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Nick Wright shared this image of his vision for Mystic Springs.

Two submit development plans

BY JIMMY LAWTON
 North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG -- Although details are limited, interim City Manager Andrea Smith said the city has received two responses from developers regarding 17 Main Street parcel A.

"Following the release of a request for proposals (RFP) for development of a portion of 17 Main Street known as 'Parcel A'

(tax map number 48.078-4-4.112), two replies were received. Both replies are under review and will be discussed at the upcoming City Council meeting on February 26, 2024," a statement issued by the city Saturday read.

One of the responses came from developer Nick Wright who said he submitted a proposal to the city on Friday, but directed further questions on the matter to the city.

It's unclear at this time who

submitted the second proposal, though At the Docks. LLC, is currently working to purchase the adjacent parcel B which is also located at 17 Main Street.

Although Wright directed requests for a copy of the proposal to the city to ensure the city was able to review it prior to the public meeting, he did share conceptual art regarding his plans.

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Massena names Flynn as school resource officer

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
 North Country This Week

MASSENA -- The Massena Central School District will again join the list of schools in St. Lawrence County with a school resource officer (SRO) after village trustees approved the agreement during the Feb. 13 meeting.

School officials approved the deal at a previous board meeting and ratified a second agreement during the Feb. 15 board meeting for a prorated contract for the remainder of the 2023/24 school year.

"That would take care of the rest of the year," Superintendent Ron Burke said.

"The reality is that since January, we've had an officer here every day, de facto," he continued.

Juvenile Officer Mike Flynn will assume the role given his involvement in the school already, as well as with the youth in the community, officials say.

"It has to be the right fit at the right time. The position requires skills and training that not just any officer may have at the time. So we are going to be very deliber-

ate in our choice," Massena Police Chief Jason Olson said last year when the board first approved of the deal.

School officials also pointed toward Flynn as the likely candidate for the role last month, citing his work within the district and the connections he's made with students.

High school principal Alan Oliver, who serves as the chairman of the District Safety Team, said the team unanimously approved Flynn for the role.

"We want to express our appreciation to the board of education for your consideration of the re-creation of the SRO position tonight. We as a team and myself personally have worked over the last couple of years with a couple of different superintendents now to work to get this position reinstated in the district," Oliver said.

Oliver said the entire team felt the position will serve students and the school community "by enhancing the relationship we already have with the Massena Village Police Department."

In his address to the school

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More than 100 newspapers call on lawmakers to invest in local journalism

A coalition of more than 100 newspapers is calling on state lawmakers to pass legislation that could keep doors open in struggling newsrooms across the state.

North Country This Week is among the founding members of the Empire State Local News Coalition, a joint advocacy effort to advance legislation that would deliver long-term sustainability to local news organizations

The coalition is launching at a watershed moment for the journalism industry — and democracy.

Since 2005, more than 3,000 newspapers have shuttered across

the country, according to research at Northwestern University. That has resulted in thousands of layoffs and communities losing essential platforms for reporting on local government.

New York State experienced a 40% decrease in newspapers between 2004 and 2019, according to University of North Carolina research, and the number of journalists has halved.

"Democracy places a responsibility on citizens to be informed so they can effectively participate in the electoral process and in local government. A trusted local news

source is essential for that to happen," said Bill Shumway, editor & publisher of North Country This Week / NorthCountryNow.com.

"This legislation would ensure we can continue covering local government meetings as part of our comprehensive coverage of six village and town boards, the Ogdensburg City Council and the St. Lawrence County Legislature. Healthy communities need an unbiased news organization to connect, enrich and inform citizens."

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Denny Barr | Two Guys and a Camera.

Battle of Ogdensburg

An afternoon reenactment of the Battle of Ogdensburg took place Feb. 17. Attendees saw soldiers and cannon fire to commemorate the battle. Here, cannons are fired at the corner of Caroline and Ford Street. The reenactment ended at the corner of State and Ford Street.

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Contour Air to lease jets from SkyWest for use at Ogdensburg Airport

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG -- Increases in canceled flights has led Contour Airlines to lease jets from SkyWest, who previously offered air service from Ogdensburg International Airport.

Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority officials hope the move will increase the number of available flights to and from the airport after just 60% of scheduled flights were completed in January.

Airport Manager Charlie Garrelts updated OBPA board members of the low numbers during the Feb. 8

meeting, saying it was "really sad to see this."

Though some flights have been canceled in the past due to weather, Garrelts said the flights canceled in January were mainly due to mechanical issues or crew issues.

Garrelts told board members that when mechanical issues occur, spare parts are not available and lead to the planes "just sitting on the ground until parts get there."

In an effort to bridge the gap, he told board members that Contour will begin utilizing CRJ 200 jets from Skywest, which bought a 25% stake in Contour.

"The main purpose is they're supplying Contour with CRJ aircraft, the engines and the parts," he said.

A total of 50 spare CRJ 200s will be leased to Contour, though one modification will need to be made before they can be put to use.

Though SkyWest is contributing jets as part of their partnership with Contour, OBPA Executive Steve Lawrence told board members that SkyWest "isn't part of this."

"It's their partnership going forward with Contour. I don't want the public to think SkyWest is coming back," he said.

Under the terms of the Alternative

Essential Air Service contract that Contour operates under, flights can only serve a maximum of 30 passengers for subsidization.

In order to meet that requirement, 20 seats will need to be removed from each jet to stay at the maximum threshold, Gerrals said.

"Contour's using that advantage to solve some of the operation issues they have currently," he said. "Having spare aircraft will solve that problem of an aircraft sitting on the ground."

Frequent flight cancellations are unfortunately not a new development for Contour Air though.

North Country This Week previously covered the subject last January when Lawrence spoke with NCTW regarding concerns from community members who intended to utilize the air service.

"We have received multiple concerns recently from the traveling public regarding frequent flight cancellations and the lack of scheduling clarity from our air service provider. We take this feedback seriously and are actively working to identify the causes of such issues and what remedies we have the ability to implement. It has always been, and always

will be, our mission to provide an environment and the infrastructure for safe and reliable air transportation for our community," Lawrence previously said.

Lawrence previously said the majority of cancellations are not related to runway issues.

At the time, North Country This Week received a number of complaints from people who say they have had flights canceled.

Officials said at the time there were growing concerns that ongoing cancellations could hurt the airport as travelers booked flights out of Ottawa and Montreal to ensure timely travel.

In a two week stretch last January, nearly 50% of flights were canceled, cancellations that can also have a huge impact on the financial health of the airport as well.

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Charged with first degree rape

OGDENSBURG -- Ogdensburg police have charged an Ogdensburg man with first-degree rape.

Police say members of the department responded to a reported sexual assault on Dec. 17, 2023.

After investigating the incident, police say Carlton F. Fetcie, 21, allegedly forced a 14-year-old female to engage in sexual intercourse.

Further investigation of the alleged incident led to Fetcie being charged with first-degree rape and second-degree rape.

He was arraigned in Ogdensburg City Court and remanded to St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility on \$5,000 cash bail or \$20,000 secure bond.

A stay away order of protection was also put in place for the victim.

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Musket fire in the streets

War of 1812 re-enactors let loose a volley on the streets of Ogdensburg Saturday, Feb. 17. Attendees saw muskets and cannons firing as soldiers fought their way through the city's streets. An afternoon reenactment of the Battle of Ogdensburg took place in the same place as the actual battle, at the corner of Riverside and Franklin streets and ends at State and Ford streets. Blasts of cannons could be heard Saturday as local re-enactors fend off the British and Canadian Redcoat invaders in the Battle of Ogdensburg.

