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Eisenhower Center opens in Massena

Federal, state, county and local officials were on hand May 13 for the unveiling of the new Eisenhower Visitor Center at the Eisenhower Locks in Massena. Attendees included Ross Lee, Executive Director of Empire State Development, Ben Dixon from the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce, Massena Town Supervisor Sue Bellor, Deputy Secretary of Transportation Polly Trottenberg, GLS Administrator Adam Tindall-Schlicht and Visitor Center Director Amy Stark. See story page 6.

Ogdensburg names new city manager

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG – Former Schuyler County Administrator Xenophon “Fonda” Chronis has been named as Ogdensburg’s new City Manager.

Ogdensburg City Mayor Michael Tooley made the announcement Monday following an executive session. He also shared that a press conference is planned for Saturday, May 18, at 9 a.m. at City Hall where the public will have the opportunity to meet Chronis.

Chronis graduated from Syracuse University in 1992 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science, Policy Studies. In 2015 Chronis graduated from Syracuse University’s Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs with a Master’s Degree in Public Administration. He has a concentration in local government financial management and has an additional certificate in E-Government Management, according to a statement provided by the city.

The statement also says that Chronis was a business owner and corporate manager in the private sector, though details regarding that experience weren’t immediately provided.

Chronis will receive an escalating salary over the course of a



Fonda Chronis

three-year contract. In year one he received \$140,000. In year two he will earn \$145,000 and in year three he will earn \$150,000.

Requests for further details regarding Chronis’s background, including his resume, weren’t immediately provided, but Tooley said more information would be available at the press conference. He also said he would seek guidance regarding the release of his resume.

News articles from Fingerlakes1.com and Fingerlakesdailynews.com show that Chronis was on

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Who owns the Massena library?

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- With the Library District vote set for May 21 between 12-8 p.m. at the Massena Community Center, some have been left wondering who actually owns the library?

Despite some differing opinions on the matter, St. Lawrence County Real Property Director Bruce Green says the library owns the property, not the town.

North Country This Week sought a definitive answer on the matter after receiving a letter from President of the Board of

Trustees of the Massena Public Library Joseph Savoca.

In the letter, Savoca said he wanted to lay out some facts about the potential transition, the third fact being related to who owned the property.

“A library that owns its own building is able to keep that building when it changes library “types,” which is what the May 21 vote is about. As its own legal entity, the Massena Public Library owns its building. The current vote, if successful, will not change the location of the library,” he wrote.

Savoca says the goal is to clear

up misinformation. In an email to local media outlets, he also included a memo from library attorney Stephanie Adams, Esq., who is based in Buffalo.

Library Attorney

“Because it appears there may be some confusion, the purpose of this memo is to clarify that the Massena Public Library, and no other entity, owns the Massena Public Library building and grounds,” her memo began.

Throughout the memo, Adams detailed the library’s argument,

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Ballots set for school budgets

BY MATT LINDSEY
North Country This Week

St. Lawrence County school district voters will head to the polls May 21 to approve budgets and board seats.

Voting time varies by district, but is generally open 1 to 8 p.m.

• **Massena** district voters will be voting on a \$72.3 million budget that will not raise taxes. The total amount being raised by taxpayers this year is \$14,831,697 million. The budget increase is

about \$2.5 million. School Board President Paul Haggett and Vice President Kevin Perretta are running for reelection but they will be challenged on the ballot by three newcomers as voters head to the polls on May 21. Richard Marshall, David Broadbent and Jamie Crosby will also appear on the ballot. Voters will also have a say on who will sit on the library board if the transition is successful. Current Board of Trustees President Joseph Savoca will be on the ballot, along with Vice President Jennifer Stokes, Secre-

tary Patricia Ryan and Treasurer Linda McDonald. Michael Besaw and Roderick Cook will also be on the ballot as they also seek five-year terms on the board. District residents will head to the polls on May 21 to vote on the budget between 12-8 p.m. at the Massena Community Center.

• **Ogdensburg** City School district voters will be voting on a \$55.2 million budget that will not raise taxes. The total amount

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Mock DWI in Heuvelton

Students at Heuvelton Central School District watched a mock drunken driving accident to learn about the dangers of drinking alcohol while driving. Local emergency service providers held the event May 9 at the school.



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Eric Adams cares for the variety of colorful flowers in Waddington Hardware's greenhouse. The store has a great view of the St. Lawrence River, across from Waddington's Island View Park Pavilion.

DEC investigating substance in Deer River

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- Concerns regarding algae growth in the Deer River, North Lawrence, have prompted the Department of Conservation to investigate.

"DEC is actively investigating this growth in the Deer River within and downstream of the hamlet of North Lawrence. DEC staff have responded to numerous inquiries regarding odors, algae growth, and an apparent algae or fungal growth in the Deer River within and downstream of the hamlet of North Lawrence. Growth of algae, fungi and other aquatic organisms can be affected by different factors such as changes in temperature and water quality, and DEC staff are working to identify the cause of the issue and potential corrective measures," DEC officials said in an official statement.

St. Lawrence County Legislator John Gennett, who represents the Brasher and North Lawrence area, said he has had numerous constituents come to him about the water quality and the impact on aquatic life in recent weeks.

"If you want to see some hairy rocks, come to the Deer River," he said at the legislature's May 6 full board meeting.

Gennett brought a sample of the murky water from the Deer River to the meeting and sent an email to his fellow legislators regarding attempts to reach DEC officials.

"There are no fish left in the Deer River, nothing," he said.

Is it why?

Based on conversations with locals and his own investigation, he believes the cause of the problem is the whey byproduct being discharged from the North Country Dairy facility.

At this time there has been no solid evidence to prove that theory. According to Gennett, Nichelle Swisher of Lewis County Soil & Water suggested the substance might be didymosphenia geminata, an invasive algae commonly referred to as "rock snot," but he's not convinced based on what he's seen and heard.

At a recent county meeting Gennett said that the source was "not hard to track" and that you could "literally see it looking down over

the bridge."

Gennett said the byproduct collects on rocks and debris leading to further buildup.

"The whey keeps collecting and gets systematically worse," he said.

Gennett said neighbors have told him that the byproduct has continually worked its way down the river, extending over 10 miles in two years.

"If it wasn't snaking around, the next branch would be the St. Regis River...then straight to the St. Lawrence," he said.

Neighbors have told Gennett that the dumping continues to worsen every year and are now questioning if the facility may be exceeding the permitted amount. That prompted Gennett to contact the DEC to seek further investigation.

"We have a big collection of citizens in North Lawrence who are ready to storm the gates at the beginning of next month if we don't do something. This will save us a lot of public interaction next month," Gennett said.

Gennett said he and other residents in the area are concerned about the long term and far stretching effects of the byproduct in the water way.

"How far does it have to go? Eventually we're going to have to dredge it to remove everything," Gennett said. "It's only a matter of time before it affects everything else," he said.

Gennett clarified further that his reference to loss of aquatic life goes far beyond just fish.

"There are no frogs, no turtles, nothing in that area. You can watch it just keep piling up. Everyone who lives on that river has seen it," he said.

DEC testing?

Gennett said he emailed DEC Region 6 Regional Director Randall Young on April 2, with a follow up on April 11, both of which failed to garner a response until May 7, the day after Gennett brought the situation to light during the legislature's full board meeting.

In the email, Young confirmed he received photos and videos from Gennett and forwarded them to staff "to attempt to identify what is growing on the rocks."

"Our Division of Water may be able to perform water quality sampling in the area this summer to determine if there is a nutrient issue contributing to the growth and will review the effluent limits in the SPDES permit for North Country Dairy; although there are non-point sources in the area as well. We are concerned about this situation and will continue working to understand and address it if possible," Young said in the email.

Gennett said correcting the issue is a top priority for him.

Legislators do not plan to formally present a resolution to call on the DEC to investigate the situation at this time, Gennett said.

Police asking for public help to find missing woman

MASSENA — Massena Police Department is asking for the public's assistance in locating a missing person.

Police say Kinsley Robert was last seen May 10 around 3 a.m.

She is described as 5'4" and about 110 lbs. with brown hair and hazel eyes.

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St. Lawrence County Legislators voice opposition to shooting range bill

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- A newly proposed bill in the New York Senate is a gun control law being presented under the guise of an environmental law, according to multiple St. Lawrence County legislators. Legislators are calling on state officials to reject the bill that would place heavy restrictions on the locations and size of shooting ranges due to proximity to wetlands and open water sources.

Proposed legislation

The legislation known as "The Sporting Range Good Neighbor Act" currently sits in committee with the New York State Senate could potentially limit where shooting ranges can be and how large they have to be, in particular trap and skeet fields, though two amendments broadened the language to incorporate all forms of shooting ranges.

Sponsored by Peter Harchkham (D), representative of the 40th Senate District that encompasses Rockland, Putnam and Westchester Counties, the legislation is an environmental conservation law that seeks to prohibit any portion of a skeet field tract to include wetlands or an open water source, according to the bill.

In response to the legislation, legislators passed a resolution at the recent operations committee meeting that calls on state officials to reject the bill.

Norfolk Rod and Gun Club president Jason Collar was on hand for the meeting, presenting the club's concerns to legislators.

Collar told legislators that the legislation places a heavy burden on the club and gives the Department of Environmental Conservation broad discretion to close the facility if wetlands or open water sources are within certain distances of shooting ranges.

If enacted, skeet field tracts at shooting ranges would have to be at least 600 by 300 yards.

Too costly?

"The cleanup expense is going to come back on the club, we won't be able to afford it. We're going to have to shut down if they push forward with this," Collar said.

When asked by Legislator Larry Denesha if the range utilized a designated space for such activities, Collar confirmed that was the case.

According to Collar, it's not just club members who participate at the range, but also four school trap teams. A fifth also planned to begin this spring but just missed the cutoff, he said.

"This legislation would directly affect their futures, especially at our club," he said.

Collar said that shooting sports are a great alternative to more traditional sports.

Children who are unable to participate in other sports are given a sense of community and camaraderie when they join the teams, which has helped many gain confidence and grow as individuals, he said.

As of 2022, almost half of school districts in St. Lawrence County had an active skeet and trap shooting club, legislators say.

Collar also touched on aspects of the bill that are ambiguous, including the definition of wetlands.

"It really depends on the definition of wetlands. They also don't specify what constitutes a back-

drop. We know it's meant to keep lead out of wetlands but there is no definition," he said.

Two amendments introduced also furthered concerns, with language modified to incorporate not just trap and skeet fields, but also shooting ranges in general.

That would also mean that rifle and pistol ranges would be subjected to such scrutiny, Collar said.

"Our club could be affected due to having a pistol range, a rifle range, and a shotgun range. We have to wonder if they will be within those requirements," he said.

Legislators say that shooting ranges already have to meet restrictive guidelines to operate safely, costing as much \$100,000 or more to do so.

"There are significant legal and constitutional questions regarding the legality of the measure that have not been adequately addressed," legislators say.

Legislators concerned

The idea that further regulations could be put in place did not sit well with some legislators, including Glenn Webster who brought the bill to the board's attention.

"Let's just call it what it is. It's an attack on the Second Amendment," Webster said.

Webster commented on memories of his childhood, melting down wheel weights to form sinkers for fishing.

"How many of them are at the bottom of Mud Cap in Norwood? We had to melt down the weights to make new sinkers because we lost so many. No one seems concerned about that though," he said.

Webster suggested the state should utilize its resources for lead abatement in homes "instead of a few piles of lead that might have wetland nearby."

Legislator Jim Reagan voiced similar concerns, saying the bill was another example of downstate politicians attempting to pass legislation because they did not understand "our way of life in the North Country."

"This has to be fought every way. It is an attack on lawful gun ownership," he said.

Reagan said his concern regarding the legislation extends beyond the present and what it may mean for future legislation if the bill were to pass.

"Once they get their toe in the door, the rest of them are coming in," he said.

Legislator Ben Hull commented that many everyday devices contain lead, including cell phones, electric vehicles and solar panels.

He went on further, raising the concern about what would happen if a hail storm damaged 100 acres of solar panels that are adjacent to wetlands.

"I see this as an attempt to extinguish a cultural heritage of responsible gun ownership and usage for may be a marginal benefit to the environment. But at what cost," he questioned.

Collar said at present there are no grants available specifically for lead remediation at shooting facilities.

"If we can't get grants to cover the cost, we're done. We can't afford that," he reiterated.

Club support

While some legislators voiced concerns about potential infringements of the Second Amendment, Legislator Margaret Haggard spoke to the positive impact shoot-

ing sports have on children.

"I know I am frequently labeled as anti-Second Amendment but I took an oath to support the constitution. I support responsible gun ownership," she said.

Haggard commented that she had an opportunity to help students at a former job to help students sign up for the Brasher trap team.

"The children have guns but not the expertise. That's where your club comes in," she said.

Haggard commended Collar for leading the club and being a great example of what is possible when getting children involved in shooting sports and teaching safe firearm handling.

"But my concern is this, and I know this is a great sport. But we had a grant for lead poisoning in the county and I was shocked that it wasn't all about them eating paint chips but there are a considerable number of kids who are exposed," she said.

Haggard said she was on the fence out of concern for the potential exposure to lead for children.

Collar addressed that concern and clarified that the lead is contained within the shell, which means children wouldn't come into contact with it.

"We teach them the scientific aspects of firearms as well. We're teaching our youth more than just pulling the trigger," he said.

Lead concerns

Under the proposed legislation, "the Department of Environmental Conservation is directed to promulgate rules and regulations on lead ammunition reclamation and required environmental stewardship reporting for outdoor shooting ranges," the bill read.

If a shooting range is found to be in violation of the proposed legislation, the range would be given 30 days to create a plan for submission to the DEC. Once approved, remediation would be required before facilities could reopen.

According to the bill, the justification for attempting to enact it comes from similar laws in place in Massachusetts, a state that currently utilizes guidelines related to lead management at outdoor shotgun ranges that align with the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) lead management and design recommendations.

Collar said those restrictions and the discretion given to the DEC could lead to the club being closed down.

"It could mean that we might have to relocate part of the range. We may have to close down part of the club," he said.

Collar commented that he has seen many people enjoy the facilities available, including his wife and daughter's doctor, who was enjoying shooting pistols on the designated pistol range.

"If our doctor is out there and saving lives and he's out there letting off some steam and he enjoys doing it, that's just another example of someone going out there and doing things they like to do," he said.

Collar said he has seen similar situations with area youth.

"I've seen youth grow, change and become better examples of our next generation of leaders and community leaders that have grown from the confidence they have gained from shooting sports...that's why we want to protect our clubs," he said.

Domestic violence awareness training contract signed

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- The county has signed a contract with Northern Area Health Education Center for domestic violence awareness training. Legislators approved the contract at their May 6 board meeting.

According to the resolution, 12 million people are impacted by domestic violence every year.

To help those impacted in St. Lawrence County, NAHEC provides training on domestic violence awareness called "In Her Shoes" training, which is an experimental learning activity and is based on the experience of real survivors, officials say.

For the Public Health Depart-

ment in St. Lawrence County, field work may include entering the homes of residents to work with clients in a clinical setting. Staff may encounter those experiencing domestic violence, said officials.

With the NAHEC training, those who participate engage in simulations in which they "walk in the shoes of various characters experiencing abusive and controlling relationships, and discussion helps participants answer lingering questions, gives the facilitator the opportunity to dispel persistent myths and misunderstandings, and helps participants identify ways to make change individuals and locally.

The cost of the training is \$750, calculated at a rate of \$25 each for 30 participants, officials say.

