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In split vote, county opposes Prop 1

Legislators questions legality of resolution

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

A majority of county legislators voted for a resolution opposing Proposition 1 but the vote was not made strictly along party lines.

Legislators debated the measure during the Oct. 21 Operations Committee meeting, with one calling the resolution "improper and illegal."

In an 8-4-1 vote legislators approved the contentious resolution, with Legislators Dave Forsythe, Larry Denesha, John Burke and Margaret Haggard voting in opposition. Legislator Nicole Terminelli abstained but did not offer a reason why.

Voting in favor of the resolution were Legislators Jim Reagen, Joseph Lightfoot, William Sheridan, Harry Smithers, Ben Hull, Glenn Webster, John Gennett and Rita Curran.

The controversial measure will be on the New York State ballot this year, with voters set to decide on a constitutional amendment to expand existing equal protections laws.

Proposition 1

Specifically the proposition would amend the state constitution to read:

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Happy Halloween

The Adams Family passed out candy at Ogdensburg's Trunk or Treat Oct. 19. From left, Nick, Mindy and Jackson Langley, of Ogdensburg and Michelle and Tom James, of Potsdam.

Murder trial underway

Adam Smith accused of killing two men on separate occasions

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

The murder trial of Adam Smith began with a contentious start on Tuesday, Oct. 22.

Smith is accused of murdering both Ronald "Huck" Durham and William Freeman last year in separate instances.

An opening statement from defense attorney Brian Barrett was called into question multiple times by District Attorney Gary Pasqua.

As he sought to address the 12 jurors and four alternates, Barrett said Pasqua and his associates were going to "piece together this puzzle of a million pieces by presenting grisly evidence of two horrific crimes.

Barrett said Smith "thought highly" of the two men and has continually denied in open court "each and every accusation that has been lodged against him."

"He is innocent and presumed innocent by law. Since March 2, 2023, Adam has been living a nightmare, falsely accused of two murders and other associated offenses that he did not commit," Barrett said.

He said the charges stem from "a relentless, haphazard police investigation" through which Smith was a "soft target by relentless investigators who were laser focused on him."

In his statement, Barrett denied the claims of investigators who accused Smith of stealing Freeman's truck shortly after his death. He said Freeman allowed Smith to borrow the vehicle, at which time Smith was arrested by police "in



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Crypto company has big plans for former Alcoa East Plant

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA — Coinmint, the parent company of North Country Colocation Services (NCCS) has entered into a strategic partnership with NYDIG for NCCS' bitcoin mining operation at the former Alcoa East plant.

Officials with both companies say they plan to significantly increase the number of employees in the North Country over the next several years as part of the agreement.

The expansion project has been under discussion for years, and the strategic capital from NYDIG reflects their commitment to both NCCS and Northern New York for investment and job growth, officials said.

The local bitcoin mining operation currently employs about 85 full-time workers, split between the former Alcoa East facility and a smaller operation in Plattsburgh, NY.

Officers of NYDIG and NCCS announced the transaction during a special employee recognition and town hall event at the Massena facility on October 16th.

NYDIG is a New York based, vertically integrated financial services and infrastructure firm dedicated solely to Bitcoin, officials said.

"This is a very exciting and transformative day for this company. For the past three years we've been working tirelessly towards a goal of ensuring the security of everyone's job here. This transaction, and resulting expansion project gives us the necessary, long-term stability and security of this company," NCCS CEO David Fogel said.

"We have been looking for an outside company, a capital partner, strategic partner, in order to execute on our expansion project. I'm thrilled to announce that we have found such a partner, and we just recently closed on a transaction with a company

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Coinmint, parent company of NCCS, announced a strategic partnership with NYDIG to expand the operation in Massena. Officials say the plan will significantly increase the workforce at the former Alcoa East plant.

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Pathologist testifies in Adam Smith murder trial

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BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
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CANTON — A pathologist gave testimony Tuesday outlining the brutal details of two murders that police say were committed by Adam Smith last year.

Prosecutors in the Adam Smith murder trial called their first witness on the opening day of the trial, bringing Dr. Scott LaPoint to the stand.

A pathologist, Dr. LaPoint conducted the autopsy on Robert Durham shortly after his death on February 11.

When questioned by District Attorney Gary Pasqua, LaPoint said he had conducted around 7,000 autopsies in his career, with about 250 to 300 to his name in St. Lawrence County alone.

Deemed an expert in the field, Dr. LaPoint gave a detailed description of the autopsy process of Durham, saying Durham came to him in a sealed bag directly from the scene of the crime.

He commented that all of

Durham's clothing "was quite heavily blood stained" as he began to document the body.

Upon initial examination, Dr. LaPoint commented it was "very apparent very quickly that there was a large cut type wound across his neck" when referring to Durham.

Photos presented by Pasqua and entered into evidence showed Durham's body still fully clothed, covered in blood. In one photo, the front of Durham's shirt was almost entirely stained with blood.

Dr. LaPoint said it was his determination that Durham suffered "sharp force trauma" or multiple wounds to his neck that occurred from a cutting or slicing motion, as opposed to a stabbing motion.

He commented that the determination was made because the wounds, all three to the neck, were wider than they were deeper.

Dr. LaPoint also commented that when examining Durham's body he found minor defensive wounds on his left hand, which he determined to be consistent with a sharp force trauma wound.

After documenting Durham's body and the wounds to his neck, Dr. LaPoint said he then cleaned up the area around the wounds for his examination.

He detailed what he found, commenting that Durham's right interior and exterior carotid arteries and jugular vein were both severed. In such cases, individuals have "about a minute and a half to two minutes" before they bleed to death, Dr. LaPoint said.

"You can see a series of incised wounds or cutting wounds. The upper one is right below the jawline and then that sort of commingles with two others that you can see because I'm holding them apart. So, you can see that there's three separate wounds, but they also commingle and coalesce into one rather large wound across the neck," Dr. LaPoint described in one photo. He said the wound was 18 cm in width, spanning almost the entire neck.

Dr. LaPoint said the wound was so deep and "quite forceful" to the point it severed the tongue from the hyoid bone and left a "distinct groove" on the front part of the third cervical vertebra.

In his cross examination, defense attorney Brian Barrett questioned how Dr. LaPoint knew the body was in fact Durham, to which he replied that a police officer informed him upon arrival.

Dr. LaPoint also detailed what he found on Durham's body, including

\$430 cash and \$6.40 in change in his right front pocket. He said he also found two pocket knives, \$2,300 in cash, two Stewart's cards and nail clippers in his left front pocket, along with a key fob.

Barrett questioned if it was unusual to find multiple pocket knives on an individual, to which Dr. LaPoint said it was "not that uncommon" having encountered it himself on "three or four dozen" occasions.

He said the most recent experience was during an autopsy he conducted in Buffalo "about two-and-a-half years ago."

In his redirect, Pasqua asked Dr. LaPoint about the size of the knives, to which Dr. LaPoint commented he was unsure while noting they "weren't that remarkable."

Barrett questioned Dr. LaPoint regarding the time of death of Durham.

Dr. LaPoint said that the coroner is the person who determines a time of death on scene, though in the case of Durham he said it would be difficult to determine given the cold temperatures around the time of death. He said "even under the best circumstances, it's rare that you can pinpoint a time of death based on physical findings within four to six hours."

In his follow-up, Barrett asked Dr. LaPoint to detail the autopsy process.

He commented that he first conducts an external review and documents his findings. State Police were on hand to take photos, at which time Dr. LaPoint would document his findings and then bag any materials found for evidence.

Once finished, Dr. LaPoint said he would conduct a thorough internal review of the deceased, again documenting each step and all findings and evidence as he proceeded.

Barrett also questioned who was present at the time of the autopsy and whether Dr. LaPoint had any assistance in removing Durham's body from the body bag or gurney.

Dr. LaPoint said he was unable to recollect if anyone helped him but noted he was "pretty light" and might have just pulled him over himself.

On some occasions, Dr. LaPoint said it was not uncommon to have an assistant, funeral director or on some rare occasions a police officer assist in lifting a body that may be too heavy for him to lift.

In the end, Dr. LaPoint said it was his determination that Durham died from sharp force trauma wounds to the neck that led to heavy blood loss.

LeRoux Jr. seeks seat on Massena Village Board of Trustees

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
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MASSENA -- The race for two seats on the Village Board of Trustees is coming down to the wire, with four candidates vying for the positions.

One such candidate is newcomer Ronald LeRoux Jr., who grew up in Massena and currently lives in the village with his wife and their eight children.

Despite multiple attempts by North Country This Week to contact

LeRoux Jr. for this story, no response was received. He did, however, submit a Letter to the Editor detailing his experience and goals for Massena.

"I came to be a Massena resident when I was 12 years old and made many memories of my own growing

up. I finished my schooling here as a 1993 Graduate of Massena Central High School. I went on to SUNY Canton and graduated with a degree in Business Administration after working at St Lawrence County NYS-ARC for 10 years. After I graduated, I worked in the service industry for a while but missed the feeling of helping people that NYSARC gave me. I am currently employed with ACR Health, working with people being released from prison who are HIV

or Hep C Positive helping transition from prison life to home life," he wrote.

LeRoux Jr. said he is "deeply dedicated to the growth and prosperity of Massena" and "envisions the expansion of all the resources that we have here."

"Our village and surrounding area boast two campgrounds, two beaches, the Nature Center, Eisenhower Locks, Hawkins Point, and the beautiful St. Lawrence River. However, we lack decent movie theatre, bowling alleys, shopping options and have limited eateries. There is currently truly little for the younger generation or tourists to do in the evenings and on weekends," he said.

He wrote that Massena can be an incredible tourist attraction and a village "we can all be proud of again."

"We have a Downtown which we can continue to revitalize to draw the Mom and Pop businesses that used to line the streets. We have untapped rivers which we could use for power again with minimal disruption to wildlife. We have so much natural beauty and many recreational opportunities and I wholeheartedly believe that we can enhance our village's appeal, creating a thriving and vibrant community for all," he wrote.

LeRoux Jr. was also endorsed by his wife, Town Council Member Kristy DuBray-Baker in another Letter to the Editor as well.

"Whether it is work related, family related or community related, Ron is always willing to go beyond what is asked of him to help others and never hesitates to fight for what is right. He has worked for ACR Health, which is a not-for-profit, community-based organization providing an array of support services to individuals affected by a wide range of chronic diseases, including HIV/AIDS, with the goal of positive health outcomes, for over 10 years and seeing him in action, I acquired respect and admiration for his generosity, intelligence, and dedication to a good cause. With proud enthusiasm, I support Ron LeRoux Jr for the position of Massena Village Trustee, and we wholeheartedly thank you for your support on Election Day, November 5, 2024," she wrote.

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Political newcomer from Texas vying for seat on village board

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
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Webb

to visit his future wife.

"I'll be honest, this place in October and November is enchanting with the beautiful leaves and rivers. She is what drew me here, but after seeing

this place in person I knew this was where I wanted to hang my boots for the rest of my life. In the summer-time I love Kayaking and fishing the local rivers, and I also umpire most of the Massena softball and little league games," Webb said.

He commented that he decided to run for office because "as a parent I'm genuinely concerned about what our village has become."

Webb said he has listened to many

elder members of the community who educated him about the past glories of the village when facilities like General Motors and Reynolds were operational. He said a loss of jobs has severely impacted the village, something he hopes to rectify.

"We have fewer jobs, and limited shopping. With all that in mind, it's hard to gripe about the way things are if you're not willing to roll up your sleeves and do the work to make things better," Webb said.

Despite not having a background in politics, Webb said that can be a strength. "I have no background in politics, which means to the voters I'm not anyone's puppet. What I have is a drive to make this once great village great again. I want to see a community where our children aren't fearful of school, and where

our residents aren't afraid of their vehicles or homes being burglarized. It's time that we come together as a community and say enough is enough. We must stop the bleeding and the only way to do that is to put people in office that actually care about the people," he said.

Webb said his first priority is taking action to protect the children of the community in every aspect of life. "We have children overdosing in school. We have children being attacked on our streets. That must come to a stop. I also want to address the drug epidemic and the crime on our streets. I want to help create a stronger economy where small businesses can create more jobs without fear of their businesses being robbed," he said.

While his ambitions are large,

Webb said he's well aware that it takes more than one member of a governing body to have an impact.

"Let's be honest there's nothing that one person is going to be able to do to make the changes that need to take place here. What we must do is elect the right people that are not afraid to make hard decisions in the right offices," he said.

Webb said he felt he is the right man for the job because he will put people first and will hold accountable those who need to be most of all.

"I believe that I'm the right choice in this upcoming election because I'm a guy that is going to be a voice for the people and put the needs of our people first. I'm not a "Yes Sir" man. I'm the man that's going to hold people accountable for their actions," he said.

Broadbent seeks village board seat, hopes to address housing issues

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week



Broadbent

believe at times we can get cynical and complain about the way things are done in our local government, so instead of complaining I decided to get involved. I believe I can have a positive voice for the people of our village" he said.

Broadbent said he is a great listener who is adaptable as well.

He demonstrated that adaptability through his professional life, spending 22 years in dairy manufacturing until the North Lawrence plant closed in 2011. Shortly afterward he spent the next five years working at Remington Arms in Ilion, NY traveling during the week and coming

home on weekends.

Broadbent then worked at Alcoa for 10 months, working for a temp agency before finishing his professional career at the Healthy Way in Massena. He retired last year after five years with the company.

Broadbent said he has a willingness to learn and grow that will serve the people of Massena well if he were elected. "I believe one of the skills I possess is a willingness to learn and grow. Being a trustee there will be a learning curve that I am willing to embark on. I also have a can-do attitude. I'm one who is willing to roll up my sleeves and say, 'Let's go.' I have a strong work ethic, and I am an optimist by nature. I think I am objective as well, being able to listen to opposing ideas and work together to get the job done," he said.

Broadbent said one of his primary focuses will be to address housing issues in the village, in particular blighted properties.

"The code enforcement officer here in Massena has one of the toughest jobs in the village. Many vacant buildings and landlord issues are one of the concerns I have. This is as well as the increasing number of homeless people in our community. Finding a safe place for the homeless is critical. Making Massena attractive so businesses will want to be here is key to our growth. I believe we are on track for that to happen and I would like to support that effort," he said.

Broadbent said those issues are complex and can be costly but he is committed to ensuring that taxes do not rise out of control as the village

handles blighted properties.

"Addressing these issues is complex. Money is the key to solving some of these issues, but doing so without raising taxes is tough but critical. There are state grants for Community Renewal. With a good vision we can get the help we need to start to fix some of these issues. Also working with our local community is important. There is a lot of gold in the minds and hearts of our people here in Massena. Let's hear them as well," he said.

He said he "has a heart for Massena" and wants to see the village succeed and grow. "I desire to see it prosper and grow. I believe we have all we need here to make that happen, and I'm willing to work hard to assist in our progress as a community," he said.

Deputy mayor seeking election to Massena Village Board of Trustees

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week



Simpson

roles I learned the importance of diplomacy, mediation, and problem solving. Since becoming a village trustee I have been assigned to supervise essential services committees to include Police, Rescue, Fire, and Code Enforcement. I have also been tasked with negotiating several contracts on behalf of the village," he said. Simpson said the village of Massena has a number of issues at hand but his biggest concern is the safety and security of residents.

"Drug abuse and related crimes are not just a problem for our Police. The behaviors associated with the drug epidemic create other dangers for our community. Our Fire Department and Emergency Services have seen a drastic increase in calls. Our Code office also continues to address unsafe living conditions and blight while seeing a record number of calls," Simpson said.

He currently works as a Board of Trustees liaison to the police, fire and rescue departments in Massena. Simpson said in order for the village to turn the corner on the drug epidemic and combat crime, it is essential for the board to continue to support the working professionals who seek to protect residents.

