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## Child killers sentenced

### Couple that killed toddler take plea deal

**BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI**  
North Country This Week

*Editor's note: This story contains descriptive details of child abuse and neglect presented in court that some readers may find disturbing.*

MASSENA-- Two Massena residents who took plea deals in the Nov. 2023 murder of a three-year-old child have been sentenced to prison by Judge Greg Storie.

Kaitlyn Cyrus, 24, and Jovannie Vega, 24, previously accepted plea deals on Sept. 3, 2024, with Cyrus accepting a conviction of murder in the second-degree having "recklessly engaged in conduct that created and caused the death of the child while evincing a depraved indifference to human life."

Vega pled guilty to manslaughter in the first-degree having "recklessly engaged in conduct which created a grave risk of serious physical injury and resulting in the death of the child."

As a result of their crimes, Cyrus was sentenced to an indeterminate term with a minimum of 15 years and a maximum of lifetime imprisonment in a New York State Correctional Facility.

Vega was sentenced to 25 years in a New York State Correctional Facility, with five years of post release supervision.

The plea deals for both Cyrus and Vega will bring to an end a case that has greatly impacted the Massena community.

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The Ogdensburg International Seaway Festival Committee's Holiday Craft Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at John F. Kennedy School on Park Street in Ogdensburg. The event will be followed by the 13th Annual Light Up The Night Santa Parade. Mr. and Mrs. Santa will attend.

## Holiday season kicks off in city

**BY JIMMY LAWTON**  
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG -- More than 1,000 people are expected to attend one of the largest craft shows in the county Saturday at John F. Kennedy School on Park Street in Ogdensburg.

Co-Organizer Chris Lalone says the event is aimed at providing local vendors a place to sell their wares,

offering locals a place to shop for holiday presents and help raise money for the rising costs associated with Seaway Festival.

More than 100 vendors are booked for the event and admission is \$5, which runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Last year's event was a huge success and Lalone is hopeful this year

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## Smith says goodbye

### City planner leaves legacy behind as she moves to private sector

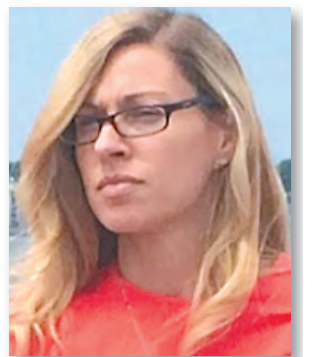
**BY JIMMY LAWTON**  
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG — Ogdensburg City Planner Andrea Smith is stepping as planner after more than 20 years.

Smith's long career included many successes such as funding for the city's Brownfield Opportunity Areas, Waterfront Development, revising the city's zoning code and securing millions of dollars in state and federal funding for small and large projects alike.

Smith was also crucial in helping the city establish a land bank and has been involved in the preparation of city spending plans when she served as city interim manager on multiple occasions.

During her time Smith's efforts helped the city bring down the former cheese plant, which had long been an eyesore and she worked with the state to help begin cleanup of the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center in hopes



Andrea Smith

of someday returning the property to the city's tax roll.

Smith found herself at the city's helm during some of its most difficult financial times and has been vital in nearly every development and demolition in the city for the past two decades.

In her letter of resignation, Smith said the decision was not made lightly.

"I am grateful for the experiences and knowledge I have had to learn about local government and for

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## Smith guilty on all charges

### DA hopes verdict will help victims' families find peace

**BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI**  
North Country This Week

Murderer Adam Smith has been found guilty of all charges, including two counts of first-degree murder.

Smith stood accused of murdering Ronald "Huck" Durham on Feb. 11, 2023 and William Freeman on March 2, 2023.

In addition to the murder charges, Smith was convicted of first degree-robbery, first-degree burglary, first-degree grand larceny and three counts of fourth-degree grand larceny stemming

from the murders.

The resolution of the trial came quickly in what was one of the longest trials both District Attorney Gary Pasqua and defense attorney Brian Barrett took part in.

The verdict came exactly one month after opening statements were made, as noted by both Pasqua and Barrett during their closing arguments today, Nov. 15.

The verdict came after jurors heard testimony from multiple serologists and DNA analysts from the New York State Police Forensic Crime Center, each

detailing their findings that they say tied directly back to Smith.

In testimony from Elizabeth Walsh, a forensic scientist and DNA analyst, Smith's clothes were alleged to have been covered with DNA evidence from Freeman.

Multiple swabs were taken of Smith's boots, blue jeans, blue hoodie, white t-shirt and gloves that were secured at the time of Smith's arrest.

According to Walsh, each tested positive for DNA from both Smith and Freeman. A teal bath

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## Going up in Ogdensburg

It was a milestone week for Ogdensburg International Airports' Gateway Improvement Project as installation of structural steel began for the Great Room portion of the airport facility. Members of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 158 District 545 and the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing (IronWorkers) Local 12 are working on this project.



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## Tea light crafts at the city library

Crafters make tea light crafts at the Ogdensburg Public Library recently. The class was taught by Sally Clark and Cheryl Ladouceur. From left, Judy Pearson, Lori Fay, Susan Long and Darcie LaRock.

## Thanksgiving deadlines

Due to Thanksgiving, deadlines for the Nov. 30 Massena-Ogdensburg edition of "North Country This Week" will be one day early.

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# Library trustees seek donations from public

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- Massena Public Library trustees are seeking financial assistance from community members for the operation of the library.

According to a mailing from Vice President Jennifer Stokes, the library is seeking assistance for more than just books and resources.

She said those who donate will be investing "in a space where neighbors come together, children develop a lifelong love of reading, and individuals can access critical technology and educational programs."

"Your donation ensures that everyone in Massena has free access to these opportunities, regardless of their circumstances. The Massena Public Library is proud to serve the community as a central location for learning and connection," she said.

She wrote that the library's mission is to "meet community needs by encouraging literacy, supplementing education and providing cultural opportunities for lifelong learning."

As part of the new program, donors will see their name displayed in the library lobby with six different

**'You are making a lasting impact, helping us expand our offerings and provide essential services to every member of our community.'**

**Jennifer Stokes**  
Library board vice president

For \$250 a donor will be known as a "Bookworm Benefactor" as they help build on the library's various collections.

A "Literacy Leader" is a donor that offers a \$500 contribution to the library.

For those donating \$1,000 or more, they will earn the title of "Legacy Builder," which will allow the library to "expand services, enhance programs, and provide lasting benefits to generations of readers," Stokes wrote.

"You are making a lasting impact, helping us expand our offerings and provide essential services to every member of our community," Stokes continued.

The fundraiser announcement comes after town officials signaled they would have to find ways to deal with a significant budget deficit for the coming fiscal year.

One root cause of the deficit stems from scheduled repayments to New York State for a trailing liability related to the sale of Massena Memorial Hospital in 2020.

According to Town Supervisor Sue Bellor, the town is slated to pay back around \$5 million beginning in 2025 with an interest rate of 7%.

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

Town officials said during the Sept. 19 board meeting that the funds will have to come from taxpayers unless the state helps.

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

Despite the town's best efforts, it appears a lack of action in Albany may cost taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to settle liabilities from the hospital sale.

Town officials previously approved spending \$1.7 million to cover a worker's compensation debt to the county, taking a big chunk out of the town's fund balance.

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



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# NTSB officials hold public hearing to detail findings of fatal Louisville bus crash

Fatigue and poor safety standards to blame for six deaths, officials say

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

LOUISVILLE -- A fatigued driver, inaccessible seat belts and poor safety histories of two companies are to blame for the deaths of six migrant workers who were killed in a head on collision on Saturday, Jan. 29, 2023.

National Transportation Safety Bureau officials issued their findings during a public hearing on Nov. 19, 2024, with numerous experts weighing in on the deadly scenario that played out.

According to NTSB officials, all occupants of the bus who were on the left hand side of the bus were either killed or severely injured.

Three of the six who were killed in the accident were thrown from the bus, while the other three suffered severe injuries and were thrown around the bus.

A seventh occupant was severely injured, along with the bus driver, Christopher Valiro-Torres, 36, of Venezuela, who was wearing a seat belt.

All but one occupant on the right side of the bus were moderately or seriously injured due to a lack of seatbelts, NTSB officials said.

NTSB officials say a failure by LBFNY, LLC to provide accessible seat belts, coupled with a lack of policy to require the use of restraints likely lead to all six deaths and the severity of the injuries sustained by the victims who survived the crash.