Village of Massena GARBAGE NOTICE

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Fire chief hired as part-time code enforcer

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- Code enforcement officers are busy in Massena, something new part-time officer Patrick O'Brien is well aware of.

In a recent address to town board members, O'Brien said he is learning quickly on the job and has been beating the pavement to respond to complaints.

In total, 62 complaints were filed since March 1.

But O'Brien said of those 62, only 12 were filed with someone's information on it.

The rest were filed anonymously, something the code enforcement office will no longer accept, he said.

"The Department of State does not recommend that you accept anonymous complaints. So, we're going to stick with that and we're

not going to accept anonymous complaints," he said.

O'Brien also touched on the reporting system, which does not accept complaints without contact information, something that will likely cut down on some neighbor disputes.

As part of the process, those filing complaints will have to verify information by text or email before they are able to formally file a complaint.

O'Brien said that fact will likely cut down on the number of complaints because he will be able to contact the complainant by phone to confirm details.

He said previously no contact information was necessary.

With the 12 remaining complaints, O'Brien said he's investigating each.

He said of the six he completed as of the meeting, no violations were found.

The other six were still under review as of the April town board meeting.

O'Brien said if a violation is found, an investigation could take anywhere from two to six hours. That process means more man hours potentially, he said.

As for his other work, O'Brien said four permits were issued, with three for buildings and one for a fence.

That work can now be tracked in the new system, with both residential and commercial properties included in the database.

"We'll be able to see the progression in the process. When it comes time for them to do their inspection, we'll be able to do that right online. We'll be able to schedule dates with them online," he said.

Residents will also be able to access any necessary forms online, with just the public portal remaining to be setup, O'Brien said.

As for the inspections themselves, O'Brien said he has an iPad as he performs them in order to cut out paperwork.

"As soon as I do the inspection, while I'm right there I can email them instantly their certificate of occupancy and print their invoice," he said.

O'Brien said doing so has sped up the process on the many calls he has already handled.

"There's a learning curve but we're getting there. I think we will see some big improvements," he said.



Photo provided

Donates a Yeti cooler

Leon Shorette, center, Massena Little League President receives a Yeti cooler donated for the new Massena Little League building by Do It Best - Triple A Building Center Massena. On the left is Branch Manager, Catherine Scott. On the right is President and CEO Robert Ashley

County gets \$80,000 as part of opioid settlement

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- The Department of Community Services has received funding from the New York State OASAS Opioid Settlement Fund.

Legislators approved a resolution during the full board meeting on May 6 to modify the Community Services Departmental budget to appropriate the funds.

On Oct. 3, 2023, the Community Services Board approved using the funds for new and existing pass-through agencies for harm reduction, treatment, housing, prevention and transportation services.

"Community Services has recognized the need for increased access of individuals with an Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) to recovery services in St. Lawrence County," legislators said.

Funds will be used for the operating expenses of the mobile treatment clinic to increase access to treatment for Opioid Use Disorder throughout the county, legislators said.

The Opioid Settlement State funding provided will follow the calendar year and can be rolled over to subsequent years and reconciled on an annual basis.

In other action, legislators also approved a budget modification for the Community Services Department to accept an Outreach and Engagement Clinic Model grant.

The \$250,371 grant is also funded through OASAS settlement funds and will be used to support outreach and engagement through care management services designed to reach underserved populations who have Opioid Use Disorder.

A third resolution modified the department's budget to accept a \$26,713 grant from OASAS SAPT Block Grant Comprehensive Integrated Outpatient Treatment Program.

The SAPT Block Grant Program annually provides funds to states and territories to help plan, implement and evaluate activities that prevent and treat substance abuse and promote public health.

He \$36,713, like other funds from similar grants, will be used to increase access to individuals with Opioid Use Disorder and recovery services in St. Lawrence County.

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Town extends crypto moratorium again, potentially delaying \$100 million expansion

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- The Massena town board has extended the ongoing crypto operation moratorium again, this time until September 30, in a move that could potentially further delay a planned \$100 million expansion project that could bring 80 to 90 jobs to Massena.

North Country Colocation Services CEO David Fogel addressed the more than 40 attendees at April's town board meeting, the second meeting in a row he has attended to advocate for his organization.

According to Fogel, NCCS are seeking a moderate language change in proposed regulations that would allow the expansion project to move forward. Fogel said previously that investors are standing by but are hesitant to move forward if there is a possibility the expansion project could be nixed due to the regulations.

"Obviously the moratorium is sort of connected to that, because the moratorium is what leads to these regulations," he said.

Fogel reiterated that NCCS is not seeking special treatment or to circumvent the planning committee and environmental review processes that take place in industrial sites.

"We simply want clarification of the language so that we can confidently move forward with our expansion project and to tell our investors that we can do this," he told board members.

Fogel said employees at the facility, many of whom were in attendance in March and April, have a vested interest in the process moving forward.

"This has real implications or could have real implications for them," he said.

Fogel previously said that regulations related to crypto mining will lead to "the pie shrinking," necessitating the expansion project to ensure NCCS can position itself for future success.

According to Fogel, time is of the essence because the pie is getting smaller and will continue to erode profits for the company. That change arrived in April with regulations being put in place for crypto operations.

When NCCS was hitting its stride, Fogel said they were the largest such operation in the world. Now, they have seen that share cut in half, with another cut landing last month.

"That's why this expansion is so, so important. It's not about extra revenue so much as it's about surviving and sustaining and not eroding our revenue first and from there, yes, expanding and growing. So, the point is, this isn't a matter of choice. This is a matter of necessity for us. Ultimately, if we don't grow, our revenue is eroded. Eventually we can't operate because we're not generating enough revenue to cover our costs," he previously said.

To stop that "erosion of profits," Fogel said the expansion project is essential for the future of the operation in Massena, one that he is committed to seeing continue to succeed.

In his address to the board in April, Fogel reiterated the company's support of the community and their intention to continue to do so through charitable donations, involvement in local events and by generating revenue for the town and county through tax revenue.

"We also weigh the overall economic impact that our business has on the community as a significant taxpayer and a significant contributor to the overall community," he said.

At both the March and April meeting, NCCS received strong words of support from many community members in attendance who said they did not even realize the operation was in the former Alcoa East facility.

Many said they were grateful to have an employer who not only was looking out for the best interests of their employees, but also that of the community at large.

In both addresses, Fogel implored board members to consider what the original purpose of the intended regulations was.

Fogel said the regulations, as originally planned, were to address operators "on the side of the road" that cause a nuisance to people "because they're unsightly, make noise and are probably unsafe."

Regulations were originally sought to address sea box containers being used for such operations after some operations were able to set up in a residential/agricultural zone and commercial zone.

Though the regulations would grandfather in the existing operation, the expansion project would not be included, Fogel said.

"The problem is the wording to maybe five words, 'but any expansion thereof shall be subject to these regulations.' That's all we're asking to be resolved," he said.

Fogel said once that language is clarified, he can move forward and get a deal done with investors who would help finance the planned expansion. That project would bring millions of dollars in tax revenue to the county and town and would allow the company to double the number of employees, he said.

Another point he raised was the safety standards the company has undertaken to ensure full compliance with town, county, state and federal regulations.

"We've been spending millions of dollars on this expansion. We got approval from the state regulatory authorities, the energy authorities, NYISO (New York Independent System Operator), NYPA (New York Power Authority)," he said.

Despite those approvals, Fogel said NCCS needs language clarified to get "leery" investors to fully commit.

"There's all these extra regulations being imposed on us for expanding that wouldn't apply to other businesses. And, by the way, shouldn't apply to our business because they don't fit what we do. I think they do fit what the small operators do," he said.

"We're not looking for a blanket exemption. We will continue to follow all rules and regulations for the expansion project," he said.

Attorney Javid Afzali, who represents NCCS, suggested that language be included to exclude operations from the regulations if they reside within an industrial zone.

"If David and his company wants to put up another building, they're going to be subject to site plan review and they're going to be subject, if necessary, for special use permits, building permits, all of those things. They will still apply, they're not looking for an exemption. All they're looking for is if they do expand, they don't want that expansion to trigger obligations under the regulations proposed that would create undue burden," Afzali said.

Town officials signaled that conversations would continue between the two parties to reach a conclusion that is satisfactory, though no official action was taken at the meeting.

In the event that town board members agree to finalize the regulations, the crypto moratorium could be lifted prior to the new end date of Sept. 30, 2024.

Visitor Center opens

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- After two years of construction the new Eisenhower Visitor Center at the Eisenhower Lock is ready to open to the public.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on Monday, May 13 with many federal, state, county and municipal officials in attendance.

Adam Tindall-Schlicht, Administrator of the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (GLS), along with Polly Trottenberg, Deputy Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) both addressed the attendees, which likely numbered over 200.

In his address, Tindall-Schlicht praised the efforts of the many parties involved in brining the vision of a new visitor center to life, from the federal officials that assisted, to the contractors who completed the work, to the staff who will operate the center and lead tours.

"The creation of this visitor center is a testament to the strong bipartisan support it has received since inception," he said.

In particular, Tindall-Schlicht praised Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, along with Congresswoman Elise Stefanik and former US Department of Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao for their bipartisan efforts to fast track the project.

First proposed in 2018 by Sen. Schumer, the visitor center saw officials on site in 2022 to break ground. Just two years, the public will be able to witness what it has to offer.

"The vision and the care and the investments made by the Biden-Harris administration are truly historic. The new visitor center at Eisenhower Lock and the future of shipping on the Great Lakes Seaway is secure because of once in a generation leadership that is exemplified by you, ma'am," Tindall-Schlicht said in reference to Trottenberg.

Tindall-Schlicht touched on the momentous occasion, saying it marked a great day for the seaway on what was also the 70th anniversary of the Wiley Dondero Act, legislation that was signed into law by then President Dwight D. Eisenhower, paving the way for the creation of the seaway.

Exhibits will honor both former Senator Alexander Wiley and former Congressman George Dondero for their efforts to bring the seaway to life.

"After much planning and much expectation, we are immensely proud to offer you all of our visitors this spectacular new experience, which will feature more than 38 interactive exhibits that rival the best maritime museums in the country," Tindall-Schlicht said.

Visitors will also be able to view ships traversing the locks from two viewing decks, with indoor and outdoor opportunities when weather does not cooperate.

According to Tindall-Schlicht, the facility will stand as a "testament to the enduring impact that the Seaway has had on the Great Lakes maritime economy supporting complex courts in the United States and Canada."

While acknowledging the past, Tindall-Schlicht said the seaway also had a great impact on the Mohawk people as well. He said it is important that their history be acknowledged in such conversations about the seaway.

"The development of the Seaway, while a marvel of engineering and economic progress, came at a cost to the Mohawk and Akwesasne people who have long called this land home and had their ways of life undoubt-

edly impacted. So, as we go through the visitor center, and we reflect on this element of our history, we must be resolved that this new visitor center is a place to always understand and always to acknowledge our shared histories, recognizing that challenges are faced today by indigenous communities within the north country and around the world," Tindall-Schlicht said.

Tindall-Schlicht said it was his hope, and that of GLS, that the new visitor center would "remain an important and welcoming space in which all voices and perspectives are heard and celebrated."

While the Base St. Paul sat in the locks on the momentous day, Deputy Secretary Trottenberg called the event and the center a "home run."

Trottenberg praised the many parties involved while acknowledging the sacrifices made to not only create the seaway as we know it today but to also praise those whose efforts include revitalizing the visitor center.

"I had the privilege of sitting down with a couple of groups of you (seaway workers) this morning and just hearing about the amazing work you're doing, thank you all for your public service. The work you do to keep the seaways operations efficient and safe, it's second to none," she said.

Trottenberg, who was in attendance two years ago for the groundbreaking ceremony, said the facility was completed in "record time" and was a testament to what teamwork can achieve.

"I couldn't be more impressed. The visitor center is world class and you should be very proud. The many exhibits are very educational, but actually are also a lot of fun, with interactive exhibits for all ages," she said.

Trottenberg joked that despite attempting to pilot a ship through the locks with one exhibit, she would "be sticking to her day job."

"A lot of people who come up here to the beautiful North Country are going to want to visit and bring their kids along and I know Ross (Lee) and Ben (Dixon) will make sure that happens. This Eisenhower Visitor Center is going to educate visitors, I think about the vital role of the Seaway and the role it plays in supporting the communities and residents living along the St. Lawrence River and the Great Lakes region," she said.

Trottenberg said the seaway plays a vital role not just in the shipping of goods, but also in promoting tourism along the Great Lakes and seaway system.

According to Trottenberg, the seaway supported over 350,000 jobs on both the American and Canadian side of the system, generating over \$50 billion in economic activity between both nations.

"The Visitor Center celebrates that strong bi-national operating partnership with Canada and has lots of wonderful history, including pictures and letters from Queen Elizabeth during the Second Inaugural visit. It provides a unique opportunity to celebrate the wonderful history of friendship and partnership between Canada and the U.S.," she said.

Trottenberg said the visitor center, which will benefit the entire region, will help bring more jobs and add to the "beautiful, unique destination" that is the north country.

"This is a beautiful facility that will benefit this region for generations to come," she concluded.

The visitor center will officially open to the public on May 14 at 9 a.m.

Regular hours of operation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support “Strong Libraries, Strong Communities”

On May 21st voters in the Massena Central School District will be asked to vote on a referendum transitioning the current Massena Public Library from a municipal library to a school district public library. Transitioning to a school district library will stabilize the funding and distribute the operating costs between the four towns included in the school district (Massena, Louisville, Brasher and Norfolk). Currently the library is funded by the Town of Massena and \$9000 per year by the Town of Louisville. The current funding is the same as 2001 with no consideration for inflation.

According to the Library’s “School Ballot Referendum FAQ,” Louisville residents living in a home with an assessed value of \$100,000 are currently paying \$6.00 per year for the use of the library. If the referendum passes they will be paying \$106 per year. Residents in portions of Brasher and Norfolk are currently not contributing to the library. For a home assessed at \$100,000, Brasher residents will be taxed \$81 per year; Norfolk will be taxed \$100 annually. At first glance this seems like a steep increase, but let’s put this into perspective.

The average hardcover best seller costs \$30 on Amazon. Under today’s tax of \$6.00 per year, it would take 5 Louisville households to buy one library book. Many patrons read a book a week which has the potential of costing \$1,560/year. A Kindle Unlimited subscription is \$12 a month or \$144 per year; an Audible Premium subscription is \$15 a month or \$180 per year. eBooks and eAudio books are FREE via the North Country Library System. The “library tax” is less than a dollar a day. Our patrons who are on a fixed income can ultimately save money if they use the library.

Maybe you’re not a reader. Save on rental fees. There is NO cost to check out banquet tables, chairs, or pop up canopies. No need to

spend money on lawn games you use once or twice a summer. The library has Badminton, Corn Hole, Kan Jan, Ladder Toss, Horseshoes to name a few. The library offers discount admission to the Museum on Blue Mountain Lake, Wild Center, Antique Boat Museum and the Empire Pass.

For families who are struggling financially, the library offers free entertainment and activities for all age groups. Storytime provides socialization for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. Older kids can participate in arts & crafts, Lego Club, Reading Challenges, and Dungeons and Dragons. Adults can sign up for sewing and basket making classes, knitting groups, book clubs, Geri-Fit and chair yoga led by certified volunteer instructors. With the mall closing in the past year, the library filled the void and hosted Santa Claus. Over 200 children were able to visit with Santa and listen to a holiday story read by Santa himself. Again all of these events are free.

If you haven’t been to the Massena Library lately, you are missing out.

