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Mini golf developer wants to buy parcel B, but city plans to honor deal with At the Docks

BY JIMMY LAWTON
 North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG -- Mystic Springs developer Nick Wright is raising questions about the sale of 17 Main Street parcel B, which is entangled in a two-year-old deal that has yet to be acted on.

Nick Wright has been working with the city in an attempt to buy 17 Main Street in order to develop a miniature golf and family fun center on vacant property currently owned by the city.

The property was split into two parcels as part of an RFP process which was approved two years ago, but only partially executed after it was accepted.

A messy endeavor

Under the deal, parcel A was sold to William Hosmer who had plans to build a brewery, while the second parcel was set to be sold to At the Docks LLC.

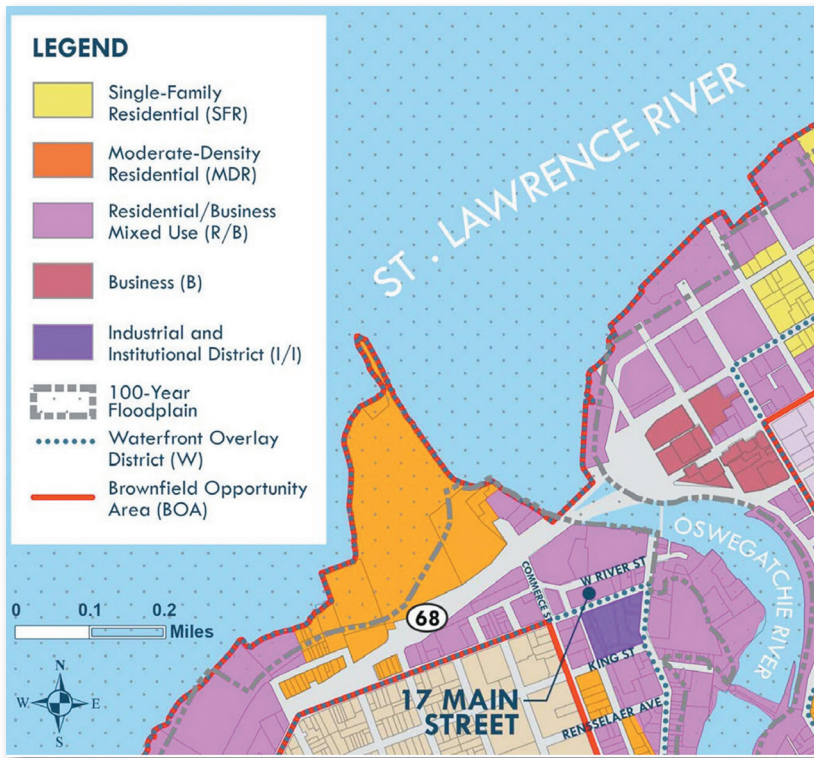
Hosmer was required to submit a plan and meet various timelines.

Hosmer followed through on his end of the bargain by purchasing parcel A at a cost of \$10,000. He later found an alternate location to build his brewery and sold the property back to the city.

Meanwhile parcel B still remains unsold.

At the Docks never followed through with the property purchase which has left the property in limbo and off the tax rolls for the past two years.

Interim city Manager Andrea



Entrepreneur Nick Wright wants to purchase a piece of property from the city, but the city is honoring an unsettled proposal from 2022 with At the Docks, LLC instead.

Smith said that part of the issue was that the city did not reach out to Chris Frary, owner of At the Docks, to move things forward.

At the time the city had a different city manager and council and the property sale and development plan appears to have slipped through the cracks. The city's failure to hold At the Docks to the same standard as Hosmer is raising questions for devel-

oper Nick Wright who believes both parcels should be put back out for requests for proposals.

The city accepted proposals for parcel A, but did not do the same with parcel B, which is still slated to go to At the Docks. Wright is submitting a proposal for parcel A but says his project also needs parcel B.

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Massena moves 'spring' cleanup to August

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
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MASSENA --Massena village trustees are making major changes to spring cleanup.

At a Feb. 13 meeting trustees announced that curbside pickup will not be implemented and residents will now only receive one voucher for two trips to dump refuse at the transfer station.

On top of those changes, the "spring" cleanup will now take place in August as opposed to April like in years past.



Miller said the hours of operation will follow the current St. Lawrence County Solid Waste schedule for the two week period. The transfer station will be open Monday through Wednesday and Friday for normal hours, as well as on Saturdays until noon, he said.

Changes to vouchers are also planned, he said.

"The village would change the two trips per voucher to one trip. The village would not mail out vouchers, they will be

Though some may be disappointed with the change, it's all for a good cause, officials say.

Department of Public Works Superintendent Marty Miller told trustees the change will allow the department to continue to offer the service to village residents while cutting down on costs.

"What we've come up with was, it would go from spring cleanup and the dates would be August 19 through the 31st," Miller said.

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Police Chief says Riverview CERT team vital as NY eyes prison closures

BY JIMMY LAWTON
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OGDENSBURG -- Gov. Kathy Hochul plans to close more New York State prisons and Ogdensburg officials are joining the fight to ensure it doesn't happen in St. Lawrence County again.

Over the past decade New York State has closed 44 prisons due to declining inmate populations.

St. Lawrence County, which has long relied on the economic engine stemming from government jobs, lost Ogdensburg Correctional Facility in 2022.

The closure of the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility resulted in the loss of 268 jobs and a substantial \$25 million payroll, according to Assemblyman Scott Gray.

And despite forming a task force aimed at repurposing vacant state facilities, the prison in Ogdensburg shuttered years ago remains closed.

Ogdensburg Mayor Michael Tooley said the task force met once and had a very productive meeting, which led to

the resolution presented to council.

Gray also pointed out that 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.

At a recent city council meeting, Tooley shared news that a task force has been formed to ensure Gouverneur Correctional Facility and Riverview Correctional Facility aren't targeted by governor Hochul.

"Governor Kathy Hochul has submitted to the State Legislature a FY 2025 Executive Budget proposal seeking authorization to "act expeditiously to right-size and eliminate excess capacity by allowing for the closure of up to five correctional facilities with 90 days' notice," the

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Congresswoman Elise Stefanik was among political leaders who spoke against the 2022 closure of Ogdensburg Correctional Facility. Similar efforts are now being made to keep other local prisons open.

SLC, Step by Step to keep displaced residents warm in winter months

BY JIMMY LAWTON
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OGDENSBURG -- St. Lawrence County Department of Social Services and partnered with Step By Step Inc. to keep people warm in the winter.

It's no secret that the city's seen an uptick in the homeless population, but rural areas like St. Lawrence County lack services to accommodate those populations in ways that might be more common in urban settings.

Aside from the geographical challenges presented by the area there are also the harsh temperatures St.

Lawrence County sees in the winter months.

But a new partnership funded by St. Lawrence County Department of Social Services and Ogdensburg Step By Step has created a warming center to meet that need.

The center is located at Step By Step's Lincoln School Apartment complex.

Director David Bayne says those without a place to stay in the winter can find shelter at the center from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. from November until the end of March.

Although the county was quiet about launching the program it's not a service that's gone unnoticed.

Bayne says the center has had only four nights without someone using the services since the program launched.

So far there have been 53 people who have used the service.

Bayne said on average there have been 4-5 people a night but that on one night there were 12 people who took advantage of the facility.

While keeping people warm for the night is a laudable goal on its own, Bayne said that SLC DSS Deputy Commissioner Doug Hamilton has managed to leverage the services into a multi-faceted benefit.

That's because people who are helping staff the facility are also residents at the Step by Step building.

Bayne says this makes for a cyclical benefit to those living in Step By Step's permanent housing.

Although homelessness has always existed in St. Lawrence County Ogdensburg has seen the population grow in recent years.

And while other communities might not see the problem as frequently it doesn't mean it's not there.

Bayne says that law enforcement agencies have helped people from neighboring towns locate at the shelter in some instances.

He also noted that when people come to the shelter Step By Step helps them connect with other services people might need.

In some cases it's led to permanent housing situations, in others it's helped people relocate back to their home counties after they've become stranded.

"It's really been positive all around," Bayne said.



Photo submitted by Massena library

Helping out at the library

Heather Sarsfield, Assistant Library Director, gets some help from her granddaughter, Dymphna Murphy, age 5, at the Massena Public Library.

School board addresses district climate survey, plans

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- Massena Central School district officials continue to focus on the district's culture and climate, once again addressing the topic during a recent board of education meeting.

Members of the Principal Advisory Council met with the School Improvement Team recently so that students and teachers could have a meeting to discuss the current school climate and goals moving forward.

According to Elyse Hoxie, student representative to the board of education, the meetings "went very well" and gave students the chance to meet with teachers in small groups.

We discussed concerns of the climate. Students brought up respect. We talked about the climate data from the survey from last year, and we did that for about 45 minutes. Then we all came together as a big group and we just talked about what was discussed in our smaller groups," she said.

Hoxie said the meetings were a great opportunity to come to "the same level of understanding each side's concerns with the school and climate" that will allow the district to move forward.

Meetings are also planned for the future, she said.

"Mr. Oliver (Principal Alan Oliver) even mentioned maybe having one or two students be on the same team permanently. So, we're working on climate every day at the school and I think the meeting went really

well. I've heard from both sides that the meeting was much needed and everything discussed was really good," she said.

Climate surveys were disseminated last May to afford families the opportunity to anonymously offer feedback to school officials regarding what they felt the district was doing well and what could be improved upon.

Families with children in more than one building were encouraged to fill out a survey for each individual school.

Officials previously said the survey falls in line with a previous school climate survey that was aimed at identifying the social needs of students. School officials previously said identifying student's social and emotional needs post-COVID and offering more support to those students in need was a top priority coming into the school year.

PLC Associates, LLC conducted the survey and compared the data with that which was obtained in the first survey they carried out.

Some of the topics covered in this survey included whether staff and students listen to each other, treat each other with respect and whether students can freely offer opinions.

Other topics included whether classroom issues are handled properly and efficiently, whether students are welcomed back to classrooms after disciplining, whether the school helps students solve problems themselves and whether the school staff and teachers help students identify causes and solutions of school problems.

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Governor urged to approve nursing licensure compact agreement to ease shortage

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
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CANTON -- As the nursing shortage continues to plague area healthcare 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 nurses 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, burnout, high turnover and the lack of nursing educators, along with the COVID-19 pandemic, which "aggravated" 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 of 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 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.



Photo submitted

City mayor meets the governor

Mayor Michael Tooley attended the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) Legislative Forum in Albany early last week. NYCOM presented several workshops sharing information with municipal leaders gathered from across New York State. Governor Kathy Hochul hosted conference attendees at a reception at the New York State Executive Mansion.

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

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
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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 County-wide Housing Rehabilitation Program (CHRP 5), officials say.

The funds will be used to provide housing rehabilitation assis-

tance 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 county, 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 every January and February.

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 previously 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 previously said.

BRIEFLY

Accused of gun theft

MASSENA — A Massena man was accused of stealing a gun on Feb. 3, according to village police.

Hunter Lamay, 19, was charged with fourth-degree grand larceny: Rifle and, fourth-degree grand larceny: Value over \$1,000, both felonies, officers said.