"Continued support and representation for our Essential Services and Code Enforcement (is essential). Though stretched thin, these services continue to serve and protect the community. If I can assist in acquiring resources, personnel and support to make their role any easier, I will," he said.

Mayor Greg Paquin voiced similar sentiments in his endorsement letter of Simpson.

"Chad has been instrumental in his role as negotiator for the Village. He has been the liaison to all of our Emergency Service Units and our Code Department. He has been a steady voice as we have tried to improve upon all of these services. He has helped us in our leadership in rebuilding the Police Department, in the takeover of Massena Rescue, and is currently helping in rewriting major aspects of our code," he said.

Paquin called Simpson an "independent voice" for the people.

"You may not realize this, but he is a registered Independent who is endorsed by the local Democratic

Committee. His only interest is the betterment of this community and what he can do to help as we try to navigate the process of reinvigo-

rating our Village. He is focused on services, taxes, and our Downtown Revitalization," Paquin said.



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Seuss steps out at Trunk or Treat

Thing 1, Thing 2, and Dr. Seuss pass out candy at Ogdensburg's Trunk or Treat Oct. 19. From left, Emma LeBeau, Gabby Morley, April Spooner and Lilyana Peoples, dressed as a colorful cat.

Help shape Ogdensburg's future

City commissioners to help review charter

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG — Ogdensburg city council is looking for volunteers to join the Charter Review Commission and applications will be accepted until Oct. 31.

Mayor Michael Tooley is encouraging city residents to apply with hopes of having a commission together in time for a January meeting.

Applications are available on the city's website Ogdensburg.org and at city hall.

Ogdensburg's City Charter was last reviewed in 2017, with the last meeting of its Charter Review Commission held on Nov. 13, 2017.

The commission consists of 12 individuals appointed by council. They are tasked with reviewing the city's charter and making recommendations for changes. Such changes may include small adjustments to ensure consistency and continuity in language or larger changes that can modify rules and regulations that govern the city and its government.

The commission was last formed in 2017 and included chair Fred Bean, Sean O'Brien, Laura Pearson, Sean McNamara, Laura Ashley, Douglas Loffler, Andrew Putmar, Kevin Kendall, Storm Cilley, Christopher Pitcher and Scott McRoberts.

Last time around the commission offered many suggested changes, though many were not supported by the city council.

Among the failed proposals would have a three-year term for the position of mayor and a call to ensure that each of the city's election districts included a representative who resided within it.

Instead the city opted to continue "at large" voting which allows anyone who resides in the city to run for any available seat.

It is possible for the charter commission to bypass

the council via public referendum, however that does not appear to have been done in the past.

Another recommendation made by that Commission, which was approved by Ogdensburg City Council, reduced the time period between City Charter reviews from 10 years to six years, thus requiring a City Charter review begin no later than December 31, 2023. On July 24, 2023, City Council amended the City Charter to change the deadline date for City Charter review to Dec. 31, 2027.

Mayor Michael Tooley, with City Council support, stated early in 2024 his intention to have City Council appoint a City Charter Review Commission this year. On Sept. 23 Ogdensburg City Council outlined the process by which a City Charter Review Commission shall be appointed in 2024, with its meetings to begin in 2025.

Based on the number of applications received and their review of these applications, Ogdensburg City Council hopes to appoint the 2025 City Charter Review Commission at its Nov. 12 regular meeting.

The first meeting of the 2025 City Charter Review Commission is scheduled Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025, in Room 3 at City Hall.

This timeline allows nearly a two-month period which will allow time for the following:

City staff make available a hard copy of the City Charter, if requested, to the Commission (the Charter can be found on the City of Ogdensburg website).

City staff to prepare information for the Commission outlining their role as defined in NYS Division of Local Government Services.

Review of the City Charter by all interested and affected parties to submit to the Commission suggested amendments to the City Charter. This includes City Council, City Administration, citizens, business owners, among others.

SLC program to clean up contaminated and blighted properties continues with five more

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- If you drive around the county you may notice a number of properties have been cleaned up in recent years after sitting vacant for years.

That's due in large part to St. Lawrence County's blighted property program.

St. Lawrence County Attorney Steve Button said the program has been a major success for the county, allowing for dozens of properties with unsafe structures to undergo remediation.

Once structures are removed, the property can then go back on the tax rolls through auction, Button said.

"The legislature and my office view this program as a top priority. This is a way to restore communities, to remove unsafe structures and to put properties back on the tax

rolls," he said.

Funding for the program comes from the state, with hundreds of thousands of dollars spent every year to clean up blighted properties that have long been in violation of local, county and state codes.

Button said he is confident the program will continue on in the future as well.

"The county legislature will continue to support the program, as well the state, allowing us to clean up more properties in the future. We're very confident this program will continue to be a success," he said.

Currently, five properties are undergoing cleanup, including in the towns of Canton and Potsdam, the village of Massena and Pitcairn, Button said.

Village of Massena officials say they were notified last month that properties at 56 and 58 Sycamore Street would be cleaned up as part of

the program.

Those properties were deemed to be unsafe structures and will be torn down by the end of the year.

Button also touched on another program that cleans up properties with possible environmental contamination, like old gas stations and dry cleaners for instance.

He said that program, which began in 2015, has crossed the century mark this year with the 100th property cleanup.

Button said funding for the program comes from the state Oil Spill Fund with cleanups conducted by the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

"We really need to give the Comptroller's Office a great deal of credit for their support of the program, as well as the DEC. Without their support we wouldn't be able to do this," Button said.

Massena man jailed after alleged domestic disputes

MASSENA — A Massena resident was charged with felonies stemming from alleged domestic disputes and a harassment complaint, according to state police.

Jerome M. King, 35, was charged with two counts of first-degree criminal contempt, felonies, officers said. Those charges stemmed from

alleged domestic disputes reported to troopers July 28 and Aug. 30.


King was also charged with second-degree criminal contempt stemming from a harassment complaint, officers said.

He was ordered held without bail, officers said.

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Absentee Ballot Applications can be applied for online at ballotapplication.elections.ny.gov/home/absentee

Day 2 of Adam Smith murder trial features four witnesses

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North Country This Week

CANTON — Four more witness-

es testified in the Adam Smith murder trial, including a pathologist, two witnesses who discovered the body of Ronald Durham and a State Trooper who responded to the cemetery.

Smith is alleged to have murdered Freeman on March 2, 2023 in his home in the town of Rossie.

Pathologist testifies to Freeman autopsy results

Dr. Michael Sikirica testified on Oct. 23 regarding the autopsy he performed on Freeman shortly after his death.

A pathologist who has performed "somewhere around 15,000" autopsies over the last 35 years as a medical professional, Dr. Sikirica confirmed in court that Freeman died from a significant knife wound in his back that shattered his tenth rib on the right side of his back, piercing his liver and nicking his eighth rib in the front of his abdomen.

Dr. Sikirica testified that the wound was 15mm wide and 36mm deep when he examined the wound as it was open.

That equates to roughly 0.6 inches in width and 1.42" in depth.

He also commented that there were bruises and abrasions that happened around the same time of the fatal injury, including one around the stab wound that was consistent with the hilt of a sizable knife that was forcefully used to stab Freeman.

When asked by defense attorney Brian Barrett about the possibility that the bruises and abrasions could have occurred at another time, Dr. Sikirica said it was highly unlikely as the bruises and abrasions appeared to be relatively new.

Dr. Sikirica also detailed a number of other injuries to Freeman, including defensive wounds to his hands and multiple cuts to the left, right and center of Freeman's neck.

Unlike Ronald "Huck" Durham,

the wounds to Freeman did not sever any major arteries or veins, Dr. Sikirica testified.

Much like the line of questioning regarding the autopsy of Durham, Dr. Sikirica confirmed to Barrett that he was informed that the body was that of Durham.

One major difference, however, was the rigor mortis that was found when the body was delivered to Dr. Sikirica.

He testified that at the time of the autopsy, Durham's body was "very stiff" and was indicative of an individual who had not been dead for 24 hours.

Dr. Sikirica testified that it was his professional opinion that Durham had passed away sometime on March 2.

He commented that had it happened on March 1, Durham would have been "more flaccid" as rigor mortis would have worn off as tissue began to decompose at that time.

Later that morning Leroy Tharrett Jr. and his son Jeffrey offered their testimony.

Both Tharretts were the first to find Durham in on Feb. 11, shortly after 8 a.m. that Saturday.

Testifying first, Leroy Tharrett Jr. said he knew the cemetery well as he lived across the street on Van Buren Road.

Tharrett Jr. said he would often see Ronald Durham and his white Dodge Ram pickup truck in the cemetery where Durham's wife was buried.

A distant relation through marriage, Tharrett Jr. said he knew Durham "almost all my life."

The morning of February 11, Tharrett Jr. said he, his son Jeffrey and two other individuals were expecting to work on the roof of his relative just two doors down.

"Is it normal to work on a roof in the winter?" Barrett asked.

"If the weather allows, sure," Jeffrey Tharrett responded.

Around 7 a.m. they all met at

the home before Tharrett Jr. went to White's Hardware across town to pick up supplies for the day.

Jeffrey Tharrett also confirmed the timeline and details during his testimony.

Tharrett Jr. detailed seeing Durham's truck in the cemetery for a long period of time, which prompted his aunt to ask him to check on Durham.

Both Tharrett Jr. and his son said they then walked across the street at around 8:10 or 8:15 to check on Durham, where Jeffrey Tharrett discovered Durham deceased next to the driver side door of his truck.

Both were asked if they touched the body, to which they replied they did not.

They both also called 911 for assistance, detailing the scene. The first call was received by dispatchers around 8:19, with police on scene just minutes later.

At the time of the discovery, Tharrett Jr. said he also saw "bloody boot prints," which he corroborated after reviewing his deposition he gave to State Troopers later that day.

Sergeant Leah Malbeuf of the New York State Police was the second officer on scene, 13 minutes after the 911 call was received.

She detailed the initial call, which went out as a suicide attempt in the East Side Cemetery on Van Burn Road in Governor.

Malbeuf said when she arrived on scene she saw Durham's truck along with a trooper vehicle belonging to Trooper Seymour who was already on scene, along with two other males.

She said she went around the front of the truck to approach Trooper Seymour, at which time she saw Durham on the ground with "a lot of blood on him and underneath him in the snow."

Malbeuf said Durham was "clearly deceased" when she arrived on scene.

OBITUARIES

Robert S. Bishop, 65

Massena

MASSENA — Robert S. Bishop, 65, of Center Street, unexpectedly passed away Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at his home.

Robert was born in Ogdensburg on September 12, 1959, the son of the late Morris Gilbert and Ruth Delaine (Black) Bishop.

He attended schools in Massena. His first marriage to Sharon Weiss, blessed him with 3 children before their divorce.

He later married Paula Baxter, which their marriage also ended.

Robert was a laborer in the construction field working with Helmer Construction, as well as Danko Construction until becoming disabled.

He enjoyed fishing, cooking, hunting, and was always tinkering and fixing things.

Robert is survived by his children, Karlene (Joseph) Burley of Waddington, Jonathan Bishop Sr. of Massena, and Joseph Bishop of Plattsburgh; his grandchildren, Natalie, Karli, Jonathan Jr., and Myles; his sister, Mary Edna Bishop of Massena; two brothers, Gilbert

(Judy) Bishop Ogdensburg and James Buck of South Africa; and many nieces and nephews.



Robert Bishop

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his siblings, Debra, Morris, Rick, Pete, Clarcy, Otis, and Walter.

Arrangements are under the care and guidance of the

Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena, where friends may call Saturday 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

A graveside service will follow at 2:00 PM in Pine Hill Cemetery, Eel Weir.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing may consider memorial contributions in his memory to be made to the American Heart Association.

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

RECENT DEATHS

FRANCIS BERO, 94, formerly of Raymondville, Sept. 29. Arrangements with D.L. Calarco Funeral Home, Inc., Watertown.

ANTONIA HERNE, 91, Akwesasne. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

ROGER MCBATH, 94, Ogdensburg. Arrangements with Lawrence Funeral Home, Canton.

JANICE LARUE, 82, Massena, Oct. 7. Arrangements with Hammill Funeral Home, Winthrop.

MICHAEL TROMBLY, 55, formerly of Ogdensburg, Oct. 10. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

ALEXANDER GARROW, JR., 81, Akwesasne, Oct. 12. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

JASON, BROADBENT, 53, Heuvelton, Oct. 12. Arrangements with Frederick Bros. Funeral Home, Theresa.

LESTER MITCHELL, 89, North Lawrence, Oct. 13. Arrangements with Flint Funeral Home, Moira.

ANDERSON COX, 81, Massena, Oct. 13. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

PHILLIP MARTIN, 76, Massena, Oct. 15. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

KATHRYN PREBISH, 79, Ogdensburg, Oct. 15. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

WAYNE HYDE, 70, Lisbon, Oct. 15. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

FRANCIS GARDNER, 80, Massena, Oct. 15. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

MITCHELL GRAY, 49, Akwesasne, Oct. 15. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

ROBERT BISHOP, 65, Massena, Oct. 15. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

CHRISTIE ROUNDPOINT, 92, Akwesasne, Oct. 16.

EDWARD SAVAGE, 69, Ogdensburg, Oct. 17. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

KENNETH SMITH, 84, Winthrop, Oct. 17. Arrangements with Hammill Funeral Home, Winthrop.

BETHANY HOFFMAN, 81, Waddington, Oct. 17. Arrangements with Garner Funeral Service, Potsdam.

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VOTE YES on Prop. 1
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PROPOSAL 1
NY EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

WHAT
Prop 1 is a ballot proposal to amend the New York State Constitution. You may have also heard it called the NY Equal Rights Amendment.

WHO & WHEN
New York voters will have the opportunity to vote for or against Prop 1 in the general election on November 5, 2024.

IMPACT
Adding to existing protections against discrimination based on race and religion. This amendment to the New York State Constitution would explicitly prohibit discrimination based on a person's ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, and sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. It also protects abortion rights.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:
Q: Why am I just now finding out about this?
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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?
A: Getting an amendment on the ballot is a multi-year process; 2024 is our opportunity to finally protect the rights of all New Yorkers. Vote accordingly.

TO VOTE YES FOR REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AND FREEDOM FOR ALL!
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OBITUARIES

Phillip A. Martin, 76

Massena

MASSENA - Phillip A. Martin, age 76, passed away early Tuesday morning, October 15, 2024, at his home.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

Friends and family may be received on Friday October 18, 2024 from 2:00 pm until time of funeral service at 4:00 pm with Rev. Fr Lukas Gruber.

A graveside service will take place on Saturday October 19, 2024 in Calvary Cemetery Massena at 11:00 am.

Phil was born on July 11, 1948, in Massena to the late Victor and Gertrude (Clemmo) Martin.

He was employed at Bombay Slipper Factory for over 12 years.

Phil loved the great outdoors, spending countless hours fishing, gardening and tending to his apple orchard.

He is survived by his loving and devoted companion of over 42 years, Diane A. Arcet, a son Jason

Martin of Massena and a daughter Jessica Arcet of Massena. His siblings; David and wife Gloria

Clemmo and Lawrence and Martin both of Rochester, NY; and Tim and wife Sue Martin of Massena; a sisters Christine and husband Eugene Arquett of Massena along with several nieces and

Phillip Martin

nephews.

In addition to his parents, Phil was predeceased by his brothers Donald and Michael Martin, a sister in-law Gloria Martin, sister Marie and husband James Pitts and a sister Suzanne.

Family and friends are encouraged to share condolences, memories and photos by visiting www.PhillipsMemorial.com

Gregory LaFave, 39

Brushton

BRUSHTON - Gregory LaFave, Jr., 39, of Brushton, N.Y., passed away on October 15, 2024 at his home, surrounded by his loving family and under the care of Hospice of the North Country.

Born in Malone on February 26, 1985, he was the son of Gregory LaFave, Sr. and Sonya Jeror. They survive.

