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## Jury selection underway in murder trial

### Man accused of killing two different men

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI

North Country This Week

CANTON -- Juror selection in the murder trial of Adam Smith gets underway on Oct. 15, with two groups of jurors expected to be called over the next two weeks.



Adam Smith

Smith, 48, stands accused of murdering Ronald Durham, 72, Gouverneur, and William Freeman, 67, Rossie last year.

Smith was indicted on charges of first and second degree murder, manslaughter, first degree robbery, and first degree assault for the Feb. 11, 2023 killing of Durham. The indictment also charged Smith with the crimes of first and second degree murder, manslaughter, first degree robbery, and first degree assault, third and multiple accounts of fourth degree grand larceny for the March 1, 2023 killing of Freeman.

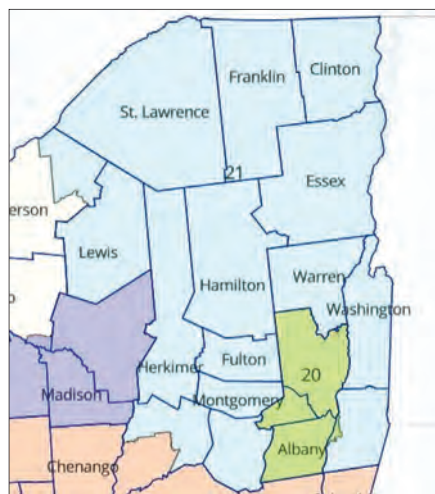
The larceny charges stem from Smith

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## 21st Congressional seat up for grabs



Elise Stefanik



NY 21st Congressional District



Paula Collins

### Stefanik focuses on inflation

BY JIMMY LAWTON

North Country This Week

Republican Congresswoman Elise Stefanik is seeking her sixth term representing the 21st Congressional District and says she remains the best choice for St. Lawrence County voters this fall.

Stefanik shares backing from Donald Trump supporters and was at one time on the short list as a potential vice presidential candidate. On the flipside she's been widely criticized by Democrats locally who accuse her claiming credit for bringing funding to local projects she doesn't deserve.

Stefanik says she is "focused on lowering inflation, securing the border including increasing resources for our Northern border, supporting local small businesses and agriculture, standing with law enforcement, and as the chief advocate for Fort Drum soldiers and military families as well as our local veterans."

"As the House GOP Conference Chair and member of Congressional leadership, I am unapologetic about fighting each day to give my

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### Collins: time for change

BY JIMMY LAWTON

North Country This Week

Democrat Paula Collins is challenging Elise Stefanik for the 21st Congressional District and says it's time for a change.

Collins faces an uphill battle against the incumbent who has defended the seat for the last four consecutive terms, but Collins said she felt obligated to run when she found out Stefanik was not facing a challenger.

"I'm a cannabis tax attorney, which in New York, means that since about 2021 I've spent much of my time traveling the state, talking to licensed hopefuls and entrepreneurs to build their businesses in the regulated cannabis space in New York," she said.

Collins said that while she hailed from down state she began to see through the eyes of her clients, what some of the challenges were and what some of the delights were of living outside of the city.

"I began to settle in and think, okay, I'd really like to build a life here, I asked who will my congressional representative be? And I

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## On back of the ballot in November election

### Left and right divided on Proposition 1

BY JIMMY LAWTON

North Country This Week

A controversial measure on the New York State ballot this year would amend the constitution to expand existing equal protection of laws.

Specifically the proposition would amend the state constitution to read:

"No person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws of this state or any subdivision thereof.

"a. No person shall, because of race, color, [ethnicity, national origin, age, disability,] creed, religion, [or sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression,

pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, and reproductive healthcare and autonomy,] be subjected to any discrimination in [their] civil rights by any other person or by any firm, corporation, or institution, or by the state or any agency or subdivision of the state, [pursuant to law.]

"b. Nothing in this section shall invalidate or prevent the adoption of any law, regulation, program, or practice that is designed to prevent or dismantle discrimination on the basis of a characteristic listed in this section, nor shall any characteristic listed in this section be interpreted to interfere with, limit, or deny the civil rights of any person based upon any other characteristic identified in

this section."

While section b. would be entirely new, the changes of the section "a" are in brackets.

Proponents of the measure say the proposal would strengthen and codify protections of a number of rights, especially, but not limited to a woman's right to have an abortion.

And though it's been dismissed as "fear mongering" by Democrats, Republican opponents of the amendment believe it could limit parental rights by including age as a protected class. They say it would open the doors for children to make their own healthcare decisions.

Concerns have also been raised that it would impact issues regarding high school sports teams specifically that it would impact whether transgender girls play on high school girls sports teams.

#### Along party lines

Gov. Kathy Hochul is one of the strongest proponents of the measure. She has championed what is commonly referred to as the 'equal rights' amendment.

"New Yorkers deserve the freedom to control their own lives and healthcare decisions, including the right to abortion

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## Canton Justice Office seeks grant for record management, new office construction

BY PAUL MITCHELL  
North Country This Week

CANTON - The Canton Justice Court office will be seeking grant money to scan and shred old court records and do construction work in the court office at the Canton Municipal Building, 60 Main St.

The Canton Town Board endorsed a resolution on Wednesday night to authorize Justice Michael Morgan to apply for a \$30,000 Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) grant.

Morgan told town board members his office still has 44 boxes of old court records dating back to the 1960s that need to be scanned or shredded. That cost along with the cost to replace a wall and paint it totals \$29,845.

The adopted resolution states that for several years the Canton Town Board has supported the Canton Justice Court to apply for Justice Court Assistance Program grants enhancing the operations of the Court and supporting municipal building projects.

The resolution notes that the Justice Court for the Town of Canton has a heavy caseload because of the presences of two colleges, the St Lawrence County jail within its jurisdictions, and the Village Court dissolving in December 2012, merging with the Town; and the Canton Justice Court System operates at a high degree of efficiency despite the constraints faced by a community where 65 percent of its property is tax exempt.

The grant money, the resolution continues, states the Canton Justice Court System could improve its efficiency by using a grant through the Justice Court Assistance Program that would upgrade space, operations, supplies and equipment.

The town board also recognized Canton Town Court Clerk Marc Armstrong who was recently named County Court Clerk of the Year for New York State. Armstrong was nominated by his peers in St. Lawrence County.

## Potsdam town board moving in on final budget numbers

BY ADAM ATKINSON  
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — The Potsdam town board is moving in on the final projections for its 2025 budget.

A public hearing has been set for comment from taxpayers on the coming year's fiscal plan on Thursday, Nov. 7, at 05:30 p.m. The board is expected to approve the plan after the hearing.

While the numbers are still being worked out by town officials, the 2025 budget could feature a slight tax increase for the general fund to \$1.93 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, up from \$1.72 per \$1,000 of assessed value in the current year. Total tax levy could also increase from \$1,009,656.21 to \$1,141,722. Appropriations for the 2025 general fund in the tentative budget are projected to be \$2,027,022, up from the current year's \$1,995,356.21 million.

A copy of the 2025 tentative

budget can be viewed online on the town website at <https://tinyurl.com/5dw9t4mt>.

At their meeting Oct. 8, after a budget work session, board members adopted a local law establishing a tax cap override for budget year 2025 and a local law establishing a property tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers.

The board's local law which overrides the tax cap is typically passed by municipalities every year when government boards are crafting its budget. The override is something of a "just in case" measure allowing governments to levy additional taxes past the state-established tax cap if more dollars are needed to cover coming annual expenses.

The law allows Potsdam to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied pursuant to General Municipal Law 3-c, and would allow the town to adopt a budget requiring a real property tax levy in excess

the level limit as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

The second local law adopted by the town board at the Oct. 8 meeting, establishes a real property tax exemption for firefighters and ambulance workers for the coming year as allowed under state Real Property Tax Law 466-a.

The tax break amounts to 10 percent of the assessed value of real property for those that meet the following qualifications:

- The individual is an enrolled and certified member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or volunteer ambulance service that serves the Town of Potsdam and has a minimum of two (2) years of service with an organization that serves the Town of Potsdam; and

- The individual resides in the Town of Potsdam and the property receiving the benefit is the primary residence of the individual and is used exclusively for residential purposes, and any portion of the property not used for residential purposes shall be subject to taxation.

The law further allows the exemption to be made a lifetime tax levy break for those who have logged 20 or more years of active firefighting and/or ambulance service in the town of Potsdam. Their primary residence needs to be in the town. Also, the unmarried spouse of a late firefighter or ambulance worker who had more than 20 or more years is allowed to maintain the 10 percent exemption.

The board held two public hearings on the local laws at the beginning of its Oct. 8 meeting.

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## Homeowners escape fire on Farmer Street in Canton

CANTON — A Farmer Street home sustained extensive damage during a fire Friday evening, according to Canton fire.

Canton Fire, Canton Rescue, and County Car 4 were dispatched at 5:49 p.m. to a reported kitchen fire at 11 Farmer Street, the department said in an online post.

Chief McGregor arrived shortly thereafter and confirmed a working fire in the 1 1/2 story wood frame residence.

Firefighters were reportedly met with a heavy volume of fire on the first floor. The bulk of the fire was knocked down within 20 minutes, fire officials said.

The residents were home at the time of the fire and escaped unharmed.

The cause of the fire is under investigation by members of the St. Lawrence County Fire Investigation Team.

Mutual aid was provided by West Potsdam Fire, Potsdam Fire, SLC FIT, SLC Car 4, SLC Car 10, Canton Rescue, Canton police, and National Grid.

Twenty three members responded and all units were back in service at 11 p.m..

# Court halts concealed carry law

## Would ban default carry on private property

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

CANTON -- A Federal judge for the Western District of New York has struck down part of Governor Kathy Hochul's Concealed Carry Improvement Act (CCIA) that aimed to ban firearms on all publicly open private property.

The news of the legal ruling in *Christian v. James* was long awaited after the legal challenge was filed in the wake of the restrictive legislation passed in 2022.

The CCIA was passed by state legislators and Governor Kathy Hochul in "direct retribution" to the U.S. Supreme Court overturning New York's 109-year-old concealed carry laws.

The legislation created new requirements to obtain a concealed carry license and governed firearm ownership in general, including a 16-hour course with two hours of range time, an extensive list of spaces where firearms are prohibited, the requirement to disclose all social media information to law enforcement when applying for a concealed carry license, the requirement to disclose all firearms and persons in the home, along with a "good moral character" clause that gave licensing officers broad discretion of what constitutes "good moral character."

Under the CCIA, the law made it a felony for concealed-carry license holders to possess a firearm on all private property, unless the relevant property holders actually permitted the possession of a firearm by use of a sign or by express consent.

"The State has not established that its sweeping prohibition of carriage on private property open to the public 'is part of the historical tradition that delimits the outer bounds of the right to keep and bear arms,'" court documents state.

With the ruling now enjoining the state's ban on carrying firearms on publicly accessible private property, state officials have signaled they will continue the fight, possibly through new legislation.

Governor Kathy Hochul said state lawmakers were ready to "double down" on the lawsuit and other legislation that was recently signed into law.

"Lawmakers came up with legislation. And we have a prohibition on

**'And we have a prohibition on concealed carry weapons in sensitive places. I personally think every place is sensitive.'**

**Kathy Hochul**  
NYS Governor

concealed carry weapons in sensitive places. I personally think every place is sensitive," Hochul said at a recent press conference.

Firearms Policy Coalition leaders praised the ruling, saying it was a major step forward for gun owners.

"This is yet another important victory for Second Amendment rights and another major loss for New York, authoritarian governments, and radical anti-rights organizations like Everytown and Giffords. We will continue to fight forward as we work to restore the full scope of the right to keep and bear arms throughout the United States. Hopefully Kathy Hochul is ready to write another check for legal fees," said FPC President Brandon Combs.

The Western District's ruling has struck another blow to the CCIA, just three months after the Supreme Court remanded another case, *Antonyuk v. James*, back to the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals for another decision that falls more in line with the Bruen decision of 2022.

St. Lawrence County Attorney Steve Button, who is working as counsel with Gun Owners of America on the *Antonyuk* case, said there is no timetable for the 2nd Circuit to rule on the case again but is confident in the legal merits of the argument.

"This case has significant consequences not only for the citizens of St. Lawrence County, but for New York State in general. With the Supreme Court now weighing in and remanding the case back to the 2nd Circuit, we feel that our legal arguments are strong and fall

in line with the Bruen decision," he said.

He also commented that no supporting documents or amicus brief can be filed by stakeholders not directly involved in the litigation.

The Bruen decision Button spoke of comes from the landmark case *NYSRPA v. Bruen* that the Supreme Court ruled on in 2022, greatly expanding gun rights and the definition of the 2nd Amendment.

Under the ruling, many gun rights organizations have since launched lawsuits against state lawmakers, arguing laws passed to ban "assault rifles" and high capacity magazines, among others, violate the 2nd Amendment.

Button said cases are now weighed against a historical analogue that must be consistent with those passed at the founding of the nation and when the 2nd Amendment was ratified in 1791.

In many cases, state lawmakers and attorneys general have since pivoted to an 1868 interpretation of the laws, arguing that post-Reconstruction Era urban centers were on the rise and further restrictions on firearms became necessary for the safety of the public.

But critics of that interpretation say those laws were founded in racist rhetoric as governments sought to keep firearms out of the hands of Native Americans, freed slaves and former Confederate soldiers and sympathizers who may harbor those allegiances post-Civil War.

In remanding the case back to the lower court, the Supreme Court vacated the original decision issued by the 2nd Circuit that upheld most aspects of the CCIA, in essence reverting back to a Northern District court decision from Justice Glenn T. Suddaby that largely ruled the CCIA to be unconstitutional until the 2nd Circuit weighs in again.



Emmaleigh Fregoe | Submitted

## Northern Lights in Norwood

Jaten Fregoe, 9, Norwood, was very excited to wake up in the middle of the night to see the Northern Lights for his first time. His favorite part was watching the lights dance across the sky.

## Man jailed after domestic

CANTON — A Canton man was jailed Saturday on two felonies stemming from an alleged domestic dispute on Jingleville Road, according to St. Lawrence County sheriff's deputies.

Westley A. Daniels, 37, was charged with first-degree unlawful imprisonment and second-degree strangulation, both felonies, officers said.

He was also cited for second-degree menacing and second-degree harassment, deputies said.

Daniels was reportedly arraigned by Judge Burns in Lisbon court and remanded to St. Lawrence County jail on \$25,000 bail.