Lamay was arraigned in Massena court and remanded to St. Lawrence County jail on an unrelated charge, police said.

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Ghost gun charge in Waddington results in jail time for North Carolina man

WADDINGTON — A North Carolina man was sent to St. Lawrence County Jail after state police found him to be in possession of a ghost gun on Feb. 7.

State police arrested Allan E. Stone, 24, of Salisbury, N.C., for third-degree criminal possession of

a weapon, fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon - ghost gun, and second-degree criminal possession of a weapon - loaded firearm.

State police report that on Feb. 7, at approximately 12:38, troopers observed a white 2024 Nissan Altima traveling on State Highway 37, in

the town of Waddington fail to stop at a stop sign. A trooper initiated a traffic stop, interviewed the driver who was identified as Stone.

While speaking with the driver, the trooper observed a pistol, he asked Stone and passenger, who was identified as Katie N. King, 25, of

Salisbury, N.C. to exit the vehicle.

Further investigation determined Stone and King were in possession of multiple firearms and loaded magazines inside of the vehicle, one being a ghost gun.

Stone and King were transported to SP Massena for further question-

ing. King was released and Stone was arrested and processed at SP Massena.

He was arraigned in the Town of Waddington Court, where he was remanded to St. Lawrence County Jail in Lieu of \$5,000 bail or \$10,000 bond.

OBITUARIES

Alma J. Dumas, 93

Massena

MASSENA -- Alma J. Dumas, 93, a longtime resident of Bayley Road, passed away Monday, February 5, 2024 at the North Country Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. For the past 5 years, she had been a resident of Farrar Home in Malone.

Alma was born on February 11, 1930, in North Bangor, the daughter of the late Rufus and Mildred (Martin) McElwain.

On June 6, 1953, she married Douglas A. Dumas at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in North Bangor with Rev. Gerald Kellogg, officiating. He predeceased her on February 28, 2020.

She worked for a time at JJ Newberry before beginning to work in the housekeeping department at the St. Regis Nursing Home, where she remained for 14 years.

Alma was a communicant of St. Mary's/St. Joseph's Church, Massena and a member of the Altar and Rosary Society there.

She enjoyed cooking and cleaning, gardening, and wintering in Florida for many years.

Alma is survived by her daughters, Brenda Marti of Houston and Debra Byington of Massena; her grandchildren, Chad (Lauren)

Marti, Sarah (Eamonn) Coghlan, and Eric (Jen) Tyo of Massena; and her great grandchildren, Katelyn, Harrison, Caroline, Conor, and Molly.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was predeceased by two grandchildren, Scott and Kari Tyo; her son-in-laws, Elroy Marti, Jr. and Gary Byington; and her brother and sister-in-law, Gerald and Rita McElwain.

Arrangements are under the care and guidance of the Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena, however there will be no services at this time. A graveside service will be held later in the year at Calvary Cemetery, Massena. In lieu of flowers those wishing may consider memorial contributions to be made in her memory to Trinity Catholic School Endowment Fund.

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



Alma Dumas

MASSENA -- Mary Jane Tricase, 93, of Roosevelt Street, peacefully passed away on the morning of February 8, 2024 in the home she resided in for 73 years, under the loving care of three generations of family and Hospice.

Mary was born July 23, 1930 in Massena, NY, the daughter of the late Everett and Laurette (Grenier) Marsh. She attended Sacred Heart and Massena Central Schools. She later and proudly earned her GED.

She worked at Fishman's and the Dairy Bar until one day, while walking past the Tricase Brother's Shell Station on the corner of Center and North Main Street, she caught the eye of a young man, Albert Tricase. He took her to a Big Band dance at the town hall and they later married at Sacred Heart Church in Massena on October 22, 1949.

Over the next five years, they had four little girls and raised them happily in the same home on Roosevelt Street. Mary was the epitome of a mother and a homemaker. Her home was a spotless, warm and a welcoming place. Even in her final days, her concerns were for her family and guests.

Mary Jane Tricase, 93

Massena

Mary enjoyed spending time with her friends and family and could easily read a book in a day. She also



Mary Jane Tricase

enjoyed golf, tending to her flowers, especially roses, and loved watching birds and deer. Mary and Al were spectacular dancers, particularly when doing their signature jitterbug to any Glenn Miller song. They were often mistaken for professionals.

Mary and Albert traveled the world together on their own adventures spending time with cherished friends and family.

Mary loved real estate and design and was always changing her décor to suit her tastes and the current fashion.

Mary is survived by her daughters, Deborah Long; Cathy Toscano;

Nancy (James) Lyon and Terry Taylor.

She is also survived by her grandchildren, Jennifer, Jessica, Nicole, Zachary, Brittany, Erin, Brenton, Corey, Melissa, and Meghann and 19 great grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Albert Tricase; two brothers, Richard and Frederick Marsh and a son-in-law, Timothy Long.

The family would like to thank Hospice, especially Candace O'Neill for the care she gave to their mother.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, February 17, 2024 1:00 pm at St. Mary's Church in Massena. Friends and family are invited to greet at Church beginning at 12:30. Burial will take place in Calvary Cemetery in the spring.

Memorial contributions in Mary's name may be made to Trinity Catholic School and Hospice and Palliative Care of St. Lawrence Valley.

Arrangements are under the care of the Donaldson Funeral Home in Massena where memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.donaldsonfh.com.

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

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 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 Eliz-

abeth 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.



Stanley Matthie

RECENT DEATHS

RICHARD WHITE, 82, Massena, Jan. 23. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

SAMUEL BOOTH, 53, Massena, Jan. 17. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

LONDON WEAVER, 71, Brasher Falls/Gouverneur, Feb. 4. Arrangements with Green Funeral Home, Gouverneur.

ALMA DUMAS, 93, Massena, Feb. 5. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

DOUGLAS ABAR, 71, Ogdensburg, Feb. 7. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

RODNEY BURNS, 48, Massena & formerly of Colton, Feb. 8. Arrange-

ments with Buck Funeral Home.

SANDRA WHITE, 67, Chase Mills, Feb. 8. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

MARY TRICASE, 93, Massena, Feb. 8. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

MARY ORLYK, 84, Raymondville, Feb. 9. Arrangements with Buck Funeral Home.

CATHERINE PLOURDE, 13, Massena, Feb. 9. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

DONALD LAMITIE, 92, Ogdensburg, Feb. 9. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Malone.

ROBERT HANKINS, 74, Ogdensburg, Feb. 10. Arrangements

with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

CRAIG STULL, 45, Ogdensburg, Feb. 10. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

LUCRETIA SMITH, 88, Ogdensburg, Feb. 10. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

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Powers reappointed to city council; but special election will be held

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG – Ogdensburg City Council Michael Powers has been unanimously reappointed to the city council, but will need to win a special election in November to retain his seat in 2025.

The vacancy was created by Powers who announced he would be retiring from council in order to maximize retirement benefits as he is also ending his lengthy career at the department of corrections.

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

Powers said he was acting on advice from the state comptroller's office.

While Powers retirement was largely a formality, the brief retirement triggered a charter requirement that a vacancy committee be

formed and that recommendations be made by the committee.

Former Deputy Mayor Steven Fisher expressed interest in the position, and was put forward as a candidate alongside Powers, but received no votes.

Fisher was an outspoken member of council who decided not to run for reelection after his first term.

During his time on council Fisher supported various controversial actions including cuts to the fire and police departments.

Powers said he was humbled by the support from his fellow councilors and said he looked forward to serving the city.

There are two years remaining on the term being filled by Powers, but his appointment will only be good through the end of the year. That means a special election will be held in November to fill the remainder of the term.

SLC attorney working on gun rights case challenging concealed carry restrictions

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
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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 land-owners 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 concealed 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.

Four facing drug charges

FOWLER – Three men and one woman were arrested on drug charges by the Gouverneur Village Police Department after a traffic stop on Country Club Road in Fowler.

Police stopped a 2016 Ford Escape on the road and a search of the vehicle turned up methamphetamine, a schedule II stimulant.

The following passengers in the vehicle were subsequently charged:

- Thomas R. Love, 55, of Gouverneur, was charged with fourth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance (stimulant), a class C felony.

- Kyle W. Daniels, 37, of Hermon, was charged with fourth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance (stimulant), a class C felony; seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, misdemeanor; second-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, unclassified misdemeanor; and failure to keep right.

- Lucas S. Currier, 27, of Gouverneur, was charged with fourth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance (stimulant), a class C felony; and seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, misdemeanor.

- Ashley M. Williams, 28, of Ogdensburg, was charged with fourth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance (stimulant), a class C felony.

All three were arraigned in Fowl-

er town court.

Love was remanded to the St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility on \$5,000 bail.

Daniels was released on his own recognizance, but then transported to the county correctional facility to await arraignment on a county court bench warrant.

Williams was remanded to the correctional facility on no bail.

Currier was released on his own recognizance.

Gouverneur police were assisted in the arrest by the county sheriff's department, St. Lawrence County Drug Task Force, state police and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Accused of felony drug possession

OGDENSBURG – An Ogdensburg woman faces drug and weapon charges stemming from a traffic stop Feb. 4 on New York Avenue, according to city police.

Sarah J. Keith, 31, was charged with third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, felony, officers said.

She was also cited for fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon and seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, police said.

She was released on her own recognizance, officers said.

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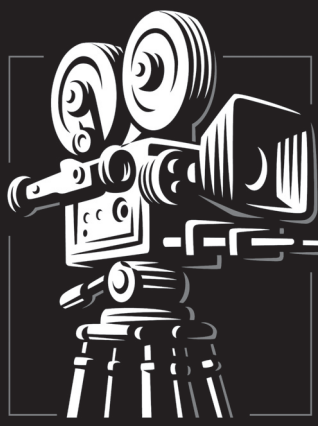
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Woman dies in two-car crash

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, Hermon, Gabriel Z. Moyer, 20, Hermon, and Pamela were transported to Canton-Potsdam Hospital for 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.

State Police were assisted by local fire and rescue teams.

Morristown residents approve \$16.9M project

MORRISTOWN — Morristown Central School District residents voted yes to a \$16.9M Capital Improvement Project on Tuesday, with 144 votes in favor and 41 votes against.

The project, which will begin construction in 2025, will be funded primarily through state aid with a reimbursement rate of 79.9%. The district will contribute \$3.5 million in reserve funds, which will offset the local tax impact. The remaining \$28,118 will be levied to taxpayers, resulting in a minimal increase to

local taxes estimated at \$0.095 per \$1,000 of home value.

“The passing of this capital project is a testament to our community’s unwavering commitment to the future of education,” said superintendent, Staci Vaughn. “Thank you for your steadfast support in shaping brighter tomorrows for our students.”

The scope of the capital improvement project was determined following a recent Building Conditions survey, and will focus on several areas of improvement including

building infrastructure, space adequacy, and safety & security.

In the area of building infrastructure, the project will include roof replacements, HVAC enhancements, parking lot improvements, masonry restoration, and site drainage maintenance at the bus garage.

Space adequacy improvements will include the renovation and expansion of the STEM classroom into a STEM suite, the addition of a choral classroom and dedicated performance stage, the expansion of the fitness center, allowing for community access, and the full reconstruction of the kitchen and cafeteria spaces.

