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Poor stewardship leads to calls for 'good neighbor' laws

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- Vacant and dilapidated properties owned by out-of-state landlords are creating a nuisance to village of Massena residents and landlords as skunks, raccoons and feral cats move in.

Landlord Don Lucas, who has been a vocal critic of absentee landlords at recent village board meetings, spoke of numerous issues with an unoccupied Richards Street property that has become infested with wild animals.

Lucas informed board members that neighbors had informed him that numerous skunks, raccoons and feral cats were coming from the property, creating "an odor that's emitting from the buildings."

"Once again, you're dealing with an out-of-state landlord that doesn't really care, but that needs to be checked out," he said.

Lucas said he also is dealing with property owners near his residence that seemingly "just don't care about the neighborhood."

He asked village trustees if there might be a "good neighbor policy" or specific code that would force residents and landlords alike to keep up with their properties.

Lucas said two buildings next to his

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Taps in Massena

Greg Yateman, a 21-year veteran serving in the Marines and Army Reserves, plays taps during the Massena AmVets Post 4 Veterans Day ceremony at Massena Fire Department following the parade Monday morning.

Ogdensburg cuts levy, adds police

Majority of city's spending earmarked for police, fire and public safety

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG -- Ogdensburg City Council taxpayers will see their tax rate drop by 31 cents after the city council adopted a budget that reduces the tax levy by 2%, but raises water and sewer rates by 4%.

City taxpayers will pay \$15.69 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

Water and sewer rates will see a 4% increase which will translate to about \$37.86 for both bills, according to Chronis.

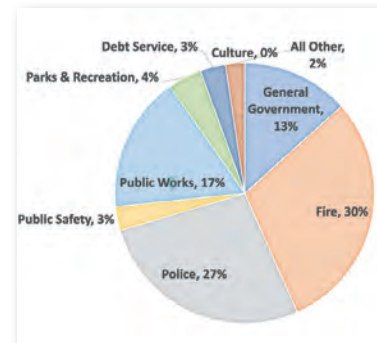
According to City Manager Fonda Chronis, for the average property owner, the reduction will be offset by the decrease in the property tax rate.

Overall spending is up 4% in the plan, rising from \$20,813,963 to \$21,672,581.

However, Chronis says that non-tax levy revenues will be up about 5.5%

While the budget discussion overall was brief, during the public hearing Ogdensburg Police Sgt. Ryan Polniak raised concerns about the budget including only one additional officer for the police force.

That prompted further discussion with City Councilor Jennifer Stevenson pushing to include an additional officer.



City of Ogdensburg | Courtesy

A graph provided in the 2025 City Spending plan shows that the majority of the City's spending is allotted for public safety. The full budget can be found at Ogdensburg.org.

Stevenson said that the city's force is worn down due to a lack of staffing. She said it has hurt morale and has led several experienced officers to seek greener pastures.

She said including money for new officers in the budget was important for herself, the citizens and the department.

Chronis said that while he agreed with Stevenson's words, he did not believe the city has the money to add the positions.

"If I could squeeze another officer

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Adam Smith trial continues in Canton

12 witnesses brought to the stand in trial's third week

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON — Week three of the Adam Smith murder trial brought roughly one dozen witnesses to the stand, including Smith's own father and lead investigators who were in charge of the William Freeman case.

Smith stands accused of murdering Freeman on March 1, 2023 and Ronald "Huck" Durham on Feb. 11, 2023.

Dawn dish soap at murder site

Sergeant Ryan Bogardus, an officer with

the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office, commented that he immediately responded to the scene of the Freeman murder in the town of Rossie when the call came through.

"I was standing in dispatch when the call came in, so I immediately made my way over," he testified to District Attorney Gary Pasqua.

Upon arrival, Bogardus said he was met at the end of Freeman's driveway by his neighbor James Mandigo and Freeman's brother Michael Freeman.

According to his testimony, Bogardus and a St. Lawrence County Sheriff's deputy entered the residence through a back door.

Upon entering, he said blood and Dawn dish soap could be found on the floor of the kitchen and dining area.

A large pool of dried blood could be seen in photos entered into evidence, along with blood spatter on the kitchen stove.

Bogardus said he then searched the rooms of the trailer with the other deputy, eventually finding Freeman slumped over his bathtub with a wound to his back.

Freeman died from a stab wound to the back that broke his 10th rib, pierced his liver, nicked his 8th rib in the front and began to lacerate his skin but did not fully puncture his abdomen, according to autopsy

results read on the second day of the trial. "There was a significant amount of blood loss," Bogardus said.

He said he and the other deputy secured the area before detectives arrived on scene, noting that deputies and troopers were not able to arrive on scene for nearly 30 minutes because of how far they had to travel.

Sheriff's Sergeant Bogardus said Dawn dish soap was found on many blood spots, but primarily in the kitchen area on the larger pools of blood, as well in the living room.

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Former Woodlawn Hotel slated for demolition early next year

Village of Massena now accepting bids to raze the building

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA — The village of Massena is now accepting bids for the demolition of the former Woodlawn Hotel, located at 40-42 Woodlawn Avenue.

Bids are due by 2 p.m. on Dec. 6, officials say. Prior to bidding it is recommended contractors interested in the project visit the site first.

Work should take place between Feb. 1 and May 31, according to village officials.

The property has been cited for numerous code violations in recent months, according to code enforcement officers.

In a previous village board meeting Code Enforcement Officer Aaron Hardy said the structure is in “pretty rough shape” and was not safe for human habitation.

Though the current owner of the property has time to get the structure up to code, officials say they wish to move on a “parallel track” to ensure they can begin demolition as soon as possible if the owner fails to meet the deadline.

Ye Nanhai of Flushing, Queens is listed as the property owner.

Hardy said they had reached out to the code office and commented that they had plans to repair and rebuild the structure, however he was unsure of the specific purpose. He also noted he was not given any official plans for the project that were issued by a licensed architect or engineering firm.

Hardy detailed the extent of the damage to the structure, including numerous broken windows, floors that were collapsing, damage to the roof and animals living inside.

In Sept. 2023 Massena Police were also called to the scene and found a number of people living inside as well.

Following the removal of the inhabitants, the structure was boarded up and has seen no repairs or improvements since, Hardy said.

“This structure’s means of egress are either boarded up or they are falling apart,” Hardy said.

Several walls are also coming apart or are buckling and leaning, with more than a 33% deterioration to supporting members of the structure, the report states.

Walls are also “detaching” and could fall due to extensive signs of rot from excess moisture exposure through rain and snow, the report also stated.

“These damages are dangerous to life and the safety

of the public. This structure has no facilities that are adequate to protect the health and safety of human beings. This property is unfit for human habitation and is a risk to the health and safety of the community,” Hardy said.

Given the level of deterioration of the structure, Hardy said it poses a public safety risk to anyone passing by, as well as surrounding structures.

At the October board meeting Hardy recommended the structure be removed, though town board members agreed to the “parallel track” proposed by Mayor Greg Paquin to afford the property owner one final chance to repair the structure.

“We’ll see what they decide to do but if they fail to meet our deadline we’re full forward with this project and it will be demolished,” Paquin said in October.

If the village does contract to remove the structure, the selected contractor will be responsible for notifying the proper agencies for utility stake out and disconnect and ensuring all services, such as water, sewer and electric, are disconnected prior to demolition beginning.

The contractor will also be required to have an asbestos survey and abatement completed and will be required to treat all debris as asbestos-laden, officials say.

Safety barriers will also need to be constructed to ensure no one can get in or out of the site and a demolition permit from the village will be required prior to demolition.

Once down, the debris will be required to be removed from the site, foundation walls 1 1/2 feet below finish grade will be demolished and backfill with sand, gravel or another approved fill will be required. Top soil will then cover the disturbed area, officials say.

The site will then be hydro seeded or covered with grass seed in some other form.

All public sidewalks will be replaced and any areas damaged during demolition, like sidewalks or roadways, will also need to be repaired, per the agreement.

The contractor will be required to provide a \$1 million general liability insurance policy and a \$1 million automobile liability insurance policy prior to the project, along with written proof of worker’s compensation and employer’s liability. Per the agreement, the village will be named as an additional insured on the policy.

Village officials say a final determination on the project is likely to occur during the December board meeting, though they commented that there is no guarantee due to legal notice posting requirements.



Photo submitted

‘Captain Corpse,’ written and directed by Massena Filmmaker Elijah Winfrey, is now viewable on YouTube.

Watch ‘Captain Corpse’ now on YouTube

Space comedy was filmed in Massena

MASSENA — A new Space Comedy movie filmed in Waddington, Lisbon, and Massena has made its way to YouTube.

“Captain Corpse,” written and directed by Massena Filmmaker Elijah Winfrey, tells the story of Jonah Corpse.

Jonah is the king of good intentions. He is a bounty hunter, living on Mars, who hopes to marry his girlfriend, Alexa. The problem? Her father Max hates him. So now Jonah, and his crew of misfits, have to do something they have never done before...design and execute a plan that works.

The film provided 20 jobs during its production.

This is the second feature film from Elijah Winfrey. His first film “Ballad Of Billy Badass” also provided 20 jobs and ended up being picked up by eight streaming services.

“It is my intention for Captain Corpse to make it’s way onto streamers in the coming months as well.

I have posted it to YouTube so that folks can see the incredible work these performers put in,” said Winfrey.

Captain Corpse was inspired by 90s ska and films such as Spaceballs, Galaxy Quest, Hitchhikers Guide To The Galaxy, and 10 Things I Hate About You.

The cast of Captain Corpse: RW Martin “Jonah Corpse”; Cat Kova “Jonesy”; Jim Moscatello “Beckett / Joanie”; Kevin Pentalow “Ramie”; Nicole Morgan “Alexa/Bri”; Dean Gleason Sr. “Max Shelby”; Elijah Winfrey “Dale Poe”; Alex Hammond “Chief Winston”; Jay Mooers “Tony”; Casondra Arquette “Commissioner Warren”; Emmaleigh Fregoe “Bounty Clerk”; Cody Dennis “Silas Powers”; Dave Cohen “Bo Badley” and Rusty Gilligan “Ricky”.

The crew Producer Casondra Arquette; Director Elijah Winfrey; Writer Elijah Winfrey; 1st Assistant Director Cody Dennis; 2nd Assistant Director RW Martin; 3rd Assistant Director Jay Mooers; Location Scout Alex Hammond; Location Scout Dean Gleason Sr.; Special Effects Coordinator Chris Griffin

Special Effects Department Assistants were Casondra Arquette, Kristian Fino and Joshua King.

Art coordinators were Jay Mooers & Rusty Gilligan; casting coordinators Casondra Arquette & RW Martin; the film was edited By Eric Ramos and post-production audio was handled by Brian Parsons

Winfrey is currently raising funds to make his third feature film, a slasher film, called Fourth Coast Killer. If he can raise the money he needs for that film he will be able to provide 39 jobs for local creatives.

Watch Captain Corpse at <https://youtu.be/tOTgzd78R3I?si=giX715l-VvysiGy56>.

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HEAP aid now available

St. Lawrence County residents can now apply for home energy assistance to help lower heating costs this winter.

U.S. Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer and U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand announced that New York will receive \$360,185,996 in federal funding through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

Individuals interested in applying for LIHEAP can visit energy-help.us or call the National Energy Assistance Referral (NEAR) hotline toll-free at 1-866-674-6327.

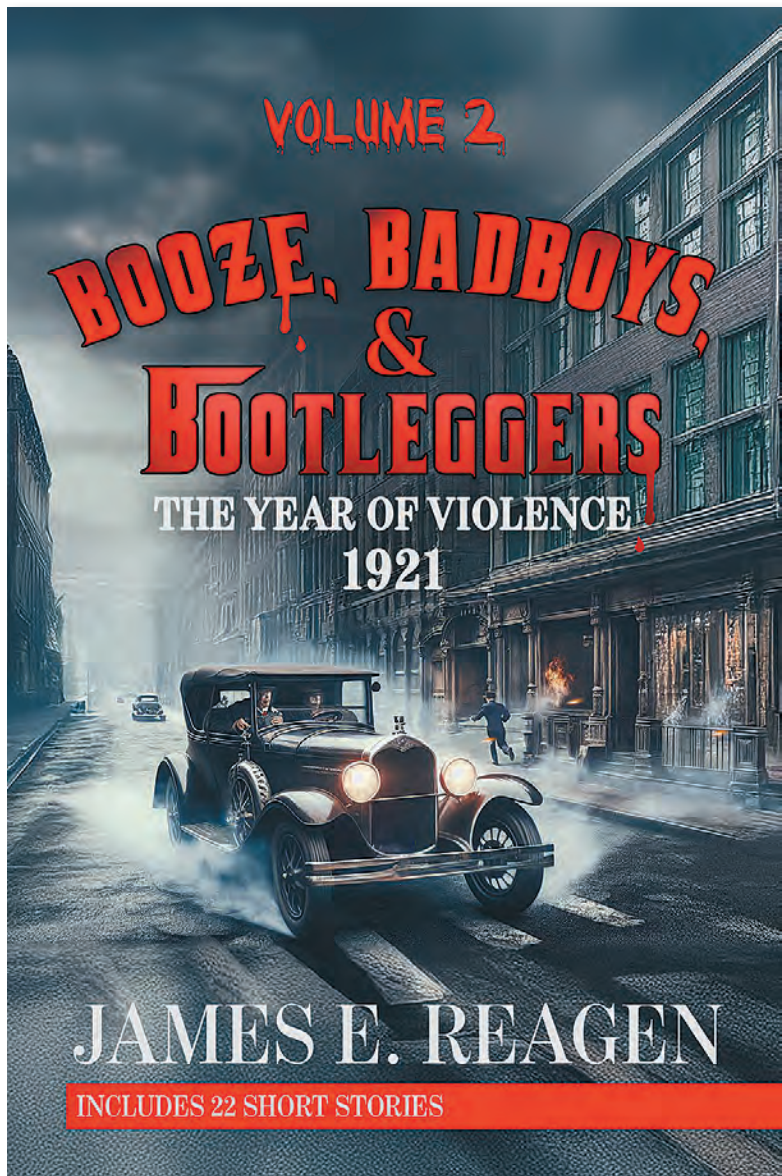


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A local Prohibition series is now available on Amazon.