Village now 'pro-housing community'

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- Village of Massena officials have taken another step to open up possible new lines of revenue by declaring the Massena a "pro-housing community."

With the new designation approved during the Feb. 13 board meeting, officials say Massena will now be eligible for even more grant funding to improve housing.

According to Mayor Greg Paquin, the designation comes from New York State and will allow Massena to get more funding through programs like the Downtown Revitalization Initiative, Affordable Housing programs, New York Forward and similar programs.

As part of the process, trustees say they will continue to work on permitting processes for accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, affordable housing, permitting multifamily units and supportive housing.

Village officials cited the housing crisis and its negative effects at the regional and local levels for passing the resolution to become a "pro-housing community."

"We believe that every communi-

ty must do their part to contribute to housing growth and benefit from the positive impacts a healthy housing market brings to communities.

Village officials also spoke of supporting housing production of all kinds in the community that will bring multiple benefits, "including increasing housing access and choices for current and future residents, providing integrated accessible housing options that meet the needs of people with sensory and mobility disabilities, bringing

economic opportunities and vitality to our communities and allowing workers at all levels to improve their quality of life through living closer to their employment opportunities."

Village officials also said that evidence shows infill development "reduces sprawl and supports walkable communities has significant environmental and public health benefits."

Officials say the new designation is "essential for keeping our community strong and vibrant."



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Rec director questions cost savings of vehicle leasing

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
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MASSENA -- The Joint Recreation Department of Massena is looking to purchase a new vehicle with existing funds but trustees say a new leasing program the village is enrolled in is a better fit for replacing the vehicle.

Trustee Ken McGowan told board members he had a conversation recently to address the situation, however Recreation Director Mike McCabe still has questions about the leasing program's effectiveness and cost saving measures.

According to McGowan, McCabe said he wished to purchase the new vehicle due to the high costs of leasing vehicles.

"He has some questions about leasing vehicles, I guess that's really drawing a lot from his budget," McGowan said.

McGowan said he suggested McCabe speak to Department of Public Works Superintendent Marty Miller about the expenses.

"I told him when we went over what we knew about it but I told him Marty's the contact. He wanted to know how long the program is going to go on because it doesn't seem like it's very favorable to them," he said.

Miller acknowledged that there would not be big savings when first opting into the program but "after two, maybe three years" it would be a big cost saver to the village as a whole.

Mayor Greg Paquin went a step further, saying the program is saving the village a great deal of money already.

Miller said the program is one that the village needs to be in for the long haul.

Miller said once equity is built up in the vehicles, each department will save money.

"You'll see it and you can have Mr. McCabe reach out to me about any questions he has specifically. He knows where to find me," Miller said.

Jailed on bail jumping charge

MASSENA -- A Massena resident was jailed on bail jumping charges Monday afternoon, according to state police.

Dustin C. Woodard, 23, was

arrested on third-degree bail jumping at 2:21 p.m., officers said.

He was held on \$1,500 bail, police said.

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Nicandri busy during break

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Schools weigh in on proposed cuts to aid

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- Despite a proposal to increase foundation aid across the state by \$1.3 billion, Governor Kathy Hochul's plan would negatively impact Massena Central School District along with a number of school districts in the county.

Board of Education President Paul Haggett told board members during the Feb. 15 meeting that discussions were ongoing concerning the potential cuts to the aid that helps pay for salaries, advanced education opportunities and emergency projects.

Haggett told board members that Massena would "fare relatively well by comparison" to other districts, however other, smaller schools would be dealt "a death blow" with aid being cut up to 40% in some cases.

"We actually fare relatively well by comparison but we actually get a little bit less than we would if we were being fully funded for the foundation aid formula that was fully put into effect last year," he said.

Massena school officials attend legislative breakfast.

The topic of foundation aid was also a big talking point at a recent legislative breakfast in Lake Placid, which Haggett, Superintendent Ron Burke and Board Member Patricia Murphy attended.

Many school officials from the area along with Senator Dan Stec discussed the potential removal of a hold harmless provision as well, which would allow the state to cut foundation aid as it sees fit as opposed to at least maintaining the same level of aid a school received the year before.

Haggett said that all elected officials who attended the breakfast agreed that the foundation aid formula needs correction and should be used as a means to calculate what each district should get.

"They agree that a study needs to be done to figure out how best to fix the funding, the foundation aid formula," Haggett said.

As budget negotiations gain momentum and state legislators return to Albany on Feb. 26, school officials say the clock is ticking to get the word out.

Burke said it was good to see that the lawmakers are "in tune with the very issues" and share the same concerns as school leaders but cautioned that people should not be complacent about the foundation aid issue.

"The reason I'm asking not to be complacent is if it can happen this year, wait until you see what might happen next year. If we don't stand united on this as 700-plus school districts across the state of New York, any one of us could see that kind of devastating effect in two years," Burke said.

Burke said it's a matter of standing up not just for the district but neighbors as well.

"It is a minimal hit to the Massena Central School District. We are still growing our foundation aid. I had anticipated approximately \$1.3 million or just slightly over \$1 million. That's better than some of our neighboring districts. There's a small school that gets \$4 million foundation aid and they are going to lose \$1 million of that. That has a devastating effect," Burke said.

Proposed cuts to Clifton-Fine

The school district Burke referred to that is losing nearly \$1 million in foundation aid is Clifton-Fine Central School.

Superintendent Matthew Southwick recently detailed the proposed 24% cut to foundation aid in a letter to families in the district.

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."

If the cut were to remain, members of the district would be on the hook for the difference to keep the school operational. A 21% increase in the tax levy would be necessary as well, 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.

Assemblyman Scott Gray has also advocated for retention of school foundation aid levels in recent weeks, raising the issue numerous in meetings and public hearings.

Massena Central is expected to adopt the 2024-25 budget during the April 22 board of education meeting.

A budget hearing will be held May 9 with the annual budget vote to be held May 21 at the Massena Community Center.

Road work costs rise with rental rate change

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- Road maintenance work will be more expensive for the county moving forward after state Department of Transportation officials changed how equipment rental

rates are charged internally.

According to County Highway Department Superintendent Don Chambers, the news came months after the county had already finalized the 2023 budget. Paving projects were already underway when the change was announced.

"During the 2023 budget year, basically midway through the year, NYS DOT informed us equipment rental rates they would be charging internally would be changed," Chambers told legislators Jan. 29 during the finance committee meeting.

When putting together the 2023 budget, Chambers said he and legislators were told by state DOT officials to use 2017 rates, which have been used every year for budget planning since those rates were implemented.

"They were the only rates we had and we were instructed to use the rates from 2017," he said.

Somewhere along the way, however, state DOT officials instructed Chambers that rental rates would match FEMA rates during 2023.

Due to a lack of snow during the early 2023 winter season, more road maintenance work was done by the county Highway Department, Chambers said.

Chambers said he initially moved to increase appropriations for winter maintenance materials like sand and salt and to increase machinery rental lines last year.

Now, appropriations are shifting and winter maintenance materials and snow machinery rental appropriations have been decreased by \$241,000.

In a concurrent move, the machinery rental appropriations have been increased by \$241,000.

The budget modification was passed during the finance committee meeting and will now move to the full board for final approval.