Lastly, improvements addressing safety and security needs in the district will include door and lock replacements, the installation of individual restrooms in the elementary wing, the expansion of the nurse’s office, replacement of seating in the gymnasium, and controlled exterior access to bathroom facilities.

Morristown Central School will share project timeline information as well as updates as the project progresses at https://www.green-rockets.org/apps/pages/Capital_Project_2024.

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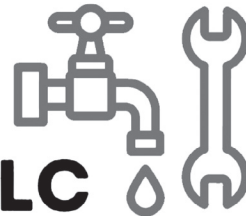
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Charged after trying to choke victim

STOCKHOLM — A Winthrop man was arrested for trying to choke someone during a domestic dispute at a residence on State Highway 11C.

Ryan R. Corbine, 41, was arrested by state police on Feb. 6 for criminal obstruction of breathing, and third-degree assault.

According to a state police report, troopers responded to a domestic dispute at a residence on State Highway 11C in the town of Stockholm at around 7:24 p.m.

An investigation determined a verbal argument started, so the victim left the residence for a while.

The victim returned home, and the altercation started again, but became much worse, troopers said.

State police said Corbine became physical and started striking the victim in the head, face, stomach, and attempted to choke the victim.

The victim was evaluated by EMS but refused further treatment at the hospital.

Corbine was arrested and transported to SP Winthrop.

He was arraigned in the Town of Norfolk Court where he was released on his own recognizance.

Drugged driving with child in car

MASSENA — A Massena woman is accused of driving under the influence of drugs with a child in the vehicle, according to village police.

Jarika M. Lazore, 29, was charged with aggravated DWI: Child in vehicle, felony, DWAI: Drugs and endangering the welfare of a child, police said.

She was arraigned in Massena court and released on appearance tickets, officers said.

Multiple SLC schools could lose millions in state foundation aid

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
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CANTON -- Local school districts are set to lose millions in foundation aid from the state, if the governor is successful in removing the hold harmless provision from the state budget.

Assemblyman Scott Gray is one of many leaders opposing the change. He says the proposed cuts disproportionately affect a handful of districts within the county.

With the provision in place, the state is required to offer at least as much foundation aid each year as it did the year prior, essentially ensuring the state is unable to reduce aid indiscriminately.

"That would be removed under the executive budget," Gray said.

Gray said those funds, which were largely used for salaries, academic development and emergency projects up to a certain dollar amount, would be heavily cut.

"That has basically kept districts whole so they didn't see a decrease year over year in their foundation aid funding," Gray said.

Gray said those funds will be shifted to other areas the governor has prioritized in the proposed executive budget.

"This year that's been removed and we're seeing significant shifts in where the school aid is going," he said.

Districts that would be affected include Canton, Hammond, Madrid-Waddington, Morristown and Ogdensburg.

"The majority of those districts have waterfront property, that's where the significant shift has been made," Gray said.

Those five districts aren't alone however, as Clifton-Fine is also set to lose nearly \$1 million under the

proposed budget.

Clifton-Fine has also issued a statement to district residents, with Superintendent Matthew Southwick detailing a proposed cut of 24%, which would be a \$940,000 foundation aid reduction.

That would mean that taxpayers would be on the hook to make up the losses.

Foundation aid is essential for the fiscal health of many districts, according to north country reps, funds that are largely used for salaries, academic development and emergency projects up to a certain dollar amount.

Southwick was critical of the proposal, saying it "lacks care and concern for small rural communities such as ours and the ability for all students in the state to have the same opportunities regardless of where they live."

"We are located in the upper left corner of the Adirondack Park and are the largest employer in our area. Geographically our district is expansive as our neighboring districts to the west and east are 22 & 45 miles away respectively. To help underscore the student population we serve, it should be noted that according to Comptroller DiNapoli's website, 74% or 3 out of every 4 students walking our hallways daily are economically disadvantaged," Southwick wrote.

If foundation aid were cut to Clifton-Fine, Southwick said it would have "severe consequences in our ability to assist the students we serve," and could translate to a 21% increase in the tax levy for district residents.

School officials would also have no way to recoup those losses locally with a state imposed tax cap restriction, which limits the school's ability to raise revenue, he said.

"We acknowledge that our enrollment numbers may have decreased compared to when Save-Harmless was enacted, largely in part due to factors such as local families leaving the North Country and the ease of home-schooling requirements. Yet, the needs of our students we serve have continued to increase significantly," Southwick wrote.

School officials say the district helps families with clothing needs, while also providing food with an internal food pantry and mental health services for students and families alike.

"We are grappling with rising expenses due to growing rates of students with disabilities, closing the academic achievement gap from the pandemic, and providing mental health services. Fewer students does not necessarily equal less need," Southwick wrote.

Senator Dan Stec has also been a vocal opponent of the measure, taking aim at the state Education Department during a recent hearing.

Stec pointed to the fact that 24 of 47 schools in his district will receive almost \$8 million less in foundation aid combined, with Clifton-Fine receiving a 24% cut to aid and Parishville receiving a 12% cut as references.

"These are devastating cuts, most of these schools are in the Adirondack park. Which means when you start calculating the formula, guess what the state of NY doesn't want more people living there. That hurts them. Number two, guess what, the state of NY owns a lot of property there so that affects their wealth ratio. Does anyone look at these runs before they put them out and fire up 337 school districts that are looking at cuts?" Stec asked.

Stec, who represents a sizable portion of St. Lawrence County, partic-

ipated in a joint Legislative Hearing on Elementary and Secondary Education for the 2024 executive budget on Feb. 1.

During his allotted time, Stec questioned state Department of Education Commissioner Rosa about the proposal to eliminate the provision, a move that would heavily impact multiple districts in St. Lawrence County.

Stec joins the growing list of state representatives from both sides of the aisle who are voicing concerns over the governor's plans to eliminate the hold harmless provision.

Democrats and Republicans alike took aim at the proposal, saying it disproportionately affects rural and smaller suburban districts while also maintaining or even increasing aid levels for larger suburban districts and city schools.

Another crucial change proposed would be the way the rate of inflation is calculated when doling out foundation aid as well.

Rather than utilizing the Consumer Price Index, Hochul wants to use the average rate of inflation over a ten-year period that would then see the elimination of the highest and lowest numbers to settle on the average rate.

State legislators have said that the change would mean an increase in foundation aid of just 2.4% instead of a 3.8% increase based on the Consumer Price Index calculation method.

During the public hearing, Rosa herself admitted that the new system does not make sense.

Hochul has continually said that the idea that foundation aid is being cut is "inaccurate," saying that aid has increased by over \$7 billion in the past two years as the result of a court order that forced the state to increase aid.

Hochul said recently that districts "cannot expect that every year" and called the proposed changes "common sense" when assessing districts, in particular rural ones, that have seen enrollment declines over the last decade. Critics of that stance, including north country reps, argue that more aid is needed for such districts because tax revenue has also declined as a result of families leaving the state in recent years.

"Seventy-five percent of schools are not getting the same funding they got last year under this hold harmless concept, which we really need to talk about that intensely," Hochul said recently.

County encouraging use of solar mapping tool

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
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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.

Accused of rape in Ogdensburg

OGDENSBURG — An Ogdensburg man was jailed on rape charges, according to city police.

Carlton F. Fetcie, 21, was charged with first-degree rape and second-degree rape at 8:41 a.m., police said.

He was arrested on Ogden Street, officers said.

Fetcie was arraigned in city police and remanded to St. Lawrence County jail on \$5,000 bail, police said.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We need optimism not pessimism

After a holiday season of feeling gratitude for family, friends, health and home, let's enter 2024 with hope that better things are possible.

We don't need sourpusses like Rep. Stefanik making trumped-up, anger-inducing claims - like the one about a "mass exodus" from NY due to "Far Left Democrat leadership". Name one specific thing Rep. Stefanik has done to prevent 1,000 people (according to the 2020 census) from leaving St. Lawrence County.

It's Democrats who use your tax dollars to improve your quality of life. (Yes, your taxes - the ones Republican politicians always promise to reduce and yet when elected, they never do.)

We can thank Senator Gillibrand for supporting the Resilient Transit Act to improve crumbling bridges, roads and rails, the \$2.1M for the Ogdensburg 15,000 square ft. childcare facility and the \$18M for Food Insecure Seniors programs like Meals on Wheels. We can thank Gov. Hochul for \$300M to address effects of flooding along the St. Lawrence River and the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (with Massena receiving \$600,000 in grants so far).

We can thank President Biden for the CHIPS Act (bringing jobs back to America), the American Rescue Plan (\$25B to train and expand the insufficient caregiving workforce, \$12B for services caring for people with disabilities and

mental illness, \$5M for the new St. Lawrence County Public Safety Complex in Canton and funding to replace aging water systems - which Massena is going to need.)

And what has Rep. Stefanik done (besides vote against anything Democrats propose)? On 6/24/23 she introduced a bill to expunge Trump's two impeachments from record.

Political partisanship, negative media hype and anger will be this nation's undoing. Optimism by leaders who remember their oath to uphold selfless principles of public service (putting people over party) will be the antidote to pessimistic, accusative ravings and our nation's salvation.

**Martha Hodges
Massena**

Learn to fish in summer

MASSENA — This summer our Massena Salvation Army is planning to have a learn to fish instruction club. This will be an instruction and a lab day out at the Massena Intake, putting into practice what we had learned on class day. We will have spots available for 12-15 registrants. Our hope is that this will be a 4-6-week time that will happen each year.

It is our hope that we can receive enough donations that all startup equipment will be provided to each registrant to keep at the end of the club. This will allow them to be able to fish beyond just our course time. We are aiming to have a fish off

event to wrap up our summertime course for the registrants.

Being able to spend time out on the water during the summer is essential to one's inner peace. Our hope is that we can teach kids to fish and to catch fish so they are more interested in that than other things that can lead to trouble. It reminds me of the saying, "To teach a man to fish he can eat for the rest of his life, to give a man a fish and he can eat one fish."

Our hope is to have 12-15 registrants ages 13-15 years old.

If interested, send us a message on Facebook The Massena Salvation Army, NY by calling our office at 315-769-5154 and we will put your name on the list for further information and registration when it is available.

The community can support the club with monetary donations or in other ways by contacting me at 315-769-5154 or by mailing in a donation with the fishing club in the memo to PO Box 107 Massena NY 13662. We are looking for professional fishermen who may want to come in and share some information during class time.

**Nicholas White, Lieutenant
Corps Commanding Officer/Pastor
The Salvation Army/Massena Corps**

False advertisement aimed at older Americans

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 by asking for the money card 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**



North Country Library System | Courtesy

Solar eclipse glasses

Solar eclipse glasses are now available in St. Lawrence County libraries.

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

Biden's ties to TikTok

2024 is underway, and what a year to be alive! With so much to keep our eyes on, it has become a full-time job for "wide awake" Americans. I'll try to limit my comments to what is happening in the United States, but I recently learned that Biden's Re-election Campaign has launched an official TikTok account. Yes, the same TikTok owned and operated by the C.C.P., the Chinese Communist Party. China is no friend of a free America, but they Love Joe Biden and he loves them back.