A no-contact order of protection was issued in favor of the victim, officers said.

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#### WHO & WHEN

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#### IMPACT

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**Q: Aren't equal rights for all already protected in NY?**

A: Only race and religion are currently protected in NY's Constitution. This amendment's intention is to include us all.

**Q: But isn't the right to an abortion pretty safe in NY?**

A: There have been 53 anti-abortion bills presented in NY in the last decade. Including reproductive rights in our NY Constitution prevents a potential future bill from being enacted into law.

**Q: How critical is it to pass NY's ERA now?**

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# Sen. Stec addresses border issues with legislature, calls for 'Green Light Law' end

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

CANTON -- While visiting the North Country on Oct. 7 state Senator Dan Stec visited the St. Lawrence County legislature to offer an update on his attempt to repeal the "Green Light Law."

The legislation, which was first passed in 2019, has come under significant scrutiny in recent months as illegal border crossings in the Swanton Sector continue to surge.

The sector covers the State of Vermont; Clinton, Essex, Franklin, St. Lawrence and Herkimer counties of New York; and Coos, Grafton and Carroll counties of New Hampshire.

According to Stec, 19,000 illegal migrants have been apprehended by Border Patrol here this year alone.

Compare that to the next closest sector in terms of figures and the Swanton Sector paints the real picture, he said.

"The next closest is out near Seattle. They've had around 1,100 over the same time frame. So, they know it's easier to cross in the Swanton Sector," Stec said.

That's because flights into Canada are cheap and regulations allow them to enter the country with impunity, Stec said.

Stec commended St. Lawrence County Sheriff Rick Engle "for his leadership in his role on the border."

He commented that it was Engle who brought up the "Green Light Law" again to him.

"It's an old issue, an old law. I saw that and it jogged my memory. As it happens, there's a bill in the legislature that's been in the legislature for a while...we are carrying a bill to repeal the Greenlight Law," Stec said.

But that bill faces long odds and has failed to advance for multiple legislative sessions.

The legislation would exempt seven border counties from being subject to the "Green Light Law," allowing police agencies to share vital information regarding migrants who entered the country illegally, Stec said.

Stec explained that the Green Light Law restricts the sharing of information between local and federal agencies. He said they can't access driving records or criminal records, which can create a dangerous situation for police officers and Border Patrol agents.

Stec pointed toward the Driver's License Access and Privacy Act as a large catalyst for ongoing communication issues for law enforcement agencies.

The Driver's License Access and Privacy Act was enacted on June 17, 2019 and took effect on Dec. 16, 2019. It allows all New Yorkers age 16 and older to apply for a standard, not-for-federal purpose, non-commercial driver license or learner permit regardless of their citizenship or lawful status in the United States.

"This law made it very easy for someone not here legally to obtain a driver's license that is indistinguishable from yours or mine," Stec said.

He said police officers conducting traffic stops won't know the difference.

"There is no information on their immigration status. No information on their criminal record in that case," Stec said.

Stec questioned whether such licenses would also allow illegal migrants to vote in elections.

"Voter registration and integrity of the ballot are of the utmost concern to us," he said.

According to multiple online sources, including the Bipartisan Policy Center, the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 explicitly prohibits noncitizens from voting in federal elections.

"It is not legal in any state for a noncitizen to cast a ballot in a federal election," the website states.

As well, no state currently allows noncitizens to vote in statewide elections, according to the Center.

Stec commented that he, along with Senator Mark Walczyk, Assemblymen Scott Gray and Ken Blankenbush will continue to call on Governor Hochul to suspend the state's sanctuary status so the state can address the migrant crisis.

"If she doesn't repeal it with executive action we hope she will at least have a discussion about it," Stec said.

He said his office receives calls every day from constituents along the border who have migrants crossing their property.

"We have migrants banging on the doors of school buses looking for a ride. It's all documented," Stec said.

Congresswoman Elise Stefanik also posted about alleged school bus incidents in an Oct. 8 post that can be seen here, however North Country This Week has not been able to independently corroborate such claims.

"It's not a disaster across the entire northern border, it's concentrated where we live. Two years ago we saw 2,500 apprehensions in the Swanton Sector. Trust me, Border Patrol are frustrated too," Stec said.

Stec said politicians and most media sources are largely focused on the southern border, calling the northern border the "forgotten border."

"Locals know, our local media knows now and North Country reps in Albany know what is happening," Stec commented.

He said with the coming election in November there could be a shift in border policy but in the meantime first responders and local resources are being drained continually.

Stec said he was recently in Churubusco with Stefanik to meet with first responders who have detailed their interactions with migrants.

Residents who have had encounters were also in attendance, he said.

"The stories you're reading in the paper, that you see online with migrants illegally crossing their properties. Those people were there at the meeting," he said.

"You can hear the fear in their voice and see it in their eyes. They're afraid to use their property along the border," Stec said.

While the state legislature is not in session, Stec said he and other North Country representatives will continue to push the issue.

"We hear you and we'll continue to do everything we can to help," Stec said.



Backwoods Taxidermy | Courtesy

Alexa Livernois harvested this bear with a muzzleloader, and then had to load the large animal onto the bucket of a tractor to get it out of the woods.

## Bear shot by teen requires tractor to get out of woods

BY MATT LINDSEY  
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — A Potsdam teenager harvested a bear so heavy that a tractor was needed to get it out of the woods.

Alexa Livernois, 18, shot the near 600-pound bear this weekend in southern St. Lawrence County, according to her father, Brian Livernois.

The massive animal weighed 577 alive and its dress weight was 466. Dress weight refers to the weight of an animal after being partially butchered, removing the internal

organs.

This was the first bear she harvested, Livernois said of his daughter.

Alexa's boyfriend Mat shot a 314 pound bear a couple weeks ago as well.

Livernois, a taxidermist, will turn the bear into a rug for his daughter.

"It's great for her, it doesn't cost her anything," the proud dad joked.

The meat was donated to a local butcher for distribution. A muzzleloader was used to take the animal, Livernois said.

## Town works on \$4M budget

CANTON — Members of the Canton Town Board continue to work on a proposed 2025 budget totaling \$4,055,532.88.

The next budget session will be held Oct. 24 at 4 p.m. at the Canton Municipal Building.

Town Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley noted that as of Thursday, Oct. 10, the proposed tax rate is \$2.959363 per \$1,000 assessed value, a slight increase over the 2023 tax rate of \$2.95 per \$1,000 assessed value. The proposed tax levy is \$1,205,941.

The tax rate will be \$2.96 in 2025

unless town officials opt to override the tax cap.

The budget has increases in costs of payroll including retirement and health insurance costs.

Ashley said the budget figures are most likely going to change due to continued process and discussions. A public hearing on the proposed spending plan will be held Nov. 4 at 6 p.m. at the Canton Municipal Building. The town board has until Nov. 18 to adopt the budget.

Board members voted previously to override the tax cap if necessary.

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### Out in the orchard in Potsdam

Potsdam Head Start recently took a field trip to Goodwin's Orchard in Potsdam. The program is still accepting students ages 3 or 4 before Dec. 1, 2024, to join in the fun at their local Head Starts in St. Lawrence County. For more info, call 315-386-8574.

# Final list set for Canton NY Forward funding projects

BY PAUL MITCHELL  
North Country This Week

CANTON – A list of projects that will enhance the quality of life in the Village of Canton and provide a boost to the local economy is set for state review as part of a \$4.5 million NY Forward grant.

In all, nine projects totalling \$7,981,000, including the redevelopment of downtown's former Midtown Plaza, were deemed most worthy of state funding by Canton's NY Forward Local Planning Committee.

"The committee was pleased to see the number of projects submitted for consideration and we worked hard to narrow the group down to the expense range NY State was asking for. Public input played a key role in the final list and it was nice to see that participation," stated Mayor Michael Dalton. "The projects submitted to New York state all would add value to our community. Now we wait."

A strategic investment plan written by the consulting firm MJ Engineering, Clifton Park is expected to be submitted to the state in December with the state's announcement

of approved projects earmarked for the spring of 2025.

The mayor noted that projects that did not make the final list have been added to a Pipeline Projects list that will be beneficial in future grant applications.

"Any project not selected for NY Forward funding, including the Pipeline Projects, gains extra points in further grant applications. The Village Economic Developer [Leigh Rodriguez] will use this opportunity to advance additional grant applications," he said.

Dalton applauded the work of the Local Planning Committee who had the difficult task of prioritizing the more than a dozen project submissions.

"I would like to thank the Local Planning Committee (LPC) for their efforts. It was a pleasure to work with a cross section of our community. The state representatives and the group from MJ Engineering were class acts and great to work with," Dalton remarked.

The project ready to advance are: Upgrade Riverside Drive Streetscape and Gouverneur Street Gateway signage  
Enhance park amenities in the

- Village Green
- Renovate 11 and 11 1/2 Riverside Drive into a commercial fitness center and two dance studio
- Redevelopment of the former Midtown Plaza
- Nature's Storehouse expansion
- The Tick Tock revival
- Renovation and upgrades to the TAUNY Center
- Establish a small project fund
- Canton branding and marketing initiative
- Dalton and Kathryn Morris, President of St. Lawrence University and Co-Chair of the North Country Regional Economic Development Council, served as the Canton LPC Co-Chairs.
- Potential Pipeline projects include:
  - Enhancements to Willow Island
  - Renovate 95 Main Street to become accessible, historic, and energy efficient
  - Renovate 51 Main Street to make more desirable for customers and provide affordable housing
  - Upgrade the Frozen Spoon
  - Mix-use redevelopment of 15 Gouverneur Street
  - Third floor renovation of 75 Main Street into three apartments

## New street would pass near Market Square building

# Village board considers concept designs for Brooks Street

BY ADAM ATKINSON  
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — Village officials recently reviewed the engineering plan for the construction of Brooks Street.

At their meeting Monday, Oct. 8, the village board of trustees got a comprehensive review of a couple concept plans for the new street which will connect Raymond and Depot as part of an overhaul at the Market Square Mall and other work on the block.

Fred Hanss, the village's planning and development director, told village board members that the village had asked architecture firm LaBella Associates, represented locally by architect Brooks Washburn whose offices are at 12

Depot, to produce a couple conceptual renderings of the street which will take over the duties of the decommissioned Liberty Street, essentially a passthrough that connects Depot and Raymond.

Washburn, a well-known local architect who recently affiliated with LaBella, is the owner of the Market Square Mall and is planning various revisions to the building. The work dovetails with the village's state Downtown Revitalization Initiative projects in the Market Street area.

LaBella Associates was the successful bidder that secured the design contract for the project from the village.

Andy Rymph, LaBella landscape designer, presented two

concepts for the street to the village.

The new street, which would pass near the Market Square building, required a land swap between the village and Washburn. The street would provide a new connector roadway between Depot and Raymond through space that is currently not a dedicated roadway, but a parking area.

Both designs involve construction of a two-lane roadway with sidewalks and trees, explained Rymph.

One concept attempts to maximize parking by incorporating spaces on one side and a sidewalk on the other, while the other is more like an urban street with sidewalks on both sides and street lights on only one side.

"In totality (with both designs)... we are netting more parking than we currently have," Rymph told the board.

Initially, both designs ended up being slightly more expensive than the village's budget. However, Rymph said designers had worked on the concepts to bring them more in line with the price point.

The project is being funded by an 80/20 village match grant from the Northern Border Regional Commission.

The project work still needs

to go to bid before a final cost is known.

Village board members reviewed the concepts and discussed the parking spaces that would be realized from the project, sidewalks and how the project would tie into DRI projects and the village's plan to build a pedestrian bridge from Garner Park to Fall Island.

Village board members agreed to further review the two concepts presented and submit their preference within 30 days.

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# New Canton-Potsdam Hospital entrance now open

POTSDAM – After much anticipation and work over the past two years, Canton-Potsdam Hospital (CPH) opened its new Main Entrance off Grove Street on Oct. 15.

In preparation of the opening, a

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held on Monday, October 7, in which approximately 200 community members, team members, dignitaries, and political representatives were on-site to mark this momentous occasion. Prior to this event,

the new CPH Emergency Department opened its doors to the public on Tuesday, September 17. The opening of the new Main Entrance/Lobby/Registration on October 15 also begins the movement of patients from the older

east wing to the new west wing. All medical/surgical inpatients will be relocated by Tuesday, October 22. As a reminder, the Critical Care Unit, and Observation Unit patient beds will remain in their current locations.

The undertaking of the Regional Care Pavilion, or new west wing, construction project by Rochester Regional Health's St. Lawrence Region team, has been a combined effort of every department throughout CPH.

## RECENT DEATHS

- ERIK FAIRBANKS**, 32, Gouverneur. Arrangements with French Funeral Home, Gouverneur.
- DAVID KINGSTON**, 79, Canton, Oct. 4. Arrangements with O'Leary Funeral Service, Canton.
- LINDA KELLEY**, 77, Potsdam, Oct. 6.
- JOSEPH DISOTELL**, 40, Potsdam, Oct. 7. Arrangements with Garner Funeral Home, Potsdam.
- NANCY RICHARDS**, 72, Norfolk, Oct. 9. Arrangements with Buck Funeral Home, Norfolk.
- PAMELA GOTHAM**, 75, Hermon, Oct. 10. Arrangements with O'Leary Funeral Service, Canton.
- MARCUS MOE**, 43, Gouverneur, Oct. 10. Arrangements with French Funeral Home, Gouverneur.
- AGNES WOODROW**, 102, Hermon, Oct. 14. Arrangements with Green Funeral Home, Gouverneur.

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## OBITUARIES

### Edward C. Dupray, 73

Waddington

many different kinds of fish that he caught in the St. Lawrence River.

Throughout his life, Ed always had a love of cars. With a steady hand at the time, he painstakingly built custom model car kits and painted them with exact details of each model and year.



Edward Dupray

He enjoyed visiting at various car shops in the area where he would lend a hand whether it be mechanics, painting or refurbishing. Ed restored a small Chevy S-10 truck and took it on the car show circuit where he won several trophies and awards.

Ed is predeceased by his parents, Henry and Elizabeth (Kormanyos) Dupray, younger brother David and brother-in-law Richard Martin. He is survived from a previous marriage to Sharon Koch by his daughter, Crystal (Justin) Wraight and three granddaughters Cora, Sylvie and Marley of Lewisville, NC and his son Dustin Dupray of Lisbon, NY. He is also survived by his sisters, Susan (Bruce) Griffin, Burke, NY, MaryAnne Martin, Waddington, NY and Pearl (James) Oshier, Waddington, NY, sister-in-law, Kathy Dupray Putney, Rensselaer Falls, NY and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Ed was a very generous, kind and gifted fellow whose life touched many others. He will be greatly missed.

