 1-4 p.m. - Two Towns Story Project - Western Adirondack Presbyterian Church / Star Lake; 2-5 p.m. - Wine Tasting - UB's Mercantile and Diner / Oswegatchie; 3-5 p.m. - Pickleball on Ice (weather dependant) - Clifton-Fine Arena / Star Lake; 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. - Mac'n Cheese, Chili, Hotdogs, Nachos, Desserts - Cranberry Lake Fire Hall / Cranberry Lake; 6 p.m. - Contra Dance with live Music - Cranberry Lake Fire Hall / Cranberry Lake; 7:30-9 p.m. - Knotty Paddy Concert - Cranberry Lake Fire Hall / Cranberry Lake; Any Time - Bird Feeder Observation - South Shore Road / Wanakena; Any Time - Labyrinth Fairy Village - South Shore Road / Wanakena; Any Time - Campfire and Snow Croquet - Otto's Abode / Wanakena; Any Time - Winter Photo Contest - online at www.adkwow.org. Saturday, February 17, 2024. . .

**SUNDAY, FEB. 18
Spaghetti dinner**

NORFOLK -- An Americans Supporting Armed Services spaghetti dinner fundraiser will be held Sunday, Feb. 18, from 12-3 p.m. at Norfolk Fire Station #3, State Route 420. Cost is \$15. Call 518-521-6456 to pre-order (leave a message if no answer. Take out only. 12:00 p.m., - 3 p.m., Sunday, February 18, 2024. \$15. Tamie Sauve 518-521-6456. Norfolk Fire Station #3 State RT 420, Norfolk, NY.

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Battle of Ogdensburg
OGDENSBURG -- Musket and cannon fire will sound out on the streets of the city Saturday, Feb. 17 and Sunday, Feb. 18 when the Fort La Pr?sentation Association, in conjunction with Forsyth's Rifles Reenactor group, host the annual reenactment of the Battle of Ogdensburg. The Battle continues Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at Van Rensselaer Point (Lighthouse Point) located at 22 Albany Ave. This portion of the battle portrays the attack of the fort itself by the British and Canadian forces, resulting in the retreating of the American forces to Sacketts Harbor, New York. The event is free and open to the public. Info: www.fort1749.org.

Tri-Town Winter Carnival
BRASHER -- Tri-Town Winter Carnival Sunday events: Pancake Breakfast by Helena Auxiliary 8-11 a.m. Helena Fire Dept.; All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet 8-11 a.m. The Pitstop Diner, North Lawrence; Family 50's 5K Fun Run 9:30 a.m. registration, 10 a.m. race, ABCD Hardware start and end, Winthrop; Local Vendor Displays 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. ABCD Hardware, Winthrop, benefits TTCC; Basket weaving, Ceramic painting, and Acrylic painting 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Crasper Hall, Brasher Falls; Lawrenceville Fire Dept. Food & Games: 50's Diner 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Tug o'War 11 a.m.; Bed Races and Wheelbarrow races noon-2 p.m.; Volleyball in the Snow 1-3 p.m.; Art classes at Crasper Hall: Essential Oil Bracelet 11:30, Memory Bracelet 1 p.m.; Oil Painting 1 p.m.; Fire Painting 1:30 p.m.; ESTC Pony Riders & Games 2-4 p.m. 9455 St. Hwy 11, Winthrop; Bingo by Summer.

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MONDAY, FEB. 19
Cinema 10 season begins
POTSDAM -- Cinema 10 begins its Spring

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Elks hockey shoot
POTSDAM -- The Potsdam Elks Lodge will host its annual Hockey Shoot at 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19 at Pine Street Arena. It is open to any youth age 13 and under. The shoot is free and every registered shooter receives a T-shirt. The top three contestants in each category will receive a prize. No hockey experience is required. Shooters will be divided into groups according to age. They will take five shots at a skills net. All shots will be stationary shots and points will be awarded for level of difficulty. Parental permission is required. Pre-registration slips will be available at the Potsdam Elks. You can also register the day of the event. For more information call Mary at 315-566-9058.

Stables day camp
POTSDAM -- A mid-winter break day-camp for ages 4 and up will be offered at Sunrise Stables Feb. 19-23. It will include daily riding lessons, pony care, and games. Choose days you wish to attend To register or for more information, text at 315-261-8087. or email emily.sunrise.stables@gmail.com.

TUESDAY, FEB. 20
Organizational meeting
POTSDAM -- Join the North Country Poor People's Campaign to learn about the important work of taking up Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s call to unite the poor and dispossessed from across the US and the world in a fight for dignity for everyone. The group will hold a general organizational meeting on Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. at Potsdam United Methodist Church, 26 Main St. 7:00 p.m., - 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 20, 2024. Free.

northcountryppc@gmail.com.

Planning board
WINTHROP -- The Stockholm Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 6 p.m. at the municipal building in Winthrop, in the upstairs board meeting room. This meeting is on the request for a special use permit by Kevin and Glowel Jock to put in a campground and convenience store at 3 Jock Lane (off the Benton Road; tax map #65.004-2-34.12). The proposed facility will bring local business, tourism and recreation to the Town of Stockholm. 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.

WEDS., FEB. 21
Art and tea talk
OGDENSBURG -- The Frederic Remington Museum will host a gallery talk and tea on Wednesday, Feb. 21. The talk will be at 2 p.m. and tea at 3 in the museum's parlor. In this first of four planned gallery talks, Museum Curator & Educator Laura Desmond will explore how issues of race and masculinity figure in Remington's work. The tea (\$15 for museum members, \$20 for non-member) is provided courtesy of Anne Skelly, Fran Moore, and friends. Call 315-393-2425 or email info@fredericremington.org to sign up for the tea, or reserve your spot through our online Shop. For more information click <https://fredericremington.org/feb-21-art-highlights-tea.php>.

THURSDAY, FEB. 22
Art classes in Colton
COLTON -- Free adult art class with local illustrator Chris Uribe will be offered at Colton-Hepburn Library. The three one-hour sessions for teens and adults to further develop art skills and drawing techniques will be held Feb. 21 and Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. and Feb. 23 at 10:30 a.m. Sign up on the library Facebook page or

in person at the library.

Free community supper
POTSDAM -- A free community supper will be offered Thursday, Feb. 22 from 5-6:30 p.m. at Trinity Church Potsdam. The menu is chicken and biscuits with vegetable and dessert. Dinners are sponsored by Potsdam Presbyterian Church and Potsdam Trinity Church. Donations are accepted but not expected.

FRIDAY, FEB. 23
Canton Winterfest begins
CANTON -- The annual Canton Winterfest kicks off Friday, Feb. 23, with a variety of activities planned. The event will feature different events downtown and elsewhere around the village until Sunday, March 3. See the story in today's North Country This Week for more. Events planned Friday include: 3-4:20 p.m. Free Community Skating Party with free hot chocolate sponsored by Coakley Home and Hardware, Canton Recreational Pavilion Ice Rink; 4-7 p.m. Wine & Spirits Tasting, Riverside Liquor and Wine, 33 Riverside Dr.; 7 p.m. St. Lawrence University Men's Hockey vs Colgate University at Appleton Arena; 3 p.m. St. Lawrence University Men's Lacrosse vs SUNY Potsdam at Appleton Arena; and St. Lawrence University Men's & Women's Track and Field hosts Liberty League Championships.

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ly committed to education. She is the co-founder and director of the New York Hot Jazz Camp, and has served on the faculty at the Teagarden, Centrum and Geri Allen Jazz Camps, in addition to presenting hundreds of concerts and clinics for students of all ages, both independently and on behalf of Jazz at Lincoln Center, Jazz House Kids and the Louis Armstrong House Museum.
Benny Benack III, part of a family of Pittsburgh jazz notables, follows in the footsteps of his grandfather, the trumpeter and bandleader Ben-

ny Benack Sr. (1921-1986), and his father Benny Benack Jr., a saxophonist and clarinetist who gave young Benny his first professional experience. An Emmy-nominated trumpeter and vocalist, Benack (affectionately known as BB3) was recognized in the 2022 DownBeat Critics Poll as a Rising Star Male Vocalist and a top Rising Star Trumpeter. He has performed internationally as an emcee/host for Postmodern Jukebox, and appeared as a trumpet soloist for Josh Groban, Diplo and fashion icon Isaac Mizrahi, as well as cabaret legends such as Marilyn Maye, Melissa Errico and Ann Hampton Callaway. He has also been a special guest with the Pittsburgh Symphony Pops Orchestra and the Columbus Jazz Orchestra. His TV credits include appearances in the house band of "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert," as well as NBC's "Maya & Marty." He achieved online notoriety for his vocal features with the Grammy-award winning 8-Bit Big Band, as well as his viral hit sensation music video of "Social Call," featuring Veronica Swift. Benack has recorded four well-received albums, "One of a Kind," "A Lot of Livin' to Do," "Season's Swingin' Greetings" and, most recently, "Third Time's the Charm."

To purchase tickets, visit www.cpspotdams.org or contact the Community Performance Series Box Office, located in the Performing Arts Center lobby, by calling (315) 267-2277 or visiting in person, Wednesday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are also available at the door one hour prior to showtime, pending availability.
Free youth ticket vouchers are available for children and teens age 17 and younger, thanks to a generous sponsorship by Stewart's Shops. To reserve a voucher, email mta@potdams.edu. Youth attendees must be accompanied by an adult ticketholder.

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SUNY Potsdam photo

Melanie Heidman '25, an exercise science major, brings some energy between periods while singing crowd favorite, YMCA, with her friends. SUNY Potsdam will mark its 20th Bear Pride Night with free events, giveaways and family-friendly fun, including a community open swim, along with men's and women's basketball and hockey games, on Friday, Feb. 16.

SUNY Potsdam to celebrate 20th annual Bear Pride Night

POTSDAM -- SUNY Potsdam is looking to pack the Maxcy Hall Athletic Complex on Friday, Feb. 16, as the College gears up for its 20th annual Bear Pride Night.

Once again, through the combined efforts of the Offices of Alumni Relations, Student Life and the Bears Division of Athletics, SUNY Potsdam will invite area alumni, fans and students to cheer on the Bears and take part in fun activities and promotions throughout the evening.