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Engle tackles background checks, border transparency, SRO program and rural safety as he settles in as St. Lawrence County sheriff

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

CANTON -- Although he's still settling into the job, St. Lawrence County's new sheriff Rick Engle is already working to make good on his campaign promises.

In a recent interview with North Country This Week, Engle said the sheriff's office has taken over all pistol licensing responsibilities and began meeting with local school superintendents to discuss how the county's school resource officer program can better serve the county's 18 school districts.

Engle said he's also met with representatives from the county's federal border agencies in hopes of improving transparency about what's happening along St. Lawrence County's borders.

All these initiatives are taking place while the county undertakes major renovations at the public safety building where his office is located.

Pistol Licenses

Engle said that he decided to take over the background check duties for a few reasons, one of which was concerns raised by the thousands of people he met with on the campaign

trail.

Engle said that he worked with St. Lawrence County Clerk Sandy Santamoor who is the licensing agency and St. Lawrence County Judge Greg Storie to shift all of the background check duties to his office.

Engle said the Sheriff's Office has seen between 300 to 350 applications every year, with spikes occurring over the last two years.

That demand has led to background investigations being outsourced to other agencies, including municipal police and state police, which has led to numerous delays.

The Sheriff's Office was responsible for all intake of applications, including photos, fingerprints and mental health hygiene database checks but after that point criminal background investigations, reference checks and interviews could potentially be conducted by any police agency depending on demand, Engle said.

But Engle noted that other agencies were not completing the task in a timely fashion and so he dedicated an employee in his department that could keep the ball rolling.

Engle said he heard some people waited more than 18 months and he believed that wasn't fair or right.

Engle said that he also had concerns about the state's inclusion of a questionnaire that required applicants to disclose a full list of firearms that were already in the home at the time of the application being submitted.

"It's nobody's business what firearm a person lawfully owns," he said adding that he believed it violates the constitutional rights of applicants.

"I'm not here to build a database. I'm here to protect your constitutional rights," he said.

Border transparency

Engle, alongside Undersheriff Shawn McCargar and Chief Deputy Leighton Filiatrault also discussed concerns about what's happening on St. Lawrence County borders.

Engle said that he's had productive discussions with federal agencies about sharing more information with the public to help citizens better understand what's happening along the St. Lawrence River and northern border.

Filiatrault said some people don't realize that the county has called for and extended a state of emergency to address the concerns of people entering the country, state and county illegally. He said they also might not know why it's necessary. McCargar said that while the

department doesn't plan to share details that could hinder an investigation he believes there is a balance of information that could be released.

Engle said that in the coming months the sheriff's office will be able to release better information to the public about the border activity which he thinks will be eye-opening for citizens.

"I think people have a right to know what's going on. We don't want to scare people, but we do want to open their eyes," he said.

Schools and rural safety

Engle wants to make the county's SRO program more accessible in a way that can help different school districts meet their different needs.

Engle says that he had plans to meet with superintendents to hear what sort of ideas that had about improving accessibility and discuss different potential services and costs.

Engle said that while school safety is important, services still have to be paid for and navigating that reality in a way that makes sense for all districts is like threading a needle.

Engle said that St. Lawrence County faces geographical challenges that other counties don't have to deal with, being the largest county in the state makes for long travel

times in emergencies, which makes having SRO's event more important.

Engle said it's not just the rural school districts that need to be considered, he said he would like to see a deputy dedicated to patrolling and responding in the southern part of the county.

He said small hamlets like Conifer which is nestled near Tupper Lake on the St. Lawrence County border have not always received proper consideration by law enforcement.

He said the more rural parts of the county need to be part of the public safety equation.

Looking forward

Engle said he had not planned to move so quickly on all these initiatives, but after settling into his role he sees that these goals need to be addressed in a timely fashion.

Engle, who said he'd never had eyes on the sheriff's job, said that he believes the most important thing is to address the concerns raised by those he serves and that he will continue to tackle the issues put in front of him by St. Lawrence County's citizens.

"I work for you. I swore an oath to uphold your constitutional rights and that's something I'm going to do as long as I'm in this position."

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Massena responds to record number of calls

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
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MASSENA -- Massena fire department officials say the department responded to a record number of calls in 2023, the third consecutive year the department has posted a new record.

According to officials, MFD responded to 1,126 calls for service in 2023.

All career firefighters with MFD also serve as Code Enforcement Officers and/or Building Safety

Inspectors, which adds to the workload for the department, officials say.

"In addition to Fire and EMS calls, 2023 saw the MPFF answer 712 code complaints, perform 331 commercial fire inspections and issue 251 building permits," officials said.

The fire department also offers car seat technicians, allowing the department to distribute 50 child car seats to families in need, at no cost. Safety inspections were also completed on 25 additional car

seats, according to MFD officials.

The Massena Fire Department also received a new, \$800,000 pumper truck to replace an aging unit within the department.

The new pumper truck, which was in the works for months, was finally delivered to the station at the end of Fire Prevention Week in October and is now serving as the main truck to respond to calls.

It took over two years to get the job done but Engine 30 is now in duty and will replace Engine 28, which fire officials say was 28 years old and past its expected service life.

The new engine will be used in response to vehicle fires and accidents, according to fire officials.

Fire officials also told village trustees previously that the engine will be on scene at structure fires.

Through a \$5,000 "Pride in Service" grant through CSX Transportation, the fire department was also able to purchase a rapid deployment craft to be used on local waterways year round for rescue efforts.

Massena Fire Department members were also in community fundraising efforts and distributed 75 winter coats to children in need through the Operation Warm Program. The program is the department's largest annual fundraiser and giving program, officials say.

"One of our MPFF members, FF/EMT Mulvenna, was able to successfully write grant narratives and put together applications to secure funding from various sources. He helped the department obtain \$20,595 in grant funding for 2023," officials wrote on Facebook.

Additional training as EMTs will continue as well as part of a new contract secured by MFD with the village of Massena. Over 101 hours of career firefighter training is required annually by New York State, officials say.

"In 2024 we look forward to another year of serving the people of Massena, and working with our brothers and sisters of the MVFD, MVFD Ladies Auxiliary, and MVEU," fire officials say.

RECENT DEATHS

- EDWINA DALE**, 94, Massena, Jan. 31. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.
- ANITA O'NEILL**, 78, Massena, Feb. 10. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.
- GARY LING**, 70, Winthrop, Feb. 12. Arrangements with Hammill Funeral Home, Winthrop.
- DONALD LOVE JR.**, 66, Brasher Falls, Feb. 13. Arrangements with Hammill Funeral Home, Massena.
- JEANNETTE SHINNOCK**, 86, Massena, Feb. 13. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.
- EARL SELLERS JR.**, 87, Ogdensburg, Feb. 15. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.
- DIANE LALONDE**, 74, Hogansburg, Feb. 16. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.
- FRANKLIN CLARK JR.**, 76, Brasher Falls, Feb. 17. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral

- Home, Massena.
- TERRY KNEPP**, 53, Massena, Feb. 18. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.
- PENNY WICKWIRE**, 69, Massena, Feb. 18. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.
- JOYCE LEGAULT**, 89, Louisville, Feb. 18. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

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Board meets

MASSENA -- The Massena Village Board of Trustees meeting originally scheduled for March 19 has been rescheduled to March 18 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting date change was approved during the Feb. 13 board meeting.

