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Former Ivy Ridge students call for closure of similar institutions

STAFF REPORT

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Dozens of Ivy Ridge survivors gathered before city hall in Ogdensburg to peacefully protest in an effort to raise awareness about the institution and similar schools still operating throughout the U.S. today.

The event was planned following the nationwide response to the successful Netflix documentary series "The Program: Cults,

Cons and Kidnappings," which detailed child abuse perpetrated at the facility between 2001 and 2009.

Terry Marino's son Anthony attended Ivy Ridge 2003 - 2004. He committed suicide 18 years later. "I firmly believe had he not attended Ivy Ridge, he would still be with me today," said Marino.

Also present was Danielle Zambrano, from New Jersey, said while she attended Ivy Ridge from 2004 - 2005, she never left the

facility. It was "surreal" to see an actual community nearby.

A woman named Sue tearfully spoke about how she never realized what her daughter, Alisha who attended Academy at Ivy Ridge from 2003-2004, experienced during her time there.

State Assemblyman Scott Gray was also present at the event. Gray early requested the state attorney general's office open an

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North Country This Week wins several statewide awards

North Country This Week has been recognized statewide for quality news reporting and advertising design.

The New York Press Association presented NCTW staffers with six awards and two honorable mentions in Saratoga Springs last weekend in the annual "Better Newspaper Contest."

In many cases, NCTW competed against daily newspapers and the largest paid newspapers in the state due to its large circulation.

"We appreciate the validation that our readers and advertisers are served by skilled, experienced reporters, designers and advertising consultants," said Publisher

Bill Shumway. "We are proud of the quality information and marketing services we provide to St. Lawrence County."

First place awards were received for "Coverage of Education," for reporting by News Editor Jimmy Lawton and Assistant Editor/Reporters Jeff Chudzinski and Matt Lindsey. Ad designer Debbie Morgan and advertising consultant Amanda Hitterman received first place for "Best Multi-Advertiser" pages.

The "Coverage of Education" award was presented for reporting about substitute shortages, preparations for electric buses, racial complaints at Heuvelton

Central, program cuts at Clarkson University, and a controversy over whether the "Black National Anthem" would be performed at Gouverneur Central's graduation ceremony. "A solid selection and straight-forward presentation," said the judges. "Great job."

"The Multi-Advertiser Page" award was presented for colorful "Holiday Showcase" pages that were published last November and December and featured numerous holiday-themed ads from local retailers.

Other awards received by NCTW included:

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Parent calls for ban of OFA laxer over hit

BY MATT LINDSEY
North Country This Week

Section X is reviewing a violent incident in which a lacrosse player was injured when another player struck him in the head with a stick, causing a concussion.

The Franklin Academy lacrosse player who suffered a concussion after an Ogdensburg player struck him in the head with his stick plans to keep playing.

A video from NFHS Network on April 20 shows a routine scuffle for the ball, followed by an Ogdensburg Free Academy player swinging his stick directly at the head and neck of 10th grade student Landyn Pierson.

Pierson immediately fell to the ground in pain and the OFA player threw his stick to the ground in apparent frustration. Watch the video at bit.ly/44okdFJ

Landyn was taken to Canton-Potsdam Hospital and diagnosed with a concussion, according to his mother Bethany Berkman-Pierson.

Berkman-Pierson and her family have sought legal counsel and filed charges with the Malone Police Department on April 22.

She said they took statements, photos and medical records. Ulti-

mately the matter will be turned over to juvenile courts due to the age of the OFA player.

The game, which was being played at Crowner Field in Malone, was a normal contest up until the violent incident.

"OFA was winning ... he (OFA player) retaliated for losing the ball," Berman-Pierson said.

She thinks a ban from all Section 10 sports is the right punishment.

"An apology goes a long way," the mother said.

But so far she said she has not heard anything from the player or his family.

However, she heard from OFA Superintendent Kevin Kendall, who she said apologized and said he was taking the situation very seriously.

School, Section X responding

For now, OFA is remaining quiet about the actions of their player.

"The district is following its protocols and procedures as required by our Code of Conduct," said Kendall. "I cannot comment any further on this matter."

Section 10 held a meeting to discuss the matter on Friday, but Berkman-Pierson had not yet heard the results of the meeting.

Section X Athletic Director Mark Wilson emailed North Country This Week a statement on the incident.

"Section X recognizes the seriousness of this incident and has a process for dealing with such matters, which may include a Section X Sportsmanship Committee review," he said.

"The school district has its own, separate process, which it is following. The Section cannot comment further at this time."

Road to recovery

Landyn is still hopeful to play again once medically cleared.

He has been in contact with the district superintendent and athletic director, who have been checking on his well-being.

A CT scan did not show any neck damage, but future tests are possible to ensure no long-term damage.

In order to play again Landyn will need to pass medical protocols.

Franklin Academy and OFA are not scheduled to meet again during the regular season.

Should they be matched up somehow in the playoffs, Berkman-Pierson is not sure if she would allow her son to play against OFA. Especially if the player who struck her son is still allowed to play.

Landyn, playing in his third year, is not letting the incident impact his desire to continue lacrosse.

"Lacrosse is more than a game, it's about friendship and families," he said.

"He doesn't want other kids to be scared of playing because of what happened," his mother said.



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Planting seeds at Bittersweet

Amy Price plants seeds at the Bittersweet-Milkweed Collaborative Farm, Heuvelton, during a hands-on workshop offered by gardener Brian Bennett April 13. The farm is offering future workshops on chicken butchering, preparing gardens for spring, and starting baby chicks.

Four facing drug charges

MORRISTOWN — Four people were arrested by county sheriff's deputies on drug charges following a traffic stop on State Highway 37 on April 24 around 8:15 p.m.

Deputies charged Dennis Felder Jr., 30, Andre Bonilla, 26, and Raymond Brown, 34, all of Rochester; and Melissa Gordon, 44, of Ogdensburg with third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class B felony.

The quartet was charged after deputies pulled over the vehicle they were traveling in for speeding.

Deputies, along with state troopers who were also on the scene, located about 28 grams of fentanyl in the vehicle.

Bonilla, the driver of the car, was also charged with speeding in zone, failure to keep right and third-degree aggravated unlicensed opera-

tion of a motor vehicle.

All four were arraigned in Morristown town court by Judge Phillips.

Gordon was remanded to the St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility without bail due to two prior felony convictions, the sheriff's office said.

The other three individuals were released on their own recognizance "due to New York State bail reform," the sheriff's office said.

All four are due back in town court at a later date.

The St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office was assisted in the investigation by state police, U.S. Border Patrol, Homeland Security Investigations, Ogdensburg and Canton police and the county drug task force.

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Massena police still responding to hundreds of calls per month

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
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MASSENA -- Numbers were down slightly during the month of March for Massena police officers but Chief Jason Olson said figures for response calls remain highly elevated compared to just a few years ago.

During the month of February, Olson said officers responded to 716 incidents, issued 48 traffic tickets, conducted 123 traffic stops, had 10 mental health arrests and 31 penal law arrests, while also responding to 12 motor vehicle accidents.

During that month, Olson said officers were also able to seize 16 grams of meth and crack on a traffic stop that occurred Feb. 27.

"It was kind of one of those deals that just happened. There was no investigation involved. It was just good work by the officers. When they made the stop, they realized something else was going on," Olson said.

As for his most recent report, numbers in March dipped slightly, Olson said.

Officers responded to 941 incidents but

issued fewer tickets with 26 traffic tickets, conducted 106 traffic stops, made 22 penal law arrests and handled five motor vehicle accidents.

As for the detectives in the department, Olson said they adopted 19 new cases, made 12 felony arrests, eight misdemeanor arrests and conducted two search warrants.

Though those figures were a slight dip compared to the previous month, Olson noted they are still elevated.

"They're still running a little high. Our guys are busy out there," he said.

In order to combat the rise in incidents over the last decade, village officials opted to add another officer position in the new budget.

According to Olson, the need to add an additional officer is long overdue as the department has maintained 22 officers for the better part of the last decade.

"I think we all can agree that crime has gone up. We're averaging 10,000 calls for service. Six years ago, we were averaging five (thousand calls) and it had been that way for

a while. I can go back to 2012 and we maintained five (thousand calls) until about 2018. Since then, it's jumped significantly every year. So, now we're at 10,000 calls for service. So yes additional officers are definitely going to help with the community needs in that regard," Olson said.

While Olson did say the additional officer is a backfill position to account for Juvenile Officer Michael Flynn being named as the Massena Central School District's school resource officer, he noted that the new officer could likely save the village money.

"Obviously we're just going off of the numbers we have right now but from what I have calculated it looks like we could save almost \$100,000 in overtime expenses next year," he said.

Olson said the department currently has exceeded \$332,000 for the current fiscal year that ends on May 31.

Olson said he could save overtime in places "not bound by the CBA" as well, saying the department has done a good job of monitoring those details.

"We catch things here and there but really, we hold the line and adhere to the CBA. Some of the areas we looked to cut overtime were training and instructing. If they're going off to instruct at the academy, if it's going to create overtime, then we're not going to allow it. We put a freeze on training if it's going to create overtime. We did that to save overtime," he said.

When asked just how much the village could save in overtime expenses, Olson reiterated that the department must be fully staffed to see any savings.

"We have to be at full staff because of the manning clause for this to work. If we're at full staff, we can potentially save up to \$100,000 in overtime. But I have nothing to base that on, I can base it on numbers, on simple math. But I've never had this before, I've never been in this position as an administrator where I had a three to three patrol officer where I can see that type of savings," he said.

Grass cutting pickup off to strong start with bag policy

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
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MASSENA -- Village residents are beginning to tidy up their yards following a mild winter that has segued into a relatively wet spring but that isn't stopping them from bagging up grass clippings and leaves.

One major change is now in effect however, as residents are required to use paper bags if they want Department of Public Works crews to take away their clippings.

Trustee Ken McGowan said he has seen quite a few out on the curb, a sign that residents have begun to embrace the change.

When asked how his crews were handling the change, DPW Superintendent Marty Miller said his crews were doing well.

"It seems like it's moving in the right direction. It seems like they're kind of keeping up on it," he said.

Miller said that while many residents have switched to paper bags, his crews have encountered a few who are still using plastic bags.

Under new code regulations, residents are only allowed to use paper bags for DPW pickups, however they can still use plastic bags if they want to dispose of their yard waste on their own.

Miller first lobbied the board last spring, saying the switch would save the village time and money with crews able to work faster to pick up the bags.

Though concerns were voiced about the bags being left out too

long and rain storms leading to a bigger mess to clean up when bags became saturated, trustees formally approved the code change last July.

Miller and trustees then agreed a phase in period would be needed so residents could be notified about the change and so local stores could stock the bags.

Miller and Village Administrator Monique Chatland both raised the subject of a lack of availability, with both saying the village or DPW may be able to buy the bags in bulk to then sell to residents at cost as a way to ensure a steady supply and lower prices.

Mayor Greg Paquin also touched on the subject last summer, saying that DPW crews being able to throw the bags right onto trucks for disposal, as opposed to ripping open plastic bags to dump the contents, would save crews time and the village money.

"This way, crews will be able to get done fast and get back to doing other things they normally do in the summer, like road repair, culvert replacements and those kinds of season specific tasks," he previously said.

Miller previously said that in the event of storms that may cause significant damage to trees, DPW crews would be able to do additional pickups of brush and limbs outside of the regularly scheduled pickups.

"We can decide those things on the fly, so in the worst case scenario, we can send out crews for pickups if a number of properties are affected," Miller said last July.

Teen accused of making terroristic threat


LISBON -- A Heuvelton child was charged with a felony stemming from a weapon investigation on April 25 at Lisbon Central School, according to state police.

The male made terroristic threats to the school, by telling other students what he was going to do, police said.

The unnamed 13-year old was charged with making a terrorist threat at 5:54 p.m. and released on a family court appearance ticket, police said.

Police did not say what the teen said he was going to do.

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Paquin said that work has not begun yet, however some contracts for those projects

have been signed already. Paquin asked for patience from the public as loose ends are tied up.

"Again, we have five years from the time this all started. You're not going to see these projects, I wouldn't even say they would start next summer. I think those two projects wouldn't start until the summer after. It's a slow process and I've been preaching patience with this since we got this award."

Coming from the DRI, the village has also been able to award two rounds of CORE of the Community grant funding to local businesses hoping to improve their buildings, secure new equipment and enhance their signage.

Village Administrator Monique Charland previously said the two rounds of funding were very successful and would benefit a number of businesses in the DRI zone.

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NYS is first in nation to approve tax credits for local journalism

New York is now the first state in the nation to incentivize hiring and retaining local journalists, a move that could change the course of local journalism in the U.S.

Gov. Kathy Hochul and the state Legislature unveiled the final state budget Saturday, including a payroll tax credit for local news outlets, modeled on the Local Journalism Sustainability Act.

Approval of the tax credit comes at a watershed moment for the journalism industry: New York State has experienced hundreds of newspaper closures in the past few decades.

The game-changer for the local news industry comes just months after the launch of the Empire State Local News Coalition, an unprecedented, grassroots campaign powered by more than 200 community newspapers across the state, including North Country This Week / NorthCountryNow.com.

"I'm elated that our first-in-

the-nation Local Journalism Sustainability Act is passing in the state budget. A thriving local news industry is vital to the health of our democracy and it's our responsibility to help ensure New Yorkers have access to independent and community-focused journalism," said Sen. Brad Hoylman-Sigal, the Senate bill sponsor.

"Our efforts will help ensure that our democracy will not die in darkness."

Bill Shumway, editor and publisher of North Country This Week and NorthCountryNow.com, echoed the senator's comments.

"This measure will help ensure local media outlets throughout the state will have the financial resources to continue reporting on village and town boards, county legislatures and city councils, a service essential for the success of democracy at the local level," he said.

The program — \$30 million per

year for three years — allows each eligible newspaper and broadcast business to receive a 50% refundable tax credit against the first \$50,000 of an employee's salary, up to a total of \$300,000 per business.

Of the total, \$4 million will be allocated to incentivize print and broadcast businesses to hire new journalists.

The remaining \$26 million will be split evenly between businesses with fewer than 100 employees and those with more than 100 employees, ensuring that hyperlocal, independent news organizations have a fair shot at access to these funds.

After stalling for years, the Local Journalism Sustainability Act catapulted into a top legislative priority this session following the early-2024 founding of the Empire State Local News Coalition.

The coalition mobilized support from hundreds of New York hometown papers as well as a broad range of stakeholders from around the country, including the Rebuild Local News Coalition, Microsoft, and El Diario.

Organized labor including NYS AFL-CIO, CWA District 1, and national and local news guilds also played a critical role in mobilizing support for this historic bill.