Author publishes 2nd book of local Prohibition series

Booze, Badboys & Bootleggers 1921
The Year of Violence available on Amazon

OGDENSBURG – When Charles “Brocky” Livingston staggered out of his taxi in front of the Ogdensburg Police Station at the corner of Ford and Caroline Streets in 1921, the second year of Prohibition, the young cab driver was covered in blood.

He described to police how a mysterious stranger with a British accent had lured him to a deserted road near Red Mills in Lisbon where he was shot three times and faced a desperate life-and-death struggle for survival.

The ensuing search for the smuggler and bootlegger that led investigators to Watertown, Cape Vincent and Prescott is one of over 22 stories in James E. Reagen’s latest book on the North Country’s Prohibition-era

“Booze, Badboys & Bootleggers Vol. 2 - (1921 The Year of Violence). The book details how America’s “Noble Experiment” banning the sale, manufacture, and transportation of alcohol led to a spiral of violence across Northern New York 100 years ago.

The book is now available on Amazon.

“I was very pleased at the wonderful reception I received from my first book on Prohibition in the North Country,” said Reagen, the retired long-time Managing Editor of the Ogdensburg Journal and Advance News. “Many of my readers urged me to continue offering these stories that help bring our region’s local history to life in vivid detail and show that history happened here.”

Man arrested for trying to enter school with weapon

OGDENSBURG -- A Madrid man was arrested on Nov. 6 after trying to break into an Ogdensburg school building, and brandishing a knife and a make-shift weapon.

Ogdensburg Police Department reports that Stanley W. Greer Jr., 39, was charged with four counts of second-degree menacing (Class A misdemeanors), one count of second-degree menacing a police officer (Class D felony), resisting arrest (Class A misdemeanor), five counts of criminal possession of a weapon (Class A misdemeanor), and one count of second-degree attempted burglary (Class C felony).

Police said they responded to a complaint on Nov. 6 at about 10:07 a.m. of a male subject, later identi-

fied as Stanley, attempting to gain access to the Ogdensburg Free Academy School with a weapon.

Police said that when Stanley was confronted by the school staff, he brandished a makeshift weapon, threatening the staff. Upon the School Resource Officer arriving at Stanley’s location, he had fled on foot, causing a pursuit.

When the SRO caught up to Stanley, he turned and brandished a knife at the officer. The foot pursuit then continued and shortly after Stanley was subdued, police said.

At the time of this report (Wednesday, Nov. 6), Stanley was being held at the Ogdensburg Police Department awaiting arraignment at city court at 2 p.m.

Psych center sandstone will be salvaged

OGDENSBURG – As state officials continue a major demolition project at the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center, Assemblyman Scott Gray says calls to preserve historic sandstone have been successful.

“I am thrilled to share fantastic news regarding the ongoing Phase 1 SLPC demolition project. OMH, in collaboration with DASNY, has informed me that the sandstone window headers, which were being separated from the other building materials, are now available for community use,” he said. “Our appeal to make this a trial run has been successful, providing us with

a unique opportunity to experiment on a smaller scale before tackling larger structures in the future.”

Both Ogdensburg and Potsdam officials were working to ensure the sandstone could be preserved.

Gray said that to ensure the sandstone blocks are safe, municipalities must arrange for an engineer to go onsite and test them for contamination. If contamination is found, a plan for decontamination and safe transportation will be necessary.

“This initiative not only benefits the community by making use of valuable materials but also allows

us to refine our processes for future projects,” Gray said.

Gray said one caveat is he will have to provide some determination of interest and onsite inspection prior to Thanksgiving and because Ogdensburg has expressed interest the municipalities will have to work it out unless they forego the initial offer.

In August a group of local people, one of whom was former Potsdam historian Mimi VanDusen, learned that the contractor charged with clearing the structures would take the debris to a landfill out of the area.



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OBITUARIES

Corey J. Reynolds, 47

Massena

MASSENA - Corey J. Reynolds passed away peacefully on November 1, 2024, at the Hildebrandt Hospice Care Center in Rochester, N.Y., after a fifteen-month hard fought battle with Glioblastoma Multiforme.

Corey was born on June 29, 1977, in Massena, N.Y. to John C. Reynolds and Rande J. Stone Ashley.

He was a 1996 graduate of Massena Central High School.

He was employed by Alcoa for the past twenty-five years prior to his illness.

He was recently inducted into the twenty-five-year club at Alcoa.

He enjoyed spending time with family, fishing, and painting.

He is survived by his loving wife, Mandy White and four step-children, Zack of Missouri, Emily, Evan and Eliza White, of Massena; granddaughter, Acey White of Massena; his mother, Rande (Victor) Ashley of Canton, NY; brother, Jason (Melissa) Reynolds of Dexter,

NY; nephews, Aidan McConnell of Clinton, NY and Liam Reynolds of Dexter, NY; and his niece, Kylie Sanders of Massena, NY.



Corey Reynolds

He was predeceased by his Father, John Reynolds, Grandparents, Howard and Norma Moses Stone and Grandfather, Charles Reynolds.

The family will be holding a private service at Emmanuel Congregational United Church of Christ in Massena, NY.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Glioblastoma Foundation.

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

Kathleen "Kay" McGaw, 99

Waddington

WADDINGTON -- Kathleen "Kay" McGaw, of Waddington, age 99, passed away on Sunday, November 10, 2024. Kay was born in Vanderhoof, British Columbia, Canada, to Henry and Clara Stangebye, but they later moved to Prince Rupert. She met her husband, Arthur McGaw, when he was stationed nearby while serving in the Army during World War II. They married and eventually settled in Waddington.

Kay enjoyed an active and healthy life into her late 80's. She was a proud lifetime member of the American Legion Auxiliary and County Auxiliary, holding the office of president for both organizations. She was equally involved with AMVETS Post No. 4 and the V.F.W. Post No. 1231.

Kay loved to travel. Her favorite trips included train and car excursions across British Columbia with her sister, Gertrude, as well as road trips throughout New York and into Vermont and New Hampshire.

Kay was an avid bowler in 3 leagues for over 40 years. She walked and swam in the summer, and enjoyed cross-country skiing in the winter. She joined a ping pong club in her 60s and 70s, and belonged to two senior citizen groups. She liked to play cards and do crossword puzzles. She definitely had a green thumb when it came to growing plants.

Kay used to say that she would often stop along the banks of the St. Lawrence River, during her walks, to reflect on her many blessings.

She can enter the Gates of Heaven knowing she lived life to the fullest. She undoubtedly left this world a better place due to her countless vol-

unteer hours on behalf of American veterans.

Kay was preceded in death by her parents, a sister Gertrude VanMeer, and her husband Arthur McGaw.



Kathleen McGaw

She is survived by her 8 children; Larry (Ginny), Ricky, Denny (Connie), Lance, Penny (Sam), Arlie

(Heidi), Pam (Bob) and Patti (Kenny) along with 15 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and two nieces.

The funeral arrangements are with the Phillips Memorial Home in Waddington. Friends and family may call the Phillips Memorial Home at 28 Clinton Street in Waddington on Saturday, November 16, 2024, from 1:00 pm until the time of funeral services at 3:00 pm with Lay Speaker Helen Langford officiating. Burial to take place in Brookside Cemetery, at the convenience of the family.

The family would like to personally thank the many devoted health care providers during her residency at the United Helpers Maplewood Campus in Canton, where she had been for the past 10 years.

Donations can be made to the Waddington American Legion Auxiliary; P.O. Box 321, Waddington, New York, 13694 and the Waddington Rescue Squad; P.O. Box 331, Waddington, New York, 13694.

Friends and family are encouraged to share memories, photos and condolences online, by visiting www.PhillipsMemorial.com.

MASSENA – Gerald F. "Babe" LePage, 87, a longtime resident of Kathleen Street, peacefully passed away Friday evening, November 8, 2024 at Massena Rehabilitation and Nursing Center with the love of his family at his side.

Babe was born in Massena on April 5, 1937, the son of the late Percy J. "Dutch" and Marjorie (Pitts) LePage. He attended Massena schools, where he graduated in 1955. He continued his education at Canton ATI. On April 14, 1958, he married Shirley J. Ashley at the Church of the Sacred Heart with Rev. Joseph Doud, officiating. She predeceased him on September 14, 2001.

Babe was an electrician working at Reynolds Metals. He retired after 34 years of service as the manager in the Maintenance Planning Department.

Babe dedicated countless hours of his time to his community as member of the Massena Volunteer Fire Departments, serving in various roles including Fire Chief from 1988-1989. He was recently honored as a 60-year member.

He was a member of the St. Lawrence County Fire Chiefs Association and served on the St. Lawrence County Fire Advisory Board. Additionally, he served as a chairman of the Seaway Parkinson's Coalition, a member of the Village Zoning

Joan M. Huntley, age 77, of Ogdensburg, NY, passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 10, 2024, at the Massena Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at Fox & Murray Funeral Home from 3:00 PM- 6:00 PM.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Fox & Murray Funeral Home.

Joan was born on October 26, 1947, in Ogdensburg, NY, to the late Hugh T. and Audrie L. (Harper) Huntley.

She attended Ogdensburg Free Academy, graduating with the Class of 1966. After high school, Joan proudly served in the United States Army from 1967 to 1970, working as a Clerical Typing and Procedures Specialist and dedicating herself to her country.

Following her service, she continued to help others through her work at the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center in Ogdensburg, NY, and later

MADRID - Dianna Lynn Flanagan, age 76, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family at her home on Thursday, November 7, 2024. As per her wishes there will be no public calling hours or services at this time. A Celebration of Life will take place at the convenience of the family at a later date.

Dianna Lynn was born to the late Maynard and Ruby (Dabieu) Rust in Tupper, Lake, NY on March 1, 1948. Later moved to Connecticut, then eventually Pierrepont, NY where she resided with her family members. Dianna married the love of her life David E. Flanagan on September 19, 1966, in Beech Plains Church in Pierrepont, NY. They began their family shortly after. A homemaker and care provider for her husband and family, together they raised their children later, Dianna began her career with Cerebral Palsy Association of The North Country as a Home Health Aide for nearly 23 years, retiring in spring 2018.

Gerald F. "Babe" LePage, 87

Massena

Board, and lifelong communicant of the Church of the Sacred Heart. Babe enjoyed vegetable gardening, reading, crossword puzzles, woodworking, golfing, bowling, and skating.



Gerald LePage

Babe is survived by his children and their spouses, Lori and Dale Raymo of Massena and Danny and Donna LePage of Connecticut; his grandchildren, Ryan (Kristy) Raymo, Aaron (Rachel) Raymo, and Evan (Vanessa) Raymo, Nate (Danielle) LePage, Jonathan (Madison) LePage, Elise and Ben LePage, and Matt Meisner; and his great grandchildren, Jakob, Savannah, Lucy, Grayson, Aurora, Flynn, Gavin, Aria, Ella, Penelope, Anatasia, and Amelia.

He is also survived by his sisters, Fay Scully of Massena, Linda LePage and her husband, Jerry Laffin of Louisville, and Mardie LePage and her companion, Mike Power of Louisville; his sisters-in-law, Pauline Mellon LePage of Norwood, Linda Weegar LePage of Massena; his wife's siblings, Dorothy King and Nancy and Robert Brothers, all of Massena, John and Judy Ashley of

Syracuse, Cathy Ashley of Louisville; many nieces, nephews, and dear friends including Ann Greene of Massena.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was predeceased by his brothers, Donald "Pete", Eugene "Butch", Gary, and Paul (Norene) LePage; his sister, Ruth (Charles Sr.) Sharlow; and his wife's siblings, Robert (Connie) Ashley, Earl, Jr. and Jerry Ashley; nephews, Sean Scully and Jason LePage; and a longtime companion, Brenda Littlejohn.

Arrangements are under the care and guidance of the Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena where friends may call on Tuesday 4-7:00 PM with the members of the Massena Volunteer Fire Department holding a memorial at 6:45. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at the Church of the Sacred Heart on Wednesday at 10:00 AM. Burial with fireman's honors will follow in Calvary Cemetery, Massena.

In lieu of flowers those wishing may consider memorial contributions to be made in his memory to be made to the Massena Volunteer Fire Department or the Seaway Parkinson's Coalition, c/o R. Geiser, 11 Hillcrest Ave, Massena, NY 13662.

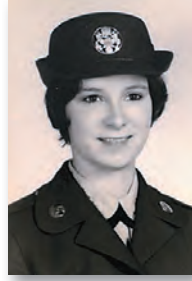
Friends are encouraged to share memories and offer condolences online at www.donaldsonfh.com.

Joan M. Huntley, 77

Ogdensburg

at the Hutchings Psychiatric Center in Syracuse, NY.

In her free time she enjoyed hearing from and catching up with family and friends especially when they unexpectedly stopped by to see her, she also loved time with her grandchildren and helped to raise them.



Joan Huntley

She loved teaching them new things as she had a lifelong love of learning expressed through her enjoyment of nature and science documentaries and reading fact and science books, along with her bible. She enjoyed watching PBS documentaries, Hallmark movies, many crime drama shows, and Michael Landon TV shows.