Our family would like to deeply thank the many Doctors, nurses, support staff and drivers for their many years of caring for Ed while on his dialysis journey of nearly 20 years. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Dr. Ravinder N. Agarwal Renal Center, 124 Ford Ave, Ogdensburg, NY 13669.

A private memorial celebration of life for Ed will be held at a later date at the convenience of the family.

### Mary Anne (Ahlfeld) Butler, 72

Massena

MASSENA - The family of Mary Anne (Ahlfeld) Butler sadly shares her passing on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 in St. George Utah.

Mary Anne was born in Massena NY on October 13, 1951 to the late Scotty and Connie (Lamanna) Ahlfeld. She is survived by her loving husband of 49 years Bob Butler, son Jason, and cherished granddaughters Amelia and Gloria. She is also survived by her brothers, Rick (Donna Jacoby) Ahlfeld and Tim (Kathy) Ahlfeld both of Massena, NY, and sister Judy Seil of Rochester, NY. Mary Anne was a beloved aunt to Bob Ahlfeld, Nick (Karen) Ahlfeld, Jessica Ahlfeld, Samantha Ahlfeld, Tim (Katie) Seil, Andy (Gabby) Seil. And great-aunt to Scotty and JJ Ahlfeld, Charlotte Ahlfeld, and Nolan Seil.

Mary Anne attend Sacred Heart and graduated from Holy Family in 1969. She graduated from Powel-

son's Business Institute and spent her career as a medical secretary.

Mary Anne and Bob travelled the globe with Bob's various Air Force assignments in Arizona, New Mexico, South Dakota, Korea, Germany and finally in Las Vegas. Upon retirement they moved to St. George Utah where they enjoyed skiing, golf and bowling.

Mary Anne battled MS bravely for over 40 years with never a complaint. She golfed up until two years ago and always had a positive attitude. She will be missed by her family and friends and remembered for her strength and courage.

Arrangements are to be held privately at the convenience of the family.

Family and friends are welcome to share online condolence, memories and photos by visiting www.PhillipsMemorial.com

### Clara Smith, 93

Formerly of Massena

great-grandchildren: Joshua, Brandon, Noah, Coral, Devin, Marah, and great-great grandchildren;

Maxwell, Dalila, Kaylor, Bentley, Noah Jr., Mya, Vickie and Thomas. Her siblings include Carl and his wife Sarah Caskinette of Norfolk,

Theresa Perry, and Beatrice Darrow, both of Florida, Wayne

and his wife Tanis Caskinette of Niagara Falls, NY and Terry Caskinette of Maine. Besides her parents and husband, she was also predeceased by a sister, Rita Elder, and a half-sister, Bonnie Green.

Online condolences, memories and pictures may be shared with the family by visiting, www.PhillipsMemorial.com



Clara Smith

### Joseph R. Disotell, 40

Potsdam

POTSDAM - Funeral services for Joseph R. Disotell, age 40, will be held at the Garner Funeral Service, in Potsdam, with Deidra Hogle officiating on Friday, October 11th, 2024 at 6:00pm. Calling hours will be from 4:00pm until the time of the funeral. Condolences for the Disotell family can be shared at [www.garnerfh.com](http://www.garnerfh.com).

A celebration of life will be held Saturday from noon until 4:00pm at the Amvets in Colton, N.Y.

Joseph passed away Monday, October 7th, 2024. He was born June 22, 1984 in Watertown, NY.

A visionary leader, rich in wisdom, willing to inspire and guide others, will be greatly missed by many. He was a shining example of compassion, always ready to lend a helping hand, whether it be tree maintenance, automotive repair, or carpentry. He poured his heart into the task, seeking only a sweet treat in return.

With an unrelenting passion for speed, Joe's heart raced with excitement whenever he worked on or rode anything with wheels. From lawnmowers to race cars always igniting an infectious smile. His cherished motorcycle symbolized freedom and sharing thrilling rides with friends created unforgettable memories. Music also brought Joe immense joy as he sang karaoke, listened to local bands, enjoyed his fathers talent and sang along to any song on the radio, fueled by his daily coffee at Dunkin' Donuts.

He was king of the kitchen, whipping up meals like a pro. Making sure everyone else got served first. Cooking, camping, boating with friends and bartending at camp were his favorite past times.

As a remarkable father, his true joy came from his children, passing down everything he knows contributed greatly to his children's growth. Sundays were filled with Nerf gun chases, marker wars, movies and a good game of Spades.

He was always dressed to impress, doused in cologne and chowing down on fancy dinners.

Throughout his career, Joe achieved remarkable success in every challenge he addressed. At Syracuse Utilities Joe began his career and went on to succeed. After

taking a short break he rejoined the work force as a foreman for Birchcrest based in Rochester, NY. Joe then relocated his family to Potsdam, NY and resumed his career as a foreman for TTS and Larch Tree Service, where he made lifelong friends. There his work took him throughout New York, Maine and Vermont. Most recently Joe was employed by Ironwood Tree Service also based in Rochester, NY. For Joe family was number 1 but work was 1.5.

Joseph is predeceased by his Gramma Viola (Peets) Krenzer, Grandpa Richard Krenzer, and his son Marquise P. Disotell.

He is survived by his beautiful children, Kimonni Blackmon, Mekhi Peck, Dejuan Disotell, Jeremy Disotell, Maddox Disotell, and Tyrese Disotell. His life partner Megan Hogle, his parents Betty Krenzer and Scott Poole, his sisters, Jessie Oaks and Heidi Hogle, nephews Ashton, Hebert, and Oliver Martin, his niece Sophia Disotell and lots of friends and brothers.

Joe's remarkable heart beat for others, leaving an enduring legacy of love. He cherished countless individuals and made unforgettable relationships. He left behind a huge gap in everyone's heart. His memory will remain vibrant, living on through his son and best friend Maddox, treasured memories and laughter. Until we meet again.



Joseph Disotell

## Fall brush pickup underway in Canton

CANTON – Curbside brush pickup is now underway in the Village of Canton with fall pickups to continue through Friday, Nov. 22.

In keeping with municipal recycling and sustainability programs and efforts to reduce the environmental impact, the Village has eliminated the use of plastic bags for leaves and brush. All yard waste must be left in paper leaf bags, which are available at most of our local stores and are competitively priced.

The following materials will be accepted for collection:

Clean brush stacked in an orderly fashion, leaves, and grass bagged in

paper bags

Branches under 6" in diameter and under 10' in length

Brush piles up to 4' high, 4' wide, and 10' long; limit one per household

The following materials will not be accepted for collection:

Refuse in plastic bags will be left on your curbside

Root balls and brush mixed with soil

Rocks

Brush in plastic bags, boxes, or trash containers

Brush originating from any other property other than the household in question

Brush that has been cut or trimmed by contractors. Contractors hired by property

owners are responsible for removing the material

Piles that are laced with feces

During the pick-up period, the crew follows a route that covers about 16 miles of Village

roads. Once complete they run the route again, following a system to ensure they cover all neighborhoods equally.

Questions about brush pick up can be directed to Village Superintendent Tim Bacon at [supt@canton-ny.gov](mailto:supt@canton-ny.gov) or 315-386-4700 x2.

## NYS extends flood relief for homeowners until Nov. 8

The state has recently extended the application deadline for St. Lawrence County homeowners to apply for emergency repair grants for the Aug. 9-10 extreme weather event which hit the county.

Under this program, administered by Homes and Community Renewal (HCR), emergency home repair assistance is available to eligible homeowners.

Funding up to \$50,000 may be used for emergency housing repairs necessary to make the home safe, sanitary and habitable.

The application deadline has now been extended to Friday, November 8.

Funds are available to eligible homeowners for their primary residence where flood or insurance coverage or other forms of disaster recovery funds are not sufficient to return the home to a safe and habitable condition. The program is administered by non-profit organizations.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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All early voting will be tabulated at the closing of the polls on election night.

When voting early, you should ensure you have a record of your vote, please take a picture of your ballot prior to having it scanned and/or mailed in.

This election is the most important election in our nation's history. If we wish to remain a Constitutional Republic it must be maintained with the voices and votes of American citizens, and

only American citizens.

It is extremely important to avoid any possible "issues" that may occur between Oct. 26 and Nov. 5.

Please take this statement very seriously: Every American Citizen's vote counts.

Tracey Haggett-Sloan  
Norwood

### Former trustee supports McLuckie

Canton Village voters have a new candidate for Village Trustee running this November. Kara McLuckie teaches English and writing at SUNY Canton and has been a volunteer on numerous Village projects over the last few years. She has been most helpful as a Complete Streets Task Force member and has been instrumental on a NY Forward project to improve pedestrian and bicycling safety on Riverside Drive.

Kara will be a dedicated, forward thinking Trustee and will be a strong advocate for the Village. Please consider giving Kara your vote for Trustee on Nov. 5.

Klaus Proemm  
Canton

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according to Nielsen, an American media audience measurement firm. On average, a person now spends about \$550 on streaming per year. Nearly a third of users engage in cost-sharing arrangements, splitting the expense of streaming services with others. Some streaming services have also begun password-sharing crackdowns in an attempt to have more consumers pay up for using the service.

How much do you spend per month on streaming services on average?

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## REVISITING OUR PAST

### Potsdam

(c. 1900?) Bayside Property on the Raquette River

Black and white photo of part of the Clarkson Estate, which came to be the Bayside Cemetery.

There are five males and one female posing in a hay field. Four of the men are holding various farm implements. One man is near a horse. All figures are wearing hats. Background shows a sandstone building (caretaker's cottage and later gatehouse), a greenhouse and a view of the Raquette River.

(Photo courtesy of the Potsdam Public Museum.)



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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Prop 1 – a contradiction**

Prop 1, a proposed amendment to the New York constitution, is an attack on women's and parental rights. When government attempts to create new rights, it pays to look at the rights you already have.

Prop One contradicts Title IX as it will permit males to participate in women's sports (including access to separate locker rooms, bathrooms, sororities). Girls who are competing for athletic scholarships will be disadvantaged as a result. How does this guarantee equal rights for women? How is this safe?

Prop 1 will grant minor children the right to medical transgender interventions and receiving medication without parental consent or notification. Parents will not be permitted medical information/diagnoses relative to their 12-17-year-old child's medical record without the prior written consent of the child. Yet, parents will remain financially and legally responsible for the minor child. (ie, parents will be responsible for managing the emotional consequences and physical side effects impacting their minor children).

Congresswoman Elise Stefanik has been sounding the alarm on this proposition. She has steadfastly spoken out against Prop 1. This is why we need leaders like Elise Stefanik fighting against these radical left policies.

State legislation was passed in 2021 supporting rights for minor children and granting men access to women's bathrooms. When voting in this election, turn over your ballot and Vote "NO" to the question of including these "rights" in the New York constitution.

**Nancy K. Martin  
Madrid**

**Who is it telling lies?**

I noted with some amusement a political ad by a Democrat accusing Elise Stefanik of telling lies, beginning with This Week's July 5-11 issue and continuing for the last several weeks. It is a bit like the pot calling the kettle black.

We can all look to our Democratic president as the biggest liar



**Autumn beauty in Parishville**

Colleen Ayers took this photograph off the bridge in Parishville on Sunday. 'The reds were so vibrant,' she said.

of all. His record includes claims that he inherited the worst economic crisis since the Depression, when the truth was that the economy had already rebounded from COVID lows.

He has claimed until recently, that the border was secure, despite nearly 12 million illegal aliens flooding the country. Inflation at first was "transitory" and then ignored as consumers grappled with price increase from 20-50%.

All of that was followed by Kamala Harris denying her role in both the border crisis and the Afghanistan withdrawal debacle. She flip-flops on the issues dear to the American voter. Then she chose a running mate who inflated his role in the National Guard, and let Minneapolis burn.

Their party claims to be pro-Democracy, yet the opposite is true. Citizens' rights are trampled - witness the persecution of Jews with no one held accountable. The other side of that coin is the Hamas protesters occupy and destroy at will. There, the few

arrests made led to immediate release, and no prosecution. Witness the persecution of political opponents (Lawfare) using "Creative" law, so twisted from the law's original intent that it is certain to be overturned. Trump and his supporters have been lawfare targets for three and a half years, but most intensely since Trump announced his candidacy. The list of lies from the Democratic party and their captive media is so long, we don't have room for it here.

One the Democrats' favorite ploys to turn voters away from their competition is to make outrageous claims that are patently untrue.

The theory is the bigger the claim, the less likely anyone will challenge it. As with President Biden and Vice President Harris, they claim Trump lies, but never tell us what the lie is.

Paula Collins says Stefanik lies. OK. Give us the specifics. Where and how did she lie? We ask all citizens to demand answers to these unfounded claims. If Democrats can't provide specifics, they are the ones lying.

**Hank Ford, chairman,  
St. Lawrence County  
Conservative Party**

**Climate crisis issues discussed**

Our environmental group, Living Lightly on the EARTH, has now been meeting for several months via a weekly conference call Sundays at 7PM. Climate Crisis issues are frequently raised at our meetings.

cation has come to the fore in our discussions.

One of our Group's members, Greg Todd, formerly NYC now of Canton, NY, has asked that Living Lightly members write letters supporting the idea of local newspapers hosting a series of guest editorials exploring Climate Crisis issues and action alternatives.

Increased education can be an essential means of awakening a tragically uninformed public to the present and future realities of an increasingly unstable and often-times hazardous and/or destructive climate.

Our Group's hope is that a weekly guest editorial will soon be an EARTH-Friendly addition to our local newspapers. We the members of "Living Lightly" are ready, willing, and able to contribute guest editorials.

In a Community-wide effort to make an ongoing Climate Crisis series a weekly educational reality.

To join us on our weekly conference call contact... donaldhasig@gmail.com

**Dave Cree Hassig  
Colton**

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR** of North Country This Week are welcome and should be 400 words or fewer and are subject to editing. They can be e-mailed to Letters@NorthCountryNow.com, faxed to 315-268-8701, mailed to P.O. Box 975, Potsdam, NY 13676 or dropped off at our new office location, 4 Clarkson Ave. in Potsdam.

Our conference call last Sunday hosted guest presenter, Matthew Menzies, a climate justice advocate associated with Extinction Rebellion, NYC, a high profile climate action organization.