Zachary Richner, founder of the Empire State Local News Coalition, said the measure is a "critical investment given that hundreds of New York's newspapers have closed since 2004, leaving too many New York communities without access to vital local information."

He said the "objectivity of this credit shows that there is a fair way for public policy to support local news without jeopardizing

journalistic integrity. This program is a model for other states across the U.S. to follow as communities across the country raise their voices to save local news."

Richner said Sen. Hoylman-Sigal's advocacy for the tax credit was instrumental in moving it through the legislative process.

"Other states and stakeholders interested in replicating this playbook and hearing about lessons learned should reach out to us at info@savenylocalnews.com," Richner said.

Since launching in February, the coalition quickly mobilized stakeholders across the state to rally behind the bill.

In addition to rallying with grassroots advocates in Westchester and Albany, members led petition drives, letter-writing campaigns, editorials, and advertisements sounding the alarm on the decline of local journalism.

Goal of the Empire State Local News Coalition is to advocate for sound public policy that ensures the important work of local news organizations can continue across New York state.

Through independent journalism, coalition members aim to serve, inform, uplift, and protect New York communities as well as the future of New York's free press.

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School asks for speed reduction

DEKALB -- The Hermon-DeKalb Central School board of education say they support reducing the speed limit on Route 11 near the school.

In a press release April 26, officials say members of the board voted unanimously to encourage lawmakers to reduce the speed limit along that stretch of highway.

"The board passed a resolution, which it previously approved for the first time in February 2020, calling for the speed limit to be reduced from 55 mph to 45 mph on Route 11 for the maximum distance the state will allow in each direction from the school district's property," officials wrote.

Officials say the concern of the athletic fields and playground being on Route 11 are concerning, with students often walking or riding bikes on the state route to attend school or school functions.

"There is a steady flow of traffic in and out of the district's parking lots. Much of that traffic must utilize the intersection, which has been the site of numerous vehicle crashes over the years, including two fatal accidents within the last four years," officials wrote.

"As a district, we have been advocating for this change for two decades," said Superintendent Mark White.

Village hires contractor for lawn mowing on properties violating code

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA — Village trustees signed off on contracts with Northrop's Hilltop Nursery and Landscaping to mow lawns that violate village code, along with a contract to clear debris from properties of debris.

This will be the first year Northrop's will remove debris from such properties violating village code after Department of Public Works Superintendent Marty Miller previously suggested the task be outsourced in an effort to save money.

DPW crews were previously responsible for removing debris from such properties.

Village officials awarded the contracts at a recent board meeting, with Code Enforcement Officer Aaron Hardy telling trustees two companies bid for the services, however Northrop's experience with the village, coupled with their price per property, made them the best candidate in his opinion.

The contracts stipulate that Northrop's will receive \$50 per property for mowing services, while they will be paid \$65 per property for removing trash and debris.

Village Administrator Monique Chatland touched on the bids, saying Northrop had no upper their rates for the year, complimenting the company for the quality of work they have completed in the past for the village.

"They do a lot. They're constantly in contact with our office," Hardy added.

Hardy said Northrop has a history of being able to quickly and effectively resolve the various code violations that have popped up in years prior.

The contracts will run from May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025, though officials did note this is the first year that a contract was put out to bid for cleanup services.

Hardy said that he has confidence Northrop will be able to handle the new service but did caution trustees that hiccups are to be expected from time to time.

"This will be our first time doing this, so let's anticipate some hiccups. There always are the first couple of years," Hardy said.

Mayor Greg Paquin said the move to contract the service will save time for DPW crews, many of whom spent around a week cleaning up properties on Sycamore Street last year. Those properties were in violation of village code due to trash and debris buildup that was not disposed of by the property owners.

Officials say Northrop's may be very busy this year if the code enforcement office fields a similar number of complaints.

In total, Hardy said the office handled over 100 complaints last year, roughly one-third of which were referred for cleanup to DPW.

Hardy said as properties are identified as being non-compliant by the code office, Northrop's will be contacted to take action and address the violations immediately.

"They'll be a huge help to us, I'm sure of that," Hardy said.



Photo submitted

Pictured from left Caleb Dousharm, Declan Coakley, Murphy Burke, Tyree Hawkins, Brycen Hitsman, Phebe Grandy, Samantha Milburn, Larry Blakemore, Jr., and Kasey Long.

Places 6th in Drone Soccer National Championship

MADRID — Madrid-Waddington Central School District competed in the U.S. Drone Soccer National Championship April 27 and placed sixth.

The national event was hosted by Virginia Tech's Innovation Campus.

"It was a great representation from our very small district that would not have been possible without the support of the school community," said Michelle Burke Technology Coordinator at the district.

There were 16 national teams who competed, including the national winning team from Istanbul, Turkey.

The M-W team placed sixth in the nation for the second year in a row, which was incredible considering the level of competition was much more robust this year.

In the double elimination tournament, the team lost its first match of the day to the team from Long Beach, California who placed first in the nation.

The Jackets then went on to beat teams from Virginia, North Carolina, and Turkey.

The elimination match for the Yellow Jackets was versus the team they beat last month at Regionals from Rotterdam-Mohannasan.

Massena Police Activities League receives over \$98,000 in grant funding from state

MASSENA -- The Massena Police Activities League is one of 70 recipients of nearly \$25 million in capital grants for nonprofit human services organizations announced by Governor Kathy Hochul on April 26.

The funds come through the Nonprofit Infrastructure Capital Investment Program (NICIP), which is administered by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York.

NICIP provides capital grants of up to \$500,000 to empower nonprofits across the state to undertake projects that improve the delivery of critical services to New Yorkers. Additional NICIP awards will be

announced on a rolling basis in the coming months.

The Massena PAL will receive \$98,642 from the grant program.

"Nonprofit organizations are essential partners in delivering critical services to individuals in need and providing a reliable and consistent safety net for families all across

New York," Governor Hochul said. "The strong response to this opportunity serves as a reminder that these organizations, too often, lack sufficient capital funding to invest in their missions and serve New Yorkers. We'll continue to support the organizations that are helping those in need across our state."

Farmers markets to open soon

CANTON — Who's ready for the 2024 Farmers Market Season? GardenShare is!

St. Lawrence County is less than a month away from the Canton Farmers Market opening day Friday, May 10th, and the Potsdam Farmers Market opening day on Saturday, May 11, the organization announced in a press release.


The Spring market season is a time to get acquainted with the experience of eating with the seasons, said GardenShare.

While there are not as many produce options available during the month of May, the market is an opportunity to stock up on maple syrup and farm fresh eggs, get transplants for your personal garden, or pick up some baked goods, the organization said.!


GardenShare announced a \$20 per day cost-sharing match for SNAP/EBT recipients through its Bonus Bucks program until June 30.

Starting July 1, the Double Up Food Bucks (DUFEB) program will become available to offer the same \$20 per day match for SNAP/EBT shoppers.


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Work on Veterans' Memorial Park progressing well, officials say

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- Work is well underway at Veteran's Memorial Park in Massena, with one retaining wall removed and its replacement being installed currently.

Mayor Greg Paquin told Department of Public Works Superintendent Marty Miller that he was impressed with the work. "It looks great over there, I'm dead serious. That's coming along great," he said. Miller said the tear down of the one wall is complete, with the other

retaining wall slated to be replaced shortly after.

"We'll have to remove some of those larger trees. They're not dedicated, there's no dedication to them. Once that's done we'll have to put some drainage in there," Miller said. It is possible that some dedication

trees need to be removed, however a new tree with dedications will be planted, he said. "We'll make sure to plant something and re-dedicate that tree for that," Miller said.

Miller said once work is complete on the park, DPW crews will "jump on the street work and begin work

on the fire department side of the retaining walls."

"The plan is to get both sides of the walls done this year. The park will be handicap accessible, that had to be done this year. But we're heading in the right direction," Miller said.

OBITUARIES

Charles A. Larrabee, 65

Massena

MASSENA - Charles A. Larrabee, age 65, passed away unexpectedly in the comfort of his own home on April 16, 2024.

As per his wishes there will be no funeral services.

Arrangements are under the care and guidance of Frary Funeral Home, 60 Maple Street, Massena.

Charles was born on June 13, 1958, the son of George and Barbara Zelius.

He graduated from Massena High School in 1976. Charles also attended Canton ATC, majoring in computer science.

He later moved to Texas for a short time in the 1980's and worked a railroad yard sandblasting train cars. He also farmed Hereford cattle with his brother-in-law in Louisville for many years.

He is survived by his four siblings, many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and a great niece and

great nephew, also his many friends throughout the years.

Charles was a lover of nature and he was often seen at Barnhart taking pictures.

He enjoyed golfing, fishing, and hunting throughout his life.

Charles also had an interest in crystals and learned wrapping them into beautiful pieces of jewelry and art.

His photography was well recognized throughout the county and at times was used in the newspaper and online publications.

He will be missed, he was loved. Memorial donations in Charles' memory may be made to the Nican-dri Nature Center, 23 Robinson Bay Road, Massena, NY 13662.

Friends and family are encouraged to leave online condolences for Charles' family at www.fraryfuneralhome.com.

Constance "Connie" V. Ashley, 90

Massena

MASSENA -- Constance "Connie" V. Ashley, 90, of 7 Maiden Lane, peacefully passed away on Thursday, April 25, 2024, at the Massena Hospital, surrounded by her loving family.

Connie was born on June 12, 1933, in Malone, daughter of the late Herbert J. and Beatrice M. (Paro) Hughes.

She attended Massena schools and worked as a sales clerk at Levine's Clothing Store for several years.

She was a communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church and worked as a sales clerk at Levine's Clothing Store for several years. She was also an Elf at Santa's Workshop and was proud of her lifetime membership.

Connie enjoyed golfing, reading, crafts, playing cards and wintering in Florida for many years.

Most of all she cherished her time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren and attending their sporting events.

Connie is survived by her two children, Michael and Gail Ashley of Massena; and Cynthia and

Frank Harmon of Webster; six grandchildren and four great grandchildren; her siblings, Jack Hughes and Nancy Hughes of Massena and Sallie and Terry Warren of Massena; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Besides her parents, Herbert and Beatrice, Connie was also predeceased by her stepfather, Francis "Hector" Cutrie; her brother, Ronald H. Hughes; and her grandson, Corey R. Ashley.

Memorial contributions in Constance's name may be made to Macular Degeneration Foundation, Inc.

A graveside service will be held at Calvary Cemetery on Tuesday, May 7th at 10 AM.

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

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Bonnie L. VanGorden, 77

Massena

rides with her family around Barnhart, through her old neighborhoods reliving the past or



Bonnie VanGorden

especially to the mountains leaf peeping.

Her brother and sister-in-law took her to see the Mets (her favorite team) in NYC and she enjoyed going camping with them.

She enjoyed reading mystery/crime books, playing bingo, and spending time with her cat. She had a great love for animals and always said if she won the lottery, she'd adopt them all.

Her greatest love though was her family and she always said that she wished we could live like the Waltons, all under one roof. We would just laugh because, well...

Surviving are her brother, Steve VanGorden (Julie) of Ogdensburg, NY her nieces and nephews, Gary Balaban Jr. (Jen) of Parishville, NY, Wendy (Balaban) Chambers (Don) of Colton, NY; Steve VanGorden Jr.

Muriel M. "Moonie" Morley, 93

Ogdensburg

Moonie also did famous ice skater Peggy Fleming's hair when she was in town.



Muriel Morley

In November of 1953 she married David Morley, their marriage would end in divorce. In 1966 she met John "Jack" Griffith, who became her life partner, they were together for 45 years. Together they owned the J & M Antique Shop in Ogdensburg. Jack was Crissy's best friend and partner in crime, she loved him dearly.

While operating her beauty salon, she was a founding member of the D.O.E.R.S. club, the Downtown Ogdensburg Energetic Retailers. She was one of the original founders of the Ogdensburg Seaway Festival, a former member of the Ogdensburg Garden Club, The Frederick Remington Museum, the Altar Rosary Society, The National Hairdressers Association and the Seaway Festival Committee.

Moonie had a giving spirit, she loved to help people. Her grandchild-

dren and great grandchildren were her life.

Moonie will always be remembered for her love of reminiscing old Ogdensburg, dancing, gardening, antiquing, reading and most of all her hats.

She passed her love of God and great faith in Him. All things are possible and for praying the rosary. She will be missed more than words can say.

She is survived by her daughter, Cris Rische and her husband, Stephen of Ogdensburg, her grandchildren, Jadie Rische and his wife, Heather of Ogdensburg and Jessie Hill and her husband, Chris of Ogdensburg. Her great-grandchildren; Adreannah and Luca Rische and Scarlett Hill also survive her, along with Moonie's sister; Mary Jane Gardner and her husband, Francis of Massena.

She was predeceased by her parents; Clarence and Myrtle Wood, her brother, Clarence C. "Butch" Wood Jr., and her sisters; Ruby Irvin, Beverly Leonard, Betty Jean Wood, Sandy Allen, Patti Reid and Rita Rolfe.

Donations in Moonie's memory may be made to the St. Lawrence Valley SPCA P.O. Box 594 Ogdensburg, NY 13669.

Online condolences may be made at www.FraryFuneralHome.com.

RECENT DEATHS

KENNETH SHARLAND, 52, Ogdensburg, April 24. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

CONSTANCE ASHLEY, 90, Massena, April 25. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

VIRGINIA SKIPKA, 90, Heuvelton, April 25. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

MURIEL MORLEY, 93, Ogdens-

burg, April 26. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

DWIGHT GIBSON, 83, Norwood, April 27. Arrangements with Buck Funeral Home, Norwood.

BONNIE VANGORDEN, 77, Massena, April 27. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

BRUCE LAFLAIR SR., 62, Ogdensburg, April 28. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Og-

densburg.

JANE CROSS, Massena, April 30. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

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Massena Central superintendent continues research for pool coordinator

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA — Massena Central School Board members are taking steps to create a pool coordinator position for the high school pool, however Superintendent Ron Burke tabled discussions in order to conduct more research.

The move to table the discussion came at a recent school board meeting where Burke requested board members not take immediate action to allow him time to conduct further research.

Burke said that he felt the position was

important to ensure the safety of swimmers but noted the position would not be limited to just pool safety.

While superintendent of Canton Central School District, Burke said a near drawing incident prior to his time in the role led to the district to do a deep dive on the pool plan and pool coordinator position.

“We’re talking about the lives of children, the lives of community members. We need to make sure that we have dotted every I, crossed every T, that we have appropriate lifeguards, that the lifeguards know their roles, know what they can do, what they must do, where they’re seated, where they’re standing,

what the attire is, because any one of those things go wrong and it’s a serious issue for a child who’s in the pool,” Burke said.

Burke said he would conduct more research on the role to ensure the stipend originally proposed would be appropriate for the position.