Joan is survived by her son, Bernard W. Huntley of Ogdensburg; her brothers, John C. Huntley of

Ogdensburg and Robert E. Huntley of Massena; a sister in law, Cindy Huntley of Ogdensburg; grandsons Dustin J. Brashaw and Adam W. Huntley of Ogdensburg, granddaughter Andrea Eris I. Miller of Canton, her nieces and nephews, Audrie L. Miller and her fiancé Kristopher K. Kernehan of Canton, Christopher M. Miller of Canton, Tammy L. Sparks of Phenix City, Alabama, James "Jimmy" E. Huntley of Spokane, Washington, Susan M. Huntley of Ogdensburg, Shari A. Montroy of Potsdam, and Robert E. Huntley Jr. of Ogdensburg; an Aunt Audrey Harper of Ogdensburg, an Uncle Bob Harper of Eureka, California; and many great nieces, nephews and cousins.

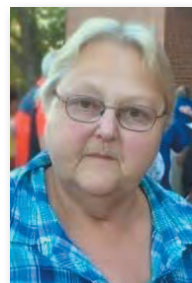
She was predeceased by her sister Donna J. Miller; her brothers, Edward J. and Hugh "Tom" Huntley Jr.; and a nephew, Tommy Huntley III.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at foxandmurrayfuneralhome.com.

Dianna Lynn Flanagan, 76

Madrid

Dianna leaves behind her loving husband and best friend of 58 years, along with their children; Tod and



Dianna Flanagan

wife Tina Flanagan of Madrid, NY, Faith and husband Mike Ward of Pyrites, NY, Mark Flanagan of Clifton Fine, NY and Jolene Flanagan of Fowler, NY. Dianna is also survived by her 12 grandchildren; Natasha, Zackary, Elizabeth, Caitlin, Andrew, Gabriella, Morgan, David Paul, Reileigh, Kristopher, Zoey, and Samantha. Her eight great-grandchildren; Hunter, Maggie, AvaLynn, Aubree, Liam, Maya, Charlotte and Eleanor. She is also survived by her siblings; Joyce and husband Harlow Hogle of FL, Fern LaBarge of Vernon, FL, Nancy Kitts of Russell, NY, Louis Caputo of Cincinnati, OH, Doug and

wife Evelyn Rust of Hartford, CT, Gary and wife Kathy of Fowler, NY, Allen and wife Jennifer Rust of Albany, NY, Rodney and wife Debbie Rust of Russell, NY, along with numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews.

Dianna was a selfless person who above all else devoted her life to her children and grandchildren. She greatly enjoyed watching her birds, gardening, the company of her pets, and the love of her many grand and great-grandchildren. Dianna stayed connected with her friends and family members daily on Facebook.

In addition to her parents, Dianna was predeceased by her brother Maynard Rust Jr.

Memorial contributions may be shared with the American Diabetes Association; 356 N Midler Ave # 4, Syracuse, NY 13206

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

RECENT DEATHS

COREY REYNOLDS, 47, Massena, Nov. 1. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

GERALD LEPAGE, 87, Massena, Nov. 8. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

RICHARD BRENNAN, 86, Ogdensburg, Nov. 8. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

CHARLES REYNOLDS, 87, Massena, Nov. 9. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

YVONNE RICE, 68, Massena, Nov. 10. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

RICHARD LAVIGNE, 87, Og-

densburg, Nov. 11. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

MARCEL FREGO, 63, Massena, Nov. 11.

OBITUARIES AND death notices are posted as soon as they are available at NorthCountryNow.com/obituaries

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.



On hand for the Gracious Friends Animal Shelter (GFAS) spaghetti dinner benefit were, from left, back row, GFAS Treasurer Debra Perry, GFAS Secretary Sandra Duprey, GFAS President Donna Rice, Knights of Columbus Chancellor Art Baker, Knights of Columbus Deputy Grand Knight Lawrence

Mathews, GFAS board member Amy Ritchie, and GFAS board member Billi Jo Lapiene; from left kneeling are GFAS Vice President Kristi LaClair, GFAS volunteer Ashton LaClair, and GFAS board member Patrick Edgar.

Gracious Friends raise \$1,111 at dinner

HEUVELTON — The Gracious Friends Animal Shelter held a spaghetti dinner hosted by the Knights of Columbus Msgr.A.D. Charbonneau Council 258 in Ogdensburg.

Gracious Friends Animal Shelter is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization based outside of Heuvelton.

The fundraiser on Nov. 5 raised \$1,111 toward building a new adoption center. The new adoption center will be centrally located and house both cats and dogs.

Members of the Knights of Columbus supplied and cooked the meals.

\$12 million in federal aid to upgrade rails

Nearly \$12 million in federal funding will help modernize over 14 miles of rail, stretching across St. Lawrence County communities from Lisbon to Norwood.

U.S. Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer and U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand announced \$11,709,995 to greenlight major upgrades at the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority (OBPA), equipping the railroad to handle modern, industry standard 286,000-pound freight cars, improving rail safety and reliability, and creating jobs.

“The feds just greenlit major modernizations for freight rail by the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority. Many of the rail tracks in the Ogdensburg area are decades old and in need of major upgrades. I am proud to deliver this nearly \$12 million fed investment that will help the port do more business by allowing them to move goods quickly and efficiently,” said Senator Schumer.

“New modern rail infrastructure will allow for more commerce to flow in the North Country. The Bipartisan Infrastructure & Jobs Law continues to deliver for the North Country, and I am thrilled that the program is bringing major investment back here to St. Lawrence County.”

The federal funding comes from the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program, which Schumer fought to increase funding for in the Bipartisan Infrastructure & Jobs Law.

“This funding will make rail across the North Country safer, more reliable, and more efficient. I’m proud to have fought to pass the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to provide the funding for this project and many more across New York State and will continue fighting to improve our state’s roads, bridges, and railways,” said Senator Gillibrand.

“The Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority is very pleased to receive substantial funding through the Federal Railroad Administration’s CRISI program. This funding will provide for much needed capacity improvements to the New York and Ogdensburg Railway that services, the Port of Ogdensburg and the North Country economy. These improvements will greatly increase the railroad’s competitive advantage in attracting commerce to our region. On behalf of the OBPA and North Country community we serve, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Majority Leader Schumer and Senator Gillibrand for their unwavering support and commitment to growth at the OBPA,” said Steve Lawrence, Executive Director, Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority.

St. Lawrence County libraries awarded construction awards

Four St. Lawrence County libraries, including the Ogdensburg Public Library, have been awarded construction awards through the New York State Education Department’s State Aid for Library Construction program.

Assemblyman Scott Gray (R-Waertertown) made the announcement Wednesday that several public libraries within the 116th Assembly District have been awarded funding.

This initiative supports essential renovations and upgrades to enhance library services in our communities. The funds are part of a \$34 million capital allocation for public library construction and broadband infrastructure projects provided in the FY2023-2024 State Budget, stated Gray in an email.

“With these funds, our libraries will be able to better serve the needs of residents by providing modern, accessible spaces and resources,” said Gray. “Investing in our libraries is critical for supporting literacy and education, as well as strengthening our communities as vital resource centers.”

The following local library projects awarded funding:

Canton Free Library: \$51,128 for adding a nursing room and reconstructing bathrooms to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

Canton Free Library (Rensselaer Falls Branch): \$55,500 for installing solar panels as part of an expansion and conversion to a net-zero building.

North Country Library System: \$102,779 to provide broadband and upgraded equipment for 65 member libraries, including routers and public access computers.

Norwood Public Library: \$14,625 for installing an emergency generator to ensure uninterrupted services during power outages.

Ogdensburg Public Library: \$39,421 for replacing the security system and two boilers to improve safety and efficiency.

These projects reflect a commitment to improving library facilities, making them more accessible and ensuring they can meet the evolving needs of our community.

Stefanik to serve as Ambassador to the U.N.

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

North Country Congresswoman Elise Stefanik who just won reelection in the 21st Congressional District has been tapped by President-elect Donald Trump to serve as the U.S. Ambassador for the United Nations.

Stefanik said she was honored by the nomination.

“I am truly honored to earn President Trump’s nomination to serve in his Cabinet as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. During my conversation with President Trump, I shared how deeply humbled I am to accept his nomination and that I look forward to earning the support of my colleagues in the United States Senate,” she said.

“President Trump’s historic landslide election has given hope to the American people and is a reminder that brighter days are ahead - both at home and abroad. America continues to be the beacon of the world, but we expect and must demand that our friends and allies be strong partners in the peace we seek.”

Stefanik said the work ahead is “immense as we see antisemitism skyrocketing coupled with four years of catastrophically weak U.S. leadership that significantly weakened our national security and diminished our standing in the eyes of both allies and adversaries. I stand ready to advance President Donald J.

Trump’s restoration of America First peace through strength leadership on the world stage on Day One at the United Nations. “

What’s that mean for her constituents who supported her in the recent elections? It means they’ll likely need a new representative.

Although no Republicans have been vocal about filling the role, her Democratic opponent Paul Collins has already stated her interest in taking over the seat.

The last time a special election was held, Bill Owens, the only Democrat to hold the 21st Congressional District Seat since the Civil War, won it after Congressman John McHugh was tapped to serve as Secretary of the Army.

As for Stefanik, she’s already saying good-bye to her long-term supporters in the area.

“I will forever be grateful to my beloved constituents in New York’s 21st Congressional District for believing in me and giving me the opportunity to work my very hardest to serve and give them a voice at the highest levels of Congress. Ten years ago, Upstate and North Country voters took a chance on a young, first-time, unknown candidate who very few believed could win. I was proud to be the youngest woman elected to Congress at the time and to earn their overwhelming vote of confidence in six general elections,” she said.

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Village begins canvassing for firefighter candidates with two retirements looming in 2025

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- The search for a new career driver-firefighter is underway with the village of Massena in anticipation of two retirements next year.

Trustees approved canvassing to fill the position during a recent village board meeting, acknowledging that the loss of two career firefighters could have a significant impact on service calls and staff costs.

According to Massena Fire Department Foreman Aaron Hardy, the first of those retirements will come in May 2025.

Hardy detailed the requirements of the position, including civil service requirements and training at the state fire academy.

Hardy said it takes a significant amount of time to get a recruit from the interview stage to being fully trained and on duty.

"We've reached out to the Fire Academy. It looks like the New York State EMTB, which is now a job requirement down at the academy, starts around the second week of January. That's about a month. In mid-February

2025 the recruit firefighter training class starts, and that goes until May 22, 2025," he said.

With the first anticipated retirement coming on May 31, he said the village would have someone in training the entire time while the current firefighter is getting ready to retire.

With that timing, Hardy said it would be a lateral move to phase in the new recruit and ready to fill the spot of the retiring firefighter.

"It's a balancing act for the timeline. If we choose to do it now, at least we get the ball rolling. If we choose to wait until the retirement, there's a chance that by mid-September we would be two people short at the building," he said.

Trustee Ken McGowan commented that the move would likely save the village money on overtime expenses as well, noting that either way extra money would be spent for either the new recruit while the department is staffed, or in the form of overtime costs as the remaining firefighters would have to cover the spread until a recruit is brought in.

With calls rising for the department

and EMT duties adding to the workload, McGowan said that would prove costly for the village and could lead to burnout of staff.

Mayor Greg Paquin commented that he thought it was "a good plan to ensure continuity" of service for the village.

The move to canvas comes just one month after trustees first began weighing the options presented by Deputy Mayor Chad Simpson and McGowan.

At the September meeting Simpson called the potential staffing issues a "huge setback" for the department, one that he said he wanted to avoid.

Simpson and McGowan are the village board's liaisons to the fire, rescue and police departments.

McGowan also suggested the village begin the search as soon as possible, saying he would "rather spend a few bucks earlier than spending all summer with all the overtime."

"We really need to be progressive and spend a little money earlier than a lot of money later because at this time next year we could be down by two firefighters," he said.

Tribe codifies and digitizes tribal laws

AKWESASNE -- In September 2023, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Courts were awarded a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to codify tribal laws and create a digital law library. The funding also includes costs to provide legal resources to the Akwesasne Library and the Tribal Courts for the community. The goal of the project is to enhance access to legal resources.

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Courts and the General Counsel's Office collaborated in the planning and creation of the digital law library with the Open Law Library (OLL). OLL is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that specializes in helping governments create and maintain digital law libraries. OLL assisted five Indian Nations as part of the Digital Publication of Tribal Laws Pilot Project. The design by OLL also allows for Indian Nations and tribal governments to remain in control of their codes because it is stored on servers controlled by the owner.

The Digital Law Library can be accessed at <https://law.srmt-nsn.gov/>. Access at kiosks located at the Akwesasne Library, Ionkwakiohkwarò:ron, and community services building is forthcoming. The Digital Law Library shall be updated continuously to include amendments to existing Tribal laws.

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\$32,000 rebudgeted for county clinic review

Over \$200,000 in state aid received for Family Centered Services

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- St. Lawrence County legislators have approved budget modifications for the Community Services Department to continue an ongoing assessment of clinic services and to receive state aid for agency clinics.

During the Nov. 4 full board meeting, legislators approved a \$32,500 budget modification for the ongoing assessment, which covers the three clinic environments of mental health and substance-use clinic satellite locations, the Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program.

"It is critical to carefully monitor and assess operations and evaluate fiscal viability on an ongoing basis," officials say.

The professional services of Coordinated Care Services, Inc. (CCSI) included an overview of staffing, revenue cycle management and the electronic health record, officials said.

In other action, legislators also signed off on a budget modification to receive funds from OASAS for approved agencies as well.

The Community Services Department received the updated state aid, with the county functions as a pass-through entity for funding community agencies, including salary and fringe support adjustments.

Officials say the funds are 100% pass-through funds for contract agencies.

Seaway Valley Prevention Council will receive an additional one-time funding in the amount of \$87,500 for their Recovery Community Center.

The funding is a shift from a State Opioid Response Award to NYS OASAS State Aid passed through Community Services.

A third resolution was also passed, this time for a budget modification for Social Services for the Family Centered Services Program.

According to county officials, the New York State fiscal year 2024-25 budget appropriated additional TANF Funds for Social Services districts to hire appropriately credentialed and experienced staff to provide case management services for families who are having difficulty stabilizing their households and transitioning toward greater financial security, county officials said.