Trustees also approved a public hearing to consider authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the 2% limit. That public hearing will be held April 9 at 5:30 p.m.

If approved, the village board will be able to exceed the tax cap, however that does not necessarily mean the board will have to exceed it, officials say.

Officials also set a budget hearing to follow the April 9 hearing.

Weapons charge

OGDENSBURG -- An Ogdensburg resident was charged with felony weapon possession Friday night, according to state police.

Dakota H. Kerr, 24, was charged with third-degree criminal possession of a weapon: Previous conviction, felony, officers said.

Kerr was also cited for two counts of seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, officers said.

Troopers said the subject was released on their own recognizance.

Drug charges

CANTON -- Two St. Lawrence County men were charged with felonies related to drugs, according to the St. Lawrence County sheriff.

Trevor J. Secore, 30, North Lawrence, was charged with criminal tampering, felony, after allegedly throwing two glass smoking devices into a snowbank during a traffic stop investigation, officers said.

The incident took place on Sykes Road on Sunday, deputies said.

37-year old Stephen S. Grant II, Massena, was charged with fourth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance: Stimulants, felony; tampering with physical evidence, felony, officers said.

He was also charged with seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, criminal use of drug paraphernalia, third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and failure to keep right, deputies said.

He was allegedly in possession of 150 Fentanyl packets, 4.1 grams of methamphetamine and other items commonly used with narcotics.

They were ticketed and released.

Plow truck, cars collide

LISBON -- At approximately 7:32 a.m. Feb. 19, St. Lawrence County Sheriff's deputies responded to a personal injury accident involving a Town of Lisbon plow truck on State Highway 68 in the Town of Lisbon.

Upon arriving on scene, deputies found three vehicles involved in the incident, one of which was a Town of Lisbon Plow Truck. State Highway 68 was closed for a short period of time during the course of the accident investigation. The investigation is ongoing. Sheriff Deputies were assisted on scene by state police, and Heuvelton, Lisbon, Rensselaer Falls fire and rescues, Ogdensburg Rescue and the Town of Lisbon Highway Department.

County extends state of emergency to March 6

CANTON -- St. Lawrence County has extended the county's ongoing state of emergency again, running until March 6, 2024.

County officials will reassess again prior to its expiration to potentially extend the state of emergency again, officials say.

Officials first issued the state of emergency last May due to the influx of migrants to the state of New York.

Officials say the possibility of migrants illegally crossing the northern border coupled with New York City and state representatives pushing to house migrants in the county could lead to "catastrophic results."

St. Lawrence County shares 75 miles with Canada, which some officials say poses a risk of migrants crossing to seek shelter in the state.

County officials say St. Lawrence County consistently

ranks in the state's top ten most impoverished counties in the state, saying the county is "ill-equipped" to meet the potential needs of migrants.

Local officials have also voiced numerous concerns, saying municipalities are unable to properly care for everyone in need currently while noting an influx of migrants would exacerbate the existing situation.

Most recently, Massena faced two potential influxes with the owner of the Quality Inn Hotel attempting to persuade New York City officials to send migrants to Massena, along with Massena International Airport considered for housing migrants by Homeland Security.

Those incidents, which occurred last summer and early fall, put many local officials on notice.

In Massena, Village Mayor Greg Paquin told residents that housing migrants in the hotel "would never happen."

Facing DWI charge after traffic stop

MASSENA -- A Hogansburg man was charged with felonies following a traffic stop Thursday morning, according to state police.

Johnny D. Square, 29, was charged with first-degree-aggravated unlicensed operation and felony DWI: Previous conviction in the last 10 years, officers said. His arrest status was not made public.

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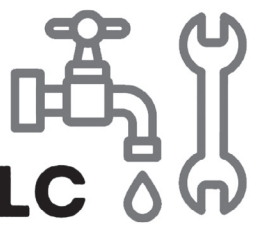
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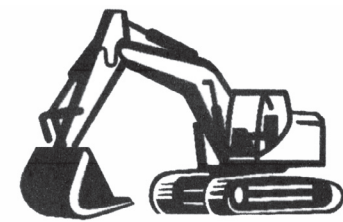
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Wins longest icicle contest

Amelia Liberty wins Tri-Town Winter Carnival's longest icicle contest, measuring 59.75 inches, on Feb. 17. With her is her grandfather, Lenny Carvel, and Tri-Town Chamber Member Nancy Dimick Fregoe.



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WHAT'S GOING ON

SATURDAY, FEB. 24

Canton Winterfest

CANTON -- Canton winterfest events include: 8 a.m. - Noon -- All-you-can-eat panacke breakfast at Canton Methodist Church; 10 - 11:30 am -- Multi-Age Acting Class for Kids presented by Grasse River Players, Canton Free Public Library; costumes and props will be available to get in character and practice your best acting skills; 10 am - 1 pm -- Winterfest Cardboard Sled Races, hosted by Nature Up North, SUNY Canton Sledding Hill. Registration 10 - 10:30 a.m. for individuals or teams; parade of sleds and sled judging at 10:30 a.m.; approved materials are cardboard, duct tape, recycled plastic bags, paint, and glue; Divisions: Youth (12 and under), Open (13 and up), Family (multi-ages) and College; 10 am - 4 pm -- Special Saturday Open Hours at Riverside Farm Market, 18 Riverside Dr. ; Noon - 6 pm -- Cabin Fever Cornhole Tournament at Saphead Distillery, 5355 County Rt. 27; \$50 entry per team, \$1,000 First Prize Single elimination tournament; hot dogs, hamburgers, sausages, beverages sold on site; supports Norwood American Legion Post 68; 1 - 4 pm -- Wine & Spirits Tasting, Riverside Liquor and Wine,, 33 Riverside Dr.; 2 - 4 pm -- Sound Your Best Workshop with Grasse River Players, Canton Free Public Library; musicians can check out a selection of affordable mics and sing or play a few bars to find the best mic, guided by a professional sound engineer.

Cardboard Sled Race

CANTON -Nature Up North's 6th Annual Cardboard Sled Race is planned for Saturday, Feb. 24, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at the SUNY Canton Sledding Hill, 34 Cornell Dr. With the race just around the corner, racers can start building their sled using cardboard, duct tape, and recyclable plastic bags. Nature Up North will also have sleds for participants to borrow if sledders just want to take some runs down the hill.

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.

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

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Small Town Ramblers

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

Eclipse Presentation

MASSENA -- A solar eclipse presentation will be offered at Massena Public Library on Saturday, Feb. 24, at 10:00 a.m. A total solar eclipse is a once-in-a-lifetime event in the North Country. Come join Aileen O'Donoghue, of St. Lawrence University, and Elaine Fortin, Solar System Ambassador of NASA/JPL, board members on the Adirondack Sky Center and Observatory in Tupper Lake, to learn how and when eclipses occur and why April 8th afternoon will be filled with awe and wonder.

Squirrel, rabbit hunt

OGDENSBURG - The Squirrel and Rabbit SMACK DOWN Fundraiser to benefit Wounded Warrior Outdoor Adventure will be held Feb. 24. Hunting is from sunrise to 3 p.m. on the day of the event. Cost to participate is \$20 per hunter. Hunters can sign up at Howie's Bar, 809 New York Ave., 315-393-3669. Weigh-in will be at Howie's at 4 p.m. 1st Place - 4 Heaviest Squirrels Trophy and \$100, or 4 Heaviest Rabbits Trophy and \$100. 2nd Place - 4 Heaviest Squirrels Trophy and \$30, or 4 Heaviest Rabbits Trophy and \$30. Trophy for the largest squirrel will be awarded. All hunters must follow NYS hunting laws and carry a valid NYS hunting license. Hunters will receive one door prize ticket for every rabbit/squirrel they enter. Free wild game dinner provided, door prizes, 50-50 raffle.