As our own concerns have grown, the need for public edu-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Vote Trump and lose the Cold War**

Many Americans believe the Cold War is over due to the collapse of the Berlin Wall and fall of the Soviet Union. It is not. Vladimir Putin took control of Russia in 1999 with a single intention: reverse its humiliating defeat versus America by re-establishing the Soviet Union.

Reclaiming Ukraine is Step One in his Imperial Ambitions to regain global power. Unable to defeat America either militarily or economically, Putin has strategically determined he can vanquish the United States from within using lies and propaganda. He is currently succeeding to a breathtaking degree. Fifty percent of today's Americans seem to

believe Putin is a reliable ally not a mortal threat to our democracy. For decades, trillions of US dollars were spent and over 100,000 soldiers' lives lost in Korea and Vietnam. For what?

America is flirting with the disturbing prospect of losing the Cold War's next chapter with a stunning whimper. Putin has found his secret weapon: Donald Trump. Does anyone remember Helsinki, the most cringe-y display of an American President kowtowing to a foreign leader ever? It was pathetic. For all Trump supporters who think Trump controls Putin, take a deep breath and listen. The sound you hear is...The. Whole. World. Laughing! Doddering Donald behaves as Putin's fawning fanboy and puppet in office or out. If elected President again, he will

capitulate completely. Hopefully, enough people realize the danger of America bowing to Russia and will vote accordingly.

If not, I want to pre-emptively apologize to every person, to every family that suffered unthinkable losses throughout the Cold War, particularly in Korea and Vietnam. I'm sorry America has elected a draft-dodging coward as Commander in Chief who thinks your lost loved ones are suckers and losers.

I say this now because those of us who vehemently disagree won't be allowed to say so in Trump's America. Puny narcissists don't tolerate any dissent. We will, however, quietly continue to honor the memory of those who sacrificed everything to keep America's promise of freedom for all alive and well. For decades, we fought and won against all foreign enemies. And now, after spending so many years and so much National Treasure, America may ultimately lose the Cold War by voluntarily voting for it. If we elect a boot-licking president who champions dictators and oppression via state control.

But here we are. So long Home of the Free and Land of the Brave. It was spectacular knowing you....

Jane Barrett  
Potsdam

**Misconceptions about Prop 1**

It seems that every step towards increasing rights and freedoms has been met with resistance and fear-mongering throughout history. In 1775, Loyalist Miles Cooper's poem described Patriots as committing "treason in mask of liberty." In the 1880s, women were warned by doctors "their uterus would shrink" when they sought an education.

Giving women the right to vote would "destroy the family." Letting Blacks into the neighborhood would "drive down real estate values." In the 1970s, giving women equal rights would mean men and women being "forced to use the same public bathrooms." Legalizing gay marriage would "destroy the basic structure of society."

None of that was true or happened, but today the climate is no different. Extending freedoms to all New Yorkers is threatening to some and fear-mongering results.

Proposal 1 "Amendment to Protect Against Unequal Treatment" on the back of our November ballots simply seeks to extend constitutional equal rights from the current race and religion to include all of us regardless of "ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, and sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity, pregnancy, as well as reproductive healthcare and autonomy," exact ballot language.

Notice there's nothing about the elimination of parental rights to their children's medical care? Specifically, no regular medical care,

gender-affirming or otherwise, can happen now without parental permission nor does the passage of Prop. 1 change that.

Notice there's nothing about supporting any kind of illegal activity? It is entirely possible to hold someone legally accountable and be nondiscriminatory simultaneously. Specifically, protecting against discrimination based on a person's national origin, such as Melania Trump's, does not preclude addressing illegal border crossings.

What the amendment does do is extend constitutional equal rights to virtually every single New Yorker, including the writers and the reader here.

Abortion is often seen as "safe" in New York, yet there have been 53 anti-reproductive rights bills presented (but not passed) in New York in the last decade. NY law currently legalizes abortion, and all it takes is one bill passing into law for abortion to become illegal here. Protecting reproductive rights in our NY Constitution prevents that from happening; overturning a law is much easier than overturning a constitutional amendment.

You are encouraged to read the exact text of the bill to see through the fear-mongering. A yes vote for Prop 1 protects groups often marginalized, discriminated against, and forgotten—including the aged and disabled.

Mike Zagobelny, Chair of  
St. Lawrence County Democrats  
Ginger Storey-Welch, Vice-Chair of  
St. Lawrence County Democrats

**Sorry for the loss of your daughter**

To the friends of Lynn Tharrett, I am sorry for your loss. What an amazing person she was. I would have liked to meet her. I too have lost my daughter, my joy, to the same disease. She was 62 but she is still with me.

I can't see her but sometimes when odd things happen that I can't attribute to her doing, that makes me laugh. I know Lynn is still with you. Pay attention and give thanks for her.

Mary M. Bevins  
Canton

**Notes of thanks from Deep Root Center**

Saturday, Oct. 5th, was a gorgeous autumn day for our Fall Craft Fair and Family Fun Event. Between vendor fees, the raffle featuring items donated by the vendors, and general donations, we raised \$438, which directly benefits all our student members.

Thank you to the thirteen participating vendors; we are grateful for their support and patience. They committed earlier this summer and then had to endure a rescheduling due to the storm in August.

Thanks to Norwood Village for hosting. The village park was a

perfect venue for our event, and thanks to the firemen who brought tables down the stairs from the municipal building.

The Deep Root Center families who helped cart, carry, set up, run our welcome tent, and clean up are appreciated beyond measure. They are amazing and deeply appreciated.

Thanks to the multi-talented Janine, our DRC Pop-up Mentor, for facilitating all the arts and crafts adventures.

Shouts of gratitude to our fabulous musicians, Galaxy Hitchhiker (AKA Mike Corse) and DRC's own Christopher Raymo, who provided a lively backdrop of sound all day long.

Thank you to Nature's Storehouse, The Potsdam Co-op, the Massena Public Library, and the Canton Free Library for letting us borrow your canopy tents. Fortunately, we didn't need them to stay dry - but we were grateful to have some shade from the bright sun.

And finally, a huge thank you to all of the community members who came to support DRC and enjoy the beautiful day with us. We thoroughly appreciated meeting you and watching your children play and create art. The winners of the raffle items will be contacted.

We look forward to planning our next craft fair and family fun event and the opportunity to connect. Stay tuned.

Maria Corse,  
Executive Director and Founder  
for the Deep Root Center Board of Directors  
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# Lousy fall color? Maybe it's the government

BY PAUL HETZLER

## The Meandering Naturalist

Residents of New England and southeastern Canada are dismayed by this year's drab fall color display, an unfortunate result of funding cuts at USDA's Plant-Pigmentation Program. Or at least I assume that's what happened.

Actually, it's largely due to the abnormally wet season we've had. Frequent rains kept foliage damp for long periods, which set the stage for normally weak, opportunistic fungal pathogens to cop an attitude, and set up housekeeping inside leaves. High temperatures and humidity helped speed things along.

Anthraxnose sounds dire, but trust me – you can't catch it. It's a general term for widespread leaf infections like we saw this year, and many different fungal agents can be involved. Anthracnose causes tissue necrosis (death) of leaves, often in distinct zones, but sometimes diffuse.

Leaves turn brown, either wholly or within the necrotic zones, and start to drop early.

While all deciduous trees can get anthracnose, the pathogens are often specific to "their" species or genus. In other words, walnut anthracnose won't spread to

maples. But if weather conditions favor these pathogens, many tree species will develop this ailment at the same time. A one-year infection probably will have only a minor effect on vigorous trees. If a tree is stressed, or if anthracnose returns year after year, then health could suffer.

But the dingy fall display is more than just a disappointment to us humans. It might indicate trees were not able to reclaim nutrients from their leaves before they dropped. In fall, deciduous trees make a waxy layer between leaf petiole bases and the twigs to which they're attached, to protect twigs from losing moisture in winter.

As wax builds up, it starts plugging vessels that moved water and nutrients into, and sugars out of, leaves all summer. The increasing blockage leads to the loss of green chlorophyll molecules, which in turn reveals yellow and orange pigments already present in leaves.

Before vascular tubes are entirely blocked, though, trees recover about half the nutrients from each leaf: nitrogen, potassium, iron, magnesium, manganese, and other essentials. This process is important to the nutrient budget of woody plants.

Noting that lots of leaves dropped early, and that most had little (or no) normal color, with some turning from green to brown, makes me wonder if the leaf-nutrient recycling program didn't go forward as usual. I don't know.

In addition, this year's lack of red anthocyanin, a "discretionary" pigment some trees make in the fall if they have enough energy, could be another clue about forest health.

Another outcome of this summer's frequent and heavy rain events is the leaching of water-soluble nutrients from soils. This dearth of nitrogen further stressed trees, and may well have impacted leaf color. And finally, heavy rains can directly wash out plant nutrients from leaves, though this effect is not well-studied.

You can help your landscape trees by adding a two- to four-inch layer of compost or mulch out to the drip lines in place of grass. Don't drive on, or add fill to, trees' root

zones (twice branch length), and water them in dry spells. Fertilizer can unduly stress marginal trees, and should only be applied if lab soil-test results show a need.

If possible, stay out of the forest with heavy equipment when soils

are moist and prone to compaction. But if you do have to take machinery into the woods in wet conditions, make sure operators know it's critical they stay on skid trails.

Paul Hetzler has been an ISA Certified Arborist since 1996.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Elections are 'free and fair'

I recently heard a politician claim that the next election will be acceptable "If it's free and fair."

That's a dangerous lie. Our elections are already free and fair. Actual voter fraud is so infrequent as to be statistically negligible. And yet some people continue to insist, with no proof whatsoever, that millions of people vote illegally. It's a contemptible, cowardly strategy. And it could very well lead to another January 6.

That terrible day wasn't "legitimate political discourse." It was an outrage to peaceful self-governance. People died as a result of it. Scores of Capitol officers were overwhelmed and brutalized. Some were nearly killed on the spot. Many were permanently maimed. A former President enjoyed the chaos from the safety of the White House dining room. These are all facts.

Decent Americans often disagree—and often bitterly disagree—about how to maintain our great nation. That's part of being American. Decent people accept that we have our legitimate political differences. Many people I truly respect feel exactly as I do, even if we don't always (or ever) agree about politics.

In complete contrast to that spirit, certain indicted people seek to (re) gain power through continuous lies or by dehumanizing others as "vermin" or "mentally unstable," etc. Election deniers support this un-American behavior by claiming they'll only accept results of the elec-

tions if they're free and fair.

Ask any election denier if our current President legitimately won in 2020, and you'll be answered with some slimy dodge instead of a simple yes or no answer. I have three questions for election deniers: Can people float off the ground like soap bubbles, yes or no? Does gravity work, yes or no? Did a former President lose by millions of votes in 2020, yes or no?

Many election deniers claim to represent the party of "law and order" and "personal responsibility." These are admirable qualities and definitely worth promoting. But now, some people are even claiming that responses to the weather itself are part of a sinister plot to "interfere" with elections. These stunningly callous lies are despicable, dangerous, and unacceptable. In reality, federal and state governments are working hard to assist the recent hurricanes' brave survivors.

I'd be dishonest here myself if I didn't align all the nonstop lies with manure. Actually, I take that back: that would be an insult to manure, which has its good uses.

Donald J. McNutt  
Potsdam

### Great book sale in Norwood

The Friends of the Norwood Public Library held a very successful book sale at the Norwood Harvest Festival on September 21. It was a beautiful day and everyone seemed to be in a festive mood.

We would like to thank everyone

who purchased books and puzzles.

We are also very grateful to everyone who donated books for the sale. A few generous donations of children's books allowed us to give away almost 100 children's books. We would also like to thank Sharon and Dick Bastille, who put endless hours of work into organizing the festival, and North Country This Week for helping to publicize our sale.

All proceeds from the book sale will go to the library and support the many activities they provide our community.

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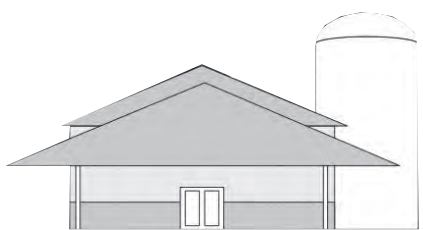
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- And not claim a right to vote elsewhere.

### DEADLINES

Address changes for registered voters must be completed by **Oct. 21**, and deadline for new registration is **Oct. 26**, whether online, in person, or with a postmarked application. Mailed applications must be received by Oct. 26.



### COLLEGE STUDENTS

Students attending local universities are eligible to vote in the town where they are living and attending classes, or can vote in their hometown elections.

They must register in St. Lawrence County to vote here; or vote by absentee ballot, Early Mail Ballot, Early Voting or In Person in their hometown.

## FOUR ways you can register

### 1. IN PERSON

At Town Halls, Voter Registration drives, or the County Board of Elections, 80 State Highway 310, Canton, on regular business days. The St. Lawrence County Board of Elections also has designated extra days and hours to register anywhere in the state:

- Saturday, Oct. 5, 2 - 9 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 10, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 26, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There are other state agencies participating -- the list is online at <https://on.ny.gov/4gu6NgZ>

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Forms are available at:

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You can vote early at one of the Early Voting Sites in your county or for SLC:

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- Oct. 28 and 30 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Nov. 1, 2, 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### 3. EARLY MAIL BALLOT

Any registered voter may apply to vote by Early Mail Ballot. No excuse or qualification is required, but you have to fill out an application form.

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The Early Mail Ballot Application is at: [ballotapplication.elections.ny.gov/home/earlymail](https://ballotapplication.elections.ny.gov/home/earlymail)

### 4. ABSENTEE BALLOT

Voters must apply if they are unable to get to the polls on Election Day due to absence, illness, disability, responsibilities caring for others, residence in a Veterans Health Administration Hospital or other facility, or detention for a crime or offense that was not a felony. Application forms are at town halls, libraries, post offices, most farmers' markets and Boards of Election and have specific deadlines. Absentee Ballot Applications can be applied for online at [ballotapplication.elections.ny.gov/home/absentee](https://ballotapplication.elections.ny.gov/home/absentee)

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## Halloween fun planned

Communities in St. Lawrence County are gearing up for Halloween with a variety of trunk-or-treats, scary movies, hauntings, costume parties, fall festivals and other activities.

### Haunted Hideout, Haunted Hustle

This October, the Police Activities League (PAL) of Massena is taking Halloween to the next level with not one, but two back-to-back weekend fundraisers.