Among the responsibilities for the position would be scheduling use of the pool, as well as ensuring compliance with regulations from the Department of Health, Burke said.

“When we are out of compliance, DOH has every right to shut our pool down. Just some of the compliance issues, we had a couple back in December during an inspection. We

need to have two pool plan books. One is with the pool coordinator and one is at the pool itself. In that book, everything must be in order,” Burke said.

Burke said the records need to be in order and available at the facility. Records that must be filed include certifications of lifeguards, as well as DOH approval for each lifeguard, he said.

“It’s not just a matter of being a certified lifeguard. DOH actually wants to have an approved lifeguard,” he said.

Officials say they may take action on the position at the May meeting.

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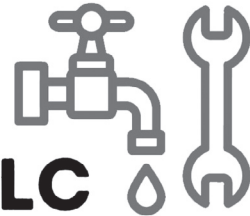
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EV technology bad for environment

In response to "The energy transition - the weight of it all"

The writer must have a financial interest in EV stock or sales. He continues to promote them in his frequent letters like a running commercial.

Again he totes all the apparent advantages of EVs, while deliberately neglecting to disclose the environmental and moral downsides to EV technology. To whit:

EV's batteries may be reliable in warm weather, but not so much in NY and other states where winter lasts a third or more of the year, with temperatures often falling below zero. According to Triple A, EV batteries lose as much as 50-60% power in cold weather.

Charging stations in Chicago last winter were overwhelmed with EV owners waiting in long lines for an available stall. Some didn't make it and had to be towed.

I suspect many of Chicago's EVs owners experienced buyer remorse. Time is money. Who wants to wait for their EV to slowly recharge its frozen batteries in the dead of winter, when a fossil fuel car can gas up, and go?

There is a hidden cost to Mr. Shipley's assumed clean energy transition to replace our present fossil-fueled cars with EV's. Most EV's batteries are manufactured in China, almost four times more than those in the US. China is nobody's friend.

They threaten to invade Taiwan. If that happens, say goodbye to the supply chain of EV batteries. They do not have the worker safeguards and benefits like we do. Remember

when Apple Ipad's were once built in China, using cheap labor? It's the same practice with EV batteries.

The Chinese government doesn't care what environmental damage occurs to extract the minerals to build the batteries.

Only what profit they can make, which is pretty ironic for a communist nation.

In the African Congo, 25,000 children are estimated to be employed or enslaved to mine the cobalt needed for the EV batteries, making EV batteries the new "Blood Diamond" of today.

This Green energy transition Mr. Shipley promotes is based on a morally tainted technology exploiting human labor. EV batteries also remain equally problematic to our environment by means of extracting the minerals to produce them and then consigning toxic dead EV batteries back into our landfills.

Before becoming enamored by the EV hype, do the research first to make an educated purchase, so you won't be left out in the cold.

Ron Shirtz
Rensselaer Falls

Newspapers should reevaluate posting of hunting photos

The glorification of hunting (and fishing) through graphic photographs of dead animals in newspapers is a disturbing and unethical practice that deserves immediate reevaluation. Newspapers too often have pictures of hunters proudly displaying their kills, creating a culture of comparison and bragging rights. This focus on personal achievement based upon acquiring the "best" trophies underlies any claims of respect for the animal.

Furthermore, such publications disregard the growing societal shift

away from viewing animals solely as resources to be exploited. A significant portion of the population finds these images upsetting and disrespectful to animal life. Many readers may simply find such images distasteful or inappropriate for a publication that they typically turn to for news, features, and other less graphic content.

Also, the emotional impact of such photos is undeniable. The sight of a majestic animal being reduced to a mere trophy can be deeply unsettling, especially for children or those sensitive to violence. These images can foster a disconnect from the natural world and the inherent value of wildlife.

Those who defend these publications often claim they serve as an educational tool, informing readers about the realities of hunting, and that hunting is part of their culture. However, these photos tell a very limited story. They don't depict the often-lengthy hunts that leave animals suffering for extended periods. Nor do they capture the ecological impact hunting can have on predator-prey relationships within an ecosystem.

Opponents may argue that eliminating these photos constitutes censorship. However, there is a clear distinction between news and graphic content. Newspapers routinely avoid publishing excessively gory or disturbing images from other contexts, such as accidents or crime scenes. The same standard should be applied to published photos of hunted and killed sentient animal beings.

There are a multitude of compelling images newspapers could publish instead. Stunning photographs that showcase wildlife in its natural habitat would not only be more visually appealing but would also foster a deeper appreciation for, and connection with, the natural world.

Ultimately, the decision to eliminate these photos is not about restricting free speech, but about promoting a more ethical and responsible portrayal of hunting. Newspapers have the power to shape public opinion, and it's time they use that influence to promote respect for wildlife, and a deeper understanding of the complex ethical issues surrounding hunting.

True respect for nature lies in respecting and promoting wildlife, rather than turning their lives into a contest with a predetermined outcome, too often with a photo of the hunted sentient animal being, unnecessarily promoted in a newspaper.

Newspapers have a responsibility to be sensitive to their entire readership, not just a select group of hunters.

Randy Johnston
Potsdam

Failure of court judge is result of poor voting

In response to the recent North Country This Week article detailing Judge Greg Storie's blatant failing as our County Court Judge.

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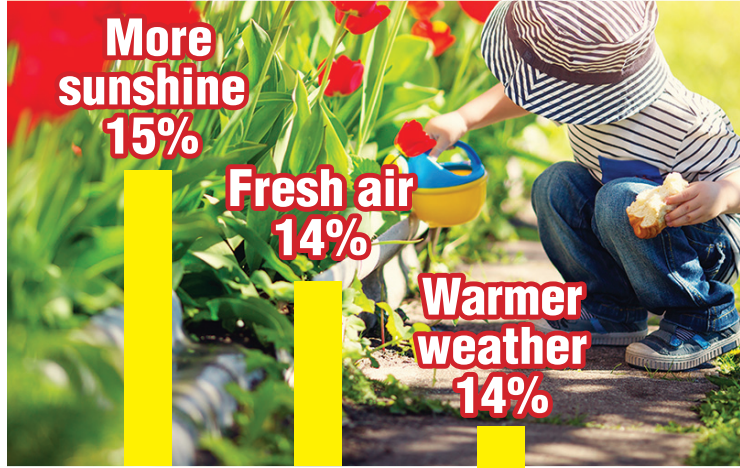
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Last week's question

What are you most excited about this spring in St. Lawrence County??

THE VILLAGE OF POTSDAM is trying to determine how best to handle street and in-lot parking. Many current paid parking meters need updating. Police officers handle tickets for any infractions. Furthermore, a recent study by a Clarkson University civil engineering group revealed the village doesn't have much of a problem with lack of parking turnover. The village board is still planning and has a few options on the table. Digital parking kiosks (with a high upfront cost) located at various points throughout the village's downtown, more meters, a smart-phone app system, a parking permit system, or a two-hour limited parking policy with signage are all being suggested.

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

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Libraries are much more than books

Presently I serve on the Board of Trustees for the Massena Public Library. The library is asking voters to approve the library's transition from a municipal library, funded by taxpayers of the Town of Massena to a School District Library which would be funded by the taxpayers of the entire school district.

We are grateful to the taxpayers who have funded the library since its beginning and to the Town for being our sponsoring agency.

However, status as a District Library is the only path provided by NYS for libraries to achieve stable funding.

Funding is now at the 2001 level and services and hours have had to be reduced.

District Libraries are indepen-

dent of both the Town and the School District in which they are located and are governed by an elected Board of Trustees, managed by a qualified Librarian with the State Department of Education as overseer. Supporting taxes are collected by the School District and distributed to the library.

There are legitimate concerns about the addition of a library tax, any tax.

We are fortunate to live in a country where we can collectively decide, and see how our taxes are used. I would ask you to consider the value which the library tax would give in service to the whole Community.

The Library is so much more than books. Computers, Wi-Fi and tech support are available; copies can be made and faxes sent; sewing, knitting and book and other groups meet.

Magazines and newspapers are

available to be read in the library's friendly space or to be checked out.

Entertainment is offered. Art shows, author visits and informational speakers are hosted. Early literacy programs are offered for the young, an exercise class for the more mature, and a book group & activities for the Tweens.

Old home movies can be transferred to digital format in the Memory Center and Zoom meetings held in the Business Center.

A tax of less than \$200 on a home assessed at \$200,000 is less than a dollar a day.

Again, consider the lifelong value that the library offers. As a reader I know that books average \$25, it's easy for me to see that I may read \$200 worth in a month's time.

Like our schools, libraries provide educational opportunities! The vote is scheduled for May 21st.

Patty Ryan
Massena

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Crocuses popping

Doreen Tolman submitted this photo of the crocuses on her front porch in Ogdensburg.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Community is stronger if we're in it together

Today I stumbled across a book called, 'Ice Storm '98, A North Country Disaster'. The book came home with me because for 26 years I've been fascinated by stories of the Ice Storm.

I was on my way back to college in Virginia after Christmas break when the storm began on Sunday evening, so I missed experiencing it firsthand.

We New Yorkers sat glued to the TVs in our dorms, watching apocalyptic images and videos of towns we knew like the backs of our hands.

The overarching narrative that I've heard unanimously in the years since, from those who experienced the storm, is one of communities

coming together to help each other.

There were volunteer first responders helping direct traffic, local fire departments opening their doors as emergency shelters, neighbors who volunteered to feed people in the shelters, people with woodstoves who opened their homes to neighbors with no heat.

There were folks who arranged for shipments and distribution of generators, and ham radio operators who volunteered to connect people with the services they needed, and help others find displaced relatives.

Farmers shared generators with each other. Inmates helped clear debris so emergency services could get through.

In the years since the storm, every single person I've spoken to has a personal story about neighbors helping neighbors.

More recently, at the beginning

of the Covid pandemic when the whole world was scared and under lockdowns, we again came together to help each other.

When no masks were available, volunteers sewed and donated masks, first to healthcare workers, and then to friends, neighbors, and anyone who asked.

People checked in on the elderly, who were more susceptible to the virus, and ran errands and delivered groceries to them.

Musicians gave free virtual concerts while we were all cocooned in our homes.

People kept their holiday lights on for months, just to spread some cheer.

There was a real sense of camaraderie; it was scary, we didn't know what lay ahead, but we knew we were all in this together, and we had each other's backs.

This is already gearing up to be

a rough election year. Let's remember how much local community connection means to all of us, and no matter how we vote, we can and will always come together in mutual respect to help one another.

We're stronger together. Let's really see the humanity in one another this year.

**Renee Stauffer
Nicholville**

Statement about Massena Town Public Library

Having received many office visits, calls and emails and having been approached in stores and even at church, the Town wants to share the following in helping the voters to make their decisions:

The Town Council is aware that the Director of the Massena Town Public Library and some trustees want to become a School District Library and no longer want the Town of Massena to provide funding or make trustee appointments.

The Massena Town Public Library, as stated in written library history, was chartered in 1902 and established a primary place of business at 60 Main Street (the Town Hall) in 1904. The library was given to the Town in 1934 after acting on a petition by their Library Board. In 1962, the library was transferred to the location on Glen Street (the premises originally of Hattie A. Anderson with reference to the estate of Julia O. Hyde in 1916). The building was given to the Town in September 1962 and dedicated to Henry H. Warren. The cost then was estimated \$425,000 for 17,000 square feet. In 1975 the Town provided \$99,180 from real property taxes to support the library. In 2023, the Town provided \$514,471 to the library.

For general information, the Town of Massena has provided funding in the amount of \$14,152,798 since 2001, certainly the largest amount of funding provided for a public library in all of St. Lawrence County. Over many years, the Town of Massena has willfully provided for, including custodial maintenance inside and outside, contracts for services including equipment such as boilers, humidifiers, air control handlers (as well as their annual inspections and respective quarterly and annual maintenance contracts for roof, library resource center, library lift, internet service, security, utilities, supplies, books, periodicals, computers, general purchasing, advertising, payroll duties including state and federal taxes, with corresponding quarterly reports, health insurance coverage, NYS Retirement, union negotiations (Teamsters), auditing and annual filing with tax cap and tax ID.

The Town has allowed the directors and trustees to hire their employees, following the town, county, and state guidelines.

Currently, businesses and homeowners within the town pay town and county taxes early in the year as well as school taxes in the fall of the year. Additionally, those businesses and homeowners residing within the village limits pay village taxes mid-year. If the transition is approved, the school district library tax would be added to their school tax bill as a second line item. It is important to note that any homeowner who has a Star Enhanced Exemption and therefore does not pay any school taxes, or any other organization that has an affiliated tax break, WILL still be required to pay the full school district library tax.

Any business owner or homeowner that resides within the Massena Central School District (Massena, Louisville, Brasher, Norfolk) should vote and decide for themselves what is the better option for them. All need to make sure they know what they are voting for and how it will

affect them long term.

Over several decades, The Town of Massena has maintained and supported the library that functions as a library and its many activities provided for our residents. If the voters decide against the school district library ballot, The Town will continue to provide funding and will continue to appoint trustees.

The School District Vote will be held on the same day as the School Budget Vote on May 21 at the Massena Community Center on Beach Street, beginning at 12:00pm/noon and ending at 8:00pm.

**Sue Bellor
Massena Town Supervisor**

Education no longer a shared value

At my SUNY Potsdam reunion, I was distressed to learn that enrollment had steadily declined by 40%. Years of less tuition income and federal/state budget cuts had led to cost-saving measures of eliminating degree programs with the fewest students. But why was SUNY enrollment declining?

At privately-funded universities like Clarkson, enrollment has only declined 10%. Wealthy parents can still afford to send their kids to college and provide alumni donations. But the 1964 SUNY long-range mission that "every student capable of completing a program of higher education should have the opportunity to do so" seems a distant past.

Republican Gov. Rockefeller (1959-1978) grew the SUNY system from 33 colleges to almost 60 by providing funding that built campuses across NYS. When I went to college, low-interest student loans, federal grants and state-subsidized SUNY tuition made it possible for students from average families to complete advanced degrees.

In the 60's and 70's, there was idealism about enlightened thinking, creativity and altruism through the study of multidimensional disciplines. (It wasn't just about careers that made the most money.) The tide began to turn when Reagan's administration proposed eliminating the federal Department of Education altogether. From that point, monetary support declined as subsequent Republican administrations steadily sought to defund education. (I read that this year's Republican House proposes 20% cuts across various programs.)

As the value of a well-rounded education diminished and funding decreased, the cost of college tuition rose - putting higher education farther out of reach for working-class families. Many college students have become victims of predatory, deceptive loan companies manipulating them into excessive debt. In 2005, banks successfully lobbied for George W. Bush's Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention Act to block overburdened student-loan debtors from declaring bankruptcy; which is why Democrats continue to explore financial debt-relief solutions.