Additional staff and resources will support "the needs of families whose circumstances require a more intensive level of case management and specialized services," officials wrote in the resolution.

Target populations include households with complex needs, such as mental health conditions, developmental disabilities, substance-use disorders and those experiencing domestic violence.

Officials say the priority of service will be for families experiencing or who may be in danger of experiencing homelessness.

"The Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance requested that all districts submit a plan that provided an overview of how the funds would be administered and \$208,046 was approved for the St. Lawrence County Family Centered Services Program Plan, and the funds are available for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025," officials said.

Massena recovery clubhouse helping homeless people

MASSENA — What started as an expression of a mother's love and grief has grown into a project to help individuals experiencing homelessness.

In the spring, a local woman whose son tragically died of an overdose delivered paper bags containing overdose response kits (Narcan) and bottles of water to 39 Serenity Place, a clubhouse in Massena for individuals in or seeking recovery from alcoholism and/or substance abuse. Though she couldn't save her son, the woman wanted to save the lives of others battling addiction.

Inspired by the woman's generosity, 39 Serenity Place members began adding hygiene items and food to the bags, which are then distributed to individuals experiencing homelessness in Massena, Potsdam, Canton, Ogdensburg and surrounding communities.

As word of the effort spread, St. John's Episcopal Church donated funds to purchase additional items for distribution, Emmanuel Congregational United Church of Christ donated blankets and cold-weather clothing, and clubhouse members and community members donated items, as well.

39 Serenity Place has been aided in distributing the supplies by residents of North Country Freedom Home, a supportive recovery residence in Canton, some of whom have experienced homelessness.

Sue LaPrade, activity coordinator for 39 Serenity Place, said:

"It's been heartwarming to see the generosity of our clubhouse members, a lot of whom have experienced hard times themselves, and our supportive community, said Sue LaPrade, activity coordinator at 39 Serenity Place. "From what we've been told, the Narcan distributed by 39 Serenity Place has saved two lives. While that mother couldn't save her son, she has saved lives, and we're grateful we could be a part of that."

39 Serenity Place, located at 84B Center St., exists to offer service to its members and local community members in their recovery from alcoholism and other addictions.

The Clubhouse offers a safe environment to its members and all using the facility. It's where people can find recovery. 39 Serenity Place hosts a variety of meetings in the 12-step tradition, as well as opportunities to develop healthy, supportive friendships through social events, trips, workshops, craft days, card games and more.

39 Serenity Place relies on the support of members and public donations to meet the needs of individuals in or seeking recovery. All donations are tax deductible. Consider donating or volunteering.

Info: 39serenityplace.com, 315-250-7410, 39SerenityPlace2013@gmail.com .

United States Marine Corps veteran takes helm for St. Lawrence County Toys For Tots

BY MATT LINDSEY
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — A United States Marine Corps veteran has taken the helm at the St. Lawrence County Toys For Tots campaign.

Last year the program provided 2,148 children with three to four gifts for the holidays, according to Tylor Reynolds, SLC coordinator for the organization.

He said he decided to get involved with Toys For Tots for a few reasons. He discusses taking over from the past coordinator, who wanted to move aside so she could spend more time with her children.

"I am a United States Marine Corps Veteran which first drove me to Toys for Tots, but I am also born and raised here in St. Lawrence County," Reynolds said.

Also, as a 17-year volunteer firefighter in this community he has seen what it's like for a child to not have a Christmas with toys or family around them.

"If I can even get one toy to every economically disadvantaged child in St. Lawrence County and make even one Christmas worth it then I have succeeded," he said. "My goal is to do more than that and make sure that every child has a Christmas they will never forget and their

parents or guardians do not have to worry that their children will go without."

St. Lawrence County Toys for Tots campaign runs through Dec. 14.

Dropbox requests, volunteer requests, sponsor requests and toy requests are open now.

Toy requests can be made online and through many local organizations. "We ask that those that apply for toys from Toys For Tots only apply in one location to ensure everyone can be helped," Reynolds said.

All of these can be located at ogdensburg-ny.toysfortots.org, through the app or through the Facebook page St. Lawrence County Toys For Tots. The app store on IOS and Android has the Toys For Tots app to locate local campaigns or drop boxes.

The best way to monetarily donate is through the QR code which can be located at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61566008920353> or via the link on the website or app.

"We accept any new and unwrapped toy for all ages up to 18 years of age," Reynolds said.

Drop boxes have already been distributed to many stores and locations all across the county.

"We partner with many local organizations and supply them with toys to ensure we help every economically disadvantaged child in the county," he said. "Some toys get sent to local organizations that distribute toys and in locations where those organizations do not exist or work with us we collect applications and distribute them on specific dates that we coordinate with our volunteers."

No major changes are expected to the program, as he called the campaign "very well set up and structured".

However, Reynolds is implementing new rules and regulations as required by the Marine Corps Reserves Toys For Tots Foundation but most of those are behind the scenes changes and do not affect the overall campaign.

He said that with the past coordinator staying on board, it will help ensure that this campaign will continue to succeed and grow.

Distinguished Citizen nominees sought by college council

CANTON — The SUNY Canton College Council is seeking nominations for its annual Distinguished Citizen Award.

Since 1976, the council has given this prestigious award in recognition of distinguished service to SUNY Canton and/or to the community.

Members of the community are invited to submit nominations for the award. Nomination packets must include: a nomination letter from the nominator(s); name and position of the nominee; a description of the distinguished services,

recognitions, facts, or characteristics that is pertinent or informative; a brief biography of the nominee; and at least three supporting letters from non-family members. Optionally, additional supporting documentation can also be included.

Nominations, which are due on or before January 1, 2025, should be addressed to the Chairman of the College Council, Office of the President, SUNY Canton, 34 Cornell Drive, Canton, NY 13617 or electronically to youngm@canton.edu.



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LISBON NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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LISBON NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of The Laundry Rm. LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/16/2024. 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 Kendra Quinlan: 58 Sparrowhawk Point Road, Lisbon, NY 13658. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

ROSSIE NOTICE OF MEETING

The Town of Rossie will hold a Special Town Board meeting to review applications for the position of Town Assessor and any other business to come before the board on November 26, 2024 at 7:30pm at the Rossie Town Barn.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION FOR FIRE DISTRICT OFFICERS OF THE DEKALB-RICHVILLE FIRE DISTRICT PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 175 AND 176 OF THE TOWN LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to Section 175 of the Town Law the annual election of Fire District Officers for the DeKalb-Richville Fire District will be held at the Richville Fire Station, 71 Main Street, Richville, New York 13681, on the 10th day of December 2024 between the hours of 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM, Prevailing Time.

Two Officers, Fire Commissioners, are to be elected, for a term of fire (5) years commencing January 1, 2025.

Every elector who is a registered voter under personal permanent registration and a resident of the Fire District thirty (30) days next preceding the annual Fire District election shall be qualified to vote and to hold office.

The polls will be open for the receipt of ballots from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Prevailing Time, on December 10, 2024.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to Section 176 of the Town Law candidates for District Offices shall file their names with the Secretary of the DeKalb-Richville Fire District by November 22, 2024. All applicants shall submit a Letter of Intent which must be mailed or delivered to Alan Garrand, Secretary, P.O. Box 256, DeKalb Junction, NY 13630.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

DEKALB-RICHVILLE FIRE DISTRICT

ALAN GARRAND, SECRETARY
Dated: November 8, 2024

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.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Sealed proposals will be received at our office where they will be opened and read aloud for the following:

(2024-27) Request for Proposal (RFP) for Comprehensive County-wide Crisis Services for St. Lawrence County Community Services Local Government Unit (LGU).
Proposal Opening Date: Thursday, November 21, 2024 @ 3:00 PM

Detailed specifications may be obtained at the St. Lawrence County Purchasing Office, 48 Court Street, Canton, New York 13617-1169.

We strongly encourage all vendors to submit bids as soon as possible. Bidders will be fully responsible for delivering their bids in a timely matter. Reliance upon the US Postal Service or other carriers is at the bidder's risk. Late bids will not be considered. We intend to offer this public bid opening in Zoom format as well as in person. Please visit our website 15 minutes before the opening at www.Stlawco.gov - visit the Purchasing Office home page for the link.

A non-collusion statement must accompany all bids. St. Lawrence County reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Please mark the bid envelope with the appropriate PROPOSAL ITEM AND NUMBER and mail to:

St. Lawrence County
Purchasing Office
48 Court St.
Canton, NY 13617
October 31, 2024

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.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the qualified voters of the Potsdam Central School District shall be held at the Potsdam High School Auditorium in said District, on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, between the hours of 7:00 AM and 6:00 PM. The following proposition will be submitted for voter approval at said meeting:

PROPOSITION

Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit:

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Potsdam Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake certain capital improvements consisting of reconstruction and improvements to existing school buildings and facilities, site improvements and the acquisition of certain original furnishings, equipment, and apparatus and other incidental improvements required in connection therewith for such construction and school use, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$1,500,000; and to appropriate and expend from the existing capital reserve fund \$300,000 for such costs, and that the balance of such cost, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments, with such tax to be offset by state aid available therefor; and, in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the school district as may be necessary not to exceed \$1,200,000 shall be issued.

The School District, acting as lead agency to the extent necessary, if any, for this purpose under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder ("SEQRA"), has completed its environmental review and, on October 8, 2024, has duly determined and found the purpose to be a type II action under SEQRA which will not have a significant impact on the environment and is not subject to any further environmental review under SEQRA.

AND NOTICE IS GIVEN that qualified military voters may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk at (315) 265-2000 x36733 or dmartin@potsdam.k12.ny.us. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 PM on November 21, 2024. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or email.

AND NOTICE IS GIVEN, that applications for early mail and absentee ballots shall be obtainable during school business hours from the District Clerk; completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the vote and election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the vote and election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Early mail and absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 PM on December 17, 2024.

A list of persons to whom early mail, absentee and military ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk on and after December 3, 2024, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM on weekdays prior to the Election; and on December 17, 2024, the day set for the Election, said list will be posted at the polling place.

The District Clerk is authorized to amend or modify this notice to comply with applicable legal requirements.

DATED: October 8, 2024
Potsdam, New York

David M. Martin, District Clerk
Potsdam Central School District
New York

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of Mike's Trophies LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/07/2024. 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 Jennifer Middlemiss: 565 County Route 33 Madrid, NY 13660. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Sen. Stec addresses concerns over nursing shortage in SLC

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- State Senator Dan Stec was on hand as St. Lawrence Health officials opened a new \$80 million regional care pavilion at Canton-Potsdam Hospital but staffing may be difficult unless a state law is changed.

During the county legislature's full board meeting on Oct. 7, Stec commented that the four story building, 108,000-square-foot expansion project will be essential for the North Country.

But the Compact Nursing Bill is still hung up in the State Assembly and Senate, making it difficult for nurses from other states to come work in New York.

Legislator Rita Curran raised concerns with the extended delay in passing the bills, commenting that they would greatly benefit healthcare facilities in the region.

If passed, the bills would enact a nurse licensure compact that would allow licensing for registered nurses and licensed practical/vocational nurses to be recognized by party states even if such license was issued by another state.

That means nurses coming from other states would not have to endure a lengthy and costly application process to work in New York.

"Do you see anything coming forward? As you know we have a really hard time staffing hospitals in this state," she asked Stec.

Curran commented that the process is "ridiculous" for out-of-state nurses and costs more to obtain a license as an out-of-state nurse.

"A compact license would give us a lot in terms of being able to staff our facilities," Curran said.

But Stec said bills like the Compact License Bill sometimes "sit for years before they're acted on."

"Sometimes I breathe a sigh of relief when some bills aren't brought up but other times we know bills, such as this one, would make a world of difference for everyone," Stec said.

Stec said the licensing bill, among others, have plagued the healthcare industry throughout the state.

Another such issue is Medicaid reimbursement rates, which still remain critically low, he said.

Bills currently sit with the state legislature to address those widespread issues but with the state legislature out of session, relief won't come anytime soon.

"There's a lot of good legislation out there that, for the life of me, I don't know why it's still sitting there," Stec said.

Stec touched on the efforts of many local colleges, including Clarkson University and

SUNY Canton, which are focused on producing Physician Assistants and Registered Nurses as fast as they can.

Many schools, from private to state run institutions, have made significant shifts in recent years to add more healthcare training opportunities.

But those efforts are not enough to bridge the gap in terms of staffing, Stec said.

"Community colleges and SUNY Plattsburgh and Canton are pumping out nurses as fast as they can," Stec said.

Another major issue is a lack of educators to train the next generation of nurses and physicians as well, Stec said.

In many cases, nurses make twice as much money in a clinical setting compared to an educational institution, Stec said.

"No one wants to teach nursing right now," Stec said.

Curran said numbers are still down for hospitals throughout the state, exacerbating an already serious issue.

"If you're a nurse and making good money, God bless you, I understand why you want to do it," Stec said.

Curran said the cost of hiring traveling nurses also affects the bottom line for patients as well, with travel nurses making 2.5 times more than a local nurse.

"We could add another nurse and a half per travel nurse if we are able to hire locally," Curran said.

Stec said he wanted to continue to push the issue in the next legislative session but noted it may be an uphill battle at the moment.

"There's a lot of really good legislation that's tied up in Albany. Unfortunately, I don't get to set the agenda as to what is voted on," Stec said.

Stec said more needs to be done to address the nursing shortage. He suggested constituents continue to reach out to representatives or to write to Governor Hochul's office to request a second look at the legislation in question.

"I wish I had a better, more substantive answer. Everyone should advocate. These aren't exciting issues compared to some of the topics that people have been advocating for, I know," Stec said.

Stec said constituents can reach out to him as well if pending legislation is of concern to them.

"Certainly, you can reach out to me, to Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Scott Gray and Senator Mark Walczyk's office. You had us at hello, we're with you on this," Stec said.