The lawsuits continue in an unprecedented attempt to keep Donald Trump off of Primary ballots in many states, yet DJT has continuously outpolled his GOP

rivals, and spans Biden in the General election by several points, according to most pollsters, despite the stupid things that sometimes come out of his mouth. I think our own congresswoman, Elise Stefanik, is on Trump's short-list of running mates but I say, "Don't do it!" We need her values and strength in Congress representing the North Country.

Special Counsel Robert Hur, who oversaw the investigation into Biden's mishandling of classified documents, described the current resident of the White House as "an elderly man with a poor memory", which is why he is known in some circles as "Clueless Joe". The pollsters indicate that any of the other GOP-hopefuls would also defeat Biden in November.

The Democrat-faithful insist that things are rosy under Biden's "leadership". Yet, Forbes magazine says that since Biden took office in January 2021 prices are up 19% overall, with food prices 25% higher, energy costs 26% higher, and housing costs up 19%. No wonder Trump is leading all polls and still drawing mega-MAGA-crowds at all of his rallies.

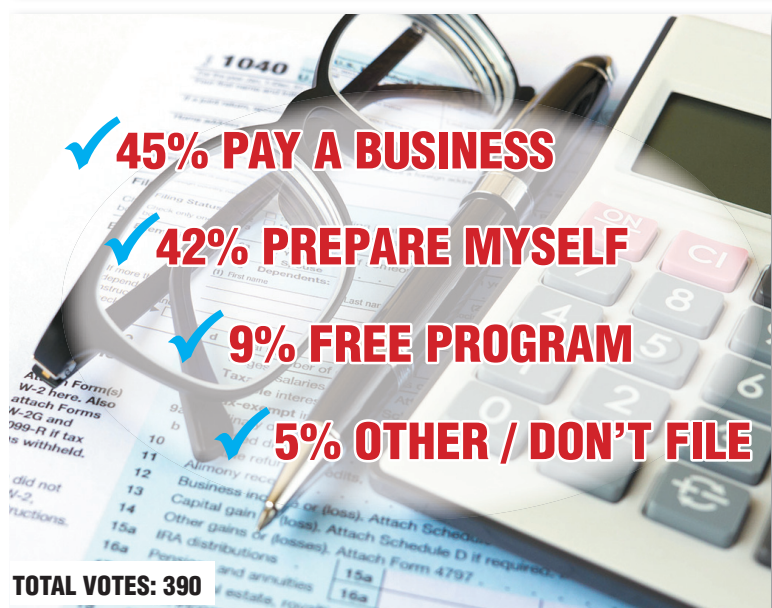
American, and New York, voters, have their biggest decision yet this year. The dreadful economy will doom the Dems, who have no one ready to step up as a legitimate candidate. That's why Robert Kennedy Junior thinks he has a shot running as an Independent.

There's a supposed Chinese proverb, or curse, that goes, "May you live in interesting times." That surely describes 2024. It's just too bad that China, through TikTok and other means, will have the ability to influence American voters in an attempt to keep Biden, and the Deep State, in office to do their bidding.

Beware of "the enemy within," folks.

**Dixie Dave Ellis
Hammond**

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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?

TO TAKE THE CURRENT SURVEY, visit bit.ly/42GLmCA.

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

Remington Museum invites families to new monthly program, Family Fun-day Sunday

OGDENSBURG — The Frederic Remington Art Museum invites the community to a new series of monthly family art programs, Family Fun-day Sunday.

On the last Sunday of every month, beginning Feb. 25, families and children of all ages are invited to play, explore, and create together two doors down from the Museum at the Eva Caten Remington Education Center (aka Kid's Place) at 323 Washington St.

Family Fun-day Sunday will take place from 1-4 p.m. with a special art-making workshop at 2 p.m.

This program is free and open to the public, though donations are always welcome.

"We are excited to be opening up the education center to the public once again for Family Fun-day Sunday!" says Julie Pratt, the program's coordinator at the Remington Museum. "Our children's creativity space (affectionately known as Kid's Place, after Eva Remington, whom Fred nicknamed 'Kid') is a great place for families of all kinds to engage with art, imagination, and exploration together. It is important to us here at the Remington Museum for art and creativity to be accessible to people of all ages and all styles of learning. An art museum is a great place to experience and learn about art, but if you or your little ones wish for a more interactive, hands-on experience, or just a place to play, get creative, and make messy art, then Family Fun-day Sunday is for you!"

At Kid's Place visitors will find a large imaginative play area (complete with



Remington photo

Children enjoy creative play and art-making in the Frederic Remington Art Museum's Kid's Place. Families are invited to Kid's Place at the Museum for the new monthly Family Fun-day Sunday program starting on Sunday, February 25, from 1-4 p.m.

a life-size horse, "Rusty"), a kids' art studio where children of all ages can explore various mediums and art-making techniques, and many different interactive stations throughout Kid's Place that will spark the imagination.

In addition to free play and art-making throughout the day, there will be a fun, family-friendly art-making workshop that afternoon at 2 p.m.

This program is free and open to the public, no registration is required.

Chamber urges businesses be ready 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. "It's a rare and special celestial event that we get to witness with front-row seats, and we want to make sure that it's a safe and memorable experience for whoever happens to be here, whether that's just our local kids, families and residents who will be out of school or off work early, or any number of visitors driving over from Canada or surrounding areas."

The Total Solar Eclipse will occur on April 8th, 2024 with Totality (the total blackout) occurring around 3:30 p.m. 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.

Residents may ask why eclipse-chasers would choose St. Lawrence County over popular destinations in NYS including Buffalo, Rochester, and Lake Placid in addition to the major US cities along the Totality path. Amo explains that proximity will likely be a predominant factor, but she also notes that many people will want a more intimate experience that is off-the-beaten path and without the commotion of excessive crowds and heavy traffic.

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 neigh-

bors and surrounding communities who are not within the narrow path of the total eclipse experience.

"Our entire county falls within the path of Totality, so it's highly likely that we'll have people visiting from surrounding areas where it won't be visible," states Amo. "We're not trying to alarm local residents or businesses by any means, but we do want them to be prepared and also to see this as an opportunity to promote our area as a real tourism destination. It's a chance to make a good impression and to make people want to come back here or to tell their friends about their positive experience."

Tourists aside, the total eclipse is also an opportunity for folks who grew up in the area to come home, visit with friends and family, and experience the natural wonders in a familiar territory. Alumni from the county's 5 colleges and universities are also anticipated to return.

With hotels already reporting higher

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WHAT'S GOING ON

SATURDAY, FEB. 17

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'resentation Association, in conjunction with Forsyth's Rifles Reenactor group, host the annual reenactment of the Battle of Ogdensburg. 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 Ogdensburg 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.

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 FALLS -- 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



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Children's Paperback and Board Books 2/\$1. Funds raised will benefit the Badenhause Public Library. Friends of the Badenhause Public Library will hold book sales on the first Saturday of each month as an on-going fundraiser.

Valentine's Day turkey

HEUVELTON - Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St., will host a Valentine's Day

turkey dinner on Feb. 17 at 4 p.m. Cost is \$15 per meal, eat-in or take-out. Delivery in town is available by calling 315-344-2364. Menu includes turkey, dressing, mashed potato, vegetable, coleslaw, cranberries, roll and dessert.

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.

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.

Weaving class

WADDINGTON -- "Weaving In The Round" class will be held Saturday, Feb. 17 from 1-4 p.m. at The Gallery at Lake Saint Lawrence Arts, 14 Main St. Use yarn, ribbons, and cord to create patterns on a round frame. Susan Skinner, teacher. Cost: \$85. All materials supplied. Must pre-register at 315-388-3033 or email lakesaintlawrencearts@gmail.com.

**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.

Battle of Ogdensburgh

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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. Crapser 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 Crapser 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.

Coffee hour

OGDENSBURG - The Ogdensburg History Museum is excited to announce its upcoming event, "Just Spill the Beans: A Coffee Hour to Share Memories of Growing Up in Ogdensburg." This free and open event will take place on Sunday, Feb. 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the museum located at 206 Ford St. For more information, please contact the Ogdensburg History Museum at (315) 528-0733 or jmmadlin@gmail.com.

Small Town Ramblers

HEUVELTON - Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St., will host a dance featuring the Small Town Ramblers (formerly Pure Country) on Feb. 18 from 1-5 p.m. Cover charge is \$5.

MONDAY, FEB. 19

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.

TUESDAY, FEB. 20

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.

Science Day at library

OGDENSBURG -- Science Day will be offered to children ages 7 and older on Feb. 21 from noon until 6 p.m. at the Ogdensburg Public Library. Hands-on science experiments to complete will be all over the library.

Sketching in the Gallery

OGDENSBURG -- The Frederic Remington Art Museum invites the public to a new Sketching in the Gallery series starting on Wednesday, Feb. 21 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Museum's Albert P. Newell and Addie P. Newell Galleries. Participants will get a chance to spend some time with the collection of Remington sketches while honing their own drawing skills with the program's instructor and local artist, Julie Pratt. In this first class of a three-part series, the focus will be on Remington's 2-dimensional work, especially his drawings, and sketches in particular. Using his unique mark-making skills as a guide, participants will explore various ways of incorporating more texture and value into their drawings. All ranges of drawing experience are welcome. Drawing materials will be provided, though artists are welcome to bring their own sketchbooks and pencils if they prefer. The cost of the class is \$5 for members of the Remington Museum and \$10 for non-members. The class is limited to 15 participants. To register for this program, sign up online at fredericremington.org, call 315-393-2425, or email info@fredericremington.org.

Solar Eclipse talk

OGDENSBURG --A 2024 Total Solar Eclipse Science Lecture will be presented at the Ogdensburg Public Library on Wednesday, Feb. 21, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. All ages are welcome for the free presentation by Elaine Fortin, a NASA Solar System Ambassador.

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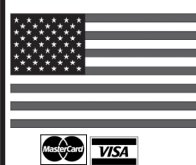
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OGDENSBURG -- Get in-person help with income tax returns and file for free at Ogdensburg Public Library Feb. 21, from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Tax Dept. employees will help you prepare and e-file your tax return in person in the library's auditorium with safe and secure online tax software. You must pre-register and schedule an appointment. For info, a list of necessary documents, or to schedule a session, contact us at 315-393-4325 or in person at the reference desk. Use on-site computers, or your own laptop, tablet, or mobile device. You only need basic computer skills and an active email account. If you earned \$79,000 or less in 2023, you qualify.

THURSDAY, FEB. 22
Free dinner

HEUVELTON -- A free will dinner will be held Thursday, Feb. 22, from 4-5:30 p.m. at Heuvelton United Methodist Church, Lisbon Street. The supper will be a breakfast for dinner. There will be breakfast foods such as pancakes, bacon, breakfast casseroles, fruit, drinks and possibly a special dessert. Thursday, February 22, 2024. . .