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College student juried art exhibit opening at Remington Museum

OGDENSBURG – The Frederic Remington Art Museum’s 2024 College Student Juried Art Exhibit will open on Friday, March 1. The exhibit will be on view in the Museum’s Richard E. Winter Gallery and Torrey Family Gallery and online at www.fredericremington.org through Saturday, March 30, 2024.

The public is invited to a special virtual opening reception on Friday, March 1 from 6 to 7 p.m. via Zoom.

The reception offers an opportunity to view the entire group of artworks in the show, to talk with

the artists and the juror, and to hear which works were selected for Juror’s Merit Awards. If you would like to attend the virtual reception, email Museum Curator & Educator Laura Desmond at desmond@fredericremington.org for a digital invitation.

Everyone is welcome.

The 2024 College Student Juried Art Exhibit will feature work by students from three area colleges and

universities: St. Lawrence University, SUNY Plattsburgh, and SUNY Potsdam. For this year’s exhibition, juror Diane Leifheit (Paul Smiths, NY) selected 46 works by 27 artists to be in the show, including paintings, drawings, prints, photographs, sculptures, digital, and mixed media works.

Many of the student works on display in the Remington exhibit will be for sale. One third of the

proceeds benefits the Frederic Remington Art Museum, and two thirds go to the artists. In addition to the on-site exhibition, the exhibit will be online at www.fredericremington.org and artworks may be purchased through the Museum’s online shop.

The student artists in the exhibition are: Eryka Adsitt, Brianna Bachinski, Nikki Batroff, Noah Bonesteel, McKenna Brazie, Zoe

Brothers, Kate Burrowes, Abigail Duquette, Natani Earle, Alexander Finkey, Katherine Gallipo, Emily Giorgi, Kendall Jones, Ayisha Khalid, Ileana Knight, Clarissa Kurtaliaj, Kayla LaPier, Brian Larose, Grace Nelson, Hannah Porath, Trinh rQuang, Enith Alejandra Altamirano Salazar, Roarinbrook Smith, Lola Thompson, Madelyn E. Thompson, Cici Waugh, and Caroline Whitaker.

Adult Winter Reading Challenge begins Feb. 28

OGDENSBURG – The Ogdensburg Public Library’s Adult Winter Reading Challenge will be held from Wednesday, Feb. 28 through Friday, April 5.

The library will begin a bingo style game for adult participants who want to learn something new

about the library, try out a new genre, or experience a new author. Each participant will receive a game sheet on which to complete a bingo; completed game forms will be entered into a prize drawing.

The challenge begins with a tea party Wednesday, Feb. 28 from

4-5 p.m. in the auditorium of the library. Readers will receive their bingo form, enjoy socializing with other book lovers, and tasting some delicious treats. To reserve a spot, call 315-528-9788 before Friday, Feb. 16. Space for the tea is limited.

For those who are unable to

attend the tea, game sheets will be available at the circulation desk after the tea and on the Ogdensburg Public Library website.

The drawing for prizes will take place at the close of the Adult Winter Reading Challenge on Friday, April 5.

Free tax help available for county residents

MASSENA – Free tax assistance from AARP will have one site open in St. Lawrence County for the 2023 tax year.

The tax-aide program will be offered at Massena Community Center, 61 Beach St., on Mondays and Tuesdays from Feb. 5-April 16 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

The AARP Tax-aide Program is not limited to serving Senior Citizens.

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

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

Bring in all documents showing income for 2023, plus last year’s tax return.

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

Returns will be processed in the order they are received. Tax-

payers can wait at the site, in their car or at home, and taxpayers will be called with questions and to pick up their returns when complete.

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Massena Artists Association opening reception March 2

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

An opening reception is planned

for Saturday, March 2 from 11-11:45 a.m.

The show is open to local artists and students in grades 9-12. Each artist may submit up to 2 pieces of their work; student artists are free

of charge to enter and adults will pay a flat fee of \$5.

Artwork of any medium is eligible, but may not exceed 36 inches in any direction. 2-dimensional work must be ready to hang and submitted at the Library during the following date/hours:

- Wed. Feb. 14, 6-7:45 p.m.;
- Fri. Feb. 16, 1-4 p.m.; or
- Sat. Feb. 17, 10-12:30 p.m.

The opening reception will feature an awards presentation at 11:30 in the categories of Adult 1st, 2nd & 3rd place, Student 1st, 2nd & 3rd.

Student judges will select the Adult winners and the MAA judges will select the student winners; all winners will receive written feedback from the judges.

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Free movies

MASSENA –Free, fun-family friendly animated and live action movies are offered in the Hawkins Point Visitors Center theater during the mid-winter break. All showtimes are at 1 p.m. Fresh popcorn is provided, and feel free to bring your own snacks. Thurs, Feb 22: Paw Patrol The Mighty Movie Fri, Feb 23: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Mutant Mayhem

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Think snow – gardens and forests need it

BY PAUL HETZLER
The Meandering Naturalist

In her poem “It Sifts from Lead-en Sieves,” Emily Dickinson lauds the sublime beauty of snow – gossamer flakes that garnish a forest, wispy grains that infiltrate nooks and crannies, and wind-sculpted rings of snow around fence posts.

Given that the poet lived in a time before cars and stayed in her bedroom for 20 years, she never had to shovel snow, trudge through it, or drive in it.

One is less apt to admire “alabaster wool” when the plow wings a mountain of it onto the driveway you just shoveled.

Snow does a lot more than make skiers happy and pedestrians and commuters miserable. In northern latitudes, ecosystems have evolved with winter snow cover, and need it to stay healthy.

This is in large part because snow carries with it trace elements crucial to plant life. More importantly, snow contains plant-available forms of nitrogen, a nutrient often in short supply.

When snow releases a whole winter’s worth of nutrients in the spring, it can make a difference to trees and crops. This is why snow has been called “the poor person’s fertilizer.”

Since air is 78 percent nitrogen (N), you’d think plants would have all they need. But atmospheric nitrogen, N₂, is a stable, inert molecule that plants are unable to absorb. Lightning can zap nitrogen gas and change it to a plant-friendly form, but this accounts for very little of a plant’s nutrient budget.

The majority of nitrogen used by plants is made by soil bacteria that break apart the N-N bond of gaseous nitrogen, converting it to water-soluble forms that plants can slurp up.

Ironically, the process of breaking N₂ is called nitrogen fixing. It’s where the saying, “if it needs breaking, fix it” comes from. OK, maybe that’s not a real saying.

Snow is a better fertilizer today than it was years ago. There’s a great outfit called the National Atmospheric Deposition Program (NADP), which measures stuff that falls out of the sky that isn’t some

form of water. According to the NADP, the vast majority of today’s snow-borne nitrogen is from pollution.

Coal-burning power plants and motor vehicles spew out various nitrous oxides, which are not great for us to breathe, but when they get washed into the soil, they act as nitrate fertilizers. Ammonia, another type of plant-available nitrogen, escapes from manure piles and lagoons, as well as from commercial urea-based fertilizers.