PAL is joining forces with local haunted house enthusiast Jon "Temple" Roder to host the 1st Inaugural Massena PAL "Haunted Hideout" on Oct. 18 and 19, followed by the spooktacular PAL Haunted Hustle 5K on Oct. 26. Both events will raise funds for Massena PAL's youth programs while bringing the community together for Halloween fun.

The Halloween season kicks off with a fright-filled weekend at the Massena PAL Haunted Hideout on Friday, Oct. 18 and Saturday, Oct. 19. PAL has partnered with Jon "Temple" Roder, a local haunted house aficionado, to create an unforgettable spooky experience at the PAL Clubhouse, 30 Bayley Rd., Massena, NY 13662.

There will be a family & youth walk-through from 7-8 p.m., perfect for families with children looking for a light scare.

The haunted walk-through from 8-10 p.m. for those seeking the full scare experience.

The cost is just \$5 per person, and all proceeds directly support PAL's after-school programs.

### Halloween Candyland dance



Photo submitted by Nellie Lucas

Cousins Sophia Wright and Isabelle Lucas, both of Canton, dressed as scarecrows for Halloween this year.

A Halloween Candyland dance, costume contest with prizes, treats and music will be offered at the Hepburn Library of Madrid on Friday, Oct. 18, from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Music will be provided by Taco Beats. Admission is free, and all are welcome.

### Poke the Pumpkin

Norwood American Legion, 10 Maple St., will host Poke the Pumpkin on Saturday, Oct. 19 at 6 p.m.

Poke it and win it.

Snack foods provided.

Adults only.

### Witches, 5K, trunk or treat

Fall fun is coming to Ogdensburg Oct.

19 with bounce houses, live music, hay rides, pumpkin painting, a costume contest and more.

The event will run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will also include a 5K run that's set to kick off at 9 a.m. at the Dobisky Center to benefit the Ogdensburg Boys and Girls Club and a "Trunk or Treat" from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the State and Washington Streets.

From 7 p.m.- 11 p.m. the 11th Annual Ogdensburg Area Zonta Club Witches Night Out will be held at the Freight House.

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### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

#### Fish fry

**CANTON** - Edward C. Seymour Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1231 Auxiliary in Canton will host its first fish fry for the season Friday, Oct. 18. This will be an eat in or take out dinner. The meal will be \$15 per person. Menu consists of deep fried or baked fish; french fries or macaroni and cheese; cole slaw; dinner roll, dessert, and coffee. There will be a box for non-parishable food items available for those who would like to make a donation for the local food pantry.

#### Halloween party at Madrid library

**MADRID** -- A Halloween Candyland dance, costume contest with prizes, treats and music will be offered at the Hepburn Library of Madrid on Friday, Oct. 18, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Music will be provided by Taco Beats. Admission is free, and all are welcome.

#### KC Karaoke

**HEUVELTON** -- Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St., will host KC Karaoke every Friday from 6-9 p.m. Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25. There will be a Queen of Hearts drawing at 7 p.m.

#### Kumihimo Braid

**WADDINGTON** - The Lake Saint Lawrence Arts Gallery, 14 Main St., will host a Kumihimo Braid class on Friday, Oct. 18 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost \$75. Learn Kumihimo, a traditional Japanese art of making cords and braids, with Susan Riley. A wide variety of cords, threads, and yarns will be available for creating a unique braid and tassel. Max 5. Bring lunch and a drink. Must pre-register at lakesaintlawrencearts@gmail.com or call 315-705-5198.

#### Open mic

**MORRISTOWN** - The next Third Friday event at First Congregational Church of Morristown, 541 Sand Street Road, will be Friday, Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m. This month's activity will be an open-mic coffee house and performers from around the North Country are being sought to round out the evening's slate of Christian singers and musicians. Interested performers are asked to call Dixie Dave Ellis at (315) 276-1878 to sign up.

#### SLCCHC Online Silent Auction begins

**CANTON** -- The St. Lawrence County Center for History & Culture's Online Silent Auction will take place from October 18 through November 8. Check out our auction website at: <https://www.32auctions.com/slcchc>. Be sure to bookmark the link and sign up via e-mail for auction updates. As we get closer to October 18, you'll also receive a sneak peek of the full auction! Sponsors include: Boldt Castle Uncle Sam Boat Tours The Orchestra of Northern New York Stewart's Shops Price Chopper Clarkson University Athletics St. Lawrence University Athletics Simply You Wellness Spa Akwesasne Mohawk Casino & Resort Adirondack Experience, the Museum on Blue Mountain Lake Butternut Cove Cottages Big Spoon Kitchen Brick & Mortar Music Carol Opdyke Money raised during this initiative will support our general operations and community, such as funding educational programming, school tours, and archival operations. We thank you for your continued support!

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

#### Autumn UpFest

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## County Chamber to honor local businesses

**POTSDAM** – St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce will host its annual dinner on Wednesday, Oct. 23 at The Stables at Windy Point, 215 Sissonville Road, in Potsdam.

The dinner will celebrate the accomplishments of St. Lawrence County businesses and organizations, with an update of the 'State of the Chamber' for 2024.

Nominations are being accepted now of STLC Chamber member businesses that have shown a positive impact, provided quality service, or raised awareness of local products for the business and people of St. Lawrence County.

Business of the Year, Customer Service Excellence, Local Producer of the Year will be honored.

Nominees can be submitted on the chamber website at [www.slcchamber.org](http://www.slcchamber.org).

To donate items to the dinner's silent auction contact Laura Pearson, at [Laura@slcchamber.org](mailto:Laura@slcchamber.org).

The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with cocktails, appetizers and raffles

From 7-9:30 p.m. dinner will be served, awards presented, and live auctions held.

Register for the dinner online at <https://tinyurl.com/y7xue43z>.

Ticket cost: \$50 per person by cash/check; \$51.50 per per-



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St. Lawrence County Chamber members and guests at the 2017 Chamber awards dinner.

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## Oktoberfest celebrated in Ives Park

"Guess the pumpkin's weight" was one of the activities at Oktoberfest at Ives Park, Potsdam, Oct. 12. Organized by Hoof and Horn Butcher and Eatery, the event also included live bands, food and beverage trucks, and children's activities. It was a fundraiser for the North Country Children's Museum. From front left, Edie Wilke, Monica and Crista Makdouli, and Matilda and Alex Wilke, village mayor. From front right, Olive and Christopher Makdouli, and Andreas Wilke.

## Science Café focuses on Person Perception

POTSDAM – Clarkson University's Science Café will feature "Embracing the Dynamic Nature of Person Perception" on Wednesday, Oct. 30.

In our social interactions, we constantly form judgments about others across various contexts. These judgments, from identities to personality traits, are the basis of our emotional and behavioral responses toward others. In this talk, the dominant paradigms in the study of person perception will be discussed, as well as an exciting new complementary approach that Jiang has proposed.

St. Lawrence University Assistant

Psychology Professor Shu Jiang will discuss three critical aspects of person perception: assimilation (i.e., Do perceivers view different targets in a similar manner?), consensus (i.e., Is a target perceived consistently by different perceivers?) and self-other agreement (i.e., Do others view us as we perceive ourselves?).

Finally, there will be a discussion of how this new dynamic approach of person perception will offer a more comprehensive understanding of how we perceive others.

Held in Potsdam in the Potsdam Civic Center Community Room at 2 Park Street at 7:15 p.m.

## Ice season in full swing at freshly painted Canton Pavilion

BY PAUL MITCHELL  
North Country This Week

CANTON – The ice season is underway at a freshly-painted Canton Pavilion.

Canton Recreation Director Meghan Richardson, in her monthly report to the Canton Town Board, said the installation of this season's ice was completed on Sept. 24 but the department delayed opening the rink until Oct. 5 to focus on training new part-time staff.

New this year, noted Richardson, will be the posting of the public ice schedule at the beginning of each month. A schedule of holidays, school breaks and snow days will be posted separately.

The October ice schedule is as follows:

Tuesdays and Thursdays: free adult skate from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., free open skate from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., 18+ open hockey from 11:30 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.

Saturdays: Open skate from 7 to 8:20 p.m.

Sundays: Free open skate from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m., courtesy of Grasse River Real Estate.

The cost of admission is \$2, unless designated as a free session. Skate rentals are available for \$3.

The report also points out that the Recreation Committee has increased the rates by \$5 this season.

"Changes this year include charging Holidays and School Breaks the same rate as Prime and we will be offering 'last-minute' available ice slots at a rate of \$50 per hour," Richardson noted.

Pavilion ice rates are \$75 per hour for early morning/late night; \$85 for day; \$105 for Prime; \$105 for Holidays and School Breaks; and \$120 for Private Ice Party Special.

There is an eNotification signup under the "Parks and Recreation" portion of the website [cantonny.gov] where people can sign up to receive notifications about the discounted ice time.

The exterior of the Canton Pavilion received a fresh coat of paint thanks to the efforts of members the Canton Minor Hockey Association and the St. Lawrence Figure Skating Club, along with Greg Howe.

## Meat raffle slated in Canton

CANTON – St. Catherine of Siena Academy in Canton will host one of the North Country's first ever meat raffles Oct. 26 at 2 Powers St. Doors open at 5 p.m. with games beginning at 6.

Participants may reserve a discounted table online at [www.sienaacademy.org/meat](http://www.sienaacademy.org/meat) or just show up for \$10 per person.

Pre-reservations accepted through Oct. 23.

What is a meat raffle? It's a party like you've never seen before!

Participants can win chops, ribs, steaks, chickens, roasts or even a brand new chest freezer and more.

Exciting door prizes will abound as well as a 50/50 raffle.

Entrance includes beverages (beer, wine, soda) and each person brings their own party snacks.

The meat raffle itself includes 12 rounds where players can purchase one or more tickets for \$2 or \$3 each.

A Grand Finale round will con-

clude the game with extra spins of the big wheel and ample opportunities to win prizes.

Players should plan to bring dollar bills (or a checkbook) as well as a cooler to store winnings.

Participants must be 18 years of age or older to enter.

All proceeds benefit the children of St. Catherine of Siena Academy.

Info: Head of School, Dan Sweetney (315) 221-8069; or [www.SienaAcademy.org/meat](http://www.SienaAcademy.org/meat), [infoatcsa@gmail.com](mailto:infoatcsa@gmail.com).

## Masquerade Gala planned at The Stables

POTSDAM – St. Lawrence Health Foundation is hosting its Grand Masquerade Gala fundraiser on Nov. 1 at 6 p.m. at The Stables at Windy Point, 215 Sissonville Rd., Potsdam

Cocktails served at 6 p.m., dinner to follow at 7.

Dinner catered by Big Spoon Kitchen.

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Silent and live auction. Tickets: \$100 each, attire is black tie optional. To reserve: 315-261-5410 or email [Emily.Myers@rochesterregional.org](mailto:Emily.Myers@rochesterregional.org) or online at [stlawrencehealthsystem.org/foundation/campaign/gala](http://stlawrencehealthsystem.org/foundation/campaign/gala).

RSVP by Oct. 23.

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## Costumed pet parade in Waddington

Norfolk resident Carolyn Wolfe, on right, walks her dog, Winston, dressed as a black spider, in Waddington's Pumpkinfest costume pet parade Oct. 12. Winston won first place in the parade. Ranger, on left, from Potsdam, dressed as an alligator, won third place.

## Opening ceremony planned for sand mandala exhibit

CANTON – An opening ceremony is planned for a Tibetan Buddhist sand mandala exhibition at Richard F. Brush Art Gallery on Monday, Oct. 21 at 10 a.m.

The ceremony will include a Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving address with Akwesasne artist Katsitsionni Fox, and Tibetan Buddhist ritual opening ceremony with monks from Namgyal Monastery.

Chenrezig (in Sanskrit, Avalokitesvara) personifies compassion, the most important ethical value in Buddhism. Many Buddhists, especially Tibetan Buddhists, perform a contemplative practice in which they visualize themselves as Chenrezig and imagine that in his form they are able to relieve the suffering of living beings throughout the cosmos.

The Chenrezig mandala ("circle") is an architectural ground plan of Chenrezig's palace, its gardens and decorations, at the center of the cosmos. Practitioners of Chenrezig meditation imagine that it is the abode from which they spread their compassion.

Because a sand mandala is usually made for the purpose of initiating meditators into a specific practice, it is a temporary construction. At the initiation's conclusion, the sand is dispersed in a body of water. In recent years, however, mandalas have been constructed in public places such as art galleries and museums for educational purposes.

As cultural ambassadors from the exiled personal monastery of His Holiness the Dalai Lama in Dharamsala, India, the monks of Namgyal Monastery Institute of Buddhist Studies, Ithaca, have become especially well known for the creation of sand mandala exhibitions in museums and galleries throughout the world.

Two monks from Namgyal will be in residence for the duration of the project.

Chenrezig was chosen by the monks as a form of healing and compassion in response to current events around the world.

The opening ceremony is free and open to the public.

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## 'The Beard of Avon' to be staged at SUNY

POTSDAM – The SUNY Potsdam Department of Theatre and Dance will present Amy Freed's play, *The Beard of Avon* at the Performing Arts Center Proscenium Theater Oct. 25-27.

Author Amy Freed says: "There's a lot in 'The Beard of Avon' that has to do with my own completely insane love affair with actors and theater [...] It's very much a valentine to the whole theatrical experience at its silliest and most rewarding." (NYT, 11/16/2003).

The play is a bawdy reimagining of the Shakespeare legend that follows Will Shakspeare from his early days as a frustrated husband and father who longs to put his talent for writing poetry to good use, to the moment where he is at the height of his powers and poised for immortality under the nom de plume William Shakespeare. Along for the journey are his wife, Anne Hathaway, his mentor the Earl of Oxford Edward De Vere, and a theatrical company of "great renown."

Of the thousands of plays available, this is the play with which the SUNY Potsdam Department of Theatre and Dance selected to end its decades of mainstage tradition. Since the creation of the theater major in the 1970's the Department of Theatre and Dance has been a home for dreamers such as Will, said a press release.

The Beard of Avon opens with an evening show at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 25 and continues with performances at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27. The Saturday evening performance will have American Sign Language interpretation.

This event is free and general admission. The house opens 30 minutes prior to the show.

For more information, contact Dr. Jay Pecora at [pecorajw@potsdam.edu](mailto:pecorajw@potsdam.edu) or (315) 267-2547.

Content warning: this production may not be suitable for all audiences due to sexual content, language, and brief moments of violence.