SATURDAY, FEB. 24
Black Lake Fishing Derby

HAMMOND -- The Black Lake Fish Derby will be held Feb. 24 from 6 a.m.-4 p.m. on Black Lake only, and is a Catch and Release. To sign-up, pre-register online @BLFGA.org ; Friday night 6-9 p.m. at the new clubhouse, or register on Derby Day at the weigh stations. Cost is \$10 for kids 16 and under and \$20 for adults. A \$100 cash giveaway will be awarded every hour, donated by the Black Lake Chamber of Commerce. Weigh In Stations will be at Black Lake Marine &

Roll -A -Way Bay. Roll-a-way Bay prizes: \$500 adult pike, \$250 kids pike, \$150 adult panfish, \$100 kids panfish, \$100 walleye (bonus entry) Black Lake Marine prizes: \$500 adult pike, \$250 kids pike, \$150 adult panfish, \$100 kids panfish, \$100 dogfish (bonus entry) Fish must be legal length. Panfish include crappie, perch and bluegill. Dogfish and walleye are bonus fish, so you can enter one even if you've entered another fish. Raffle tickets are being sold at Morristown Fuel & Echoes on the Lake. Proceeds from the Derby go directly to promoting The Black Lake Fish & Game Association outdoor education programs for the community and kids. Last year tied the top year with approximately \$6900 in funds for the kids after expenses. This goes to sending kids to camp, holding hunter safety classes, reptile and bird shows, scholarship awards for graduating high school seniors, the kid's fishing day in the spring / summer, as well as other educational opportunities that arise during the course of the year. The event is sponsored by the Black Lake Fish & Game Association.

Free tax prep
POTSDAM - A Super Saturday tax preparation event will be held Feb. 24 from 12:30-5 p.m., at SeaComm's Potsdam branch, 6 Sisson St. These tax preparation events provide the opportunity for low and moderate-income working individuals and families to have their income tax returns prepared free of charge. Eligibility is generally limited to taxpayers with an income under \$63,398. IRS-trained volunteers will be on hand to prepare returns for qualified individuals. Appointments for Super Saturday are required, as walk-ins will not be allowed. To make an appointment or for more information, call toll free 1-800-764-0566. Information is also available on the SeaComm website, www.seacomm.org and on the SeaComm Facebook page.

Grand Shanghai Circus
OGDENSBURG -- The Grand Shanghai Circus, amazing acrobats performing dare-devil acts, will perform a show Feb. 24 at 4 p.m. for the Ogdensburg Command Performance Series at OFA Auditorium, 1100 State St. Tickets are \$19-\$43. 315-393-2625. ILoveTheatre.org.

Maple 101 Workshop
BRUSHTON -- Want to sugar? Not sure where to start? Join Cornell Cooperative Extension of Franklin County and Agriculture Teacher, John St. Mary to learn the basics of maple production. Topics include: -Introduction to tree tapping -Different sap collection methods -Sugar bush tour -Sugar house tour/demonstration When: Saturday, February 24, 2024 Time: 1pm-3pm Where: Brushton-Moira Central School - 758 County Route 7, Brushton NY 12916 Cost: \$15.00 per person. 1:00 p.m., - 3 p.m., Saturday, February 24, 2024. \$15/per person. CCE Franklin, franklin@cornell.edu, 518-483-7403. Brushton-Moira Central School 758 County Route 7, Brushton, NY.

Moonlight ski, snowshoe
MASSENA -- A Moonlight Ski and Snowshoe will be held at Nicandri Nature Center Saturday, Feb. 24, from 6-8 p.m. The event and equipment loans are free. Join nature center staff for a fun evening on the trails. All participants must go out

with a guided group. Groups leave the center at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. Plan to be early if you need to borrow gear. There will be groups for all levels of skiers and snowshoers. Included will be s'mores and hot cocoa around a fire. The event is weather dependent. Changes will be posted on Facebook, and you may call for more info.

Ship to Shore Chef
MASSENA -- Catherine Schmuck, the famous 'Ship to Shore Chef' author and blogger, will speak at Massena Public Library Saturday, Feb. 24, at 1 p.m. She will talk of her experiences and adventures while cooking for the crew on board various ships sailing the St. Lawrence Seaway and Great Lakes. Auto-graphed copies of her cookbook, 'Ship to Shore Chef,' and her children's book, 'Stowaway Adventures' will be for sale. Access her blog on Facebook to read her stories and see her meals.

Small Town Ramblers
MASSENA -- The Massena Senior Citizens will host a dance on Saturday, Feb. 24 at 61 Beach St, Massena. Small Town Ramblers will be playing from 5-9 p.m. Cover charge is \$5. The kitchen is open from 4:30-7 p.m. The public is welcome.

The Backwater Duo
MASSENA - The Backwater Duo is performing Saturday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. at Chase's Riverside Dining, 829 State Highway 131.

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occupancy rates at this time of year than in previous years throughout neighboring counties, with some fully booked already, it is clear that

there will be more visitors than usual.
"Aside from being an astounding astronomical event, the eclipse can also be a source of revenue generation for the County and our local communities if we plan accordingly," Amo said.
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. Limited menus and specialty-themed promotions are also being suggested to help manage potential crowds while still creating a memorable experience.
Additionally, the STLC Cham-

ber is helping local businesses and event planners get the word out about the special promotions and viewing events through an online landing page dedicated to the eclipse at STLCtotality.com.
"We've put a lot of effort into gathering relevant information and presenting it online in one centralized place so that people can find the details they need to plan and promote accordingly," Amo said.
STLCtotality.com features a viewing timetable for locations throughout the County, information on where to buy viewing glasses (including at the STLC Chamber of Commerce offices in Canton and Ogdensburg in the weeks leading up

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Free fishing weekend planned

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.

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

Participants are reminded that although the requirement for a 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.



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Acrobats from the Grand Shanghai Circus perform a series of stunts during their act.

Grand Shanghai Circus to dazzle North Country audience

OGDENSBURG - Over 40 acrobats will showcase a dramatic interpretation of classic Chinese dance and performance art when the Grand Shanghai Circus arrives Feb. 24 for the next Ogdensburg Grand Performance event.

The 4 p.m. staging is billed as the Grand Shanghai Circus but is headquartered nationally out of Branson, Missouri at the Mickey Gilley Theater and features dozens of the best circus performers from around the world, including Russia, Europe, China and other parts of

Asia.

Ogdensburg Command Performances Administrator Sally F. Palao says the 4 p.m. stage time is deliberate to accommodate families of all ages.

"This is a show that appeals to every age, young, old, teenager," Mrs. Palao said. "Good, wholesome family fun on stage is not always easy to come by these days. These circus performers are honestly among the best in the world. I can't imagine someone leaving without a smile on their face."

What sets the Grand Shanghai Circus aside from other national circus acts is the extraordinary and inventive feats of strength, skill, control, balance, grace and charisma, according to officials in Branson.

By combining stage LED technology and artistic skill the Grand Shanghai Circus performers deliver world class entertainment that includes breathtaking acrobatics, colorful dance and costumes, comedy, mystic magic and aerial feats of strength, according to promoters.

Mrs. Palao said tickets are selling rapidly but there is still time to purchase a seat at the 4 p.m. Feb. 24 performance at the George Hall Auditorium at Ogdensburg Free Academy High School in Ogdensburg.

She said some of the stunts the audience may witness include foot juggling, yo-yo tricks, chair balancing, acrobatics numbers, and dramatic interpretations of traditional stories.

"This is one of the best acrobatic shows in the United States which is why they have their own theater in middle America in Branson," Mrs. Palao said. "It's a perfect fit for our beautiful North Country."

For tickets call 315-393-2625 or visit IloveTheatre.org

Emails can also be sent to ocp@ogdensburgk12.org.

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to the eclipse), updates on where the best viewing areas will be, and even an eclipse-themed playlist. There is also a special event feed showcasing listings for viewing experiences and promotions happening throughout the county. Businesses hosting events are strongly encouraged to submit their details to the calendar, which is free and a great opportunity for additional marketing reach. Visitors will also find a live search feature for the County's booking platform which showcases STLC Chamber Members in the lodging industry.

As the designated Tourism Promotion Agent for St. Lawrence County, the Chamber's tourism team has also been working with I Love New York on a state level to increase promotional efforts and marketing reach.

The Chamber's promotional campaign has included phrases like, "Come for the eclipse, stay for the weekend" and not only promotes eclipse-related viewing locations and events, but also highlights the County's many natural resources, museums and attractions, sporting and recreational opportunities, and more.

While the landing page's primary function serves to promote tourism to the county, it is also an excellent resource for businesses and locals to use for planning and preparedness resources, including a Chamber-hosted webinar focused on safety, preparation, and the science behind the eclipse. The Chamber also encourages all area restaurants, lodging, and attractions to visit the VisitSTLC.com business directory to ensure representation is accurate leading up to the eclipse.

For more information, or to contact the Chamber with inquiries or information, visit the St. Lawrence County Chamber website at www.VisitSTLC.com or contact Tiffani Amo at tif@slcchamber.org.

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Mike Zysik, Gavin Carter and Jack Smith hold a 22 lb. muskie that won the \$100 prize for largest fish caught at the 2024 Strike Fear Pike / Walleye Derby held recently. The fish was released alive back in the St. Lawrence River. The derby had 160 entrants. The proceeds went to Massena Salvation Army.

Remington kicks off art and tea series

OGDENSBURG — The Frederic Remington Art Museum kicks off its “Art Highlights & Tea” series on Wednesday, February 21.

The program begins with a gallery talk by Museum Curator & Educator, Laura Desmond, to be followed by an elegant tea in the Museum’s parlors. Desmond will examine Remington’s explorations of race, whiteness, and masculinity, focusing on works featured in the

current Centennial Exhibition.

The free talk will take place at 2 pm and will be presented in the Museum’s Addie P. Newell Gallery.

After the presentation, tea will be served in the Museum’s parlors featuring traditional English tea specialties. The tea (\$15 for Museum members, \$20 for non-members) is provided courtesy of Anne Skelly, Fran Moore, and friends. Call (315) 393-2425, email info@fredericrem-

ington.org, or reserve seats for the tea through the Museum’s online shop.

The Museum will offer free admission for the entire day. The Museum will also offer a paid Sketching in the Gallery class and additional paid programming throughout the day.

Sketching series begins

OGDENSBURG — The Frederic Remington Art Museum invites the public to a new Sketching in the Gallery series starting on Wednesday, Feb. 21 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Museum’s Albert P. Newell and Addie P. Newell Galleries.

Participants will get a chance to spend some time with the collection of Remington sketches while honing their own drawing skills with the program’s instructor and local artist, Julie Pratt. In this first class of a three-part series, the focus will be on Remington’s 2-dimensional work, especially his drawings, and sketches in particular. Using his unique mark-making skills as a guide, participants will explore various ways of incorporating more texture and value into their drawings.

All ranges of drawing experience are welcome. Drawing materials will be provided, though artists are

welcome to bring their own sketchbooks and pencils if they prefer. The cost of the class is \$5 for members of the Remington Museum and \$10 for non-members. The class is limited to 15 participants. To register for this program, sign up online at fredericremington.org, call 315-393-2425, or email info@fredericremington.org.

The second class in the series on March 20 will look at Remington’s sculptures and the unique challenge of rendering a 3-dimensional sculpture onto a 2-dimensional surface. In the third, and last class of the series on April 17, participants will explore Remington’s paintings: how he used color to create atmosphere, how he built his compositions, and his handling of the paint.

Each class can be attended independently of the other. Attending all three is not required, although it is recommended.