So how much fertilizer is in the snowdrifts blanketing the Northeast and Great Lakes regions these days? Because we’re the “beneficiaries” of pollution that drifts from industrialized areas west of us, we get more nitrogen in our snow than the rest of the country.

If historical averages can be trusted (let’s pretend they can), we get somewhere around 5.5 kilograms of N per acre. Depending on the crop, a farmer may apply on the order of 70 kg of nitrogen per acre, so 5.5 kg is small potatoes. But it’s not chopped liver, either, which is high in nitrogen but not an ideal soil amendment.

Snow-based nitrogen can be a significant boon to ecosystems on marginal soils. In a year with abundant snowfall, maple-sugar bushes, timber lands and pastures benefit from “poor person’s fertilizer.” Snow brings a fair bit of sulfur, an essential plant nutrient. It can make soils more acidic, too, so let’s call it a mixed blessing.

We depend on the moisture from snow as well. In most years, the snow melts gradually, with nearly all the moisture going into the soil. This gentle percolation is in contrast to summer rains, a percentage of which – sometimes a large portion – runs off and doesn’t benefit the soil.

When topsoil is saturated, or as agronomists say, “at field capacity,” excess water seeps down through the soil profile.

Eventually it becomes groundwater, raising the water table and recharging our aquifers. Most water wells in the Northeast tap into unconfined aquifers.

Water that goes into the ground in a given location is the water that comes out of the well there. Such

aquifers depend on snowmelt, as well as prolonged heavy rains of spring and fall, for recharge.

Unfortunately, this historical pattern may not last. In spite of record cold out West in January 2024, winters are getting warmer and shorter, thanks to climate change.

Winter is actually heating up faster than any other season. With-

out a significant snow pack, the groundwater recharge we always get in the spring will diminish.

And when some of winter’s precipitation falls as rain, nutrients will run off while plants are dormant, and thus be lost to those ecosystems.

Those who work in field and forest should take heart at the mounting snowbanks, not despair

of them. Now if you’ll excuse me, I’m headed to the garden with the rototiller to till the snow.

I’m pretty sure I have some seed packets of Iceberg Lettuce, Snow Peas, and Mixed Frozen Vegetables around here somewhere.

Paul Hetzler, a former Cornell Cooperative Extension educator, writes about nature for *The Saturday Evening Post*.

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how much slope you have. You can apply up to 5/8 of an inch of lift but not more than that in a single application, so if your floor has a bigger slope, you'll want to use more than one application to level the area.

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Examine the floor damage that may need repair before applying resurfacer.

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Tips for buying a generator

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Here's what you need to know before buying a generator.

The type of home matters. A condo or apartment, even if you own it, isn't conducive to having a generator. If you live in a townhome complex, consult your community's by-laws before purchasing a generator. Typically, single-family and fixed mobile homes are qualified for generator installation.

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When to replace windows?

Windows are a major component of a home. Window installation professionals will tell homeowners that the average life span of residential windows is between 15 and 30 years. Most well-maintained products can last 20 years, so homeowners who have windows approaching that age may want to schedule a window assessment and possible replacement.

Replacing windows is a job that requires advanced skill, and this is not a do-it-yourself project. There are many qualified professional window installation companies that will work with homeowners to measure, order and install windows that will fit with the style of a home and local weather, all while providing features the homeowner desires.

For those wondering when to replace windows, Pella and Renewal by Andersen, two of the premiere window manufacturers, offer these guidelines.

Difficulty opening and closing windows. A window that does not operate as it should can aggravate

homeowners. If windows are sticking shut or cannot be securely closed, it's probably time for something new.

Drafts in the window are common. If heating and cooling systems are working overtime, drafty, poorly insulated windows could be to blame. Various agencies can perform energy efficiency tests in a home. Windows that are determined to be the weak spots should be replaced.

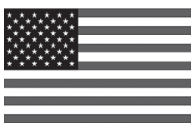
Dated windows are present in the home. Older windows may pose safety hazards, especially those in older homes. A larger window may be needed to comply with fire safety codes allowing for window egress. Dated windows also may simply look "old" and compromise the aesthetics of a home.

Outdoor noises are noticed quite readily. Newer windows can help reduce noise transmission. So those leaf blowers, airplanes, barking dogs, and kids playing basketball up the street won't disturb homeowners as they try to enjoy some peace and quiet indoors.

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OFFICER...

board, Oliver was complimentary of Flynn, saying he has offered "invaluable support for our students in our schools."

"He has been responsive to our needs 24/7 and has helped us immensely. In fact, he's very much been filling an SRO-like job for the last year, and he has worked to build relationships with our students and our staff which are invaluable to our district," Oliver said.

Oliver said that codifying the position will ensure better communication about students and issues in the school and community.

Trustees approved two resolutions for the position, the first for a contract that would run from Feb. 2024 through June 2024 and the second being a one-year contract to run from July 2024 through June 2024.

Mayor Greg Paquin said the first contract is simply to finish out the existing school year so the officer can get to work immediately.

"It's taken a while but I'm just glad we finally have come to an agreement," Paquin said.

School Board Member Patricia Murphy raised concerns over the language of the contract prior to the school board signing off.

"That would take care of the rest of the year," Burke said. "The reality is that since January, we've had an officer here every day, de facto. I do have that log that I can certainly share with the board. It will be redacted because in that log our officer keeps very good detailed notes. But, it certainly has been busy," she said.

But Paquin told village trustees during the Feb. 13 meeting that the language was hammered out and clarified regarding legacy costs falling to the village after 10 years of work as an SRO.

"There was a bit of confusion with some of the language and this happens when you've got two different versions of the contract going. One of the things that we had said that we had wanted was if we had someone that was a school resource officer for 10 years, we would get legacy costs from the school district. That was the intention of the language but the language didn't read like that," Paquin said.

In the event an SRO leaves after eight years of service, the replacement would start at year one, Paquin said.

Despite concerns about the language, Burke said the school board will be able to vote to amend the language in March, something he will also ask the village board to do as well.

In a corresponding move, village trustees approved canvassing for a new patrol officer on Feb. 13.

Trustee Ken McGowan questioned what would happen in the event that the school district opted out of the SRO deal with the village and decided to go with the Sheriff's Office.

"Here's my only concern and I'm pro law enforcement. My only concern is, what if next year Massena (school) says, 'Well, we're gonna go with the sheriff's office, they gave us a better deal.' So now we have one extra police officer, what do we do with that position," McGowan asked.

Paquin said the newest hire

would likely be cut and the SRO would revert back to a patrol position.

"I'm all for it, I would love to hire 10 more police officers, you know, 10 more firefighters, DPW, all administration people, I would love to. I just don't know where we're going to be in a year. (Treasurer) Kevin (Felt) sent us some information the other day on what it costs to actually hire somebody and then you add in insurance, even if you're paying someone 60 grand it's still costing the village 110 to 120 (thousand dollars). I'm all for hiring individual in that place and be like, well, sorry," McGowan said.

McGowan also asked how often the SRO would be in the schools or in the community and what would happen during vacations and summer break.

According to Olson, the SRO would conduct other work on an as needed basis.

He's dealing with the community's youth in every location that is needed. I'm not going to authorize him to take any cases that's going to pull him away from the school," Olson said.

Olson said Flynn, who is likely to be the SRO for the district, has been serving the community as a juvenile officer for a number of years and "can be anywhere at any time where he's needed.