Stec said writing to the Governor as well can only benefit the region.

"It won't hurt, it can only help," Stec said.

New faces and hours at the Badenhausen Public Library

BRASHER FALLS – The Badenhausen Public Library bade a fond farewell this summer to Tina Hartigan, Director of the reading room and, more recently, the library.

When asked about the future of the library upon her retirement, she said, "My wish for the library has always been for it to grow in services, for the employees to grow in knowledge, relationships and community service. I am passing the baton to a new team to carry out those visions and more."

Tina was an integral part of the transition from the reading room to the current status as a chartered public library.

As Tina was moving into retirement, the board of trustees advertised the director's position and appointed Laurel Murphy as the new director of the library.

Laurel has had many years of experience working in libraries, most recently as director of the Hepburn Library of Norfolk.

She served as president of the board of trustees of the Badenhausen Reading Room and, like Tina, was involved in the transition to a chartered public library.

"Libraries provide essential opportunities and services to residents. I'm excited to continue my involvement with the library and the community in my new capacity as director," Laurel stated.

The Board of Trustees also recently hired LeahBeth Guerard as a part-time library clerk. She is currently completing her studies in Library Sciences at St. Lawrence University.

In addition to the new hires, the board also approved new hours of operation for the library. The new hours, which went into effect after Labor Day are:

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursday and Saturday – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Closed on Fridays until Memorial Day when the library will be open on Fridays but closed on Saturdays.

"We needed to extend the open hours of the library to comply with the requirements of our charter and felt that this schedule would meet the needs of our patrons," said Board President Donna Kuhn.

NORTH COUNTRY OPINION

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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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Why is Autumn pruning bad? Don't prune until trees are bare

BY PAUL HETZLER

When I was younger, an old-time arborist I knew used to say "The best time to prune trees is when the tools are sharp."

This guy was beset with shoulder injuries and knee problems because he also believed "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger." Sadly, both of these old saws are dangerous lies.

Although tree-care companies have year-round expenses and need income in all seasons, a truly professional arborist knows there are two times of the year when pruning should be avoided.

Late spring between bud-break and full leaf-out is one period of pruning abstinence, and the other is in the fall from the time leaves start to change colour until trees are entirely bare.

There are a number of reasons to put away pruning tools at this time of year.

The Claw-Back Clause: As days get shorter, deciduous trees and shrubs start to make a waxy layer between each leaf base and the twig to which they're attached. The wax will eventually seal the vessels that moved water and nutrients into, and sugars out of, leaves all summer. This blockage is what breaks down green chlorophyll and unmasks the yellow and orange pigments. Before the tubes

The Meandering Naturalist

are entirely blocked, though, trees "claw back" about half the nutrients from each leaf: nitrogen, iron, magnesium, manganese, and other essential elements. This is very important to the nutrient budget of woody plants.

Trees also move sugars, the product of a season's worth of photosynthesis, from twigs and branches down to the root system for storage and later distribution. Pruning branches now will deprive trees of both nutrients and energy needed for the following year.

The Illness-Infestation Angle: All woody plants have internal defense systems that make special antifungal and antimicrobial compounds to fight infections at the site of injuries like pruning cuts. This "tree-mune response" becomes active in the early spring and is on high alert through the summer, after which it starts to shut down. Wounds made in the fall are more likely to be infected by what are called perennial can-

kers. Nectria and Eutypella are the two primary genera of pathogens, but there are others. In addition, the level of disease spores in the air is highest in the fall.

Even though pines and spruces only lose a small portion of their needles, the same principles hold true. Cutting evergreen branches in the summer will rob trees of a share of the nutrients and sugars they need, but it also attracts a type of moth called a pitch-mass borer to lay her eggs on fresh pruning cuts.

When the eggs hatch, the grubs feed on the sap as they enlarge the wound. In the process, they trigger excess pitch production. If you've ever noticed unsightly, oozing pitch on the trunks of pines and spruces, that's a result of summer pruning that invited pitch-mass borers to set up house-keeping.

The Moral Imperative: The last reason to stash the saw until trees are fully dormant is the danger of running into a self-righteous arborist who views fall pruning as a moral failure. They may give you the hairy eyeball, or worse yet, might try to make you feel guilty through "pruning shaming." I'm not saying that I've ever engaged in this kind of behaviour...

Paul Hetzler has been an ISA-Certified Arborist since 1996. For shame-free consultations in the Ottawa-Gatineau region, call 613.255.4966.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Senator Stec thanks voters

Representing our region in the state Senate has truly been an honor and I'd like to thank the voters of the 45th District for re-electing me as your Senator. I look forward to continuing our efforts to protect law-abiding residents, grow our economy and ensure a better quality of life for this generation, and for generations to come.

The results of Tuesday night's election were clear: voters across our state and nation delivered a strong message that the policies we've seen the past several years are not working. It's time for government to get to work on addressing the priorities of our families and

businesses. That has always been my focus; I urge the governor and Democrat leaders to stop pushing an unpopular, hyper-partisan agenda and get to work on the issues that matter most.

**New York State Senator Dan Stec
45th Senate District**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR of North Country This Week are welcome and should be 400 words or fewer and are subject to editing. They can be e-mailed to Letters@NorthCountryNow.com, faxed to 315-268-8701, mailed to P.O. Box 975, Potsdam, NY 13676 or dropped off at our new office location, 4 Clarkson Ave. in Potsdam. North Country This Week does not independently check all facts and figures presented in letters to the editor.

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NCNOW SURVEY



Most enjoy changing of leaves, and scenery

Debbie Morgan | NCTW

- 30% Changing of leaves, scenery
- 19% Cooler weather
- 12% Hunting
- 8% Fires, outdoor socializing
- 6% Sports, hiking
- 17% Comfort fall foods
- 9% Fashion and hoodie season

Last week's question

What do you look forward to most about fall?

FALL IS IN FULL swing in St. Lawrence County with cooler temperatures being felt across the North Country. What do you look forward to most about fall?

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: New York state has reached a big milestone for organ donation. For the first time, more than 50% of eligible New Yorkers

have registered as donors. Gov. Kathy Hochul's office says that's significant because the state has historically had one of the lowest donor enrollment rates in the country. Are you enrolled as an organ donor?

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TRIAL . . .

Smith placed at scene of crimes

Smith purchased knife at ACE

Testifying later that day was Small Town Supply store manager Patricia Woods.

Woods, who has managed the store for seven years, said during her testimony that Smith was in the store on Jan. 7, 2023 to look for a knife.

She said at the time she encountered him that day, just over one month before the murder of Ronald Durham, Smith was considering purchasing a green and black Gerber fixed blade knife with a 10" partially serrated blade.

Woods testified that she heard the entire transaction with an employee because Smith "was the only customer in the store at the time."

A receipt showed Smith had paid for the knife with a check, which was later provided as evidence to law enforcement, she said.

When prompted by Pasqua to view the knife in evidence that was found covered in blood in a garbage bag in Smith's truck, Woods confirmed it was an exact match to the knife Smith purchased that day.

During cross examination, Barrett asked Woods how many of the knives had been sold prior to Smith purchasing his.

She said she was unsure but noted they were popular knives and had been carried in the store "since about 2021, maybe 2022."

In his testimony over the previous three and a half days State Police Investigator Daniel Haley confirmed that pathologist Scott Lapoint, who conducted Durham's autopsy, noted a wound on the chin of the victim was "consistent with a knife blade that was at least partially serrated."

Was Freeman's truck stolen?

Testifying on Nov. 6, former Blevins Ford salesperson Nicole Law said she encountered Smith on March 2 when he entered the dealership and asked for a "utensil to remove a registration sticker."

"Is that very common?" District Attorney Gary Pasqua asked.

"No, I never encountered that before," Law responded.

"Did you experience anything like that again afterward?" Pasqua asked.

"No, that was the only time," she said.

She said Smith then applied a new registration sticker to the 2018 Chevy Silverado 2500HD, which was owned by Freeman.

She said Smith had brought the vehicle in for a valuation to trade towards a Ford F-250.

"He said he bought the truck in Cortland for \$18,000 after his other truck was impounded but wasn't happy with it. He said he wanted to trade it," Law said.

"And how much did you value the truck for?" Pasqua asked.

"We valued it around \$25,000 to \$30,000," she said.

Despite offering Smith a test-

drive, she said he declined and left "after maybe 15 or 20 minutes."

"How long would a sale take?" Pasqua asked.

"Several hours," Law responded. She said Smith appeared "fidgety, nervous and kept pacing" while he was in the store.

Shortly after he left the store, never returning again.

Police offers different story

testimony offered by now-Under-sheriff Shawn McCargar, Smith is alleged to have told authorities he was borrowing the truck with the permission of Freeman.

At the time of the William Freeman murder on March 2, 2023, McCargar was a Detective Sergeant with the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office.

He testified that while investigating Freeman's murder at his home in the town of Rossie, McCargar received word that Smith had been detained and was at the Sheriff's Office.

McCargar said he soon made his way back to Canton to conduct an interview with Smith, which included photographs, fingernail scrapings and eventually DNA collection from a water bottle used by Smith during his initial questioning.

McCargar said Smith was located in Freeman's vehicle with the use of Onstar not long after it was reported stolen in a 911 call by Freeman's close friend James Mandigo.

Despite the department's best efforts, McCargar said the interview with Smith did not record to video. He said due to a hard drive being full the footage could not be recovered.

It wasn't until a few days later the technical issues were resolved by the county IT Department, McCargar said.

While interviewing Smith, McCargar said he was given a timeline of events that included Smith traveling to the Oxbow Country Store with Dan Durham, brother of murder victim Ronald Durham.

Smith is also alleged to have murdered Durham on Feb. 11, 2023 in the Eastside Cemetery in Gouverneur.

At the time of the murder, Smith is alleged to have been Dan Durham's roommate, traveling with him on occasion as he ran errands.

As Smith and Dan Durham left the store, Smith is alleged to have commented that he would walk to Freeman's on March 1, according to McCargar.

It was at that point Smith told McCargar that he encountered Freeman who told him he could borrow his truck.

Testifying prior to McCargar, both Mandigo and Freeman's brother Michael both testified that William would not allow anyone to drive his truck under any circumstances.

Smith is alleged to have told authorities that he then drove to South Colton for work with his employer at the time, Brandon Chase, however he arrived to find there was no work.

Chase also previously testified, saying there was no work at the time and that Smith was aware of that fact.

Debit card dispute

Another inconsistency in Smith's story revolved around an attempt to change a PIN number related to a debit card belonging to Freeman.

Testifying earlier, Shannon Smith, the niece of Freeman and a branch manager with a local bank, said she was made aware of an attempt to change the pin number of William Freeman's card by an individual she said was clearly not William, despite claims to the contrary.

It was later revealed in her testimony that Smith had called and claimed he was attempting to "help his uncle change his PIN number."

Shannon Smith testified that Freeman would have driven to the branch to change his PIN in person, knowing that an authorization form would be required at the time of the PIN change.

Adam Smith had also told investigators he drove to Blevins Ford in Gouverneur to purchase a new truck but opted not to, leading him to drive to Lake Placid to ask his ex-girlfriend for \$900 to get his truck out of impound in Cortland.

McCargar testified that Smith never mentioned seeing his father, nor was there any mention of two firearms Smith stole from Freeman's home and gave to his father for safe keeping.

As Smith relayed his story, McCargar said other inconsistencies came up, including two failed attempts to use a credit card at a Circle K in Star Lake.

From prior testimony with Shannon Smith, it was revealed that Freeman's bank card was frozen shortly after Smith called in due to fears of fraud.

Despite Freeman's wallet still being in the truck, Smith allegedly claimed he never attempted to use any card belonging to Freeman, McCargar said.

St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Deputies later secured a debit card and two credit cards belonging to Freeman, McCargar said.

As the interview continued, McCargar said Smith was informed that Freeman "was no longer with us."

"What was his reaction when you told him?" District Attorney Gary Pasqua asked.

"He asked if Mr. Freeman had been in a car accident," McCargar said.

McCargar commented that Smith told investigators that he "was going through hard times, saying his uncle had died not long ago and his ex didn't pay for the car insurance, leading to his truck being impounded."

Smith's vehicle was impounded due to an invalid registration, which could stem from a lack of insurance, multiple officers testified earlier in the trial.

Two credit cards belonging to Freeman were also recovered by police, including a Sam's Club credit card and a Circle K bank card.

On a report from AT&T that showed Smith's phone activity, two numbers were called on March 1 that were customer support for both cards.

McCargar said he confirmed both numbers were valid by calling himself.

SKUNKS . . .

Critters invading vacant buildings

property have not been mowed in two months, with large tree limbs also sitting in the yard for several weeks.

No attempts have been made to clean up the property, he said.

BUDGET...

City adds officer

in, I would have," he said.

Chronis was firm that the city is precariously overstretched in that department. He raised concerns that five of the city's officers relied on outside funding and worried that if it disappeared positions would need to be cut.

He said that adding the extra position would be overstretching.

After some discussion and comments from Police Chief Mark Kearns, it was pointed out that the turnaround time for filling positions is substantial.

Kearns also pointed out that the \$90,000 price tag assumes the officer will take on a family insurance plan rather than a buyout. The difference between the two is nearly \$30,000.

In the end the city council agreed to move money from the contingency fund to fill a new officer position with a July start time. The idea was to fund the position for a half-year and work to offset the full cost in the next budget year.

Ogdensburg Mayor Michael Tool-ey praised Chronis for his thorough and detailed budget presentation.

Several councilors agreed that it was one of the best they'd seen during their time on council.

The full budget can be viewed online at Ogdensburg.org.

During his presentation Chronis took the time to lay out problems facing the city and his plan for addressing them in coming years.

"The city's financial position can be summed up like this: city operations and the local economy do not generate enough municipal revenue to cover its expenses as currently configured. Deep cuts to operations have been made in the discretionary parts of the budget, but overall operations still require a levy well above the "comfort zone."