"We couldn't be more excited to celebrate the biggest winter sports night for our Potsdam Bears. We decided to add additional events, giveaways and fun activities to make our 20th Bear Pride Night the best one yet. We hope to see lots of alumni, students, families and friends there for a fun evening celebrating our student athletes," said SUNY Potsdam President Dr. Suzanne Smith.

The event schedule includes:

- 3 p.m. Women's Hockey vs. Morrisville (Maxcy Ice Arena)
- 4-6 p.m. Community Open Swim (Maxcy Pool)*
- 5:30 p.m. Women's Basketball vs. Oneonta (Welsh Gymnasium)
- 7 p.m. Men's Hockey vs. Fredonia (Maxcy Ice Arena)
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Oneonta (Welsh Gymnasium)

* Please note that all children age 17 and under must be accompanied by an adult for the open swim.

PACES, Potsdam Subway, Great Northern Printing, AT&T and Sergi's will team up with the Bears in sponsoring what has become one of the premier winter sports evenings in the North Country. As part of the effort, numerous promotions and giveaways will occur throughout the evening, including:

- Free Bear Pride T-shirts
- Coupons for free subs and pizza
- Chuck-A-Puck
- Student Spirit Contest
- \$500 raffle drawing
- Contests to win a smart TV
- Prizes from AT&T

Free admission is available for all fans, including:

• SUNY Potsdam alumni by visiting the Alumni Relations table in the Maxcy Hall lobby. Bear alums can reconnect with friends in the hospitality room during the games as well.

- All area school district students and families.
- All North Country fans and friends.

For information about Bear Pride Night, contact Bill Mitchell at (315) 267-2307 or mitchewj@potsdam.edu.

Cinema 10 kicks off spring series with screening of 'A Thousand and One'

POTSDAM -- Cinema 10 begins its Spring 2024 season on Monday, Feb. 19 with a screening of A Thousand and One, a 2023 US film directed by A.V. Rockwell at 7:15 p.m. at the Roxy in Potsdam.

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Season tickets are sharable.

Follow Cinema 10 on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CinemaTen

Follow Cinema 10 on Instagram at @cinema10potsdam.

The Cinema 10 schedule for the spring also includes:

- 2/26 Origin (2023, United States, d. Ava DuVernay) 135 min PG-13
- 3/4 Sundance Film Festival Short Film Tour (various countries and directors) 90 min
- 3/11 Smoke Sauna Sisterhood / Savvusanna sõsarad (2023, Estonia, d. Anna Hints) 89 min
- 3/18 The Taste of Things / La passion de Dodin Bouffant (2023, France/Belgium, d. Anh Hung Tran) 145 min PG-13
- 3/25 The Disappearance of Shere Hite (2023, United States, d. Nicole Newnham) 118 min R
- 4/8 Ernest and Celestine: A Trip to Gibberitia / Ernest et Célestine: Le voyage en Charabie (2022, France/Luxembourg, d. Julien Chheng, Jean-Christophe Roger) 70 min NR
- 4/15 All of Us Strangers (2023, United Kingdom/United States, d. Andrew Haigh) 105 min R
- 4/22 Dream Scenario (2023, United States, d. Kristoffer Borgli) 102 min R
- 4/29 Bottoms (2023, United States, d. Emma Seligman) 91 min R

SUNY Canton grad returning to exhibit art at Southworth

CANTON -- A graduate of SUNY Canton's Graphic and Multimedia Design program is returning to college to display his artwork.

Thomas G. Contino is a performing musician, artist and writer who hails from Henderson and is currently enrolled in a Graphic Design master's degree program at SUNY Oswego.

His show "Various Paths" is scheduled to open at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15., in the Southworth Library Learning Commons Classroom.

The opening and reception are free and open to the public.

Contino draws inspiration from both rural and urban environments in his colorful paintings.

His work juxtaposes numerous elements on a single canvas, begging viewers' initial engagement and subsequent re-evaluation of

the pieces.

"Growing up in a rural setting, I drew inspiration from landscapes and remnants of old structures, sparking my fascination with the layers of time and meaning in physical spaces," Contino said in his artist's statement for the show.

"Exploring larger cities stirred up my interest in the juxtaposition and layering of architectural styles, connecting them to the layers of the human mind and the intricate overlapping webs of our social structures."

During his time in the college's Graphic and Multimedia Design program, Contino painted a mural in Nevaldine Hall in his unique style, containing numerous visual references to the technology-focused academic programs offered in the building.

New evening book club at Potsdam Public Library

POTSDAM -- The community is invited to join a new evening book club, starting with a meet and greet on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at the Potsdam Public Library.

"Whether you're an avid reader, or just starting your literary journey, this is the perfect opportunity to connect with fellow book enthusiasts. We'll be discussing books

that captivate us and finding schedules that suit everyone.

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Blinko at Colton Winterfest

Maryetta Phelix plays Blinko at the Colton Winterfest Craft and Vendor Fair Feb. 10, with the help of her mother, Erica LaShomb, and brother, Zodiac Murray.

Free fishing weekend statewide on Feb. 17-18

New York State residents will have an opportunity to fish for free, without a license, on Feb. 17-18, June 29-30, Sept. 28 and Nov. 11 this year.

During these days, the fishing license requirement is waived for freshwater fishing on New York's waters, state officials say.

According to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Basil Seggos, free fishing days are spread throughout the year to give anglers the opportunity to enjoy freshwater fishing in various climates.

"It is the perfect time for families and friends to take advantage of the State's plentiful fishing opportunities and learn or re-refresh a recreational hobby without the traditional fees," he said.

In addition to Free Fishing Days, there are also "learn to fish" oppor-

tunities available through DEC-approved free fishing clinics. For a list of what's currently scheduled visit the DEC website.

Free fishing day participants are reminded that although the requirement for a freshwater fishing license is waived during free fishing days all other fishing regulations remain in effect. Outside of free fishing days, anglers over the age of 16 must have a valid fishing license.

"The Free Fishing Days program provides a great opportunity for aspiring anglers to try freshwater fishing for the first time or former anglers to reconnect with one of America's favorite pastimes," Governor Hochul said. "New York is blessed with an abundance of freshwater lakes, ponds, streams and rivers, allowing for memorable fishing experiences that increase tourism and benefit the economy."

Author at children's museum

POTSDAM -- The North Country Children's Museum is hosting a Children's Book Author Series throughout the 2024 calendar year.

In this series, a local children's book author or illustrator will read their story to visitors with time for questions. Following the book reading, museum educators will lead a related, hands-on STEAM activity for participating children.

Jean Williams-Bergen, author of "Hog in a Hatchback" will begin the series on Saturday, Feb. 24 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. After listening to the story of Melvin the Pig, children can create a mask and participate in a role play activity. This program will be held in the Children's Museum's newly renovated classroom.

Other author dates include: Illustrator Ray Whalen on Sunday, April 7, Laura Lavoie on Saturday, June 15, Colleen Farwell on Saturday, Sept. 21, and Justin & Gary VanRipper on Saturday, Nov. 2.

The Author Series is included with the cost of admission and membership thanks to support from the Badenhausen Fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation.

The museum is located at 10 Raymond Street in Potsdam.

For more information, visit the Children's Museum's Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/nccchildrensmuseum>.

Book signing at TAUNY

CANTON -- The TAUNY Center, 53 Main St., will host a meet and greet with author Mark Manske and his owl on Thursday, Feb. 15, from 3-5 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public. Manske will be there for a book signing of his latest release "The Goshawk Gabboon."

Books will be available at the TAUNY Folkstore for purchase.

Manske would catch and raise pigeons from his neighbor's barn as a child. From 1984 through 1986, he studied under Dr. Frances Hamerstrom, the first woman in North America to fly a golden eagle. The author became a falconer in 2003 and, by 2009, became a master falconer.

He has flown several red-tailed hawks, American kestrels, Harris hawks, and a northern goshawk. When a person comments that he has a fascinating hobby, he corrects them and tells them that it is not a hobby but a lifestyle. He has helped secure skunks, squirrels, woodchucks, red fox, red-tailed hawks, American kestrels, great horned owls, barred owls, broad-winged hawks, merlins, bald eagles, and other animals.

Event is designed for middle-aged children in 4th-8th grade. 315-386-4289, info@tauny.org.

Free skating, hockey shoot

POTSDAM -- Free public skating and a hockey shoot will be offered during mid-winter break at Pine St. Arena, sponsored by the Potsdam Elks Lodge.

Public skating will be held 1:45-2:45 p.m. each weekday, from Monday, Feb. 19 - Friday, Feb. 23. Admissions free. Skate rentals are available for \$3.

The Elks Lodge Hockey Shoot will be held Monday, Feb. 19, starting at 3 p.m. It is free and open to any youth age 13 and under. No hockey experience is required.

The top three contestants in each category will receive a prize. Registered shooters receives a T-shirt.



NCNow photo by Cheryl Shumway

Chinese New Year celebrated

Alyssa and Jason Lu, along with parents Xiaown Lu and Xian Li, look at the 12-year Chinese zodiac calendar during the celebration of the Lunar New Year at Potsdam Public Library Feb. 10. A SUNY Potsdam student ensemble performed for a packed audience, and literacy specialist Maria Morrison read children's books.

Submissions needed for art show

MASSENA -- The Massena Artists Association (MAA) will host its open invitation show at the Massena Public Library this spring and is calling for works to be included.

An opening reception is planned for Saturday, March 2 from 11-11:45 a.m.

The show is open to local artists

and students in grades 9-12. Each artist may submit up to 2 pieces of their work; student artists are free of charge to enter and adults will pay a flat fee of \$5.

Artwork can be submitted at the Library Wed. Feb. 14, 6-7:45 p.m.; Fri. Feb. 16, 1-4 p.m.; or Sat. Feb. 17, 10-12:30 p.m.

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WhiteOut Weekend to feature sugar on snow, craft fair, frying pan toss, music

CLIFTON FINE - WhiteOut Weekend events continue in 2024 with fun for the whole family.

In its 10th season, 2024 WhiteOut Weekend will be held Friday, Feb. 16, Saturday, Feb. 17 and Sunday, Feb. 18.

The celebration includes outdoor recreation, music, arts, food and more.

Events are held in the hamlets of Cranberry Lake, Newton Falls, Oswegatchie, Star Lake and Wanakena.

Iconic Whiteout Weekend T-Shirts depicting this year's logo -

the Black-capped Chickadee - will be available for purchase throughout the weekend.