"It's hard to say since it's based on the needs of the community," Olson said.

McGowan went on further, citing concerns about the financial picture down the road and what it could mean for the village if the district were to end the contract prematurely.

"I'm all for hiring another police officer, I really am. I'm looking down the road and I don't want to see some poor individual be like 'hey, sorry,'" he said.

In regard to current staffing, Olson said he had one future officer in the academy currently but with the SRO being added he would need an additional officer to fill that spot.

Trustees were also complimentary of Flynn's work and involvement in the community, saying it will play a crucial role in establishing connections with youth in the district moving forward.

"I believe that you can't ask for a better sales pitch than having a local officer like Mike two seconds away. He works in this community. He has that connection. I saw him at the hockey game Saturday. So that's an important factor," McGowan said.

NEWS...

Other founding members of the Empire State Local News Coalition from northern and central New York include Ogden Newspapers, owner of the Adirondack Daily Enterprise, Saranac Lake, and the Lake Placid News; Johnson Newspapers, owner of Watertown Daily Times and three St. Lawrence County weeklies; Daily Gazette Inc., owner of the Schenectady Gazette, Amsterdam Recorder and Gloversville Leader-Herald; Sentinel Media, owner of the Rome Daily Sentinel and Utica Daily Sentinel; and Capital Region Independent Media, owner of seven Albany area weeklies.

There is a growing number of New York State communities with little to no access to local newspaper coverage: 13 counties are down to just one newspaper and Orleans County is the first with no local newspaper at all.

The decline of local journalism is a threat to the health of our democracy, coalition members emphasize.

If newspapers continue to shutter, communities across the state risk being effectively disenfranchised, losing the ability to shape policy conversations and hold local officials accountable, coalition members say.

"All New Yorkers deserve to have their voices heard, and hometown newspapers are key to that mission.

We urge government officials and local stakeholders to rally behind us, safeguarding democracy and bolstering the future of local journalism in New York," said founding member Zachary Richner, director of Long Island-based Richner Communications.

The Empire State Local News Coalition is championing legislation that ensures local papers will survive through the 21st century and beyond. Key priorities include:

The Local Journalism Sustainability Act (S.625B/A2958C): Sponsored by Sen. Hoylman-Sigal, provides tax credits to local news outlets for the employment of local news journalists. The bill ensures New York's journalists and supporting workers will have job stability while paving the way for more hiring opportunities and an expanded workforce in the future.

This proposal would incentivize local businesses to advertise in local media, driving revenue for hometown papers, while connecting businesses with their customers.

A 2022 analysis found approximately 354 newsrooms in New York State would benefit from the local journalism payroll tax credit.

"Professionally-reported, fact-checked local news forges community, keeps elected officials in check, and strengthens democracy. This important legislation would help fortify our business and allow us to keep reinvesting in high-quality local journalists," said Adam Stone, publisher at Examiner Media in Westchester.

"Independent local newspapers serve as the vital threads weaving together stories of triumphs and challenges, keeping us connected to our neighborhoods and shared experiences," said Bradley Waters, president and publisher, Sentinel Media Co.

PROPOSALS...

The rendering shows a mini-golf course that includes large dinosaurs and fountains as part of the theme.

Although proposals were sought for only parcel A of 17 Main Street, Wright has also submitted a purchase offer for parcel B.

Mayor Michael Tooley says the city is honoring a two-year old proposal that included the potential sale of parcel B to At The Docks, LLC., which has not yet expired.

Although Wright initially indicated he could move forward with the development of Mystic Springs with just parcel A, he now believes that parcel B would be needed to accommodate parking.

Wright told the city that the business will be a major draw to the city and expects it will create a significant draw from Canada as well. He said logistically, parking will need to be available.

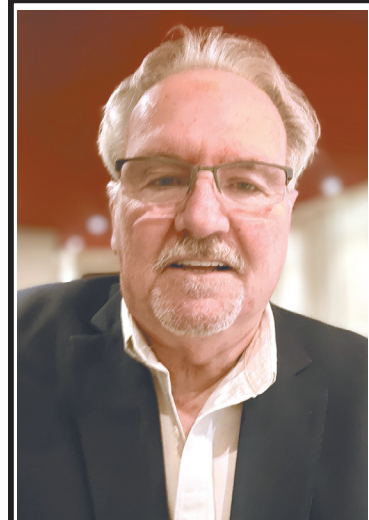
Although Wright would like to purchase parcel B, in January the city requested At The Docks owner Chris Frary submit a plan to the city for the development of parcel B within 90 days of the notice with a goal of finalizing the sale by May 31.

At The Docks' plan for the property currently entails a proposed warehouse for dock storage, but there has been speculation that it accompanies a larger vision involving the restoration of the former Ramada Inn and development of a franchise hotel. However, nothing official has been submitted publicly.

But Tooley has maintained the city is doing its best to honor the original RFP while also providing a quick turn around in the proposal process for parcel A.

The proposals will likely be presented at the next council meeting, but at this time it's unclear if either meets the criteria put forward by the city.

It's possible the city could reject submissions or disqualify them if they do not meet the requirements.



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Jason Fetterly, Amber Fetterly, JP Fetterly Jr. age 10, and Alexandra Fetterly, age 7, opened a new arcade in Massena.

Arcade opens in Massena

BY MATT LINDSEY

North Country This Week

MASSENA — Test your gaming skills and enjoy some family time at “Frozen Frenzy” arcade.

Owner Amanda Fetterly said she and her husband Jason opened the business because of lack of entertainment for kids, and even adults.

The new business, located at 2241 State Highway 420, held a soft opening recently and will be open noon to 8 p.m. through Saturday, Feb. 24, and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Fetterly said more permanent hours are being worked on once they gauge which days might be busiest.

“We are so excited to offer the youth in our county something to do again,” she said. “With so many businesses shutting down in our area we hope this will bring our area some joy.”

Gaming is a popular activity for people of all ages, and arcades grew in popularity in the 1980s. Online gaming, among other factors, lead to most arcades closing over the years.

“Frozen Frenzy” features several racing games, a deer hunter game, Deal or No Deal, among many others. People can take their tickets to the front counter for prizes as well.

An experience at another local arcade ended up in “Frozen Frenzy” opening its doors.

The Fetterly family, along with children JP and Alexandra, spent an afternoon in Ogdensburg some time ago at an arcade in a plaza

there.

“My husband said to my son ‘if you keep taking my money I am going to own the place,’” she said. That led to a conversation with the owner, who sold Jason his game inventory.

After purchasing a few more games elsewhere, and some hard work, the arcade is now up and running.

The couple had purchased the business location, a former automotive shop, several years ago and had plans for a business, when the arcade fell into their lap.

“There is not much for kids to do,” she said.

Many in the area have hoped for kid-friendly businesses to open, and an arcade helps fill that void.

The owners hope the arcade gives families a place to make memories, and even a spot to host a birthday party.

Fetterly said birthday parties are already being booked for weekends, and anyone wishing to book one can contact her at 315-323-2528.

She expects slushies, and soft ice cream to be available for purchase soon.

Fetterly said more entertainment plans are in the works for the same location.

“We have the ability to grow if the community keeps reaching out,” Fetterly said.

Visit their Facebook page for updated hours and more information at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61556032360549&mibextid=LQQJ4d>.

Promoting downtown businesses

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI

North Country This Week

MASSENA -- Village of Massena officials are streamlining regulations and procedures in an effort to encourage economic growth downtown.