Republican anti-intellectual rhetoric now mocks the "educated elite", sneers at "useless liberal arts degrees" and portrays college as a meaningless "ripoff". Even Rep. Stefanik, who went to Harvard, is dismissive when saying, "Don't worry. It didn't turn me into a liberal". (open-minded? empathetic? capable of abstract thinking? No?)

Our Founding Fathers understood that an ignorant electorate is a breeding ground for fear, anger and chaos; leading to destruction of its own democracy. The idea that education is no longer a bipartisan value in this country is devastating. Excellent colleges like SUNY Potsdam, surrounding communities and society will suffer.

**Martha Hodges
Massena**



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St. Lawrence Centre Mall closes to public, rebrands as industrial complex

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- The St. Lawrence Centre Mall has closed its doors to the public for the final time, with the facility now being rebranded as the St. Lawrence Industrial Complex.

The site is now an industrial and warehouse space, though JCPenney is the lone retail storefront still operating at the location. Customers will need to enter the store via the outside doors.

The close of the mall marks the end of a significant downturn for the once booming economic anchor for the Massena community.

On the former mall's website, the facility is now being marketed as a 600,000 square foot industrial shipping and storage complex.

Available spaces for lease range between 30,000 to 200,000 square feet with additional loading dock and ample power for manu-

facturing requirements available for potential tenants, according to the website.

Columbia Frame Distribution Centre utilizes a large portion of the mall, stretching from the former Hills and Ames location through the food court and into center court.

Self-storage options are also available in the former Sears store location.

Built in 1990 at a cost of \$50 million by the Heritage Company, the mall was eventually sold to AP Massena Partners in 1995 and featured numerous franchises that included JCPenney, Hills, Bon-Ton and TJ Maxx.

Other stores came and went throughout the 34 year history of the location, including Ames, Record Town, FYE, GameStop, Champs, Waldenbooks, Spencer's, Hallmark, Kay Jewelers, Belden Jewelers, KB Toys, Olympia, Radio Shack and numerous other store fronts.

A once bustling food court that included Arby's, A&W, Sbarro, Subway and Wendy's eventually dwindled to a single mom and

pop operation that eventually left during the COVID pandemic.

Another staple near the food court was Aladdin's Castle, an arcade that featured dozens of the most popular arcade video games in the 1990's and early 2000's.

With the economic downturn in Massena following the loss of hundreds of manufacturing jobs, many stores began to close or relocate to the Harte Haven Plaza.

TJ Maxx eventually relocated to Harte Haven in 2011, marking one of the first anchor stores to leave as occupancy rates began to sharply decline.

A bankruptcy of the Sears company led to that store closing in 2014, which was eventually replaced by Sears Hometown. That venture was short-lived and closed in 2017.

When occupancy rates dropped to 75%, the location was sold to the Carlyle Development Group, who in turn sold the mall to the Shapiro group out of Montreal.

Due to technical and mechanical prob-

lems in the arena, the space that once hosted dozens of hockey tournaments, skills clinics, public skating and birthday parties every year eventually was converted to a turf field sports complex.

Flag football games, lacrosse and soccer games were eventually hosted in the space but attendance was limited and staff was limited to keep the space open often.

A new sports pub that featured a game room with billiards and dart boards was opened just prior to the pandemic in 2020, another significant investment that eventually did not pan out due to state mandated lockdowns that forced the mall to largely close to the public.

The mandated closing led to a handful of the final retail storefronts to close or relocate to other spaces, forcing mall management to pivot to the current business model of the industrial complex.

Eclipse numbers lower than anticipated in Massena says marketing manager

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- Despite months of planning and marketing, village officials say the anticipated numbers for the total solar eclipse were lower than expected.

Jason Hendricks of H3 Designs, who works as a marketing manager with the town, said numbers at the airport were lower than anticipated.

"We hosted the event at the Massena Airport, which was kind of fascinating. Obviously we didn't get the

numbers we were hoping for. A lot other than we knew would be weather based. I mean, it was snowing three or four days before that last week," he told board members.

Hendricks said "going through all four seasons" prior to the eclipse likely played a role in tourism figures being down at the airport.

"That was a good time. We had planes come in from Syracuse, New Jersey, New York City, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire. We were able to talk to them and they engaged the crowd. We talked

to them and invited them back and let them know we have a great, free beach event here August 3. Hopefully they'll come back," he said.

Hendricks said despite the lower than anticipated numbers, the event was a once in a lifetime moment not to miss.

"It was neat to watch it all play out," he said.

Hendricks said numbers doubled with one larger aircraft flying to the airport.

"They had 45, maybe 50 people on that one plane alone," he said.

Hendricks said the flight prompted calls to the airport due to the size of the aircraft.

"Everything was good to go though, it all went smooth," he said.

When the aircraft landed, Hendricks joked that organizers thought Taylor Swift had landed.

"We felt like Taylor Swift was there or something. So we sent a

couple of ambassadors over to greet them because they were kind of away a little bit off. They had these chairs, brand new folding chairs that they used. They donated them to the airport because they didn't want to bring them back with them. It was a pretty large jet. I mean, it was a good sized aircraft," Hendricks said.

In other news, Hendricks said preparations are well underway for the "Rockin' the River" event to be held Aug. 3 at the Massena Town

Beach.

According to Hendricks, "many of the pieces are in place" for the event, including for vendors.

"We are going to have everything going out soon, vendor applications and all that stuff. That stuff will be coming out next week. I'll be helping out where I can with the municipal stuff," he said.

"Rockin' the River" is slated to take place Aug. 3 with county music artist Brett Westgrove headlining the event.

Waddington awarded \$2.25 million NY Forward grant for downtown revitalization

WADDINGTON -- The village of Waddington is set to receive \$2.25 million for downtown projects as part of the NY Forward grant program.

Governor Kathy Hochul made the announcement today, April 24, along with 20 other transformational projects throughout the north country.

"The Downtown Revitalization Initiative and NY Forward programs provide vital support for New York's downtowns," Governor Hochul said. "This funding for the North Country will help communities carry out their plans to enhance the quality of life for New Yorkers, draw visitors, and spur economic opportunity for generations to come."

Officials say that as a hometown destination, Waddington will become a walkable downtown, showcasing rich historic architecture while creating access to amenities for residents, improving the visitor experience and expanding its eclectic mix of arts, cultural and retail offerings through continued public and private partnerships.

As part of the projects, officials say the community's vital connection with the St. Lawrence River will be enhanced through recreation, commerce and environmental stewardship to strengthen the economy.

The projects include a \$1 million investment to transform the downtown streetscape to create a wel-

coming destination, officials say.

The streetscape project will "transform the Village's gateway and streetscape along Main Street with improved walkways, landscaping, attractive design elements and the creation of a gateway feature to establish a welcoming and distinctive pedestrian friendly downtown environment."

An additional \$200,000 will be used to establish a fund to advance down businesses and beautification, officials say.

The fund will be used to "establish a locally managed matching fund to undertake a range of smaller downtown projects such as facade enhancements, building renovation to commercial or mixed-use spaces, business assistance and public art."

For branding, \$50,000 will be utilized to "develop a branding initiative that includes the development of a new village logo, slogan and marketing materials to promote Downtown Waddington as a destination."

The final \$1 million will be used to renovate the historic Clark House to create boutique hotel accommodations and apartments.

The funds will be used to renovate the building to create an estimated 9-room boutique hotel on the 2nd and 3rd floors, including lobby, food service and meeting space in addition to the creation of four ADA-accessible, one-bedroom apartments, officials say.



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Preparing the diamond

Massena Little League President Leon Shorette fills in the Leo Lashomb Field with fresh clay April 23, before the start of practices that night. The first games begin May 11. About 190 children ages 4-12 will participate in T-ball through Majors, said Shorette.



Kirk Page | Submitted

Teen takes turkey

Jakob Page of Massena with a very successful youth turkey hunt.

Spring turkey season underway now

The regular spring turkey season for St. Lawrence County turkey hunters opens May 1.

Hunting is permitted in most areas of the state, except for New York City and Nassau County. Hunters must have a turkey hunting permit in addition to a hunting license.

Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to noon each day.

Hunters may take two bearded turkeys during the spring season, but only one bird per day and no more than one bird per season in Wildlife Management Unit 1C (Suffolk County).

Hunters may not use rifles or handguns firing a bullet. Hunters may hunt with a shotgun or hand-

gun loaded with shot sizes no larger than No. 2 or smaller than No. 9, or with a bow or crossbow. Crossbows may not be used in Westchester or Suffolk counties.

- Successful hunters must fill out the tag that comes with a turkey permit and immediately attach it to any turkey harvested. Successful hunters must report harvests within seven days of taking a bird. Report harvests online at DEC's Game Harvest Reporting website or call 1-866-426-3778 (1-866 GAMERPT).

Tips for a Successful and Safe Turkey Hunting Season

- Don't stalk. More than half of turkey hunting injuries happen when a hunter stalks another.
- Wear hunter orange when

going in or out of the woods and when walking around.

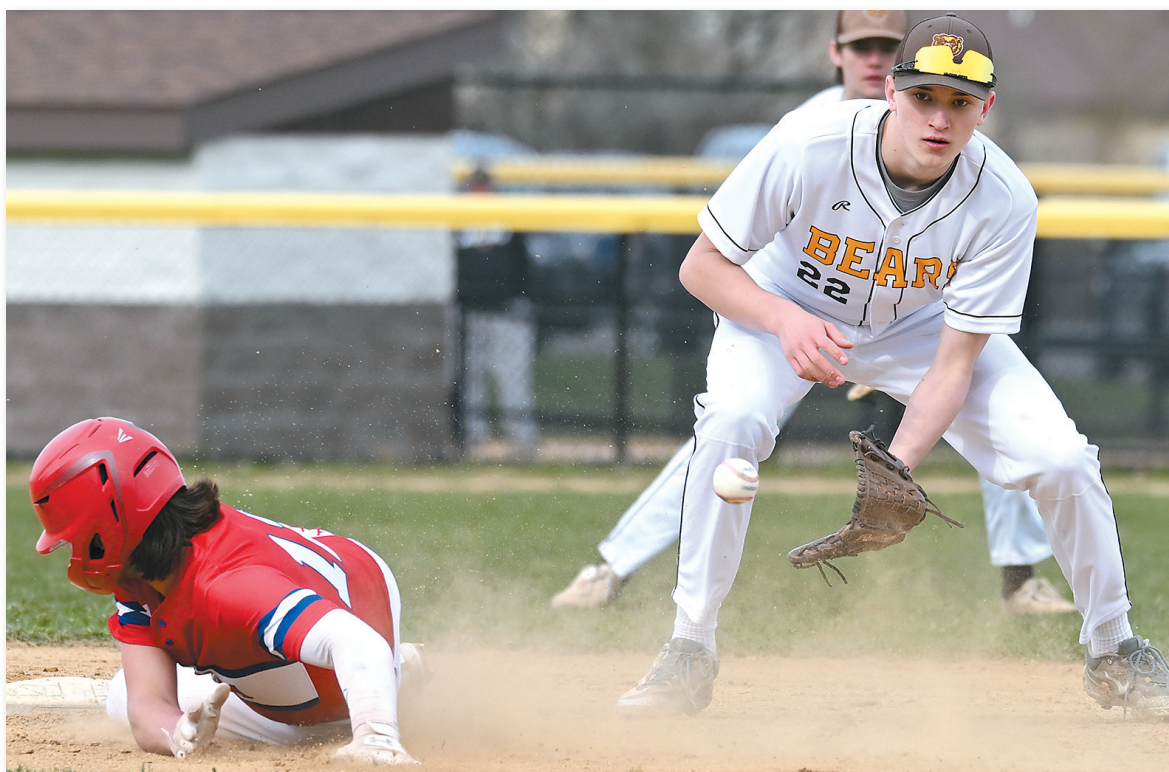
- When calling, sit still with against a tree to break-up any silhouette.

- Wrap any takes or decoys in hunter orange.

- Always assume any call or footsteps are from another hunter. Don't shoot until the whole turkey can be observed and its sex identified.

- When encountering another hunter, speak clearly and don't move. Never wave or use a turkey call to alert another hunter.

- Turkeys are tough, and 30 yards or less is the best distance for a clear head or neck shot. Do not try to shoot turkeys in the body or while they are flying.



Two Guys and a Camera | Submitted

Raiders slide past Bears

Massena High School boys baseball beat the Canton Bears 4 to 3 Wednesday, April 17.

Olympic Equestrian hosting lead jumping clinic

WINTHROP -- The Equestrian Sport Training Center will host an exclusive jumping clinic led by Olympic Equestrian Stephen Bradley.

Renowned for his expertise and achievements in the world of equestrian sports, Stephen Bradley brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this unique event. With an illustrious career that includes representing his country on the Olympic stage, Bradley is widely respected for his exceptional horsemanship

and coaching, according to the press release.

The jumping clinic presents an opportunity for riders of all levels to learn from one of the best in the field. Participants can expect personalized instruction tailored to their skill level, as Bradley shares invaluable insights, techniques, and strategies to elevate their jumping performance.

"We are honored to host Stephen Bradley at Equestrian Sport Training Center," says Tiffany Buschbash-

er-Curran, owner and head coach at the center.

Attendees can anticipate in immersive learning experience, characterized by hands-on instruction, constructive feedback, and a supportive learning environment.

The jumping clinic with Stephen Bradley will take place on May 11 and May 12, 2024 at the Equestrian Sport Training Center located in Winthrop, NY. For more information, contact Tiffany, 315-212-9978.

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1,300 pounds collected during Trash Dash

The Trash Dash weekend held April 27 collected a total of 1,300 pounds of garbage in Rensselaer Falls, Potsdam Gouverneur, Massena, and Ogdensburg. Here, Rensselaer Falls Trash Dashers included Mayor Mike Hammond and family, Becki Phillips with Heuvelton Girl Scouts Troop #50223, Travis Jordan with students from Ogdensburg's

Reality Check, and Adam Simmons with St. Lawrence County Dept. of Weights and Measures. Last year, 1146 pounds of roadside trash was picked up during the Trash Dash weekend, said organizer Alexa Backus, Director of St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau.

Ogdensburg museum to unveil new exhibits

OGDENSBURG – A talk by local historian David Martin at 6 p.m. will precede the formal unveiling of the exhibits at the museum at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5. Museum members can attend for free.

The museum is located at 206 Ford Street, down the hall from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

Ogdensburg's famed artisan Harry Horwood (1838 - 1917) came to Canada from England in the early 1850s and started working as a stained glass maker in Toronto. He later opened stained glass businesses in Ogdensburg and Prescott, Ontario.

Today, his works can be found at Ottawa's Notre Dame Cathedral and Public Library,

Maitland, Ontario's Blue Church and St. James Anglican Church, the Universalist Church in Henderson New York, Prescott, Ontario's St John's Anglican Church and at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church as well as Ogdensburg's Frederic Remington Museum, First Presbyterian

Church, Notre Dame Church, Congregational Church, and the First Baptist Church.