Visit the WhiteOut Weekend website and facebook page for detailed information and printable schedule, www.adkwow.org, and follow Adirondack WhiteOut Weekend on Facebook.

Most events throughout the weekend are free and open to all.

Adirondack WhiteOut Weekend is a subcommittee under Clifton Fine Economic Development Corporation, a 501c3 nonprofit.

The schedule of events includes:

Friday, Feb. 16

6 p.m. - Footbridge Lighting Weekend Kick-off / Wanakena
Footbridge

Dusk - 10 p.m. - Ice Luminaries Woodland Walk - 2nd St & Ranger School Rd. / Wanakena

Dusk - 10 p.m. - Labyrinth Fairy Village - S. Shore Rd. / Wanakena

6 p.m. - 9 p.m. - Open Air Open Mic - Otto's Abode / Wanakena

Dusk - Midnight - Snow Croquet & Campfire - Otto's Abode / Wanakena

Any Time - Winter Photo Contest - online at www.adkwow.org

Saturday, February 17th

8 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - Bigfoot Pancake Challenge - UB's Mercantile and Diner / Oswegatchie

8 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - Sugar on Snow - UB's Mercantile and Diner / Oswegatchie

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - CF Hospital Craft and Vendor Fair - American Legion / Star Lake

10:45 a.m. - Frying Pan Toss - American Legion / Star Lake

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Taco Bar and Hotdogs - American Legion / Star Lake

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Book & Bake and

Rummage Sale - CF Community Center / Star Lake

11 a.m. & Noon - Story Teller Mari Meredith "The Cremation of Sam McGee" - CF Community Center / Star Lake

11:30 - 1 p.m. - Soups and Sandwiches - CF Community Center / Star Lake

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Campfire, Smores & Weenie Roast - Adirondack Exhibit Center / Star Lake

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. - All Things Birding and Refreshments - Adirondack Exhibit Center / Star Lake

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Grab & Go Crafts - Adirondack Exhibit Center / Star Lake

10 a.m. - Noon - Build a Chickadee Birdhouse - Adirondack Exhibit Center / Star Lake

Noon - 3 p.m. - Baked Potato Bar - Adirondack Community Church / Newton Falls

1 p.m. - 2 p.m. - Story Teller Lynn Morgan - Adirondack Community Church / Newton Falls

1 p.m. - 3 p.m. - Grab-and-Go Craft & Free Book Choice - Adirondack Community Church / Newton Falls

Afternoon - Winter Woods Walk Excursion - Adirondack Exhibit Center / Star Lake

1 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Common Thread Quilts Activities, Displays & Refreshments - Western Adirondack Presbyterian Church / Star Lake

1 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Two Towns Story Project - Western Adirondack Presbyterian Church / Star Lake

2 p.m. - 5 p.m. - Wine Tasting - UB's Mercantile and Diner / Oswegatchie

3 p.m. - 5 p.m. - Pickleball on Ice (weather dependant) - Clifton-Fine Arena / Star Lake

5 p.m. - 8 p.m. - Mac'n Cheese, Chili, Hotdogs, Nachos, Desserts - Cranberry Lake Fire Hall / Cranberry Lake

6 p.m. - Contra Dance with live Music - Cranberry Lake Fire Hall / Cranberry Lake

7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. - Knotty Paddy Concert - Cranberry Lake Fire Hall / Cranberry Lake

Any Time - Bird Feeder Observation - South Shore Road / Wanakena

Any Time - Labyrinth Fairy Village - South Shore Road / Wanakena

Any Time - Campfire and Snow Croquet - Otto's Abode / Wanakena

Any Time - Winter Photo Contest - online at www.adkwow.org

Sunday, February 18th

8 - 11 - Winter Birding Walk With Northern Audubon Society - SUNY ESF Ranger School / Wanakena

Any Time - Campfire and Snow Croquet - Otto's Abode / Wanakena

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Sensory Issues in kids talk

MADRID — "Understanding Sensory Issues in Children and Adolescents," will be discussed at the Hepburn Library of Madrid on Tuesday, Feb. 27, from 5-6 p.m.

Presenter Taylor McClear is an occupational therapist with the Children and Adolescent Mental Health Unit at Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center.

This event is open to all, and there is no charge.



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Students help sick classmate

The family of Norwood-Norfolk Central School third grader, Tucker DeRouchie, received \$1,778 from his classmates to help with medical and travel expenses from battling meningitis. Tucker, shown with classmates holding a check replica, spent three weeks in a Syracuse hospital. He was treated for brain swelling and had to learn to walk and talk again before returning to school Feb. 5. Students raised money selling positivity pebbles and through donation jars in the community. 'The school and community were very supportive in our fundraising,' said teacher Michelle Beauchamp.

Edwards-Knox teacher pens children's book

RUSSELL – There's a Gator Under the Banana Tree, a new book by Amber Caroline Lottie, a second grade teacher at Edwards-Knox Central School, has been released by Dorrance Publishing Co., Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

There's a Gator Under the Banana Tree is an entertaining and well told tale that is fun for both kids and adults to read. The story uses poetry and nonfiction to create vivid images for its readers. The author leaves her readers with powerful imagery and a new respect for nature. The book was written by the author

on her first trip to Florida and is a representation of how she felt while exploring the animals and habitats on her adventures there.

Lottie was born in Gouverneur and currently resides in Russell that is located in the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains with her husband and their three children. She also enjoys being outside, exploring nature, and photographing her experiences.

There's a Gator Under the Banana Tree is a 24-page hardbound with a retail price of \$33 (eBook \$28). The ISBN is 979-8-88729-119-2.

Pre-K registration underway

CANTON – Children who reside in the Canton School District and will be 4 years old (pre-kindergarten) and 5 years old (kindergarten) on or before December 1, 2024, are eligible to attend school in the fall. Packets are available online at <https://www.ccsdk12.org/> (link below) or can be picked up at the Banford Office.

Children currently attending Pre-K at Canton Central will automatically be screened and placed in a Kindergarten classroom for fall. You do not need to re-enroll.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kelley Glasgow, School Counselor at 315-386-8561, Ext. 41400 or kglasgow@ccsdk12.org.

HS students sought for leadership program

POTSDAM – The Rotary Club of Potsdam is seeking 15- to 17-year-old high school students from the Potsdam area who are interested in being part of the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA), May 24-26, at RKY Camp on Eagle Lake, one hour north of Kingston, Ontario.

Potsdam Rotary is sponsoring up to three students who will incur no costs of their own to attend the camp, other than their personal transportation.

RYLA is an intensive leadership experience organized by Rotary clubs and districts around the world. It is entirely volunteer-run with many organizers and counselors who are past RYLA delegates themselves.

Student participants will learn valuable leadership and communication skills, conflict resolution, business ethics, and how to plan and manage a project, while learning about Rotary youth programs -- and meet other young people and have fun as well.

Students attend RYLA with the financial support of a local Rotary club that "awards" youths a chance to participate in this once-in-a-lifetime experience. Students are selected by the club based on the demonstration of leadership potential and a desire to be of service to their local and global communities. After RYLA, participants are required to present to their sponsor club based on their experience.

Every precaution will be undertaken to ensure the health and safe-

ty of the young people attending. Rotary will adhere rigorously to public health protocols. In the event that Rotary cannot host RYLA safely in person, it will pivot to online.

Students who wish to apply for RYLA should email Potsdam Rotary at ryla@potsdamrotary.org with their name, contact information, resume and a few paragraphs on why they should be selected to attend. If they have a resume, they may attach that as well. Students can also contact Potsdam Rotary President Duane Pelkey at 315-323-4987 with any questions.

All students attending must have a valid passport. The deadline to apply to Potsdam Rotary is March 29.

See more details at rotary7040.com/page/ryla.

Rotary Club honors Potsdam student

NORWOOD – Bryce Yette, a student at Potsdam Central School, has been selected as the Potsdam Rotary Club Student of the Month for January. Bryce is in the HVAC/R Program at the Seaway Career & Technical Education Center.

He is from the Potsdam Central School District and is the child of

Jerald and Sarah Yette.

HVAC/R covers topics such as basic electrical theory, wiring, troubleshooting skills, use of an electrical meter along with common electrical and mechanical hand tools, fundamental principles of refrigeration, combustion, thermodynamics and trade safety. There is also the opportunity to earn Federal

Environmental Protection Agency Section 608 of the Clean Air Act Certification.

Bryan Mott, his instructor, said "Bryce is a good student. He pays attention and is eager to learn. He is a pleasure to have in class. He actively participates in class and demonstrates consistent work efforts."



Potsdam Central | Courtesy

Students enjoy 'Global Play Day'

Global Play Day (GPD) was held last Wednesday in local schools. The idea of Global Play Day is to let children explore their creativity, problem-solving skills, and social interactions in an unstructured and spontaneous environment. Above students pose together following reading buddies and games with second grade students from Jennifer Saber's class and fourth grade students from Emily McCabe's class.



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According to Downing-Duke, the program employs 20 people and efforts are being made to find them alternative jobs within the company.

The organization issued a press release stating that the decision was made after "careful consideration."

The release states that the closure of the Assisted Living Program will not affect the services provided by the 96 bed Skilled Nursing Facility.

"An announcement of the plan to cease operations as an Assisted Living Program has been made to the residents and resident representatives, and work will begin immediately to assist residents with making arrangements for safe transfer to care providers of their choosing.

"This decision was not made lightly and follows months of deliberation and careful consideration. Critical factors driving the closure include significantly inadequate reimbursement, increasing costs and staffing shortages," the press release said.

"United Helpers Assisted Living Program in Canton, is a New York State certified, Assisted Living Program that provides supportive 24 hour services to 34 Residents. The New York State Department of Health has reviewed and approved a comprehensive closure plan and United Helpers officials have begun the process of notifying all parties who receive services or conduct business with the program/facility."

Residents or their representatives who have questions can contact Tim Parsons, VP of Operations at tjparsons@unitedhelpers.org or

(315) 386-4541.

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Students settled

Students who resided at Van-Housen were allowed back into their dorm rooms Sunday, and a portion of them will be allowed to stay.

For a few however on the third floor who lived in rooms near where the fire started, the college has found alternate accommodations in other residence halls.