Trustee Shelyn Peets told fellow trustees during the Feb. 13 board meeting that she has been assisting a handful of businesses in recent months to relocate downtown.

One such business is Beyond the Tarot, which will have its grand reopening at its new location of 71 Main Street on March 10, she said.

“They totally renovated the space and they’re having their grand reopening on March 10. It looks great in there,” she said.

Peets also spoke of another business she is attempting to assist in

a move to the downtown but mentioned that the owner is still struggling to find the appropriate space for the business.

Among her other projects, Peets said she is also helping Code Enforcement Officer Aaron Hardy streamline the paperwork related to establishing businesses downtown.

Hardy said he would also send the trustees planning materials as well to help businesses moving into the downtown area with compliance and village regulations as well.

In other news, trustees say the compressor at Massena Arena that was in need of repairs has been up and running for a few weeks now without issue.

The extensive repairs, which cost over \$23,000 will luckily be covered almost entirely by the insurance plan, Trustee Christine Winston said.

Injunctions filed against two pot shops

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI

North Country This Week

MASSENA -- The village of Massena is taking action against cannabis dispensaries they say have violated village code regulations and planning board regulations.

According to Mayor Greg Paquin, the village filed injunctions against two businesses earlier this week.

During the Village Board of Trustees meeting on Feb. 13, Paquin said both operations were operating illegally due to code violations and, in the case of THC Remedies, violating planning board regulations.

“They came in and told the planning board they were going to be a smoke shop and as soon as they got approval they started selling pot,” Paquin said.

According to Paquin, both businesses will be able to continue to operate until the village receives an injunction to step in and shut them down for code violations.

Paquin clarified that only the two shops are being taken to court, with a third being just outside the village

limits.

“That one is not within our jurisdiction, so we can’t do anything about them legally,” he said.

“There may be other businesses that are not code compliant or planning board compliant,” Paquin continued.

Another point of contention is just who is licensing the businesses operating in the “Square Mile.”

“Just a general comment, I got an email, I want to say maybe about a year and a half ago, from the Tribal Council. They had their list of authorized and unauthorized pot shops and which ones they said could operate on tribal land, which I thought was kind of interesting,” Paquin said.

Though he was not clear of the details at the time of the meeting, Paquin said it was possible that the businesses in question are licensed through the Longhouse and are not duly authorized to operate by the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe’s Cannabis Compliance Office.

In a recent press release obtained by North Country This Week, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe’s Can-

nabis Compliance Office listed 21 dispensaries that are licensed by and compliant with tribal regulations.

Neither business in question were included in the press release.

Why the businesses are allowed to continue operating is simple, Paquin said.

“This is a failure of New York State and the Office of Cannabis Management. We have continually asked for their help and they have done absolutely nothing to help us. They have abandoned us, they have abandoned Massena. Under the law, it is now up to the Office of Cannabis Management to enforce these regulations and shut these businesses down if they are not compliant,” he said.

Paquin also noted that both businesses were part of an extensive law enforcement investigation and raid last year that saw the seizure of 66 grams of psilocybin, 27 pounds of cannabis concentrate, 63.2 pounds of cannabis, 18,386 vapes, six switchblade knives and \$37,530 in cash from seven unlicensed cannabis shops.

Ogdensburg Airport switching subsidy programs, soliciting bids for air service

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI

North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG -- Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority officials say they are in the process of switching federal subsidy programs for air service out of the Ogdensburg International Airport.

The move to switch back to the Essential Air Service Program as provided by the Federal Department of Transportation will mean that subsidies will again be sent directly to the contracted airline as opposed to passing through the OBPA, who would then remit payment to the airlines.

That process should be done by May or June, according to Airport Manager Charlie Garrelts.

In a Feb. 8 meeting of the OBPA, Garrelts informed OBPA board members that they were in the midst of the bidding process with the U.S. Department of Transportation for upcoming EAS bids.

The Essential Air Service (EAS) is a program through the U.S. DOT that subsidizes flights from smaller regional airports to larger national and international airports, mak-

ing air travel more affordable for regions like the north country.

Under the current Alternative Essential Air Service (AEAS) program, Contour Air offers flights from Ogdensburg to Philadelphia and Altoona, Pennsylvania.

OBPA officials say the current contract with Contour Air is set to expire this fall, leading to the new bidding process. Though the airport is shifting back to an EAS contract, Contour is still eligible to bid as well.

According to Garrelts, the OBPA will next issue a request for proposals from airlines. The timeline for solicitation could begin anywhere from the beginning of March to the beginning of April, he said.

Once bidding concludes, Garrelts said it will be another month or so for USDOT officials to review the bids, followed by final review, community comments and then final approval. The winning airline should be announced in May or June, he said.

Under the previous EAS contract, SkyWest offered flights from Ogdensburg to Washington DC and Chicago. Citing a subsidy that was

not sustainable for the airline, SkyWest ended their contract in Jan. 2022, forcing the OBPA to reevaluate and eventually switch to the AEAS program.

SkyWest also pulled out of their EAS contract with Plattsburgh Airport at the same time.

Solicitation of bids went out soon after, with just Boutique Air originally submitting a bid to offer services at Ogdensburg.

Officials rejected the bid, saying it failed to meet minimum seat requirements and would significantly reduce the number of seats and flights available to the community.

OBPA officials then pivoted to the AEAS and rebid the route, eventually awarding the contract to Contour Air for nonstop service to Philadelphia.

The contract officially began July 1, 2022 and will run until Sept. 30, 2024 at a cost not to exceed \$4,931,190 for the first year, \$5,029,814 for the second year and \$1,257,453 for the prorated portion of \$5,029,814 for the remaining three months of the contract from July to Sept. 2024.

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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 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

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The Ogdensburg Housing Authority (OHA) located in Ogdensburg, NY is seeking an experienced professional for the position of Executive Director. The Executive Director reports to the OHA Board of Commissioners for all the OHA's operations.

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Salary is based upon experience and education. The salary range is \$85,000 to \$95,000. The position is open until filled.

A position description may be obtained by email request to cheryld@ogdensburgha.com.

Please Submit a cover letter and resume along with a list of at least (5) professional references with contact information to:
M. Penny Sharrow, Board Chair
c/o Ogdensburg Housing Authority
1101 Jay Street
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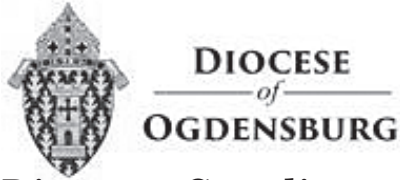
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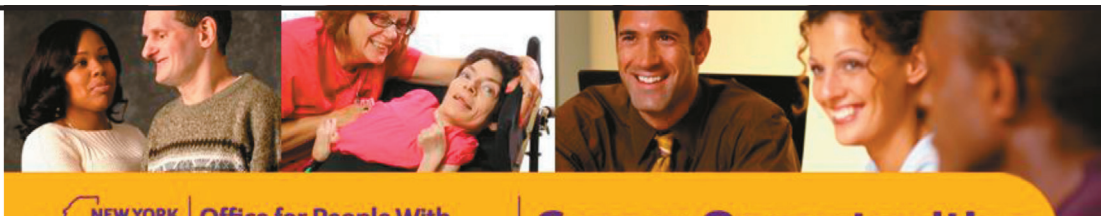
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