## Basketball team to host can and bottle drive

POTSDAM – The SUNY Potsdam Women's Basketball Team will hold a can and bottle drive on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

There will be a trailer (furnished by NCC Systems) set up outside of Maxcy Hall.

Players and staff will be present to help unload bags and assist.

The money raised will be used to provide scholarships to the annual Potsdam Summer Basketball Camp, as well as funds for the basketball program.

To schedule a home pickup for Saturday, Oct. 26 or Sunday, Oct. 27, contact Coaches Brittany Cohen (315-559-4943), Michael Busby (315-767-9466) or Michael Martin (315-212-0946).

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## Canton teacher awarded \$50K for teaching excellence

CANTON – Long-time agriculture teacher at Hugh C. Williams High School is the recipient of a \$50,000 award for teaching excellence from Harbor Freight Tools.

Carol Wright, agriculture mechanics teacher, has been awarded the 2024 Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence, receiving \$15,000 for herself and \$35,000 for her school's agricultural mechanics program.

Wright is one of 25 teachers nationwide recognized for excellence in skilled trades education.

The Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence honors high school skilled trades teachers who equip students with critical, hands-on skills in fields like agricultural mechanics, construction, welding, and more.

Carol Wright's dedication to guiding students toward successful careers in industrial trades has earned her this recognition, high-

lighting the importance of skilled trades education in filling the growing demand for a skilled workforce.

This year, 25 teachers across the U.S. are sharing \$1.5 million in cash prizes, according to a Harbor Freight press release.

Harbor Freight Tools for Schools is a program of The Smidt Foundation, established by Harbor Freight Tools owner and founder Eric Smidt, to advance excellent skilled trades education in U.S. public high schools.

With a deep respect for the dignity of these fields and for the intelligence and creativity of people who work with their hands, Harbor Freight Tools for Schools aims to drive a greater understanding of and investment in skilled trades education, believing that access to quality skilled trades education gives high school students pathways to graduation, opportunity, good jobs and a workforce our country needs.

## Grandparents and grandfriends join for special breakfast

On Friday, Oct. 4, we were thrilled to have welcomed many grandparents and grandfriends to Hermon-DeKalb for the Grandparents'/Grandfriends' breakfast. It was a heartwarming event, allowing students to celebrate their special bonds with their grandparents or grandfriends. Guests enjoyed a breakfast while spending quality time with their loved ones.



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## BOCES students cater Legion event

The students from the Culinary Arts Program at St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES in Norwood recently teamed up with the Norwood Legion Post 68 to welcome the NYS Legion Headquarters. The Legion Auxiliary and the Culinary Arts students put on a formal dining event serving a wonderful roast turkey dinner to more than 125 guests. The State Commander Keith Koster, County Commander Michael Boprey and Post Commander David Butterfield recognized all for their efforts during the State HQ visit to the north country. From the left, BOCES students Emily Bromley, Norwood-Norfolk Central School, Remy Williams, Massena Central School, Nick Jones, Potsdam Central School, and Carl Moore, St. Lawrence Central School, are awarded certificates by Post Commander David Butterfield, Second Vice Jeff Gerrish and Treasurer Elaine Saarinen.



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## Custodian honored for 40 years

A longtime custodian at Edwards-Knox Central School was honored for four decades of dedicated service. Paul Hull has worked at Edwards-Knox since 1984. For 40 years, Hull has kept the school shining bright and has been an essential part of the school community. In recognition of his dedication on Oct. 11, district staff, faculty and students surprised Hull with a celebration. He received a certificate, banners and balloons, along with gifts - including plenty of his favorite lunchtime treat, tuna fish. Students shared meaningful words that came to mind when they thought of Hull, and some even colored pictures of him as part of the tribute. Above are Brandi Graham, secretary to the superintendent, and Paul Hull.



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## Wiper blades, tires, tune-ups Now is time to prepare for winter driving

Summer and fall can stake their claim as road trip season, and even devoted drivers may admit that winter is generally a less desirable time to take to the open road.

The elements factor heavily into that reputation, as fewer hours of daylight, snow and ice are just some of the variables that can make it less enjoyable, and potentially more dangerous, to drive in winter.

In anticipation of adverse driving conditions, vehicle owners can take various steps to prepare their cars and trucks for winter.

- Upgrade your wiper blades. Perhaps nothing is compromised more than visibility when driving in winter compared to other times of year.

Snow makes it hard to see when driving, but fewer hours of daylight also can affect visibility. In fact, the Insurance Institute

for Highway Safety reports that approximately half of all fatal crashes occur between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m., even though the number of drivers on the road during those hours is considerably lower than it is during the daytime.

The difficulty of driving at night is even more significant when wiper blades are not up to the task of keeping rain and snow off drivers' windshields. Prior to winter, inspect wiper blades and upgrade them, if necessary. Streaks left on a windshield are a telltale sign that blades need to be replaced.

- Purchase winter tires. Winter tires may not be necessary in regions with relatively mild winters. However, drivers accustomed to winters marked by heavy snowfall and/or icy roads should consider replacing their existing tires with winter tires.

Many newer vehicles are now equipped with all-season tires, which the tire experts at Bridgestone note provide great performance but are not designed to handle extreme winter conditions like snow and ice.

Winter tires are specially designed to handle such conditions, making them a worthy investment for drivers who live in regions where it's not unusual to encounter

ter snow and ice throughout the winter.

- Study up on your engine oil. Some vehicle manufacturers recommend different grades of oil depending on the range of temperatures a car or truck will be driven in.

The owner's manual will likely indicate if the manufacturer recommends using a different type of engine oil in especially cold temperatures. Even if the manual does not include such a suggestion, drivers can seek the advice of a local mechanic.

- Schedule a pre-winter tuneup. Even if a vehicle is not due for a tuneup, it can be wise to have it looked over by a local mechanic before the arrival of harsh winter weather.

A mechanic can check the radiator, hoses and other components that could be affected by especially cold weather in the months to come. If any issues are found, address them immediately. After all, it's better to be proactive than leave yourself vulnerable to breakdowns or other issues once the mercury drops.

As fall gives way to winter, drivers can take steps to keep their cars running strong and safe in the months ahead.

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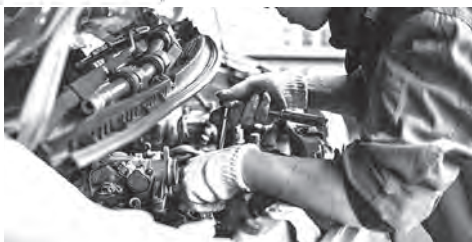
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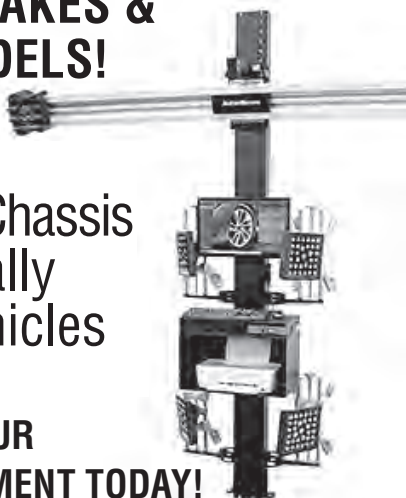
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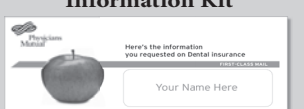


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More than under the hood

## Regular car washes more than cosmetic

Taking care of a vehicle involves more than just maintaining the equipment under the hood.

There are a number of steps involved in keeping a car or truck in top form, and that includes regular car washes.

Car washes keep a vehicle shiny and clean, which can help it look good while sitting in the driveway or cruising the highway.

However, regular car washes are more than cosmetic.

- Protection from the sun: A car that is routinely and properly washed and waxed is less vulnerable to damage from the sun's ultraviolet rays.

- Extend the life of paint: Dirt and debris can build up on the paint surface and eventually lead to scratches and other damage. Bird droppings and sap can be corrosive.

Washing will help remove grime and protect the paint in the process.

- Preserve the vehicle's value: Drivers who plan to sell or trade in their vehicles in the future should realize that a well-maintained car can bring in as much as 20 percent more for above-average condition, according to Kelley Blue Book.

Maintaining a clean and shiny vehicle can protect its long-term value.

- Remove salt: Drivers who live near the ocean or in areas where roads are salted in the winter to melt snow may have cars with high salt corrosion rates.

Unless it's washed off frequently, salt can take its toll, leading to damage.

- Improve fuel efficiency: Drivers have felt pain in their wallets at the fuel pump in recent years. Dirty cars may be less aerodynamic and less fuel-efficient as a result.

Keeping a car clean may improve its fuel efficiency.

- Maintain the interior: Car washes are not only about the exterior.

Keeping a clean and tidy interi-

or can help improve the air quality inside of the vehicle and prolong the life of upholstery, mats and interior components.

Car washes should be a routine part of vehicle maintenance.

Professional car washes tend to be more eco-friendly than washing a car at home, so drivers are urged to investigate their service plans and features.

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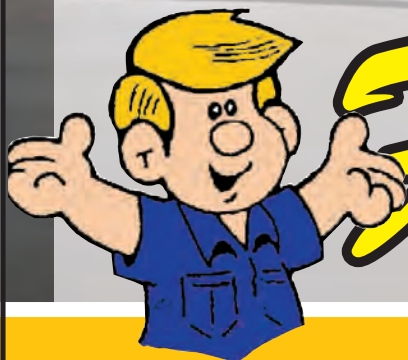
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1. MOVIES: Where was "The Lord of the Rings" filmed?
2. TELEVISION: What is the setting for the animated series "South Park"?
3. SCIENCE: What is the most abundant element in the Earth's crust?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president proclaimed June 14 to be Flag Day?
5. MATH: Which letter is contained in every odd number when it is spelled out?
6. GEOGRAPHY: Both the Equator and the Tropic of Capricorn pass through which country?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of porcupines called?
8. MUSIC: Which British singer/songwriter helped create many songs on "The Lion King" soundtrack?
9. FAMOUS QUOTES: Who wrote the line about fall, "I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers"?
10. LITERATURE: Which children's book features a fictional world where it is always winter but never Christmas?

Answers found elsewhere in this paper.

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LEGAL NOTICE- PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the Annual Madrid Fire District Budget Hearing will be conducted with reference to the Annual Fire District Budget for the fiscal year 2025 on October 15th, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. at the Madrid Fire Department at 10 Church Street, Madrid, New York.

Now THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Madrid Fire District has adopted a proposed Annual Fire District Budget for 2025 as of this date for purposes of discussion and review at the Budget Hearing to be held on October 15th, 2024, a copy of the proposed budget is available at the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Madrid where it may be inspected by any interested person during office hours.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the aforesaid budget will be presented to the residents and taxpayers of the Madrid Fire District for their respective consideration at this public hearing and for the purpose of considering the said budget and hearing all persons interested in the subject concerning same on October 15th, 2024 commencing at 6:00 P.M.

Dated: Madrid, New York October 4th, 2024. Megan Moulton - Secretary Madrid Fire District.

Legal notice: There is 1 proposal to amend the State Constitution on the back side of the ballot. The exact wording of the proposed State Constitutional amendment follows:

Text of Proposal Number One, An Amendment

Concurrent Resolution of the Senate and Assembly proposing an amendment to section 11 of article 1 of the constitution, in relation to equal protection: Section 1. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That section 11 of article 1 of the constitution be amended to read as follows: § 11. a. No person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws of this state or any subdivision thereof. No person shall, because of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, creed [or], religion, or sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes,

and reproductive healthcare and autonomy, be subjected to any discrimination in [his or her] their civil rights by any other person or by any firm, corporation, or institution, or by the state or any agency or subdivision of the state, pursuant to law. b. Nothing in this section shall invalidate or prevent the adoption of any law, regulation, program, or practice that is designed to prevent or dismantle discrimination on the basis of a characteristic listed in this section, nor shall any characteristic listed in this section be interpreted to interfere with, limit, or deny the civil rights of any person based upon any other characteristic identified in this section. § 2. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That the foregoing amendment be submitted to the people for approval at the general election to be held in the year 2024 in accordance with the provisions of the election law. Explanation – Matter in underscored is new; matter in brackets [] is old law to be omitted.

Legal notice: St. Lawrence County Early voting hours are listed as follows:

Notice is hereby given for the dates, hours, and polling place locations to be used for EARLY VOTING in St. Lawrence County prior to the November 5, 2024 General Election. TWO Early Voting Locations are available for all registered voters in St. Lawrence County. All early voting sites comply with all Americans with Disabilities Act requirements

- 1. Clarkson Facilities Building- 42 Maple St. Potsdam, (next to Kinney Drugs on Maple Street Potsdam)
2. Dobisky Center- 100 Riverside Ave. Ogdensburg

Given under our hands & seal of the St. Lawrence County Board of Elections 10/11/2024. Jennie H. Bacon & Thomas A. Nichols St. Lawrence Co. Commissioners of Elections

Table with 3 columns: Early Voting, GE 2024, Voting Hours. Rows include SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY with corresponding dates and times.

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ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Notice of Formation of Hematite Holdings LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/17/2024.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Notice of Formation of Oswegatchie Shoreline Group. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/01/2024.

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POTSDAM NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Notice of Formation of TTG North LLC dba The Therapy Garage. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/15/2024.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Notice of Formation of STLCOBL183, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/06/2024.

MADRID PUBLIC NOTICE. The Madrid Town Board will be meeting at 3:00 P.M. on October 23rd, 2024 to discuss the Tentative budget for 2025 at the Madrid Town Office at 3529 County Route 14 Madrid, Ny 13660.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. RAPID VIEW, LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 9/10/2024.

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ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Waterman Hill Farms, LLC was formed on August 5, 2024. The principal offices are located in St. Lawrence County and the Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process against it may be served.

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ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. MEACHAM CHIROPRACTIC, PLLC. NOTICE OF FORMATION OF a domestic Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC):

POTSDAM FORECLOSURE NOTICE. Notice of Public Sale: On November 22, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. at the St. Lawrence County Courthouse, 48 Court Street, Canton, NY 13617.

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ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE. Resolution To Expend from Capital Reserve Fund For Ambulance Chassis Changeover. WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law 6-g, the Cranberry Lake Fire District, Town of Clifton, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York, has an established Equipment Reserve Fund, a capital reserve fund to finance the cost of acquisition, replacement or upgrade of Fire Fighting and Emergency Medical vehicles.