Please vote YES on May 21st.

Jane Mogle-Besaw

Co-President Friends of Massena Public Library

Trinity Catholic celebrates successful gala

On Saturday, April 27, Trinity Catholic celebrated our 8th Gala with a Past, Present, Future theme. We’re so grateful to the MANY hands that went into a successful evening. Thanks to the efforts by the people and businesses below, this event raised over \$29,000 for our beloved school. This funding helps the school in many ways, notably, providing funding for families who cannot pay tuition, and for any unforeseen expenses.

We thank our sponsors: Diamond Sponsor Donaldson Funeral Home, Orvis St. Discount Wines and Liquor, Frenchie’s Chevro-

let, Laneville’s Beverage Center, Advanced Business Systems Inc., Mark Bogdan CPA, Eagle Beverage Company, Anson Burke, Allstate Insurance Agent, and Fay Motors Inc.

Additional gratitude goes to the following people...

to our Gala Committee: Sarah Tsibulsky, Tish Laneville, Emily Currier, and Marianne Jadlo.

to the decorating committee, as well as all of the volunteers for transforming our dining using our Trinity Blue.

to our entertainment for the evening, The Schine Players, for putting on a fun, hilarious, interactive murder mystery! Be sure to check their fundraising efforts to restore the Schine Theater in downtown Massena, massenaschinetheater.com.

com.

to the raffles and auction committee for working to get the amazing prizes for the evening. And to the businesses who donated to our prizes!

to Coach’s Corner for the amazing meal, as always, and to Main Street Perc for the delicious desserts!

to the professional servers who volunteered to be with us for the night. Also, to the kitchen staff who helped the meal run smoothly.

to the student servers, all of whom are TCS alumni, who helped us that evening.

to Arno Lippassaar for running our live auction. That is always SO fun!

to Andrey Oloan from DualTone Photography for capturing this wonderful evening with his beauti-

ful photography.

to the faculty and staff for their patience as planned, and celebrated the past, present, and future of Trinity!

to each volunteer who helped bring this event together, and to those who helped take it all down the next morning.

and if we’ve forgotten you, please forgive us.

And finally, to the guests who came to enjoy the evening with us.

Finally, we recognized Allen Chilton as this year’s honoree for his extraordinary commitment to our Gala, having been the only Gala caterer we’ve had, and our school as a whole for many years.

Sarah Tsibulsky

Trinity Catholic School Advancement Director

Eye Candy, Cough Syrup, and Early Flowers

BY PAUL HETZLER

After so many months of winter whiteness, it’s a relief to watch the snow recede at last. We’re always grateful for the spring melt, even though the loss of snow cover gives way to a mostly brown world: brown grass, sand everywhere along the roads, and brown needles under the pines. Not to mention the brown leaves we missed last fall, and maybe the dog poop that had built up, mercifully hidden under the snow. The few sepia-toned weeks after the white stuff disappears, but before trees and grass wake up, can be visually bleak.

That’s probably why I’m always so happy to see the bright yellow flowers of coltsfoot emerging in clumps from muddy roadside ditches, rail embankments, and other neglected places. These tiny sunbursts do a lot to dispel my winter eye fatigue. Coltsfoot flowers look kind of like mini-dandelions. They have the same colour and composite structure. The odd thing is that they emerge before any leaves come out.

Although native to Europe and Asia, coltsfoot has naturalized throughout North America. Many non-native plants came here accidentally, but this one was planted by settlers because of its value as a medicinal plant. We don’t know if coltsfoot cheered up the early European settlers during the post-winter “mud season,” but we do know they used it extensively to treat coughs.

Coltsfoot belongs to the genus

The Meandering Naturalist

Tussilago, which is derived from the Latin word for cough – a nod to its efficacy as a cough suppressant. Its common name stems from the fact that its leaves, which emerge after the flowers wither away, resemble a horse’s hoof.

Coltsfoot flowers and leaves are most often taken as a tea to help stop coughs, or boiled down and sweetened to make a concentrated syrup. Surprisingly, it is sometimes smoked in small amounts for fast relief. Pliny the Elder (think Socrates, but Roman instead of Greek and slightly less ancient) treated his asthma by inhaling the smoke of dried coltsfoot leaves and flowers. In an ironic and tragic twist, Pliny died of smoke inhalation during the eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

There was a period of time in Europe when the coltsfoot flower was the symbol for an apothecary, or early pharmacy – the blossom was virtually synonymous with healing. And today, following a tradition that dates back thousands of years, many Chinese people still use commercial cough syrup made with coltsfoot.

It’s common to assume that plant-based remedies are benign.

The truth is that herbal medicine is nothing to sneeze at. Think about digoxin, nicotine, caffeine and THC, to name but a few naturally-occurring but potent chemicals. Because herbal medicine can possibly interfere with prescription drugs or exacerbate health conditions, please consult your doctor before using herbal remedies. (In other words, please don’t sue me.)

Speaking of legal liability, there has been concern in recent times about the safety of ingesting coltsfoot. Researchers have documented an increase in liver cancer among rats that ate coltsfoot. To be fair to coltsfoot (if not to the poor lab animals), these rats were fed a diet of up to 16% coltsfoot flowers, every day for 600 days. The takeaway message: Don’t eat a big coltsfoot salad for two years straight, and you’ll be just fine. Problem solved.

However, the same study found that the aforementioned cancer risk was due to a single compound called senkirkine that it (the plant, not the study) produced. Last I heard, German researchers were working to develop a coltsfoot strain that’s largely free of that chemical.

Making cough syrup from coltsfoot is best done under the supervision of an herbalist. On the other hand, using it as a tonic for the spirit need not involve medical professionals. I encourage everyone to keep an eye out (figuratively, please) for these splashy yellow flowers in April and May.



NCNow Photo

Family fishing in Louisville

Lex Trim, left, and his grandfather, Lonney Martin, of Brushton, fish in the St. Lawrence River along the Wilson Hill Causeway, Louisville, on a recent sunny day. They said they caught and released a few bass.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Supports Massena Library transition

I am writing in support of Massena Public Library transitioning from a municipal library to a School District Public Library.

On May 21st Massena school district voters will have an opportunity to choose the future of our community library. By voting for the initiative, the library will be able to sustain its current level of operations and future funding will be secure. Over the past 20 years, the library's funding has been substantially declining. The current municipal contribution to support the library is equivalent to the contribution made in 2001.

How can a library in 2024 be expected to support the day to day operations of a large building, provide reading material, e-books and

audiobooks, current technology, and of course the many programs offered with funding based on 2001 levels? Fortunately for our community, we have a very dedicated library staff, Board of Trustees, and Friends of the Library group who are determined to see our library remain afloat. Despite the efforts of all these people the library cannot withstand any further funding cuts.

Public libraries throughout New York State fall under the jurisdiction of the Department of State Education, similar to our schools. In order to receive state funding and grants, libraries are required to adhere to minimum standards determined by the Department of State Education. As in schools, some of these minimum standards are based on population numbers. To meet minimum standards Massena Public Library must be open to the public

37 hours per week, the Library is currently open 44 hours per week. If the library is faced with another round of budgetary cuts they will be unable to staff and maintain the building for the required number of hours. If the library falls into this category of distress, they risk losing state funds and grants, and will eventually lose their charter to operate, forcing the Library to close.

We all recognize that Massena has seen a downturn in its economy and is unable to financially support the public library on its own. The only way for the Library to maintain its current offerings to the community is to transition to a School District Public Library. This transition will allow the library to be organized and funded directly by the residents living within the Massena School District boundaries. Through this equitable form of funding, the communities who use and enjoy library collections and services will be asked to contribute towards its upkeep.

The Massena Public Library is used by all communities encompassed within the Massena School District, these communities should also help support it. By expanding the tax base, Massena taxpayers will see a relief in their taxes, and the communities who use the library will pay their fair share.

To maintain a strong community, we need a strong library. Vote YES to save your community public library on May 21st.

Elaine Dunne
Friends of Massena Public Library

Vote No for Massena Library proposition

First of all, I would like to thank Rita Curran for hosting a May 7, 2024 public information meeting on the proposition to "Establish the Henry H. Warren Memorial Library as a School District Public Library."

I would also like to thank the representatives from the Massena Public Library who attended this meeting. It is never easy to inform a group of people that you want to raise their taxes. They are passionate about the library and care about the people they serve. Unfortunately, their proposition is not economically reasonable.

It is not reasonable to ask Louisville property owners to increase their current contribution of \$9,000 to \$160,000. It is not reasonable to ask the Norfolk property owners who are in the Massena Central School District boundary and are already paying a 75-cent tax levy per \$1,000 of assessed property value to double their tax levy to \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value so they can support a second library. It is not reasonable to ask the property owners in Brasher

who already have a library but are in the Massena Central School District boundary to pay a tax levy for a second library.

Currently, Massena taxpayers do not see their individual library tax levy on their Town & County tax bill. If this proposition passes, they will see their individual tax levy as a second line item on their 2024-25 Massena Central School District tax bill. It is my understanding that if the proposition passes, when the town begins the budget process in July, they simply will NOT ask for the \$504,133 currently budgeted for the Massena Public Library.

We do NOT have any control over the price of food, gasoline, rent, interest rates, insurance, etc. To paraphrase a comment made at the May 7 meeting, do we really want to give a small group of people taxing authority?

We have an opportunity to control adding a new tax burden by voting NO for Proposition #1: Establish the Henry H. Warren Memorial Library as a School District Public Library. Please be sure to vote on May 21 from noon to 8 PM at the Massena Community Center, 61 Beach Street, Massena.

Nancy Foster
Louisville

Memorial Day Parade in Ogdensburg

VFW Post 2936 and American Legion Post 69 will Commemorate Memorial Day.

Originally called Decoration Day, this solemn day is set aside to remember all those who died in service to their country.

This Memorial Day, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and American Legion join a grateful nation in honoring and remembering the soldiers, Marines, sailors, airmen, guardians, and Coast Guardsmen, who, as President Abraham Lincoln so eloquently put during the Gettysburg Address, "gave the last full measure of devotion."

Originally called Decoration Day, the holiday was officially proclaimed in 1868 to honor those who died during the Civil War. After World War I, the solemn day was expanded to honor those who died in all wars. It became an official federal holiday in 1971, set aside to remember all those who died in service to the United States. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Memorial Day honors more than 1 million men and women who have died in military service since the Civil War began in 1861.

President Harry S. Truman established a tradition through Proclamation 2889, proclaiming Memorial Day, May 30, 1950, and each succeeding Memorial Day, as a

day of prayer for permanent peace. The 2023 White House Proclamation: Prayer for Peace, Memorial Day can be found here.

The members of the VFW and its Auxiliary asks each American to take time this Memorial Day, and every day, reflecting on those who paid the ultimate sacrifice supporting and defending the Constitution of the United States.

VFW will be placing flags on Veterans graves at the city cemeteries on May 25th, 2024. Anyone wishing to help place flags is asked to meet up at the Veterans Cemetery inside of the Ogdensburg cemetery at 8 am on Saturday the 25th.

If you would like to place a flag on your loved one's grave yourself please stop by the VFW Post and pick up a flag starting May 20th.

Scott Compo
VFW Post 2936

Support Massena Library proposition

I am writing this letter to express my support of The Massena Public Library as it works to transition from a Municipal library to a community supported School District Public Library.

The towns of Massena and Louisville are once again at odds regarding the referendum which will be on the school budget vote, and will take place on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at the Community Center.

A School District Library designation would provide stable and predictable funding not subject to reduced appropriations. The library is currently funded at 2001 levels, resulting in reduced staff, reduced hours of operation and a reduction in the services and events available to our community.

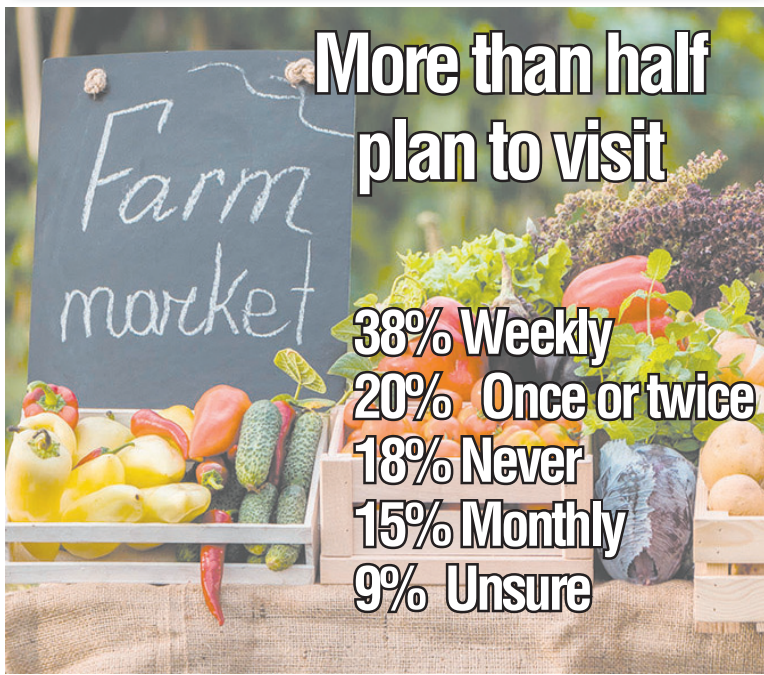
This designation would also provide the opportunity to expand the service area and ensure equity in library tax support. As a long time resident of the town of Louisville, I have had the privilege of access to the Massena Public Library for over 32 years. The library has been an important part of my life, from the first story hours my toddlers attended to the support I received when researching while earning a master's degree.

In all these years, I have paid no more than \$9 a year to use and benefit from my library. I am ready to pay my fair share of \$170 a year to ensure that the library has what it needs. The library has been a place of welcoming, a place to meet other people, to socialize, to learn about the world, to belong, to be at the center of community. The library is truly a place for lifelong learning.

All people should live in a community that has access to, and supports, a quality public library. And all libraries must have adequate local support. I hope you will join me and vote YES! to ensure that The Massena Public Library continues its mission as the guardian of freedom of thought and freedom of speech to provide each of us the opportunity to improve and enrich our lives.

Donna Bourdon,
Co-President
Friends of Massena Public Library

NCNOW SURVEY



Last week's question

How often do you plan to visit farmers markets this year?

WHO'S READY FOR the 2024 Farmers Market Season? Canton Farmers Market opens May 10 and the Potsdam Farmers Market opens May 11. 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. How often do you plan to visit farmers markets in St. Lawrence County this year?.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: Garage sale season is underway in St. Lawrence County offering people opportunities to sell their belongings they no longer use; or purchase items from people often at a cheaper price. How often do you plan to visit garage sale in St. Lawrence County this year?

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NOTABLE

Camryn J. Peets, earned her Master's of Science in Physician Assistant Studies at Clarkson's Graduation May 9. At the school's prestigious long white coat ceremony, Camryn was selected as the student speaker for the Class of 2024, a testament to her outstanding leadership and dedication. Her speech resonated with the audience, emphasizing the core values instilled by Clarkson University and her impactful experiences on medical mission trips to Nicaragua.



Submitted photo

In the front, from the left, are Nancy McCullough and Mae Brander. In the back are Shelly Backus, Debbie Hubbard, Sheila Day, Margaret Backus, Judith Martin, and Cindy Carr.

Honored for 75 years of continuous membership

LISBON – Mae Brander was honored Sunday, May 5 for 75 years of continuous membership in the Lisbon American Legion Auxiliary.