He is further survived by his sons; Kolby Rayell of Westville, Lucas LaFave of Bangor and Cashton Wilcox of Brushton, his daughters; Soraya LaFave of Bangor and Lillian LaFave of Clearwater, Florida, his sister; Tonyajean (Matthew) Arndt of Brushton, his grandchildren; Amelia LaFave of Bangor and Leha LaFave of Brushton.

Greg attended local schools and was a carpenter and painter with Allen's Painting.

He loved gaming and fixing anything he could get his hands on.

An hour of visitation will be

held from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22 at Brusso-Desnoyers Funeral Home in

Malone, with a prayer service to follow in the funeral home chapel.

A Celebration of Life will be held starting at 1 p.m. at the Brushton-Moira American Legion.

Donations in Greg's name may be made to Hospice of the North Country.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Brusso-Desnoyers Funeral Service of Malone.

Those who wish may leave an online condolence or message for the family on the funeral homes Facebook page at Ross Family of Funeral Homes or the website: brusofuneralservice.com.



Gregory LaFave

Francis J. Gardner, 80

Massena

MASSENA - Francis J. Gardner, 80, of Jefferson Ave, unexpectedly passed away Monday, October 15, 2024 at Massena Hospital.

Francis was born in Ogdensburg on December 10, 1943, the son of the late Donald J. and Ruth (Cook) Gardner. He was raised in Morristown where he was graduate of Morristown Central Schools. Following graduation in 1962, he entered the US Air Force proudly serving his country until his honorable discharge in 1966.

On December 2, 1967, Francis married Mary Jane Wood at Notre Dame Church in Ogdensburg.

In 1967, Francis started at Alcoa, where they sent him to apprentice training to be a blacksmith. He continued there for over 40 years, retiring as a General Mechanic.

He was a communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church and member of the VFW, American Legion, and AMVETS. He enjoyed visits to the casino, playing bingo, and going shopping at the grocery store.

Francis had a very generous spirit and would always help his neighbors and others in need.

Francis is survived by his loving wife, Mary Jane; his daughters, Dawn (Mike) Foster, Kerry Davis

and Terry Thompson, all of Massena; his grandchildren, Breanna and Taylor Foster, and Makenzie

Thompson; his sister, Donna (Jim) Wells of Gouverneur; his brothers, Louis John (Bonnie) Gardner of Morristown and Wayne Gardner of Florida; many nieces and nephews; and his beloved

puppies, Pepper and TJ.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, Ronald, Gene, Clint, and Dave Gardner.

Arrangements are under the care and guidance of the Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena where friends may call on Monday 6-8:00 PM. A celebration of his life will be held November 9th 1-4:00 PM at the American Legion in Massena.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing may consider memorial contributions to be made in his memory to the Massena Humane Society.

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



Francis Gardner

OGDENSBURG - Roger L. McBath, 94, of Canton and formerly of Lisbon, NY died peacefully at United Helpers Maplewood Campus in Canton.

Calling hours will be held on Monday, Oct. 21, 2024, from 4 to 7 at Lawrence Funeral Home, Canton.

A Masonic service will be held at 6:30 pm.

His funeral will be held on Nov.11, 2024, at 11 am, at the funeral home.

Burial will be held privately at the Madrid Cemetery.

Roger was born Nov.11, 1929 in Ogdensburg, NY.

He was a son of Leland and Mary (Woodside) McBath.

He was a graduate of Lisbon High School and Canton ATC.

On Oct. 1, 1946, he married Priscilla Bradley in Madrid, NY, where together they ran a small dairy farm.

In addition to the farm, Roger was also employed by The St. Lawrence Seaway as an inspector.

It was during this time he became a Surge milking machine dealer.

MASSENA - Anderson Hunter Cox, 81, of Randall Court, peacefully passed away Sunday morning, October 13, 2024 at his home.

Anderson was born on October 24, 1942 in Newport News, Virginia, the son of the late Gilbert and Winnie (Anderson) Cox.

On November 2, 1959, he entered the US Navy, where he proudly served his country until his honorable discharge on November 1, 1982 as a Warrant Officer O4.

Following his discharge, he started a fiber optics business, Bazon and Cox in Virginia Beach.

Anderson was a member of the American Legion, Amvets Post

AKWESASNE - Antonia Herne passed peacefully surrounded by her family after battling a brief illness. She was 91.

Antonia was born to Cataldo & Angela Grammatica in Bari, Italy. She grew up in the port town of Civitavecchia but was relocated to a refugee camp in Libya, North Africa with her family during WWII for five years.

After the war, her family made their way to America. Antonia was the last, after her parents and seven siblings, to make the ten-day journey across the pond.

Antonia, now to be called Toni, immigrated through Ellis Island, NYC, and joined her family in Rochester, NY, July 22, 1955.

Toni was a well-known seamstress, earning her diploma from NECCHI in Civitavecchia.

She could create anything with her sewing machine, which would eventually include all three of her daughters' wedding dresses.

She was introduced to Vernie Herne in 1960 and the two were married on February 11, 1961 at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Rochester with Father Robert J. Fox presiding. They celebrated 63 years this year.

SUBMITTING OBITUARIES: Families now have the option of publishing obituaries in North Country This Week -- ask the funeral home to submit the obituary for publication in the paper as well as on NorthCountryNow.com. For more information or to submit an obituary, email obituaries@northcountrynow.com or call 315-265-1000 ext. 33.

Roger L. McBath, 94

Ogdensburg

Roger and his young family traversed the dairy farms all over St. Lawrence County and developed many lifelong relationships along the way.

In 1964, Roger and Priscilla moved the family to Canton and purchased Robinson Farm Equipment shortly thereafter.

In his later years, he was employed by SUNY Potsdam. Priscilla passed away in 1994 and Roger later married Barbara Blair of Waddington. Barbara passed in 2007.

Roger is survived by his children Virginia Engan of Manlius, NY, Stephen (Peggy)McBath of Canton, Sheryl (Stephen) Lovejoy of Stafford Va., and Thomas (Bobbi) McBath of Redwood, NY; a sister Ruth Dunn, formerly of Raymondville, NY; seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He will also be remembered



Roger McBath

Anderson Hunter Cox, 81

Massena

#4, and the VFW Post # 1143 and was a volunteer driver for the local DAV.

Anderson had a very generous and giving heart and spirit, who enjoyed collecting coins and fishing.

Anderson is survived by his wife, Monique; his daughter, Michelle (Bob) Fish of Michigan; a grand-

son, Dillon; his brother, Michael Sam Cox of Texas; and many nieces and nephews.



Anderson Cox

Antonia Herne, 91

Akwesasne

Toni was a staff member of the St. Regis Mohawk School, beloved by staff and students alike.

She was a long-time member of St. Patrick's Church and Rosary Society as well as a Eucharistic Minister, and the Rural Letter Carrier's Association Auxiliary.

She loved growing flowers and vegetables, taking care of her yard, and making everyone their favorite foods when surrounding her table.

She especially loved traveling the country to visit her children, and time spent with all her grandchildren.

Toni is survived by her loving husband, Thomas "Vernie" Herne, her children, Cathy (Mark) Parow, Angela (Ed) Rios, Joe (Joanne) Herne, Tommy Herne and Nancy (Eric) Christie, and her grandchildren, Erin, Heather, Lacey, Dylan, Amanda, Kayla, Keith, Michael, Haley, Daniel and Marissa.

She was also blessed with many

by his dear friend, Joan Dixon, of Boynton Beach, Fla.

In addition to his parents and Priscilla and Barbara, he was predeceased by his brother, Hollis McBath, of Lisbon.

Roger was a member of Waddington F&AM Lodge 393 where he was also a member of Valley of Norwood where he received his 32nd degree in Syracuse, NY.

He was also a member of The Stillwater Hunting Club serving two terms as president.

He served on the Board of Directors for Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority and also on the advisory board for St. Lawrence National Bank.

He enjoyed hunting, time spent at the family camp on the St. Lawrence River, playing golf, wintering in Florida and his antique automobiles, especially the 1948 Chevy that he proudly displayed at area car shows and entered in parades.

Condolences and photos and memories may be shared by visiting www.lawrencefuneralhome.org.

Memorial contributions are suggested Waddington F & AM Lodge 393 or to Stillwater Hunting Club.

and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by two brothers, Gilbert and John Patrick Cox.

Arrangements are under the care and guidance of the Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena, where friends may call on October 24th, 2-4:00 PM.

Military funeral honors will be rendered at 4:00 PM by his comrades from the VFW Rifle Squad.

In lieu of flowers those wishing may consider memorial contributions to be made in his memory to a local DAV organization.

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

great grandchildren.

She is survived by her brother-in-law, Kenneth Terrance, and sisters-in-law Adua Grammatica and Gisela Herne. Her chosen daughter, Retha (Herne) Leno and another loving granddaughter, Michelle (Benedict) Cook. Toni also has many nieces, nephews, and grandchildren. No one left her presence feeling less than special.

Toni was predeceased by Cataldo and Angela Grammatica, Mose and Katie Herne, her siblings, her in-laws, and their spouses.

She was also predeceased by her grandson, Cory Herne in 2008, and her daughter in-law, Priscilla "Bulla" Herne in 2016.

Funeral arrangements are with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena, NY, where friends may call on Wednesday 2-8:00 PM.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Thursday 11:00 AM at the St. Regis Mission Church with Father Kris Lauzon presiding.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Regis Mission Catholic Church.

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

Residents warned to not park on sidewalk to access town hall drop boxes

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- Town of Massena officials are warning residents to not park in front of the drop boxes in front of town hall.

At a recent town board meeting Supervisor Sue Bellor commented that there were multiple instances of individuals driving their cars onto the sidewalk to utilize the drop boxes, as opposed to just walking to them.

"We want to encourage people not to do that. We've had a chat with the village as well and they understand. We don't want anybody driven over," she said.

The topic was broached after a

Massena Garden Club beautification project was struck twice by people illegally driving on the sidewalk, she said.

It's been knocked over twice because people drove their cars in front of the drop boxes. So, we're going to try to stop that. We just need people to park in the parking lot and walk to the drop box. That would be ideal," she said.

Drop boxes for village water and tax payments, as well as Liberty Utilities, Massena Electric Department and Spectrum are currently set up in front of town hall.

Bellor said the town will identify the culprits who were caught on camera driving on the sidewalk and

knocking the planter over.

"We have it on camera. We know who they are. We've seen them on camera," Bellor said.

According to Town Highway Superintendent Dylan Casselman, the town and village are working on a plan to place removable barriers that can be removed for snow removal and work on Main Street when needed.

"We're going to work with the village to try to put removable barriers in there so they can be removed for snow removal and the things that the village needs to do on Main Street, but will be in place 99% of the time for anything besides pedestrian traffic," he said.

Casselmann said pedestrian safety in that area is the number one priority at the moment for both the town and village. Village officials also plan to move parking spaces further away from downtown crosswalks as well, in particular the crosswalk that is in front of the Schine Theater and town hall. Department of Public Works Superintendent Marty Miller spoke on the project at a previous village board meeting.

Miller informed trustees that parking spaces are required to be 20 feet back from crosswalks. In downtown Massena that code isn't being followed, which is forcing DPW crews to address the situation. Main Street may not be the only area affected by

the laws, Miller said.

He informed trustees the same rules apply to all alleys and driveways as well. Miller said the tighter than allowed parking spaces make it treacherous for pedestrians to safely cross the road when vehicles are parking "right on top" of crosswalks. Miller said the change to parking spaces would offer some relief to the crosswalk and would allow pedestrians a better view of traffic as they attempt to cross.

The village currently boasts roughly 230 parking spaces in the downtown area, though that may change when the Downtown Streetscape Project is completed as part of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

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Town of Massena 'very likely' to exceed 2% tax cap

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- The Massena Town Board has approved the preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2025 but Town Supervisor Sue Bellor said the budget is far from settled.

Town board members adopted the budget during the Oct. 16 board meeting.

Bellor previously said town of Massena department heads would have to sharpen their pencils and give a hard look at their budgets if the town is to remain under the 2% tax cap.

Town officials passed a resolution last month that allows them to override the cap if it is deemed necessary.

Bellor previously said it is very likely the town will have to exceed that cap despite a "fiscally tight spending plan" to meet the various commitments to town residents.

One monkey wrench the town must now face is a commitment to pay off the town's trailing liabilities from the sale of Massena Memorial Hospital to St. Lawrence Health.

Despite the town paying off a \$1.7 million worker's compensation debt to the county, over \$5 million remained from the sale of the hospital in January 2020 in the form of a New York State pension liability.

The town signed off on an agreement with the state to pay back around \$5 million beginning in 2025 with an interest rate of 7%.

That means the town will pay \$383,214.24 every year for 30 years.

Town officials said during the Sept. 19 board meeting that the funds will have to come from taxpayers unless action is taken in Albany to assist.

In January of this year, town officials passed and signed the "home rule for state legislation," which they said would give the town expanded bonding authority to cover up to \$5 million of the pension liability.

Despite the town's best efforts, it appears a lack of action in Albany is going to end up costing taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars each year to settle the trailing liabilities from the hospital sale.

Bellor said those efforts are putting the town in a financial crunch.

"We tried for two years with the Senate and Assembly to try to get a resolution so that we could pay our hospital pension debt back at a better rate, and it has not passed both houses two years in a row. So, therefore, next year we need to start paying back the hospital pension debt each month," she said.

She said the plan is for 30 years barring "some kind of miracle that

comes across to help us out."

Expenses also continue to rise, while sales tax revenue has proven to be volatile in recent months as consumers are forced to cut back due to price gouging for basic goods.

Bellor said she has met with several groups in recent months to discuss budgetary needs.

"With the need for transparency and clarification for all town board members ahead of planned budget sessions, and following the advice of the Association of Towns legal staff, I had dialogues with board members, department heads, bookkeeper, and town clerk to coordinate budget review and calendar planning sessions," she previously said.

That review allowed town board members to ask questions and make adjustments to their tentative spending plans, Bellor said.

Bookkeeper Brena Mossow has since finished processing department proposals and other funding requests to calculate expected revenues and year-to-date expenses.

The budget also shows a zero fund balance due to the trailing liabilities of the hospital sale, Bellor said.

It's not just the hospital debt that is weighing down the town.

Bellor said an increase in health insurance expenses for employees and retirees alike will also impact the budget.

Rising costs such as fuel, gasoline, equipment and repair costs are also impacting the budget as well.

Bellor said it is essential the town be proactive in "discussing, strategizing and developing a cooperative plan" with the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce, St. Lawrence Industrial Development Agency, New York Power Authority, Air Products Hydrogen Facility and "other local industry leaders for continued and potential marketing."

She also highlighted a need to promote tourism and recreation in the town.

"With the support of fishing promoter Don Meissner and grant writer Linda McQuinn, we can capitalize on their work with our Explore Massena branding webmaster, Jason Hendricks. We also need to continue with the grant writing by established engineering firms for the airport, highway, water districts, and infrastructure," she said.

Town officials will next hold a public hearing on Nov. 6 at 3 p.m. to accept the preliminary budget for Fiscal year 2025. The public are encouraged to attend the hearing, which will be held in Room 30 at the Massena Town Hall, 60 Main Street.

O'burg airport featured in business magazine

OGDENSBURG -- The Ogdensburg International Airport was recently featured in Business View Magazine.

The feature is based on an interview between Airport Manager Charlie Garrelts and Business View Magazine's Editor-in-Chief, Karen Surca as part of the magazine's series covering economic growth and best city practices.

The article focuses on the airport's real growth potential and prefaces the airport's \$21.5 million terminal expansion project and acquiring Breeze Airways as its new commercial carrier.

The article reads:

The Ogdensburg International Airport sits on 500 acres, about two miles southeast of the city, in the town of Oswegatchie. It is owned and operated by the Ogdensburg Bridge & Port Authority (OBPA), which also owns and operates the Ogdensburg-Prescott International Bridge, the Port of Ogdensburg-Marine Terminal Facility, Commerce Park, the Port of Waddington, a medium-heavy industrial park, and two short line railroads.