The other exhibit will detail Ogdensburg's early role as the industrial center of Northern New York and southern Ontario with exhibits showing how the early settlers harnessed the Oswegatchie River's waterpower to run grist mills, sawmills and operate businesses like distilleries and leather works to attract the pioneer families from both sides of the St. Lawrence River to come to Ogdensburg.

"The Ogdensburg History Museum is proud to invite the public to see our latest exhibits and to learn about one of the gilded age's great artists from our area," said Muse-

um Vice President James Reagen. "Since our small group of volunteers opened the museum just a year and a half ago, we have worked hard to tell the fascinating stories of our community's rich cultural history. With the help of the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency and the Sweetgrass Foundation, we have been developing professional exhibits to help interpret our community's colorful past."

"Our board would like to invite the community to see our new exhibits and all the changes we have made over the past year," he said. "Our goal has been to offer constantly changing exhibits to tell the wonderful stories of our community."

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Superheroes Extravaganza

OGDENSBURG – A "Superheroes Extravaganza" for children ages 2-11 will be held Saturday, May 4, from 12-4 p.m. at the Ogdensburg Elks Lodge, 322 Caroline St. Dress in your favorite superhero costume for a parade of superheroes, games, dancing, photo booths, prizes, movies and more. Admission is \$10. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For tickets, contact Lisa Meyer @315-323-0490.

Bus trip to see SIX at the Landmark Theater planned

OGDENSBURG – North Country Insurance Professionals are sponsoring a bus trip, Saturday, June 1, to The Landmark theater in Syracuse to see SIX, the musical, which tells the story of the six wives of Henry VIII.

What is SIX you say? Well... Divorced, beheaded, died, divorced, beheaded, survived.

From Tudor queens to pop icons, the six wives of Henry VIII take the mic to remix 500 years of historical heartbreak into a euphoric celebration of 21st century girl power.

SIX is the winner of 23 awards, including the 2022 Tony Award® for Best Original Score (Music and Lyrics) and the Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Musical.

The New York Times says SIX "TOTALLY RULES!" (Critics' Pick) and The Washington Post hails SIX as "Exactly the kind of energizing, inspirational illumination this town aches for!"

The SIX: LIVE ON OPENING NIGHT Broadway album debuted at Number 1 on the Billboard cast album charts and surpassed 6 Mil-

lion streams in its first month.

Those attending will travel in a luxury coach bus provided by Premier Bus Lines.

The bus leaves the Save A Lot Parking lot, Canton Street, Ogdensburg, at 9:30 a.m., go directly to Spaghetti Warehouse for lunch arriving about 11:30.

The group will depart the Spaghetti Warehouse about 1 p.m. and head over to the Landmark for the 2 p.m. matinee of SIX.

They will depart for Ogdensburg immediately following the performance and arrive back in Ogdensburg about 7:15 p.m.

Cost is \$175 per person all inclusive of the bus trip, theater ticket, lunch and all taxes tips and parking.

Lunch selections are spaghetti & meatballs, five-layer lasagne, manicotti, chicken alfredo and cesar chicken salad. Includes salad, Italian bread and non alcoholic drinks.

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Barn quilt show planned at Ogdensburg Public Library May 7-22

OGDENSBURG — The Ogdensburg Public Library announces the opening of its Barn Quilt Show to be presented by the Barn Chix. The Barn Quilt Show will be on view in the Library auditorium from Tuesday, May 7 through Wednesday, May 22 featuring over 60 locally made barn quilts. The public is invited to a special reception

for the Barn Chix on Wednesday, May 8 from 4-6 p.m. The reception offers an opportunity to view the show, and to chat with the quilters. Everyone is welcome. Many of the quilts will be available for purchase or to order following the show. Twenty percent of the proceeds from Barn

Quilt sales will benefit the Ogdensburg Public Library. The Barn Chix started in September 2020 when three ladies decided to share the cost of a few paints and make a barn quilt for themselves. Three plus years later over 90 people have participated, many painting for three years.

The Barn Chix have donated their quilts to several organizations. Anyone is welcome to join the Barn Chix who meet Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Sundays at the Morristown Firehall, Morristown. For more information about the Barn Chix, contact Jo Anne Ott at 315-854-7928 or Susan Jacobs at 315-528-1020.

PAL plans BBQ

MASSENA — The Police Activities League of Massena (PAL) will hold a barbecue chicken fundraiser, in partnership with the Massena Moose Lodge, on Saturday, May 4 at 1 p.m. Proceeds from the event will support PAL's youth programs. Pre-orders are recommended. The menu will also include savory macaroni salad, baked beans and warm dinner rolls.

Meals cost \$12. There are 150 meals available to purchase. Orders can be placed through the Moose Lodge, our online form, or by contacting the club directly at 315-705-6075. "We're excited to join forces with the Massena Moose Lodge for this fundraiser," said Josh Miller, Board President of PAL. "This event not only promises delicious food but also provides vital support for our programs, which empower local youth and strengthen our community." Stay updated on order quantities and event details by following PAL on social media @Massenapal.

Art study

OGDENSBURG — The Frederic Remington Art Museum's "Consider This" program returns in May featuring Remington's 1876 painting "The Captive Gaul" — painted on a window shade when the artist was only 14 years old. Three programs will be offered:

- Friday, May 10 at 12 p.m. with Luanne Herzog (at the Museum only);
- Thursday, May 16 at 12 p.m. with Julie Pratt and Anne Skelly (at the Museum and via Zoom);
- Friday, May 31 at 12 p.m. with Julie Pratt and Kathy Crowe (at the Museum and via Zoom).

 To learn more and to register, call 315-393-2425 or email jupratt@fredericremington.org.



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MASSENA PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA FOR 2021
 (Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law)

Notice is hereby given that the assessment and valuation data for the Town of Massena is available for review at the Massena Town Hall, Room 3, Town Clerks Office at 60 Main Street, Massena, New York 13662.

An appointment may be made to review this information with the Assessor during the following hours and days:

Monday, May 20th, 2024	Hours: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Tuesday, May 21st, 2024	Hours: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Thursday, May 23rd, 2024	Hours: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Interested parties are encouraged to contact the Assessor beforehand by phone at 315.769.6924 or by email: brushlow@massena.us to schedule the appointment to review the assessment information.

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All others will be turned away.

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA FOR 2024

Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law, notice is hereby given that assessment inventory and valuation data for the **Town of Lisbon** is available for review at **The Lisbon Town Hall**. An appointment may be made to review this information during the following hours: May 23, 2024 from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm • May 25, 2024 from 8 am - 12:00 pm • May 28 from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Please call 315 - 393 - 7593. Stephen Teele, IAO, Assessor.

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NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF TENTATIVE TOWN ASSESSMENT ROLL
 (pursuant to Sections 506 and 526 of the Real Property Tax Law) **HEARING OF COMPLAINTS** Notice is hereby given that the Assessor of the **Town of Lisbon, County of St. Lawrence** (has) completed the tentative assessment roll for the current year and that a copy has been left with **The Town of Lisbon Clerk** where it may be seen and examined by an interested person until the fourth Tuesday in May 2024. The tentative assessment roll is also available for viewing on the assessing unit's website - www.townoflisbonny.org or the St. Lawrence County website: stlawco.org - per requirement or RPTL section 1590(2). The Assessor, or his or her designee, will be in attendance with the tentative assessment roll at **The Lisbon Town Hall** • phone: 315 - 393 - 7593 on May 8, 2024 from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm, May 23, 2024 from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, May 25, 2024 from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, May 28, 2024 from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. The Board of Assessment Review will meet on May 28, 2024 between the hours of 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm in said town at The Lisbon Town Hall to hear and examine all complaints in relation to assessments, on the application of any person believing himself to be aggrieved. A publication containing procedures for contesting an assessment is available at the assessor's office. Dated April 30, 2024, Stephen Teele, IAO, Assessor.

LISBON PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF ANNUAL HEARING, BUDGET VOTE, AND ELECTION
LISBON CENTRAL SCHOOL
TOWN OF LISBON,
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Lisbon Central School District, St. Lawrence County, **Lisbon, New York will be held in the Lisbon Central School Auditorium in said District on Thursday evening, May 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. EDT for the presentation of the proposed 2024-25 school budget. Copies of the proposed budget will be available for public review beginning Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at the office of the Superintendent of Schools at Lisbon Central School.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the vote on the proposed 2024-25 school budget will be held by voting machine, for all qualified voters of the Lisbon Central School District, in the main lobby of the Lisbon Central School District on **Tuesday, May 21, 2024** between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. EDT at which time the polls will be opened to vote upon the budget and the following matters:
 ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

NOTICE IS GIVEN, that petitions nominating a candidate for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Education no later than **Monday, April 22, 2024** at 5:00 p.m. The following vacancies are to be filled on the Board of Education:
 Term: 5 years – Mrs. Rebecca Buckingham (incumbent)
 Term: 5 years – Mrs. Jennifer Gray (incumbent)
 Term: 5 years – Mrs. Angela McLear (incumbent)

Each petition must be delivered to the Clerk of the Board, must be signed by 25 qualified voters of the District, must state the name and residence of the candidate and must describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated including the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent. Official petitions may be obtained from the Clerk of the Board from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday - Friday.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a copy of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any District resident beginning May 3, 2024 at the office of the Superintendent of Schools at the Lisbon Central School from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.

STUDENT EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBER PROPOSITION
 NOTICE IS GIVEN, that a proposition be placed on the ballot for the Board of Education of Lisbon Central School District to have a high school student, who has been selected in accordance with Education Law, to serve as an ex officio member of the Districts Board of Education for the 2024-2025 school year and future years.

TRANSPORTATION PROPOSITION
 Shall the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Lisbon Central School District, is hereby authorized to purchase and finance two DIESEL motor 72-passenger school buses to replace two currently owned school buses, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto, and expend a total sum not to exceed \$360,000, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District, in the principal amount not to exceed \$360,000, shall be issued.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that such other propositions as may legally, and with proper notification, be brought before the voters.

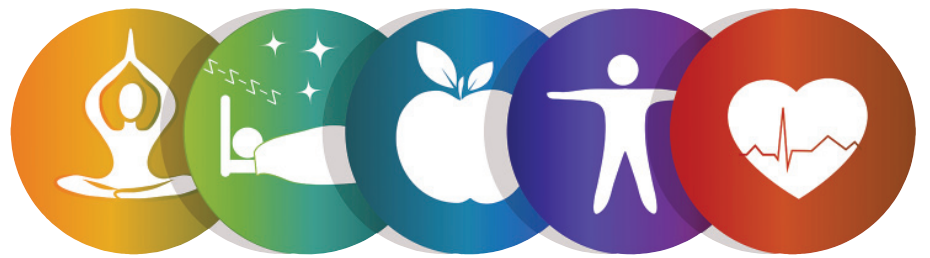
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that in-person voting will be conducted in a manner consistent with NYS Department of Health guidelines intended to protect voters and school district personnel.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that qualified voters may obtain applications for absentee ballots from the office of the Clerk of the School District. Completed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk of the School District no later than 5:00 P.M. prevailing time, on May 21, 2024, and must be received no later than 5:00 P.M., prevailing time, on May 14, 2024, if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter. Completed applications received after 5:00 P.M. on May 14, 2024, will require the voter to personally appear at the Office of the Clerk of the School District to receive an absentee ballot. A listing of all persons to whom an absentee ballot is issued will be available for inspection by any qualified voter during regular business hours in the Office of the Clerk of the School District through May 21, 2024. Any questions may also be directed to the District Clerk at 315-393-4951 x 23185 or woods@lisbon.k12.ny.us.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk at 315- 393-4951 x 23185 or woods@lisbon.k12.ny.us. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 pm on April 26, 2024. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail. A qualified voter must be a citizen of the United States of America, at least eighteen (18) years of age and be a resident of the District for a period of 30 days preceding the voting date. In addition, no person shall have the right to register or vote at any school district meeting or election who would not be qualified to register or vote at an election in accordance with the provisions of Section 5-106 of the election law. This includes convicted felons and those adjudged mentally incompetent by a court.

Dated: April 9, 2024
 Lisbon, N.Y.

Krista S. Woods
 District Clerk
 Lisbon Central School District
 Lisbon, N.Y. 13658



Take your foot care seriously says CPH podiatrist, endocrinologist

CANTON – As we head into sandals and flip-flop season we may be thinking more about our feet, but they are a part of our body we should keep healthy year-round.

April is Foot Awareness Month, and St. Lawrence Health (SLH) Podiatrist Jason Sabatini, DPM, pointed out everyone should have regular physical exams to take care of their bodies, and that includes proper attention to our feet.

“Everyone should take their foot care very seriously. Having problems related to the feet can be

debilitating and lead to the inability to walk, run, and even work on their feet,” he said.

Some of the most common foot debilitating conditions Dr. Sabatini sees are related to various foot deformities such as bunions, hammertoes, flat feet, fractures, and arthritis. These problems can all become painful and possibly debilitating over time. There are also problems relating to diabetes that can develop, including neuropathy (numbness in the feet/legs), wounds, infections, and Charcot

Arthropathy.

SLH Endocrinologist Paul Tejera, MD, explained that diabetic foot neuropathy is usually caused from high sugars, or uncontrolled diabetes over a long period of time. It is damage in the feet that can lead to multiple symptoms including:

- Numbness (similar to when your foot falls asleep)
- Loss of feeling or sensation (starting in the foot, but can radiate up the leg over time)
- Burning or pain which can be worse with rest or at night; tingling

(resting neuropathy)

• Increased sensitivity to a light touch being bothersome or painful (like the touch of a bed sheet over the foot)

• Less common symptoms can include an itching sensation, or the feeling of extra padding under the foot that isn't there (like a rolled up sock under the foot)

Both physicians said the new Wound Care Center at Massena

Hospital will be a great asset to some of their patients.

To learn more about Dr. Sabatini, visit <https://www.stlawrencehealthsystem.org/provider-directory/sabatini-jason>; for Dr. Tejera, visit <https://www.stlawrencehealthsystem.org/provider-directory/t/tejera-paul>; for the Wound Care Center, visit <https://www.stlawrencehealthsystem.org/services/wound-care>.



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'May the 4th Wellness Quest' event planned in Canton

CANTON -- The Bridge to Wellness Coalition and St. Lawrence County Public Health Department are teaming up to present the "May the 4th Wellness Quest: Boost Your Mind and Body" event. Jena Sloan, Public Health Specialist at the St. Lawrence County Public Health Department, enthusiastically announces this event to commemorate the annual Bridge to Wellness Awareness Day.