Chronis said the community cannot afford the services the city provides, "and recent feedback tells us that residents expect more for their tax dollars. Unfortunately, there is little left to cut, and asking city employees to continue to do more and more with fewer supporting resources is both unfair to them and unsustainable in the long run," he said.

Chronis said the budget "shifts whatever resources it can to help alleviate staff pressures, but the bulk of spending is contractual and out of the control of the city manager and Council.

Aligning around a strategy that makes the city's fiscal position sustainable long-term and in structural balance must become a paramount objective. Without a stable fiscal foundation, the city will not be able to provide the current level of services to its residents in the long-term, let alone enhance them. In a scenario with continued fiscal instability, the residents of Ogdensburg will continue to pay high property taxes and get fewer services for them. That cycle needs to change, and this preliminary budget represents the first steps in that effort."

Chronis said that as City Manager, one of his jobs is to provide Council and the public with a professional analysis of the financial position of the city.

"My review of the city's fiscal status tells me that the levy must be reduced to at least 80% (of the the Constitutional Tax Limit) and city budgets must eliminate the use of one-time funds to cover operational costs. Further, the city must begin planning for its capital costs so that borrowing is a planned strategy rather than an emergency option. These are the steps to long-term fiscal stability for the city."

"I'm on the wrong side of the track. Everything on this side of town seems to be falling apart and it's an eyesore, and it's pretty tough for people that put the time into keeping their property up to have that foolishness next to them," Lucas told trustees.

Despite being aware of the issues, Mayor Greg Paquin and Code Enforcement Officer Aaron Hardy said manpower proves to be a large issue.

"It's like I said last month and I'll say it again, it's like putting the fingers in the dam, and I can't fault the code. It's obvious we need more code guys. It's obvious we need more police guys," Paquin said.

Hardy said much the same, commenting that in years prior code enforcement officers would rarely have to write-up properties for violations. Now, the number of calls and complaints have ballooned to several hundred every year.

"Before, we would write someone up and they would call us the next day and apologize for the issue. They would just fix it. Now, people don't care and won't listen. That's a big issue for us as well," Hardy previously said.

While manpower is one concern, another village landlord said he felt it was the fault of tenants in some cases.

Dennis Kemison commented that in some cases tenants take zero responsibility for their actions and seemingly do not care "because they just refuse to do anything, like pay rent."

"I think some of the problems that are going on with rental properties is tenants don't have to pay rent. It takes months to get them out. It's like a double-sided sword. You want to keep it up, but yet you can't because tenants don't have to pay rent. You take them to court, it gets thrown out, and it just goes on and on and on. I agree, they should keep up the properties," he said.

Placement of residents by the county Department of Social Services was also broached during the public comment period, with Lucas questioning if the county should be held responsible for damage caused by residents placed by DSS.

But Paquin said it was not as simple as that, noting that DSS only offers so much per month to those in need, forcing them to stretch a dollar.

That means finding the cheapest housing possible, he said.

"I know you said they don't put them in Massena. They come here because it's cheaper. What could we do to make them a little bit more responsible for turning Massena into a dumping ground for all the social dropouts there are in the county?" Lucas asked.

Lucas said taxpayers are supporting individuals receiving benefits from DSS, something he said he felt makes the county more responsible in such cases.

Paquin said DSS does have to ensure that those individuals are living in "adequate conditions," but commented he was unsure what DSS did beyond that.

"Let me have a conversation with (County Administrator) Ruth (Doyle) and see if we can't get the Department of Social Services more involved in some of these places," he said.

While the issues persist in Massena, one village trustee suggested reaching out to county officials that represent the area to seek assistance.

Massena is represented by Democrat Nicole Terminelli and Republican Rita Curran.

"We do have elected officials that represent us for the county. I would suggest talking to them," Trustee Ken McGowan said.

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SUNY Potsdam Theatre and Dance presents 'Our Movement Matters!'

POTSDAM -- The SUNY Potsdam Department of Theatre and Dance is proud to present the Fall 2024 Student Choreographers Concert *Our Movement Matters!*

This free event takes place Thursday, Nov. 21 through Saturday, Nov. 23 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 24 at 2 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center's Dance Theatre on the SUNY Potsdam campus.

This dance concert delves into the raw and unfiltered emotions of a generation grappling with hardships from many avenues. Influenced by the violence of warfare around the world, social and class injustices, and the painful discontinuation of the Department of Theatre and Dance, choreographers embody their anxieties, hopes, dreams, and fears through movement.

Audiences will experience powerful themes which reflect the anxieties and frustrations of today's young artists, who are faced with overwhelming crises that shape their outlook on their futures.

"As the Dust Settles is a dance about two strangers who find each other after a devastating war," notes choreographer, Dani N. LaCroix. "This dance is symbolic of the Department of Theatre and Dance, how we have lost the fight to keep our doors open, and now have to cling onto



SUNY Potsdam photo

SUNY Potsdam dance students will perform *Our Movement Matters!* Thursday, Nov. 21 through Saturday, Nov. 23 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 24 at 2 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center's Dance Theatre.

what we have left."

Choreographer, Emily R. Levy presents *Das Zahn (The Cog)*, a modern dance about the constraints of American capitalism that are brought to life as per-

formers embody the turmoil that ensues when a cog falls out of the machine. Levy states, "I hope this invites audiences to

SEE DANCE ON 16.

WHAT'S GOING ON

SATURDAY, NOV. 16

Primitive rug hooking

WADDINGTON -- On Nov. 16 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. there will be a primitive rug hooking class at The Gallery at Lake Saint Lawrence Arts, 14 Main St. Carol Lama will teach an introduction to the historic art of rug hooking with wool strips. Participants will produce a 10" X 10" mat of a Sparkly Snowman suitable for a wall hanging or a pillow cover and leave with the knowledge to produce hooked works of their own. The wool has sparkly silver thread in it, and he wears a red scarf. All materials provided. Bring lunch and a pair of scissors. Limit 10 students. Must pre-register at lakesaintlawrencearts@gmail.com or call 315-705-5198. Cost: \$65.

Food distribution

MASSENA -- St. Peter's Outreach Ministry, 128 Main St., will hold a food distribution for St. Lawrence County residents on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 8:30-10 a.m. The distribution will close earlier if items are depleted.

Nature Center hike

RENSELAER FALLS -- A guided hike at the Indian Creek Nature Center on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. will be led by Dr. Blair Madore, ADK Mountain Club Laurentian Chapter. He will lead a Level 2 hike for beginners along the Observation and Lowland Trails, with great forest and wetlands viewing. Meet behind the Potsdam Library at 10 a.m. or at Indian Creek at 11 a.m. Contact Blair Madore at 315 261 0751 or madorebf@potdams.edu for details. This is a joint Potsdam Public Library on the Outside event with Laurentian Chapter, Adirondack Mountain Club.

Food distribution

NORFOLK -- On Saturday, Nov. 16, the Norfolk Raymondville Food Pantry will have its monthly food distribution. Residents of Norfolk, Raymondville and Norwood are invited to attend. You will receive the equivalent of 15 meals per person in the household. If you are not signed up with us you will need to bring the names, ages and birthdates of all people in the household. The pantry will follow the financial guidelines of the Food Bank of CNY. If you are in need of Emergency Food, please call 315.212.0520 to schedule a mutually convenient time to meet at the food pantry.

Public skating

OGDENSBURG -- Public skating is being held at Lockwood Arena Nov. 16 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$2. Skate rentals are \$3.

Sally's Speakeasy

OGDENSBURG - The Frederic Remington Museum event, "Sally's Speakeasy," has been postponed until Nov. 16 at 6 p.m. \$30 per person. Attendees encouraged to wear period-specific clothes. 20's inspired games, food, and beverages.

SUNDAY, NOV. 17

Jewish Food Festival

POTSDAM -- Congregation Beth El will be hosting its 42nd Annual Jewish Food Festival on Sunday, November 17th, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the synagogue on 81 Market St. in the Village of Potsdam. The festival is open to everyone of all faiths in the North Country. This annual fundraiser will feature live Jewish Folk music, Jewish specialty foods, a raffle, and a Hanukah holiday gift sale. On the

SEE CALENDAR ON 16.

Santa parade and fireworks coming to Ogdensburg



Photo courtesy of Rhonda Roethel

Santa and Mrs. Claus ride in their sleigh at the Ogdensburg Holiday Parade last year.

OGDENSBURG -- The 13th annual Light Up the Night Santa Parade will be held on Saturday, Nov. 23, with a parade, visit with Santa, and fireworks.

The parade will begin at 6 p.m., with lineup at 5 p.m. at OFA school.

The parade will proceed down State

St. towards Morissette Park and disburse into the mall parking lot.

Following the parade, there will be visits and photos with Santa at the Dobisky Center.

Fireworks will be held over the river. Applications to participate in the

parade can be emailed to City Clerk Cathy Jock at cjock@ogdensburg.org, or delivered to the City Clerk's office, 330 Ford Street, Room #4, Ogdensburg, NY or deposited in the drop box at City Hall on Caroline Street near the handicap entrance by 4 p.m. on Nov. 20.



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main floor, there will be live music, a bake sale, a raffle, and a gift shop. Also available will be gifts for adults and children of all ages - get your holiday shopping done early. Downstairs will be set up as a traditional Kosher-style restaurant featuring potato latkes, cheese blintzes, bagels with cream cheese and lox, matzo ball soup, hummus, potato knishes, falafel in pita and noodle kugel. There will be specialty dessert items. All proceeds from this annual event are a fundraiser for the synagogue's programs.

Public skating

OGDENSBURG -- Public skating is being held at Lockwood Arena Nov. 17 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Entry fee is \$2. Skate rentals are \$3.

Small Town Ramblers

HEUVELTON - Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St., will host a dance Nov. 17, 1-5 p.m. featuring Small Town Ramblers. \$5 cover charge.

MONDAY, NOV. 18

Bluegrass Jam

HEUVELTON -- Musicians take turns leading traditional bluegrass songs and play by ear at Pickens Hall at 7 p.m.

Massena school board

MASSENA -- The regularly scheduled Meeting of the Board of Education of the

Massena Central School District, scheduled for Nov. 21 has been changed to Nov. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Auditorium, located at 84 Nightengale Avenue, Massena, New York.

WEDS., NOV. 20

Bake sale deadline

MASSENA -- Massena First United Methodist Church, 189 Main St., is hosting a bake sale fundraiser to support the Red Bird Mission Trip, selling pies, breads, fudge and peanut brittle. Pre-orders must be received by noon Wednesday Nov. 20. Pre-order by calling 315-769-8036 or drop off orders during business hours M-F 9-noon. Cash or checks or money orders made payable to First United Methodist Church. Pick-up on Sunday, Nov. 24, noon-2 p.m.

Healthy cooking class

MASSENA --An adult cooking class, "Healthy Cooking on a Budget," will be held at Massena Public Library Wednesday, Nov. 20, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. The class will be taught by Cornell Cooperative Extension. The class is free, but donations are appreciated. Registration is required. Call the library 315-769-9914.

Home school hangout

BRASHER FALLS - The Badenhausen Public Library will sponsor a home school hangout, at 2 pm, Wednesday, Nov. 20, offering homeschoolers the opportunity to hangout, play board games, and enjoy snacks. <https://badenhausen-library.org>

THURS., NOV. 21

Barn quilt class

WADDINGTON -- The Gallery at Lake Saint Lawrence Arts is offering a "Christmas Wreath Barn Quilt" class on Thursday, Nov. 21, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Old Town Hall, 38 Main St. Cost: \$50. Theresa Gabot offers instructions for a Christmas barn quilt. Quilt is 2' X 2' on 1/2 " sanded plywood. The quilt features a green wreath with a red bow. All materials are supplied. Min.4 Max 12. Must pre-register at lakesaintlawrencearts@gmail.com or call 315-705-5198.

Business mixer

POTSDAM -- University and business resource mixer with Associated Colleges of the St. Lawrence Valley and the Potsdam and St. Lawrence County Chambers of Commerce on Thursday, Nov. 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m., SUNY Potsdam Raymond Hall, 8th floor, 44 Pierrepont Ave. From 5-5:30 p.m. demonstrations of Handshake, online platform used for employment and internship recruiting of university students and graduates. Registration deadline: Nov. 15. Networking, food, cash bar. Register: <https://tinyurl.com/2kcpj683>

Community dinner

HEUVELTON - A community dinner will be held at the Heuvelton Presbyterian Church, 63 Lisbon St., on Thursday, Nov. 21 starting at 4:30 p.m. Donations are accepted but not required.

Glenn Miller Orchestra

MASSENA -- The world famous Glenn Miller Orchestra will perform Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church,, 212 Main St. Tickets are \$25, cash or check made out to the Massena Rotary charity fund. Proceeds will benefit Massena food pantries. Tickets are available from any Massena Rotarian as well as at Frenchie Chevrolet.

Youth programming

BRASHER FALLS - The Badenhausen Public Library will offer CAPP Positive Youth Development Open Programming Thursday, November 21. <https://badenhausenlibrary.org>

FRIDAY, NOV. 22

Friday Fun Night

HEUVELTON - Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St., will host a flannel theme "Friday Fun Night" with KC Karaoke on Nov. 22, 6-9 p.m. Prize for best flannels. No cover charge. Queen of Hearts drawing at 7.

SATURDAY, NOV. 23

BackWater Duo

MASSENA -- The BackWater Duo will perform at Chase's Riverside Dining, 829 State Highway 131, on Saturday, Nov. 23, at 7 p.m.

Craft and bake sale

NORFOLK -- Norfolk American Legion is hosting a craft and bake sale Saturday,

Nov. 23 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Tables are \$15 each. Call 315-384-4700 to reserve tables.