She was presented a 75-year pin by Auxiliary President Sheila Day. She also received a Certificate of Recognition from Senator Daniel Stec and a letter of Congratulations from Elise Stefanik, Member of Congress.

Several family members were present, as well as 7 members of the Auxiliary.

On President's, Dean's lists

Several North Country students have been named to the President's List and Dean's List For the 2023 fall semester at Jefferson Community College.

President's List

Alyvia Conner Crosby of Brier Hill; Llyssa Marie McEathron and Kristin Elishia Whitmarsh, both of Gouverneur; and Jennifer Marie Maurer and Seth Frank Taylor, both of Harrisville.

Dean's List

Llyssa Marie McEathron of Gouverneur; William David Hynes of

Norfolk; and Jillian Rose Pharoah of Ogdensburg.

Jefferson Community College (JCC) has named the following students to the 2023 fall semester President's and Dean's Lists. The students named to the President's List earned a grade point average of 3.75 to 4.0 out of a possible 4.0. The students named to the Dean's List earned a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.74 out of a possible 4.0.

To be eligible for President's or Dean's List recognition, full-time and part-time students must meet applicable credit hour requirements.

Memory Tree donations

RENSSELAER FALLS – Donations to the Rensselaer Falls Library memory tree were received for the 2023 and 2024 season.

From: Karla Kenny, Alan Carpenter and Norma Martineau.

From: Mark & Maureen Bomyea In memory of Richard Hogan, Gertrude Hogan, Raymond Hogan, Bernie Hogan, James Narsh, Lisa LaFountain, Richard Bomyea, Shirley Barton, Ethel Baker, and Mary Bomyea.

From: John & Debbie Bartlett In memory of Lee & Venetta Gill, Carl & Linday Cutway, Maurice & Hazel Cline, Herb & Kathleen Goodison, Bob & Ruth Roca, Kenneth & Eve-

lyn Ginn, Harold & Anita Carpenter, Harry & Effie Stiles, George Cline, Sue Reynolds, Harold Palmer, and Lynn Palmer.

From: Linda Liscum In memory of Herbert Wainwright, Jessie Miller Wainwright, Nettie McDonald Wainwright, Chester Wainwright, Rayta Mathys, Harry Mathys, Roy Liscum, Reg Liscum, Lida McMartin, Julia McMartin Miller, Howard Miller, Harry & Bernice Wainwright, Howard Wainwright, Roxy, Ruby, Max and Bob.

A donation to the Library was received from Carol Franklin in memory of Royal Cleland.

Earth Day poster contest

OGDENSBURG– The city of Ogdensburg is partnering with Ogdensburg City School District to host the 2024 Earth Day Poster Contest.

The winners will be announced at a reception in Morissette Park on Saturday, May 18 at 10 a.m.

The reception will be followed by a shoreline cleanup project in partnership with Save The River to celebrate National Riverbank Cleanup Day.

Cast votes here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EarthDay-Posters>.

KUDOS

Inducted into honor society

Kendall Wilson, of Ogdensburg, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Wilson was initiated at Syracuse University.

Wilson is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year.

Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter.

Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership.

Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

On Buffalo dean's list

The University at Buffalo named three St. Lawrence County students to the fall 2023 dean's list.

Those students included Sebastian Rubin of Madrid; Hayden Amo of Massena and Katie Cowen of Potsdam.

UB named 4,017 students to its fall 2023 dean's list.

To qualify for the dean's list, full-time undergraduate students must demonstrate academic excellence by earning a grade point average of at least 3.600 while completing a minimum of 15 or more UB credit hours, of which 12 are graded (A-F) credits.

Students are named to the dean's list at the end of the fall and spring semesters.

Husson U dean's list student

Tristan Young, of DePeyster, has been named to Husson University's Dean's List for the Fall 2023 semester of the 2023-2024 academic year.

Young is studying toward a degree in Exercise Science with a Doctor of Physical Therapy at Husson, located in Bangor, Me.

Full-time students who earn President's List, Dean's List and Honors List recognition must be enrolled as an undergraduate, carry a full-time load of 12 credit hours over the course of 21 weeks, complete all attempted courses in the time allotted, and achieve a designated semester grade-point average. Credits from pass/fail classes do not qualify toward meeting the minimum credit hour requirement.

Local scholars at Clarkson

POTSDAM -- The following Massena and Ogdensburg area students have been named Presidential Scholars for the Fall 2023 semester at Clarkson University.

They are Cherie Hadlock of Hammond, Alaina Armstrong of Lisbon and Lexis Huiatt, both of Lisbon, Asa Douglass of Massena, and Ian Kennedy of Ogdensburg.

On the New Paltz dean's list

Peyton Brown of Massena, and Paige Shaver of Ogdensburg were named to the Dean's List at SUNY New Paltz for the fall 2023 semester.

The Dean's List recognizes students who excel academically and earn at least a 3.3 grade-point

average in a semester with a full-time course load.

Making Cortland dean's list

Several Massena and Ogdensburg area students earned recognition for academic excellence on the SUNY Cortland Dean's List for the Fall 2023 semester.

The Dean's List is the highest ranking for undergraduate students in their respective academic areas of the university.

Students must earn a minimum 3.3 grade point average for the semester to make the list.

Among those honored were Abigail Benham of Massena - Adolescence Education: Social Studies and History; Emma Lalone of Ogdensburg - Early Childhood and Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 6); Aubrey Love of Ogdensburg - Criminology; and Elizabeth Rogers of Massena - Exercise Science.

Doing well at SUNY Plattsburgh

Several Massena and Ogdensburg area students were named to the SUNY Plattsburgh dean's list for fall 2023.

They include Cassidy Hargrave of Lisbon; Kasiah Burdick and Kamren LeBire, both of Massena; Mikaela Bova, Jocelyn Erwin, Saige Estes, and Matthew Wallace, all of Ogdensburg; Alexis Cole and Madison White, both of Waddington; and Gracie LaLonde and Chloe Ramsdell, both of Winthrop.

To be eligible for the dean's list, undergraduate students must achieve a minimum 3.5 semester grade point average with at least 12 credit hours. Part-time, matriculated students are also eligible for the dean's list after accruing 12 credit hours consecutively and achieving a minimum 3.5 grade point average. The credits may be accumulated in more than one semester. Pass/fail credits do not count.

Making the Provost list

Dakota Woods, of Lisbon, and Morgan Wheat, of Edward, earned Provost's List honors for the fall 2023 semester at SUNY Oneonta.

To qualify for the Provost's List, a student must earn a perfect 4.0 grade-point average while carrying a course load of 12 hours or more.

Local scholars at Nazareth

The following Massena and Ogdensburg area students were named to the Dean's List for the 2023 fall semester at Nazareth College in Rochester.

They are: Kendall Jock of Hogansburg; Ian Love and Meghan Lambert of Massena; Alexis Tobin of North Lawrence; Holden Woods and Gerard Powers, both of Ogdensburg; Emma Maskell of Waddington; and Hayden Perkins of Winthrop.

A student's grade point average must be at least 3.5 or above, and they must complete 12 credit hours of graded work that semester in order to be included on the dean's list at Nazareth.

On the dean's list in Iowa

Sydney Joos, of Ogdensburg, was named to the dean's list for the 2023 fall semester at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa.

Joos is an undergraduate - second year student in Iowa's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and is majoring in English and Creative Writing.

Earns scholarship

Ava Johnson, a 2022 graduate of St. Lawrence Central School in Brasher Falls, earned an Invest in Success Scholarship for achieving a 3.8 grade point average for her first semester at Syracuse University. She is majoring in biology.

This award is given after the first semester of full-time study to undergraduates who have successfully completed at least 15 credits at Syracuse University, earned a GPA of 3.75 or higher and are in good academic standing.

Winners of this scholarship are called "Success Scholars."

The benefits of this award includes a merit scholarship of \$1,000 per year for four years, as long as the student maintains a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher and successfully completes at least 15 credit hours each semester.

Johnson was also named to the Dean's List.

Russell Sage dean's student

Melissa Barr, of Ogdensburg, and Matthew Walker, of Lisbon, were named to the Dean's List for the 2023 fall semester at Russell Sage College in Troy.

To be placed on the Dean's List for the semester, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.50 or higher while carrying a minimum of 12 credits in courses graded A-F, with no grades of Incomplete.

President's list at Morrisville

Student from Hammond on President's List at SUNY Morrisville

Matthew Wilson, of Hammond, was named to the President's List for the Fall 2023 semester at SUNY Morrisville.

To be named to the President's List, a student must achieve a perfect 4.0 average for the semester and complete 12 credit hours.

U of Rhode Island dean's list

Waddington student on Dean's List at University of Rhode Island Lydia Maskell of Waddington has been named to the University of Rhode Island Fall 2023 Dean's List.

To be included on the Dean's List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average.

Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

On the dean's list at Morrisville

Rosaria Hines, of Hogansburg, and Patrick Freije, of Morristown, have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2023 semester at SUNY Morrisville.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must achieve a 3.0 to 3.99 grade-point average for the semester and complete 12 credit hours.

Strike by local medical transport provider looms May 24

BY JIMMY LAWTON

North Country This Week

North Country residents in need of non-emergency medical transports could be without rides May 24 if Medical Answering Services does not reach an agreement with more than a dozen companies.

Medical transport providers in the North Country region say the company, which was awarded the contract to oversee the transportation program for the Department of Health, is not paying enough for the service, which will make longterm operations unsustainable.

A letter addressed to the Syracuse-based company's President Russ Maxwell gives notice of the intention to strike.

Frary Transportation based in Ogdensburg has taken the lead role, and has been joined by competitors MacKay-Lawrence Ambulette in Canton and Fox and Murray Medical Transportation

in Ogdensburg. Roughly a dozen transportation companies from Plattsburgh all the way to Watertown have joined the effort.

"As you are aware, Medical Answering Services has not adjusted the reimbursement rates for medical transport services in over twelve years, in line with the increasing costs and demands associated with providing these essential services. Despite our continuous efforts to engage in constructive dialogue and negotiations, we have not seen any meaningful progress or commitment from MAS to address this critical issue," the letter says. After careful consideration and consultation with our teams, it is with regret that we must inform you that our medical transport business will be forced to go on strike, effective May 24, 2024, if MAS does not take immediate action to raise the reimbursement rates to a fair and sustainable level."

In an interview with North Country This Week, Frary Trans-

port Services CEO Ryan Frary and Transportation Director Cassandra Fobare explained that the current reimbursement rates not only fail to cover the operational costs but also make it nearly impossible to meet wages and benefits demanded by the job market or money necessary for vehicle maintenance, training, and equipment upgrades.

Frary explained that the non-emergency medical transport provides customers in need of medical services with transportation to and from appointments. He said this service is used by thousands in the North Country region with 500-600 transports daily.

Frary noted that the service has impacted the state's decision to leave Medicaid reimbursement rates at the same level they've been since 2012 despite massive inflationary costs, high fuel prices and rising costs of living.

However, he said that Medical Answering Services has made things worse in being awarded a

bid in 2022 by the State Department of Health to serve as a brokerage for the program.

He said the company won the bid that was too low to properly pay for the services rendered and is attempting to make up that difference on the backs of the transportation providers who complete the work on the ground level.

He said the transportation groups believe the strike is necessary to ensure that operations can be sustained in the future, because if a more equitable agreement isn't reached the providers won't be able to continue operations.

"We understand the impact that a strike can have on the continuity of medical services and the well-being of patients. However, we believe that it is our responsibility to advocate for fair compensation that reflects the value and quality of the services we pro-

vide," the letter says.

Fobare explained that MAS has the ability to control rates and makes their profitability dependent on keeping these rates unreasonably low.

"This dangerous business model will cause the collapse of the medical transport industry throughout New York State. Unless action is taken ahead of this date, several companies will be closing their doors," she said in a prepared statement accompanying the letter.

Although the strike is being organized specifically by North Country providers, it's really a statewide issue. A similar strike was held by Westchester County providers and similar strikes are being considered elsewhere downstate.

Frary is hopeful that by joining together Medical Answering Services will come to the table.

Business After Hours event in Ogdensburg

OGDENSBURG -- The St. Lawrence Chamber of Commerce is hosting its next Business After Hours networking event at United Helpers, located at 8101 State Highway 68 on Wednesday, May 29 from 4:30-7 p.m.

Enjoy a casual evening networking with businesses from across the North Country with light appetizers and refreshments (cash bar).

Take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about the STLC Chamber of Commerce and meet the Ogdensburg Community Coordinator, Laura Pearson, who will continue to help support Ogdensburg businesses with the recent Ogdensburg Chamber/STLC Cham-

ber of Commerce merger.

Additionally, you can meet Todd Amo, CEO of United Helpers, learn what new and exciting things are happening, and take a facility tour.

United Helpers will host tours of the facility during the event.

The first tour will begin at 5:15 p.m. and the second tour after the evening's speakers present. Enter through the building's main entrance, which is on Route 37 side (back side of the building) by the flagpole.

When you pull in, you will see parking spots and what looks like an entrance, but continue driving around to the larger main parking lot and enter through the main

entrance.

To register for the event visit, VisitSTLC.com/business-after-hours.

STLC Members who register by Wednesday, May 22 attend for free.

Registration is \$5 for non-members (and STLC Members registered after 5/22).

Pay at the door.

This event is open to Chamber members and non-members who are associated with a business.

2024 Business After Hours networking events are sponsored by Northern Credit Union.

For more information, contact Laura Pearson at 315-386-4000 ext 5 or Laura@slcchamber.org.



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Morristown names 2024 class leaders

MORRISTOWN – Three students have been named class leaders for the graduating Class of 2024 at Morristown Central School.

This year's Valedictorian is Ava Johnson. Ava has earned a cumulative average of 95.96, and she will graduate with a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation, as well as completing twenty-seven college credits. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, Yearbook Committee, and also works part time after school hours. Ava serves in leadership roles such as Vice President of the Yearbook Committee and Treasurer for the Class of 2024. She received the North Country Academic All Star award. Ava will be attending SUNY Oswego, where she will pursue a degree in Finance. Ava is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey and Andria Johnson.

This year's Salutatorian is Alexys Denesha. Alexys has earned a cumulative average of 95.56, and she will graduate with a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation, along with completing twenty-one college credits. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, Yearbook Committee, and High School Band. Alexys serves in leadership roles as Vice President of the Class of 2024, President of the Yearbook Committee, and Student Council Co-President. Alexys participates in the MCS Trap Team, cheerleading, and is a junior volunteer firefighter for the Brier Hill Fire Department. She will be attending Alfred University to major in Early Education. Alexys is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dustin and Christina Denesha.

This year's Outstanding Career and Technical Education student is Walker Belile. Walker has earned

a cumulative average of 93.32, and he will graduate with a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation, CTE Criminal Justice, along with twenty-four college credits. Walker is a member of the National Honor Society, the National Technical Honor Society, and the Athletic Association. He has been Class President for the last five years, and he is also President of the National Honor Society, the Athletic Association, and high school band. He is a Captain of his basketball team, a member of the Morristown Volunteer Fire Department, and a NYS American Legion Boys State Alum. Walker also received the New York State 21st Congressional District nomination. He will be attending Norwich University for a degree in criminal justice, and he will be part of their Army ROTC program. Walker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and Sarah Belile.



Submitted

Students get spoiled

First grade students at Madill school recently took a field trip to BOCES Northwest Tech cosmetology. Students were pampered with nail care, wash, cuts and styles.



Mary Wills | Submitted

Sneaker donation in Heuvelton

Two students from Heuvelton Central show their new sneakers they received from the St. Lawrence County People Project.