Photos shown during the hearing detailed how belts on the original

seats in the bus were underneath the seats and wrapped around posts to tuck them out of the way. Additional seats were also installed to allow for more occupants on the bus, with belts also tucked out of the way on those seats as well.

Though New York State laws require seat belts to be worn in most vehicles, from taxi cabs to passenger vehicles and charter buses, belts were not required with the type of bus being used to transport the workers that day, officials said.

The driver of the 2021 Freightliner box truck, Harley N. Diaz-Baez, 25, of the Bronx, was also severely injured in the crash but survived due in part to him wearing a seatbelt, officials said.

NTSB officials recommended LBFNY, LLC implement a seatbelt use policy and begin each trip with a safety briefing to detail the benefits of wearing a seatbelt, per their guidelines.

They also said it is recommended that LBFNY, LLC have procedures in place to ensure all buses have belts that are functional and inspected regularly to ensure compliance.

In further action, NTSB officials also issued a recommendation to state officials, calling on the state legislature to pass legislation to require the use of seat belts for all vehicles on the highway, including buses like the one involved in the crash.

But seat belts were not the only issue that led to the crash.

Driver fatigue also played a sig-



State Police photo from the National Traffic Safety Board

Photo showing both crashed vehicles at final rest. Front end damage to the 2021 Freightliner straight truck is shown on the left and damage to the driver's side of the 2013 medium size bus is shown on the right.

nificant role, according to NTSB officials.

According to the report, Diaz-Baez was severely fatigued and not offered guidance by AGL, his employer on how best to avoid fatigue.

Though his toxicology report came back negative, Diaz-Baez was on his fifth straight day working a night shift during which he drove from 1 a.m. to 11:30 a.m..

According to the report, he had done so for three straight weeks prior to the accident.

An expert who spoke during the hearing said that night shifts such as those undertaken by Diaz-Baez disrupt natural sleep patterns and a poor adjustment to the sleep loss can lead to additional fatigue.

According to findings, Diaz-Baez obtained five or less hours of uninterrupted sleep each of the three days prior to the accident, playing a direct role in his fatigue that likely led to him crossing the center line and striking the bus carrying LBFNY's workers.

NTSB officials said AGL did not have policies in place to manage fatigue risks, something they recommended should be put in place in the future to avoid such incidents.

NTSB officials also noted AGL's safety rating, saying AGL was a

continuation of Chopper DDS Inc., a transportation company that had poor safety ratings in the past.

According to NTSB officials, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) failed to recognize AGL's prior safety record, resulting in an inaccurate assessment of company safety controls and regulation compliance.

They suggested stronger safety performance requirements were needed for new entrant motor carriers, such as AGL, to ensure carriers cannot graduate from the New Entrant Safety Assurance Program if on-road data shows a pattern of unsafe operation and high crash rates.

The full report from NTSB officials comes nearly two years after NTSB investigators issued their initial report after investigating the accident.

Other parties involved with the investigation included the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, New York State Police and New York Department of Transportation.

The Feb. 2023 report initially concluded the accident occurred at 6:02 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 29. The collision, between a 2013 medium sized bus with 15 occupants and a 2021 Freightliner box truck, was originally deemed due to poor visibility and snow and ice covered roads, according to police.

Officials with LBFNY, LLC said at the time that the workers were enroute to a solar project in the Madrid area on the morning of the accident.

Dozens of first responders were called to the scene as there were mass casualties. Their efforts were recognized by Mayor Mike Zagrobelny of Waddington shortly after the incident occurred.

"As many of you are aware, there was a terrible accident on Rt. 37 in Louisville early this morning," he said in an online statement. "Thank you to all of the first responders from around the county including Waddington Volunteer Rescue Squad and Waddington Volunteer Fire Department who responded, thank you to St. Lawrence County dispatch for coordination of efforts, and hospital workers. Please share thanks with the responders but also grant them the grace to deal with what they may have witnessed. Thank you again for being there at the worst of times."

Troopers were assisted by St. Lawrence County Sheriff's department, multiple fire and rescue teams; Louisville, Waddington, Norfolk, Madrid, Massena, and Seaway Valley.

The victims were reportedly transported to Massena Memorial, Canton-Potsdam Hospital, and Claxton Hepburn Medical Center.

# Two pickups, Ogdensburg school bus collide in Lisbon, one driver sent to Upstate

LISBON -- St. Lawrence County Sheriff's deputies responded to a reported collision on State Highway 68 involving two pickup trucks and an Ogdensburg School District bus at around 8:43 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19.

The bus was occupied by a driver and a monitor, both of whom were unharmed, the sheriff's department said in a press release.

Emergency responders extricated the driver of one pickup truck, who

was transported to Upstate Medical Center in serious but stable condition.

The driver of the second pickup truck was treated at Canton-Potsdam Hospital and later released.

State Highway 68 was closed between Kelly Road and Murphy Road for approximately four hours as deputies conducted a forensic 3D scan and processed the scene.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted by Lisbon Fire and Rescue, Rensse-

laer Falls Fire, Heuvelton Fire, Canton Rescue, New York State Police, New York State DOT, and Johnson's Towing and Recovery.

The investigation remains ongoing with additional updates to follow.



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## OBITUARIES

**Yvonne Lynn Rice (Leaper), 68**

Massena

MASSENA - In the early morning of November 10, 2024, Yvonne Lynn Rice (Leaper) (68) of Massena passed away at Massena Memorial Hospital in Upstate New York. Yvonne was born May 17, 1956 in Trenton, New Jersey, she grew up in Pottstown, Pennsylvania and graduated from Owen J Robert's High School in Pottstown. Yvonne also attended Cayuga Community College in Fulton, New York.

Yvonne enjoyed visits from her children and grandchildren, she enjoyed crafts, she loved tracking family history and genealogy to add to ancestry for families aside from her own. She enjoyed dining out nightly with her great friend Gloria, dining out was a favorite of hers. While out she enjoyed showing off her children, grandchildren, and dog Chloe with the pictures on her phone. Yvonne loved baking and decorating for Christmas, mostly her village she put out yearly.

Yvonne is survived by her four children Angela (Christopher) Lynch, Antoinette Donofrio, Jessica Rice (Joe Wasicki) and Shawna (Travis) Messer, tons of grandchildren, Haley Resta, Jenna Resta, Matthew Lynch, Madyson Wasicki,

Collin Greenwell, Ashlynn Lynch, Ethan Greenwell, Macie Wasicki, Leigha Greenwell, Harlee Messer, Keegan Theisen, Kamden Farmer, Bryson Farmer, Ella Messer, Liam Messer, and Josephine Wasicki, one brother Rick (Tracy) Leaper, a lifelong friend Gloria Dupree and several nieces and nephews, as well as cousins. Yvonne also leaves behind her beloved dog Chloe.

**Yvonne Rice**

Yvonne is preceded in death by her parents Charles Leaper and Mary Virginia (Renniger) Leaper as well as her siblings, Cynthia Leaper, Thomas Leaper, Rose Marie (nee Leaper) Burnett and Ronald Leaper.

A celebration of life will take place in due time, per her preferences. Arrangements for cremation are under the care and guidance of the Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena, where friends may share memories and offer condolences online at [www.donaldsonfh.com](http://www.donaldsonfh.com).

**Ruth Ann Quintavalle, 78**

Madrid

MADRID -- Ruth Ann Quintavalle, aged 78, passed away on Sunday, November 17, 2024, at her home, surrounded by her loving family under the care of Hospice.

The family has entrusted funeral arrangements to the care and direction of the Phillips Memorial Home.

Family and friends are welcome to call on the Phillips Memorial Funeral Home at 20 Church Street in Madrid on Friday, November 22, 2024, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm.

A funeral service for Ruth Ann will take place on Saturday, November 23, 2024, at 10:00am with Pastor Betsy Westman officiating from the Phillips Memorial Funeral Home.

All are welcome to a luncheon following the service, at the American Legion Hall located at 23 Fenton St, Waddington, NY 13964.

The burial will take place in the Madrid Cemetery at the convenience of the family at a later date.

Ruth Ann was born to the late Joseph and Jeanetta (Gilbert) Weber in Norristown, PA on September 25, 1946.

She attended school in Pennsylvania graduating in 1964 from Souderton Area High School. She entered into the United States Army as a general duty nurse.

After her service to her country, Ruth Ann continued her education with Grand View Hospital School of Nursing and became a Registered Nurse in 1967.

Ruth Ann met her husband as a 1st Lieutenant in the military, and they were married on December 20, 1967, during their enlistment in the Vietnam War.