The airport boasts one asphalt runway, measuring 6,400 by 150 feet, and serves a mix of general aviation and commercial traffic, with scheduled flights between Ogdensburg and Philadelphia, PA, via Contour Airlines' 30-seat Embraer 135. Operating as its own FBO, the airport also handles transient and charter flights, fuel sales, some military traffic from nearby Fort Drum, and medical helicopter flights.

An airport on the verge

Ogdensburg International is a small airport that may be on the verge of becoming bigger, better, and gaining prominence for the traveling communities on both sides of the border. One reason for its potential growth and development concerns the September expiration of the airport's contract with Contour, predicting the possible selection of an alternative commercial carrier. "Right now, we're in the process of working with the USDOT (United States Department of Transportation), and we're recommending Breeze Airways to continue service," reports Airport Manager, Charlie Garrelts.

There are a few reasons why the OBPA is leaning towards Breeze. The most significant one is because the airline is proposing flights to and from Dulles International Airport in Washington, D.C. on 138-passenger Airbus A-200 jets. The Authority believes that this flight plan offers the best opportunity for higher enplanement numbers, which translates to more FAA funding, as well as meshing well with the airport's plans for its long-term growth. Garrelts thinks that it can also potentially increase traffic between the two country's capital cities. "Most of our traffic is coming from Ottawa," he notes. "And currently, Ottawa doesn't have a direct flight to Washington. We would be the closest airport with a direct flight. I also think it would bring people in from our capital to experience what's up here."

Another reason for selecting Breeze is more technical and concerns how the federal government's Essential Air Service (EAS) program operates. The EAS program was enacted to guarantee that small communities in the United States, which had been served by certificated airlines prior to deregulation in 1978, maintain commercial service. Its aim is to support a minimal level of scheduled air service to those communities that otherwise would not be profitable.

Currently, Contour's Philadelphia route is subsidized by the AEAS – the Alternate Essential Air Service program – wherein the USDOT gives a stipend to the OBPA, which pays it out to its selected air carrier based on need. OBPA officials want to go back to the regular EAS program with a new carrier, and with the DOT paying the airline directly. Also making pitches for the new contract are Boutique Air, which currently offers service in and out of nearby Massena International Airport, and Contour, which wants to continue its Philadelphia flights. The USDOT has the final say over which company will take over this fall.

A multi-million dollar terminal upgrade

Another reason to strongly believe in Ogdensburg's

potential is because the airport is at the beginning stages of a \$21.5 million expansion of its terminal, with \$18 million of that sum coming from New York State's \$230 million Upstate Airport Development and Revitalization Competition. Ogdensburg was one of nine regional airports that applied for, and was awarded, funding. According to Governor Kathy Hochul, who championed both the program and the airport, "The Ogdensburg International Airport is an important fabric of the North Country economy and its new and improved airport will be a springboard that attracts new businesses and visitors to this beautiful region."

The project will include a new, multi-purpose great room to provide much-needed space for civic gatherings, conferences, business meetings, and other public events in a building that hasn't been updated since the airport's construction in 1980. Other improvements include: expansion of the lobby for check-in, ticketing, and baggage drop; additional restrooms; expansion of the screening, concession, and baggage claim areas; upgraded security doors and cameras; new water sprinklers; upgraded Wi-Fi; new sanitation and water fill stations; upgraded disinfection treatment within the HVAC system; an extended entrance canopy with an elongated curbside drop-off/pick-up area; an outdoor courtyard with tables, chairs, and planters; solar panels and electrical passenger vehicle/equipment charging stations; safety improvements for passengers walking between the plane and terminal building; and a renovation of the building's façade.

Garrelts, for one, is enthusiastic about the improvements. "The new canopy for curbside pickup means that nobody has to stand in the rain when they're getting picked up and dropped off," he shares. "We added two rental car counters and expanded the lobby for check in and ticketing. Now, nobody has to stand in line. And a new flight display system in the great room, which is large enough to be able to divide into three segments, shows the stages of flights and all the information that you need. So, thanks to Governor Hochul; it's a project that she helped with to modernize our terminal."

Garrelts is a firm believer that the new terminal upgrades will attract more people to the airport, and as more people come through Ogdensburg, the more they will grow to appreciate the natural beauty of the North Country. To that end, the airport works closely with the St. Lawrence County and City of Ogdensburg Chambers of Commerce to attract more tourism to the area and travelers to the region.

Educating and serving the community

Another important item on Garrelts' agenda is educating local school children about future opportunities in the aviation sector. "I have worked with the school districts, going to classrooms to talk about aviation and how it benefits the community," he relates. "We move people and we move cargo and planes are becoming more frequently used for transportation. There are so many sectors of the aviation industry. For example, people do surveying from aircrafts; helicopter pilots inspect power poles and cut down trees. People are finding more and more ways to surprise me with what you can do with aviation."

Regarding pilot training and the need for more licensed flyers, Garrelts says that the airport works closely with Potsdam Municipal Airport. "They do have a flight school and they do bring a plane here to do their training pretty frequently," he shares.

When queried as to why Garrelts loves his job, he answers, "It's having the mindset that you may make an impact on somebody's life; that somebody got somewhere safely or somebody came home safely because we did our job correctly. It makes me feel like I've done something for the people in this region. We're your hometown airport. We're here to accommodate and serve the public. That's what we do."

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Don't forget to remove grave adornments

WINTHROP – The Union Cemetery Association would like to

remind everyone that grave adornments must be removed by Oct. 31

per Union Cemetery Association Rules and Regulations.

The association asks that all items be removed from the cemetery grounds to maintain the beauty of the cemetery in Buckton. Any decorations remaining at the cemetery after Oct. 31 will be removed by the Union Cemetery Association. Adornments left in the cemetery cause spring cleanup issues.

Contact Bruce Winters, secretary of Union Cemetery Association, if you have any specific questions at 315-261-4357.

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



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Drug charges levelled

OGDENSBURG — Two Ogdensburg residents were charged with drug possession following a recent raid of 826 Congress St., said city police.

After an extensive investigation into the sales of narcotics, the Ogdensburg Police Department with state police, Border Patrol, county District Attorney's Office and Sheriff's Department, executed a search warrant. Over 40 grams of fentanyl, assorted pills and one stolen outboard boat motor were reportedly recovered.

Ronald B. Redmond III, 32, and Taylor M. Amo, 28, were both arrested for second-degree criminal sale of a controlled substance, third-degree criminal possession of controlled substance, and fourth-degree criminal possession of stolen property, all felonies, police said. Redmond III was also arrested on a county court warrant stemming from previous drug related charges, two city warrants stemming from a resisting arrest and menacing charges, and one Family Court Arrest warrant.

Amo was also arrested on an indictment warrant and city warrant stemming from a previous menacing charge.

Both were reportedly arraigned at Lisbon court and held at the county jail without bail.

The investigation is still on-going, officers said.

Charged with burglary

OGDENSBURG — An Ogdensburg man was accused of breaking into a home and striking another person with a blunt object, according to city police.

Dylan Z. Kincaid, 26, was charged with first-degree burglary, felony and third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation, officers said.

The alleged incident took place Oct. 21 shortly before 1 p.m. on Ford Street.

He was arraigned in Ogdensburg City Court by Judge Lemay and released under the supervision of probation.

POTSDAM LEGAL NOTICE
A Public Hearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Potsdam will be held on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Civic Center Board Room, 2 Park Street, Potsdam, NY 13676. The above application is open for inspection at the Code Enforcement Office, Civic Center, 2 Park Street, Potsdam, NY. Persons wishing to appear at the hearing may do so and will be permitted to speak to the subject application. Communications in writing may be filed with the Zoning Board of Appeals before or at this hearing and will be read into the official record.

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ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Empire Spiral Solutions, LLC . Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/16/2024. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to The Limited Liability Company: 39 South Gordon Street, Gouverneur, NY 13642. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

HOPKINTON NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING and Special Meeting to follow
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Hopkinton for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025, has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk of Hopkinton, NY where it is available for inspection by any interested person during regular business hours.
FURTHER NOTICE, is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Hopkinton will meet and review said Preliminary Budget and hold a Public Hearing on thereon, at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. on November 7, 2024 and that at such hearing any person may be heard in favor or against the Preliminary Budget as compiled for or against any item or items therein contained.
PURSUANT TO SECTION 108 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following Town officers are hereby specified as follows: Supervisor \$12,197.00, Town Clerk \$22,700.00, Justice \$9,954.00, Councilpersons (4) \$11,290.00, Supt. of Highways \$63,860.00.
FOLLOWING the conclusion of the Public Hearing, a Special Meeting will be held to finalize any revisions to the 2025 Town Budget and to discuss any other business that comes before the Board.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE
Legal Notice
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Massena for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025, has been compiled and filed in the office of the Town Clerk in Massena, New York, where it may be inspected by any interested person during regular office hours.
FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Massena will hold a Public Hearing on Nov. 6, 2024, at 3:00 pm at the Town Hall Rm 30, and that at such hearing, any person may be heard in favor of or against any items therein contained.
PURSUANT to section 108 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following Town Officers are hereby specified as follows:

Town Supervisor	\$15,500.00
Town Councilmen 4 @ \$6,000	24,000.00
Town Clerk	43,959.00
Town Justice 2 @ \$24,000	48,000.00

PURSUANT to Section 495, Chapter 258 of Real Property Tax Law, a report of all Exemptions and Payment in Lieu of Taxes will be posted on the Town Clerk bulletin board and will become part of the final budget.
By: Massena Town Board
Jeannine Miller
Town Clerk
10/21/2024

HOPKINTON LEGAL NOTICE ESTOPPEL NOTICE
The Town Board of the Town of Hopkinton, County of St. Lawrence, New York, on the 17th day of June, 2024 adopted a resolution pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York a summary of which is as follows:
To issue its serial bonds or statutory installment bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$285,000.00 for the purpose of paying the costs of the purchase of a 2025 Mack plow truck for the Town of Hopkinton, the total cost of which is not to exceed the sum of \$285,000.00. A complete copy of such resolution is filed at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Hopkinton, St. Lawrence County, New York and is available for public inspection during regular business hours. The validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized by such resolution authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town of Hopkinton, County of St. Lawrence, New York is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication if this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.
Richard Powers, Hopkinton Town Clerk

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE
Please be advised that the Massena Town Board will hold a Special Meeting and Public Hearing on Wednesday November 6, 2024 at 3:00 PM, 2024, in Room 30 of the Massena Town Hall. The purpose of the Hearing will be to accept the Preliminary Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025.

STOCKHOLM NOTICE OF TOWN BOARD MEETING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that we will be rescheduling our monthly meeting of the Stockholm Town board to Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 540 St Hwy 11c, Winthrop 13697. These meetings are open to the public.
October 10, 2024
Heather Kish, Town Clerk
Town of Stockholm

NORWOOD LEGAL NOTICE
ZBA Meeting regarding 37 River St. October 30, 2024 @ 6:00pm at the Norwood Municipal Building.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Inspired Wishes, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/05/2024. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Robyn Jae Bickelhaupt: 1947 NY-37, Hammond, NY 13646, USA. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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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. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to: Roger L. Riutta, 65 Barnes St., Gouverneur, NY 13642. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to United States Corporation Agents, Inc. : 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202 Brooklyn, New York 11228. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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. Off. Loc. : St. Lawrence Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to the LLC, 748 Irish Settlement Road, Waddington, NY 13694, USA. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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 may be served. The Post Office address which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process is 183 County Route 29, Canton, NY 13617. Waterman Hill Farms, LLC is engaged in any lawful business activity.

POTSDAM NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Uptown Community Real Estate LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/18/2024. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Nicholas Burnett: 45 Old Dugway Rd. Potsdam Ny 13676. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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):
DATE OF FORMATION: The Articles of Organization were filed with the New York State Secretary of State on September 19, 2024.

NEW YORK OFFICE LOCATION: St. Lawrence County

AGENT FOR PROCESS: The Secretary of State is designated as Agent upon whom process against the PLLC may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the PLLC to 66 County Route 52, North Lawrence, New York 12967.

PURPOSE: To engage in any lawful act or activity.

CANTON LEGAL NOTICE Board of Cooperative Educational Services Sole Supervisory District St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties P.O. Box 231, 40 West Main Street Canton, New York 13617
Legal Notice Audit

Notice is hereby given that the fiscal affairs of St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES for the period beginning on July 1, 2023 and ending April 30, 2024, have been examined by internal auditors, and that the report prepared in conjunction with the internal audit has been filed in the district office where it is available as a public record for inspection by all interested persons. Pursuant to §35 of the General Municipal Law, the governing board of St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES may, in its discretion, prepare a written response to the report of internal audit and file such response in the district office as a public record for inspection by all interested persons.

Jennie L. Colburn, District Clerk, St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties BOCES

OGDENSBURG LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 6:00 PM at City Council Chambers, 330 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669, regarding the following:
1) The 2025 Preliminary Budget.
2) A Local Law to amend Chapter 177 (Sections 5 and 6) of the Ogdensburg Municipal Code entitled Sewer Rates.
3) A Local Law to amend Chapter 215 (Sections 39, 40 and 41) of the Ogdensburg Municipal Code entitled Water Rates.
Dated: October 16, 2024
Cathy A. Jock
City Clerk

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, the following goods will be exposed to sale at public auction without reserve:
Premises known as 6937 State Highway 56, Potsdam, NY 13676
Tax ID Number 63.058-3-7
All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Potsdam St. Lawrence County and State of NY This sale is held to enforce the rights of Community Bank, N.A., of 201 North Union Street, Olean, NY 14760, as the secured party arising under a Mortgage executed with Gordon D. Nehm and Lisa S. Nehm, as debtor(s); said Mortgage was duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County of St. Lawrence on February 11, 2019, Instrument No. R-2019-00001485

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

ROSSIE NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, the Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025 has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk, 908 County Route 3, Rossie, St. Lawrence County, New York, where it is available for inspection by any interested person during regular scheduled office hours.
FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, the Town Board will hold a Public Hearing for the 2025 Preliminary Budget on November 7, 2024 at 7:00pm until 7:30pm at the Town Barn, 908 County Route 3, Rossie. At the Hearing, any person may be heard in favor of or against the 2025 Preliminary Budget as compiled or any item therein contained.
The proposed annual salaries for elected Town officials are: Supervisor \$2,500.00, Council Members (4) \$2,550.00, Town Clerk \$7,050.00, Justice \$5,500.00, Highway Superintendent \$48,000.00
The 2025 Preliminary Budget Hearing will also include ambulance and fire district services.
FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, the regular meeting of the Town Board will start at 7:30pm, immediately following the close of the Public Hearing.
By Order of the Town Board
Jennifer Gardner, Town Clerk
October 25, 2024

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.
Proposal (#2 - Remington Ave)
1. Removal of mobile home and its contents.
Proposals will be opened: Monday, November 4, @ 12:00PM
Detailed specifications can be picked up at the Town Clerks Office. 5 W Main St. Norfolk NY 13667 or email: code@norfolknyc.com

STOCKHOLM LOCAL LAW
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 5:45 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 540 State Highway 11C, Winthrop, New York. The purpose of this public hearing is for review and adoption of proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2024, as follows:

TOWN OF STOCKHOLM, COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE, STATE OF NEW YORK LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF THE YEAR 2024

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Stockholm, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York, this Local Law No. 3 of the year 2024 pertaining to the Town of Stockholm, Winthrop Sewer District, amending a certain provision of Local Law No. 3 of the Town of Stockholm of the year 1990, and most specifically Section (2), Subdivision (b) thereof, to provide an increase in sewer rents and charges pertaining to one unit as defined therein from the present \$272.00 per year, and authorizing the imposition of such charges at the rate of \$392.00 per year per unit commencing in 2025.