Scheduled for Saturday, May 4th, the event offers a vibrant mix of entertainment and educational activities suitable for all ages. "We will have games, activities, demonstrations, and just plain fun while improving everyone's mental, physical, and nutritional health."

"This day will look a little different than your typical health fair," according to Sloan. "There will be resources that will be helpful to everyone who comes, whether for a few minutes or the entire three hours. There will be a Star Wars spin on this event so look for that theme throughout the day. The Child Advocacy Center of NNY will offer a Bike Rodeo with bike safety tips and helmet fittings. There will be some bikes available to ride but children are encouraged to bring their bikes. The first 200 kids will receive a FREE bike helmet."

The Bridge to Wellness Coalition, in collaboration with its partners, extends a warm invitation to individuals and families alike to join in the festivities.

Whether seeking a brief escape or planning to spend three hours immersed in activities, there will be something for everyone. The event will be held at Madrid-Waddington School from 11 am to 2 pm, offering outdoor activities alongside indoor alternatives in case of inclement weather.

There is no charge for admission. With over fifty participating organizations, including public health, higher education institutions, hospitals, health centers, and community-based organizations, the Bridge to Wellness Coalition aims to empower the community with the knowledge and resources necessary for a healthier life.

For more information, visit <https://fb.me/e/1UjdvNCL4>

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St. Lawrence Health offers virtual urgent care

POTSDAM — St. Lawrence Health (SLH) will offer "Virtual Urgent Care" appointments to patients beginning Monday, Feb. 19. "We want to make it as convenient as possible for our patients to receive the care they need, when they need it," noted SLH Emergency Department Service Line Director Justin MacKinnon, MD. "This twenty-first century form of health care is about receiving Urgent Care your way. For some patients that may be an in-person visit to our Potsdam or Canton Urgent Care centers, and for others it might be remaining at home for a virtual appointment."

SLH will provide Virtual Urgent Care daily from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; new hours for Potsdam Urgent Care at 49 Lawrence Avenue are daily from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm; and new hours for Canton Urgent Care at 80 East Main Street are daily from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm.

Urgent Care is the place to turn to for those experiencing such conditions as allergies, bug bites, colds, congestion, ear infections, fevers, pink eye, rashes, sinus pain, and stomach aches.

"As many of our patients are aware, St. Lawrence Health is an affiliate of Rochester Regional Health (RRH), and as the program begins, it will be our RRH colleagues who are providing services to our patients opting to receive virtual care," Dr. MacKinnon said. "As with an in-person visit, patients will be seen by a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner."

To schedule a Virtual Urgent Care appointment, existing SLH patients who have a MyCare account can register through their portal, and all other patients can register without an account. The benefit to scheduling through MyCare is your after-visit summary and any suggested tests will be available on your personal portal.

To make a Virtual Urgent Care appointment, visit <https://www.stlawrencehealthsystem.org/services/urgent-care>. As patients proceed through a few questions and get to the "Put Me In Line" option, they will be informed as to what the estimated wait time is for the next available provider.

Detailed information on such topics as prescriptions, insurance coverage for a virtual appointment, and follow-up care after the appointment is available at <https://www.stlawrencehealthsystem.org/services/urgent-care/virtual-urgent-care>.

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Heuvelton Central food pantry thriving thanks to community donations

HEUVELTON – In 2018, the Heuvelton Central School District became host to the first school-based food pantry in St. Lawrence County.

Currently, the HCS Food Pantry is serving an average of 64 customers each month during pantry shopping hours and through the school district Backpack Program.

Like many local food pantry organizations, the Food Pantry at HCS receives New York State grants from the Food Bank of Central New York each year through The Federal Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP.)

The USDA provides TEFAP with American-grown USDA Foods and administrative funds, enabling the program to supplement the diets of low income individuals at no cost.

In addition to NYS grants, the Heuvelton Central School Food Pantry is the beneficiary of many private and community donations throughout the year.

These donations include anonymous donations of money, student birthday fundraisers, and donations from community groups and local organizations.

In the past, local Girl Scouts have donated boxes of cookies to be provided through the food pantry.

They have also prepared and donated "Birthday Bags," containing everything needed to host a child's birthday party including cake mix and pan, frosting, cards, candles and balloons.

Most recently, the Food Pantry benefited from a generous \$600 donation from the local Stewarts Shops in Heuvelton as a part of the



Pictured are pantry volunteer Ellen Place and Stewart's Shops employee, Kody Burwell.

Stewart's Holiday Match.

While donations keep the pantry afloat, it wouldn't be able to operate without its volunteers.

Community members Rosemary Simmons, Ellen Place, and Darlene Roacher spend countless hours in the pantry restocking shelves and assisting customers.

Rosemary Simmons says that she loves doing service work for the community, and participates in the HCS Food Pantry to help improve food security for the local population. Ellen Place, who is also a

teacher in the school district, says, "I volunteer for the food pantry because I have been blessed and it feels good to be of service to others."

According to Ellen, the pantry has also benefited from the help of a student volunteer this year, Kaylee Simmons-Noel.

To increase their impact, two years ago the Heuvelton School Food Pantry partnered with the Bulldog Backpack Program, a school-based program run by the Heuvelton Teachers' Association to


pool resources and improve food security for district families and students.

The partnership leverages the purchasing power of the Food Bank of Central New York, while increasing the number of patrons served.

The Heuvelton Central School District Food Pantry is open to shoppers on the fourth Thursday of each month from 3:30-5 p.m. Community members in need may

always call the District Office at 315-344-2414 for emergency food assistance, or to accommodate a different pickup time.

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St. Lawrence County Government is recruiting a

Deputy Clerk to the Board of Legislators

There are two (2) Deputy Clerks to the Board of Legislators and this role involves assisting the County Administrator and the Board of Legislators with the responsibilities of the Office. The position works closely with all department staff to support daily operations and activities. The Deputy Clerks prepare all committee and board meeting agendas, resolutions, local laws, minutes, and annual proceedings for the County. There are Monday evening obligations to attend committee and board meetings to make the official record of the minutes. This obligation is shared between two Deputy Clerks. Additional duties include; managing all clerical functions for the County Administrator/Clerk to the Board of Legislators and the Board of Legislators. This position also will update the website, plan and coordinate travel, provide assistance with event planning, and any related work as required. Work is performed under general supervision of the County Administrator. **Compensation:** Management Band III range is \$62,894 - \$77,258 with placement offered according to qualifications and experience with competitive benefits that include: health insurance with a buy out option, dental & vision insurances, life insurance option, NYS Retirement, access to NYS Deferred Compensation and Public Service Loan Forgiveness, and a generous accrual structure with access to personal, vacation, sick and compensatory time as well as twelve (12) holidays.

Minimum Qualifications: Please visit www.stlawco.gov/Departements/HumanResources for the qualifications.

Application Deadline: COB Friday, May 17, 2024

You can now submit an application online at the County website listed below or submit a letter of interest with application/resume to:

Ruth Doyle, County Administrator
48 Court Street, Canton, NY 13617

Email: SLCCOAdmin@stlawco.org

Applications can be obtained from the St. Lawrence County Human Resource's webpage:

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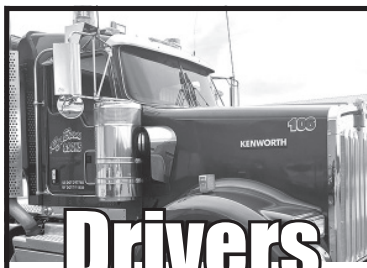
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SeaComm has been recognized as a Best Company to Work for in NY for ten consecutive years and is a Great Place to Work certified. We offer an attractive compensation and benefit package, as well as an excellent work environment.

Please apply online at www.seacomm.org.

SeaComm is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Race/Color/Gender/Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity/Religion/National Origin/Disability/Veteran.



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Colton-Pierrepont Central School District

A PreK-12 district of 390 students, innovator in technology, and located in the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains, invites applicants for the following positions:

Registered Nurse- For the 2024-2025 school year; 10-month position.

Contact:
Jennifer Fleury, 4921 SH 56, Colton, NY 13625, jfleury@cps.us or (315)262-2100 ext. 6
Application deadline is **May 17, 2024**, EOE

Safe Home/Visitation & Exchange Monitor: Under the direction of the Lead Safe Home/Visitation & Exchange Monitor, the Safe Home/Visitation & Exchange Monitor is responsible for providing support and advocacy services to residents of the program's confidential safe home shelter who are victims of domestic violence as well as clients participating in supervised visitation and exchanges. Status: Full-Time, non-exempt. Permanent Salary: \$15.02 - \$21.71 Deadline: Open Until Filled. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at www.srmt-nsn.gov.



Northern Lights Home Health Care seeks qualified individuals who want to make a difference in home care. We are dedicated to supporting professionals to do what they do best in a home-based environment.

RN Case Manager

Are you an RN struggling with

- Day care
- Children's sports and activity schedules
- Making time for routine appointments and/or
- Overall work-life balance?

We are seeking full-time RNs and offering schedules built around **YOUR** life. If you are seeking a position that gives you the flexibility needed to complete your work and life's every day tasks, then contact us to discuss how Northern Lights can make that happen.

We currently have openings in the Potsdam, Ogdensburg, Edwards and Russell communities.

Salary for these positions start at \$68,000 to \$75,000, based on experience.

To apply, visit mynorthernlights.org or mail resume to:

Northern Lights Home Health Care
 Attn: Kathy Race
 91 Main Street, Canton, NY 13617
kathyrace@nlchha.org
 (315) 714-3135

Northern Lights Organization is a Non-Discriminatory and Equal Opportunity Employer.

Home Health Aide: Under the supervision of the home health care supervisor, the home health aide is responsible for providing personal care, housekeeping, range of motion exercise and companionship to patients in their homes in accordance with an established care plan.

Status: (4) Part-time, Non-Exempt Salary: \$15.02(min) - \$19.26 Deadline: Open Until Filled. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at www.srmt-nsn.gov.

FT Line Cook/Kitchen Staff needed at Timber Tavern in Potsdam/Parishville. E-mail timbertavern@gmail.com if interested, or stop in for an application. Experience preferred but not required.

JobsRUs.com is a service-oriented staffing/recruiting company dedicated to working closely with our clients. We are currently hiring for Machine Operators @ \$17/hr, Temporary Production Workers @ \$16/hr, and various other positions with salaries ranging from \$15.00/hr to \$20.00/hr. We also have several other positions available at this time. For more information please apply at www.jobsrus.com or Contact our office at (315)265-8860.

JC's River Run Bar & Grill in Waddington is looking to hire line cooks and waitstaff for the busy summer season! Apply in person, via phone 315-388-4462, or email your resume to jchamberlain210@gmail.com

Flooring installer needed. No experience required. \$20/hour. 40 hours per week. 401k. Health benefits available. Will train right person for advancement. Apply in person. Maitland's Hardwood & Tile, 7167 US HWY 11, Potsdam.

St. Lawrence County Department of Social Services is in search of an Account Clerk. Starting salary is \$38,499 with excellent benefits. Generous vacation and sick time allowance, and the option to enroll in the St. Lawrence County's health insurance or opt out of the insurance and receive a buyout in the amount of \$2,000 for single coverage or \$4,000 for family. This is clerical work involving performance of standard account-keeping practices in maintaining and checking financial accounts and records. This is a provisional appointment. The successful applicant will need to take a civil service examination and score within the top three interested candidates in order to be permanently appointed. The exam has been announced and the last filing date is 06/26/2024. Please apply at <https://stlaw-portal.mycivilservice.com/post/exams>. Applications received until the position is filled.

HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL is accepting applications for the following: 7-12 Math Teacher • 7-12 English Teacher • 7-12 Special Education Teacher. Applications are available at <http://www.hdcsk12.org> or at HDCS. Please send letter of interest, application, resume, letters of recommendation and official transcripts to: Mark White, Superintendent, Hermon-DeKalb



St. Lawrence County
 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, INC.

**WEATHERIZATION
 TECHNICIAN**

St. Lawrence County Community Development Program, Inc., is accepting applications for a **Weatherization Technician** position within the Weatherization Program. This is a full-time position (40 hours per week, 4 x 10s). High school graduation. Two years of experience in residential construction trades or equivalent is preferred. A valid New York State driver's license is required. Under the supervision of the Weatherization Director, perform energy-saving measures as required by the NYSHCR Weatherization Program. The candidate must be able to establish good working relationships with others and demonstrate the ability to work independently. The candidate must also treat customers with respect and maintain confidentiality. Perform required duties as set forth by the Weatherization Director in a timely and professional manner, such as sidewall insulation, attic insulation, door and window replacement, and air sealing measures.

Always maintain a clean and safe worksite. Must report accidents, client discontent, or any other on-the-job problem to the Weatherization Director immediately. Must give all receipts for goods purchased to the Weatherization Director. Utilize safety equipment as appropriate. Starting Pay is \$16.00/hour. The full job description is located on our website: www.slccdp.org/employment.

Please send a cover letter, resume, and three references to the following:

Gerald Snell, Housing Director
St. Lawrence County CDP, Inc.
 One Commerce Lane
 Canton, NY 13617

Applications can also be accepted via email at housingdir@slccdp.org

Lifeguards Wanted

The **Town of Waddington** is looking for **Lifeguards** to work at the Town Beach for the 2024 summer season.

Minimum 15 years of age A.R.C. lifeguarding, First Aid, CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer and Waterfront skills.

Contact Town Office: 315-388-5629,
email: townclerk@waddington.com, or
website: www.TownofWaddington.com

We Are Hiring!

Positions Available:

- Associate Psychologist** – no test required
- Health Information Management Technician 2**
no test required
- Licensed Master Social Worker** – no test required
- Licensed Mental Health Counselor**
- Licensed Psychologist** – no test required
- Rehabilitation Assistant 2**
- Rehabilitation Counselor 1**
- Social Work Assistant 2** – no test required
- Secure Care Treatment Aide 1** – no test required

Positions are located at: STARC Bridgeview, 1 Chimney Point Dr., Ogdensburg, NY 13669. Applications accepted until positions are filled.

Applications can be obtained from STARC's website at omh.ny.gov/omhweb/facilities/starc/employment and submitted to: STARC-Personnel@omh.ny.gov

or by contacting Human Resources at **315-765-3362**

Send application to:
STARC Human Resources
 9005 Old River Road, Marcy, NY 13403



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Environmental Health & Safety Engineer

Salary Range: \$79,059 - \$94,871

Location: The successful candidate will live and work in upstate New York in one of the following counties: Jefferson, Lewis, or St. Lawrence.

About Us: We are thrilled to announce an exciting opportunity for a dedicated Environmental, Health, and Safety (EHS) Engineer to join our dynamic team. As a leader within the North Country, we are committed to upholding the highest standards of environmental stewardship and workplace safety. If you are passionate about making a difference and contributing to a sustainable future, we invite you to apply for this rewarding position.