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Free skating over winter break

MASSENA — Free public skating is available during mid-winter

break at Massena Arena. Skating sessions will be Monday, Feb. 19 - Friday, Feb. 23 from 11 a.m.- 12:50 p.m. It is sponsored by Northside Community Church, SeaComm Federal Credit Union, Sons of Amvets, Donaldson Funeral Home and Massena Permanent Fire Fighters.

Family Swim Days

OGDENSBURG — Family Swim Days will be offered on Sundays from Feb. 25-March 24, 1-3 p.m. at the OFA pool. Free admission and open to all families. Children must be accompanied by an adult in the pool. It is offered by City of Ogdensburg City Parks & Recreation.



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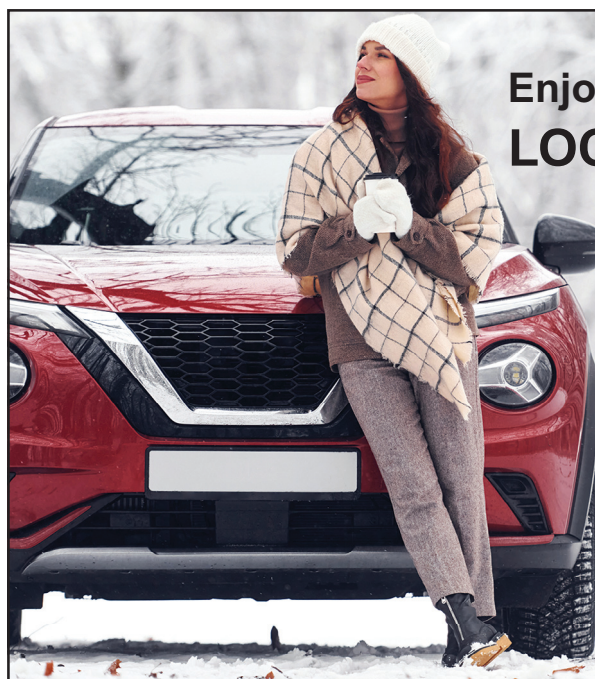
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New shoes, coats and therapy dog visits People Project helps students from head to toe

Trap shooting team looking for members

BY MATT LINDSEY
North Country This Week



Mary Wills | Submitted

Gizmo is the dog on the informational sheet and the star of the book used in the program. Sammy, the little brown cavapoo pictured above, is the emotional support dog that accompanies volunteers to classrooms.

OGDENSBURG – St. Lawrence County People Project volunteers have been busy providing winter coats, new youth sneakers and visits by Gizmo the therapy dog at local schools.

The People Project, in partnership with the St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau and its team of Teen Ambassadors, also helps school districts and students in many ways, according to Mary Wills, Director of the SLC People Project.

“Gizmo’s Pawesome Guide to Education” is a program designed for third and fourth graders, but Wills hopes to expand the program.

Gizmo, a small therapy dog, introduces mental health in a non-threatening, age-appropriate way. There is no cost to schools.

“We’ve been hearing from schools that early intervention in this area is really needed. There’s a new program that uses the same message but is geared for K-2. Our hope is to get enough funding to be able to pilot this program next fall,” said Wills.

The new program would be a spin-off of the original Gizmo project, but is meant for the early childhood learners. The language is simplified, the lessons are shorter and there are more hands-on learning opportunities.

“The sooner children learn how to manage their feelings and where to turn for help, the more successful they will be at staying emotionally and behaviorally healthy,” Wills said. “Young children with anxiety or depression, often present as behavior problems because they do not understand why they

are feeling as they do, and they don’t know what to do with those feelings and emotions.”

She said an evidence-based safety plan is utilized as a framework and teaches children how to care for one’s own mental health through self-identification of warning signs and coping skills. The children are also taught the concept of a trusted adult and when it is important to reach out to one.

The lessons end with a visit from a live emotional support dog, and the children really seem to enjoy the whole experience, Wills said.

The new Gizmo program would

be set up for each classroom to have three visits a year if they are able to get the needed funding.

“Our hope is that the general atmosphere in each classroom will improve and that these young students will begin to develop lifelong skills to help them manage their mental health,” Wills said

The non-profit’s next project is called “My New Sneaker” and will provide brand-new athletic shoes in sizes toddler 6 to youth 5. “As a former elementary school teacher, I remember how quickly children outgrew their sneakers. I’ve also seen them trying to wear their older siblings’ shoes that just don’t fit.

It becomes a safety concern when a child has ill-fitting footwear,” said Mary Wills, Director of the SLC People Project.

The sneakers will be distributed to area schools for children whose sneakers have either been outgrown or outworn. The shoes come in stylish colors and are light and comfortable with a thick rubber sole.

“It’s often difficult for families to find the resources to replace the shoes, when they are struggling with heat, food and other bills,” she said. “We want to help by taking this one worry off the table.”

Wills said the organization will accept monetary donations and get the sneakers through a partnership with Operation Warm, a non-profit organization in Pennsylvania, that manufactures the sneakers for children.

The St. Lawrence County People Project recently met their goal of \$10,000 and provided coats, boots, hats and mittens to around 200 local students.

“I would like to express how thankful my family is for the gift of warmth this season. Tough times occurred and with this amazing program, my children will be able to stay warm all winter, and that’s what every mom wants.”, wrote a parent who wishes to remain anonymous. The ‘Sponsor a Child’ fundraising effort brought in donations of all amounts and each one was greatly appreciated.”

Donations to help support the St. Lawrence People Project can be sent to:

St. Lawrence County People Project, PO Box 763, 431 State Street, Ogdensburg NY, 13669; or through Paypal @slcpepp

\$25,000 Scholarship Fund created at Massena school

MASSENA – Air Products, in partnership with the Northern New York Community Foundation, announced a \$25,000 grant from the Air Products Foundation to support the establishment of the Air Products Greater Massena Scholarship Fund.

Scholarships of up to \$5,000 per applicant are available to students who live in St. Lawrence or Franklin counties who are applying for admission in any year of study to a college or university, or vocational, technical, or trade school, a press release from Air Products said.

Students pursuing all avenues of education, including adult learning, are encouraged to apply for the scholarships, though special consideration will be given to students pursuing STEM

education, skilled trade sciences, or expressing a specific interest in environmental conservation or clean energy, the release said

“Air Products is committed to sustainable operations and supporting the communities where we live and work. Our team felt there was no better way of expressing that commitment than through the growth and support of a highly skilled workforce that will help sustain the Massena community for generations to come,” said Trip Oliver, director of government and community relations at Air Products.

Air Products has partnered with the Northern New York Community Foundation to oversee the administration of the fund and manage its awards.

“We are grateful to Air Products for their generosity and look forward to having the opportunity to work alongside their team to support students throughout the Massena area,” said Rande Richardson, Community Foundation executive director. “Being able to align with those who have a strong commitment for the betterment the community is an honor.”

The scholarship application opens February 1, 2024. Students who live in St. Lawrence and Franklin counties who plan to continue their education are encouraged to apply through the Northern New York Community Foundation’s scholarship portal at <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=nnycfscholarship>.

NORWOOD -- Registration is now open at Norwood-Norfolk, St. Lawrence Central and Potsdam Central schools for participation in the New York State Clay Target League in the sport of trap shooting.

Any student in those school district who is 12 years old by March 25th 2024 is eligible to participate, officials say. No previous experience is necessary.

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‘College in HS’ program expanding

CANTON -- SUNY Canton’s new Center for Workforce, Community and Industry Partnerships (WCIP) is looking to expand its “College in High School” program in St. Lawrence County.

College in High School, also referred to as “dual enrollment,” gives 10th-12th graders the opportunity to earn high school and college credit simultaneously through courses taught in their home districts at no cost to students and their families.

SUNY Canton has existing agreements with several local schools, and WCIP is looking to expand the model to all St. Lawrence County school districts, as well as St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Career and Technical Education Centers. Students can earn credit toward their high school diploma, as well as credit hours toward a SUNY Canton associate or bachelor’s degree. Completed credits will also be accepted by any other SUNY institution.

School administrators, teachers, students and families are encouraged to contact WCIP Executive Director Elizabeth A. Brown at ericksone@canton.edu or (315) 386-7504 for more information.

Those interested can also visit www.canton.edu/wcip.



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Public hearing to consider land additions to ag districts

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

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

al 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.

Potsdam cannabis dispensary now offering delivery service

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Even though we are working on getting rid of the stigma associated with cannabis, there is still sort of stigma with it," she said.

Cannabis products delivered to customers will be in plain paper bags as well.

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

Customers can place orders online through www.

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Sunday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Monday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. deliveries go out to Massena, Brasher, North Lawrence, Chase Mills, Waddington and Madrid.

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

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

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

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

Overall, The Highest Peak has been enjoying steady business since it opened last month.

"We are thankful for the steadiness. And we are looking forward to the boost with the students coming back. We really are appreciating the feedback we are getting back," Wood said.

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

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

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

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

Union officials also released sta-

tistics regarding violent assaults in prisons, saying assaults on prison staff rose 13.4% in 2023, while assaults on fellow inmates rose 41.5%.

Gray said the closure of the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility alone cost the county 268 jobs and \$25 million in 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," Gray said.

Gray also touched on the 525,000 square foot facility remaining vacant, the state owned space further adding to the existing 500,000 square feet of abandoned state-owned space, he said.

Gray said any further closures could lead to the loss of 466 more jobs and \$42.6 million in payroll, according to a Cornell University report.

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 Cellar 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.

238 West 139 th Street
New York, NY 10030

Patrick R. Engle
Sheriff of St. Lawrence County

PARISHVILLE PUBLIC NOTICE
Parishville Amvet Post 265
Purchase of the Parishville Fire Hall.

MASSENA NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Insulation Solutions of NNY, LLC.

NORWOOD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Village of Norwood will be holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday February 20, at 5:30pm

POTSDAM NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Potsdam Birth House LLC.

OSWEGATCHIE PUBLIC NOTICE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
that the Town Board of the Town of Oswegatchie is considering the following resolution:

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;

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")

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Next LVL Consulting LLC.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Joyful Paws, LLC was formed on December 7, 2023.

NORFOLK NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Four Acre Flowers.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Bent Beam Brewing LLC.

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.

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.

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.



CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Canton Village Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 7:00pm,

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 nonconformance with Village of Canton Code Section 325, Zoning Law Schedule B: Lot Dimensional Standards.

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.

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.

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 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 DePeyster and Oswegatchie; 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 Town 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 Town 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.

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.

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.

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

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

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:

Power System Engineering, Inc. 2424 Rimrock Rd Suite 300 Madison, WI 53713 608-268-3510

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.