Mental health event May 20 at MWCS

MADRID – Parents and students in all St. Lawrence County school districts are invited to a Mental Health Awareness Event on Wednesday, May 29, at Madrid-Waddington Central.

The Riley Basford Legacy Fund and the St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau are hosting the event which features speakers, informational booths, and self-care activities for teens.

"The goal of this event is to break the stigma related to mental health," said Madrid-Waddington Central Principal Joe Binion. "Presentations and an information session for parents, as well as strategies on managing and dealing with stress for students, will fill the evening."

Yoga, mindfulness, teen-to-teen talks; and a "hidden mischief" room are planned. A classroom will be set up as that of a teenage and parents are challenged to find the hidden drug use, alcohol, and other similar items.

Seaway Valley Prevention Council and SLC Suicide Awareness Coalition will also attend the event.

Dr. Jean Twenge, professor of psychology at San Diego State University, will discuss mental health, cellphones and social media.

Pizza and wings will be available from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Honors students at Lisbon

LISBON – Lisbon Central School announce the Class of 2024 Honors Group.

Seven students have earned a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 90 or higher and will be recognized this year.

"Students in this group have taken challenging high school courses, and some have earned college credit through the AP Program, SUNY Potsdam, and Paul Smith's College," a press release from the district said.

• Addison VanTassel, daughter of Andrew and Lynnette VanTassel, has earned the highest GPA at Lisbon in the Class of 2024 with a 96.06. Ms. VanTassel earned college credit through the AP Program, Paul Smith's College, Jefferson Community College, and SUNY Potsdam. Addison will be attending college in the fall where she will study Sports Analytics.

• Leah Warren, daughter of Keith and Kara Warren, is ranked second in the class with a 94.93 GPA. Ms. Warren earned college credit through the AP Program, Paul Smith's College, North Country Community College, and SUNY Potsdam. Leah will be attending SUNY Plattsburgh in the fall, where she will study Adolescence Education.

• Jadyn Rolfe, daughter of Randy and Mellisa Rolfe, is ranked third in the class with a 94.20 GPA. Ms.

Rolfe earned college credit through the AP Program, Paul Smith's College, Jefferson Community College, and SUNY Potsdam. Jadyn will be attending SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in the fall, where she will study Wildlife Science.

• Connor Flack, son of Alan and Melanie Flack, is ranked fourth in the class with a 92.88 GPA. Mr. Flack earned college credit through Paul Smith's College, North Country Community College, and SUNY Potsdam. Connor will be attending SUNY Canton in the fall where he will study Liberal Arts.

• Ava Bouchey, daughter of Beth and James Snyder and Larry and Lindsey Bouchey, is ranked fifth in the class with a 91.65 GPA. Ms. Bouchey earned college credit through the AP Program, Paul Smith's College, SUNY Potsdam, and North Country Community College. Ava will be attending Monroe Community College in the fall, where she will study Radiologic Technology.

• Truman Gendebien, son of Blake and Carmen Gendebien, is ranked sixth in the class with a 91.62 GPA. Mr. Gendebien earned college credit through the AP Program, Paul Smith's College, and SUNY Potsdam. Truman will be attending St. Lawrence University in the fall where he will study Psychology.



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Concerts planned in Waddington

WADDINGTON -- After 15 years and more than 15,000 attendees, the Waddington Summer Concert Series returns for another year.

Music on the Shore-2024 begins July 5, with the Annual Alice Carr Memorial Dedication Concert honoring the memory of beloved "Waddingtonions" lost since the last dedication concert in July 2023. All concerts are free.

Concerts are every Friday, 6:30-8:30 (except for 3 concerts with extended hours), in the pavilion at Island View Park overlooking the St. Lawrence River, at the end of Main St., rain or shine.

The WCS team will present a variety of "new to our stage" acts as well as the return of some of the most sought after North Country musicians.

The following acts are scheduled:

- July 5th, Mark Rust will kick off the annual Alice Carr Memorial Dedication concert.

Rust, a multi-talented musician from Woodstock, will perform favorite songs to memorialize friends and family lost to our community in the past year. Send your memorial song requests to make this event very special.

The show is sponsored by the Alice Carr Memorial Fund, AC Bistro, Arts Used Cars, the Carr/Reimer Family, and Judy Jones - in memory of Larry Jones.

- New to the Pavilion Stage, Leave



Photo submitted

Concerts will be held throughout the summer at the Waddington pavilion.

Those Kids Alone from Ontario, Canada, will perform July 12 from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

The 'Kids' will entertain with a mix of classic rock covers and original tunes.

The show is sponsored by Massena Savings & Loan, Sandstone Family & Cosmetic Dentistry, MX Petroleum,

Seaway Valley Lawn Care, Town of Waddington, Village of Waddington, and Main Street Perc/Inn.

- Back by popular demand on July 19 will be everyone's favorite group Double Axel from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

SEE CONCERTS ON 14.

Beekeeping 'Hive Dive' event planned

STOCKHOLM -- There will be a workshop for beekeepers, a "Hive Dive! Inspecting Your Hives" event, from 1-5 p.m. on Saturday, May 25.

Join in for an afternoon with NY apiary inspector Nick Delaini on how to inspect a beehive. There will be two demos, the first geared toward more beginner beekeepers and one geared toward more experienced beekeepers, with lots of time for questions.

This event is presented by Squeak Creek Apiaries and the Bees & Beekeeping Group of Local Living Venture, a resource for rural skills and simple living in the North Country.

The rain date is June 8; all registered attendees will be informed of any changes due to weather.

Walk-in's are welcome, but it is helpful to register for notice of changes and helpful details.

Text (315) 347-4223 with your name, phone number and the number in your party.

Attendees are advised to bring a folding chair if they have difficulty standing for periods of time. It is advisable to bring beekeeper's apparel: wear at least a veil, though gloves and a jacket are also recommended.

Anyone sensitive to stings is encouraged to take responsibility for their well-being by bringing a full suit and an epi-pen.

The event will be held at Squeak Creek Apiaries at 437 Hurley Road in Stockholm NY; close to the Mahoney Rd., off of Rt 420, outside of Winthrop.

For this unique learning experience, a free-will donation of any amount is appreciated, but not required, by the Local Living Venture to benefit their programming.

More information is also available on their Facebook page.



Local Living Venture | Submitted

A workshop will feature how to best inspect honeybee hives at Squeak Creek Apiaries in Stockholm with New York State apiary inspector Nick Delaini. The event will be held from 1-5 p.m., with a beginner session first followed by a session for more experienced beekeepers on Saturday, May 25. An RSVP is appreciated for further details, at (315) 347-4223 (text).

WHAT'S GOING ON

SATURDAY, MAY 18

Suicide awareness run

OGDENSBURG -- The Out of the Woods 2024 Suicide Awareness Bike Run will be held Saturday, May 18, beginning at 11 a.m. at the VFW Post, 1112 Champlain St., Ogdensburg. Cost is \$20 per bike and \$5 for riders. Vehicles are welcome for \$20. Entertainment, 50/50 raffles and baskets are included. Email: outofthewoodsawarenessrun@gmail.com or phone 315-276-4820.

The Whiskey Room

RENSELAER FALLS -- The Summer Night in The Falls Concert Series will feature four acts and food trucks at Pioneer Park, hosted by The Falls Festival Committee. Scheduled are: May 18, The Whiskey Room from 3-6 p.m. Food Truck: Nibbles Snackery (1-7 p.m.).

Nightshades workshop

HEUVELTON -- Join farmer Brian Bennett (NOFA-NY Farmer of the Year) at Bittersweet-Milkweed Collaborative Farm, 1249 St Hwy 184, to learn everything you need to know about transplanting tomato, pepper, and eggplant seedlings. Topics include when to transplant, trellising, soil temperature, disease management, and how to best care for newly transplanted babies. Please RSVP on Facebook or by calling us at 315-777-7245 so we can prepare. Kia-Beth Bennett, milkweedtussocktubers@gmail.com, 3157777245.

Yard and bake sale

NORWOOD -- The Knapps Station Community Church, 3035 County Route 47, will hold its annual yard/bake sale on Saturday, May 18, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Bake sale items will be priced individually. All yard sale items will be sold by donation.

Akwesasne beadwork

CANTON -- Akwesasne beadwork & regalia workshops will be held at The TAUNY Center on May 18 and June 15, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. There is a \$50 workshop registration. Artists Marlana Thompson & Kaihtenhtas Thompson teach beadwork and decorative regalia making in the style of the Akwesasne Mohawk community they are from. Marlana Thompson incorporates all the life elements in her works of art, combining traditional touches with the styles of today. Designs are tailored to reflect each person's individuality with the use of various mediums, and works to create large-scale pieces for purses, jackets, and wall displays, including smaller adornment items including pins, pendants, and earrings. They combine multiple types of beads and techniques in each piece, resulting in highly textured surfaces, and gravitates to natural imagery of plants and insects as well as culturally symbolic imagery including devising designs based on Mohawk creation stories in pieces that are nonetheless open to interpretation. All participants will make a beaded artistic piece that they can take home after the workshop. Register in advance online at tauny.org/shop. Visit The TAUNY Center for the exhibit Akhwatsi:re "My Family" Exhibition open from May 4-June 22, curated by Sharon H J Cheng.

Youth walk

OGDENSBURG -- The Seaway Valley Youth for Christ group is hosting its annual youth walk on May 18. Registration is at 9 a.m. at 31 David St. Walk begins at 9:30 a.m. Door prizes. Contact Jim Clarke for more information or to donate at 315-727-5852. Info: 315-416-0425.

SEE CALENDAR ON 14.

Congratulations, Class of

2024



Multi-Use Trail open, riders urged to follow rules

The St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail reopened Wednesday, May 15.

As a reminder, the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail Committee strongly urges users to strictly abide by all rules and regulations when riding the trail, including:

- Stay on marked trail. Enter and exit the trail system only at trailheads or town connectors.
- Each ATV/UTV must have a 2024 trail permit, proof of insurance, and registration (if required).
- Obey all signs, gates and barriers.
- Motorized vehicles must yield the

right of way to all other trail users.

- All riders must wear a DOT or other approved helmet, protective eyewear and over the ankle footwear.
- No alcohol may be consumed on the trail.
- No camping or fires permitted.
- Respect the environment; do not litter and carry out what you carry in and leave nothing behind.

Trail permits may be purchased online at <https://stlawco.gov/MultiUse-Trails> or at the following locations:
 ABCD Hardware & Supply, 648 NY-11C, Winthrop, NY 13697; Boyces

General Store, 3914 State Highway 56, S. Colton, 13687;

SLC Chamber of Commerce, 101 Main St. First Floor, Canton, NY, 13617; Fun Limited, 2068 NY-812, Gouverneur, NY, 13662;

GT's Restaurant, 1156 NY-115, Russell, NY 13684; Highway Department, 44 Park St., Canton, NY, 136174; Moto-Sports World, 9771 NY-56, Massena, NY, 13662;

Riverview Bar & Restaurant, 928 NY-11C, Brasher, NY 13613; and RMR Bar & Grill, 3927 NY-56, South Colton, NY 13687.

Audition now for Messiahs

HEUVELTON – The Grasse River Players continue their 50-year anniversary of bringing community theatre to the North Country. The new musical, MESSIAHS by GRP member Elaine Kuracina, will be done at Pickens Hall on Aug 16 and 17.

MESSIAHS present five American preachers from different eras who meet in the Winning Souls Casino. The casino dealer is Lucky Louie (Lucifer) with Sal Angel, the goddess hostess. Who will win? It will be a workshop production which means actors will use their scripts but they will perform a full character with costumes, scenery, and movement.

The audition is for the part of Mary Baker Eddy, the founder of Christian Science. The actress should be late twenties, low soprano and full of spirit. Contact Elaine at 315-212-0451 for interview/audition.

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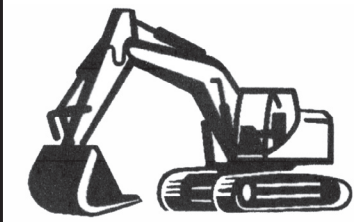
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Performers needed for OFA Key Club Spring Talent Show

OGDENSBURG - The Ogdensburg Free Academy Key Club's Spring Talent Show is looking for performers for Friday, June 7 at 6 p.m. at the George Hall Auditorium at 1100 State St.

"The OFA Key Club Talent Show, the longest running student-run talent show in Ogdensburg, regularly attracts some of the North Country's most talented young people," said OFA Key Club Advisor Jim Reagen. "This year's show promises to be a great evening of family entertainment for people of all ages and a great way to support our community's young people."

To register for the show, contact OFA Key Club Faculty Advisor Ruth-Anne Barkley at rbarkley@ogdensburgk12.org. Performers must arrive by 5:30 to check in.

Winners will be presented 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies in age-appropriate divisions.

All performances must be appropriate for a family audience and cannot exceed five minutes. Performers must provide their music.

For any questions, contact Mrs. Barkley at the above email address. All funds raised will help send students to the state Leadership Training Conference.

Red Cross blood drives

Several Red Cross blood drives are planned in the St. Lawrence County region.

Blood drives scheduled include, by town:

- Gouverneur, W. Main St.; May 30, 12-4 p.m., Gouverneur Community Center, 4673 NY-58;
- Harrisville, May 28, 1-5 p.m., Harrisville Fire Department, 14226 Church St.;
- Heuvelton, May 15, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Heuvelton Central School, 87 E. Washington St.
- Massena, May 15, 2-6 p.m., Massena Moose Lodge #1110, 4 Ames St.; May 23, 12-4:30 p.m., Massena Community Center, 61 Beach St.; May 29, 12-4 p.m., New York Power Authority, Hawkins Point Rd.;
- Morristown, May 21, 2-6 p.m., Morristown High School, 408 Gouverneur St.;
- North Lawrence, May 18, 9

a.m.-2 p.m., Lawrence Christian Fellowship, 88 County Route 52;

- Ogdensburg, May 31, 1-5 p.m., Elks 772, 322 Caroline St.;
- Parishville, May 28, 1-5 p.m., Parishville Firemen's Field, 25 Rutman Rd.;
- Potsdam, May 17, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Potsdam High School, 29 Leroy St.; May 20, 12:30-5 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 21 Castle Dr.; May 24, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Robert Livingston Clarkson Hall, 59 Main St.;
- Saint Regis Falls, May 16, 12:30-5 p.m., St. Regis Falls High School, 92 N. Main St.; and
- Star Lake, May 16, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Clifton Fine Central School, 11 Hall Ave., P.O. Box 22.

Visit RedCrossBlood.org, or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to pre-register or for more information.

Kids Free Fishing Day planned

LOUISVILLE - The 25th annual Ted Kot Kids Free Fishing Day for ages 15 and under will be held Saturday, May 18, at the Wilson Hill Causeway shoreline from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Fishing is from shoreline only, and is a rain or shine event.

Bring your own fishing pole, bait,

chair and bucket. The event is hosted by Massena Recreation.

Free hot dogs and drinks will be offered to all participants. Registration is 8:30-11 a.m. Pre-registration is required for goody bags and raffle prizes. To pre-register call Massena Recreation at 315-769-3161.

Reception for Juried Art Exhibit planned

OGDENSBURG - The Frederic Remington Art Museum announces the opening of its 2024 Members' Juried Art Exhibition with a public reception on Saturday, May 18, from 2-4 p.m.

During the reception, admission to the Remington Museum is free, and all are welcome to come and meet the artists, see their excellent work, and have some fun at the Museum.