This Local Law No. 3 of the year 2024 will be effective upon the filing of this local law with the Secretary of State as provided by law.

October 10, 2024
Heather Kish, Town Clerk
By order of the Town Board,
Town of Stockholm, New York

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Stockholm for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025, has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk at 540 SH 11C, Winthrop, New York where it is available for inspection by any interested person during regular office hours.

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Stockholm will meet and review the Preliminary Budget of the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025, and hold a public hearing thereon, at the Municipal Building at 5:30 P.M. on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, and that at such hearing any person may be heard in favor of or against the Preliminary Budget as compiled for or against any item or items therein contained.

PURSUANT to Section 108 of the Town law, the proposed salaries of the following Town Officers are hereby specified as follows:

SUPERVISOR	\$18,363.92
TOWN CLERK	\$25,596.29
TAX COLLECTOR	\$05,591.71
TOWN JUSTICE	\$15,922.65
COUNCILMEMBERS (4)	\$04,799.51
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT	\$62,125.54

This meeting is open to the public.
Dated: October 10, 2024
Heather Kish
Heather L. Kish, Stockholm Town Clerk
By Order of the Stockholm Town Board

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Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

White male privilege and DEI initiatives

Let me start by acknowledging that I'm a white male. Until about 10 years ago I considered myself a conservative Republican with a social conscience. I am now genuinely confused by the opposition to Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) initiatives that come almost exclusively from white males. Although white males make up only 30% of the U.S. population, they possess a far greater proportion of wealth and power.

I've heard people say that every person in America has the same opportunities. What a dishonest statement! Many young Americans today are forced into situations that you and I have likely never had to consider. Many are in those situations through no fault of their own, or even the fault of their parents. I recognize that, as a white male, I've most likely had easier access to opportunities that minorities have not. I could chalk some of these opportunities up to "being in the right place at the right time." However, I recognize that it's very possible I would not have ended up in those places at those times if I wasn't a white male and had the advantages that come with being a white male. My white family never faced racial segregation and discrimination. My white family never faced redlining when looking for a house. My white family was never a

victim of the racial wealth gap that resulted from this country's history of segregation and other discriminatory policies. We never faced the problems that minorities faced because of centuries of oppression, discrimination and systemic racism. This judgment is baked into our society and continues to impact young people today.

Indeed, we have a long way to go. DEI is meant to be a tool to help get us there. Is it perfect? No. Can DEI initiatives be improved upon? Absolutely. But those opposed to DEI are moving us in the wrong direction. Those opposed to DEI initiatives make a conscious decision to ignore the negative effects that our nation's history of racism and oppression continues to have on a significant portion of society. Are those that oppose DEI so insecure that simply acknowledging our history of oppression and racism, and working towards justice for all, is a threat to them?

We must acknowledge our nation's history of discrimination and institutional racism in order as a country to address the problem. Instead, there are people at the highest levels of state and federal government supported by powerful people supporting them in the shadows advocating for this inequitable society. A society where we force certain groups of people to struggle through life with injustice as a mandatory condition.

David Bolesh
Lisbon

Youth are voting for their future

In the 2020 election, 62% of 18-29 year-olds voted for President Biden. That trend continues with the recent spike in young people registering to vote Democrat for Kamala. And why wouldn't they? Democrat leadership addresses the realities of the future.

Young people want hope for the environment they're inheriting. For years, Big Oil and the GOP

claimed that climate change wasn't a concern. Today's youth plainly see fires, flooding and hurricanes rendering parts of the US inhabitable and driving up the cost of construction, insurance and food. Even as clean water and air are being compromised, the Republican Party continues to roll back EPA regulations (while denying doing so).

Young people want hope for an economy that supports getting a job, owning a home and raising a family. They haven't been indoctrinated with decades of Republican anti-government propaganda (or theories about "free enterprise" creating "trickle-down wealth"). They know it's a fallacy; resulting in America's middle class shrinking from 66% to 49%. They're aware that tax cuts to the rich and union-busting have led to upper-class Americans seeing their wages rise 47% while lower-class wages have only gained 28%.

Young people realistically view the changing landscape of America - accepting women in positions of power, LGBTQ individuals and citizens of a different race or culture. They aren't drawn to the "hate those who are different" rhetoric intended to attract racist, judgemental voters.

Young people are turning away from hypocritical religions that preach "love one another" (but only some people), religions that reject abortion (but conceal pedophile clergy) or religions dictating women stay married and have children (even if they're being physically and emotionally abused).

The Republican Party continues to court angry, distrustful voters - convincing them that government interference, taxes and Democrat "coastal elites" have ruined this country. But young people are more interested in Kamala's 82-page-booklet of solutions to support working Americans, than GOP cynicism.

Young people appreciate the Democrat's efforts to level the playing field with oversight on predatory lending, price-gouging caps, small-business loans, apprentice-training programs, homeownership tax credits and child care assistance. They want a Party "for the people" based on kindness, equality and respect (not a Party with anonymous right-wing one-percenters getting richer while their puppet politicians pretend to

care about morality and freedom).

Vote with optimistic young people. Every new generation deserves the chance to address their future in tune with an ever-evolving and changing world.

Martha Hodges
Massena

Collins responds to Conservative Party chair

In his letter "Who is it telling lies?" published Oct. 11 on NorthCountryNow.com, I noticed the question posed to me by Hank Ford, Chairman of the St. Lawrence County Conservative Party regarding Stefanik's lies. There are many. Here are a few:

I believe Stefanik lied when she said that she supports our efforts in Ukraine, but then voted against an aid package for military support in Ukraine.

I believe Stefanik lies when she holds herself out as pro-Israel while not rebuking MAGA supporters who display Nazi swastikas. The MAGA Party denigrates prominent Jewish Americans and promotes replacement theory ideology.

In Oct 2022, Stefanik boasted that she secured \$12.9 million in aid for rural hospitals in NY21. This is one of several instances in which Stefanik has taken credit for appropriations that she voted against, such as money for fire stations, sewer, and water systems throughout the district. I believe Stefanik has not secured this money. She had voted against this money when she voted against the American Rescue Plan.

I believe Stefanik lies when she says she supports veterans. She voted against the automatic enrollment for veterans in the VA Health Plan. She also voted against money for treatment of burn pit injuries. She supports privatization of the health insurance system for military families.

I believe Stefanik lies when she says she is supportive of those who are on Medicare. Her party is closely aligned with Project 2025, which includes cuts to limit Medicare and lift caps on prescription drug prices for Medicare recipients.

A person who calls those convicted of crimes on Jan 6, 2021 that included brutalization of Capitol Police forces is lying when she says she "backs the blue". Stefanik supports those who brutalized men

and women in blue. That is not "backing" law enforcement officers.

I believe Stefanik lies when she blames Kamala Harris for the lack of a border bill. She calls Harris the "border czar"; the United States does not have czars in our government. Stefanik blames Kamala Harris for the failures at the border. Yet, Stefanik could have introduced an immigration bill in Congress, whereas a VP cannot introduce a bill.

I believe Stefanik lies when she says she supports women, and yet does not rebuke Donald Trump for being denigrating to women, nor for being found guilty of sexual assault.

I believe Stefanik lies when she says she supports our Democratic process, and yet refuses to accept the results of the 2020 election.

I believe Stefanik is untrue to her oath of office, in which she swore to support and defend the U.S. Constitution, while her mentor, Donald Trump, openly calls for "termination" of parts of the constitution.

Paula Collins
21st Congressional District Candidate

Reject Prop 1 for sake of state

Proposition 1 is a Trojan horse, pushing radical left policy under the guise of an "equal rights" amendment to New York's constitution.

If passed, it will add protected classes such as ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, pregnancy, and pregnancy outcomes.

This bundle of far-left policy bypasses the legislative process that would require a 2/3 vote in the state legislature, instead seeking approval through a ballot initiative.

It prioritizes undocumented immigrants and vote-buying over the solvency of social safety nets meant for all Americans.

This amendment could open the door for illegal immigrants to vote in state elections, as highlighted by Westchester County attorney Bobbie Anne Cox.

Similar legislation in California has expanded free healthcare to over 700,000 undocumented immigrants, costing taxpayers around \$3.1 billion annually.

Proposition 1 risks bankrupting New York's already fragile social safety net, costing taxpayers billions in the long run.

Proposition 1 turns its back on the people of the North Country.

We must reject this policy for the sake of New York's future.

This is why we must vote for leaders like President Trump, Congresswoman Stefanik, and Senator Stec this November to fight against proposals like Prop 1.

Be sure to turn your ballot over and Vote No on the insidious Proposition 1.

Joseph D. Gray
Massena

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

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St. Lawrence Co. Commissioners of Elections

Early Voting Hours & dates

Early Voting	GE 2024	Voting Hours
SATURDAY	10/26/2024	9AM-5PM
SUNDAY	10/27/2024	9AM-5PM
MONDAY	10/28/2024	9AM-8PM
TUESDAY	10/29/2024	9AM-5PM
WEDNESDAY	10/30/2024	9AM-8PM
THURSDAY	10/31/2024	9AM-5PM
FRIDAY	11/01/2024	9AM-5PM
SATURDAY	11/02/2024	9AM-5PM
SUNDAY	11/03/2024	9AM-5PM

PUBLIC NOTICE

Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless is proposing to build a 195-ft (199-ft overall height) Self-support Telecommunications Tower in the vicinity of 823 Orebed Road (0.64 miles SSE of Selleck Rd & Orebed Rd), Colton, St. Lawrence County, NY 13625 (44°28'56.2044", -74°57'41.9724"). Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30-days from the date of this publication to: Sapiro Tsukioka, GSS, Inc. stsukioka@gssmidwest.com, 1054 Texan Tr, Ste 300, Grapevine, TX 76051, 682.651.0034 (D24246-35-NY)

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.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Flawed and false promise of Socialism

I am sympathetic to McKay Burley's lament (Re: "Why Massena resident voting socialist in 2024") that both political parties have forgotten the working class in America.

The majority of Americans who work, raise families, serve in the military, and contribute freely to their community, have indeed been ignored by our elected servants who pander instead to special interests.

That said, Socialism in any shape or form is not the solution.

History and current events conclusively demonstrate that its cure is much worse than the ailment it seeks to solve. The former Soviet Union, present day China, Vene-

zuela, North Korea, and Vietnam practicing this failed ideology ended up impoverished and individual freedoms were abolished.

Socialism in any flavor is an external stick and carrot mechanism to program people to become a fair and just society.

Problem is, it never delivers the carrot. Ironically, Socialism ends up creating a tiny elite class to exploit the very people they had promised equality and prosperity. George Orwell's "Animal Farm" portrayed these socialist elites as being "more equal than others".

When Hugo Chavez in Venezuela nationalized the oil industry under socialism, he promised to share the wealth with all his fellow citizens. Instead, once in power, he and his

cronies pulled a bait and switch, enriching themselves with billions of dollars in oil profits, leaving the Venezuelan people starving and poorer than before.

Lest anyone think I'm conflating the practice of communism with socialism, Lenin himself stated "The goal of socialism is communism." There is no real difference

between the two.

The one leads to the other. Beware of those who claim it can work "because it hasn't been done right yet." It never will.

The American Constitution is the best instrument of government for humanity ever to put on paper. Any failure in our nation is not due to an inherent fault of our Constitutional

system, only by those elected who neglected or misused their sacred trust failing to uphold their oath of office.

Let's not trade on our true and proven form of limited government for the false and flawed promise of Socialism.

Ron Shirtz Rensselaer Falls

St. Lawrence County List of Nominations

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Proposition content as will be seen on the ballot is at the bottom of this notice. Offices with no candidate listed in the right column have no announced candidates

Table with 5 columns: PRECINCT, PARTY, PARTY NAME, OFFICE, CANDIDATE. Lists various offices and candidates across different precincts in St. Lawrence County.

NCNOW SURVEY

Most would consider flying from Ogdensburg to Florida



Debbie Morgan | NCTV

Earlier question

If you fly to Florida next year, will you consider flying out of Ogdensburg?

THOSE HEADING SOUTH for the winter can fly directly from Ogdensburg to Orlando, Fla. starting in February. Breeze Airways will offer the direct flights for \$89 one way on Thursdays and Sundays from Feb. 13 through April 27.

Ogdensburg?

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: Do you think that we need a viable third party to compete with the Democrats and the Republicans?

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Advertisement for Halloween Party at K-Stone Rescue Ranch. Includes details about the event on Oct. 26, entry fee, and various activities like petting zoo, pony rides, and face painting.

Propositions: A Proposition: Proposal Number One, An Amendment Amendment to Protect Against Unequal Treatment... Proposition 1: Shall the term of the Town Highway Superintendent... Proposition 2: Shall the term of office of the Town Clerk...



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Event highlighted suicide awareness

On behalf of the SLC Suicide Awareness Coalition, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Liberty Gas, Massena Central School District, and everyone from the Community who participated in the Liberty Color Run on September 14. Your support not only brought vibrant colors to the John Story Trail at Massena Central High School but also highlighted the crucial cause of suicide awareness.

This event, organized by Liberty Gas in partnership with the Massena Central School District, truly united our community. As participants ran (or walked) through sprinklers and were splashed with color, we witnessed laughter and joy, all while promoting awareness for the mental health issues that affect us all.

We would also like to extend our thanks to our enthusiastic volunteers, local businesses, and everyone who contributed to the day's festivities. Your efforts helped create an unforgettable atmosphere filled with positivity and encouragement. The playful squirt guns added an extra layer of fun, reminding us that we can tackle serious issues while celebrating life.

The "Chalk the Walk" initiative was a beautiful addition, allowing participants to express their thoughts and messages of hope. Each chalk mark represented a personal connection to our cause, showcasing the power of community in fostering understanding and support.

Your participation in the Liberty Color Run has made a lasting impact. Together, we are breaking the silence surrounding suicide and encouraging conversations about mental health. Every step you took

and every color you wore helped spread awareness and hope.

Thank you once again, to Liberty Gas and Massena Central School District for organizing this event, and to you, community members for being part of this vital initiative. Let's continue to support one another, uplift those in need, and work together to create a brighter, more compassionate future. We look forward to seeing you at next year's event.

Anne Marie Snell on behalf of members of the St. Lawrence County Suicide Awareness Coalition Steering Committee

Will do, won't do for Prop 1

Misinformation is spreading about the statewide ballot proposal that voters will find on the back of their ballot this November. Here, as summarized by the NYC Bar Association, is what Prop. 1 will, and won't do.

"WILL establish constitutional protections against discrimination based on ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, and sex—including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy and pregnancy outcomes, and reproductive healthcare and autonomy. These protections would be in addition to the current explicit protections against racial and religious discrimination under the State Constitution. When a right is established in the Constitution, it is protected from future legislation that might put it at risk.

WILL protect abortion rights and access to reproductive healthcare, including birth control and IVF, by preventing future State laws banning abortion and/or punishing or prosecuting pregnancy outcomes like

miscarriages.

WILL protect LGBTQ+ New Yorkers by preventing future State laws from rolling back current LGBTQ+ rights to equal treatment.

WILL protect older, disabled, pregnant and LGBTQ+ New Yorkers from government discrimination in hiring, pay, and promotion.

WILL ensure that older and disabled New Yorkers have the access they need to vote and to use public spaces and facilities.

WILL NOT impact parental rights. Prop 1 does not address parental rights, which are governed by other developed areas of State and federal law. Prop 1 does not change existing law with respect to parental consent, or parents' ability to be involved in decision-making about healthcare or medical procedures for their minor children, including gender-affirming care.

WILL NOT change current law with respect to participation on sports teams. Prop 1 does not change existing law and has no explicit provision relating to participation on sports teams. Prop 1 is consistent with Title IX, the controlling federal law that has already been interpreted by federal courts to require young people to play on sports teams that match their gender identity and expression.

WILL NOT impact or change the qualifications for voting. A separate part of the State Constitution governs qualifications for voting based on citizenship status. Prop 1 does not enfranchise any new classes of voters." I can add that it also WILL NOT affect the status of undocumented immigrants in New York.