- 1. New Steel Sheet Piling
2. New Steel Guiderails & Posts
3. New Miscellaneous Structural Steel
4. Lumber and Supplies
5. Reinforcement Rods
6. Transit Mix Concrete
7. Bag Portland Cement
8. Hot Mix Asphalt
9. Gravel & Sand
10. Crushed Stone
11. Liquid Calcium Chloride & Liquid Magnesium Chloride for Gravel Road Stabilization & Sand Stockpiles
12. Corrugated Culvert Pipe: Steel & Plastic
13. Explosives and Accessories
14. Geotextile
15. Breakaway Sign Support Systems
16. Precast Concrete Systems
17. Cold in Place Recvclina (Tvoe II Train)
18. Asphalt Surface Recvclina of Existino Pave Surfaces
19. Full Depth Reclamation of Asphalt Pavement
20. Micro-Surfacing
21. Fiber Reinforced Bituminous Membrane Surface Treatment
22. Production Cold Milling
23. Paver Placed Surface Treatment (NOVA Chip)
24. Liquid Asphalt Materials (Furnished & Applied)
25. Misc. Bridge Construction Supplies
26. Construction Testina Services (Soil, Asphalt & Concrete)
27. Environmental Laboratory Service
28. Subsurface Exploration Service
29. Aluminum Sign Blanks
30. (2024) Sale of Scrap Metal - Currently Extended
31. Crane And Riqaina With Pile Installation Services
32. Reflective Sheeting

All bids must be accompanied by a non-collusion statement. St. Lawrence County reserves the right to reject any/or all bids. Please mark all bids with the appropriate BID ITEM AND NUMBER, in separate envelopes, and mail to: St. Lawrence County Purchasing Office 48 Court Street Canton, New York 13617

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
The Village of Potsdam will accept sealed bids for supplying the Village Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment Plants with chemicals on an annual contract basis for the period from June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025. Bids will be received for each chemical listed below, and bids will be evaluated for each chemical on an individual basis.

- Sodium Hydroxide Na (OH)
• Alum (Al2 SO3)
• Sodium Hypochlorite Na (OCL)
• Sodium Fluoride
• Poly Aluminum Chloride or equal
• Phosphate
• Liquid Polymer

The Village reserves the right to waive informalities and to reject any or 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 Potsdam Annual Contract for (chemical name) at the Water Treatment Plant, on the outside of the envelope. No bidder may withdraw his bid within forty-five days of the bid opening. Bids will be received at the Village Clerk's Office, Civic Center, P.O. Box 5168, 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 Clerk at address above, by email at gscott@vi.potsdam.ny.us or by phone (315) 265-7480. The Village reserves the right to reduce the total quantity purchased without reduction in unit price for the delivered load specified. The suppliers of chemicals shall provide a guaranteed analysis of the concentration of each load delivered. These analyses must be performed by a competent chemist and must be delivered at the same time as the load of chemicals. The lack of analysis will be reason to refuse delivery of the load.

Georgine Scott, Village Clerk

DEVELOPMENT...

A new RFP?

Wright said that he believes the city would still be within its rights to seek new proposals for the property and says he has a plan that would include swift development.

He recently submitted a letter to the city regarding the matter.

"I wanted to touch base with you and remind you that we are indeed still in need of 17 Main St. Part B. As we work through the Project proposal for the Part A RFP it is apparent that we still very much need part B that has been owned by the city for the past several years and off the tax rolls," he wrote.

"While I realize there were missteps in the way the prior RFP process was handled, there has yet to be clear documentation presented at public meetings or to my attorney regarding a written agreement with At The Docks, LLC. Given the RFP was awarded to ATD, LLC almost 2 years ago but was never purchased by them, it is still our position that the land should be put back out for a new RFP process similar to Part A. Is anyone on this city council willing to come forward and take a public stand on this biased issue?"

Wright said that if the city will not accept a new RFP for parcel B, they should consider tighter deadlines than they are currently proposing.

Honoring the deal

Interim City Manager Andrea Smith and Mayor Michael Tooley said they have been in contact with representatives from At the Docks LLC to move things forward.

Smith said the city is asking the company to meet the standards originally offered to Hosmer. She said the goal is to ensure at the Docks are able to act on the 2022 proposal which has not yet expired.

This would give At the Docks LLC until the end of May to submit plans and finalize the sale.

Tooley said he responded to Wright's letter to update him on the situation.

Tooley said that because the original proposal submitted by Hosmer included at the Docks and was still active, despite Hosmer's decision to withdraw, council felt the city needed to reach out to Frary's to see if they still wanted to proceed.

Tooley said the Frary's were still interested in moving forward with their proposal, which included building a dock storage facility on the property.

Tooley said the response triggered the city to give At the Docks 90 days to submit a proposal and until May 31 to finalize the sale.

He said that information has been shared with Wright.

Opposing view

But Wright says he believes a tighter deadline should be followed given that two years have already passed and there has been no sign of development.

"In the very least we are requesting you to consider a much tighter deadline for the other developer to follow through on the purchase of the land. Why is the city of Ogdensburg holding vacant land for a developer for over 2 years? I offered \$10,000 on the piece back in December of 2023 with no response as of today 2/12/24. We very much need the property to make this project a true reality at the level we would like to see it at. We do not want this to be a half-baked project," he wrote. "Our project will have significant economic and tourism impacts to the City of Ogdensburg and greater

regional areas. Much more than a proposed warehouse in the prime real estate of Ogdensburg. Please tighten the timelines on deadlines and consider my \$10,000 offer for Part B," he wrote.

Wright says he wants the city and the council to help him move forward with his shovel ready project.

"Mystic Springs is a fully funded and shovel ready project. It is up to the City and politicians to make it a priority," his letter concluded.

Although council met Feb. 12 after the email was submitted to council there was no discussion on the matter at the meeting.

PRISON...

resolution says.

Council noted that the city has a history of welcoming prisons to the community at a time when other communities in the state pushed against their presence and pointed out that the facilities have been run in exemplary fashion.

"Our facilities in Ogdensburg and Gouverneur have distinguished themselves for decades with their innovative programming and educational opportunities for incarcerated individuals, safety, and overall efficiency," the resolution says.

Council also pointed out the state's history of leaving vacant facilities off tax rolls without repurposing them. That's been a major problem for Ogdensburg over the years as some state-owned vacant properties sit on prime real estate.

"Due to the recent closure of the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility (2022) and the downsizing of the State-owned St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center Campus there is over 1 million square feet of vacant, and unused New York State owned buildings," the resolution says. "These buildings, left abandoned and unused, provide no economic value to the locality or to the State and, along with an additional six closed state prisons in the North Country, are a clear demonstration of the difficulty repurposing closed state facilities in this region."

While the language in the letter may sound familiar to past efforts made in past efforts to keep state facilities in the area open, Ogdensburg Police Chief Mark Kearns says the Riverview Correctional Facility's Correctional Emergency Response Team plays a crucial role in public safety to the county.

He said the team, which operates in training similar to what people might be familiar with as a SWAT Team, is part of every St. Lawrence County School District's Active Shooter plan.

He said losing them would greatly jeopardize the entire county's ability to respond properly if such incidents were to arise.

The resolution passed unanimously following approved amendments and will be forwarded to the governor and various state lawmakers.

CLEANUP...

picked up at the DPW building during the month of July between the hours of 10am to 12pm and 1pm to 3pm. You will have to show a proof of residency, a recent utility bill for example. As always no commercial properties will receive vouchers and residents who do not pay for our refuse service will not get a voucher," Miller said.

Staffing was also addressed, a concern that previously cost the village significant sums of money, Miller said.

"The village will only have one to two employees stationed at the transfer station during the two

week period. I wanted to have one but I met with the county this week and we have some differing opinions on that. Before, the village had a whole crew up there, which I didn't think was a necessity," he said.

Restrictions on what can be dumped would also be tweaked as well, with no tires allowed and no more than two mattresses or box springs allowed per voucher.

Miller also said once a voucher is picked up the department would not reprint one in the event it is lost or damaged.

Mayor Greg Paquin acknowledged that some residents would be disappointed with the lack of curbside pickup service, as had been offered years prior.

"I know there's going to be disappointment that we can't do the curbside pickup but a big part of that problem is the cost of getting charged for refuse tonnage from St. Lawrence County," he said.

According to Miller, the cost per ton for non-compacted garbage is up to \$141 currently.

"When we entered into that flow agreement with DANC (Development Authority of the North Country) when I was a St Lawrence county legislator, we were told that by doing that, by making sure that everyone goes to that landfill, prices would go down. They aren't going to go down," Paquin said.

Paquin also took a jab at the county, saying it was possible additional fees were also being charged for the service.

"On top of that, I think there's some other costs being thrown in there by the county that we shouldn't be paying for that I suspect we are. If I'm wrong, I'm wrong, but I don't think I am," he said.

When discussing the county's role in refuse, Miller said he also suggested holding a hazardous

waste disposal day in Massena "so everyone doesn't have to drive to Canton."

Miller said he would follow up with them on the idea again in future conversations.

Paquin said it's difficult for the village to continue to offer services as they had in years prior, saying financially some services simply aren't an option.

Trustee Ken McGowan also suggested reaching out to the local township individuals may live in, saying in some cases there may be another option to dispose of such waste.

In the case of Massena, members of the village also comprise portions of three townships, he said.

"I know the town of Louisville (allows it) because I live in the town of Louisville and the village. I know I'm allowed to bring my stuff right out there (in Louisville) and they take care of it. I don't understand why a member of the town, someone that's a resident that lives within the village, wouldn't have the same opportunity to participate in a town program. They pay town taxes, so if you live

in the town of Massena and the village of Massena, why would you be excluded from that (town program). I have no idea," Paquin said.

Village officials have been coordinating with the town of Louisville and town of Massena to ensure spring cleanups did not overlap, officials say.

McGowan said he was at the most recent meeting, saying town officials were happy with the village's decision to move to August.

The switch to August for village residents may also benefit those who travel south, according to Village Administrator Monique Chatland.

"We've seen a lot of people that travel south and we used to miss them or their voucher would get forwarded to their address in transit. So I think this will help with that as well," she said.

"It also gives folks time to sort through what they want to get rid of because we've all done it and realized we forgot things because we felt rushed," McGowan said.

Spring cleanup will now run from Aug. 19-31 for village of Massena residents.

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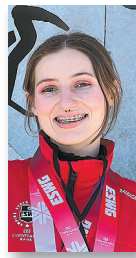
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NORTH COUNTRY PEOPLE

NOTABLE



A Heuvelton Central School senior figure skater added two medals to her collection. Marina Perry, a twelfth grader at HCS, took her final "Gold Dance" on Jan. 20 in figure skating and passed. Then, on Feb. 2, she earned a gold medal for freestyle in figure skating at the Empire State Games in Lake Placid. She also competed with her synchronized skating team at the Empire State Games, and they received a bronze medal.

NORTH COUNTRY THIS WEEK | MASSENA-OGDENSBURG, NY | FEBRUARY 17 - 23, 2024

United Helpers honors Myrna O'Neil

OGDENSBURG – A retired educator from Ogdensburg who dedicated 12 years to service on the United Helpers Management Company Board of Directors was recently granted emeritus status by

the organization.

Myrna O'Neil began volunteering with United Helpers in 2011, serving on the unit membership for United Helpers Nursing Home, Inc. and the Quality Assurance

and Performance Improvement Committees. She also played a key role in much of the organization's fundraising activity over the past 12 years.

During her time on the board, Ms. O'Neil also became a resident of what was then RiverLedge Health Care and Rehabilitation Center on three different occasions. In fact, she credits the United Helpers organization for saving her life and teaching her to walk again.

"You guys basically saved my life," she said. "Tim (Timothy Parsons) got me walking when no one thought I would ever walk again." Parsons, a former physical therapist, now serves as Vice President of Operations for United Helpers Rehabilitation and Senior Care in Canton.