How to Apply: Please submit your resume and cover letter to <https://www.danc.org/employment>. We look forward to hearing from you!

Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Environmental Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Occupational Health, Safety Management, or other equivalent field required. Minimum of five years of experience with the development, planning, execution, and assessment of employee safety and environmental compliance programs. Excellent written and verbal communication skills. Proficiency in MS Office including Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

Equal Opportunity Employer: The Development Authority of the North Country (Authority) is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees.



Visiting Assistant Professor PRODiG Fellow

Department: Science
Salary Range: \$63,000 - \$67,000

The State University of New York (SUNY) College at Canton invites qualified applicants for a **Full-time, Visiting Assistant Professor** position in the Science Department beginning September 1, 2024.

Required Qualifications:

- Ph.D. or relevant terminal degree from an accredited institution completed prior to start date in biochemistry, biotechnology, or related field.
- Eligible to work in the United States without visa sponsorship.
- Demonstrate personal, academic, and/or work experience engaging with diversity, equity, and inclusion and/or commitment to facilitating and enhancing diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts in the campus community. Such experience may include, but is not limited to, an academic/scholarly track record focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion; work, volunteer/unpaid/community service; or related experience/expertise in serving underserved or vulnerable areas and/or populations.

Preference will be given to candidates who are:

- Current SUNY students, alumni, and/or Fellows.
- From a low-income background (e.g., Pell-eligible as undergraduates), were first-generation college students (students whose parents have not earned a bachelor's degree), have overcome adversity, are AmeriCorps alumni, or are veterans.

Duties:

- Engage in scholarly activities that contribute to the dissemination of knowledge in the discipline.
- Continually develop and improve skills and knowledge in the discipline through professional development.
- 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.
- Participate in faculty committees, student advisement, and other activities related to university service.

The PRODiG+ Fellowship is open to any and all prospective candidates regardless of race, color, national origin, or sex, and is consistent with all current governing federal and state nondiscrimination law. All application submissions will be assessed and evaluated in accordance with the required eligibility criteria.

Please submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, 750-word response to the essay prompt, statement of teaching philosophy, statement of research, unofficial transcripts, and three professional references to Human Resources. Persons interested in the above position should apply online at <https://employment.canton.edu/>

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.

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The Special Education Division of St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES is looking to fill the following positions:

Physical Education Teacher
- Ogdensburg/Canton region

Speech Pathologist - All regions

Special Education Teachers - All regions

Behavior Consultant - Potsdam region

School Psychologist - Massena region

School Social Worker
- Canton/Potsdam region

Deadline for applications- May 30, 2024

The BOCES application can be accessed and submitted online at www.slloboces.org

Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. EOE.



EOP Director Senior Staff Associate SL5

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

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

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

Minimum Qualifications:

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

Preferred Qualifications:

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

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

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

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

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Canton Central School

is accepting applications for the following anticipated positions for the 2024-25 school year:

7-12 Foreign Language Teacher
(Spanish w/dual certification in French preferred)

• **Bus Monitors** - Immediate Hire

Applications are due by 4:00 PM, May 20, 2024

Applications can be found at:

<https://www.ccsdk12.org/employment>

Please include a cover letter, resume, transcripts, copies of certifications/licenses, and three letters of reference with your application.

Canton Central School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Central School District, 709 East DeKalb Road, DeKalb Junction, NY 13630. The Hermon-DeKalb Central School District offers employment and educational opportunities without regard to sex, race, color, national origin, or handicap. Application deadline is May 15, 2024.

Volunteer work detail at Garfield Cemetery, Garfield Road and State Highway 56, Potsdam Saturday, May 18 at 10 a.m.. Rakes needed. Garbage bags provided. ALL help greatly appreciated.

Senior Counselor: Under the direct supervision of the A/CDP Inpatient Coordinator, the Partridge House Senior Counselor will assist the Inpatient Coordinator with all clinical and programmatic aspects of the treatment program. This includes implementing philosophy, therapeutic treatment, along with education, training and mentoring of staff. Status: Non-Exempt. Salary: \$15.02 - \$38.65. Deadline: May 8, 2024. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov.

Resident Aide: Reporting to the Resident Aide Supervisor, the Resident Aide will work collaboratively with other staff to ensure a safe, supportive, and trauma-informed environment. Responsible for monitoring activities, transporting residents to outside

Equal Housing Opportunity

All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the federal Housing Act of 1968, which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or any intention to make such a preference, limitation or discrimination." This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in the newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis.





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Enjoy Great Benefits:

- Health Insurance • Retirement Plan • Paid Vacation • Paid Holidays • Veteran's Job Training Stipend • Paid Sick Leave • Opportunities for Advancement • Loan Forgiveness And Much More!

As a Direct Support Assistant

Salary Range: \$50,819 - \$54,884(* Includes Geographic Pay of \$4,000)

As a Developmental Disabilities Secure Care Treatment Aide

Salary Range: \$62,321 - \$67,169 (* Includes Geographic Pay of \$4,000)

The Sunmount Developmental Disabilities State Operations Office (DDSOO) is seeking DSAs and DDSCATAs.

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

As a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Salary range: \$53,448* to \$57,708* (* Includes Geographic Pay of \$4,000)

The Sunmount Developmental Disabilities State Operations Office (DDSOO) is seeking LPNs.

Minimum Qualifications: Must have a current license and registration to practice in New York State, or a limited permit to practice in NYS, or an application on file for a limited permit to practice in NYS.

For more information:

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

Office of Human Resources:

518-359-4150

or Sunmount.Careers@opwdd.ny.gov

Sunmount DDSO, 2445 State Route 30, Tupper Lake, NY 12986

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activities, and providing programming. Status: Full-Time, Non-Exempt. Salary: \$15.02 - \$21.71 Deadline: Open Until Filled. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov.

Insurance Office looking for Customer Service Representatives (CSRs) in Massena and Moira. 40 hours per week. Will train. 315 276 5138 or email: personnel@richardinsuran-ceagency.com EOE

A Medical Device company in Malone has a full time opening for a Packager. Position requires a person to check product for defects and then package for shipping. Must be detail oriented and have good documentation skills. High School Diploma required. Good communication and the ability to follow instructions. Starting at \$16.00 per hour with benefits. Please send resume to Ms. Hawkins at shawkins@aseptpak.com

The Research Foundation for SUNY, a private, not-for-profit Corporation, is seeking a 12-month full-time, Clinton County position as an Early Childhood Specialist/Migrant Educator (Teacher's Assistant) for the Northeast Migrant Education Program (\$18.00-\$21.00/hour and paid mileage). We are looking to add an energetic, qualified educator to our dedicated staff. The successful candidate will provide high quality small group or one-on-one tutoring including advocacy for eligible students and their families. NYS Teacher Certification or Teacher Assistant Certification and teaching experience preferred. An associate degree in education or equivalent combination of education and experience. Experience implementing instructional programs with children and/or young adults in a classroom setting. Strong communications and record keeping skills required. This unique opportunity allows the individual to work with students at the district buildings during and after school hours. Excellent benefits including health, dental, vision and life insurance for anyone working over 18.75 hours per week. Cell phone w/voicemail, e-mail, dependable car, and valid driver's license required. Renewal of appointment is subject to The Research Foundation for SUNY policies and procedures, sponsor guidelines, and the availability of annual funding. Send Research Foundation employment application, cover letter and resume, and reference letters immediately to Laura Burnett, NMEP, SUNY Potsdam, 282 Van Housen Hall Ext., Potsdam, NY 13676, or upload to <https://webspace.potsdam.edu/NMEP> or for more information, please email Lisa Colby at colbylm@potsdam.edu. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. The Research Foundation is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity



Announcer - NCPR

St. Lawrence University has a Part-time 12-month Announcer opening the NCPR Radio Station. Duties include Under the general direction of the Program Director, prepare and host fill-in air shifts as assigned, including: gathering and presenting all local program elements within national programming (underwriting, promos, weather, community announcements, etc.) as scheduled, in a personal way that engages the listener and reflects NCPR's on-air style of delivery. Record, edit, and transfer audio content when needed. Air shifts may be live or pre-recorded in nature, as assigned by the Program Director. Work with Programming and Engineering staff to communicate discrepancies and equipment concerns, report on underwriting execution, troubleshoot technical problems, and accurately report all program details. Serve as host or pitch talent as needed during station fundraising activities. Represent NCPR at station events as assigned and available.

Minimum Qualifications: · Bachelors degree preferred; combination of education and experience considered in lieu of completed degrees. Demonstrated proficiency writing and editing copy for radio. Clear speaking skills required, and radio experience preferred. Good communication skills – with teammates and with NCPR listeners. Good information gathering skills. Ability to record, edit, and transfer audio content. Technical equipment/skills: Proficiency with radio on-air and recording studios, including: mixing control boards, microphone, digital audio editing software, CD players and other radio equipment. Preferred familiarity with: automation system playback, Wavecart playback software, Allegiance broadcast logs, Emergency Alert System equipment.

Salary: \$18.00/hr.

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

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



Assistant Professor Tenure Track

Canino School of Engineering

Are you passionate about shaping the next generation of electrical engineers? The Canino School of Engineering Technology invites applications for a full-time position as **Assistant Professor tenure track** for ABET-accredited electrical engineering technology program. A non-tenure track lecturer full-time position depending on qualification and experience will also be considered. The candidate will be expected to teach courses include microprocessors, microcontrollers, and digital systems. The contribution to quality improvement practices that support program improvement and ETAC/ABET accreditation is the responsibility of all electrical engineering technology faculty members.

Position: Assistant Professor

Salary: \$75,000-\$85,000

Qualifications:

Required:

- Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering/Technology, Electronics Engineering/Technology, or Computer Engineering.
- Knowledge of microprocessors, microcontrollers, digital systems, and electronics.
- At least three years of teaching experience.
- Ph.D. required for tenure-track position.

Preferred:

- Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering or a closely related discipline.
- Minimum three years of related industrial experience.
- Experience with ABET accreditation.

Responsibilities:

Teach online and face-to-face classes, including applied laboratory courses, offer guidance and advice to students, engage in innovative teaching methods, and contribute to applied scholarly activities related to technological problems and societal needs. We collaborate with industry leader practitioners through industry advisory board (IAD). Apply now and become part of a dynamic academic community at the Canino School of Engineering Technology!

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.

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Massena Electric Department

71 E. Hatfield Street • PO Box 209 • Massena NY 13662
Office: (315) 764-0253 • Fax: (315) 764-1498

(2) OFFICE / FIELD INTERNS for Summer Employment

Massena Electric Department seeks two (2) office/field interns for summer employment. Duties include obtaining field documentations, testing, and data entry. Applicant must be living within the Massena Electric service territory (or dependent of a resident), and a fulltime college student. Preference will be given to those pursuing technology careers, particularly electrical. Candidates must have a valid driver's license. E/O/E: Subject to pre-employment medical drug and alcohol screening.

Wage: \$17.00/hour

A St. Lawrence County Civil Service Application for Employment must be submitted and may be obtained from our website massenaelectric.com/documents

Please send with resume to:
**Massena Electric Department
Summer Employment
PO Box 209
Massena, NY 13662**

Include your academic major, GPA, available start and desired finish dates.
Applications will be accepted through **May 10, 2024.**



ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

Skilled Trades HVAC

St. Lawrence University has a Skilled Trades HVAC full time opening. Perform journeyman level work in the installation, maintenance, modification, overhaul, service, and repair of all types of heating, ventilating and air conditioning and related systems and equipment. Install, maintain, adjust, modify, and perform major overhaul and repair of heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems by interpreting blueprints, manufacturer specifications, written and verbal instructions. Make initial settings and final adjustments of heating, ventilating, and air conditioning system and modifying existing installations to obtain required results. Install, troubleshoot, repair, or calibrate, and maintain air handling and all related equipment dealing with heating and cooling. Check and adjust complete HVAC systems after installation. Thorough working knowledge of high and low pressure boilers. Charge all types of refrigeration equipment. Follow a predetermined schedule of preventive maintenance; make recommendations regarding major overhaul of systems. Provide technical guidance and direction to other maintenance personnel. Perform other related duties incidental to the work described herein including coverage for Boiler Tender. Schedule – Monday – Friday 7:00 am – 3:30 pm (Flexible Schedule)

Qualifications: High School diploma (or equivalent) required. A.S.in HVAC technology or related field preferred. Five (5) years' experience at journeyman trade level. Requires operation of equipment related to the trade.

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.



St. Lawrence County Government is recruiting a

Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds (Full-Time)

Come join our team!! Apply today! The Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds is a Unit Supervisory Position that provides direct supervision and guidance to all maintenance, custodial, and grounds keeping staff in and around county facilities. There are nine facilities in Canton, one in each of the towns of Russell, Lisbon, and Potsdam, and rented facility space in Massena, Ogdensburg, and Gouverneur. Currently, the County is undertaking over \$10M in facility projects to renovate and maintain existing facilities. This role assists with development and implementation of the Facility Management Plan while supervising 28 staff on the day-to-day operations of maintaining the facilities. Work is performed in accordance with adopted policies and practices, under the general direction the County Administrator. Responsibilities include formulation and implementation of custodial and maintenance policies and procedures as well as development of work methods. The incumbent does related work as required.



Compensation: Band IV range of \$71,347 - \$87,931 with competitive benefits that include: health insurance with a buy out option, dental & vision insurances, life insurance option, NYS Retirement, access to NYS Deferred Compensation and Public Service Loan Forgiveness, and a generous accrual structure with access to personal, vacation, sick and compensatory time as well as twelve (12) holidays.

Minimum Qualifications can be reviewed online. Additional Employment Information: In order to be permanently appointed the ideal candidate will take the appropriate civil service examination and score in the top three

Applications will be accepted until position has been filled. You can now submit an application online at the County website listed below or submit a letter of interest with application/resume to:



Ruth Doyle, County Administrator
48 Court Street, Canton, NY 13617

Email: SLCCOAdmin@stlawco.org

Applications can be obtained from the SLC Human Resource's webpage:

www.stlawco.gov/Departments/HumanResources

or by contacting Human Resources (315)379-2210. AA/EEO



St. Lawrence County Community Services Department is in search of the following positions:

- **Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)** - No civil service exam required
- **Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW)** - No civil service exam required
- **Registered Nurse**
No civil service test required
- **Credentialed Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Counselor (CASAC)**
- **Peer Advocate**

Applications accepted until position filled.

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Canton-Potsdam Hospital (Potsdam, NY). Physician, Hospitalist. Provide primary health care services to patients (adults and children) at the hospital; diagnose and treat injuries or illnesses. MD/frgn equiv, NY State Physician License, residency completion in

Internal or Family Med. Salary: \$239,200-\$410,000/yr. Email resume to Julia.Race@rochesterregional.org Attn: Job Code CPH-PH24. EOE

Full-Time Temporary Food Service Worker 2 SG-9 – Ranger school Wanankena, NY. SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY-ESF) is seeking applications for a Temporary Food Service Worker 2. For a complete job description and to apply please visit our website at: <https://www.esf.edu/hr/>. EOE/AA including Veterans and Disabled

Chip's Place is hiring! 315-268-9528, ask for Matt.