Know the facts before you cast your vote on Prop. 1 this November.

**Kathleen Stein, President
League of Women Voters of SLC
Canton**

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- ★ National Border Patrol Council
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- ★ Police Conference of New York
- ★ NYS Police Investigators Association
- ★ NYS Fraternal Order of Police



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Vote LeRoux
for village trustee**

I am honored to endorse Ron LeRoux Jr. as candidate for the office of Massena Village Trustee. He is not only my husband, co-worker and best friend, he is a dedicated, hardworking family man with a successful career and a drive to help this community flourish. He comes from a community involved family as I have served on both the Massena School Board and am currently serving the town of Massena, and his in-laws are well respected Massena landlords with the highest possible standards.

Ron, a long-time Massena resident, graduated from Massena Central High School in 1993 and attended the State University of New York at Canton, where he earned an associate's degree in business management. Ron, our eight children and I live just minutes away from downtown Massena, which has allowed us the opportunity to experience so many of the current benefits and see the needs that our community has.

I most admire Ron for his selflessness and passion. Whether it is work related, family related or community related, Ron is always willing to go beyond what is asked of him to help others and never hesitates to fight for what is right. He has worked for ACR Health, which is a not-for-profit, community-based organization providing an array of support services to individuals affected by a wide range of chronic diseases, including HIV/AIDS, with the goal of positive health outcomes, for over 10 years and seeing him in action, I acquired respect and admiration for his generosity, intelligence, and dedication to a good cause.

With proud enthusiasm, I support Ron LeRoux Jr for the position of Massena Village Trustee, and we wholeheartedly thank you for your support on Election Day, November 5, 2024.

Kristy DuBray-Baker
Massena

**Massena Meals on
Wheels says thanks**

Massena Meals on Wheels would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our community members for their overwhelming support, once again, during our annual fundraisers held on Oct 4th. Our goal far exceeded expectations this year through our combined spaghetti lunch/dinner meal and Stock the Pot, as well as many very generous donations from the community.

There were many businesses and individuals who helped to make our fundraisers a great success. A special thank you once again to Cathy and Shawna Cecot for allowing us to use their famous meatball and sauce recipe, served at the Village Inn. Lunch for our clients was again provided by Subway at Walmart, Massena. Many thanks for your all-time famous subs. BJ's Massena, US Foods, Walmart Massena, Pepsi of Ogdensburg, and Valley Paper. Hats off to our MOW board member Margo Rochefort for, once again, providing the home-made gourmet cupcakes that we all enjoyed. We must also extend a huge thank you, again this year, to two very special ladies for their time and hard work throughout our day, Merrill D'Arienzo and Rosalie Hamel, tallying all donations received and recording our results.

Great publicity was provided by WMSA/Mix 96.1 Radio prior to our event reminding the community to come out and support Massena Meals on Wheels. Thanks once again this year Bob Beckstead, for the publicity you provided in the local newspapers to get the word out about our

Meals on Wheels fundraisers. Thank you to the Free Trader, North Country Shopper, and North Country Now for spreading the word in helping to keep our wheels rolling. Thank you also to Dale Woods for setting up your road sign to attract the attention of drivers as they passed by the Meals on Wheels building. Everyone certainly helped to spread the word.

Stock the Pot, our roadside collection event, was a huge success. Thank you to the many volunteers who manned the road filling our pots with donations as vehicles passed by. Elijah Winfrey, from WMSA/Mix 96.1 Radio joined Stock the Pot to broadcast and encourage drivers to make a donation. A sincere thank you to each and every person for your donation, large or small. Those many coins collected over \$500.

The Massena Meals on Wheels Board of Directors would also like to extend the warmest of thanks to our wonderful staff, Stacie Hawkins & John Piche for going above and beyond to assist in making this day such a success. Special Friends of Massena Meals on Wheels kitchen crew: Chuck Raiti, Mike Darling, Kathy Fleury, Dan Murphy, Josie Post, Margaret Dunn, Linda LePage, and Cathy Faucher deserve a huge thank you for their hours of helping prepare the spaghetti sauce and the mixing and rolling the meatballs, alongside the members of the Board of Directors.

Another group of Friends of Massena Meals on Wheels arrived very early to help organize and prepare our spaghetti and meatball meal to be served. Many thanks to the group of ladies who stepped in and completed an overwhelming task in a short amount of time. Special thanks to Linda LePage, Angele Lepage, Barb Sanford, Kathy Russell and Nancy Brothers. You exemplified the statement "Many hands make light work". Thanks to Mike Darling for again setting up his dining canopy to shelter those working the line for meal pick-ups. Thanks also to Mike Darling and Randy LePage for running the curbside service to assure the delivery of our hot meals to all.

Thank you to all the businesses, service clubs, organizations, groups and individuals for your support. The combined efforts of the day raised over \$19,000 for Massena Meals on Wheels. We could not keep our wheels rolling without your continued support.

**The Massena Meals on Wheels
Board of Directors**

**An eye-opening
visit to Terezin**

In 2019, I visited Terezín, the site of a former Nazi run concentration camp about an hour train ride outside of Prague. Seeing the crematoria and the gravesites is a haunting, surreal experience. An inscription from Psalm 38:17 reads, "My sorrow is continually before me."

Terezín was considered less "harsh" than the infamous Auschwitz and Dachau. Prisoners were allowed to wear their own civilian clothes. It was a place of propaganda, to spread the lie that the Nazis were treating Jewish people nicely, a way for Nazis to pat themselves on the back for their "kind" treatment of those that Nazi author Julius Streicher compared to mushrooms, writing that it's hard to tell a poisonous mushroom from a ripe one, which is why the Jewish people "need" to be kept away from good German "herrenvolk." Jewish prisoners themselves participated in propaganda films presenting Terezín as a friendly place, hoping that this would spare their lives, although many would eventually be sent to

Auschwitz.

The Nazi propaganda machine was able to fool and lure in millions of everyday people in Germany, a constitutional republic and a society with a history of great art, music, literature, and philosophy from Bach and Beethoven to Kant, Goethe, and Wagner. Yet despite such a high cultural legacy, Germany had for centuries been infected by virulent anti-Semitism, which went back at least to the writings and sermons of Martin Luther. Add in economic anxiety brought on by the post World War One recession, and the Weimar Republic was ripe to be taken over by a conman who convinced the German people to blame their troubles on the Jews.

He was a buffoon who called his media critics "lügenpresse" or "lying press," and was dismissed by contemporary journalists as "a clown...a caricature of himself" who would be reined in by other elected officials. Yet other reporters could see that he was a "marvelous demagogue who can really inspire loyalty" with "oratorical skills...to whip people into a frenzy."

Terezín, the place I visited, was not turned into a concentration camp until 1941, years after he had assumed power. Before the violence, there was his cruel, dehumanizing demagoguery toward Jews and other minorities he accused of "poisoning the blood" of the herrenvolk. The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum released a statement in November 2016 reminding us: "The Holocaust did not begin with killing; it began with words."

Sean Pidgeon
Morristown

**Foul dumping
in the Deer River**

Since early 2024, North Lawrence and Brasher residents have seen Leptomitus lactus contamination, a sewage fungus, in the Deer River due to North Country Dairy's processing waste ("North Lawrence and

Brasher residents voice concerns over Deer River contamination" North Country Now, 6/6/24). The fungus is smelly and blob-like, posing threats to nearby residents' well water as well as aquatic ecosystems in the river. Not only is the dairy plant still operating, but its representatives have failed to take responsibility for their actions and clean up Deer River.

Close to the river, some communities could become environmental justice areas, meaning they would be disproportionately burdened by environmental degradation. According to the Department of Environmental Conservation's Potential Environmental Justice Areas (PEJAs) map, the area of contamination is sandwiched between two PEJAs, where 65% of the com-

munities are minority populations and 30% live below the poverty line. Deer River, a tributary of St. Regis Falls, has even smaller connected brooks in the affected PEJAs, so the sewage fungus could potentially spread into these marginalized communities.

Kevin J. Ellis, CEO of North Country Dairy, released a well-crafted — but ultimately lackluster — statement (<https://northlawrence-communityupdate.com/>) on the issue, leaving out any form of direct action. Let's hold North Country Dairy accountable for its mess and ensure that no communities, especially those that have been historically underserved, have to deal with further water contamination.

Caroline Ettinger-DeLong
Potsdam

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Summary of Improvements

Description	Estimated 5-yr Electrical Savings	Material Cost (Labor not included)	★Credit Request (Lesser of Savings or Material Cost)
Attic Insulation (8")	\$ 991.00	\$ 535.00	\$ 535.00
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	\$ 1,351.00	\$ 1,035.00	\$ 945.00

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NORTH COUNTRY HOME

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Inspect fuel tanks, equipment for leaks

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today advised property owners to prioritize safety when preparing for home heating needs this fall and winter.

DEC reminded property owners that connecting occupied buildings to wells producing natural gas is dangerous and potentially deadly.

DEC also encouraged property owners to inspect fuel storage tanks for potential leaks or spills prior to receiving shipments of fuel oil for the upcoming heating season.

In addition, DEC urged residents to take steps now to utilize programs designed to save consumers energy and money.

Natural Gas Safety

Natural gas produced by a gas or oil well is odorless and difficult or impossible for a person to detect.

While the primary component of natural gas is methane, gases like propane and butane may also be present in addition to water, because the gas is raw and untreated.

This may result in improper and erratic combustion in appliances. The risk of an explosion due to natural gas build-up in a home is substantially greater when that gas is not provided by a utility.

If a home-use well is connected to a house or other structure:

Contact a plumber licensed to work on gas lines and have the fuel source switched to utility natural gas or consider another fuel or heating appliance;

Natural gas directly from a well is odorless and colorless, meaning it may build up to explosive levels without detection. Install methane detection alarms in any closed space where methane may accumulate;

Commercial gas suppliers always add the odorant mercaptan to natural gas before it is delivered for use. Consider adding mercaptan to natural gas from a home use well so it can be more easily detected; and

Contact DEC if the well is not registered in DEC's database.

Owning and operating an oil or gas well comes with regulatory responsibilities to protect the environment.

New York is actively plugging oil and gas wells throughout the state and home wells may be eligible for the State's program.

For questions and additional information about home-use

wells, contact DEC at (518) 402-8056 or oilgas@dec.ny.gov.

Also, visit DEC's website for photos and additional details at: <https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/oil-gas/landowner-information-on-wells>.

Fuel Oil Safety

DEC also reminds home and property owners to inspect heating fuel oil storage tanks for leaks or spills before ordering and receiving fuel oil.

Annual inspections can prevent leaks and spills and protect property, public health, and the environment. Homeowners are advised to look for the following concerns and contact their fuel oil service provider if they see any of the items from the lists below.

For above-ground heating fuel oils storage tanks, look for:

Bent, rusty, or wobbly tank legs or tank located on an unstable foundation;

Signs of rust, weeps, wet spots, or many dents on the tank's surface;

Drips or any signs of leaks around the oil filter or valves;

Fuel oil lines not covered in a protective casing - even if under concrete;

Overhanging eaves where snow and ice could fall onto the tank;

Stains on the ground or strong oil odor around the tank;

Browning, dying, or loss of vegetation around the tank;

Silent overfill whistle while tank is being filled - ask fuel delivery person;

Fully or partially blocked tank vent from snow, ice, or insect nests;

Signs of spills around fill pipe or vent pipe;

Improperly sized vent pipes - ask fuel delivery person; and

Cracked, stuck, or frozen fuel level gauges or signs of fuel around them.

For underground heating fuel oils storage tanks, look for:

Water in the tank - ask fuel delivery person to check;

Oil or oil sheen in your basement sump or French drain;

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Are your detectors working? Firefighters Association urges residents to install smoke alarms

POTSDAM -- Are your smoke alarms all working? And do you have enough?
St. Lawrence County residents are urged by the Firefighters Association of the State of New York (FASNY) to check their alarms and install new ones if needed prior to the start of home heating season.

FASNY recently observed Fire Prevention Week 2024 (Oct. 6-12). This year's theme, "Smoke Alarms: Make Them Work for You!" underscores the vital role smoke alarms play in day-to-day fire safety.

"FASNY consistently educates the public that smoke alarms are a critical component of home safety, and it is important to ensure they are always in working order," said Eugene Perry, President of FASNY.

Working smoke alarms could make the difference between life and death in a home fire.

According to the National Fire Prevention Association, the risk of dying in a home without working smoke detectors is 55% higher than in a home with fully-functioning alarms.

Additionally, three of every five home fire deaths are in residences without working smoke alarms.

In 2019, New York State enacted legislation that required all new smoke detectors sold to contain 10-year, non-removable batteries to discourage tampering.

If you're not sure when you last replaced the batteries or bought a smoke alarm, FASNY encourages purchasing a new one.

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, New York State is currently ranked 4th in the country for home fire fatalities.

As the cooler months approach people will be turning on their home heating systems, starting to use space heaters, and enjoying outdoor fire pits and chim-

neys.

This makes Fire Prevention Week the perfect time to ensure that your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are properly installed and maintained.

Key smoke alarm safety tips and guidelines include:

- Installing smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area (like a hallway), and on each level (includ-

ing the basement) of the home.

- Testing smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.

- Replacing all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or stop responding when tested.

For more fire safety tips and to learn about FASNY's resources, visit NFPA's Fire Prevention Week page or FASNY's official site.



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Spooktacular planned at Hawkins Point visitors center

MASSENA — The New York Power Authority (NYPA) will hold its “Spooktacular” Halloween Party at the Frank S. McCullough, Jr. Hawkins Point visitors center on Saturday, October 26, between 1 and 3 p.m.

The free community event will feature arts and crafts activities, pumpkin decorating stations and movies. Additionally, NYPA will hand out candy to trick-or-treaters dressed in costume.

Hawkins Point, the admission-free visitors center for the St. Lawrence-FDR Power Project, offers many hands-on exhibits on

electricity, energy, the environment, and area history. Visitors can hop aboard a bicycle generator and turn pedal-power into electricity or have a hair-raising experience with static electricity using the Van de Graaff generator.

The center features an audio-visual terrain map that charts the course of the St. Lawrence River between Ogdensburg and Massena. A wood-carved map detailing Jacques Cartier’s exploration of the St. Lawrence River is also on display. Visitors can also enjoy panoramic views of the project’s power dam.

Info: 315-764-0226, ext. 7166302.



NCNow photo

The United Helpers ACT Team, dressed as pirates, placed first in the trunk decorating contest at Ogdensburg’s Trunk or Treat, as they were 100% in character and made all of the kids laugh. The event held Oct. 19 was hosted by the Community Health Center and Seaway Valley Prevention Council. From left, Bryant Robinson, April Randall, Adam Bullock and Amy Chisholm.

Maple Fest, Trunk or Treat draws 1,400

OGDENSBURG — About 1,400 people appeared downtown, many dressed in a variety of costumes, at the 7th Annual Ogdensburg Trunk or Treat on Saturday, Oct. 19.

The parking lot across from the Dobisky Center had 28 local businesses, organizations and families passing out candy from the trunks of their cars.

The Community Health Center of the North Country

and Seaway Valley Prevention Council hosted the popular Trunk or Treat event.

Also, Ogdensburg’s Maple Fest was held at Morrisette Park in the afternoon, with many family-friendly activities.

The park was abuzz with bounce houses, pumpkin painting, games, a petting zoo, hay wagon rides, food trucks, and music.

Murder mystery dinner planned at O’burg Elks

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.

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

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Boys & Girls Club marks 60 years

The Ogdensburg Boys & Girls Club celebrated their 60th anniversary Oct. 18 with a party with 180 children attending. “We appreciate the support of so many that allow us to have these great events for our kids. For 60 years he club has been blessed with their kindness and generosity,” said Director Thomas Luckie.