In 1976, they relocated to the North Country to raise their family and start their dairy farm.

Ruth Ann continued to dedicate her life to others as a nurse with Hospice and Palliative Care of St. Lawrence Valley. She worked alongside families and colleagues across the region, answering midnight house calls and providing dignity to countless patients.

After 25 years of devoted service, Ruth Ann retired in 2011 at the age of 65. Since prior to retirement, Ruth Ann volunteered in the community with local agencies. She was a member of the Madrid

Volunteer Rescue Squad, president of the Madrid Library Friends, and worked shifts at the New Beginnings Clothing and Food Outreach in Madrid.

Ruth Ann is survived by her loving husband, Paul Charles Quintavalle, of 57 years and their children: Rebecca Lynn Quintavalle of

Peru, NY, Lisa Marie and Daniel Marvin of Lake Placid, NY, Hercules Charles and Melissa Quintavalle of Chase Mills, NY, David Paul and Dianne Quintavalle of Port Byron, NY, and Timothy Joseph Quintavalle and Tiffany Joy Greene of Chesterfield, VA. Ruth Ann is survived by 12 grandchildren: Natasha Jeannetta and Jahvaughn Hogg, Hailey Ann, Nicholas Daniel, Tynicia Kenyatta, Dominic Charles, Juliana Marie, Elijah Edward, Isaiah Joseph, JoyAnne Greene, Vincent Ronald, Anthony Paul, and Joseph Tanner. Ruth Ann is survived by one great-grandchild: Penelope Claire. Ruth Ann is also survived by her siblings; Robert and Mary Lou Weber of Red Hill, PA, Joseph and Cindy Weber of Port Charles, FL, Patricia Crann of Orange, CT, Richard and Laura Weber of East Greenville, PA.

Ruth Ann's life was full. She was insanely loved and will be incredibly missed. She is remembered for her calm guidance and constant presence.

As the matriarch, she hosted applesauce canning days, Christmas cookie baking, and Thanksgiving dinners. She loved puzzle games, reading books, and playing Scrabble. She sent a card for every occasion and sometimes one for none at all. This holiday season will be a little bit colder, but as she always said, "It'll all work out."

Memorial contributions may be acknowledged with Madrid Rescue Squad; P.O. Box 129, Madrid, New York 13660.

Family and friends are encouraged to share condolences, photos and memories of Ruth Ann by visiting [www.PhillipsMemorial.com](http://www.PhillipsMemorial.com).

**Ruth Quintavalle**

MASSENA - Charles J. Reynolds, 87, of Massena was reunited with his wife Joyce, when he passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, November 9, 2024.

Born in Massena on February 5th, 1937, Charles is the son of the late Carrie Reynolds.

On August 2nd, 1958, he married Joyce E. Warriner at Sacred Heart Church in Massena with the late Rev. Monsignor John F. Pendergast officiating.

They shared a wonderful marriage for over 63 years until Joyce passed away on April 1, 2023.

Together he and Joyce raised a family of three children; Charles "Chuck" J. Reynolds (Diana) who tragically passed away in 2015, Jeffrey A. Reynolds (Kim) and Cynthia R Scully and the late Jeremiah Scully.

He was a communicant of St. Mary's Church of St. Peter's Parish. Charlie worked for General Motors in Massena before transferring to the Bedford, Indiana plant in 1987, then retiring in 1993, at which time the couple

**Charles J. Reynolds, 87**

Massena

returned to Massena.

He enjoyed country music, attended many shows with his

wife Joyce, western classics playing the guitar, Harley Davidson Motorcycles and autos, attending his children and grandchildren's sporting and school events and the New

**Charles Reynolds**

York Mets.

He enjoyed Saturday morning coffee and donuts with his nieces and nephews. He always gave the biggest hugs.

Charlie is also survived by sisters, Fredrica Nicola Capshaw (Bill) of Dobb's Ferry, NY; Stephanie Nicola of Monroe, GA; and Don Michael Nicola of Winter Park, FL; Daughter in law Diana Reynolds of Massena, NY; Grandchildren Jeffrey A. Reynolds, Jr. of Pittsburgh, PA; Mackenzie N.

**Philip Smith, 80**

Massena

St. Mary's Church in Massena.

Their only child, Philip Jr., was born in Syracuse on October 30th, 1968.

After working various civilian jobs, Phil reentered the Air Force in the summer of 1971, stationed at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia.

His first overseas assignment brought the family to KCDI Air Base in Turkey in 1973.

During stints at Dover AFB in Delaware, Scott AFB in Illinois, Spangdahlem AB in West Germany, and Ellsworth AFB in South Dakota, Phil earned several decorations and medals.

He also became a skilled racquetball player.

By the time he retired as a master sergeant in 1987, he was frequently able to defeat men half his

**Philip Smith****Wanda J. Tyo, 69**

Madrid

she maintained until her death.

She specialized in operating as a Family Care Provider for 49

years, at her family home.

She met and married her loving husband, David A. Tyo Sr. at St. John the Baptist Church in Madrid.

Wanda is survived by her two children: Laura

Tyo and companion Jim Collins of Norwood, NY; David A Tyo Jr. and wife Jodie of Madrid, NY; several grandchildren: Bethany and Samuel Wales of Madrid. Sidney Belmore of Norwood. Jaron Belmore of Canton, K.J. Belmore of Norwood. Raychel Dulin of Knapps Station. Alexa Whitney and Jesse Lemieux of Troy, N.Y. Jessie Dulin of Massena. Great-grandchildren David, Greyson and Jaycee Wales. Zayden and Theo Dulin and Amity Lemieux.

**Wanda Tyo**

and Craig M. Reynolds, of Madison, WI; Great Grandchildren, Reagan M. and Charlie A. Reynolds of Pittsburgh, PA; many nieces and nephews, and great nieces and great nephews.

In addition to his mother, wife, son, and son-in-law, Charlie was predeceased by his brother, Benjamin Nicola.

Calling hours for will be held on the evening of Thursday, November 14th from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M at Phillips Memorial Home, located at 64 Andrews St. in Massena, NY. A Mass and Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, November 15, 2024 at St. Mary's Church, with Rev. Mark Reilly presiding.

Burial to follow in Calvary Cemetery, Massena, immediately following funeral services.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter's Parish, 212 Main Street, Massena, NY. Family and friends are encouraged to share condolences and memories online by visiting [www.PhillipsMemorial.com](http://www.PhillipsMemorial.com)

age on the racquetball court.

With Philip Jr. now in college, Phil and Bonnie returned to Massena and purchased a cozy house on Bishop Avenue.

Phil worked at Associated Reporters, SeaComm Federal Credit Union, Homestead Dairy, Allied Federated Co-op, and Home Depot before retiring for good.

He spent his free time tinkering with computers and other tech gadgets, and maintained a flourishing garden each summer.

Phil was predeceased by his parents; two brothers, Lawrence and Gerald; and his wife.

He is survived by his son; two sisters, Sharon Freeman of Syracuse, NY, and Marion McNeill of Lake Placid, FL; and many nieces and nephews.

A graveside service is planned for the spring.

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

Online condolences may be shared with Phil's family at [www.fraryfuneralhome.com](http://www.fraryfuneralhome.com).

She is also survived by sibling Ellen Russell-Gage of Chester, Montana. Along with nephews Michael and Russell Gage; several brothers and sister-in-laws, nieces, nephews and cousins, uncles and aunts.

In her free time, Wanda enjoyed reading, attending sporting events for her grandchildren and spending time with her pets.

She was a communicant of St. John the Baptist Church and a Eucharistic Minister for several years.

She was a member of the Madrid Rescue Squad from 1991 until 1994.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Madrid Rescue Squad at P.O. Box 129, Madrid, NY 13660 and Hospice and Palliative Care of St. Lawrence County; 6805 US Hwy 11, Potsdam, NY 13676.

Online condolences, memories and pictures may be shared with the family by visiting, [www.PhillipsMemorial.com](http://www.PhillipsMemorial.com).

# Massena continues to trim budget; officials expect to exceed 2% tax cap in '25

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI

MASSENA -- With repayment of trailing liabilities from the sale of Massena Memorial Hospital looming, town board members are hoping to pare down the 2025 budget to keep taxes down.

Town officials say they are budgeting for \$752,500 in sales tax revenue as part of the town's "General A Fund." Other revenues budgeted include \$459,546 from other revenue sources, as well as \$284,000 from the New York Power Authority and \$175,546 from Aids and Incentives to Municipalities (AIM).