"Most of the displaced students were provided with temporary accommodations in Draime Hall and Bowman Hall," said Alexandra Jacobs Wilke, SUNY Potsdam director of public relations.

"All those living on the third floor are being provided with alternate accommodations — some in those same spaces in Draime, and others in long-term spaces we had available elsewhere."

Wilke said an estimate on damages has yet to be determined.

In total 62 students were impacted by the fire, but all having been provided with living spaces.

Jacobs Wilke said the damage was isolated to a very small portion of the building due to fire doors working as intended.

"We wish to thank all of the law enforcement agencies and first responders who have worked so hard on this investigation and response, including SUNY Potsdam and SUNY Canton University Police, the Potsdam Fire Department, the St. Lawrence County Office of Emergency Services, the St. Lawrence County District Attorney's Office, New York State Police, the Potsdam Police Department and the State Office of Fire Prevention and Control. Our

thanks also goes to fire departments from Canton, Hannawa Falls, West Stockholm and Parishville who provided mutual aid responses to help stop the blaze," a statement from the college said.

The College Counseling Center remains available to support students who have been under stress due to this incident.

"The whole land table will be changed. It gives me a clean slate and that's what I'm wanting," said acting Town Assessor Danielle Mitchell. Mitchell, who is relatively new to the position, is expected to soon be certified as the full time assessor for the town.

"This is the way it is. We inherited the issue and we are moving forward with it," Miller said. "We hired a good firm."

Mitchell agreed and said that GAR, a real estate appraisal and analysis firm, has about 60 years experience conducting town-wide revaluations.

The firm was recently hired by the city of Ogdensburg in 2023 to conduct a citywide reassessment of properties. The city's revaluation caused something of an uproar at first with a few residents voicing complaints of tripled assessments and increases of more than \$100,000 in assessed values of their properties. The controversy ultimately led to the city assessor resigning amongst the kerfuffle.

"Unfortunately, all you ever hear about is the negative," Miller said. "The firm ultimately made themselves available for residents to contest their new letters of assessment, and then city residents still have the regular grievance process with the city assessor's office, Miller said.

The revaluation in Ogdensburg initially increased the city's total

overall assessed value by more than \$80 million, although that presumably has been reduced somewhat by approved grievances following the revaluation. The town of Potsdam, which is a larger community, could see a jump as well from its current total assessed value of \$1,096,295,165, even with the \$479,870,500 in totally tax exempt properties that exist in the town.

ASSESSMENT...

The process

In Potsdam, GAR will be offering information meetings, as well as podcasts explaining the revaluation process to local residents, Miller and Mitchell said. Property owners will be kept in the loop during the revaluation process and updated on the progress of the project. GAR will also maintain phone lines to provide information and support. In addition, GAR and the town will have information on their websites, including instructional videos regarding the process.

"We demand transparency on this," said the supervisor. "We want people to be educated on this."

The firm will be on hand with a team of assessment experts for several months during the revaluation. Local law enforcement will be notified ahead of time of who the GAR assessors are and what they will be doing.

The town assessor's office will be working closely with the firm during the revaluation.

A large portion of the work will be done this coming summer, according to the project calendar. Property owners will be notified of the new assessments in March 2025. "And they (GAR) will build my database," Mitchell said.

EQ rate

Another goal with the revaluation is to bring the Town of Potsdam from 74 percent tax equalization to 100 percent, said Mitchell.

An equalization rate is the state's measure of a municipality's level of assessment, and is a ratio of total assessed value to total market value, with the municipality determining assessed value and the state determining market value.

A 100 percent EQ rate means the town's assessed value matches its market value. Potsdam's current 74 percent EQ rate means that a house assessed at \$100,000 is

estimated to be \$135,135 on the market.

The state uses EQ rates to fairly portion taxes among various jurisdictions like town, village, county and school and to fairly distribute state school aid, among other things. Up-to-date, town-wide assessments like the one planned in Potsdam allow the municipality to regularly adjust assessed values more closely in line with market values and keeps the state-level tax and aid allocations at a more consistent and fair level. With the current assessment levels still set at the out-of-date 2013 and the EQ rate at 74 percent, the town and school district presumably are not getting up-to-date state tax allocations or school aid.

Property owner concerns

The town is already fielding some concerns from property owners regarding the revaluation.

Town Assessor Clerk Tina Miller described one 35-minute call with a property owner who was worried about the reassessment.

"I explained the process, and pointed out that even if the assessment goes up, it doesn't necessarily mean your taxes go up," she said.

Miller said that the firm would be looking at a variety of things to determine each reassessment, including overall neighborhood levels, property types, market sale and other qualities.

"They're experts," she said.

"Not everyone is going to be happy unfortunately, but it's a necessary evil," Marty Miller, the town supervisor said. "And unfortunately it's been put on us."

Marty Miller pointed out that the town is still obligated to follow the 2 percent state tax limit, and even if the overall town-wide valuation increases, the town itself would not be profiting from the increase. Miller also pointed out that at the end of the day, the assessor's office doesn't raise taxes. The town board ultimately has that decision.

"And, it's not like we are going to be raking in all this cash," he said.

The supervisor said that in addition to following the two percent tax cap, he also plans to reduce the town budget down over the next few years during his term.

"I want people to be aware of the transparency of the process," Marty Miller said. "This is only going to help us once this (EQ) rate gets at 100 percent."



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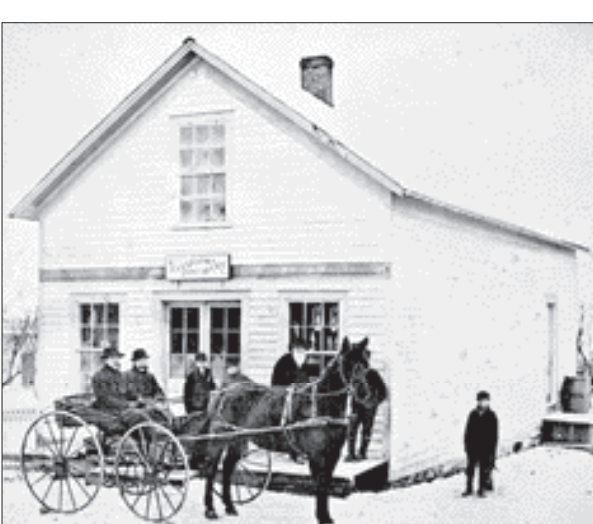
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SLC veteran family gets help with needed roof repair

POTSDAM — Americans Supporting Armed Services a 501(c)3 recently aided a St. Lawrence County veteran family with a much needed roof repair.

ASAS organization representatives said they couldn't have taken this task on alone and credits others for helping them in making it

possible. Seaway HoneyHoles Cornhole Tournament representatives held a tournament raising money for the cause as well as Amvets Post 265 and 282 Potsdam and Parishville.

"It was the collaboration of everyone that came together with Merrimams Lumber in Norwood to help bring this project to a completion," said Tamie Sauve of ASAS. "Americans Supporting Armed Services is always grateful for the support of the surrounding communities to help aid our veterans."

RIVERSIDE CEMETERY OF NORWOOD

Annual Meeting will be on Saturday 3/9/24 at the Norwood Municipal Building at 11:00 a.m.

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Final push made for Canton CARES Small Business Grant Program

BY PAUL MITCHELL
North Country This Week

CANTON – Small business owners looking for funding to offset pandemic-related shortfalls have until March 5 to submit the proper paperwork with the Office of Economic Development.

Director of Economic Development Leigh Rodriguez reported Tuesday that a limited amount of

funding is still available through the Canton CARES Small Business Grant Program (CCSBGP).

“The Village of Canton wishes to notify local businesses that a limited amount of funding is still available. Applications will continue to be accepted on a rolling basis until funds are expended,” stated Rodriguez who serves as program manager

The CCSBGP has been estab-

lished to provide grants to microenterprises and small businesses with less than 25 employees in the Village that have been impacted by the pandemic. All types of microenterprises and small businesses within the Village of Canton are eligible for consideration, with the exception of not-for-profits. Businesses must commit to demonstrating job retention or creation with at least 51% of jobs taken by or made available

to low-moderate income persons. A microenterprise owner can also qualify by meeting the definition of a low-moderate income person.

“All applicants must demonstrate how the proposed use of funds will enable the business to prepare for, prevent, or respond to impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic,” Rodriguez said.

Prospective applicants should contact the Office of Economic

Development (OED) for application information. The OED will screen applicants for program eligibility, and provide materials to those interested.

For more information, contact Rodriguez at (315) 386-2871 #5, or lrodriguez@cantonnny.gov for more information.

Applications must be submitted no later than Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 4 p.m.

Potsdam Food Co-op appoints acting general manager

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM -- The Potsdam Food Co-op board has appointed an acting general manager to take over from the former manager who died last month.

Jessie LaRose was appointed to the post, effective Monday, Feb. 5. LaRose will take over the spot after former general manager Mark Regni passed away in late January from cancer.

Regni was appointed just last fall to the post. He learned in December

that he had metastatic cancer in his spine, a message from the board said, announcing his passing a month later.

LaRose brings some experience to the table, having served as interim general manager from March-September 2023 prior to Regni's appointment.

“In cooperation with the Board of Directors, I (Jessie LaRose) have accepted the position of Acting General Manager,” LaRose states in a message to the co-op membership from the board.

“I look forward to serving the

Co-op in this capacity and I ask for your continued support and patronage. The Co-op has come a long way thanks to the hard work of many, but we still have a lot of work ahead of us. I have always believed in the Co-op's mission and values and I am committed to being the best leader I can be, to both the Owners and Staff,” LaRose said.

LaRose will help see the store through a major expansion at its Elm Street location, funded by \$1.659 million in state Downtown Revitalization Initiative funding.

Bender to succeed Richey as CEO at CP Association and Community Health Center of the North Country

CANTON – There will be a change in leadership at CP Association and Community Health Center of the North Country.

Anne Richey, Chief Executive Officer, has announced her retirement after nearly 39 years of employment with the organization.

“It has been my extreme honor and privilege to be part of an organization that strives to ensure every member of our North Country community has access to quality support and services needed to achieve their highest level of wellness and independence,” said Richey. “I am grateful for the support of our Board of Directors and our talented and dedicated team.”

David Bender, a long-time executive at St. Lawrence Health, has been named Richey's successor following a national search.