WHAT'S GOING ON

SATURDAY, OCT. 26

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Chili cook-off

HAMMOND - The Black Lake Hammond Mason Lodge 319, 600 Academy St., is hosting a chili cook-off on Oct. 26, from 4-7 p.m. The public is invited to come and judge lodge members' chili offerings. The cost is 5 dollars at the door, with door prizes and a 50/50 draw.

All proceeds will be donated to the D.A.V. (Disabled American Veterans).

Fall festival

MASSENA - Massena First United Methodist Church, 189 Main St., will host its free Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 12-2 p.m. Schedule of events: 12 p.m. story time with Pastor Cori, 12:20 decorating cross, 12:30 free hot dogs & chips, 12:50 crafts, costume Parade at 1:20 p.m., costume judging to be held at 1:30, and 1:30 games. All are welcome to attend. Free to everyone.

Journal with Leaves

WADDINGTON - Class to make a leather bound journal with leaves will be held at The Gallery at Lake Saint Lawrence Arts, 14 Main St. on Oct. 26 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost: \$65. Susan Skinner will lead you through making this fall journal. All materials supplied, but bring your own leaves to make your own unique journal. Pre-register: lakesaintlawrencearts@gmail.com, 315-705-5198.

Small Town Ramblers

MASSENA -- The Massena Senior Citizens will host a dance with the Small Town Ramblers on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 5-9 p.m. There will be three winners named for best costumes. \$5 cover. Kitchen open 4:30-7 p.m. Public welcome.

Spaghetti and meatballs

WADDINGTON -- Spaghetti and meatball dinner to benefit Madrid-Waddington Central School Class of 2025 will be held Saturday, Oct. 26, from 5-7 p.m. at the Waddington Legion. The dinner is take-out only. Cost is \$10. Preorder by Oct. 20. Tickets are \$12 at the door. Meal includes spaghetti, meatballs, and bread. Preorder by Oct. 20 by emailing nsheets_4@hotmail.com or calling or texting 315-286-5783 with your name and how many meals. Money can be sent by check to 68 Lagrasse St. Waddington, NY 13694, by Paypal to nsheets_4@hotmail.com, or Venmo to @Nicole-Smith-2104.

Trivia night

NORWOOD - There will be a trivia night to benefit Megan Plumb on Saturday, Oct. 26, 7 p.m. at Norwood American Legion, 10 Maple St. Registration 6:30 p.m. \$25/person, up to 4 person team, cash only. Sponsored by NN Minor Hockey Association.

Snowmobile Day 2024

GOVERNEUR -- Celebrate Snowmobile Day 2024 at Fun Unlimited Polaris, 2068 NY-812, on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 8 a.m.-noon. Hosted by St. Lawrence County Snowmobile Association for its 50th Anniversary Kick Off & International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association Snowmobile Day. Free door prizes, coffee, apple cider, and donuts; and a free guide - 15 snowmobile safety tips you should follow.

SUNDAY, OCT. 27

Pumpkin Party

CANTON - Nature Up North and SLC Arts hosting Pumpkin Party in Heritage Park Oct. 27, 12-7 p.m. Pumpkin carving, pumpkin painting, nature, learning. Bring pumpkin to carve or paint. Carved or painted pumpkins will be put along the trail. Pick pumpkins back up between 7 and 7:30. Judging by local artist, prizes for winners. Tables set up about sustainable farming at home, local composting services, alternatives to single-use plastic candy wrappers.

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MONDAY, OCT. 28
Folk Jam

HEUVELTON -- Pickens Hall will host a folk jam on Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. Chords and lyrics are provided. Singers and acoustic musicians are welcome. pickenshall.com .

Prayer gathering

NORWOOD -- There will be a non-denominational prayer gathering to lift up the nation on Monday, Oct. 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Norwood Municipal Building. Open to all.

WEDS., OCT. 30
Halloween Party

OGDENSBURG - Ogdensburg Public Library is hosting a Halloween Party on Oct 30 from 5-6:30 p.m. Show off your costumes and collect candy at the library. For ages birth to 13.

Harvest candle making

CANTON - A Halloween harvest candle making class will be offered at the TAUNY Center on Wednesday, Oct. 30, from 6-7:30 p.m. Cost: \$30 (includes candle to take home). Max 10 participants. Join Ginger Sweeney for a 90-minute workshop in which she will teach beeswax container candle making

with all-natural, food-safe material. Participants will take home the candle they create at the end of the workshop. Learn more at <https://linktr.ee/tauny>.

Hospice program

BRASHER FALLS - Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley will present a program called Hospice is L.I.F.E. on Oct. 30 at 5:30 p.m. at Badenhause Public Library, 897 Main St.

THURSDAY, OCT. 31
Scavenger hunt

BRASHER FALLS - The Badenhause Public Library, 897 Main St. will host a children's Halloween scavenger hunt on Oct. 31 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. while supplies last. Children are encouraged to wear their costumes.

Trunk or treat

BRASHER FALLS - There will be an annual Trunk or Treat hosted by Franks Pizzeria at 4 p.m. on Oct. 31.

FRIDAY, NOV. 1
Grand Masquerade Gala

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. Music by local renowned and internationally

acclaimed musicians. Silent and live auction. Tickets: \$100 each, attire is black tie optional. To reserve: 315-261-5410 or email Emily.Myers@rochesterregional.org or online at stlawrencehealthsystem.org/foundation/campaign/gala . RSVP by Oct. 23.

Holiday craft fair

NORWOOD - A holiday craft fair will be held Friday, Nov. 1, 4-7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 2, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Norwood American Legion, 10 Maple St. Local vendors, local crafts. No admission. Public welcome. Food available. Call Sharlene for more info, 315-244-6794.

KC Karaoke

HEUVELTON -- Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St., will host KC Karaoke on Nov. 1 from 6-9 p.m. At 7 p.m. there will be a Queen of Hearts drawing. No cover charge.

SATURDAY, NOV. 2
Annual holiday fair

BRUSHTON - St. Augustine/St. Mary Altar Rosary Society will host its annual holiday fair Sat., Nov. 2, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Parish Center at 769 Cty. Rt. 7, Brushton (across from B-M Bus Garage). A large selection of vendors will be present selling gifts, decor, baked goods, homemade doughnuts, chance auction and more. Adirondack BBQ food truck will on hand for lunch. 518-319-4252 or hdrussell7474@gmail.com .

Free winter clothing

MADRID -- Christian Fellowship Church's (CFC) compassion ministries will host it's annual Warm and Bright event on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The church will distribute free winter clothing to community members in need at the CFC Madrid church location at 3662 County Rd. 14.

Shepherd's pie

NORFOLK -- The Norfolk American Legion is hosting a dinner of shepherd's pie with a roll and desert on Nov. 2 from 4-6 p.m. Cost \$12. Eat-in or take-out. Pre-order call 315-384-4700. Must be picked up at 3:30 p.m.

Bazaar, bake sale

NORWOOD - Knapps Station Community Church, 3035 County Route 47, will hold it's annual bazaar and bake sale on Saturday, Nov. 2, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. All gifts, crafts, knick knacks, dishes, toys, books and decor items are by donation. All homemade baked goods will be priced separately. Free admission. .

Contra at Cray Mills

CRARY MILLS - A contra dance will be held at Cray Mills Grange Hall on Saturday, Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. Cost: \$15. Join dance caller Beth Robinson and musicians Brooke Goddard, Holland Goddard and Matt Bullwink. Learn more at <https://linktr.ee/tauny> .

Driving class

WADDINGTON -- North Country Insurance Professionals will sponsor a defensive driver class at St. Mary's Parish Hall, 34 Oak St., on Nov. 2, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Pre-pay \$40, includes chili lunch or bring a bag lunch. 10% reduction on insurance rates for liability no fault and collision for three years. Reduces up to 4 points from driving record. Register: 315-323-0282. Bring NYS driver's license or learner's permit.

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CRYPTO . . . Investment to allow expansion

that many of you know well. They're one of our biggest customers.

They're our best customer in terms of industry knowledge and intelligence, hard work. We're thrilled to announce today that we're partnering for our future with NYDIG," Fogel told employees.

Operations at NCCS will continue as-is after the strategic investment into Coinmint, with the focus on growth and expansion over the coming years.

According to Fogel, the partnership with NYDIG will strengthen Coinmint's financial and competitive positioning, while also protecting workers in Massena and the North Country.

The investment from NYDIG will allow NCCS to further its expansion project, which NCCS has been investing material capital in for over three years, Fogel said.

The partnership on the project has been on hold as Massena Town Board members weighed final regulations for data mining and crypto operations in the town for the last several months.

Town officials adopted the final regulations during their board meeting last month.

"This investment reinforces our commitment to the Northern NY community. By expanding the NCCS operation, we aim to create more jobs and focus on long-term stability and growth for employees and their families," Fogel told North Country This Week.

Fogel commented that NCCS, one of St. Lawrence County's largest taxpayers, will continue to invest and act as an active benefactor of Massena and the North Country community institutions and events. To date, NCCS has assisted the Massena Fire Department, Massena First Responders, Massena Central School District, Rockin' The River festivals and numerous other charitable events and organizations.

NYDIG CEO Tejas Shah and other senior executives from NYDIG were also on hand for the event.

"The operational excellence of all the staff in this space gives us significant confidence in their long-term growth. From our perspective, over the past several years we have viewed this site, this company, as a premier Bitcoin mining facility in the country," Shah said.

As part of the partnership, Fogel and Shah said they felt it was important employees truly understood how important they were to the company and its success. Shah said he and NCCS founder Ashton Soniat will provide all workers in Massena and Plattsburgh a one-time bonus as a thank you, on top of the existing bonus structure.

The two companies are awarding every employee in Massena and Plattsburgh a bonus from a \$500,000 pool based on service time.

NCCS currently hosts 54,000 miners, essentially computer servers that continually mine for Bitcoin, over four former smelting lines.

Fogel said the plan is to continue to expand operations to possibly utilize all six of the site's former smelting lines, each roughly the length of five football fields.

He said the facility is currently using 166 megawatts of its 435-megawatt approved amount, leaving significant room for the expansion project. NCCS draws electricity from the nearby Moses-Saunders dam.

One of the keys to the project would be utilizing more efficient

machines, along with a rack system that would allow for more miners to be stored in the facility, as opposed to the shipping containers that are currently used in some cases.

Company officers say the rack systems are much easier to work with, allowing technicians to more easily install and maintain the miners.

The facility would also see a number of other upgrades, including to the electrical system, cranes and three unused lines. For these upgrades and the overall expansion project, NCCS intends to use as many local and regional suppliers as possible, creating a further boost to the North Country economy.

No timeline or financial figure has been given for the project just yet, but Fogel said the companies are working together diligently to take the next steps as soon as possible.

"This really is a huge day for NCCS. We really are proud of this partnership, and I think this will set us up for success for many years to come. This expansion project really will be transformative and we're proud to partner with NYDIG," Fogel said.

PROPOSITION . . . Legislators debate Proposition 1

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 health-care and autonomy,] be subjected to any discrimination in 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,

"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.

For some legislators, like Smithers, it's a matter of protecting women and ensuring that biological males are not able to participate in women's sports.

The debate

Smithers said he has spoken to many family members who all opposed Proposition 1, specifically as it pertains to women's sports and the use of facilities like locker rooms and bathrooms.

Webster commented much the same, saying he never thought a day would come "when we would vote to put men in women's sports to beat them up."

"I have no problem if someone wants to be a butterfly, a cat or even a jackass. I have no problem with that," Webster said.

But Proposition 1 is crossing the line, he said.

He commented that he has received numerous phone calls about the measure with many constituents asking "what are you going to do about it?"

"I believe this is our responsibility (to constituents), to speak on this," Webster said.

But Haggard opposed the sentiment, going as far to say that the

resolution was a violation of law established following Stern v. Kra-mar-sky.

Is it legal?

Haggard said she had spoken with an attorney from the New York State Board of Elections who supplied her with documentation that described actions such as the resolution as "improper and illegal."

"It inhibits the democratic process through the misuse of government funds and prestige," Haggard said.

She said all individuals, whether they are gay, straight, transitioning, trans, pregnant or another protected class all contribute to fund the government through taxes. Those public funds are "trust funds and are thus sacred and are to only be used for the running of government," she said.

To pass the resolution would tantamount to a school board using public funds to advocate for the passage of a school budget, which was deemed illegal in 1986, she said.

"Each legislator has a First Amendment right to personally advocate but the body itself does not," Haggard said.

Terminelli likened the resolution to passing a resolution advocating for a slate of candidates, another idea that itself is outside the legal scope of a governing entity.

While Haggard and Terminelli said it was an illegal resolution, Hull questioned the language of the resolution as cited by the pair.

"I'm trying to find where the word or some synonym of the word 'urge' is in this resolution," he said.

Hull said he questioned how the resolution was urging any voter to vote against the proposition when it was merely urging the legislature to oppose Proposition 1.

When asked to weigh in, County Attorney Steve Button said arguments for an against the proposition were both "interesting and slightly misleading."

He commented that both the left and right have attempted to frame the arguments around women's rights and parental rights but "both are a very limited view of the modification that is being proposed in Prop 1."

Button said the new language would create a new series of classes, many of which were incorporated in the 1964 Civil Rights Act but were never codified into the New York State or U.S. Constitutions.

Button said the new language would ultimately create new protected classes.

"As has occurred throughout time, words can change and the meaning of them can change," Button said.

He said the new language, specially in section B, will allow the state to "engage in certain acts to propagate those classes they feel have been discriminated against in the past.

"This proposition is going to create generations of discussions, debate, ambiguity and most likely significant legal challenges," Button said.

Chairman opposed

While many Republicans on the board supported the resolution to oppose Proposition 1, Chairman of the Legislature David Forsythe voted against the resolution, despite saying he was against Proposition 1.

Forsythe took a moment to comment on the "political science in the arena," which came in the form of pro-Proposition 1 advocates attending the meeting with political signs.

He said he took exception to the move, saying that sort of act is "meant to be outside" of chambers.

"I'll be very clear, I'm a 'no' all the way if someone wants my free speech. But I don't appreciate the signs in our chambers," Forsythe said.

A secret ballot?

As the legislators moved to vote, Terminelli posed possibly having a secret ballot for the protection of legislators who may oppose the measure.

But Button shot the idea down, saying he was not aware of any language in Robert's Rules or other governing regulations that would allow for such a vote.

He did note that such a vote would be in violation of state Public Officers law.

In the end, legislators passed the resolution despite opposition from both sides of the aisle.

It will still need to clear the full board at the Nov. 4 meeting.

MURDER . . .

Man accused of two killings

the process of returning it to him."

"The police didn't pay any attention to a word Adam said, but they should have because in this very complex case, the facts don't add up to Adam committing any crimes that he is accused of," Barrett said.

Barrett went on further, detailing Smith's arrest before giving a brief history of Smith's life.

He called Smith "the quiet kid" at school who was not an outcast but also not in the inner circle of a friend group.

"He got you your first pack of cigarettes in middle school. He got you your first 12 pack of beer in high school. And when he went to that field party and you got sick from those first beers, Adam got you into his car and gave you a ride home and would never ask for a thing later on," Barrett said.

But post graduation, Barrett said Smith would sell marijuana and cocaine to make ends meeting.

"But an individual who sells drugs does not equate to a violent person who is capable of homicide," Barrett commented.

Barrett then attempted to call into question the history of many individuals who knew Smith, attempting to detail drug overdoses, drug use and other questionable actions by potential witnesses.

On eight separate occasions Pasqua objected to Barrett's statements, forcing the attorneys and Smith to approach the bench.

Each time, Judge Greg Storie sustained Pasqua's objections, forcing Barrett to revise his opening statement.

While Barrett portrayed the case as a "complex puzzle of evidence," Pasqua said the case was in fact very simple.

He commented that both Freeman and Durham had similar lives, with both being born in the 1950's, both living in the southern portion of the county, both driving pickups "like many people do in the North Country" and both having known Smith prior to their deaths.