For this year's exhibition, the Remington Museum received 80 images submitted by 31 artists who are members of the Museum. Some of these artists have been exhibiting at the Remington since the Museum began doing juried art exhibits in 2001, and some started participating more recently. The Museum is proud to play a meaningful role in the artistic lives of its members, and is deeply grateful for their membership support.

Upcoming artist-in-residence Marjorie Kaniehtonkie Skidders served as juror for the exhibit. She selected 38 works to be in the exhibition. She also selected three artworks to receive awards: a "best in show" prize of \$100, second prize of \$75, and a third place prize of \$50. The prizes will be announced at 3:00 pm during the opening reception on May 18.

Marjorie Kaniehtonkie Skidders states, "It was an honor to be a juror for the Remington Museum's Members' Juried Art Exhibit. I was truly awed by the incredibly diverse art presented for this show. The innate human drive to create art transcends boundaries, serving as a universal language to convey beliefs and articulate insights into the human condition. For artists, their craft is not merely a form of expression but a testament to their identity, leaving an indelible mark that captures their essence in the present moment. As I immersed myself in their works I felt privileged to glimpse into the unique creative journey of each artist." She continues, "To all the artists who submitted their work, congratulations, and heartfelt gratitude. Your submissions exemplified originality, artistic flair, and often remarkable technical prowess."

An additional "Public's Choice"



Remington photo.

Sandra Nestlerode-Hale, First Day of Summer, 2023, watercolor, 18 x 24. Sandra Nestlerode-Hale's watercolor painting is one of 38 works included in the upcoming Members' Juried Art Exhibit opening May 18 at the Frederic Remington Art Museum in Ogdensburg.

prize will be awarded based on an open vote during the exhibit, both at the Museum and online at www.fredericremington.org. The cut-off for voting is September 7. The prize, a museum wrapped canvas reproduction of Evening in the Desert. Navajoes by Frederic Remington, 1905-1906, will be awarded at the Museum after the close of the exhibit and tallying of votes. One vote per person, please.

The exhibit will be on view in the Museum's Richard E. Winter Gallery & Torrey Family Gallery and online at www.fredericremington.org. Many of the works on display will be for sale. One third of the proceeds benefits the Frederic Remington Art Museum, and two thirds go to the artist.

The artists in the exhibition are: Deborah Baldino (Gouverneur, NY), Peter Basta (Carthage, NY), Brad Byrd (Landers, CA), Sharon H.J. Cheng (Potsdam, NY), Steven Cobb (Massena, NY), Carolyn Cook (Massena, NY), Louise T. Currin (Hadley, MA), Aimee Douglas (Massena, NY), Ashlee Guiles (Oswegatchie, NY), Vicky Hollis (Lisbon, NY), Kathleen Hyde (Lisbon, NY), Suzanne Langelier-Lebeda (South Colton, NY), Ann Larsen (Edinburg, NY), Gary Larsen (Edinburg, NY), Diane Leifheit (Paul Smiths, NY), Barry Lobdell (Saranac Lake, NY), Brenda Maxson (Gouverneur, NY), Jennifer McAdam (Churchville, NY), Douglas McDonald (Ogdensburg, NY), Janell McNeil (Ogdensburg, NY), Marc Montroy (Lisbon, NY), Lynda Mussen (Peru, NY), Sandra Nestlerode-Hale (Colton, NY), Beverly Patchin (Lisbon, NY), Paul

N. Pedersen (Hermon, NY), Lynne Reichhart (Rome, NY), Thomas Robarge (Ogdensburg, NY), Kristen L. Rozelle (Norwood, NY), Terry Sametz (Ottawa, ON), Eleanor Sweetney (Saranac Lake, NY), and Larry Zuckerman (Potsdam, NY).

This year's juror and upcoming artist-in-residence at the Remington Museum, Marjorie Kaniehtonkie Skidders, a member of the Bear Clan of the Akwesasne Mohawk Nation Territory, has a bachelor's degree in art and a master's in education that turned into a 25-year career in education as a teacher, director, Indigenous content curriculum writer, and school principal. After retiring in 2007, she returned to her roots as an artist focusing on writing and photography. Her work has been acquired by the New York State Museum; Adirondack Experience, the Museum at Blue Mountain Lake; and St. Lawrence University.

Kaniehtonkie is also an award-winning photographer. Among other awards, she earned first and second place at the prestigious Adirondack Mohawk and Abenaki Art Markets in 2018 and 2019. In 2021, she had a one-woman show at the Native North American Traveling College, in 2022, she won second place in the juried Ganondagan Museum's Hodinöhsö:ni' Art Show in photography, and in 2024 had a one-woman show at the Richard F. Brush Art Gallery at St. Lawrence University. As proud Ista of four children and twelve grandchildren, she is currently the editor of Indian Time newspaper.

Info: fredericremington.org.

Museum offering classes on Constitution

OGDENSBURG -- The Ogdensburg History Museum is hosting a series of classes about the U.S. Constitution.

The next class is on Saturday, May 18 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at the museum located at 206 Ford St.

You do not need to attend every class.

The instructor for the class is Susan Weidler and the class is sponsored by Swe-Kat-Si Daughters of the American Revolution.

Led by Susan Weidler, Home School Communication Educator, Sally Hartman, Regent of the Swe-Kat-si Chapter NSDAR and retired Art Instructor: Design and Drawing Professor Mater Dei College, and Canton College and Julie Madlin, City Historian and retired Social Studies teacher, the classes will be held once a month and are open to ages 12 and up.

Refreshments will be served and participants will receive certificates

and recognition during Constitution Week in September.

For more information about the classes, please contact Sally Hartman at kyle57@tweny.rr.com.

VFW Post to place flags

OGDENSBURG - VFW Post 2936 Ogdensburg will be placing flags on Veterans graves at the city cemeteries on May 25.

Anyone wishing to help place flags is asked to meet up at the Veterans Cemetery inside of the Ogdensburg cemetery at 8 a.m. on Saturday the 25th.

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Scenes of springtime in the North Country



Photo submitted by Nicandri Nature Center

Pictured above, Job Storm, Weston Newvine, Loretta Storm and Clementine Storm grab annuals to plant in the pollinator garden during "I Love My Park Day" at Nicandri Nature Center May 4. The spring cleanup and landscaping event drew 59 volunteers.



Photo taken at Zufall Farm by David Zufall of Lisbon
Pictured at left, a newborn lamb wears her favorite spring hat as her mother stands nearby.



NCNow photo

Dale Colby, of Norwood, enjoyed boating and fishing for pike and walleye on the St. Lawrence River near Waddington on a recent sunny afternoon.



NCNow photo

Heuvelton's Bittersweet-Milkweed Collaborative Farm owner Kia-Beth Bennett, left, shares plant knowledge with Janet Young, of Morristown, during the farm's hands-on workshop on planting seeds. The farm is offering future workshops on chicken butchering, preparing gardens for spring, and starting baby chicks.



NCNow photo

Lex Trim, left, and his grandfather, Lonney Martin, of Brushton, fish in the St. Lawrence River along the Wilson Hill Causeway, Louisville, on a recent sunny day. They said they caught and released a few bass.

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BUDGETS...

being raised by taxpayers this year is \$10,598,000 million. The budget keeps all of the school's existing programs. Last year a change in assessments and a decision to keep the levy flat led to a substantial drop in the tax rate from \$27.49 to \$22.29 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The community will also select two Board of Education members. Running for the open positions are Ronald Johnson and Douglas Loffler. Each position will be for a five year term, beginning July 1. Voting takes place on May 21 from noon-8 p.m. at the Edgar A. Newell, II Memorial Golden Dome located at, 1100 State St.

• **Madrid-Waddington** Central district voters will be voting on a \$20.9 million budget that raises taxes 2.87%. The total increase in the tax levy is \$137,517. The budget is 1.3%, or \$261,793 higher than last year, school officials said. There will also be propositions for diesel and electric school bus purchases. There are two Board of Education seats open this year. A vote for a capital overlay project not to exceed \$100,000 will be voted on. The project would go toward new windows in the elementary wing. Two incumbents, Bruce Durant and Robert Smith, are seeking reelection. Voters will be asked to okay the purchase of one 72-passenger bus and one 24-passenger bus. Voting is May 21 from 1 to 8 p.m. at the school.

• **Lisbon** Central district voters will be voting on a \$17.9 million budget that raises taxes 1.9%. The total increase in the tax levy is \$75,553 and a total of \$4,052,12 will be raised by taxpayers. The budget is 4.19%, or \$723,189 higher than last year, school officials said. There is no loss in staffing or programming; and the school plans to add an additional halftime art position. Voters will be asked to approve the purchase of two diesel powered, 72-passenger buses. Voters will also vote on Proposition 3 which adds a student Ex-Officio member on the board of education. Three five-year term seats are open this year. The four candidates running are incumbents Jen Gray and Angela McLearn, as well as newcomers Jennifer Grant and Ryan Beshaw. Voting is May 21 from 1 to 9 p.m. in the main lobby at the school.

• **Morristown** Central district voters will be voting on a \$11.5 million budget that raises taxes 2.34%. The total increase in the tax levy is \$96,122 and the total amount being raised by taxpayers this year is \$4,296,351. The budget is .24% higher than last year, school officials said. There are three board member vacancies with three-year

terms. Candidates are Jeffrey LaJoy, Scott Ritchie and Chelsea VanArnam. Voting takes place May 21 from noon to 8 p.m. in the main lobby of the school.

• **Heuvelton** district voters will be voting on a \$18.2 million budget that raises taxes 2.25%. The total increase in the tax levy is \$85,864 and the total amount being raised by taxpayers this year is \$3,893,948. The budget is \$1,750,661, or 10.6% more than last year, school officials said. There is a library proposition to approve a levy and collect an annual tax, year after year, separate and apart from the annual school district budget, the additional amount of \$20,000 (above the current amount of \$20,000, for a new amount of \$40,000), which will be paid to the Heuvelton Free Library for the support and maintenance of the library; with this appropriated amount to be the annual appropriation until thereafter modified by a future vote of the electors of the Heuvelton Central School District. Two Board of Education seats will be voted on. Candidates include Mark Kearns and Christopher Rioran. Voting takes place May 21 from 1-8 p.m. in the school auditorium.

• **Hammond** district voters will be voting on a \$9.7 million budget that raises taxes 4.34%. The total increase in the tax levy is \$178,417. The budget is \$254,706 more than last year, school officials said. Four Teacher Aide positions will be cut due to programming changes. Voters will be asked to approve the purchase of new buses. Two give-year seats are up for grabs with Donald Ceresoli Jr. and Daniel Pease running for those seats. Voting takes place May 21 from 1:30-8 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

• **Brasher Falls** district voters will be voting on a \$31.6 million budget that raises taxes 2.2%. The total increase in the tax levy is \$118,642 and the total amount being raised by taxpayers this year is \$4,536,027. For a home fully assessed at \$100,000, the increase in taxes before the STAR exemption would be \$3.54 per month or \$42.42 for the year. The previous five year average tax increase for our district has been .942% (less than 1%). Proposition Two will ask voters to approve the purchase of three school buses and one student transportation vehicle. Proposition Three would authorize the creation of a Capital Reserve for future capital projects in an ultimate amount not to exceed \$2,500,000, with a probable term of 10 years; and to authorize the Board to pay into the fund in the 2023-24 school year and annually thereafter. There are two vacant five-year seats up for grabs. Candidates include incum-

bent Julie Carvel-Liberty, Catherine 'Cathy' Henry, Lance Moulton, Lance St. Hilaire, and Sue Anne Hourihan. Voting takes place on May 21 from 1-8 p.m. in the middle school gym.

LIBRARY....

claiming the Massena Public Library is an independent corporation, not a department or division of the Town of Massena.

"The current Library was first chartered as an independent corporation in 1935. The charter was issued by the New York State Education Department, which is the chartering body for all education corporations (such as colleges, museums, and public libraries)," she wrote.

Adams continued, saying the library, as an independent corporation, is governed by a board of trustees who are responsible for the operation of the library. Board members are currently appointed by the Massena town board.

Adams went on further, saying the library is empowered to own property because of its corporate status, which also extends to the contents of the library and the surrounding property.

Adams also detailed the deed to the property, saying the Massena Public Library was deeded the property in 1946.

"Interestingly, the deed to the current library entity was from a prior incarnation of the library, the 'Massena Library,' which was granted the property by a resident of Massena, Hattie Anderson, in 1916. The Library can provide copies of the library's deeds and charters over time to anyone who would like copies," she wrote.

While tax implications have been another hot topic, Adams wrote that transitioning to a school district library will increase operational efficiency.

"This can be a shrewd move financially (because services like snow removal can be bundled), but it can create the impression that the Library is merely a department of the school district or municipality. That impression is contrary to governing law, and any inquiry to the New York Attorney General Charities Bureau, the Office of the State Comptroller, or the New York Department of Education will confirm that," she wrote.

Adams said the transition will ultimately not see the building transition in ownership because the library is the sole owner.

"The Massena Public Library is the sole owner of the library's grounds, building and assets. If the current vote to change the way the library operates (moving from appointed to elected trustees and to direct voter approval of the budget) passes, the library will remain in the building, for terms set by the

library's governing board," she wrote.

County Agrees

To verify the attorney's opinion, North Country This Week also reached out to Green, director of the county Real Property Department.

Green confirmed that the Massena Public Library is not owned by the town and is in fact independent of the town.

Green said the library does not own the parking lot, which he says is actually owned by the Village of Massena.

Green also clarified the existing tax rolls that led to some confusion, saying the library "is exempt on the assessment roll with the exempt code of 13500 Town Owned. Which means it is Village, County, Town and School Exempt for taxes."

Through 2017, the assessment rolls listed the library as the Massena Public Library, however from 2018 moving forward, the name was changed to the Town of Massena Public Library, he said.

"Currently the budget for the Massena Public Library is within the Town of Massena budget which gets levied under the Town of Massena line on the Town and County tax bill," Green said.

He continued, saying "Property owners within the Town of Louisville and in the Massena School District have a separate line item for Public Library under the Town and County tax bill. This line item funds the Massena Public Library which amounted to \$9000 in 2024."

Green also said the towns of Brasher and Norfolk, who would fund the library if the library transitioned, said those residents "would have to ask each town if the funding is for their own town library or a combination of their library and the Massena Public Library."

Town's view

At the heart of the issue is a concern that the town might seek compensation for the building should the library district vote pass.

When asked to comment on the ownership of the building and whether the town would seek compensation for the building if the town believed they owned the property, Town Supervisor Sue Bellor offered no comment.

Further clarification was sought from the town attorney but no response was provided as of press-time Wednesday.

This is the second attempt in four years that library officials have attempted the transition after a failed attempt in 2020.

Voters in the towns of Brasher and Norfolk were resistant to the previous attempt and shot it down by a vote of 1,640 to 892.

Town of Massena officials approved the \$504,133 budget for

the current fiscal year, however library officials say services and employees have been slowly cut in recent years due to budget decreases. If the library were successful in transitioning, more services can be offered, more employees can be added, part-time employees can once again receive benefits with increased hours of employment and library hours could be extended, officials say.

The possibility of the library transitioning to a school district library would also come with a budget increase from \$504,133 to \$679,990, if approved.

If the vote were successful, residents that live within the Massena Central School District would all be responsible for paying for the library's expenses through school taxes. Along with Massena, the district also encompasses parts of Brasher, Louisville and Norfolk.

For residents in Louisville who have a home assessed at \$100,000, the tax to be assessed for the library will rise from \$6 to \$106 per year. In Brasher, residents with homes valued at \$100,000 would go from paying nothing to \$81 per year. In Norfolk, residents in the district with homes valued at \$100,000 will go from paying nothing to \$100 per year.