“I am honored to be named Chief Executive Officer for the Cerebral Palsy Association and Community Health Center of the North Country, and will do my best to build upon the great work Ms. Richey and her team have realized over her tenure with the organization,” stated Bender.

Bender, a resident of Massena, holds a Bachelor's degree from Bethel College and Master of Science in Public Health, Health Services Management from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Board President Jondavid DeLong applauded the work done by Richey while welcoming Bender to the leadership role.

“On behalf of the Board of Directors, we want to thank Anne for her years of dedicated leadership that have helped us serve the varied needs of the North Country

community,” said DeLong. “She will be missed, but we wish her a happy and well-deserved retirement.”

“We are fortunate David Bender will apply his extensive management experience and knowledge of health care in the North Country as our next CEO,” he added.

The organization, established in 1975, is an independent provider of healthcare and human services for people of all income levels across the North Country. They have locations in Canton, Gouverneur, Malone, Ogdensburg, and Watertown. Services include primary care, dental, behavioral health, optometry, physical therapy, care management, outreach and enrollment, WIC, and many programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Warner joins NCSB Board of Trustees

CANTON – The North Country Savings Bank Board of Trustees has a new member..

David B. Warner was appointed, effective Jan. 23. The announcement was made by President and Chief Executive Officer R. Brian Coakley.

Warner, R.P.H., currently serves as the President & CEO of KPH Healthcare Services, the parent company of ProACT, Kinney Drugs, HealthDirect, and Noble Health Services. Prior to this, Mr. Warner served as Executive Vice President of Commercial Divisions of KPH Healthcare Services, Inc.

From 2008 through 2017, he served as President of ProAct, overseeing sales, marketing, and operations of the pharmacy benefit management, a division of KPH Healthcare Services, Inc. From 1994 to 2008 Mr. Warner held various positions in Kinney Drugs including management, compliance, and corporate development.

“Mr. Warner's extensive experience, leadership, and passion for the North Country will undoubtedly bring valuable perspectives to our Board and the Bank's future,” said Coakley. “Leading an employee-owned company,

he shares many of the same core values of a mutually owned community bank, embracing a strong desire to remain independent and focused on the needs of our communities, customers, and employees. We couldn't be more excited to have Dave join our team.”

As a matter of practice, the Board of Trustees regularly evaluates the composition of the board and considers how they can maintain the appropriate mix of skills, qualifications, and diversity of backgrounds to oversee the business and long-term strategy of the Bank. Following this change, North Country Savings Bank's Board of Trustees will be composed of 11 trustees, nine of whom are independent.

“The addition of Mr. Warner demonstrates our commitment to expand our breadth of experience while remaining consistent in electing individuals that reflect our core values,” said Jeanine McLellan, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY SHERIFF'S CIVIL OFFICE 379-2221 Notice of Real Property Sale State of New York Date: 02/06/2024

County of St. Lawrence Sheriff's Docket Number: 24000098
Chrysklodon LLC, Judgment Creditor,
-against-
Markus Schneider, Arastra AG, Petawatt Holdings, Inc.
and Swiss Picturebank (Group) AG, Judgment Debtor,

By virtue of an execution against property issued out of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, to me directed and delivered, against the goods, chattels, lands and tenements of Petawatt Holdings Inc., said judgment having been entered on September 27 th , 2023 and recorded by the St. Lawrence County Clerk's Office on October 27 th , 2023; I have seized and taken all the right, title and interest of the said judgment debtor in and to the following described to wit, real property commonly known as 417 County Route 42, Massena, NY 13662, further described as:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND

Parcel 1:

Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of St. Lawrence County Route 42 (also known as North Grasse River Road and Massena Center Road) with the centerline of Horton Road;

thence North 33 degrees 35 minutes 46 seconds West along the centerline of Horton Road a distance of 1781.80 feet to the point of intersection of the centerline of Horton Road with the southerly bounds of the Long Sault, Inc. power, line easement;

thence North 63 degrees 50 minutes 59 seconds East along the southerly bounds of said Long Sault, Inc. power line easement, said southerly bounds running parallel to and 125.0 feet distant from the center of power transmission line Hydro #3, a distance of 1637.05 feet to an iron pin set at the northwesterly corner of a parcel of land as conveyed to Robert and Thelma Willer by deed as recorded in Liber 1113 at page 126, said course also passing through an iron pin set at a distance of 24.95 feet from the centerline of Horton Road;

thence South 34 degrees 04 minutes 19 seconds East along the westerly bounds of said Willer parcel a distance of 1921.58 feet to a point in the centerline of County Route 42, said course passing through an iron pin set at a distance of 33.92 feet from the centerline;

thence South 69 degrees 35 minutes 14 seconds West along the centerline of County Route 42 a distance of 393.32 feet to a point in said centerline;

thence with a curve in said centerline concave to the south, said curve having an arc length of 616.05 feet, a radius of 19212.06 feet, and a chord bearing South 68 degrees 40 minutes 07 seconds West, a distance of 616.02 feet to a point in the centerline;

thence South 67 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds West along the centerline of County Route 42 a distance of 667.34 feet to the point of Beginning;

to contain an area of 69.049 acres of land more or less, as surveyed by Stephen L. Chatelle, Land Surveyor No. 050094 of Wilhelm, Chatelle and Town Surveyors;

Subject to and together with any easements, exceptions, conditions, covenants and claims and rights of record.

Section: 10.001, Block: 1, Lot: 31.12
Parcel 2:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the centerline of County Route 42 with the centerline of Horton Road;

thence South 67 degrees 43 minutes 19 seconds West along the centerline of County Route 42 a distance of 1832.67 feet to a point;

thence North 31 degrees 57 minutes 37 seconds West through-ALCOA parcel No. 162 a distance of 1649.73 feet to an iron pin set in the southerly bounds of the Cedar Rapids Transmission Line easement,

said course passing through an iron pin set at a distance of 33.08 feet from the centerline of County Route 42;

thence North 63 degrees 47 minutes 33 seconds East along the southerly bounds of the Cedar Rapids Transmission. Line easement a distance of 1764.59 feet to a point in the centerline of Horton Road, said course passing through an iron pin set at a distance 25.83 feet from said centerline;

thence South 33 degrees 35 minutes 46 seconds East along the centerline of Horton Road a distance of 1781.80 feet to a point the point of Beginning.

to contain an area of 70.00 acres of land more or less, as surveyed by Stephen L. Chatelle, Land Surveyor No. 050094 of Wilhelm, Chatelle and Town Surveyors;

Subject to and together with any easements, exceptions, conditions, covenants and claims and rights of record.

Section: 10.001, Block: 1, Lot: 7.21

I am selling the above, subject to any liens, chattels, mortgages, conditional sales, or any other encumbrances.

Date of Sale: April 16th, 2024

Time of Sale: 10:00 AM

To avoid any inconvenience, in case of cancellation of sale, please call the Sheriff's Civil Office to verify the date and time.

Location of Sale: St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility (Lobby)
17 Commerce Lane,
Canton, NY 13617

Terms of Sale: A payment of 20% of the successful bid is due at conclusion of bidding: Payment will be by cash, money order or certified check only. The balance of the bid is to be paid by the close of business 3 working days after the sales conclusion. The 20% down-payment may be forfeited if the balance is not paid by due date. Sale is subject to final approval of the Sheriff. All questions concerning this property and/or encumbrances upon it are the responsibility of the bidder to research prior to bidding. Please consult an attorney regarding these issues.

I direct this notice to be published on February 16th , 2024, March 1st, 2024, March 15th, 2024, & March 29th , 2024

Attorney for the Creditor: Bernard D' Orazio & Associates, P.C.

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Anchorspace Potsdam opens freshly renovated co-working space

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.

"We found ourselves in a bit of a holding pattern the last couple years," says Nicole Ouellette, the owner of Anchorspace Potsdam.

"Our co-working space had seven desks and six members, so we couldn't really expand. Due to this, we stopped actively marketing. About a year ago, when our landlord informed us that the lease at our Market Street space wouldn't be renewed, we had to decide whether to stay stagnant or go all in."

Ouellette emailed Brooks Washburn, who had purchased Market Square Mall.

"I heard he was making some great renovations over there and building a business community. When I mentioned we would love to be a part of it, he said we would be a welcome addition. So we started working towards making it happen."

A grant from the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI), administered by the Village of Potsdam, enabled Anchorspace

Potsdam to take a risk and move to a larger location.

During the renovation, private offices and a larger conference room were added.

"We have received requests in the past for private offices and slightly larger conference room, so we incorporated those changes into the renovation," says Ouellette.

Washburn's firm planned the space, but delays in funding and construction forced Anchorspace Potsdam to move out of their old location before the new one was ready.

Over the last five months, the space underwent a transformation and now functions as a spacious co-working space. It is equipped with an eleven desk main co-working room, three small private offices, a phone booth designed for private calls and meetings, a fully-furnished conference room, a kitchenette, and a full bathroom.

The public is invited to take a tour of the space and celebrate with Anchorspace Potsdam's members and friends at the Feb. 6 open house.

Find more information about this event and other upcoming events at <https://www.anchorspacepotsdam.com>.

Anchorspace Potsdam now features a larger capacity and more flexibility to what people can use the space for. So far they've hosted meetings, live streams, photo shoots, and reiki sessions in their new location.

They also have monthly classes on special topics like winter hiking, 3D printing, and social media video creation starting in February. If you have a class you have wanted to teach or a topic you want to learn, reach out and let them know.

"I can't wait to see how the community will use our space and how we can support them doing so."

To learn more about Anchorspace email info@anchorspace.com, or call 207-613-5344.



Nicole Ouellette | Submitted

Anchorspace Potsdam's Nicole Ouellette, Ben Lee, and Jessica Heck in Anchorspace Potsdam's main co-working room.

Get prepared for Total Eclipse

CANTON -- With the 2024 Great North American Total Eclipse just under two months away, the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce encourages businesses and communities to prepare for a potential influx of visitors to the county by participating in planning and preparedness efforts within local communities.

"We can't predict how many visitors will come to our area, but we can and should be prepared to put our best foot forward in the event that we do have an influx of tourists who might be coming here for the first time," explains Tiffani Amo, Interim Director of Tourism for the STLC Chamber.