While revenue projections will not offset the anticipated repayment of a state pension liability that remains from the hospital sale.

According to Town Supervisor Sue Bellor, the town is slated to pay back around \$5 million beginning in 2025 with an interest rate of 7%.

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

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

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

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

But it's not all bad news with the budget, as town officials noted that grant writing has helped offset a number of expenses, including airport capital improvements that were required by the Federal Aviation Administration.

In a previous report, FAA officials noted that the town must maintain the airport with funds generated through the municipality and not rely solely on grant funding.

As part of many of the grants secured, the town is responsible for a small portion of the expenses related to the projects that have been undertaken in recent years.

Grants have also been secured to address various needs that were revealed through FAA inspections of the airport, town officials said.

Personnel related expenses, including adjustments from union contracts, have also increased around 2% for both full-time and part-time non-bargaining employees, officials said.

No major equipment purchases or repairs are anticipated in the next fiscal year's budget.

While funding from multiple fishing tournaments like those hosted by Major League Fishing are expected to increase in cost, Town Supervisor Sue Bellor has commended grant writer Linda McQuinn for her efforts to secure and utilize grant funding to offset hosting fees and other expenses incurred.

At a recent town board meeting, Bellor said the tournaments will continue towards being "self-sustaining" and emphasized that an over-reliance on grant funding to cover hosting fees could prove to be risky if such awards are not received annually.

Bellor said the tournaments, as well as other marketing and tourism related projects have proven to be an economic success for the town.

Events such as "Rockin' the River" have played a big part in that, Bellor said.

As for dog control, the town will continue to provide the service after Massena Humane Society officials opted to discontinue the service in 2022.

Following the dissolution of the service, town officials opted to hire a dog control officer beginning in Jan. 2023.

As detailed in the proposed budget, "Town Outside B Fund" projects that sales tax revenue will be \$221,006, funds that will be allocated to help offset any extra property tax increase, Bellor said.

With expenses high and budgets limited, town officials also opted to cut their contribution to the Joint Recreation Department by \$15,563.

Town officials also opted to support the integration of the Massena Chamber of Commerce with the St. Lawrence County Chamber last year, which came at a "nominal amount" for membership expenses.

Despite efforts by officials with the newly integrated Chamber, a full-time representative has not yet been secured to solely represent Massena.

In the interim, Laura Pearson is splitting time between Ogdensburg and Massena.

Town officials also opted to hire a part-time code enforcement officer, bringing Fire Chief Pat O'Brien into the fold to help with enforcement, code review and updates, among

other responsibilities.

As part of his hiring, O'Brien required office software and supplies for the job, including for code work, fire inspections and building permits.

Expenses for 2025 are expected to decrease compared to the previous year, officials said.

Under the "Highway DA Fund," the tax levy is expected to increase \$73,334 from 2024 due in large part to employee salaries and benefits that are set to rise under union contracts.

As for "Highway Outside DB Fund," sales tax revenue and compact funding from the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino traditionally offset the cost of highway repairs and rebuilds.

Those funds, however, have been difficult to gauge with sales tax fluctuating as the cost of goods and inflation have hit consumers hard in recent years. Compact funding has also not been received for several months now, making it difficult to forecast the town's finances.

The Highway Department has also requested \$295,000 in CHIPS funding for highway repairs and paving, with the state Department of Transportation saying the town will receive up to \$250,314.

As for the airport, the town is expected to kick in \$173,641 as part of a number of rehabilitation and reconstruction projects in 2025. The town has secured \$2,778,850 in FAA grants to cover the bulk of those costs.

Under "Library L Fund," a decrease of \$10,000 was noted, with the town's general fund set to cover health insurance, Medicare, worker's compensation, retirement and salaries.

Overall, the budget is expected to be a "bare bones" one, stripped back of any extra spending but able to maintain all services and staffing, town officials previously said.

As for what this means for homeowners, the budget as it sits right now would increase taxes in 2025.

For someone who owns a home valued at \$90,000, they would pay an extra \$16.29 in taxes in 2025. That follows an increase of \$7.20 in 2024.

Town officials will continue to pare down the budget in an attempt to not exceed the 2% tax cap, however it appears very unlikely given the trailing liabilities from the hospital.

# Massena police chief to retire, Wilson to step in

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI

North Country This Week

MASSENA -- Chief of Police Jason Olson has announced his retirement, effective Nov. 29, 2024.

The news broke during the village board of trustees meeting on Nov. 19.

A 20-year veteran of the Massena Police Department, Olson previously served in the United State Army prior to entering the law enforcement field.

Upon entering the Massena Police Department, Olson began his time as a patrolman, eventually working his way up to investigator and senior investigator.

Olson was then promoted to lieutenant in 2017.

Following the retirement of former Chief Adam Love in July 2020, Olson assumed the role of chief of police, serving in the role for over four years.

Olson was not in attendance for the Nov. 19 meeting but Mayor Greg Paquin and trustees offered their thanks for his service.

"True to his form...I'm sure he didn't want to be here for any accolades or anything along those lines," Paquin said.

"Chief has done a great job with the limited resources that he's had and (with) the changing community that we're in right now. I think he's given his all and this is a well deserved retirement," Paquin said.

Taking over for Olson will be 12-year department veteran Cody Wilson.

Wilson was officially appointed as the new chief following a brief executive session after the Nov. 19 meeting. He began his career as a patrolman, eventually working his way up to serve as the lieutenant under Olson in recent years.

He will assume the role on Nov. 30, 2024 with a salary of \$100,000.

## RECENT DEATHS

**CLINTON CURTIS**, 76, Massena, Nov. 4. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

**BRUCE VANARNAM**, 85, Ogdensburg, Nov. 6.

**PHILIP SMITH**, 80, Massena, Nov. 8. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Massena.

**SHERRY BUSHEY**, 74, Massena, Nov. 10. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

**KATHLEEN MCGAW**, 99, Waddington, Nov. 10. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Waddington.

**SUSAN POLNIAK**, 70, Ogdensburg, Nov. 10. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

**LINDA POWELL**, 72, Lisbon, Nov. 11. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

**MAY BRANDER**, 94, Lisbon, Nov. 17. Arrangements with Fox & Mur-

ray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

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## Urgent care holiday hours

POTSDAM -- The Potsdam and Canton Urgent Care offices will be closed on Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 28. Virtual Urgent Care will be available that day from 9 am to 1 pm.

Virtual Urgent Care appointments may be made by going to <https://mycare.rochesterregional.org/mychart/anonymoustelehealth>.

Potsdam Urgent Care, 49 Lawrence Avenue, Potsdam, will reopen on Friday, Nov. 29 for normal business hours from 8 am to 7 pm. Canton Urgent Care in the EJ Noble Building, 80 East Main Street, Canton, will also be open on Friday for normal hours from 9 am to 6 pm.

Emergency Departments at Canton-Potsdam Hospital, Gouverneur Hospital, and Massena Hospital are open daily, 24-hours-a-day.



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The Massena Police Department has recognized three officers for their heroic response to a dispatched call on July 17. From the left are School Recourse Officer Michael Flynn, Patrol Officer John Smith and Patrol Officer Garrett Kilgore.

## Massena police officers recognized for heroism

MASSENA – The Massena Police Department has recognized three officers for their heroic response to a dispatched call on July 17.

Officers Mike Flynn, Garrett Kilgore and John Smith were called to a structure fire on Center Street where they encountered a building full of smoke.

These officers, who understood that people were still inside, rushed in and began pounding on doors to alert those who were unaware of the situation. At this time, the officers believed that they had been able to successfully inform and remove everyone from the building before it was too late. Upon realization that there was one person who was still unaccounted for, they

continued down the smoke-filled hallway to continue their search. Upon entering a room, they identified an unconscious individual on the floor through the smoky haze. Officers were then able to get the unconscious individual out of the apartment complex.

“Each of these officers put their own health and safety on the line, in order to protect the health and safety of others. We, at Massena Police Department, would like to recognize them for their valiant efforts and present them each with the medal of meritorious conduct. The medal each officer received is a pin that will be worn on their uniform over their name plate,” a press release by Lt. Cody Wilson stated.

## Townwide reassessment planned for Waddington in spring 2025, info meeting slated for Nov. 26

WADDINGTON -- A townwide reassessment is in the works for the town of Waddington for the spring of 2025.

Town officials say informational presentations will be held for property owners, with the first to be held Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Old Town Hall building, 38 Main Street.

According to a press release, the topic of discussion will be the particulars of the reassessment and the reason for doing one. Officials say they will discuss the process and how a property owner can contest a new assessment.