Nurse Supervisor: The Nurse Supervisor, under the direction of the Medical Director will collaborate with all members of the health care team to develop and maintain

high quality nursing care. The Nurse Supervisor will be accountable for directing and coordinating the delivery of patient care and the general functioning of the organizational goals through cooperative efforts with staff. Status: Full-Time, Exempt. Salary: \$27.29 - \$41.03 Deadline: May 15, 2024. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov. Business Office Manager: Incumbent is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the SRMT Health Services Business Office by providing supervision, advice, training and enforcing established policies. Supervises the business office supervisors and indirect staff, in accordance with office policy, position descriptions and applicable laws. Status: Full-Time, Exempt. Permanent Salary: \$33,820.80 - \$98,113.60 Deadline: May 15, 2024. Complete

Building & Grounds SUPERINTENDENT

Sandstone Housing is accepting applications for a **Buildings and Grounds Superintendent**. This is a full time, position \$55,000 to \$60,000 based on experience. The Maintenance Superintendent will provide and oversee all mechanical maintenance, janitorial and grounds care for the property. Work will also involve operation of vehicles and equipment, hand and mechanical tools and other equipment as part of work assignments.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school, possession of a high school equivalency diploma or possession of an Individual Education Plan diploma **AND** five (5) years of experience in building construction, maintenance, or repair work in one or more of the standard building trades such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical work, masonry, welding, etc. Knowledge of Boiler systems is required. Valid and clean NYS driver's license.

Applications accepted at the office at 22 Mayfield Drive, Potsdam until May 10th, 2024. Call 315-265-4070 for application and full job description.

announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov.

HIICAP Counselor: This position is responsible for the operation of health insurance counseling program within the Office for the Aging, primarily for older adults with Medicare and Medicaid. Expected to counsel to 4 to 5 people per day. The HIICAP Counselor is under the direct supervision of the Information Coordinator. Status: Full-Time, Non-Exempt. Salary: \$17.27 to \$30.14 Deadline: May 15, 2024. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov.

Assistant Cook: Under the direction of the Head Cook, the Assistant Cook is responsible for preparation of meals for Senior Nutrition Program according to food and safety standards. Working in a fast-paced institutional kitchen environment and preparing 100 meals per day for the elders of Akwesasne. Under the general direction of the Head Cook, the Assistant Cook is responsible for performing a variety of food preparation duties such as preparing and cooking side dishes, assisting with cleaning and sanitation of kitchen and equipment, and assuming Head Cook duties when necessary. Must be friendly, outgoing, and a team player. Must be caring, courteous and be sensitive to the special needs of the elderly. Status: Full-Time, Non-Exempt. Permanent Salary: \$15.02 - \$19.26 Deadline: Open Until Filled. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov.

EDWARDS-KNOX CENTRAL SCHOOL has anticipated openings for a FTE Tenure Track PK-12 Music Teacher and one FTE Tenure Track 7-12 Math Teacher for the upcoming 2024/2025 school year. All certifications and pending certifications will be considered. Applications are due by noon on Friday, May 10, 2024. Substitutes in all areas are also being accepted, this is an ongoing search without an application deadline. Applications can be submitted at www.ekcsk12.org. Transcripts should be sent to the attention of Brandi Graham, District Clerk, 2512 CR 24, Hermon, NY 13652.

Full Time Kennel Attendant/Dog Handler at No Dogs Left Behind, Canton, NY. We are a 501(c), 3 charitable organization that saves dogs Beyond Borders from the meat trade in China, to Afghanistan, Ukraine, and the US. We continue to grow to be able to help dogs from all over the world. We go where no one else will go to help these animals. We are looking for a compassionate, hard-working person who loves and appreciates animals. We ask for 2 years dog handling & 2 years pet daycare & boarding experience or some other position that involves animal care. This position would involve providing a high level of sanitation, and taking care of the dogs, kennels and common places. You would also interact with veterinarians,



ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

Dining & Conference Services Utility Worker

St. Lawrence University has a full time **Utility** opening the Dining and Conference Services Department. Duties include: Under direct supervision, performs a variety of tasks concerned with the sanitation, maintenance and upkeep of a Dining Service unit. Cleans and maintains utility rooms, loading docks and trash areas. Thoroughly cleans and polishes dining service equipment, fixtures, and furniture. Transport and stores dishes, utensils, equipment, and supplies to the proper stations and/or storage areas. Maintains and replenishes the beverage stations. Cleans and mops the kitchen and public areas such as the dining room, lobbies, and rest rooms in the Dining Service Unit. Washes, mops, cleans, waxes, and maintains equipment, furniture, walls, floors, ceilings in the dining service unit. Washes and maintains the hoods, vents, ducts, filters, and grease traps. Operates the dish washing machine including regular cleaning of the machine. Maintains the correct standards of cleanliness and safety in the workplace. Delivers and picks up catered events as needed. Contributes to the total function of the dining service operation.

Minimum Qualifications: High School diploma or equivalent required. Must have the ability to operate mechanical cleaning devices and to correctly measure, weigh and apply simple cleaning solutions. Move 25 lbs. or more a distance of 10 ft or more.

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.



St. Lawrence County
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, INC.

HOUSING SPECIALIST/ CASE MANAGER

The St. Lawrence County Community Development Program, Inc. is currently accepting applications for the role of Housing Specialist/Case Manager in the Housing Choice Voucher Program. This is a full-time position, requiring 40 hours of work per week. The minimum qualification required for this position is a High School Diploma or equivalent, although an advanced degree is preferred. Candidates must have customer service experience, be able to establish working relationships, and communicate effectively with others. The ability to work independently and as a team member is essential. A valid New York State driver's license is also required. Under the supervision of the Housing Choice Voucher Program Director, the Housing Specialist/Case Manager will perform activities necessary to assist income-eligible participants to receive rental assistance. This will enable them to live in safe, affordable housing in St. Lawrence County, in accordance with the objectives and policies of CDP and funding sources. The Housing Specialist/Case Manager will understand and adhere to all provisions of the HTFC's Administrative Plan, including any policies, notices, and/or directives disseminated by mail or electronically within the Housing Choice Voucher Program. The successful candidate will be responsible for maintaining files for each family receiving voucher assistance and securely storing them in accordance with federal and state requirements.

The starting hourly rate of pay is \$18.00/hour. The whole job description is located on our website: www.slccdp.org/employment.

Please send a cover letter, resume, and three references to the following:

Barbara Adams, Executive Director
St. Lawrence County CDP, Inc.
One Commerce Lane
Canton, NY 13617

Applications can also be accepted via email at execdir@slccdp.org



Student Conduct Officer

Department: Student Affairs

Salary Range: \$45,000 - \$53,000

Description of Duties:

SUNY Canton is seeking a Student Conduct Officer beginning immediately.

Responsibilities:

Responsible for assisting in administration of the judicial process on campus including meeting with students to address violations of the Student Code of Conduct. Adjudicating at and advising during the judicial hearing board processes.

This position may have some evening and weekend hours as well as required regular emergency contact duties.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree required; Master's degree and/or three to five years of professional student affairs/conduct experience preferred.
- Successful applicants will have a strong work ethic, positive attitude, excellent communication skills and the desire to take on challenging work in a fun, engaging and ever-changing environment.

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.



Ice Technician

St. Lawrence University has an opening for a full-time **Ice Technician**. Duties will include work in the care, cleaning, and housekeeping of all University buildings in accordance with established work procedures. Work is generally confined to smaller units on campus and the ice arena requiring occasional assistance from and coordination of the efforts of the Senior Ice Technician, Ice Technicians, Cleaners, and other University employees doing this type of work.

Primary duties include cleaning, care and housekeeping, installation of ice sheet painted to NCAA specifications, perform safe ice resurfacing, and maintain electric Zamboni. Provide training to other Ice Technicians as needed. Strong desire to work overtime in-season for Women's and Men's hockey games.

Schedule: Wednesday – Sunday 5pm-130am.

Minimum Qualifications: High School diploma (or equivalent) required. Ability to follow verbal and printed instructions and obtain identified training. Ability to work with chemicals. Ability to communicate with and coordinate the work of others. Requires lifting a minimum of 45 lbs., bending, pushing, and pulling. Must be able to meet University requirements to be authorized to drive University vehicles as assigned and safely operate ice resurfacing equipment.

Pay Range: \$15.00-20.49 (SEIU) Level B, depending on experience.

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Temp Facilities Summer Help

St. Lawrence University has several openings for a full-time **Temp Facilities Summer Help**. The cleaning of University buildings, moving furniture as needed and duties delegated by the custodial staff and/or the management team. Ability to work with chemicals using proper cleaning and safety equipment. Schedule: Monday-Friday, 6am-230pm or Monday-Friday, 7am- 330pm, May 13-June 14, 2024. Minimum

Qualifications: High School diploma (or equivalent) required. Minimum age: 18 years old. Ability to follow verbal and printed instructions. Ability to prepare or verbalize reports necessary for the position. Requires ability to lift a minimum of 45 lbs., bending, climbing, pushing, and pulling. Ability to work with chemicals safely.

Pay Range: \$15.00/hr.

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.

Ogdensburg Housing Authority

CLEANER POSITIONS

The Ogdensburg Housing Authority is accepting applications for 2 part-time, temporary cleaner positions. The duties will include but are not limited to: General cleaning – mopping, dusting, sweeping, vacuuming, washing windows, bagging items to be discarded, cleaning restrooms, sweeping parking lots/sidewalks, lawn mowing, lawn trimming (weed eating), trimming hedges, keeping garbage room neat, shoveling and snow blowing.

Must be in good physical condition, be able to operate a zero turn mower, weed eater, floor buffer, snow blower.

The hours will be from 7:30am-12:00pm, Monday thru Friday. The position will pay \$16.32 per hour on the OHA regular payroll schedule. This is a 4 month position.

This is a non-competitive Civil Service position (no test required).

You may obtain an application from the office at 1101 Jay Street, Ogdensburg, NY. Please contact Cheryl A. Douglass, CPA, Executive Director with any questions at 315-393-3710.

Applications are due by 3:00pm, Wednesday, May 15, 2024.



Principal Clerk Bookkeeper

St. Lawrence University has an opening for a full time **Principal Clerk Bookkeeper**. Duties include: Provide and maintain complete accounts payable bookkeeping records for the Bookstore. Closing the store on a scheduled basis and opening and/or closing as needed. Prepare and maintain journals and ledgers on a daily basis, to be utilized for monthly reports. Review

vendor statements to determine account status and reconcile discrepancies. Prepare reports for management purposes as designated. To provide routine retail clerical duties expected of all staff. To provide primary supervision on regularly scheduled weekend days, and at other times as specified.

Minimum Qualifications: A high school diploma and 2+ years of recent accounting experience or equivalent formal training. At least 1 year in a customer service focused position. Ability to work weekends and evenings as needed.

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.



Skilled Trades - Boiler Tender

St. Lawrence University has an opening for a full time **Skilled Trades-Boiler Tender**. Duties include: Operate high/medium/low pressure boilers. Maintain and operate all equipment in the heating plant as directed. Perform general repairs and replacements to damaged, deteriorated, or otherwise non-functioning conditions found in and about the University buildings and campus. Apply thorough knowledge of one or more of the accepted trades with a basic knowledge of three others. Applicable trades include carpenter, painter, electrician, plumber, fleet mechanic, boiler tender, HVAC Technician. Apply skill in the use of tools and equipment and be responsible for tools, materials, and devices to perform tasks according to accepted practices. Perform related duties as required to accomplish tasks.

Primary shift: This is a full-time, 12- month position eligible for full medical, and robust fringe benefits. The work schedule is a flexible, rotating schedule.

Minimum Qualifications: High School diploma (or equivalent) required. Experience sufficient to qualify as a journeyman trades person with a minimum of five (5) years actual on the job work experience. Required operation of equipment related to the trade.

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.



General Laborer

St. Lawrence University has several openings 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.

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Massena Central School District

is currently accepting applications for the following positions for the 2024-25 school year:

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Little River Community School is accepting applications for a teacher aide, grades 3-6, for the 2024/2025 school year. Go to www.littleriverschool.org for a job description and application.

Student Health Services at SUNY Potsdam is accepting on-line applications for an Assistant Director to manage the medical aspect of our combined Student Health and College Counseling Center. This full-time, 12-month position is tailored for a nurse practitioner dedicated to serving our diverse college-aged population. Strong interpersonal communication and a passion for teaching young adults health and wellness management are essential. Excellent retirement and health insurance benefits. To review the complete job description and/or apply, visit <https://employment.potsdam.edu/postings/5080>, job posting No. U-00563. Position is open until filled.

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Temp Bookstore Clerk

St. Lawrence University invites applications for the position of **Temp Bookstore Clerk** for the Bookstore. Join us in our beautiful campus bookstore for a temporary position working in various departments including receiving, decorating, and positive customer assistance.

Responsibilities include supporting team members in their departments, assistance with moving inventory, helping with the cash register and cafe as needed. Working time may vary in weekly hours and includes weekend shifts.

Qualifications: HS diploma (or equivalent), strong customer service skills, and ability to work responsibly with inventory and operation of cash register.

Salary: \$15.75/hr.

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- Nick and Nora's dog
- Mountain pass
- Mend socks
- "- to differ!"
- Flamenco cheer
- Marmaduke, for one
- Allow
- Realm
- Protuberances
- French article
- Filled fully
- Gear teeth
- Understood
- Hoodwink
- Scary cry
- Flying saucer
- Perch
- Attempt
- Knock
- School support orgs.
- Object (to)
- Battery size
- Ibsen's Gable
- Golfer Sorenstam
- Land in la mer
- Bruce Springsteen hit
- JFK regulator
- "Her" actress Rooney
- Taj Mahal site
- Unwell
- Melville mariner
- Detergent
- Pricey powder
- Sheltered
- Favorites
- Three, in Rome
- British ref. work
- To date
- Perched on
- "NCIS" aier
- Sound of delight
- Bargain
- Mentor
- Zadora of "Hairspray"
- Roswell visitors
- Sluggo Williams
- Bamboo eaters
- Molten rock
- Some
- LP player
- Israeli airline
- Basra resident
- Shakespeare villain
- Actress Sedgwick
- Pronto
- di-dah
- Mouths (Lat.)

DOWN

- Rim
- Italian cheese, for short
- Ready, as for surgery
- Slowpokes
- Staffer
- Govt. loan agcy.
- Toe count
- Representative

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