The Total Solar Eclipse will occur on April 8th, 2024 with Totality (the total blackout) occurring around 3:30pm depending on where spectators are within the county. The next time St. Lawrence County will fall directly under the path of a total solar eclipse similar in nature to this coming April's eclipse will not occur again until 2399.

Amo notes that with two international bridges and an abundance of open-skies and rural landscapes,

St. Lawrence County communities could be attractive options for our nearby Canadian neighbors and surrounding communities who are not within the narrow path of the total eclipse experience.

The Chamber is encouraging local restaurants, retail establishments, and entertainment venues to open their doors for the special occasion, which occurs on a Monday afternoon at an otherwise quiet time within most communities.

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PARISHVILLE PUBLIC NOTICE
 Parishville Amvet Post 265
 Purchase of the Parishville Fire Hall.
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 There will be a vote on March 4, 2024 at 7pm to decide whether to purchase the Parishville Fire Hall.
 Date: March 4, 2024
 Time: 7pm
 Location: Amvets Post 265
 5 Catherine Street
 Parishville, NY 13672
 Milton Degraw

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.

NORWOOD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 The Village of Norwood will be holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday February 20, at 5:30pm to discuss the possible land purchase to expand the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

POTSDAM NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Potsdam Birth House LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/02/2023. 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 Sunday W. Smith: 121 Market Street, Potsdam NY 13676. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

OSWEGATCHIE PUBLIC NOTICE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
 that the Town Board of the Town of Oswegatchie is considering the following resolution: the Town Board of the Town of Oswegatchie proposes to dissolve the existing fire protection district(s) as required for the formation of the Heuvelton Volunteer Joint Fire District into all of the territory of the former existing fire protection district(s). The proposed dissolution shall become effective upon the effective date of the formation of the Heuvelton Volunteer Joint Fire District. The Town Board may meet immediately following the public hearing to vote on the proposal.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD on the 15th day of April, 2024, at the Town Hall located at 51 State Street, Heuvelton, New York 13654, which shall commence at 6:00 pm to consider the resolution. A copy of the proposed plan is available for viewing at the Town Hall, located at 51 State Street, Heuvelton, New York 13654.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID
 Sealed bids will be received at the St. Lawrence County Purchasing Office, where they will be opened and read aloud for;
 (2024-02) Shoulder Backup Material - Item 203.24010017 for St. Lawrence County Department of Highways
 Bid Opening Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 @ 2:00 PM
 Detailed specifications may be obtained at the St. Lawrence County Purchasing Office, 48 Court Street, Canton, New York 13617-1169.
 We strongly encourage all vendors to submit bids as soon as possible. Bidders will be fully responsible for the delivery of their bids a timely matter. Reliance upon the US Postal Service or other carriers is at the bidder's risk. Late bids will not be considered. It is our intent to offer this public bid opening in Zoom format as well as in-person. Please visit our website 15 minutes before the opening at: www.Stlawco.gov - visit the Purchasing Office page for the link.
 All bids must be accompanied by a non-collusion statement. St. Lawrence County reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Please mark bid envelope with the appropriate BID ITEM AND NUMBER and mail to:
 St. Lawrence County Purchasing Office
 48 Court St.
 Canton, NY 13617-1169
 February 9, 2024

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.

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.

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.

NORFOLK NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Four Acre Flowers. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/02/2024. 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 Rachel Lucid: 385 County Route 38 Norfolk, NY 13667. Purpose: Any lawful 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

TOWN OF MADRID NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 Notice is hereby given that the Town of Madrid Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing as required by the Town of Madrid Zoning Code. The hearing will be held to hear all interested parties and make a determination regarding the following Use Variance request: 1978 State Highway 345, for the purpose of constructing a 2 MW solar farm. This hearing will be held at the Town of Madrid office, 3529 CR 14, at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 20, 2024. Dated February 9, 2024.
 Brian P. Paige, Chairman, Town of Madrid Zoning Board of Appeals

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 The Village of Potsdam will accept sealed bids for supplying the Village of Potsdam Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants with performing Annual Laboratory Testing Requirements on an annual contract basis for the period from June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025. The Village of Potsdam reserves the right to waive informalities and to reject any and all bids, or any part of any or all bids. The bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope with the name of the bidder plainly marked and labeled "Village of Potsdam, Annual Contract for Performing Laboratory Testing Requirements", on the outside of the envelope. No bidder may withdraw their bid within forty-five (45) days of the bid opening. Bids will be received at the Village of Potsdam, Village Clerk, PO Box 5168, Civic Center, 2 Park Street, Potsdam, NY, 13676 until 3:00 P.M., on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at which time they shall be publicly opened and read aloud. A copy of the specifications may be obtained from the Village of Potsdam Clerk at the address above, by email at gscott@vi.potsdam.ny.us or (315) 265-7480 Ext. 1. The supplier of the laboratory testing requirements must be a New York State certified laboratory.
 Georgine Scott, Village Clerk

MASSENA ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID
 NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN IN compliance with Sections 103 and 103d of the General Municipal Law, sealed bids are invited for a wire pulling trailer with 3,000 pound pulling capacity. Detailed specifications may be obtained from the Massena Electric Department, 71 E. Hatfield St., Massena, NY, 13362 or requested by phone (315) 764-0253 during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.
 A fully executed non-collusive bidding certificate must accompany all bids.
 SEALED BIDS will be received on or before 3:00 p.m. on February 20, 2024, at the following address:
 MASSENA ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT
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ENVELOPES SHALL BE MARKED - "BID - Wire Pulling Trailer"
 Bids will be publicly opened at 3:00 p.m. on February 20, 2024 at the above address.
 The Massena Electric Department reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids.

NORTH COUNTRY THIS WEEK

CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Legal Notice
 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Canton Village Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 7:00pm, to receive public comment on an application for two area variances related to the development of a brewpub at 41 West Main Street, Canton, NY 13617.

The applicant is looking to complete paving for parking and placement of the brewpub, and was referred to the Village of Canton Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) by the Village of Canton Planning Board for non-conformance with Village of Canton Code Section 325, Zoning Law Schedule B: Lot Dimensional Standards. In the general mixed use (GMU) zoning district, a maximum of 35% impervious surface coverage is permitted; this request is to allow an impervious surface of 70%.

The applicant was also referred to the Village of Canton Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) by the Village of Canton Planning Board to request an area variance to exceed minimum setback requirements due to non-conformance with Village of Canton Code Section 325, Zoning Law Schedule B: Lot Dimensional Standards. In the general mixed use (GMU) zoning setback of 50 feet is required; this request is to allow a setback of 47 feet, 6 inches.

The meeting will be convened in the boardroom of the Municipal Building at 60 Main Street, Canton, NY, where the public may attend. A Zoom virtual meeting option will also be made available. The public is invited to comment during the public hearing, and to view or listen to the meeting in person or via Zoom. Zoom connection information is available on the municipal website at www.cantonny.gov.

Public comments may also be submitted via email addressed to chairperson Conrad Stuntz, at villagezba@cantonny.gov or by regular mail addressed to the Canton Village ZBA, 60 Main Street, Canton, NY 13617, to be received by 4:00pm on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, and will be made part of the record of the public hearing and meeting.

Date: February 12, 2024
 Conrad Stuntz
 Village Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson

HEUVELTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT FIRE DISTRICT WHEREAS, THE TOWN BOARDS OF THE TOWNS OF OSWEGATCHIE AND DEPEYSTER AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HEUVELTON HAVING DULY CONVENED THIS DATE IN JOINT SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF JOINTLY CONSIDERING THE FORMATION OF A JOINT FIRE DISTRICT, THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES FOR WHICH IS TO CONSOLIDATE THE FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICES WITHIN THE AREA OF THE JOINT FIRE DISTRICT, WHICH IS TO BE CALLED THE HEUVELTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DISTRICT, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 189-a OF THE TOWN LAW AND SECTION 22-2210 OF THE VILLAGE LAW; AND WHEREAS, SUCH JOINT FIRE DISTRICT WOULD INCLUDE ALL PARCELS OF LAND WITHIN THE INCORPORATED LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF HEUVELTON AND ALL PARCELS OF LAND IN THE TOWNS OF OSWEGATCHIE AND DEPEYSTER; WHEREAS, THE MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF EACH OF SAID TWO TOWN BOARDS (SEPARATELY) AND THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES DEEM IT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO HOLD A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING ON THE QUESTION OF THE FORMATION OF SAID JOINT FIRE DISTRICT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARDS OF THE TOWNS OF OSWEGATCHIE AND DEPEYSTER AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HEUVELTON WILL HOLD A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 27TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024, AT 6 P.M. AT 95 STATE STREET, HEUVELTON, NY 13654 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED FORMATION OF A JOINT FIRE DISTRICT TO INCLUDE ALL PARCELS OF LAND WITHIN THE INCORPORATED LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF HEUVELTON AND ALL PARCELS OF LAND IN TOWNS OF OSWEGATCHIE AND DEPEYSTER; WITH ALL SUCH TERRITORY BEING CONTIGUOUS, AND TO HEAR ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DISTRICT, WITH BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT A JOINT PUBLIC MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARDS OF THE TOWNS OF OSWEGATCHIE AND DEPEYSTER AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HEUVELTON SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE SAME LOCATION AS THE JOINT PUBLIC HEARING, AND SHALL COMMENCE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE JOINT PUBLIC HEARING, BUT NO SOONER THAN FIFTEEN MINUTES AFTER THE SCHEDULED COMMENCEMENT TIME OF THE PUBLIC HEARING, AT WHICH TIME THE BOARDS MAY RESOLVE TO ESTABLISH THE JOINT FIRE DISTRICT AS WRITTEN OR AS AMENDED THEREAT, SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM.