A slide show presentation and Q&A session will also be held during the meeting.

Town officials are also encouraging property owners with agricultural land to apply for an Agricul-

tural Land Assessment, which is a program that acts as an exemption as it caps the assessed value per acre of certain agricultural land.

To be eligible, a farm operation needs a minimum annual gross income of \$10,000 over the last two years and the land must be at least seven acres in size.

If the land is not owned by a farm operation but is leased or rented to one with at least a five-year agreement, then it may also be eligible.

Officials encourage landowners to apply as soon as possible, noting that there are several steps necessary to complete during the application process.

For more information visit [www.waddingtonnewyork.com](http://www.waddingtonnewyork.com) or contact the town assessor, Michael Pearson, by emailing [assessor5282@gmail.com](mailto:assessor5282@gmail.com) or calling 315-388-5629.

# CBP cutting hours of operation at 38 ports of entry to ‘increase border security’

## St. Lawrence County ports unaffected at this time

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- While Customs and Border Protection officials plan to adjust the hours of operation for 38 ports of entry along the northern border, ports of entry in St. Lawrence County will not be affected.

The news comes from CBP officials as they aim to “increase border security while facilitating legitimate cross-border trade and travel,” according to a release from the agency.

“CBP officers will be deployed to busier ports of entry, enabling the agency to use its resources most effectively for its critical national security and border security missions,” CBP officials wrote.

The move comes in collaboration with Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), as 38 ports of entry will see their hours of operation reduced from 24-hour service beginning at midnight on Jan. 6, 2025.

“These adjustments formalize current operating hours that have been in effect for more than four years at 13 ports of entry across the northern border, with eight ports of entry expanding hours. A small number of ports will see reduced hours in an effort to continually align resources to operational realities. Travelers who use these affected crossing locations will have other options within a reasonable driving distance,” CBP officials wrote.

They wrote that the adjustments have been made in close coordination with Canadian authorities to “ensure aligned operational hours that further enhance the security of both countries.”

“CBP continually monitors operations, traffic patterns, and volume, and analyzes the best use of resources to better serve the traveling public. CBP will remain engaged with local and regional stakeholders, as well as communities to ensure consistent communication and to address concerns,” CBP officials wrote.

Though some ports of entry will see modified or reduced hours, the vast majority of the 118 northern border ports of entry will continue to operate at existing hours, CBP said.

Numerous ports of entry in the Swanton Sector will be affected by the move to adjust hours.

Those affected in New York include the following:

- Chateaugay will reduce its operating hours from 24 hours to 6 a.m.-6 p.m.

- Overton Corners will reduce its operating hours from 24 hours to 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

- Rouses Point will reduce its operating hours from 24 hours to 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

- Trout River will reduce its operating hours from 24 hours to 6 a.m.-6 p.m.

Those affected in Vermont include the following:

- Alburg (joint port) will reduce its operating hours to 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

- Canaan will reduce its operating hours to 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

- North Troy will reduce its operating hours to 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

- West Berkshire will reduce its operating hours 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

- Alburg Springs will permanently maintain current hours of 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

- Derby Line (Route 5) will permanently maintain current hours of 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

In New Hampshire, the following port will be affected:

- Pittsburg will permanently maintain current hours of 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

The move to increase border security comes after months of lobbying by state and federal officials who say the northern border has been “in crisis due to the current administration’s ‘open border’ policies.”

While visiting the North Country on Oct. 7 state Sen. Dan Stec visited the St. Lawrence County legislature to offer an update on his attempt to repeal the “Green

Light Law.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Driver’s License Access and Privacy Act was enacted on June 17, 2019 and took effect on Dec. 16, 2019.

It allows all New Yorkers age 16 and older to apply for a standard, not-for-federal purpose, non-commercial driver license or learner permit regardless of their citizenship or lawful status in the United States.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Town of Brasher tax rate will drop slightly

BRASHER -- Town of Brasher taxpayers will see a similar tax rate in 2025, according to a town budget that was adopted Wednesday night, reports Town of Brasher Supervisor Mark Peets.

The tax rate will be \$3.7156 per \$1,000 assessed value for property owners in the Town of Brasher.

The 2024 rate was \$3.7170 per \$1,000, a sliver margin down for the 2025 budget.

Peets said that this is under the tax cap and the tax rate ultimately stays the same per \$1,000 from the 2024 budget.

Peets noted the \$2,864,946 budget calls for \$667,612 to be raised by tax.

This breaks down to \$243,951 (general fund), \$247,645 (highway fund) plus those who are in special districts such as light, water, and sewer.

All property land owners have

Fire and Rescue tax as well.

The following preliminary 2025 Town of Brasher salary schedule was released as well: Supervisor (\$18,000), Town Councilmen (\$20,000 total/\$5,000 per council member), Town Clerk (\$39,655), Town Justices (\$24,000 total/\$12,000 per town justice), Highway Superintendent (\$65,405), and Highway Employees (\$27.58 per hour).

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# Final meeting for trustees Peets, Winston

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- Two Massena village trustees took part in their final board meeting on Nov. 19, marking the end to a six-year run for one in the process.

Trustee Christine Winston announced her resignation from the board after serving more than six years, saying it was time to move on to other endeavors.

"Christie, thank you for all of the hard work that you've done. It's been an honor serving with you. You've been a mentor for me in my time here. I also understand life changes directions and sometimes you get called in other directions," Mayor Greg Paquin said.

Winston said it was "an honor being on the board" but commented it was time to pursue another endeavor.

"It's time for me to pass the torch.

But I appreciate everything you do on the board, Administrator (Monique) Chatland and everyone in town hall, all the departments, everyone that keeps everything running smoothly.

Trustee Shelyn Peets also took part in her final meeting as a trustee after she opted to not seek election for the seat that she was appointed to by Paquin last year.

"I will say, in my lifetime, I've made some bad decisions. I've made some good decisions but from my point of view appointing you was a great decision," Paquin said.

Peets joked that despite leaving her role as a trustee, they would all be seeing her at meetings as a resident and taxpayer.

Following his brief remarks, Paquin presented both with cards as a thank you for their service to the village.

In other action, trustees also unanimously approved the appointment of Nathaniel Bressard as a fire driver

and firefighter.

His appointment will be effective Dec. 11, 2024.

"I think Nate will be a nice addition. He's a Massena boy who played baseball for me, an outstanding pitcher, and I think he'll do a great job," Paquin said.

Fire Foreman Aaron Hardy echoed the sentiment, saying Bressard was one of the first individuals to participate in the fire department's job shadow program just before the COVID pandemic happened.

Trustees also unanimously approved the appointment of Greydenn Griffin as a motor equipment operator for the Department of Public Works.

DPW Superintendent Marty Miller said with the hiring of Griffin the department will finally be fully staffed.

"That's excellent, especially with winter six months away" Trustee Ken McGowan joked.

# Pair possessed stolen pistol

OGDENSBURG -- Two Ogdensburg residents have been charged with multiple felonies after city police determined they were in possession of a stolen pistol.

Sheldon Gilbert, 34, and Rachele Nickels, 40, were both charged with grand larceny 4th, criminal possession of stolen property 4th, criminal

possession of a firearm and criminal possession of a weapon 3rd.

Police say the charges come after an investigation into a stolen 9mm Glock, which was found Nov. 19.

Both were arraigned in City Court and remanded to county jail. No bail was set for Gilbert. Nickels was remanded on \$1,000 bail.

# Massena Central students fare well in 2023-24 state assessments

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

MASSENA — State assessments for school districts have been released and Massena Central School District has fared better than most districts in the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES region.

District officials recently announced the findings during the October school board of education meeting, comparing the district's numbers to a number of other local districts.

According to Nicole Charleson, district superintendent of instruction, students in grades three through eight who were considered proficient in English language arts were above the regional percentage.

Charleson said that students were scored at a level of one through four, with levels three and four considered proficient.

Aside from grade seven, students who took the math assessment exam were also above the regional percentage.

Students in grades five and eight who took the science assessment also surpassed the regional percentage.

Charleson briefed district members and the board of education regarding the district's performance compared to recent years, noting that almost all grades were higher than the regional average for proficiency in ELA, math and science.

Charleson said the scores should be celebrated, especially within a few key grades.

Charleson noted that grade six math was first in the region based on their scores and grade five ELA was ranked second.

In ELA, 153 students in grade three tested with 33.33% considered proficient compared to 32.54% for the region. In the previous year, 39% were considered proficient.