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NORFOLK PUBLIC NOTICE. The Town of Norfolk is soliciting proposals from qualified contractors for the following: Proposal (#1 - Remington Ave) 1. Removal of accessory structures, trash and rubbish. 2. Removal of brush and debris from exterior.

Thomas R. Adams, Esq., Referee, 2 Judson Street, Canton, NY 13617 Morgan & Associates, PLLC, attorneys for the Plaintiff, 201 N. Union St., Ste. 410, Olean, NY 14760, 716-373-2165

Bids opened and read shall remain irrevocable for a period of sixty days. The award of contracts, if at all, shall be made as soon as practicable after the bid opening.

Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless is proposing to build a 184-ft self-support lattice telecommunications tower. Anticipated lighting application is medium intensity dual red/white strobes. The site location is Donaghue Rd, Town of Massena, St. Lawrence Co, NY 13662 (44° 57' 46.7" N, 74° 49' 47.8" W).

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ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE. Annual Notice of Audit Completed. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the fiscal affairs for the Potsdam Central Schools of Potsdam, New York for the period beginning on July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2024 have been examined by an independent public accountant and that the report or management letter prepared in conjunction with the external audit by the independent public accountant has been filed in the District Office, where it is available as public record for inspection by all interested persons.

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# Pumpkin Party planned in Heritage Park

CANTON – Nature Up North and SLC Arts will host a Pumpkin Party in Heritage Park Oct. 27, from 12-7 p.m.

There will be pumpkin carving, pumpkin painting, nature, and learning.

Bring a pumpkin to carve or paint, and organizers will take the guts away to compost.

Carved or painted pumpkins will be put along the trail in the park for the community to enjoy. Pick your

pumpkins back up between 7 and 7:30.

There will be judging by local artists and prizes for the winners.

While in the park, stop by one of the tables set up to learn about sustainable farming at home, local composting services, alternatives to single-use plastic candy wrappers, or grab a bingo card and see if you can find everything in the park.

# Players to present murder mystery theater

OGDENSBURG – Bring your friends and join the Ogdensburg Elks Lodge 772, 322 Caroline St., on Saturday, Nov. 9, at 5:30 p.m. as it transforms into the dining room of the maiden voyage of the Pacific Princess for the evening.

Enjoy a performance of Ticket to Cruise by the Murder Company of the Grasse River Players and try to solve the mystery.

Tickets are \$35 per person with buffet dinner and cash bar.

The crew of the Pacific Princess will mingle with passengers as we prepare to embark on the evening's adventure. Where will it take us? Rumor has it there

may be trouble onboard. Feel free to dress the part of a passenger.

Audience members who guess the correct suspect and motive will have their ballot placed in a drawing. One person will win the grand prize, two tickets for the Two Nation Tour in Alexandria Bay, generously donated by Uncle Sam Boat Tours.

One person will be eligible to win two tickets to the Elks Lodge Bootlegger Ball on Saturday, Dec. 14 and one ticket for the February 2025 \$100-a-day giveaway.

For reservations and information, call 315-393-5430 today and purchase your tickets for this mysterious event by Wednesday, Nov. 6. Tickets are limited.

# Haunted Happenings at Parish Mansion

OGDENSBURG – Get ready for a spine-tingling experience at the Frederic Remington Art Museum.

On Oct. 25, at 7 p.m., the museum invites the community to visit for “Haunted Happenings at the Parish Mansion,” an evening filled with ghostly fun and excitement.

Event highlights include:

- Screening of Northern New York's Most Haunted: Catch a special segment featuring the Frederic Remington Art Museum.
- Meet Nicholas Dephtereos:

The charismatic host of ABC50's “Northern New York's Most Haunted” will be in attendance.

- Cash Bar: Sip on spooky Halloween-themed cocktails, wine, and beer.
- Fresh Popcorn: Enjoy delicious popcorn from our popcorn machine.
- Spooky Stories: Share your own paranormal encounters with fellow attendees.
- Halloween Music: Groove to festive tunes before and after the

screening.

• Costumes Encouraged: Dress up to join in the Halloween spirit!

Additionally, guests can opt for a walking ghost tour of Ogdensburg for an extra charge.

Seating is limited, so be sure to secure your tickets before they sell out.

For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit Frederic-Remington.org.

# Come hunt dragons at Potsdam library

POTSDAM – Potsdam Public Library, 2 Park St., is hosting Dragon Quest from Oct. 20-31.

The year of the Dragon is winding to a close and PPL has been inhabited these many weeks by a

weir of dragons.

PPL offers you the chance to take one to your home.

At the garden entrance to the library, dragon hunters will find a chart to complete the quest so that

they might relieve the library of a dragon.

Info: <https://potsdamlibrary.org/>.

# Cybersecurity speaker to discuss A.I. Oct. 17

CANTON – In recognition of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, SUNY Canton's Cybersecurity Department will host a free weekly online speaker series throughout October.

Faculty experts will discuss topics related to navigating the internet safely, artificial intelligence security and quantum computing each Thursday from noon from 1 p.m.

The keynote speaker will be former CIA senior intelligence officer and author Peter Warmka, who will discuss the effectiveness of various methods of cybersecurity training in modern organizations at noon Oct. 31. The discussion will be moderated by Professor Kambiz Ghazinoor, Ph.D., chair of the college's

Cybersecurity Department. This event requires registration.

Warmka is the author of the non-fiction books “Confessions of a CIA Spy: The Art of Human Hacking” and “Why Are You Messing with Me? A Senior Survival Guide on Fraud, Privacy, and Security.”

Following his retirement after 20 years of public service, Warmka founded the Orlando-based firm Counterintelligence Institute. His mission is to assist city, state, and federal government entities, non-profits, academic institutions, private companies and individuals in safeguarding their sensitive proprietary and personal data.

Other speakers and topics: SUNY Canton Assistant Profes-

sor Mehdi Ghayoumi, Ph.D., will discuss the growing influence of large language models and artificial intelligence in various industries at noon Oct. 17.

SUNY Canton Visiting Assistant Professor Betis Baheri will discuss the basics of quantum computing and quantum search algorithms at noon Oct. 24. He will also discuss the theory of “quantum privacy,” which uses quantum algorithms to hide or retrieve information securely.

All events are open to the public and will be held virtually. More information, registration details and login instructions can be found at <https://www.canton.edu/hacking/>.

# Dive into the ‘Depths of Europa’ at library

POTSDAM – Potsdam Public Library, 2 Park St., will host Into the Depths of Europa with Elaine Fortin, Adirondack Sky Center & Observatory trustee and Solar System Ambassador on Friday, Oct. 25, from 7-8 p.m.

Come discover uncharted territories with Fortin as she discusses the

Oct. 10 launch of NASA's Europa Clipper spacecraft as it journeys 1.8 billion miles to explore Jupiter's enigmatic moon, Europa.

The Clipper will delve into Europa's icy surface and the vast ocean hidden beneath to assess whether this distant world possesses the right conditions to support life.

Info: <https://potsdamlibrary.org/>.

# Interviews for Christmas assistance

MASSENA – St. Peter's Outreach Ministry, 128 Main St., will host interviews for Christmas assistance from Oct. 15-Nov. 27, Monday to Friday, between 10:00 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Call (315) 957-9742 to set up an appointment. Verify proof of resi-

dence, identification, dates of birth and ages for everyone in the household and clothing sizes for children up to age 17.

Applicants may only receive Christmas assistance from one agency. For all other ministry services call (315) 769-1200.

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## Sudoku

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4				5			9
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		7	1				8
	9			7	3		
		5		1	2		
	3		4				6
1				7			9

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

Answers found elsewhere in this paper.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Sec. 4-120 of the New York State Election Law, that the following polling places will be used in the City of Ogdensburg for the General Election to be held **11/05/2024**

### Election Districts:

**ED 1,2,3 Report to the Dobisky Community Center** 100 Riverside Ave Ogdensburg NY  
**ED 4,5,6 Report to the Ogdensburg Fire Station:** 700 Ford St. Ogdensburg, NY

All districts comply with all Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. All Polling places will be open from 6 AM - 9 PM.

Given under our hands and seal of the Board of Elections of St. Lawrence County Canton, NY 9/23/2024.  
Jennie H. Bacon & Thomas A. Nichols  
SLC Commissioners of Elections





**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Salmon River Central School District is currently accepting applications for the following positions for the 2024-2025 school year:

- Elementary & Secondary Special Education Teachers
- Home & Careers/Middle Level CTE Teacher
- Math Teacher
- School Psychologist
- Science Teachers - Biology & General Science
- Teacher Aide

**Start Date: ASAP**

Application Deadline: **Immediately-Until Filled**  
Location: **Salmon River Secondary School**

Full job descriptions and applications can be found at [www.srk12.org/employment/](http://www.srk12.org/employment/)

Queries directed to/ Submit a completed application to:  
**Angela Robert-Assistant Superintendent**  
**Salmon River Central School**  
**Fort Covington, NY 12937**

The Salmon River Central School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, political affiliation, gender, age, marital status, sexual orientation, pregnancy, military status, veteran status, genetic pre-disposition or carrier status, ancestry, disability or any other legally protected status in regard to employment opportunities or educational/vocational programs or activities which it operates.



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The State University of New York (SUNY) College at Canton invites qualified applicants for a full-time, Instructional Support Associate SL-2 position in the Automotive Department beginning January 1, 2025.

**Responsibilities:**

- Maintain automotive laboratory equipment in working order.
- Order supplies.
- Assist faculty and students during lab periods.
- Consult with suppliers.
- Ensure equipment standards.
- Support other academic needs assigned by the supervisor and the faculty.
- The welding laboratory stocking, organization, and maintenance is also part of the duties of the ISA for the program.

**REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Proven record of successful maintenance of automotive or related equipment.
- Organizational skills, ability to receive inventory and parts.
- The successful candidate will have demonstrated the ability to work independently, have good people skills, and a willingness to learn and stay current in the automotive industry.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- Associate degree in the automotive or related field.
- Three years' experience with repair work.
- ASE certifications are needed but can be earned while working.
- A bonus of a NYS Inspector's License but could be earned while working.

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

**Application Deadline:** Open until filled; application review begins immediately.

Persons interested in the above position should apply online at <https://employment.canton.edu/>

SUNY Canton, a unit of the State University of New York, is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer. SUNY Canton is building a culturally diverse and pluralistic faculty and strongly encourages applications from minority and women candidates.

*The college is located in Canton, a village in the St. Lawrence River valley of northern New York. Located 20 miles from the St. Lawrence River and the Adirondack Park, and 70 miles from the Canadian capital city of Ottawa, Ontario, Canton holds excellent opportunities for the outdoor or cultural enthusiast. SUNY Canton is a member of the Associated Colleges, a consortium of four colleges.*



**Concessions**

Dining Services Department

St. Lawrence University invites applications to apply for Part-time, **Seasonal Concessions** positions.

The salary range is \$15.40/hr.

To view the complete position description, including minimum qualifications required, as well as application instructions please visit: <https://employment.stlawu.edu/postings/3789> or <https://employment.stlawu.edu/> for all positions available.

All offers of employment are contingent upon the finalist successfully passing a background (including criminal records) check. St. Lawrence University is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



**Utility 11-Month**

Dining & Conference Services Department

St. Lawrence University invites applications for a **Full-time, Seasonal, Utility worker.**

The salary is \$15.00 - \$20.38/hr.

To view the complete position description, including minimum qualifications required, as well as application instructions please visit: <https://employment.stlawu.edu/postings/3779> or <https://employment.stlawu.edu/> for all positions available.

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College Association, Inc. at SUNY Canton has the following position open for the fall

2024 academic semester: PRODUCTION COOK - The Production Cook is responsible for taking an ongoing inventory of ingredients to ensure nothing is running low, cutting up vegetables, preparing side dishes and getting salads ready for special events and regular dining hours. Part-time and full-time seasonal positions available and include a generous benefits package. Starting pay is \$15.00 per hour. Send resumes to Nichole Todd, Human Resources Representative, College Association, Inc. SUNY Canton,

**Northeast Migrant Education Program  
Migrant Educator - Teacher's Assistant**  
(Temp - St. Lawrence County)

The Research Foundation for SUNY, a private, not-for-profit Corporation, is seeking a temporary, full-time, 10-month St. Lawrence County position as a **Migrant Educator (Teacher's Assistant)** for the Northeast Education Program (\$24,300.00 - \$28,350.00 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, de-

pendable 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://web-space.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.



**MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR**

**Town of Canton Highway Department**

Town of Canton, New York, is accepting applications for a full time Motor Equipment Operator (MEO). The Town includes two villages, and three hamlets with 100 miles of road to maintain.

MEO performs a variety of semi-skilled and skilled work in operation of moderately complex motor equipment used in highway repair, construction and maintenance projects and other public works activities. Entry level hourly rate \$27.30/hour with benefits. Potential for promotion to a Heavy Equipment Operator (HEO).

Candidate will be responsible and proficient in operation and maintenance of small motor equipment and conduct plowing and sanding that is in compliance with town highway operating safety policies.

Candidates will be expected to participate in a drug and alcohol testing program.

**Candidate must meet the following qualifications:**

- A. High school diploma, high school equivalency diploma, or an Individual Education Plan Certificate;
- B. Knowledge of safe and efficient operation and maintenance of a variety of motor equipment;
- C. Ability to read and understand assigned equipment operations and servicing information;
- D. Possess mechanical aptitude;
- E. Willingness to respond to emergencies/work under adverse weather conditions;
- F. Dependability, good inter-personal skills, exhibit integrity and sound judgement; strong work ethic.
- G. Physical condition commensurate with demands of light-to-heavy physical labor;
- H. Possession of valid NYS Class B Commercial Driver's License (CDL). License number and date of issue must be on the application; and cannot have an E restriction for automatic transmission only.
- I. Experience in operation of highway construction/maintenance of equipment desired.

Send completed application (available on-line at [www.cantonny.gov](http://www.cantonny.gov) or in the Town Clerk's office), resume, three letters of recommendation, and a copy of certification(s) to **Town Highway Superintendent, 60 Main Street, Canton, NY 13617.**

Town of Canton is an Equal Opportunity Employer

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**  
Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024, 1:00 pm



**Clarkson**™

**Clarkson University is seeking nominations and applications for its 19th President.**

Founded in 1896, Clarkson University seeks a visionary, strategic, collaborative, and inspirational leader to serve as its next president. At a time when higher education is focused on student success, Clarkson's value proposition is to provide students with the most relevant STEM education and coveted skills for the twenty-first century in a personalized and supportive environment. The "Clarkson Experience" is unique and our hands-on approach to "learning and doing" drives the success of Clarkson's graduates and is the foundation of our success as a university.