"What they didn't know is that the defendant is an opportunist

who exploits the circumstances of people around him for his own needs, wants and desires, and doesn't care about the damage and destruction he leaves in his wake.

Pasqua said it was due to this that Smith eventually got the better of both, eventually murdering them before stealing their trucks, cash, valuables, credit cards, debit cards and even rifles.

He said the evidence of the two cases "is nearly identical in each case," with both men eventually succumbing to wounds inflicted by Smith as he attempted to rob each of them.

Pasqua said both had their throats cut before their valuables were stolen. Smith then went on to steal both of their vehicles before driving south to Syracuse "and going on shopping spree."

He detailed how Cortland Police seized Durham's truck with Smith at the wheel after it was found to have an expired registration.

It wasn't until a month later that police eventually searched the vehicle and found Durham's checkbook, blood and the knife used to kill Durham, Pasqua said.

He went on further, saying the knife not only had Durham's blood on it, but also Smith's DNA.

Pasqua said it took a month for police to search the truck because another individual had wrongly confessed to the murder of Durham previously.

"What you won't hear, what you won't see, what you can't hear and what you can't see is any evidence, any shred of evidence, physical or forensic, that links that person who made that confession to the death of Ronald Durham," Pasqua said.

It was due to that wrongful confession that allowed Smith to be free for another month, leading to the death of Freeman on March 1, he said.

Pasqua detailed that murder as well, saying Freeman was killed in a similar fashion with his throat cut.

"Sound familiar?" Pasqua asked.

He said Freeman put up a better fight, sustaining defensive wounds to his hand before being "stabbed in the back, through his liver, touching his ribs in the front so hard that you will see it bent that knife."

Pasqua then detailed what he claimed were Smith's attempts to cover up the murders before being caught by law enforcement shortly after Freeman's murder.

At the time he was arrested, blood from both Durham and Freeman were found on Smith's boots at the time of his arrest, he said.

"Ladies and gentlemen, this really isn't a complicated case. Yes, there are going to be hundreds of exhibits, there is going to be scientific evidence, there is going to be some very technical evidence. But the nature of it does not make this complex because if you follow the evidence, it all aligns and leads to only one conclusion. If you pay attention to the evidence, it all aligns that this defendant is guilty beyond any reasonable doubt in the murders of both Ronald Durham and William Freeman," Pasqua said.

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Tickets are \$10 at the door, cash, check, or card.

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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.

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Driving course

WADDINGTON — North Country Insurance Professionals will sponsor a defensive driver class at St. Mary's Parish Hall, 34 Oak St., on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost is \$40 per person and includes a chili lunch. You are welcome to bring a bag lunch if you prefer.

The class will reduce insurance rates for liability no fault and collision by 10% for three years. It also reduces up to 4 points from a motor vehicle driving record.

Contact Robin Miller at 315-323-0282 to sign up and reserve a spot. Prepayment guarantees a place. Bring a drivers license.

SUNY Canton hosting open houses

CANTON — SUNY Canton will offer several opportunities for prospective students and families to learn about the college this fall.

Traditional in-person Open Houses will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26 and Saturday, Nov. 9.

These comprehensive events offer guests the opportunity to speak with faculty and learn about academic programs, including the recently launched Bachelor of Science in Data Science and Analytics degree.

Campus tours will be led by current students, and a complimentary lunch will be provided.

To register, visit https://www.canton.edu/admissions/open_house.html

An on-campus Saturday Visit Day will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec 7.

This condensed event is designed for those who want to learn about application steps and student life.

Tours led by current students will be

available. To register, visit <https://www.canton.edu/admissions/saturday.html>.

A live virtual Open House will be held at 9 a.m. (EST) Saturday, Dec. 14. Attendees can log on from anywhere and meet and hear from SUNY Canton's president and provost, as well as the college's deans and faculty.

To register, visit https://www.canton.edu/admissions/open_house.html

"We want to make it as convenient as possible for families to learn about us, so we are offering more options to fit us into their busy schedules," said Executive Director of Enrollment Melissa J. Evans. "We're excited to show why we've been ranked among the top 10 public and private schools in our region by U.S. News & World Report for the second year in a row."

For more information on fall events, visit [canton.edu](https://www.canton.edu) or contact the Admission Office at (800) 388-7123 or admissions@canton.edu.

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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.

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Dining Services Leader
Dining & Conference Services Department

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Tenure-Track Applied Psychology Department

The State University of New York (SUNY) College at Canton invites qualified applicants for a full-time, Tenure-Track position in the Applied Psychology Department beginning September 1, 2025.

Essential Responsibilities:

- A 4/4 teaching load, which will include face-to-face courses, plus the use of online, hybrid, and converged modalities.
- Teaching assignments may include courses in Introductory Psychology, Abnormal Psychology, Counseling Skills, Crisis Intervention, Group Therapy, and additional courses related to introducing students to counseling skills and the delivery of social/human services.
- Advising and mentoring students.
- Collaborative participation in course, curriculum, program development, and assessment.
- Participation in campus, university, and community service activities.
- Engagement in professional development and relevant scholarly activity.

Required Qualifications:

Doctoral degree in Clinical or Counseling Psychology, or related discipline

Preferred Qualifications:

- Prior college teaching experience
- Prior experience in field (e.g., counseling)
- Licensure as appropriate

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.

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CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS:

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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:

- High school diploma, high school equivalency diploma, or an Individual Education Plan Certificate;
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- Ability to read and understand assigned equipment operations and servicing information;
- Possess mechanical aptitude;
- Willingness to respond to emergencies/work under adverse weather conditions;
- Dependability, good inter-personal skills, exhibit integrity and sound judgement; strong work ethic.
- Physical condition commensurate with demands of light-to-heavy physical labor;
- 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.
- Experience in operation of highway construction/maintenance of equipment desired.

Send completed application (available on-line at 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.**

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- **Licensed Master Social Worker** (LMSW) - *NO civil service exam required
- **Supervising Social Worker** (LCSW) - *NO civil service exam required
- **Senior Chemical Dependency Counselor**
- **Chemical Dependency Counselor** *NO civil service exam required

Applications accepted until position filled.

You can apply online at

<https://stlaw-portal.mycivilservice.com>.

Applications can also be obtained from St. Lawrence County's website,
<https://stlawco.org/Departments/HumanResources>

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Human Resources Office

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

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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.

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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**.

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Full-Time Lecturer Accounting

Faculty Position

Title: Full-Time Lecturer – Accounting

Department: Business

Salary Range: Commensurate with credentials and experience

The State University of New York (SUNY) College at Canton and the School of Business and Liberal Arts invite qualified applicants for a full-time, non-tenure track Lecturer position in the Business Department, beginning September 1, 2025.

Required Qualifications:

- Master degree in Accounting, from an accredited institution.
- Previous teaching experience in college-level courses (face-to-face, online, and flex (hybrid) modalities preferred).
- Ability to develop and deliver business courses across online, face-to-face, and flex (hybrid) modalities.
- Strong commitment to academic mentoring and student development.

Preferred Additional Qualifications:

- Experience integrating applied learning into the curriculum.
- Demonstrated excellence in teaching, with a proven ability to engage and inspire students in both traditional and online settings.
- Experience in curriculum design and development, particularly in accounting, to align with industry trends and student needs.
- Proven ability to work effectively with a diverse student body, including non-traditional and first-generation college students.
- Experience with workforce development and training initiatives.
- Five years of professional experience in accounting.
- Experience collaborating with industry partners to create real-world learning opportunities, such as internships, co-op programs, or capstone projects.
- Strong background in academic advising and mentoring, with a focus on guiding students through their academic and career pathways.

Duties:

- Teach a variety of courses within the Associate of Science in Accounting program, with a 4/4 course load, across face-to-face, online, and hybrid (flex) modalities.
- Support efforts to continuously develop and enhance the curriculum to ensure it meets the evolving needs of the business industry and prepares students for successful careers.
- Advise students enrolled in Business Department majors, guiding them through their academic and career pathways.
- Actively participate in faculty governance and other university service activities.
- Engage in ongoing professional development to enhance teaching skills and stay current in the field.
- Engage with local businesses, entrepreneurs, and community organizations to create partnerships that benefit students and enhance their learning experiences.
- Participate in ongoing assessment and evaluation of courses and programs to ensure they meet educational objectives and maintain high quality standards.

Application Process: Please submit a resume, cover letter, statement of teaching philosophy, and three professional references to Human Resources.

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 a criminal background check.

Application Deadline: Open until filled; application review begins October 1st. Persons interested in the above position should apply online at: <https://employment.canton.edu/>

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Development Authority OF THE NORTH COUNTRY

Next Move NY PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Salary Range: \$79,059 – \$94,871

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.

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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 by October 18, 2024.

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Lecturer - Business Department

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Required Qualifications:

- MBA, M.S. in Management, or a related field.
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- Experience with workforce development and training initiatives.
- At least 5 years of professional experience in management and/or entrepreneurship.
- Experience collaborating with industry partners to create real-world learning opportunities, such as internships, co-op programs, or capstone projects.
- Strong background in academic advising and mentoring, with a focus on guiding students through their academic and career pathways.
- Participation in institutional service and faculty governance.

Duties:

- Teach a variety of courses within the Bachelor of Business Administration in Management and Associate of Science/ Applied Science in Business Administration programs, with a 4/4 course load, across face-to-face, online, and hybrid (flex) formats.
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- Involvement in program and curriculum development and assessment.
- Advise students enrolled in Business Department majors, guiding them through their academic and career pathways.
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- Engage in ongoing professional development to enhance teaching skills and stay current in the field.
- Engage with local businesses, entrepreneurs, and community organizations to create partnerships that benefit students and enhance their learning experiences.
- Participate in ongoing assessment and evaluation of courses and programs to ensure they meet educational objectives and maintain high standards of quality.
- Cultivate alumni relationships to support student networking, gather program feedback, and facilitate internships for Management BBA students.

Application Process: Please submit a resume, cover letter, statement of teaching philosophy, and three professional references to Human Resources.

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Attn: Brigette Lucas

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The City of Ogdensburg is accepting applications to fill a full-time City Maintenance Worker position in the Ogdensburg Public Works Department.

Starting salary is \$22.18/hour, 40 hours per week.

In accordance with the collective bargaining agreement, following completion of the 12-month probationary period, salary is \$27.48/hour.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

One year of full-time paid experience in general laboring; construction; road building and/or maintenance; or building and grounds maintenance; or any equivalent combination of training and/or experience.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION:

Eligibility for any appropriate class New York State driver's license and possession of license at time of appointment.

Civil Service applications are available at the Department of Public Works, City Clerk's Office at City Hall or at www.ogdensburg.org.

Completed applications must be returned to the Department of Public Works, 901 Champlain Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669 by **Friday, November 1, 2024 at 2:00 PM, or until the position is filled.**

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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;
- Or 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;
- Or 3.** Must have been an enlisted power generation equipment repairer with the U.S. Army;
- Or 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;
- Or 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;
- Or 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);
- Or 7.** Possession of a High-Pressure Boiler Operating Engineer License or Stationary Engineer License;
- Or 8.** A bachelor's degree in Facilities Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, or Marine Engineering;
- Or 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;
- Or 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;
- Or 15.** An associate degree in HVAC AND two years of qualifying experience as described in EITHER qualification #13 or #14 above;
- Or 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 or by US mail to Plant Utilities Engineer 1 Search Committee, Human Resources Department, SUNY Canton, 34 Cornell Drive, Canton, NY 13617

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**Instructional Support Associate
Automotive Technologies**

SALARY: \$44,374 - \$52,000

JOB DESCRIPTION:

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/>

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**Assistant Professor
Tenure Track**

**Veterinary Science Technology
Department**

The State University of New York (SUNY) College at Canton invites qualified applicants for a full-time, tenure track Assistant Professor faculty position in the Veterinary Science Technology Department beginning August 2024.

Required Qualifications for Tenure Track:

DVM, VMD, or equivalent. LVT/RVT with Master's degree also considered and meets requirements for Instructor rank. Responsibilities include teaching face-to-face lectures and hands-on labs in large animal medicine and surgery; clinical veterinary laboratory classes; and other courses that are part of the program. Faculty will be expected to engage in online course delivery, program and curriculum development and assessment, academic mentoring, scholarly activity and institutional service. Online and in-person teaching is expected with the ability to teach hands-on, applied courses.

Please submit a resume, cover letter, statement of teaching philosophy, statement of research, sample peer-reviewed publication and three professional references to Human Resources at <https://employment.canton.edu>.

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EOP Counselor
EOP Department

SALARY: \$55,100 - \$60,000

Job Description:

The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at the State University of New York at Canton is seeking candidates for a counselor position. The EOP Counselor provides academic and personal support programs for historically disadvantaged students who have diverse talents, strengths, experiences, and needs. This is a full-time, 12-month position in a department that includes the director, administrative assistant, and three full-time counselors who work within the broader academic support services area as a team fostering student success.

Responsibilities:

- Providing individual and group counseling as well as programming in the areas of personal, academic and career development for EOP students.
- Advisement services (course registration, student record reviews, academic planning, etc.) are an integral component of the position.
- The counselor will be expected to maintain accurate and up-to-date records of individual and group counseling sessions.
- The successful candidate will also serve as a liaison and advocate for program students with campus and community offices and assist in short and long term planning and assessment activities.
- A significant component of the position includes managing student success through proactive academic advisement. This could also include teaching freshmen college success classes to EOP students.
- The counselor will help shape the on-boarding process for transfer students and play an active role in the pre-first year summer bridge program as well.

Required Qualifications:

- A Masters degree in counseling or a closely related field is required.
- A valid driver's license, willingness and ability to work some evenings and weekends is required.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience working in a college or university setting, knowledge of college student development, experience in academic advising and/or counseling, academic intervention programs, working with diverse populations, excellent oral and written communication skills is preferred.
- It would be helpful if the candidate is familiar with college financial aid processes, Banner or a closely related data management system, and general knowledge of EOP or college-level TRIO programs.

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1 Knock
4 Boxer Ali
9 "60 Minutes" ailer
12 Leading lady?
13 Edmonton player
14 2016 Olympics city
15 Moisturizer
17 Finale
18 Name
19 Buzzing insect
21 Neglect
24 Steerer's place
25 "So that's it!"
26 QB's goals
28 Nasal partitions
31 Lopsided win
33 Feeling down
35 Tank filler
36 Chef's garb
38 Up to
40 "Alice" waitress
41 Suffix with "techno"
43 Break fluid?
45 Sentence fragment
47 Overly
48 Wish otherwise
49 Famed Boston deserts

DOWN

1 Game caller
2 Glam Gardner
3 Chest muscle
4 Short-horned grasshopper
5 Inflatable sleepers
6 Land in la mer
7 Extract via percolation
8 Fighting forces
9 Ineffectual type
10 Predicament
11 Pop ender
20 Staff symbol
21 TV explorer
22 Denny's rival
23 Baked potato topping
27 Used a chair
29 Conference leader?
30 Body lotion ingredient
32 - Bora (Afghan region)
34 Give orders
37 Daytona 500 acronym
39 Was foreboding
42 - firma
44 Dandy guy
45 Use a rosary
46 Luau dance
50 "A mouse!"
51 WWW access enabler
52 Right angle
53 Tofu source

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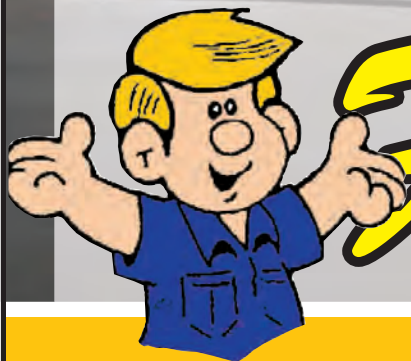
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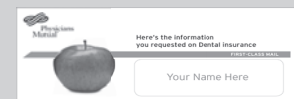
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