In grade four, 182 students tested with 39.01% consid-

ered proficient versus 36.69% for the region. As for last year, 45% were considered proficient.

In grade five, 186 students tested with a 50% proficiency rate compared to 39.16% for the region. Last year, 46% were considered proficient.

In grade six, 163 students tested with a 46.63% proficiency rating compared to 36.47% for the region. Last year, 44% of students were considered proficient.

In grade seven, 201 students tested with 50.25% being considered proficient, up from the 43.85% for the region. Last year, 51% of students were considered proficient.

In grade eight, 153 students tested with 52.29% rated as proficient compared to 46.20% across the region. Last year, just 37% were considered proficient.

In math, 152 students in grade three tested with 65.79% considered proficient compared to 45% for the region. Last year, 61% were considered proficient.

In grade 4, 183 students tested with 56.83% considered proficient compared to 52.84% in the region. Last year, 59% were considered proficient.

In grade five, 184 students tested with a 51.09% proficiency rate compared to 37.97% for the region. Last year, 59% of students were considered proficient.

In grade six, 163 students tested with 69.33% considered proficient compared to 43.94% for the region. Last year, 63% were considered proficient.

In grade seven, 198 students tested with 53.54% considered proficient compared to 58.64% of the region. Last year, 52% were considered proficient.

In grade eight, 122 students tested with 57.38% considered proficient versus just 48.70% of the region. Last year, 53% were proficient.

In science, only grades five and eight tested. In grade five, 182 students tested with 32.42% considered proficient compared to 31.95% in the region.

In grade eight, 126 students tested with 57.38% considered proficient compared to 38.79% of the region.

## Statewide burn ban still in effect

# St. Lawrence County on drought watch

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

After an incredibly dry summer St. Lawrence County has been placed under a drought watch by Governor Kathy Hochul.

While St. Lawrence County has been listed under the drought watch warning, 15 other counties in the Mid-Hudson region and New York City were also elevated to a drought warning and urged to conserve water when possible in the coming weeks.

State officials opted to elevate the 15 counties to a drought warning due to a shortage of rainfall and declining levels of streamflow and groundwater.

To protect water resources, homeowners in regions under the drought watch or drought warn-

ing are encouraged to voluntarily reduce water use and follow these tips:

- Reuse water collected in rain barrels, dehumidifiers or air conditioners to water plants.

- Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and sidewalks.

- Fix leaking pipes, fixtures, toilets, hoses and faucets.

- Wash only full loads of dishes and laundry.

- Take shorter showers or fill the bathtub partly.

- Install water saving plumbing fixtures.

- Don't run the tap to make water hot or cold.

- Wash cars less frequently.

For water wells that may be affected by drought, see the information and links below. Contact a registered water well contractor

to discuss appropriate options for your individual situation.

- Check that the well is dry due to drought and no other issues. Sometimes the solution is quite simple, like a broken valve or electrical issue. The only way to definitively tell if a well is dry is to measure the water level in the well.

- Conserve water year-round to help prevent the effects of drought on water wells.

- Consider adding a water storage tank to help get through dry periods.

- Clean or redevelop existing wells.

- Deepen existing wells or drill a new well. If drilling a new well, properly decommission the old well to protect groundwater quality.

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Notice is hereby given that a public hearing was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 6:00 PM, in the City Council Chambers, 330 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669, and the following were passed by the City Council, meeting in regular session on November 12, 2024:

**1)**

**Local Law #4 of 2024**

**§177-5 Rates for metered premises.**

The following rates for sewer rents are hereby fixed and established to every lot, parcel of land, building or other premises now or hereafter being charged at a metered rate for sewer service within the City of Ogdensburg, New York, effective the first billing date after January 1, 2025:

Meter Size (inches)	Water Allowed (gallons)	Minimum Quarterly Charge
5/8	16,300	\$141.75
3/4	21,800	\$189.25
1	32,700	\$283.50
1 1/4	43,600	\$377.50
1 1/2	54,500	\$472.25
2	109,000	\$944.00
3	163,600	\$1,415.50
4	218,100	\$1,887.75

\$8.86 per 1,000 gallons of water used

**§ 177-6 Flat rates within the corporation limits of the City.**

The following schedule of rates for sewer rents is hereby fixed and established for every lot, parcel of land, building or premises now or hereafter being charged at a flat rate for sewer service within the City of Ogdensburg, New York, effective the first billing date after January 1, 2025:

A. Single-family residence, per year:	\$567.
B. Multifamily residence for each family unit or each tenant, per year:	\$567.
C. Combination residential/commercial for each individual unit, per year:	\$567.
D. Apartment houses, for each individual unit:	\$567.
E. Rooming houses (private homes with additional rooms to rent or commercial rooming houses):	
1. Minimum annual rent:	\$567.
2. Additional rooms to hire (annual rent):	\$141.75

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**§ 215-39. Rates for metered service; meter reading, installation and repair.**

A. The following schedule of rates for metered water service is hereby fixed and established effective the first billing date after January 1, 2025, and upon filing with the Secretary of State:

Meter Size (inches)	Water Allowed (gallons)	Minimum Quarterly Rate
5/8	20,200	\$104.50
3/4	27,000	\$139.50
1	40,500	\$209.00
1 1/4	54,100	\$278.75
1 1/2	67,600	\$348.50
2	135,200	\$697.00
3	202,900	\$1,045.25
4	270,500	\$1,392.50

\$5.20 per 1,000 gallons of water used

B. Meters shall be read and billed monthly or quarterly at the discretion of the City.

C. Meters shall be installed and repaired by the City of Ogdensburg. The cost of such installation and repair for all meters is to be charged to the customer.

**§ 215-40. Flat-rate charges.**

The following schedule of rates for flat-rate service is hereby fixed and established effective the first billing date after January 1, 2025, and upon filing with the Secretary of State:

A. Single-family residence, per year:	\$418.00.
B. Multifamily residence for each family unit or each tenant, per year:	\$418.00.
C. Rooming houses (private homes with additional rooms to rent or commercial rooming houses):	
1. Minimum annual rent:	\$418.00.
2. Additional rooms to hire (annual rent):	\$104.50.
D. Commercial or office units in a commercial/residential mixed structure (where metering is determined impractical by the City Engineer), per commercial or office unit per year:	\$418.00.

**§ 215-41. Miscellaneous charges.**

The following schedule of rates is hereby fixed and established for the period effective the first billing after January 1, 2025, and upon filing with the Secretary of State:

Type	Rate
Fire protection for unoccupied metered or unmetered premises or where service is shut off and/or meter is removed by DPW employees. If this type of service is performed by other than DPW personnel, the property owner is not entitled to the fire protection rate.	\$209.00
Fire hydrant on private property	\$426.00
Swimming pools (filling of), per occasion	\$300.00
Circus (in advance), per day	\$140.00
Service disconnect or seal by the City, per occasion	\$ 60.00
Service reconnection by the City, per occasion	\$ 60.00
Water service turn on or off, per occasion regular work hours	\$ 60.00
Water service turn on or off, per occasion after work hours	\$210.00
Annual rooms to hire (annual rent)	\$105.00

Dated: November 13, 2024

Cathy A. Jock  
City Clerk

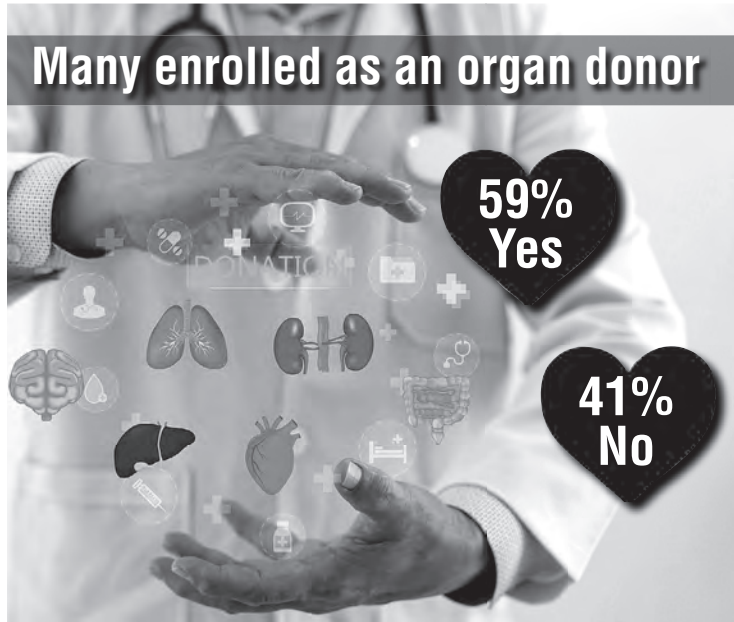




**Congress shall make no law** respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States

## NCNOW SURVEY



Debbie Morgan | NCTW

**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?

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:** How many of the following meats -- Venison, Turkey, Bear, Rabbit, Fish, Squirrel, or Waterfowl -- have you consumed from a harvest of wild game in St. Lawrence County?