BY ORDER OF THE VILLAGE OF HEUVELTON AND THE TOWNS OF OSWEGATCHIE AND DEPEYSTER.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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

OGDENSBURG LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 6:00 PM at City Council Chambers, 330 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669, regarding a Local Law to amend Chapter 215-410 of the Ogdensburg Municipal Code entitled Miscellaneous charges.
 Dated: February 13, 2024
 Cathy A. Jock
 City 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 A. Vollmer: 8242 US Highway 11, Potsdam, NY 13676. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

BRASHER ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Sealed bids will be received at this office, no later than March 13th @ 3 PM, where they will be opened and read aloud at 4 PM for the following items for Town of Brasher sewer project. (2024) Bid #1 -Grinder pump installation and Exhaust Fan installation replacement: Brasher Sewer District located 164 Dullea Rd Brasher Falls, NY 13613
 Bid Opening Date: Wednesday March 13th, @ 4:00 PM @ Town Hall 11 Factory Street Brasher Falls, NY 13613
 Detailed specifications may be obtained at the Town of Brasher Town Hall, 11 Factory Street Brasher, New York 13613.
 We strongly encourage all vendors to submit proposals as soon as possible. Bidders will be fully responsible for the delivery of their bids in a timely matter. Reliance upon the US Postal Service or other carriers is at the bidder's risk. Late bids will not be considered. The Town's public proposal opening will be in-person. All bids must be accompanied by a non-collusion statement. Town of Brasher reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Please mark bid envelope with the appropriate BID#1 ITEM AND NUMBER and mail to: Bethany St. Hilaire Brasher Town Clerk PO Box 358 11 Factory Street Brasher Falls, NY 13613
 DATED: 2/8/ 2024, By order of the Brasher Town Board

MASSENA ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM (AMI)

The Town of Massena Electric Department (MED) in Massena, New York, will receive bids until 4:00 PM local time on February 27, 2024, for an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system that includes hardware, software, professional services; and electric meter exchanges.

The main proposal document may be examined at the offices of the Massena Electric Department, 71 East Hatfield St, Massena New York, 13662 and may be obtained electronically from the Town's Consultant by contacting Cynthia Studner:

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 608-268-3510

Or via email: MassenaAMIRFP@powersystem.org

The RFP documents provide instructions to respondents for submitting responses and establish the terms and conditions under which MED will contract for such services. Proposals must be made on the basis of cash payment for the property. All proposals must be accompanied by a completed intent to respond form and other requested documents as indicated in the RFP instructions.

All proposals must be received no later than

February 27, 2024 at 4:00 PM, EST per the terms in the RFP instructions, and marked "Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) System for Electric Metering".

The Town of Massena Electric Department specifically reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any irregularities or informalities or to accept any bid which they deem to be in the best interest of the MED and the Town of Massena, New York.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Pursuant to Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, State of New York. **Sealed bids will be received at the St. Lawrence County Purchasing Office, 48 Court Street, Canton, New York 13617 until 2:00 p.m., February 29th, 2024** at which time and place they will be opened and read aloud in the Board Room for the purchase of materials to be used by the St. Lawrence County Highway Department for the next twelve months. Detailed specifications and requirements may be secured at the St. Lawrence County Purchasing Department for the following items:

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CANTON – SUNY Canton will begin a new support program that seeks to break down barriers to student success and assist with timely degree completion. A cohort of online and on-campus students have been selected

for the spring pilot phase of the Advancing Completion through Engagement (ACE) Program, with the goal of serving 150 learners in fall 2024. ACE provides personalized advising, targeted engagement activities, and financial support for

tuition gaps, books and other academic expenses. “ACE is another tool in advancing our mission as a college of access by providing academic, personal and financial support to increase students’ sense of belonging and

remove economic barriers to degree completion,” said SUNY Canton Provost Peggy A. De Cooke. Participants are required to be a New York State resident, a full-time student and Pell Grant-eligible, among other criteria.

The college will allocate approximately \$780,000 to the program over a three-year period. For more information about ACE, contact SUNY Canton ACE Director Kelsey Guerard at ace@canton.edu or by phone at (315) 386-7961.

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 Salary Range: \$56,623 - \$64,693**

The Sunmount Developmental Disabilities State Operations Office (DDSOO) is seeking DSAs and DDSCTAs.
Minimum Qualifications: A High School Diploma or GED and a valid Driver's License.

As a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)


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

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

For more information:

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

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RN CASE MANAGERS

Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley is currently seeking **full-time RN Case Managers** who are independent and patient- focused to provide skilled nursing care in patient's homes and facilities, and part time and per diem RNs for admissions, home visits and vacation coverage. If you are looking for flexibility and a positive, team-centered work environment, Hospice may be for you!

Candidates must have a current New York State RN License, 1-2 years in an acute care setting and a valid New York State Driver's license.

Salary range is \$35.50/hr – 37.50/hr with generous on-call pay, travel reimbursement and paid time off. Contact Tammy Hayes, DPS, with questions or to get an application, 315-265-3105 or thayes@hospiceslv.org.



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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)
Office of Human Resources:
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- Call Center or customer service and banking experience preferred.
- Two (2) year degree in Business or Finance with emphasis on communications or equivalent related experience, preferred.
- Proficient PC Skills including typing.
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- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Proficient in letter-writing using business letter skills.

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

Compensation: Minimum of \$18.25

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

An Equal Opportunity Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, or protected veteran status and will not be discriminated against on the basis of disability.



SOCIAL WORKER

Hospice has an immediate opening for **full time or part time Social Workers** to collaborate with the interdisciplinary team to provide support to patients and families at end of life in the home and in facilities.

Responsibilities: assisting with access to community resources, End of Life counseling for both patient and family, and developing and updating care plans based on individual need. The successful candidate will demonstrate flexibility, knowledge of community resources, the ability to work with a team, strong time management skills and health care experience. Candidates must possess either a Bachelor of Social Work or a master's degree in social work with a NYS licensure. Driver's license and vehicle required.

Salary Range is \$24-\$28/hr plus competitive benefits. Send resume to Mary Jones, Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley, PO Box 510, Potsdam NY. 13676 or mjones@hospiceslv.org. Application deadline is February 16, 2024. EOE.

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POTSDAM CENTRAL SCHOOL VACANCIES
FOR 2024 SCHOOL YEAR

- **Custodial Worker/Bus Driver**
Must have a valid NYS CDL w/P & S Endorsements (Training is avail. for bus driver portion)
- **School Nurse – RN**
- **Teacher Aide – (Temp. Ending June 2024)**

Application deadline: **February 16, 2024**

An application link and additional information is available on the PCS webpage.

For questions, contact:
Ms. Davida M. Martin, Office of the Superintendent
29 Leroy St., Potsdam, NY 13676
315-265-2000, ext. 36733 • EOE



CIVIL ENGINEER

We are a structural and miscellaneous steel fabrication company with a large design build presence in New England looking to fill an open Civil Engineer position in our Plattsburgh office.

Currently seeking applicants with a Civil Engineering degree with a focus in Structural Engineering. The position could be either full or part time, depending on the applicant. Structural steel design experience is preferred. Structural steel connection design is preferred but not required. Licensed Professional or Structural Engineers are preferred but not required. Daily tasks would include creation of analysis models, documentation of plans and details, and review of connection designs.

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Assistant Director of Campus Activities & Residential Engagement (temporary position)

St. Lawrence University invites applications for the position of Assistant Director of Campus Activities & Residential Engagement. The salary for this position is \$4,871.58 per month. This is a full-time, temporary position. The anticipated duration of employment is approximately 3 months, concluding on May 24, 2024.

To view the complete position description, including minimum qualifications required, as well as application instructions please visit: <http://employment.stlawu.edu>.

All offers of employment are contingent upon the finalist successfully passing a background (including criminal records) check.

St. Lawrence University is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



Cives Steel Company, Northern Division is accepting applications for both an entry-level **Estimator** and **Drawing Coordinator**. We offer a competitive wage / 401k retirement plan / profit sharing / paid vacation & holidays / medical-dental-vision, and life insurance. Salary range \$17 - \$20 per hour, and will commensurate with experience.

Desired Qualifications

- Math Skills
- Ability to read plans, elevations, and sections on construction documents
- Background in steel or wood construction would be helpful

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



Assistant Professor Funeral Services Tenure-track Position

The State University of New York (SUNY) College at Canton invites qualified applicants for a full-time Tenure-Track Assistant Professor (other ranks considered) position in the Funeral Services Administration Department, beginning September 1, 2024.

Required Qualifications for Tenure Track*:

- Earned degree in mortuary science from a regionally and ABFSE accredited institution.
- Master's degree in a related field of study (a "related field of study" is a discipline or subject matter that is testable on the National Board Exam.)
- Must hold or be able to obtain (within three months of employment) a New York State Funeral Director's license.
- Proof of good standing as a funeral director/embalmer with the New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Funeral Directing, or the equivalent from another state.
- Minimum of three years of experience in the practice of funeral services and embalming.

*See on-line employment posting at <https://employment.canton.edu/> for qualifications for Lecturer rank.

Duties for Tenure Track**:

- Teach courses as assigned in the program in a variety of instructional modalities (face-to-face, online, and flex) and implements assessment and use of data for continuous improvement in course and program student learning outcomes.
- Advise funeral services administration students.
- Participate in faculty committees and other activities related to university service.
- * Continually develop and improve skills and knowledge in the discipline through professional development while maintaining a NYS funeral directors license.
- Engage in scholarly activities that contribute to the dissemination of knowledge in the discipline.
- Ensure ABFSE and state compliance requirements are adhered throughout the program.

**See on-line employment posting at <https://employment.canton.edu/> for duties for Lecturer rank.

Salary: \$62,000 to \$70,000

Please submit a curriculum vitae; cover letter; statement of teaching philosophy; statement of research; statement of diversity, equity, and inclusion; and three professional references to Human Resources.

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.



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

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Employment Opportunities

Financial Aid Coordinator (Potsdam, NY)

Position Summary Guidelines: The Financial Aid Coordinator provides financial aid support for undergraduate students by providing information, advice and counsel to students, parents and staff regarding financial aid regulations and programs, including how aid impacts invoices. The position oversees the financial aid packaging for continuing students, awards special groups, administers restricted scholarships, administers the federal work-study program, manages eligibility assessments for special circumstances and general financial aid appeals for additional institutional funds. The position is responsible for the overall management of the financial aid section of the website.

Minimum qualifications: Bachelor's Degree with 2 years of experience in financial aid or related field.

Range: \$19.50- \$23.00 based on experience

School of Engineering Adjunct Instructor- Pool

The Wallace H. Coulter School of Engineering at Clarkson University seeks adjunct instructors for Summer 2024- Spring 2025.

Minimum qualifications: Master's degree in the field of teaching interest; established higher education teaching experience.

You must reside in one of the following states to work remotely:

Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Indiana, Missouri, Montana, Virginia, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, and Wisconsin.