Foolish Pride

NORFOLK - Bregg Winery will be host Foolish Pride on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 6-9 p.m. The group from Potsdam is best known as a Southern-Fried North Country Blues and Rock band playing an eclectic blend of cover and original music. Admission is free. Donations to the Norfolk Historical Association are appreciated.

Gratitude journal class

WADDINGTON -- The Gallery at Lake Saint Lawrence Arts, 14 Main St., is offering a "Gratitude Journal" class Saturday, Nov. 23, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost: \$65. Susan Skinner is the instructor. She will teach how to create a journal with items depicting personal gratitude. Must pre-register at lakesaintlawrencearts@gmail.com or call 315-705-5198.

Public skating

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Watercolor pencil class

WADDINGTON -- The Gallery at Lake Saint Lawrence Arts, 14 Main St., is offering a "Poinsettias" Watercolor Pencil Painting class on Saturday, Nov. 23, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Cost \$50. Yvonne Corbett instructs this class and will walk you through the steps to creating a painting of two poinsettias at the base of a candle. Painted on hot-press watercolor paper. Beginners welcome. All materials provided. Bring a drink and lunch. Must pre-register at lakesaintlawrencearts@gmail.com or call 315-705-5198.

DANCE . . .

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reflect on the chaos and resilience found in the struggle against a relentless system."

Sophia N. DeGaetano is excited to showcase her dance, //geNEaLoGY//, which features four SUNY Potsdam student dancers. This dance is an expansion of her collegiate work/study with props, movement, storytelling, music selection, and choreography.

Choreographer, Elaine R. Goris Luna states, "I often find myself emotionally detached from any world issues regarding war or violence. This piece, Veiled, is a representation of the mental back and forth that I experience, from feeling overwhelmed and helpless to feeling numb and resorting back to emotional detachment. I wanted to reveal the idea of purposeful ignorance through movement."

Denaisha Clarke reflects on her dance, Can I Speak? noting, "Not everyone knows how to communicate their feelings verbally or even has the access or safe space to do so. When can I talk? Am I allowed to talk? Who is making that choice? These are questions that the dancers are portraying."

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Massena AmVets recognizes Veterans Day

MASSENA — A Veterans Day parade, ceremony and luncheon was held on downtown Massena Monday morning, hosted by the Massena AmVets Post 4.

The annual parade had many local veterans who marched or rode in vans, and Legion Riders on motorcycles.

Massena Cub Scout Pack 31

passed out American flags as they marched downtown.

The Massena High School drummers marched in the parade also.

Following the parade, the AmVets hosted a ceremony at the Massena Fire Station on Andrews Street.

“Today, it is our privilege to say

“thank you” to all of America’s veterans, to let them know that we appreciate them for their service and honor them for their sacrifices,” said Lee Fregoe, AmVets Post 4 Commander.”

The price of freedom is high. We cannot afford to forget those willing to pay for it,” he said.

“Today we celebrate America’s veterans for keeping this nation “the land of the free and the home of the brave,” Fregoe said.

The ceremony concluded with a rifle salute, bugler playing taps, and prayer.

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Free Biddy Basketball program in Ogdensburg

OGDENSBURG — The Biddy Basketball program will be offered free of charge this year. Registration for the Dec. 7, 2024 - Feb. 8, 2025 program is now being accepted by the Ogdensburg City Recreation.

The camp teaches basketball skills and techniques from OFA varsity players.

Sessions will be held on Saturday mornings in the main and small gymnasium at Ogdensburg Free Academy.

Children in 2nd grade and under are 9 a.m.-10 a.m. 3-4 graders are 10 a.m.-11 a.m., and 5-6 graders are 11:00 a.m.-12 p.m.

Deadline to sign up is Dec. 5 by noon.

Applications are available on the Ogdensburg City Recreation Facebook page.

They can be returned in person or US mail to the Dobisky Center, Jeremy McDonald, 100 Riverside Ave., Ogdensburg, NY 13669 or email jmcdonald@ogdensburg.org.

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Gift drive for senior citizens

CANTON -- The St. Lawrence County Office for the Aging is sponsoring the 11th Annual Santa for Seniors & Holiday Gift Drive for Senior Citizens to benefit older adults enrolled in the home delivered meal program.

From now until mid-December, the office will be collecting gift cards to local businesses such as grocery stores, pharmacies, big box retailers and other general stores. The office is also collecting financial contributions to purchase gift cards and/or gift baskets for clients who are most in need.

The holidays can be a very lonely time for seniors in the county. Many of them do not have family or friends nearby to celebrate the holidays with. Consider adopting a local senior and help us spread a little festive cheer to our most vulnerable older adults.

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O'burg teacher marks 57th year in education

OGDENSBURG — The 2024-25 school year marks a tremendous milestone for a teacher at JFK Elementary.

AIS mathematics teacher and Ogdensburg native Judy Green is currently in her 57th year of teaching.

"People ask me, 'When are you going to retire?' and I say, 'When the good lord has something different for me to do.'" Mrs. Green says. "Being an ally for these children. To talk to them and be their friend. They need someone to listen to them and if I can fulfill that role right now... that's where I need to be."

After graduating from Morristown Central, Mrs. Green began to pursue a career in nursing, but quickly realized her calling was elsewhere because what she really enjoyed was helping her fellow nursing students at night with assignments.

Green began her teaching career in 1968 at the Sherman School, where she taught for three years. In 1971 she moved to John F. Kennedy Elementary. She taught 4th grade for 2 years. She took a leave of absence to raise her children, but substituted for 3 years. She returned to full time in 1976 where she was a classroom teacher for 37 years, before becoming an AIS mathematics teacher in 2007. In addition to teaching at JFK Elementary, Mrs. Green also teaches church school in Morristown.

"Mrs. Green has been a part of JFK in every phase I have experienced with the building," said Ogdensburg UPK-2 Principal Christina Frank. "From being my fifth grade social studies teacher, to inviting me to correspond with her social studies students during my college semester abroad, to working on mathematics with my own children during the time I returned to the building as principal. She is literally evergreen!"

How has teaching changed?

From her perspective, Mrs. Green says that the teaching experience has stayed mostly the same throughout the years, however the methods used to help students improve academically have changed significantly.

"I do appreciate the new philosophy of having students think more critically rather than just memorizing what you are saying. Using social interactions and activities to empower students to understand how to solve problems has shown to be beneficial," says

Mrs. Green.

While teaching grades 3-6 AIS math, she is able to better prepare individual students and improve their areas of weakness on a grade-to-grade basis. She uses manipulatives, or games and other non-conventional activities, to help students struggling with applying math to scenarios to help them better understand problem solving.

"Judy consistently exceeds expectations every year I've worked with her. AIS math is her niche," says Ogdensburg Grade 3-6 Principal Sue Ellen Bouchard.

Building Relationships and Memories

When recollecting memorable moments throughout her career, Mrs. Green recalls a story when she taught at Sherman in 1969. When the students lined up for attendance, a little boy greeted her saying, "Mrs. Green! Mrs. Green! I got something for you!"

When they got into the classroom, the little boy opened his jacket to reveal a bat, which he released and allowed to fly around the classroom. Students were both cheering and screaming until the bat found a cozy spot in the corner of the room, patiently waiting for the lesson to be over. In the end, the bat was rescued safely and returned to the wild.

In recalling the years of teaching with Mr. Sargent, Mr. Howard, and Mrs. Krause, where, as a team, they created ways to engage the students. They would brainstorm ideas for in-class activities and how to celebrate holidays. They would dress up and visit each other's classes to help make those holidays memorable for the students.

Even as far away as Darien Lake in Rochester, children and OCS alumni of all ages recognize and greet Mrs. Green.

"I would have many students come up to me and thank me for being there for them." They often say "You were firm, but you always cared. Or I would hear about what they are doing currently in their lives and the achievements they made. If I was part of their lives for just a moment, that's great." Mrs. Green says. "You learn very early on in teaching that if you go into work with enthusiasm and an eagerness to teach, you're going to help them."



BOCES | Submitted

A Massena Central student performs on piano during the 'Rocktober' music show.

More than two dozen students perform at 'Rocktober' at MCS

MASSENA — The 2024 'Rocktober' event saw Massena Central High School students, along with a live band, delivered an impressive show.

The show featured 26 student singers performing a variety of pop and rock music, covering artists from the Rolling Stones to Laufey.

Student singers in show order: Elise Elliot, Carley Fregoe, Emma Gushlaw, Mia Hamilton, Mariyah Soto, Mackenzie Oldenburgh, Jordan DuBray, Katelyn Earl, Peyton Murray, Ben Hoxie, Luke Bogart, Mea Davey, Mackenzie Oldenburgh/Jordan DuBray (duet), Maddie Sovie, Leah Morgan, Nevaeh Gardner, Allie Lincoln, Ava Thompson, Lily Coffin, Isabel Beard, Kole Topa,

Jocelyn Butterfield, Adele LaBarge, Makenzie Maurer, Devan Butterfield, and Hailey Boulais.

Live band members: Chip Lamson, keys & organ; Don Cannamela, bass; Andy Van Duyne, guitar; Hudson Lincoln, drums / percussion; Chris Lincoln, guitar / keys and Terry DuBray, guitar.

The tech crew included: DJ Broadbent, FOH audio; Terry DuBray, monitors / stage manager; Tayte Lincoln, video director; Chloe Oakes, camera operator; Cooper Clark, camera operator; Allandra Kellogg, spot operator; Rory Lawrence, spot operator; Lisa Lincoln, lighting operator; and Massena Music Friends, box office & student support.

OFA junior named Student of the Month by Chamber

OGDENSBURG — Abigail Pratt, an 11th grader at Ogdensburg Free Academy, is the September OFA Student of the Month.

Abbi received a Certificate of Achievement from OFA and a plaque from the Ogdensburg Community Office of the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce.

Abbi was nominated for Student of the Month by OFA teacher Sue McLean.

"To look at Abbi's schedule, you would think there was a mistake. She is taking challenging courses — AP course and two science classes and no study halls. Who does that? Abbi Pratt! She also is one of the sweetest people you will meet and is extremely hardworking," said McLean.

"Abbi is a member of the National Honor Society and Varsity Volleyball team. On her volleyball team, she is working hard and is willing to try any position. She knows all the rotations, all the jobs of each position and is an extremely smart and valuable player who can play multiple positions because of her skills and knowledge of the game. As a member of Jazz Band as well, she asked for a 7 am practice so that it would not conflict with volleyball. Abbi could be described as a true coach's and teacher's dream student-athlete."



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Manufacturing Day for local students

St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Adult Education, the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency (SLC IDA), and St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Career and Technical Education (CTE) hosted the first annual St. Lawrence County Manufacturing Day recently. The event aims to inspire the next generation of workers by highlighting manufacturing sector careers.

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Student of the Month from OFA

Abigail Pratt was named the Ogdensburg Chamber of Commerce Student of the Month for September. Pratt is pictured with Laura Pearson, Ogdensburg Community Coordinator.

Thanksgiving dinner at K of C

OGDENSBURG – Ogdensburg Knights of Columbus will again offer a free Thanksgiving dinner to those in the community Nov. 28 at the Msgr. A. D. Charbonneau Council 258 Knights of Columbus room, 721 Hasbrouck St., from noon to 2 p.m..

To reserve your takeout for shut-ins and pick-ups, call 315-393-7990. The Knights will need drivers at

11 a.m. to deliver to shut-ins & help in the hall for eat in.

The food, like everything, has gone up in cost. Donations of desserts and money would be greatly appreciated.

Mail monetary donations to: Knights of Columbus, Msgr. A.D. Charbonneau Council 258, At: Chairperson Bill Taylor, 721 Hasbrouck St., Ogdensburg, NY 13669.

Suicide support group offered

GOVERNEUR – Rochester Regional Health's St. Lawrence Region and the Suicide Awareness Coalition have teamed up to sponsor a monthly Suicide Loss Survivor's Support Group.

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm at the Gouverneur Community Center, 4673 NY-58, Gouverneur.

The next group session will be Dec. 4 and is free and open to the public.

The support group offers a safe space to be heard, understood, and supported.

For more information, email mary.dousharm@rochesterregional.org, or call (315) 261-5415, extension 5638.

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More swim records in pool

On Sunday, Nov. 10, Massena Central School swimmer Tori Cusworth earned two more school swim records at the Section X swimming sectionals. They are the 50 freestyle with a time of 25.77, and 100 freestyle with a time of 57.38. These are on top of the two school records she already earned this season - 200 freestyle on Oct. 4 with a time of 2:09.29; and 500 freestyle on Sept. 20 with a time of 5:47.58. Pictured are Coach Emily Wilkins, Tara Cusworth, her mother, Tori Cusworth, Luke Cusworth, her father, and Tessa Cusworth, her sister in front of the Massena Swimming Record Board.

Norwood-Norfolk cross country team remembers Brushton-Moira student

NORWOOD – The cross-country team from Norwood-Norfolk Central School recently presented Brushton-Moira Central with a check in remembrance of William Palmer who would have been a senior this year.

William Palmer was a Brushton-Moira student who was tragically killed in an automobile accident in Moira in 2022 at the age of 14.

Every August, Brushton-Moira district cross-country and track coach Dwayne Ghostlaw holds a Fun Run at Brushton-Moira High School.

Money raised during the race is

used as a fundraiser for Ghostlaw's teams and for the Dollars for Scholars Program. This past summer, part of the funds raised were also given as a donation to the William Palmer Scholarship Fund.

"William would have been a senior this season on Coach Ghostlaw's cross country team," said NNCS cross-country coach Kent Fetter.

Coach Ghostlaw's description of the untimely passing of William Palmer was emotional; it had an effect on Coach Fetter, who was participating in the fun run.

A few weeks later, Fetter relayed the story during a cross-country

run, and Norwood-Norfolk athletes decided to donate some of their fundraiser money from their 12-hour relay event to Palmer's scholarship fund.

At an Oct. 15 meet against Brushton-Moira, Massena, and Tupper Lake, held at Norwood-Norfolk, graduating Norwood-Norfolk seniors Brielle Smith and Thomas Burkum were recognized.