Library officials say a FAQ section on the library website that should address any question residents may have.

For more information, visit massenapubliclibrary.org.

MANAGER....

administrative leave in July of 2023 and stepped down from his role as Schuyler County Administrator weeks later.

The news reports do not provide details regarding the situation and did note that his leave was not an implication of any wrongdoing.

He held the administrator position for less than two years according to those reports and the articles note that his departure from the position was mutually agreed upon.

It's also been reported that Chronis served as assistant county administrator in Schoharie County, but details on his time and duties there were not immediately available.

Chronis was hired with help from Consultant John C. Krol and was a top priority for Mayor Tooley and the new city council.

The Ogdensburg City Manager seat was left vacant after the departure of Mohideen Buharie who served in the position for less than a year in 2023. Prior to that the role was filled by Stephen Jellie.

City Planner Andrea Smith has been serving as interim city manager since Buharie's departure.

Although the hire was approved by council a contract has not officially been signed.

His term will officially begin July 1.

MCS voters asked to vote on capital reserve fund, library transition

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI

North Country This Week

MASSENA — When voters head to the polls on May 21 to vote on the school budget and school board members, they will also be tasked with deciding if a capital reserve fund should be established.

Officials say the recommendation from the district's finance committee is to set up a 10-year fund of up to \$5 million.

Officials say the fund will be used for vehicle purchase for the transportation department, including buses.

Funds for the fund will come from the unassigned fund balance, budget appropriations and state aid.

Voting takes place at the Massena Community Center, 61 Beach Street, from noon to 8 p.m. on May 21.

'Though the library would be called a school district library, the school would have no oversight of the library.'

Another use for the funds would be for vehicle maintenance, including for tractors, trucks and vans, officials say.

Though the proposition calls for establishing a \$5 million fund, offi-

cials say that won't happen right off the bat. Unappropriated funds will initially start the fund, though that will not be enough to fully fund the reserve.

Superintendent Ron Burke said those funds will be just the first portion of funds that will finance the fund, with the district also using state aid down the road.

Also on the ballot, but unrelated to the school district, is the attempted transition of the Massena Public Library to a school district library.

Though the library would be called a school district library, the school would have no oversight of the library.

The term comes from the taxable base used to fund the library, which encompasses the school district. Voters will not only come from the town and village of Massena, but

also parts of Brasher, Louisville and Norfolk.

If successful, the library will transition from being municipally owned and will no longer have to negotiate a budget each year. Budget changes will only come if library officials ask for a budget increase, which will be on the school board ballot for district voters to decide on.

Library officials have said that they are seeking a \$679,990 budget, an increase from the \$504,133 appropriated by the town of Massena and the \$9,000 from Louisville this year.

Officials say the increase is for expected expenses like custodial services, accounting, additional staffing and additions to current programming.

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SUNY Canton to host no-cost air-source heat pump course

CANTON — SUNY Canton's Center for Workforce, Community & Industry Partnerships (WCIP) will host a no-cost course on the fundamentals of air-source heat pumps in June.

Designed for HVAC trade professionals, design engineers, and technology enthusiasts, this course delves into the fundamentals of refrigeration, empowering participants to size heat pump components confidently through meticulous building-load analysis. Participants will learn the intricate mechanisms of inverters and indoor cassettes.

The course consists of four, three-hour lessons led by Canino School of Engineering Technology Dean Michael J. Newtown and Lecturer Jay Simmons:

- 5-8 p.m. Monday, June 24
- 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 25
- 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 26
- 5-8 p.m. Thursday, June 27

The instruction is a partnership between WCIP and the Adirondack North Country Association, with funding support from NYSERDA.

Info: <https://www.canton.edu/wcip/noncredit/sustainable/heat-pump/>, or 315-386-7504, or email wcip@canton.edu.

Free solar training being offered in Canton

CANTON -- The Center for Workforce, Community & Industry Partnerships (WCIP) at SUNY Canton will host a free informational photovoltaic solar installation course this summer.

Attendees will learn the fundamentals of photovoltaic systems and how to handle and install components safely. The instruction is a partnership between WCIP and the Adirondack North Country Association, with funding support from NYSERDA.

The free training will be held throughout four weekday evenings, followed by an eight-hour weekend lesson. Dates and times are:

- Training Section One
- 5-7 p.m. Monday, June 3
 - 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, June 4
 - 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, June 5
 - 5-7 p.m. Thursday, June 6
 - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 8

- Training Section Two
- 5-7 p.m. Monday, June 10
 - 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, June 11
 - 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, June 12
 - 5-7 p.m. Thursday, June 13
 - 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, June 15
- The course is free and open to

the public, and no electrical experience is necessary, according to SUNY Canton Lecturer Nathan M. Havens, who teaches in the Electrical Construction and Maintenance

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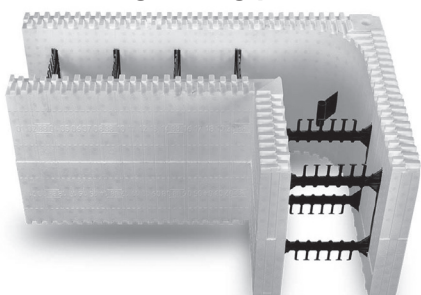
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Tips on biting back against ticks, Lyme disease this spring

Ticks are small and hard to spot, especially when they're in tall grasses.

Among the tall grasses and wildflowers that sprout each spring and summer lies a stealth predator just waiting for its chance at an easy meal.

Ticks may be small in stature, but their impact on bite victims is potentially significant.

Preventing Lyme disease and other tickborne illnesses comes down to following some key steps.

- Learn how common Lyme disease is. Lyme disease affects an estimated 476,000 people each year in the United States alone, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Division of Vector-Borne Diseases.

Lyme disease is most common in New England, the mid-Atlantic states and the upper Midwest. Between 2009 and 2022, the Government of Canada reported 17,080 human cases of Lyme disease across Canada.

However, instances of Lyme disease are likely underreported due to undiagnosed cases.

- Know which ticks carry Lyme disease. The black-legged deer tick and the Western black-legged tick carry the Lyme disease spirochete. The black-legged tick is native to the northeastern, mid-Atlantic and north-central U.S., while the western black-legged tick is found on the Pacific coast.

- Wear light-colored clothing outdoors. When traveling in areas where ticks reside, it is important to wear light-colored clothing.

Long pants and tall socks, long-sleeved shirts, and hats also should be worn. It is easier to spot ticks on light-colored clothing, and covering up prevents ticks from gaining easy access to skin.

- Know where to expect ticks. John's Hopkins Medicine says black-legged ticks live in moist and humid environments, particularly in and near wooded or grassy areas.

Walking through leaves and bushes or through tall grasses can disturb ticks and enable them to jump onto people or pets. To avoid ticks, walk in the center of trails and avoid tall vegetation.

- Be mindful of pets. Even if you do not venture outdoors into tick-laden environments, your dog may.

He or she can carry ticks into the house where they may end up on you or other family members. Prescription tick repellent products are available from veterinarians, and there are topical solutions and collars that can keep ticks away.

- Remove ticks quickly and correctly. The CDC says if a tick is removed in less than 24 hours from when it first attached, the chances of getting Lyme disease is very small. Remove a tick with fine-tipped tweezers as soon as it is noticed, being cautious to remove all mouth parts.

Try not to squeeze the tick, as it can regurgitate saliva and other fluids when squeezed.

- Repel ticks when possible. Create less favorable conditions for ticks. Use a product containing DEET or permethrin on clothing to repel ticks.

Some people use chemical-control agents on their properties to reduce the number of ticks in the yard. Discourage deer from the property, as they can carry many ticks, by erecting fences and removing vegetation that deer eat.

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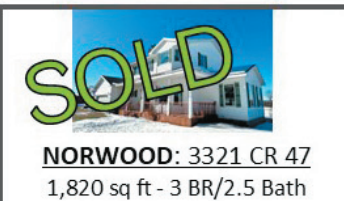
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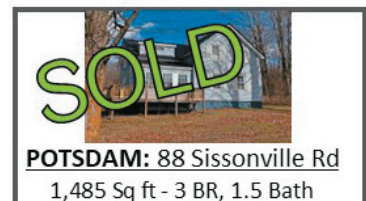
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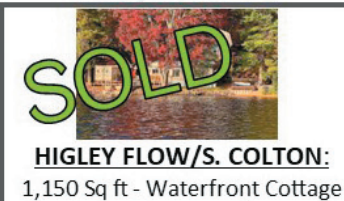
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Things to consider when hiring a contractor

Contractors perform important work for millions of homeowners every day. Home improvement projects are complicated undertakings, and the experience of skilled contractors can ensure jobs are completed on time and within homeowners' budgets.

Homeowners have undoubtedly heard horror stories from neighbors about projects that have gone awry. Projects can go sideways for a number of reasons, but a skilled contractor can help homeowners navigate such situations successfully. That underscores how important it can be to find the right professional for the job. The following are some tips homeowners can consider as they look to hire a contractor.

- Identify which professional you need. Some contractors are of the jack-of-all-trades variety, but many specialize in a particular line of work. It's important that homeowners identify which type of contractor they should work with prior to starting a project. This requires homeowners to define the goal of the project (i.e., new wood floor installation), which can serve as a springboard into finding the right type of contractor.

- Prioritize building safety. Safety should be the utmost priority for

homeowners and contractors alike. Prior to hiring a contractor, homeowners should identify any safety restrictions that might be enforced by local governments and take note of all the permits necessary to get a job done. Homeowners can then discuss those restrictions and permits as they interview contractors. Projects that do not adhere to code are illegal and can compromise homeowners' ability to sell their homes in the future. So it's vital to work with contractors who are familiar with local codes and aware of which permits are necessary to ensure a project can go forward.

- Insist on written estimates. Handshake agreements offer no protection to homeowners or contractors, so estimates indicating what will be done and how much the project will cost should be provided. Homeowners should insist on receiving written estimates and interpret an unwillingness to provide one as a significant red flag.

- Know your rights. Laws vary by region, but in general homeowners have a right to a written contract and contractors are obligated to provide a copy of that contract signed by both parties. That contract must be provided prior to the start of the project. The contract

should provide a detailed account of the work that will be done, as well as a timeline indicating important dates that components of the project will begin and be completed. The contract also should detail materials and who is providing them. Details regarding payments, guarantees and warranties also should be cited.

- Do not pay in cash. Some contractors may suggest that the project will cost less if they're paid in cash. However, home improvements should never be cash transactions. Cash does not indicate proof of payment, which can be problematic if a

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Ways to revitalize a garden this spring

Gardening is a rewarding hobby that pays a host of significant dividends. Many people love gardening because it allows them to spend time outdoors, and that simple pleasure is indeed a notable benefit of working in a garden. But the National Initiative for Consumer Horticulture notes that gardening provides a host of additional benefits, including helping people get sufficient levels of exercise, reduce stress and improve mood.

With so much to gain from gardening, it's no wonder people look forward to getting their hands dirty in the garden each spring. As the weather warms up, consider these tips to help bring a garden back to life.

- Discard the dead weight. Winter can take its toll on a garden, even in regions where the weather between December and early spring is not especially harsh. Discard dead plants that have lingered into spring and prune any perennials that need it. Branches that fell during winter storms also should be removed at this point if they have not previously been discarded.

- Test the soil. Soil testing kits can be purchased at local garden centers

and home improvement retailers. Such tests are inexpensive and can reveal if the soil needs to be amended to help plants thrive in the months to come.

- Mulch garden beds. Mulching benefits a garden by helping soil retain moisture and preventing the growth of weeds. Various garden experts note that mulching in spring can prevent weed seeds from germinating over the course of spring and summer. That means plants won't have to fight with weeds for water when the temperature warms up. It also means gardeners won't have to spend time pulling weeds this summer.

- Tune up your tools. Gardening tools have likely been sitting around gathering dust since fall. Serious gardeners know that tools can be expensive, so it pays to protect that investment by maintaining the tools. Sharpened pruners help make plants less vulnerable to infestation and infection. Well-maintained tools like shovels and hoes also make more demanding gardening jobs a little bit easier, so don't forget to tune up your tools before the weather warms up.

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Renovations that may help sell homes

The adage “there’s a lid for every pot” suggests that, even in relation to the real estate market, there’s bound to be a buyer for every home on the market. Price is a significant variable in the minds of potential buyers, but there are additional factors that can affect the impression people get of a given home.

Certain home features can tip the scales in favor of sellers. In fact, various renovations can help sell homes more readily. And these renovations need not cost a fortune. Putting a home on the market can be stressful, but these renovations may help it sell fast.

• A fresh coat of paint: Although painting is relatively inexpensive and a job that some do-it-yourselfers can tackle, it’s not a task relished by many. Painting is messy, it takes time, and requires moving furniture. In fact, prepping a room for painting often is the toughest component of any painting job. But fresh coats of paint can create a strong first impression. Choose a neutral color and get painting. Jennie Norris, chairwoman

for the International Association of Home Staging Professionals, says gray is a “safe” color that has been trending in recent years.

• Minor bathroom remodel: Remove dated wall coverings, replace fixtures, consider re-glazing or replacing an old tub, and swap old shower doors for fast fixes in a bathroom. If there’s more room in the budget, replacing a tub, tile surround, floor, toilet, sink, vanity, and fixtures can cost roughly \$10,500, says HGTV. You’ll recoup an average of \$10,700 at resale, making a minor bathroom remodel a potentially worthy investment.

• Redone kitchen: The kitchen tends to be the hub of a home. This room gets the most usage and attention of any space, and it’s a great place to focus your remodeling attention. The National Association of the Remodeling Industry estimates that homeowners can recover up to 52 percent of the cost of a kitchen upgrade upon selling a home. Buyers want a functional and updated kitchen.

Hot car danger warning

St. Lawrence County residents warned of hot car dangers for children as temps warm up this spring

With the weather warming up, St. Lawrence County parents and guardians must be aware of the dangers of leaving children behind in hot cars, as it can become deadly within minutes. On a hot day a car can heat up by 20 degrees in just 10 minutes.

The St. Lawrence County Child Passenger Safety Program would like to help these horrible events from happening with these safety reminders.

• Look before you lock. Make it a habit to always look before you lock

up the vehicle. Check the back seat, and then check again.

• Keep your vehicle locked when parked and keep your keys up and out of reach of children. 3 out of 10 deaths happen when an unattended child gets access to a vehicle.

• Take Action “Good Samaritan” laws offer legal protection for those who offer assistance in an emergency. Don’t wait, call 911 immediately, get the child out of the vehicle, and then spray the child with cool water.

For additional information on children in cars and heatstroke, contact Carrie Conger at 315-386-2207 or cconger@stlawco.gov.



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Samaritan Recognizes Mental Health Awareness Month

Do you treat your mental health with the same care and attention as you do your physical health?

It's a simple yet important question to consider, especially as we enter Mental Health Awareness Month.

Observed every May, this nationwide recognition event shines a light on the often overlooked but critically important aspects of our mental well-being.

For most of us, the honest answer to the above question is "no."

When we have cold or flu-like symptoms, we consult our doctor or an urgent care clinic. If we chip a tooth, we make an appointment with a dentist.

Yet, when we feel anxious, depressed or experience a traumatic event, we often avoid asking for help.

"It is quite common for people to brush off feelings of anxiety or depression rather than seek help from a mental health professional," says Tina O'Neil, director of mental health services at Samaritan Health.