Range: \$300 - \$6,500 based on experience

Reh School of Business - Adjunct Instructor- Pool

The Reh School of Business at Clarkson University seeks adjunct instructors for Summer 2024- Spring 2025.

Minimum qualifications: Master's degree in the field of teaching interest; established higher education teaching experience.

You must reside in one of the following states to work remotely:

Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Indiana, Missouri, Montana, Virginia, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, and Wisconsin.

Range: \$5,500 - \$6,500 based on experience

Lewis School of Health Science - Adjunct Instructor- Pool

The Lewis School of Health Science at Clarkson University seeks adjunct instructors for Summer 2024- Spring 2025.

Minimum qualifications: Master's degree in the field of teaching interest; established higher education teaching experience.

You must reside in one of the following states to work remotely:

Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Indiana, Missouri, Montana, Virginia, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, and Wisconsin.

Range: \$1,000 - \$6,500 based on experience

Graduate School - Adjunct Instructor- Pool

The Graduate School at Clarkson University seeks adjunct instructors for Summer 2024- Spring 2025.

Minimum qualifications: Master's degree in the field of teaching interest; established higher education teaching experience.

You must reside in one of the following states to work remotely:

Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Indiana, Missouri, Montana, Virginia, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, and Wisconsin.

Range: \$1,000 - \$12,500 based on experience

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

Prior to a 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.

ALL EMPLOYMENT ADVERTISING

In this newspaper is subject to section 296 of the human rights law, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, creed, national origin, disability, marital status, sex, age, or arrest conviction record, or an intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination. Title 29, US Code, Chap. 630 excludes the federal government from the age discrimination provisions. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for employment which is in violation of the law. Our readers are informed that employment offerings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis.

EMPLOYMENT

CAREGIVER - Seniors Helping Seniors In-Home Services agency has an immediate opening for an experienced caregiver in Potsdam. Wed. - Sun. 4p - 8p. Work 1 - 3 days during the week and every other weekend. \$17.55/hr to start. To be considered call or



Assistant Director of Marketing and Content Strategy

The Assistant Director of Marketing and Content Strategy will be responsible for managing the University's social media channels and developing compelling written and visual content for a variety of audiences. This position will require some work outside of regular business hours. Annual salary \$58,459.

Hybrid Work Statement

This position is based on our campus in Canton, N.Y., and is eligible for a hybrid work schedule with some work-from-home flexibility.

To view the complete position description, including minimum qualifications required, as well as application instructions please visit: <http://employment.stlawu.edu>.

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Franklin-Essex Hamilton BOCES (EO/AE) is currently accepting applications for the following positions for the 2023-24 School Year:

(2) Teaching Assistants

Located at Chateaugay Central School

Salary: \$23,468 (2023-24 Base Salary) Consideration for additional salary may be granted based upon education and experience

Application Deadline: Until Filled

Applications can be found at: www.fehb.org/careers

Queries should be directed to:

Brittany Susice - Administrative Assistant

Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES
PO Box 28, Malone, NY 12953

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text Dianne at 315-778-7228.

RIVERSIDE CEMETERY OF NORWOOD Annual Meeting will be on Saturday 3/9/2024 at the Norwood Municipal Building at 11:00 a.m. Open to general public. We are seeking new members/trustees. If interested attend meeting or call Thomas Woodward at 315-353-2500.

Refuse & Recyclable Material Handler: The position works for the SRMT Environment Division under the direct supervision of the Operation Supervisor. This position is responsible for the collection of refuse and recyclable materials from containers and customers into Solid Waste Vehicles and collection sites. Weekend and holiday work are required. Status: Part-Time, Non-Exempt. Salary: \$15.78 - \$24.22 Deadline: February 28, 2024. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov.

Agriculture Laborer Supervisor: Works under the direction of the Agriculture Program Manager to ensure agricultural laborers support Tribal Farm operations. Directly supervise, coordinate, and work alongside the activities of agricultural laborers to carry out the day-to-day activities of the operation. Supervise and work alongside laborers for planting, cultivating, and harvesting of crops, and the care given to the animals to support proper farm operations. Ensure that laborers are following proper environmental and safety protocols. Status: Full-Time, Non-Exempt. Salary: \$23.04 - \$34.99 Deadline: February 28, 2024. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov.


John C. Parcell IV, CPA & Associates are seeking a full-time or part-time bookkeeper. Responsibilities include clerical as well as bookkeeping tasks associated with payroll, accounts payable, billing, reconciliations, and the preparation of federal and state reports. Bookkeeping and QuickBooks experience is preferred, but not required. Training available as necessary. Pay is commensurate with pay. If interested, please direct inquires and resumes to ryan@parcellcpa.com.

SUNY Potsdam is accepting on-line applications for an Academic Advisor for our Bridges program. Bridges is a special admissions program designed to assist enrolled students in making a successful academic transition to SUNY Potsdam. Bridges provides admission to the College to students who fall slightly below the published academic standards for regular admission but who demonstrate potential for success. The Bridges Advisor is a member of an integrated team providing individual academic and personal support to a group of students as they transition to SUNY Potsdam. The advisor provides comprehensive advisement support services to students, tracks their degree progress, conducts outreach to faculty and staff, tracks student data, supports special programming, and participates in program assessment and evaluation. To review the complete job description and/or apply, visit <https://employment.potsdam.edu>, job posting No. U-00554. Position is open until filled. EOE

Potsdam Co-op hiring Part-Time Cashier. 20-29 hours/week starting at \$15/hour. Applications available in store or online at www.potsdamcoop.com/employment.

The School of Education and Professional Studies at SUNY Potsdam is accepting on-line applications for a full-time (10 month) Director for the Rebecca V. Sheard Literacy Center. Reporting directly to the Dean, the successful candidate will be responsible for providing administrative oversight for the Literacy Center, the Thomas E. O'Shaughnessy Assistive Technology Center, and the Math and Science Center; provide oversight of the Center's after-school programs; lead the Center's administrative assessment efforts; administer the Center's budget; and support the Center's fundraising efforts and donor relations. This is an on-campus position and incumbent may also be required to work evenings and/or weekends, specifically in support of the Center's community-based programming. Required qualifications: Master's degree from an accredited institution, experience working in PK-12 settings, experience working with and/or teaching post-secondary students, and demonstrated competence in educational technologies. Application review begins March 15, 2024. To review complete job description and/or apply visit employment.potsdam.edu, job posting No. 00551. Please take special notice of Instructions to Applicants within the posting. Position is open until filled. EOE

SUNY Potsdam is accepting on-line applications for a full-time Academic Program Coordinator to support our prison education program located at Riverview Correctional Facility in Ogdensburg, NY. This program currently serves 60 full-time students in the facility and provides a full range of courses toward fulfillment of a Sociology degree over three terms (spring, summer, fall) each year. The college is committed to equity, including people of diverse experiences, and providing re-entry support for students to transition to the Potsdam campus to complete their program upon release. Required qualifications include a bachelor's degree and 3 years of relevant experience (examples: case management working with marginalized people, working with students




The Norwood-Norfolk Central School District
is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2024-2025 school year:

**(1) Health Teacher • (1) Elementary Teacher
(1) Spanish Teacher
(1) ELA (English) Teacher • (1) Math AIS Teacher**

Applications can be downloaded from the school website (www.nncsk12.org) or obtained in the District Office at NNCS.

Please include a cover letter, resumé, copy of certification, transcripts, and letters of reference with professional application.

Deadline to apply is February 28, 2024. NNCS is an EEO Employer. NYS Education Department fingerprint clearance is required for all appointments.



**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.

The City of Ogdensburg is an equal opportunity employer.



DIocese of OGDENSBURG

**Diocesan Coordinator
Office of Parish Audit & Financial Support Services**

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg is seeking a Diocesan Coordinator – Office of Parish Audit & Financial Support Services.

This position provides support in the financial operation of parishes, schools and related entities in the diocese including technical support in the use of QuickBooks and standard accounting practices.

This position also oversees the process by which reviews of parish fiscal operations are conducted and reviews annual submission of Parish Financial Reports to assure financial statements are in balance and in accordance with diocesan accounting regulations.

A Bachelor's Degree in accounting with two years audit experience is preferred. Knowledge in QuickBooks accounting software is required. Candidates should possess excellent verbal and written communication skills, have the ability to work independently and manage/establish priorities for several projects at the same time. Travel throughout the diocese is necessary on occasion.

Salary: \$47,537 - \$58,794. Submit letter of interest, resume and three professional references to: **Human Resources Office, Diocese of Ogdensburg, P.O. Box 369, Ogdensburg, NY 13669** or e-mail to: ksnover@rcdony.org.


Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

in a post-secondary institution, advocacy with groups marginalized by systems of oppression). To review the complete job description and/or apply, visit employment.potsdam.edu, job posting No. 00550. Please take special note of: Instructions to Applicants within the application. Position is open until filled. EOE

The Center for School Partnerships and Teacher Certification in the School of Education and Professional Studies at SUNY

Potsdam is accepting on-line applications for an Assistant Director to coordinate and support teacher education candidates beginning with onboarding through program completion and certification. To review the complete job description and/or apply, visit employment.potsdam.edu, job posting No. 00548. For full consideration, please submit your application by February 23, 2024. Position is open until filled. EOE

Medical Director: This Medical Director will




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- 14 Inter —
- 15 Admin. aide
- 16 Prepared
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- 20 Baker Street sleuth
- 21 Competent
- 23 Roman 151
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- 31 Prior night
- 32 Wrap up by
- 34 Martini ingredient

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- 39 Chinese chairman
- 41 "Not so fast!"
- 42 Pub game fodder
- 45 Honor
- 49 Matured
- 51 Jazzy James
- 52 Robert of "The Sopranos"
- 53 Census stat
- 54 Winter fall
- 55 Suffix with song or gab

- 56 Chic, to Austin Powers
- 57 Catches some rays

- 10 Funny — (2003 Derby winner)
- 11 Utters
- 17 Sinbad's bird
- 19 Slender woodwind
- 22 Fund
- 24 Jewel
- 25 Eggs
- 26 Little home wreckers?
- 27 Amassed
- 29 Diarist Anais
- 30 "Life of Pi" director Lee
- 33 New Mexico resort

- 36 Frolic
- 38 Most recent
- 40 Tin Man's need
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- MATH: What is 1/60 of a degree?
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