**TO TAKE THE CURRENT SURVEY,** visit <https://bit.ly/3OB550F>

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Two steps forward, one step back

As an American, I cannot say I'm surprised a slight majority of my fellow Americans voted to elect a convicted felon and adjudicated sexual abuser four short years after his failed coup attempt.

I guess one way to stop him from once again trying to overturn an election he loses is by voting to make sure he doesn't lose again.

I know American history. Two steps forward, one step back. After defeating the traitors in the Civil War and freeing the slaves, we had a near century of Jim Crow backlash.

After passing the Civil Rights Act and Voting Rights Act, we had a quarter century of Nixon and Reagan and white flight and redlining and union busting and tax cuts for the rich.

After electing Barack Obama and giving millions of Americans health insurance through ObamaCare, millions of Americans (some who got ObamaCare!) petulantly rebelled at the idea of a Black President by electing, now twice(!), a golden toilet sitting, silver spooned, union busting, contractor stiffing plutocrat who spread the racist lie that Obama wasn't born in America.

But I'm not just American. I'm also Catholic. And I'm deeply disappointed in the American leadership of the Catholic Church.

In the weeks leading up to an election that would inevitably empower a wannabe autocrat campaigning on widespread ethnic cleansing of Latino Catholic migrants, Catholic dioceses around New York State, effectively embracing excommunicated Archbishop Vigano and defrocked priest Frank Pavone, focused on the pretend "threats" of boys playing girls sports and men using the women's bathroom.

Catholic prelates directed parish priests to condemn a New York State equal rights proposition that doesn't even mention the word "abortion," while adding in anti-trans bigotry that has no basis in Catholic teaching. Women are in far more danger from a man like Donald Trump who openly brags about grabbing them in places family newspapers won't print than they are from a transgender woman using the adjoining restroom stall.

If the GOP nominee were a nice Mormon family man like Mitt Romney or a war hero like John McCain, then, sure, pro-life preach away! But what if the ostensibly pro-life candidate is Hitler?

Or, excuse me, a man who wishes he had generals like Hitler's? Do Catholics have to vote for the "pro-life" Mussolini of Mar-A-Lago when he says Latino Catholic migrants are eating cats and dogs and poisoning the blood of our country?

Sean Pidgeon  
Morristown

### Letter to Editor misses the mark

While I can certainly relate, and even concur, with Ms. Denise Shumway's lament, that "America lost on Election Day" (posed Nov. 19 on NorthCountryNow.com) I would respectfully submit that I think that her diagnosis as to why and how it happened, that it was because "so many Americans are blinded by his (ie: Trump's) lies, blinded by hate", misses the mark.

I'm a fairly well-read person, but I am not familiar with any peer-reviewed work on the topic of persuasion, in which referring to one's candidate choice as "Satan", was a demonstrably proven meth-

od of winning over someone's heart and mind.

Perhaps Joe Biden should have never sought a second term in the first place, and kept his promise to be a "transitional" President. Perhaps his handlers should never have permitted him to attempt that debate.

I happen to like, admire and appreciate Joe Biden, but anyone who has ever had grandparents or elderly parents knows exactly what they were witnessing that night. Perhaps when he did finally drop out of the race, the DNC should have held an open primary and convention to allow for the best, vetted, candidate to rise to the top, regardless of who that candidate turned out to be, rather than anointing one.

Perhaps the Harris campaign should have opted out of running that one ad targeted at women voters that portended, "It's Okay to not tell your husband who you voted for". I'm not familiar with any women, conservative or otherwise, who are particularly well-responsive to being spoken down to. Perhaps the DNC platform and candidates should have pushed back more against some of the more woke/DEI activism and agendas within its own ranks.

My point being, if during at any time during my own life I ever ended up on the losing end of a contest, if I wished to compete again, it was not only advisable, but necessary, to look deeply within and ascertain what it was exactly that I did incorrectly the last time around. I'm not going to blame the referee (ie: the Voters in this analogy).

I sincerely hope that the Democratic Leadership does so, rather than behaving in an elitist fashion, because we do need a healthy Democratic Party in this country.

If you really want to know the reason why the Trump campaign prevailed, it's because the majority of hurting voters felt at least that they were being listened to, rather than being spoken down to. You can hate Trump, fair enough...more than fair, but you cannot hate all of his supporters and voters. It's literally half the country, and they are not going to self-deport.

Leland Farnsworth  
Massena

## Don't blame goldenrods for hay fever

BY PAUL HETZLER

Please don't blame late-season allergies on goldenrod. Well, not unless you've discovered bees going up your nose lately. It turns out that pollen from goldenrod, which is in glorious bloom throughout the region right now, is too heavy to waft on the wind. These plants rely on bees and other pollinators to convey their sticky pollen grains from one flower to another, which is why goldenrods don't cause hay fever, even if they wanted to.

While most plants respond to the longer nights of late summer by winding down their business for the season, goldenrod is a "short-day" plant. It actually needs dwindling daylight to remind it to bloom. A perennial in the aster family, it is widespread across North America. And diverse as well: continent-wide, we have something like 130 species of goldenrod in the genus *Solidago*. They transplant easily, and add a splash of color to the landscape when other plants are fading away. Goldenrods tend to spread out, however, and will need some discipline from time to time.

As one of the most plentiful posies of late summer and early fall, this native wildflower is a vital source of nectar and pollen for myriad bee species. Sadly, goldenrod's showy yellow blooms are in full view along roadsides and in meadows and pastures at the same time that an intense wave of seasonal hay fever typically begins. This "wrong place, wrong time" coincidence has given it a black eye (though not a black-eyed Susan) among allergy sufferers.

It's understandable that goldenrod has been blamed for the red itchy eyes, sinus congestion, sneezing, and general histamine-soaked misery that many folks experience this time of year. But goldenrod

### The Meandering Naturalist

can't be guilty because its pollen weighs too much. That's a relative statement, I suppose, since it's light enough for bees to cart away loads of it. But compared to other kinds of pollen, it's downright chunky. It isn't that goldenrod pollen is not capable of eliciting an allergic response; it's just that to do so, something — a bee, for instance — would have to deliver it to your nasal passages.

So, who is really to blame for the spike in late-summer allergies? The culprit is goldenrod's evil cousin, ragweed. Like goldenrod, ragweed is also a native plant in the aster family, although beyond that, it's not at all like its golden kin. The pollen that flies on the breeze and makes you sneeze, the stuff that stuffs you up — is courtesy of ragweed. Unattractive and ill-mannered, ragweed is like that obnoxious uncle you don't want sitting next to you at Thanksgiving dinner.

Sadly, you can't sit far enough away from ragweed. Its pollen is so wispy, it stays airborne for days on end until a rain event wipes the slate clean for a while. In fact, clouds of it have been detected in the air as far as 400 miles out to sea. And ragweed churns out this talcum-fine pollen like there's no tomorrow: a single plant will make more than a billion individual grains. When a tall, beefy ragweed plant sheds pollen, it can seem like someone just shook out an invisible vacuum-cleaner bag; it's that thick.

One reason we don't accuse ragweed of inflaming our nasal mucosa is that its flowers look

nothing like proper posies. They are a dull, drab green, blending in perfectly with the rest of the plant. It's as if ragweed makes a point of flying under our radar so that its eye-catching but inoffensive cousin the goldenrod will take the rap for its misdeeds.

The reason ragweed flowers are so generic and easy to overlook is because they're wind-pollinated. They don't need to advertise themselves with bright colors, sweet smells, and sugary nectar. Insect-pollinated plants have to bribe bees, butterflies and other pollen-couriers with flashy hues and bon-bons. It's a very efficient scheme, but takes a lot of energy.

Wind-pollinated plants figured out they don't have to do anything to attract the wind, so they kick back and avoid the expense of putting on a show. The downside is that the wind is not good at getting pollen to the exact right place. Since nearly all ragweed pollen goes where it shouldn't, including up our noses, ragweed plants need to make tons more of it.

Most ragweed species — there are about 50 of them — are annual self-seeders. That means they die each fall, but new plants sprout in the spring from the copious seeds produced each fall.