"As a member of our board and someone who spent time with us as a resident, Myrna brought a unique perspective to the table that was invaluable and will greatly be missed," said CEO Todd R. Amo.

The announcement of O'Neil's emeritus status was made at the most recent board of directors' meeting. Society of the United Helpers President Joseph Finnegan presented O'Neil with a plaque, while Board of Directors President Darlene Liscum presented her with a framed copy of the proclamation announcing the honor.

Reading from the proclamation Liscum said, "Ms. O'Neil has dedicated countless hours in support of the staff and leadership team. She has served as an influential mentor and colleague to her fellow directors, as well as a vocal community supporter of United Helpers and its services."



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Interesting speakers are always an integral part of the meetings. The members also collect items for

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St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corp. employees honored

MASSENA -- Several employees at the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (GLS) were honored as outstanding employees at the 56th Annual U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Secretary's Awards Ceremony, held on Thursday, January 25, 2024, in Washington, D.C.

The event, presided over by U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg, celebrated the exceptional contributions of individuals and teams across DOT who have demonstrated unparalleled dedication to the Department's strategic goals and mission.

The GLS Trade and Economic Development team, consisting of Rebecca Yackley, Peter Hirthe, and Jazmine Jurkiewicz, received the Secretary's Partnering for Excellence Award for achievements in enhancing international cruise ship activity across the Great Lakes. Their collaborative efforts have not only bolstered regional economic devel-

opment but have also positioned the GLS as a key player in fostering new international partnerships and cruise tourism via the St. Lawrence Seaway. Seven cruise lines designed itineraries for ten vessels on the Great Lakes in 2023, totaling almost 400 U.S. port calls for an estimated 100,000 cruise passengers.

Stephen McCargar, Operations Specialist in the GLS's Massena office, was honored with the Trans-

portation Safety Award for his significant contributions in advancing and implementing transformative measures in Seaway lock operations. McCargar's dedication has had a profound impact on ensuring the well-being of Seaway personnel and the North Country community while also sustaining over 2,000 safe and secure vessel transits in the last year.

Chora Snyder, Contract Specialist, also based in Massena, was present-

ed with the Secretary's Excellence Award, a testament to her outstanding performance and exceptional commitment in undertaking federal procurement activities responsibly and diligently. Snyder has contributed across the organization, proving instrumental by supporting multiple key GLS initiatives, including the Seaway Infrastructure Program (SIP) for capital asset renewal of Eisenhower and Snell locks.

Sylvonica Madlock, Julie Kuenzler, and LaToya James are part of the DOT Equity Team which received the Diversity Award for progress in institutionalizing equity, inclusion and accessibility as core values and practice throughout DOT. Their unwavering commitment has set a benchmark for promoting a diverse working environment within DOT while positively impacted the entire organizational culture of the GLS.

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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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Clarkson™

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

(518) 483-6420, Ext 1012 • Email: bsusice@feh.org EOE

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




Executive Assistant to the President & Board Liaison

The Executive Assistant to the President and Board Liaison, reporting directly to the President, provides high level support to the President and the Board of Trustees. The successful candidate will have a keen understanding of how a university functions, including the unique and complimentary roles of the Board, the faculty, and the administration in a strong shared governance model. They will respect, foster positive relationships with and work productively with the wide range of constituencies, including students, parents, faculty and staff, alumni, and community members. They will represent the character and quality of the University with confidence and ease, maintain strict confidentiality and discretion, and manage a wide range of duties in a timely fashion with excellence.

\$60,000 - \$62,000 annual salary depending on experience. 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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General Laborer

St. Lawrence University has an opening for a full time **General Laborer**. Performs work required in the care, maintenance, cleaning and housekeeping of University buildings and campus in accordance with established practices and procedures. Responsible for performing duties associated with setups and deliveries for special events in and around all campus buildings. In the absence of the material recycler or supply clerk, performs the regular duties of that position as assigned. As required performs the primary duties of other "A" classification personnel as assigned by the Management staff.

Minimum Qualifications: High School diploma (or equivalent) required. Ability to follow verbal and printed instructions. Ability to prepare or verbalize reports necessary to the position. Requires ability to lift a minimum of 45 lbs., bending, climbing, pushing and pulling. Must be able to meet University requirements to be authorized to drive University vehicles as assigned. Pay range- \$15.00 - \$19.98/hr. depending on experience. To view the complete position description, including minimum qualifications required.

Interested applicants must apply online at: <https://employment.stlawu.edu>. SLU is an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity employer.

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



POTSDAM CENTRAL SCHOOLS
20 Leroy St., Potsdam, NY
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**POTSDAM CENTRAL SCHOOL VACANCIES
FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

- 2 – Math Teachers – MS Level
- 2 – Special Education Teachers
Elem. & HS Levels
- Elementary Teachers

Application deadline: February 23, 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

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St. Lawrence County
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, INC.

HEAD START has the current openings:

Administrative Office:

Health/Disabilities Coordinator: Canton Administrative Office. Bachelors in Community Health, RN preferred. The position is full time, 35 hours per week, 43 weeks/year following the school calendar. The salary is \$19.01 per hour.

Gouverneur Center:

Anticipated Teacher: Bachelor's degree in early childhood or related field preferred (24 credit hours of early childhood). Supervisory experience is a plus. Salary range is \$17.95 to \$19.01 per hour.

Assistant Teacher (1): Person must have a minimum of a CDA (Child Development Accreditation), or a written plan of study. Early childhood experience preferred. The salary range is \$15.00 to \$15.84 per hour.

Bus Driver (1): Responsibilities include safe transporting of preschool children to/from the Head Start Center. Position requires a clean NYS Driver's License. Must be at least 21 years of age. Candidates must have a minimum of a Class C CDL, with an "S" and "P" endorsement license. Follow NYS Article 19A regulations. The salary is \$16.02 per

Massena Center:

Teacher (1): Bachelor's degree in early childhood or related field preferred (24 credit hours of early childhood). Supervisory experience is a plus. Salary range is \$17.95 to \$19.01 per hour.

Assistant Teacher (1): Person must have a minimum of a CDA (Child Development Accreditation), or a written plan of study. Early childhood experience preferred. The salary range is \$15.00 to \$15.84 per hour.

Classroom Aide / Bus Monitor (1): Person must have a minimum of a high school diploma or its equivalent. BOCES Certificate of Early Childhood, CDA, or substantial experience in early childhood daycare preferred. The salary is \$15.00 per hour.

Part Time Cook: This is a 28 hour position. Knowledge of nutritional needs of young children and Department of Health regulations preferred. The salary is \$15.00 per hour.

Bus Drivers (1): Responsibilities include safe transporting of preschool children to/from the Head Start Center. Position requires a clean NYS Driver's License. Must be at least 21 years of age. Candidates must have a minimum of a Class C CDL, with an "S" and "P" endorsement license. Follow NYS Article 19A regulations. The salary is \$16.02 per hour.

Norwood Center:

Classroom Aide (1): Person must have a minimum of a high school diploma or its equivalent. BOCES Certificate of Early Childhood, CDA, or substantial experience in early childhood daycare preferred. The salary is \$15.00 per hour.

Parishville Center:

Bus Monitor: Person must have a minimum of a high school diploma or its equivalent. Person should enjoy working with preschool aged children. The salary is \$15.00 per hour.

Gouverneur/Ogdensburg Center:

Classroom Aide (1): Person must have a minimum of a high school diploma or its equivalent. BOCES Certificate of Early Childhood, CDA, or substantial experience in early childhood daycare preferred. The salary is \$15.00 per hour.

Floating Aide for Canton, Gouverneur, Ogdensburg and Potsdam Centers (1):

Classroom Aide (1): Person must have a minimum of a high school diploma or its equivalent. BOCES Certificate of Early Childhood, CDA, or substantial experience in early childhood daycare preferred. The salary is \$15.00 per hour.

Home Based:

Home Based Visitors (4) for various areas in St. Lawrence County: Must be at least 21 years of age and have a valid clean NYS Driver's license. CDA credential, Early Childhood Education or plan of study required. Experience with preschool children preferred. Position includes weekly home visits with families. An agency vehicle is provided. The salary range is \$15.84 to \$16.90 per hour.

Health Professional for Canton/Ogdensburg Home Based (1): Experience in the Medical Field. Medical Professional, CNA, Home Health Aides, etc. Experience with young children a plus. The salary ranges from \$15.84 to \$16.90 per hour.

Job Descriptions are available on our website at www.slccdp.org

Substitutes in all positions are needed.

Positions follow the BOCES schedule/holidays.

Send letter of interest, resume and three current, signed and dated written letters of reference to Head Start, One Commerce Lane, Canton, NY 13617. Deadline is until the positions are filled. Head Start is an EOE.

Call 315-386-8574 ext.: 111, 114 or 119 for further information.



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gic plan and guidance and constantly monitors fiscal responsibility of medical operations. Status: Full-Time, Exempt. Salary: \$92,414.00 - \$245,044.80 (Negotiable) Deadline: March 6, 2024. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov.

Family Practice Physician: Under the direction of the Medical Director or designee, provides primary medical care to patients of all ages and genders throughout all stages of life. Status: Full-Time, Exempt. Salary: \$92,414.00 - \$245,044.80 Deadline: March 6, 2024. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov.

Three Sisters Advocate: Under the direction of the Lead Three Sisters Advocate, the Three Sisters Advocate is responsible for providing trauma-informed services while advocating for and supporting victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Status: Full-Time, Non-Exempt. Salary: \$15.02 -



Child Care Professionals Needed

- Infant Head of Group**
- Toddler Head of Group**
- Preschool Head of Group**

Full time positions. Requirements: Associates Degree in Early Childhood or Infant/Toddler CDA and 2 years experience working with infants.

\$16.00/Hour. Paid holidays, sick, personal & vacation time. Sign on Bonus of \$1,000 upon completion of probation period.

Full and Part Time Teacher Assistants

Requirements: High School diploma and 2 years experience working with children.

\$15.00/Hour. Paid holidays, sick, personal & vacation time. Sign on Bonus of \$500 upon completion of probation period for full time.

Employment is subject to background checks. Email resume and two professional references to: cantondaycare@twcny.rr.com

Questions, call Nancy Fox, Executive Director • 315-379-1829.

\$21.71 Deadline: Open Until Filled. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov.

Child & Youth Behavioral Health Care Coordinator: The Child and Youth Behavioral Health Care Coordinator is a member of the Mental Health clinical team that guides the care and support of clients being served in the Mental Health clinic (including school-based satellites). Under the direction of the Child and Youth Mental Health Clinic Coordinator, the Care Coordinator will assist the Mental Health therapists (including school-based) with meeting the client's needs by providing care coordination and advocacy for clients. Status: Full-Time, Temporary. Salary: \$15.02 - \$21.71 Deadline: Open Until Filled. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at:

www.srmt-nsn.gov.

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

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

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



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- 14 Inter —
- 15 Admin. aide
- 16 Prepared
- 18 Fake fireplace fixture
- 20 Baker Street sleuth
- 21 Competent
- 23 Roman 151
- 24 Started
- 28 Editor Wintour
- 31 Prior night
- 32 Wrap up by
- 34 Martini ingredient

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- 37 Coexisted
- 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
- 42 Pre-weekend yell
- 43 Actor's quest
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