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**To learn more about the opportunity, please view the Presidential Search Document by visiting [www.clarkson.edu/presidential-search](http://www.clarkson.edu/presidential-search)**

Nominations, confidential expressions of interest and applications (which should include the required information found in the Presidential Search Document) may be forwarded to [presidentsearch@clarkson.edu](mailto:presidentsearch@clarkson.edu).

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**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.

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.*



**Clarkson**™

**Employment Opportunities**

**Per Diem Event Assistant/Admissions Representative (Potsdam, NY)**

**Position Summary:** Assist with the execution of the set-up of events of various scope and for internal and external clients. Assist in the coordination with various departments to ensure successful set-up of both on campus and off campus spaces, and work with vendors regarding deliveries of event-related equipment.

**Minimum qualifications:** High school diploma or equivalent. 1 year in event and facilities operations.  
**Range:** \$18.00 - \$25.00 based on experience

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

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

34 Cornell Drive, Canton, NY 13617 or at [oshea109@canton.edu](mailto:oshea109@canton.edu). College Association, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All offers of employment are subject to the applicant successfully passing a background (including criminal records) check.

**FULL-TIME TEMPORARY FOOD SERVICE WORKER 1 SG-5** – Ranger school Wanakena, NY. SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY-ESF) is seeking applications for Temporary Food Service Worker 1. For a complete job description and to apply please visit our website at: <https://www.esf.edu/hr/>. EOE/AA including Veterans and Disabled.

JC's River Run Bar & Grill in Waddington is hiring a daytime server. Monday-Friday 10am-4pm. Apply in person, via email [jchamberlain210@gmail.com](mailto:jchamberlain210@gmail.com), or 315-388-4462.

EDWARDS-KNOX CENTRAL SCHOOL has an anticipated opening for a Boys' JV Basketball Coach for the 2024/2025 school year. Applications are due by noon on Monday, October 21, 2024. Applications can be submitted online at [www.ekcsk12.org](http://www.ekcsk12.org). Addition-

al information should be sent to the attention of Brandi Graham, District Clerk, 2512 CR 24, Hermon, NY 13652.

Part-Time Morning Kitchen Cleaning. 8am-12:30pm • Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Email [Pamelatrezz@gmail.com](mailto:Pamelatrezz@gmail.com)

Liberty HVAC is looking for a HVAC Technician The main functions of this position are to install, maintain and repair certain HVAC systems under the direction of HVAC Mechanic and/or Senior Manager. Guides and advises customer to select the most appropriate equipment to fulfill their requirements. Responsible for equipment from installation to end-of-service by performing maintenance, warranty and emergency repairs.

Age 18 or over. High School Diploma. 1+ years of related experience. Ensuring customer installations compliance with code (16NYCRR Part 261 and Fuel Gas Code) and company standards

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**Customer Service/Logistics Supervisor:** Serves as the customer's primary point of contact. Enters customer orders. Interface with production & coater on scheduling customer orders. Manages all finished goods inventory. Orders supplies for shipping. Creates and maintains rework schedule. Coordinates and oversees the day-to-day shipping of product. Ensures accuracy of paperwork and captures information into business system. Provides back-up for the Lead Shipper, Lead Receiver and QC Rewinder as needed. Minimum Requirements: High School Degree. Minimum one year experience in a customer facing role with demonstrated problem solving abilities. Experience in logistics is a plus. Fork truck license is a plus. Salary non-exempt position: \$57,800-\$62,000/annual depending on previous experience similar to this position. Benefits package: Medical/prescription, dental, life, vision, generous PTO and matching 401(k). Interested candidates should send cover letter and resumé by October 23, 2024: Business Leader, Potsdam Specialty Paper, Inc., 547A Sissonville Road, Potsdam, NY 13676. Email: [tracy.champion@pspi.us.com](mailto:tracy.champion@pspi.us.com)

**Hair Stylist Wanted.** We are looking for an Experienced Stylist to join our team. Full time or Part time. Located in Potsdam. Booth Rental. Contact Emily @ 315-842-0163 if Interested.

**Home Health Aides - Starting Pay: \$17/hour.** We are looking for honest, capable, durable, reliable, home health aides who want to a job and not just a paycheck. Need personal care help and some household assistance for a disabled couple in their 60s. Morning and evening hours available. Typical shift is 7-10 a.m. and/or 7-9 p.m. Located in the village of Massena

Private pay, no agency involved. If you or someone you know is interested in joining a team caring for two disabled 60-somethings, in a clean, modern, Covid-free home, drop me a line and we'll set up an interview. Valid NYS Driver's License required Call Joe Gray at 315-323-6891 or message me on FACEBOOK

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



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Full Time Secretary needed at Scott's Auto Center, Market Street, Potsdam, NY. Pay based on experience. Must be reliable and have own transportation. Apply in person. No phone calls, please.

Potsdam Humane Society is seeking an experienced part-time groomer to join our busy grooming center. Please apply in person or on our website at [www.potsdamhumanesociety.org](http://www.potsdamhumanesociety.org)

Dow Electric, Inc. is hiring an electrical apprentice. Pay range is \$18-\$22 an hour, 401k match, enrollment in companies TRUST program, and insurance offered. Please send resume to [sherilangdon@dowelectric.com](mailto:sherilangdon@dowelectric.com).

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## Plant Utilities Engineer 1

SUNY Canton is seeking applicants for the position of Plant Utilities Engineer 1 to work in our Physical Plant Department.

Salary: \$54,860

Candidate must have one of the following:

- Either:**
- 1.** Graduate of heating, HVAC, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration apprenticeship program from the U.S. Air Force;
  - 2.** Must have been an enlisted machinery technician (MK) with the U.S. Coast Guard OR possession of a certificate as a Marine Engineer issued by the U.S. Coast Guard;
  - 3.** Must have been an enlisted power generation equipment repairer with the U.S. Army;
  - 4.** Must have been an enlisted gas turbine systems technician, submarine nuclear propulsion plant operator reactor control, utilities man, machinist mate, or engineman with the U.S. Navy;
  - 5.** Must have a Merchant Mariner's Document (MMD) and have been a qualified member of the engine department (QMED) as an oiler, fireman/water tender, refrigerating engineer or engineman with the U.S. Merchant Marine;
  - 6.** Completion of a New York State Department of Labor registered apprenticeship program for stationary engineers, plant maintenance (plumber/steamfitter), HVAC Mechanic or plant maintenance (refrigeration/AC);
  - 7.** Possession of a High-Pressure Boiler Operating Engineer License or Stationary Engineer License;
  - 8.** A bachelor's degree in Facilities Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, or Marine Engineering;
  - 13.** Four years of full-time hands-on experience in the maintenance and operation of commercial, industrial, institutional facility, computer applications of digital energy platforms and building analytics and/or performing diagnosis, repair of HVAC systems or boilers or auxiliary equipment;
  - 14.** Four years of full-time hands-on experience in a residential setting performing diagnosis, operation, maintenance repair of HVAC systems or boilers or auxiliary equipment;
  - 15.** An associate degree in HVAC AND two years of qualifying experience as described in EITHER qualification #13 or #14 above;
  - 16.** Completion of an HVAC certificate or diploma from a BOCES program (900 hours) OR completion of an approved certificate in HVAC, electrical, refrigeration, boiler operations and maintenance, or plumbing from an accredited technical school or technology college (AND two years of qualifying experience as described in EITHER qualification #13 or #14 above).

Candidates must possess a valid NYS Driver's License Class D minimum. Incumbents of this position are assigned to a specific shift, reports to a higher-level Plant Utilities Engineer and is responsible for the operation, repair, and maintenance of a variety of heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and mechanical equipment inside and outside of a physical plant. They may supervise lower-level staff including Plant Utilities Assistants, Facility Operations Assistants, and contractors and they assume responsibility for physical plant operations on off hours.

Candidates should send a SUNY Canton Application, letter of interest, resume and three professional references to [hr@canton.edu](mailto:hr@canton.edu) or by US mail to Plant Utilities Engineer 1 Search Committee, Human Resources Department, SUNY Canton, 34 Cornell Drive, Canton, NY 13617

SUNY Canton, a unit of the State University of New York, is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer. SUNY Canton is building a culturally diverse and pluralistic faculty and strongly encourages applications from minority and women candidates.

*The college is located in Canton, a village in the St. Lawrence River valley of northern New York. Located 20 miles from the St. Lawrence River and the Adirondack Park, and 70 miles from the Canadian capital city of Ottawa, Ontario, Canton holds excellent opportunities for the outdoor or cultural enthusiast. SUNY Canton is a member of the Associated Colleges, a consortium of four colleges.*



## Colton-Pierrepont Central School District

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

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Contact: Jennifer Fleury, 4921 SH 56, Colton, NY 13625. [jfleury@cpcs.us](mailto:jfleury@cpcs.us) or 315-262-2100, ext. 6

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## Canton Central School

has anticipated openings for the 2024 - 2025 school year:

- Certified Teaching Assistant
- Food Service Substitutes
- RN Substitute
- Non-Certified and Certified Substitute Teachers
- Modified Wrestling Head Coach

Applications are due to the district office by 4:00 PM, October 22, 2024.

Applications can be found at <https://www.ccsdk12.org/employment>

CANTON CENTRAL SCHOOL  
99 State St. Canton, NY 13617  
Phone: 315-386-8561

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## The Norwood-Norfolk Central School District

is accepting applications for the following positions to begin immediately:

### SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER INSTRUCTIONAL AIDE

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

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

Deadline to apply is **October 18, 2024 (deadline may be extended until all positions are filled)**. NNCS is an EEO Employer. NYS Education Department fingerprint clearance is required for all appointments.



## PARISHVILLE-HOPKINTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

is accepting applications for the following positions:

### Boys' Basketball Coach (\$2,456-\$7,498)

### 10-Month Bus Driver (Base salary \$17,435; 3 hours per day)

Please submit application materials by **October 18, 2024**

An online application can be found at:

<https://forms.sllbooces.org/Forms/CommonApplication>



## The Norwood-Norfolk Central School District

Coach Opening - Winter 2024-2025:

### BOYS JV BASKETBALL

Must possess or is eligible to apply for NYS Coaching Certification, Current First Aid and CPR Certification. New York State Education Department fingerprint clearance is required.

Applications are available on-line at [www.nncsk12.org](http://www.nncsk12.org).

NNCS is an EEO Employer.

Please send letter of interest and application to:

Becky Byrns, Athletic Coordinator, Norwood-Norfolk Central School  
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**About Us:** The Development Authority of the North Country is seeking a dynamic and passionate individual to serve as the Next Move NY Program Administrator. In this pivotal role, you will oversee the Next Move NY initiative, ensuring its successful implementation and operation. Your leadership will guide the Program Manager and Regional Employer Liaison as you work to facilitate the transition of soldiers and their spouses from the armed forces into meaningful employment opportunities in the North Country. Next Move NY is a start-up workforce program funded by NYS to match transitioning soldiers from Fort Drum and military spouses with jobs across the North Country region.

**Position Overview:** We are seeking a self-starting, passionate professional to drive the Next Move New York initiative. This role is perfect for someone who is motivated by a desire to make a positive impact and is eager to tackle challenges head-on. If you are dedicated to fostering economic growth and community well-being, we want to hear from you!

**Key Responsibilities:**

- Direct the activities of the Next Move NY initiative and provide support to the Program Manager and Regional Employer Liaison.
- Identify and develop new programming to enhance employment opportunities for transitioning military personnel and their families.
- Coordinate implementation efforts with staff and community partners, including the Fort Drum Transition Assistance Program, to ensure alignment with initiative goals.
- Secure business and training partnerships to support program objectives and participant success.
- Track annual goals and performance measurements, ensuring the initiative's impact is measurable and reported effectively.
- Oversee grant administration, including budget management and compliance with funding requirements.

**Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's degree in a relevant field (e.g., human resources, business administration, public administration).
- Strong leadership and organizational skills with a proven ability to manage multiple projects effectively.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, with experience in stakeholder engagement.
- Passion for supporting military families and a commitment to enhancing economic opportunities in the North Country.
- Experience in program management, grant administration, or workforce development is highly desirable.

**Benefits:** The Authority provides a robust compensation package that includes: NYS Pension or NYS Voluntary Defined Contribution (VDC) Plan, NYS Deferred Compensation Plan, medical, dental, and vision insurance, Paid Time Off consisting of 12 holidays, 15 days of vacation, 2 personal days, tuition reimbursement, and opportunities for professional development.

**How to Apply:** If you are ready to lead a meaningful initiative that empowers military families in their transition to civilian careers, please send your resume and a cover letter detailing your relevant experience and passion for this mission to [www.danc.org](http://www.danc.org) by October 18, 2024.

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Or

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**Key Responsibilities:**

- Provide technical support and maintenance for network systems.
- Troubleshoot and resolve network issues for school districts.
- Collaborate with teams of experts to ensure seamless network operations.

**Qualifications:**

- Relevant experience in network systems support.
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4 Makes a choice  
8 Release money  
12 Actress Merkel  
13 Boyfriend  
14 Celestial bear  
15 MSNBC rival  
16 Lawman Wyatt  
17 Some HDTVs  
18 James Caan's role in "The Godfather"  
21 Shoe width  
22 Aachen article  
23 Tire pattern  
26 LBJ's successor  
27 Faux —  
30 Shower bar?  
31 Chart format  
32 Shed  
33 Cauldron  
34 Hit show letters  
35 Symbol of freshness  
36 HBO rival  
37 Serena, to Venus  
38 Grammy-winning Shawn Colvin song  
45 Exotic berry

**DOWN**

1 Tampa Bay team, for short  
2 — Domini  
3 "Death in Venice" author  
4 Heeded  
5 Quiet partner?  
6 Tropical tuber  
7 Paramount  
8 President Martin Van —  
9 Not pizzicato  
10 "This — outrage!"  
11 Zap with a beam  
19 Tide variety  
20 Author Yutang  
23 Recipe abbr.  
24 Kanga's kid  
25 Have dinner  
26 Carnival city  
27 Luau dish  
28 Gore and Pacino  
29 Farm pen  
31 "Continue!"  
32 Prepare potatoes  
34 Bashful  
35 Truck fuel  
36 Marsh bird  
37 Lowercase  
38 Bag  
39 Pac-12 team  
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41 Woody's son  
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43 Vegan's no-no  
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