"The boys and girls teams felt William Palmer, who would have been on the starting line with them, should not only be recognized, but that this small donation be made in his memory," Fetter said.

"Friends" fund library children's programs

MASSENA – The recently resurrected Friends of the Massena Public Library have sponsored a number of programs and purchased new equipment this year.

The volunteer group funded the summer reading programs, art classes, learning garden, and a children's bookmark art contest.

The Friends also purchased a new toy box for the children's room and a mobile kitchen to host cooking classes with Cornell Cooperative Extension

The first cooking class, "Healthy Cooking on a Budget," will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 20, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

The Friends will also be hosting their second annual "HO,HO,HO, Celebration" on Saturday, Dec. 14, with a visit from Santa Claus to read to children. A book sale, bake sale and afternoon entertainment provided by the Adirondack Singers will also be included.

On Wednesday, Jan. 15, Mrs.

Nellie Coakley, who served as a nurse during the Vietnam War, will speak on her experiences and how they are related to those described in the novel *The Women* written by Kristin Hannah. The lecture is open to the public, including members of military organizations and bookclubs.

For more information on events scheduled at the Massena Public Library, check out their Facebook page "Massena Public Library."

Snyder jamboree

MASSENA -- There will be a jamboree for Dawn Marie Snyder on Nov. 30 starting at 2 p.m. at the Rusty Wheel.

The event is being held to celebrate Snyder and raise money to properly put her to rest, say organizers. All are welcome. There will be music, karaoke and food.

There will be 50/50 tickets and numerous raffles. No entry fee.

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Big Lots store in Massena safe for now despite major closures

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

Big Lots has announced it has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, with plans to close an unknown number of stores in the near future.

The retail chain announced the filing on Sept. 8, roughly one month after initially announcing plans to close 35-45 stores. Eventually, executives announced that figure would be around 300 total stores.

Spared in the initial cuts were the Potsdam and Massena stores, however the Plattsburgh location was closed.

Big Lots also operated branches in Malone and Watertown locally.

Executives announced Monday the company plans to sell assets and business operations to Nexus Capital Management, a private equity

firm.

A plan has also been laid out to close roughly 250 additional stores by January 2025, on top of the initial 300 that were announced just last month.

Though a comprehensive list has yet to be announced, officials with Big Lots have said some stores have already started the process to liquidate stock and close.

Big Lots currently operates 1,389 locations.

In some cases, officials said banners would be placed on stores to advertise 30% to 50% sales in-store, though it has not yet been announced if that is a precursor to a location closing permanently.

Other locations slated to close in New York include Buffalo, Canandaigua, Carle Place, Centereach, Ithaca, New Hartford, Poughkeepsie and Queensbury, according to an

announcement.

In a press release, Big Lots President and CEO Bruce Thorn said that while “the majority of our store locations are profitable, we intend to move forward with a more focused footprint to ensure that we operate efficiently and are best positioned to serve our customers.”

Thorn also commented that the company will “use the tools afforded by this process to continue optimizing our store fleet in an orderly manner.”

The closure of roughly 550 stores means that Big Lots’ market will shrink by 40% if the numbers hold true, a significant reduction for a company that has steadily expanded since its inception in 1967.

It is not clear at this time when Big Lots officials plan to announce further closings.



PAL | Courtesy

Alcoa helps PAL

Chrissy Moody from Alcoa’s Massena Operations presents a check for \$30,000 to PAL Executive Director Zach Monroe and some of the students.

\$32 million in federal aid for Corning could create 130 jobs

CANTON -- Corning’s Canton facility is set to receive a major \$32 million investment that’s expected to create 130 new manufacturing jobs, but final authorization is still needed.

Corning is one of the county’s largest employers.

The expansion is also expected to bring 175 construction jobs to the area to facilitate the work.

After visiting Canton following the passage of his bipartisan CHIPS & Science Law and promising it would supercharge the demand for Corning’s critical technology and deliver big for

the North Country, U.S. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer says Corning Incorporated has reached an up to \$32 million preliminary memorandum of terms (PMT) funding agreement with the U.S. Department of Commerce to increase production at their Canton facility of specialized glass vital for the semiconductor industry.

The PMT outlines key terms for Corning Incorporated’s CHIPS agreement, but to finalize the federal CHIPS agreement, the Commerce Department will now begin a comprehensive due diligence process on the proposed project and

other information contained in the application.

After satisfactory completion of the due diligence phase, the Commerce Department will finalize the PMT.

Schumer said this expansion, which will help strengthen this vital supply chain for America’s national security, is expected to create up to 130 new, good-paying manufacturing jobs, including new union jobs, and over 175 union construction jobs.

This is the fifth agreement for a New York company from the CHIPS Incentives Program.

SeaComm sends funds to help Massena’s Youth

MASSENA — Through the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, SeaComm has provided a Small Business/Non-Profit Recovery grant in the amount of \$2,500 to the Police Activities League of Massena.

The funds will assist in its mission to deliver after-school programming that is fun and educa-

tional for local children ages 2-12.

“We are extremely pleased to partner with the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York (FHLBNY) in putting needed funds into eleven not-for-profits hands to assist them in their vital missions and carrying out our mission of people helping people,” said Scott A. Wilson, CEO of SeaComm.

New charging station in Ogdensburg

OGDENSBURG – Thanks to a grant of more than \$22,000 United Helpers was able to install six Level II charging stations at its RiverLedge Campus in Ogdensburg.

United Helpers RiverLedge Campus is located just off State Route 37 at 8101 State Route 68. The chargers are available for members of the public to use whether they’re locals or traveling through the area.

United Helpers employees may also use the stations to charge their vehicle during the workday. United Helpers Behavioral Health and Life Skills Director of Residential Services Kim S. George takes advantage of this opportunity almost every day.

Ms. George drives a Toyota Rav-4 Hybrid, meaning her vehicle can use gas, but she prefers to use the vehicle’s electric battery when possible. “Being able to charge my vehicle while I’m at work is beyond convenient,” she said.

The stations do charge 35 cents per kilowatt hour, but Ms. George said that’s still cheaper than gas and in line with what other stations in the area are charging.

According to JD Power & Associates, an electric vehicle with a range

of 300 miles would use between 75 and 100 kilowatt hours meaning a full charge is less than \$30.

JD Power & Associates also notes a Level II charger, such as those located here can fully charge a completely drained battery in roughly four hours.

Payment for the service is conveniently done entirely through the EV Connect app, which may be downloaded through the App Store or Google Play. A credit or debit card is then linked to the app with payment deducted at the time of the charge.

United Helpers Director of Facility Operations Rick J. Pirie said he’s glad to see United Helpers installing EV charging stations.

“With electric vehicles becoming more and more common, even amongst our staff, it’s important for people to have a place where they can charge their vehicle’s battery,” he said. “With these charging stations located conveniently just off of the highway people can stop by to charge their vehicles and then be back on the road in no time.”

Ms. George, who travels from Massena to Ogdensburg for work each day, said her car will reach a full charge in 2.5 hours for less than



United Helpers | Submitted

United Helpers Behavioral Health and Life Skills Director of Residential Service Kim S. George connects her car to the newly-installed EV charging station at United Helpers RiverLedge Campus in Ogdensburg. RiverLedge is located just off State Route 37 at 8101 State Route 68.

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Tribe touts the licensed cannabis retailers

AKWESASNE — The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's Cannabis Control Board plays a vital role

in advocating for and supporting tribally-licensed entrepreneurs while emphasizing the importance

of compliance within the cannabis industry.

The following Tribally Licensed Retailers are operating within regulatory compliance standards and in good standing for payments of fees based upon sales.

- Gray Bear Dispensary, 987 State Route 37 (2022-022-CCB)
- Highly Elevated, 469 State Route 37 (2024-005-CCB)
- J's Dispensary, 370 State Route 37 (2023-009-CCB)
- Lawless & Co., 1744 State Route 37 (2022-019-CCB)
- Marijuana World, 503 State Route 37 (2023-007-CCB)
- Prime Cannabis, 1600 State Route 37 (2022-011-CCB)
- Queen Leaf Dispensary, 988 State Route 37 (2023-002-CCB)
- Sovereign Retail, 8 State Route 37, Suite 1 (2022-015-CCB)
- Sovereign Retail, 2381 Chateaugay Street, Fort Covington (2022-023-CCB)
- Top Shelf, 2566 Chateaugay Street, Fort Covington (2022-024-CCB)
- Wacky Tobacky, 1450 State Route 37 (2023-010-CCB)

- Weedway, 935 State Route 37 (2022-005-CCB)

The focus remains on ensuring all tribally licensed stores achieve good standing through continuous efforts to uphold Tribal regulations within the Tribe's jurisdiction.

Bank parking for veterans

CANTON — North Country Savings Bank now offers parking spots exclusively for military veterans.

This initiative is part of the bank's ongoing commitment to recognize and honor the sacrifices made by those who have served in the armed forces. The spots are located at all of NCSB's branches and feature greater accessibility and convenience for those who have served.

To help celebrate the initiative, John Coffey, commander of Edward C. Seymour Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1231 in Canton and other members of the VFW recently

gathered around the new sign in Canton and offered their praise. The Canton VFW organization has been a long standing customer with North Country Savings Bank, and the dedicated spots serve as a visible acknowledgment of the courage and dedication their members have demonstrated.

The designated parking spots will be clearly marked and located close to the bank entrances, ensuring ease of access for veterans visiting the bank. In addition to its military customers, NCSB also employs several veterans or family members of veterans.

- Another Damn Pot Store, 76 Beaver Meadow Road (2022-007-CCB)
- Budders Cannabis Store LLC, 508 State Route 37 (2022-001-CCB)
- Cannabis Island, 1622 State Route 37 (2024-004-CCB)
- Dank Bank, 25 Water Street, Fort Covington (2022-006-CCB)
- Diamond Dispensary, 147A Racquette Point Road (2022-009-CCB)
- Exotika Dispensary, 227 State Route 37 (2022-010-CCB)
- Famous Blaze, 12797 Rt. 95, Bombay (2023-012-CCB)

SeaComm supports Free Clinic

MASSENA — SeaComm recently donated \$2,500 to the Massena Free Clinic in support of their ongoing mission to serve uninsured adults in Massena and surrounding communities.

The clinic provides an array of free services to uninsured individuals, including primary medical care, testing, and prescriptions.

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- 13 Artist Yoko
- 14 Scrapped mission
- 15 Hawaiian city
- 16 Tic-tac-toe win
- 17 Corrida bull
- 18 Surround
- 20 Edge
- 22 Standard
- 23 Fiddle stick
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- 11 Queen dowager of Jordan
- 19 " - Boheme"
- 21 Kimono closer
- 24 Tatter
- 25 Yalie
- 26 Kindling
- 28 Opposite of "post-"
- 29 Guitar-making material
- 30 PBS supporter
- 31 Chap
- 36 Makes amends
- 37 New Deal pres.
- 38 "Faust" dramatist
- 41 " - Deeds"
- 42 Awestruck
- 43 Dorothy's dog
- 44 Heidi of "Project Runway"
- 46 Rocky outcrop
- 47 Monarch
- 48 Freshens lawns
- 51 Sugar suffix

DOWN

- 1 Tennis legend Arthur
- 2 Check
- 3 Young whale
- 4 Sailing vessels
- 5 PBS anchor Judy
- 6 Rock's Brian
- 7 Nitwit
- 8 Preambles
- 9 Oboe, for one

Answers found elsewhere in this paper.



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.

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Trivia Test

1. MOVIES: What was the name of the tournament in "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"?
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 3. LITERATURE: Who did the pigs represent in the allegorical novel "Animal Farm"?
 4. ART: Which European city houses the Reina Sofia museum?
 5. TELEVISION: What is the product that Don Draper makes an ad for in the final episode of "Mad Men"?
 6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of unicorns called?
 7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which presidential retreat is officially named the "Naval Support Facility Thurmont"?
 8. MUSIC: Which composer is featured in the film "Immortal Beloved"?
 9. HISTORY: The Great Wall of China was mostly built by which dynasty?
 10. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of fruit is also known as the Chinese gooseberry?
- Answers found elsewhere in this paper.



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EOP Counselor EOP Department

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

Job Description:

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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.
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- 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.
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System Administrator SL2 Programmer Analyst

SUNY Canton Information Services seeks applicants for a **Systems Administrator (SL2 Programmer Analyst)** to join our team. This position will be responsible for all aspects of mobile device management, software deployment to client machines, and management of print services. The successful candidate will join a group responsible for overall management of our server infrastructure and applications, and management of endpoints, in support of SUNY Canton's academic and business needs.

Job Requirements and Essential Functions

The position will report to the Systems Manager and will work collaboratively with several teams of technical staff to provide support to the college's server infrastructure. The incumbent will share responsibility for setup, configuration, monitoring, tuning, troubleshooting, and the security of systems and servers both physical and virtual; installation, upgrades, and patching of operating systems and software; incident resolution; programming and scripting of in-house applications; documentation of configurations and changes; continuous improvement of services; and continuing professional advancement. Occasional evening/weekend work may be required. This position is physically located at the SUNY Canton campus.

Required Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in computer science or related field, or Associates degree in field with 2 years of relevant work experience.
- Understanding of operating systems, server and storage hardware infrastructure.
- Familiarity with network protocols; information security concepts, standards, technologies, and best practices
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Persons interested in the position must apply online at <https://employment.canton.edu/> and include a letter of interest, teaching statement, a curriculum vitae, graduate transcripts (copies acceptable), and three letters of reference.

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Intake Clerk: Under the direction of the Accounts Receivable Supervisor, the Intake Clerk in Patient Registration will gather and enter the necessary patient visit information and promote positive public relations with patients at Health Services in a manner consistent with medical, administrative, ethical, legal and regulatory requirements in all areas of the Business Office. The



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