"Some may think they can handle these feelings on their own, or they might feel embarrassed or ashamed about seeking help. Some people may not even realize that what they are experiencing is a mental health issue."

Watch for warning signs

Identifying the warning signs of mental illness can be a difficult – but critical – first step toward getting help.

All individuals have different behaviors, and all illnesses have different symptoms, but the following are some common warning signs of mental illness:

- Excessive worrying or fear
- Feeling excessively sad or low
- Confused thinking or problems concentrating and learning
- Extreme mood changes, including uncontrollable "highs" or feelings of euphoria
- Prolonged or strong feelings of irritability or anger
- Avoiding friends and social activities
- Changes in sleeping habits or feeling tired and low energy
- Changes in eating habits, such as increased hunger or lack of appetite
- Changes in sex drive
- Overuse of substances such as alcohol or drugs
- Inability to carry out daily activities or handle daily problems and stress

"Children and teens may also show warning signs of mental illness," says Samaritan Psychiatrist Daniel J. Williamson, MD.

"It is important to be aware of certain behaviors in youth, especially since they may not be capable of or comfortable talking about their full emotions at home."

In addition to the warning signs listed above, Dr. Williamson encourages families to watch for the following signs in children and adolescents.

- Changes in school performance
- Excessive worry or anxiety, for instance fighting to avoid bed or school
- Hyperactive behavior
- Frequent nightmares
- Frequent disobedience or aggression
- Frequent temper tantrums

Reaching out for help

If you notice any of these warning signs, or even if you think you do, the next step is to reach out for help.

Start by voicing your concerns to a trusted family member, friend or your primary care doctor. Then get in touch with a mental health



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'Our specialists are trained to treat anxiety disorders, mood disorders -- including depression -- sleep disorders, psychotic disorders, and just about any other mental or behavioral health concern a patient may need help with'

Tina O'Neil

Director of Mental Health Services

professional in your area.

Here in the North Country, Samaritan offers comprehensive mental health services for patients of all ages.

The Samaritan Outpatient Behavioral Health clinic, located at 1575 Washington Street in Watertown, provides various forms of counseling, talk therapy, medication-based treatment, and other interventions.

"Our specialists are trained to treat anxiety disorders, mood disorders — including depression — sleep disorders, psychotic disorders, and just about any other mental or behavioral health concern a patient may need help with," O'Neil says.

"Treatment is tailored to each patient, and we even offer counseling specific to couples, families and other situations."

New patients can access Samaritan's Outpatient Behavioral Health clinic by coming to walk-in hours from 8:00–11:00 a.m. Monday through Friday.

During the initial walk-in appointment, a caregiver will collect medical history, perform a brief assessment, and schedule a follow-up appointment with a therapist. Space is limited at walk-in hours.

In addition to providing outpatient care, Samaritan has resources to help in urgent mental health situations.

The emergency department at Samaritan Medical Center has a unit dedicated to behavioral health emergencies, and just upstairs, a 32-bed inpatient mental health unit provides a safe, caring and confidential environment for adults experiencing a severe psychiatric crisis.

Fighting against stigma

"One other thing I would like to mention about Samaritan is our commitment to edu-

cating patients, families and the community about mental health," says O'Neil.

"Raising awareness is our best way to fight against stigma and to help people feel more comfortable about seeking the care they need."

Fortunately, O'Neil says, she has seen public opinion on mental health changing for the better in recent years, thanks in part to efforts such as Mental Health Awareness Month.

Recent polling shows that 23% of American adults visited a mental health professional in 2022, up from just 13% of adults in 2004.

This shows that, while the need for mental health services has increased, so has the emphasis on seeking out help and achieving mental wellness. This trend is inspiring to O'Neil, who hopes to see the support and acceptance continue.

"We want everyone to feel comfortable seeking care for their mental health," she says.

"We can all benefit from counseling or talk therapy at certain points in our lives, just like we all benefit from regular visits to the doctor or dentist."

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Application Deadline: open until filled; application review begins immediately.

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Summer Employment Program Assistants will be hired to assist employment counselors with the recruitment, orientation, job site placement, counseling and indirect supervision of youth participating in the 2024 work experience program.

The assistants will interact with the worksite supervisors to ensure that the youth follow the rules of the summer work experience program, are compliant with labor laws, and maintain accurate payroll records. The assistants will also assist with resolution of any work related issues and will ensure that attendance records, employee evaluations and progress reports are in order.

Minimum qualifications are completion of a minimum of 60 semester credit hours in a regionally accredited college or possess a high school diploma or its equivalency and two years of full-time paid experience in education, job or manpower development, personnel counseling, recruitment and placement or an equivalent combination of training and experience. Applicants must have a valid driver's license as well as reliable transportation for business use. Travel is required throughout St. Lawrence County; mileage will be reimbursed at the Federal rate. This position pays \$21.15/hour for a 35 hour work week; there are no benefits. Please submit a letter of application and a resume with the names and contact information of three references (work-related preferred) to Manager, 80 State Highway 310, Suite 8, Canton, NY 13617. EOP

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3. GEOGRAPHY: Which country is surrounded by the country of South Africa?
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5. THEATER: What are the major divisions in a play?
6. TELEVISION: Which sitcom has the theme song, "Everywhere You Look"?
7. GAMES: How many checkers does each player get to start the game?
8. LITERATURE: Which children's book features a construction vehicle named Mary Anne?
9. ANATOMY: What are the smallest blood vessels in the human body called?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the name of the dog mascot on the front of a Cracker Jack box?

Answers found elsewhere in this paper.

complexities of the healthcare systems. Status: Full-time, Non-Exempt, Permanent Salary: \$27.29 - \$41.03 Deadline: May 29, 2024. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov.

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Board of Directors and staff team to advance the mission of the organization. The Executive Director will have overall strategic and operational responsibility for agency staff, programs, expansion, and execution of mission. Salary is \$58,500 plus generous benefit package. A complete position description and application instructions are at <https://getthehealthslc.org/work-with-us/>.

The Town of Rossie is accepting applications for a full-time Motor Equipment Oper-

ator (MEO). The successful applicant must have a valid and clean Class A or B license. Mechanical ability preferred. Excellent benefit package; HSA health insurance, NYS retirement, holidays, vacation, personal & sick time, comp. time, etc. Applications may be obtained by calling the Highway Superintendent, Jeff Hutton, at 315-324-5166 ext 11. The Town of Rossie is an EOE.

The Town of Morrystown is accepting applications for a Part-time Summer Employee

SUNY CANTON 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.

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ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY
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.
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to work June through September, Wednesday – Saturday, 24 hours per week. The job duties include maintaining the Bay Side Park and assisting with tasks throughout the hamlet. Applicants must be self-motivated and able to work independently. A driver's license is preferred but not required. The rate of pay being offered is \$18.00 per hour. Additional information can be obtained at the Town Clerk's office at 604 Main Street, Morrystown, NY 13664 or by calling 315-375-6510. All applications must be submitted to

the Town Clerk's office by 4:00 pm on Monday, May 20, 2024. Applications can be found on the Town's website: www.townofmorrystownny.org.

The School of Education and Professional Studies at SUNY Potsdam is accepting on-line applications for an Administrative Assistant 1 (AA1). AA1s ensure efficient operation of an office by performing a wide range of administrative tasks related to correspondence, files, and calendar management; work coordination; customer service;



Academic Counselors Liberty Partnerships Program

Location: Massena School District

Position Summary: The SUNY Canton LPP program works with numerous school districts and community-based organizations (CBO's) to deliver academic, career, college, social and emotional support to middle and high school students to graduate and enter the workforce and/or college. This position is responsible for providing services to students in grades 7 - 12 who are enrolled within the Massena School District. Duties include outreach, administering program assessments, planning and implementation of lessons, executing retention strategies, and working closely with students and families.

Position Responsibilities

- Provide services that support student academic success including but limited to; mentoring, tutoring, study skill development, social skills development, college/career exploration, personal learning plan development, community services and enrichment activities.
- Plan and develop fieldtrips and other educational activities that would include summer and afterschool programming. These activities will include social and life skills improvement, academic assistance, community service, employment preparation, college readiness, enrichment or cultural activities, mentoring, civic service, leadership, sports and wellness, social and emotional skill development.
- Screen, assess, and act independently to provide student and family referrals to community-based organizations and collaborating agencies for assistance.
- Administer program assessments including interest inventories, personal learning plans, and social/emotional tests to students.
- Serve as an advocate for students to schools, teachers, counselors, etc. to help students succeed. Enhance collaborative relationships to maximize the student's and family's ability to access supportive services.
- Work closely with partner school staff and counselors to identify and case manage Liberty students.
- When appropriate, conduct home visits and maintain ongoing home contact.
- Attend regular staff meetings and participate in professional development activities.
- Submit monthly LPP data reports including student academic and enrichment activities, student contact hours, grades, attendance etc.
- Committed to professional growth which is in alignment with student success, college and career access.

Essential Skills

- Must be able to work with a diverse and underserved population of students;
- Must have knowledge of workforce entry requirements and college admissions procedures;
- Be familiar with or have knowledge of prevention and intervention strategies for at-risk youth and families, principles related to youth development, program management, case management for at-risk youth and confidentiality requirements.
- Must have the ability to work well independently, as a team member and build positive relationships.
- Must have excellent organizational, interpersonal skills and communication skills both written and verbal;
- Demonstrated computer skills, Microsoft Office suite including One Drive and Outlook email functions, Microsoft Teams. Access database website/social media editing is considered an asset.

Education/Qualifications

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Education, counseling, social work, human services or related field and one or more years of professional experience working in an educational setting or related field. Valid New York State drivers license.

Preferred Qualifications: Master's degree in Education, counseling, social work, human services or related field. One or more years' experience working with a grant; experience working with students identified as "at risk", low-income, or first-generation students.

Hourly Rate: \$23.00 - \$24.00

Application Deadline: Review will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

Prior to a final offer of employment, the selected candidate will be required to submit to a background check including, but not limited to, employment verification, educational and other credential verification, and criminal background check. Persons interested in the above position should apply online at <https://employment.canton.edu/>

All appointments are contingent upon continued receipt of State funding and renewal of appointment is subject to the Research Foundation of SUNY policies and procedures, sponsor guidelines, and the availability of annual funding.

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fielding questions; information gathering; and compilation of reports. Required Qualifications: Promotion: one year of service in a clerical title allocated to Grade 6 and above; and completion of a two-year traineeship. See full job posting for further details. If you have not previously held a keyboarding position, you must pass the New York State Department of Civil Service Typing Performance Test. To review the posted job summary and basic job functions, required and preferred qualifications, special instructions to applicants, and/or to apply, visit <https://employment.potsdam.edu/job-posting-number-C-00412>.

Water Resources Technician: The Water Resources Technician (Technician) will perform field tests to monitor impacts to aquatic resources including water quality, wetlands and fish resources. The Technician is required to follow procedures, summarize results and ensure completeness, under the supervision of the Water Resources Program Manager. Status: Full-time, Non-Exempt Salary: \$15.79 - \$27.29 Deadline: May 22, 2024. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov.

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Programmer/ Analyst SL-2

The Department of Information Services at the State University of New York at Canton invites applications for the position of Programmer Analyst SL2. Other grades may be considered with prior relevant SUNY and Ellucian Banner experience. The successful candidate will work closely with functional area end users to support the College's software applications through implementation, enhancement, integration, and reporting activities. Duties will include research and analysis, as well as support for and implementation of Banner-centric software solutions.

Minimum Qualifications

- 4-year degree in Computer Science or a related field. OR 2-year degree in computer-related field with 2-years professional experience in the field.
- Actual programming experience at the level of an internship or equivalent
- Object Oriented Programming concepts as evidenced by experience in Java or other OOP languages.
- Knowledge/experience with SQL
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Customer service orientation
- Ability to keep pace with modern technology.
- Proactive attitude and ability to work both independently and as part of a team.

Preferred Qualifications

In addition to the minimum qualifications, it is preferred the candidate also have:

- Programming/analysis experience in SQL; PL/SQL
- Programming in a Linux/Unix environment
- OOP experience, such as Java
- Experience with PL/SQL Developer, IntelliJ, Visual Studio, or a comparable IDE.
- Familiarity with web technologies (Groovy, Grails, JavaScript, AngularJS, HTML5, etc.)
- Familiarity with version control such as Git or SubVersion
- Experience with Ellucian Banner, Ellucian Workflow and PageBuilder.
- Experience with SUNY SICAS supported applications.

Additional Information:

- Salary range for the SL2 position is \$45,000-50,000
- This is a 12-month, full-time position.
- This position is a grade SL-2 Programmer Analyst. Other grades may be considered commensurate with prior experience.
- These positions offer full New York State benefits which are among the most comprehensive in the country.

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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Skilled Trades HVAC

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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.



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

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.

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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.

SOAR, an active local seniors organization, is hiring an Administrative Assistant for routine office work, typically 15 hours per week, 9 am - 2 pm, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Flexibility in hours and days is

possible. Candidate must possess strong computer skills, show initiative, be able to multitask, and demonstrate the ability to work under pressure. Interviews will begin as soon as possible with work starting at the mutual convenience of the successful candidate and SOAR. View complete posting at www.soarnorthcountry.com. Submit resume and two references to: SOAR, Alicia Walter, SUNY Potsdam, 328 Van Housen Ext., 44 Pierrepont Avenue, Potsdam, NY 13676

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://stlawportal.mycivilservice.com/post/exams>. Applications received until the position is filled.

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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 Employer. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. The Research Foundation is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

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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!

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ing appointments, drafting legal documents. 28 hours/week, \$15.50/hour. Forward resume to: connie@bhattlawfirm.net

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Department: Athletics

Salary: \$42,500 - \$45,000

Job Description:

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The successful candidate will demonstrate excellent organization, oral and written communication skills, and an appreciation for the philosophy of the NCAA Division III. Selected candidate will be expected to adhere to all institutional, SUNYAC and NCAA rules, policies and procedures. Candidate must have strong program management skills, the ability to recruit and retain qualified and talented student athletes and a demonstrated commitment to students' athletic and academic success. Candidate must be willing to work evenings and weekends. Capacity to be a visible and engaging leader as well as work collaboratively with others including but not limited to faculty, admissions and residence life.

Required Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree.
- Demonstrated effectiveness coaching and/or playing volleyball.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Master's Degree.
- 1-3 years collegiate coaching and/or playing experience.
- The demonstrated ability to recruit, motivate, and retain a diverse, inclusive, and successful program.
- Experience with fundraising and alumni engagement.

Duties:

Organize, direct and supervise our women's volleyball program. Recruit outstanding student athletes, coach and train students, schedule opponents, participate in fundraising, monitor academic progress. Secondary responsibilities include working with sports information office or fitness center.

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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Starting late Sept 2024

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 - *CERTIFIED ELEMENTARY TEACHER*
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- Application (can be obtained in the Superintendent's Office at OFA or downloaded from our school website)
- Resume`
- Copy of New York State Teaching Certificate(s)
- Original College Transcript(s)
- Letters of Reference (3 Current)
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- English Teacher**
- School Social Worker**
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- English Language Learner Teacher**
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Women's Head Soccer Coach

Department: Athletics

Salary: \$42,500 - \$45,000

Job Description:

The State University of New York (SUNY) College at Canton invites qualified applications for a Women's Soccer Head Coach in the Athletics Department. This is a full-time, 10-month position beginning in May 2024.

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Required Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree
- Demonstrated effectiveness coaching and/or playing soccer.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Master's Degree
- 1-3 years collegiate coaching and/or playing experience.
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