Ragweed will continue to crank out allergens until the first hard frost, so let's hope we don't have an exceptionally long season this year. Please help spread the word that goldenrod rules, and spare it false accusations.

If you ever do find bees in your schnozz, I urge you to seek medical — or maybe entomological — help right away.

Paul Hetzler writes about nature for *The Saturday Evening Post*, and is careful not to snort bees. His three books of nature essays can be found on amazon.

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## WellNow Urgent Care Centers, Excellus strike new contract to rejoin network

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- WellNow Urgent Care Centers and Excels Blue Cross Blue Shield have struck a deal for WellNow to rejoin the Excellus BCBS network nearly a year after the two sides split over reimbursement rates.

The new deal became effective Nov. 15, meaning North Country residents with Excellus BCBS insurance will once again be able to utilize their insurance plans at the clinics.

WellNow serves the North Country with clinics in Massena and Ogdensburg.

"Ensuring convenient access to quality care, particularly in areas where healthcare options are limited, is our primary goal," Sam Meites, president of WellNow Urgent Care, said in a press release.

"We appreciate the urgency and partnership that Excellus BCBS brought to our good-faith negotiations so that, together, we can continue focusing on serving our patients and the community in New York."

The news of a contract comes as welcome relief to residents who have been forced to seek care elsewhere or pay out of pocket when seeking treatment at WellNow clinics.

The two locations are said to have provided a crucial service to the communities as area hospitals continue to reduce services and endure financial hardships.

Meites previously said the company made the "difficult decision" to notify BCBS in September 2023 of the pending decision to potentially end the partnership.

In response, Excellus BCBS officials said the move to up reimbursement rates 60% would be tantamount to "preferential treatment" for the clinics.

That separation came to fruition on Jan. 1 when WellNow reps say they could not come to an agreement on what a "reasonable rate" would be.

"Unfortunately, the rates we receive from Excellus BCBS for the care provided to their members have been flat for the past decade. At the same time, over the past five years, Excellus BCBS has continued to drive average rate increases to their members of more than 8 percent every year, generating more than \$130 million in profits a year. It's a simple equation: charge you more, pay your WellNow providers the same or less, boost profits for the insurance company," Meites previously wrote in an October letter to

WellNow patients.

At the time, Meites said the rate of reimbursement was not sustainable for WellNow Clinics, which would potentially lead to the closure of clinics in a number of communities throughout the state.

No specific locations were mentioned in the letter.

In a separate link provided by Meites in October, WellNow detailed Excellus BCBS's financial status, saying that since 2017 Excellus has profited around \$130 million per year.

The page also stated that Excellus' CEO salary has averaged more than \$3 million annually.

Since 2017, the state of New York has approved an average rate increase to Excellus' patients of more than 8% per year, according to Well-Now officials.

"The 2,500 healthcare professionals at our 75 WellNow Urgent Care sites in the state of New York have worked tirelessly to provide high quality, convenient care to our patients in communities across the state," Meites previously said.

Meites went on further, saying the essential care provided by WellNow is needed for patients that are seen "seven days a week for up to 16 hours per day."

## SeaComm employees support hurricane relief

MASSENA — SeaComm employees recently raised \$1,545 to be used to provide the American Red Cross aid for those impacted by recent hurricanes Helene and Milton. SeaComm matched that amount for a total contribution of \$3,090.

"SeaComm employees are always willing to support those in need. Hurricane relief efforts through the

American Red Cross for Helene and Milton are no exception. I am very proud of what all of our employees are willing to do to assist those who encounter tragedy and need financial support to get through this unimaginable, difficult time," said Scott A. Wilson, President & Chief Executive Officer of SeaComm. "We are pleased to partner with the American Red Cross and assist

them in their critical work."

SeaComm is a member-owned financial cooperative headquartered in Massena with over 55,180 members and assets exceeding \$787 million.

The credit union nine has branches in Massena, Potsdam, Malone, Canton, Ogdensburg, Plattsburgh, South Burlington, Essex, and Watertown.

## SUNY Canton student immersed in paid internship program

CANTON — Alondra Maldonado is a first-generation immigrant from Guadalajara in Jalisco, Mexico, who is working as a SUNY Canton Presidential Intern at the St. Lawrence County Center for History and Culture in Canton.

"It's been an extremely nourishing, impactful, and inspiring experience," she said. "I've been able to see how non-profits run at a closer level."

Maldonado said she's developed an appreciation of the historical and local importance of museums. Over the summer, she helped sort and catalog the Center's textile collection, assisted with outreach, and helped prepare exhibits. "My personal favorite has been learning about the collections," she said.

The Legal Studies major selected SUNY Canton for the college's 3+3 program with the University

at Buffalo School of Law. She is planning to complete the SUNY Canton portion of her education in 2027.

"I want to focus on immigration law," she said. "It is a very sensitive topic. I picked history as a minor to learn about the important historical context of law and government in this country."

Her favorite faculty member is Stephanie Petkovsek, a senior lecturer who teaches history in the college's School of Business and Liberal Arts.

Maldonado is one of several students who assist North Country non-profit organizations through paid internships. The college received funding from SUNY to expand its on-campus program to benefit the community.

She resides in Canton and her family is from Ogdensburg.

## Massena Chiropractor new Rotary Club member

MASSENA — Lucas T. VanAcker, DC is the newest member of the Massena Rotary Club.

Dr. VanAcker has owned VanAcker Chiropractic, PC in Massena for nearly 5 years. Previously he was in practice for five years in his hometown before moving to the North Country.

Dr. VanAcker helps people manage their spinal conditions without drugs or surgery. He commonly treats arthritis, disc injuries, previous surgeries, stenosis and other chronic conditions. He also enjoys

getting athletes back in the game and working to optimize their performance.

When he's not working Dr. VanAcker enjoys spending time with his young family. He most enjoys the fall season for the deer hunting, harvest and start of football season. He went to St John Fisher University in Rochester where he met his wife Meghan. He later graduated from Northeast College of Health Sciences in Seneca Falls.

## CPH Guild Gift Shop to reopen in newly designed hospital space

POTSDAM -- The Canton-Potsdam Hospital Guild Gift Shop will reopen Monday, Dec. 2, at 10 a.m. with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and refreshments.

Guild members and hospital representatives will be on hand and attendees will be able to enter to win a door prize that will be announced on Friday, Dec. 6.

The shop will operate in a newly designed space just inside the main entrance to the hospital, offering a wide variety of items.

Store hours will be Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5

p.m. The Guild's volunteer sales and management team are excited to assist shoppers.

The Gift Shop, which has been closed since the Pandemic began, first opened 72 years ago in the Spring of 1952.

The Shop serves as one of the Guild's largest fundraisers, contributing over \$254,000 from 2007-2018 in support of the programs such as fulfilling the Guild's \$150,000 pledge to the hospital, four nursing scholarships and maintenance of the butterfly garden.

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In observance of **Thanksgiving Day**, garbage and recyclables **WILL NOT** be collected on **Thursday, Nov. 28.**

The area normally collected on Thursday will be picked up on **Wednesday, November 27.**

All other days will remain the same.





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The St. Lawrence Federal Credit Union hosted Fobare's food truck at their Commerce Park branch in Ogdensburg to celebrate 70 years.

## St. Lawrence Federal Credit Union notes 70th year in business

OGDENSBURG – St. Lawrence Federal Credit Union (SLFCU) has reached a rich milestone celebrating its 70th year of business in St. Lawrence County.

“We are grateful to have reached our 70th Anniversary. From our humble beginnings in 1954 to becoming a trusted financial partner for thousands of members across multiple counties, our story is one of growth, resilience, and a steadfast commitment to our community. We started as one branch at the St. Lawrence State Hospital and have now expanded to six branches throughout St. Lawrence County,” stated Amber Taylor, CEO and President and on behalf of the Board of Directors.

There are two SLFCU branches in Ogdensburg and one each in Canton, Potsdam, Heuvelton, and Hermon.

SLFCU held a celebration the week of November 10, stopping by a random selection of schools to deliver winter essentials for children in need. On Wednesday, Nov. 13, they sponsored a food truck with a free lunch, cupcakes, snacks, and raffles for the membership.

“We see this milestone as not just a reflection of our credit union’s longevity, but a testament to the values that define us: people helping people. Over the past seven decades, we have weathered economic challenges, embraced technological advancements, and expanded our reach, all while keeping the needs of our members at the heart of everything we do,” Taylor added.

In a press release, Taylor issued praise to SLFCU’s membership and employees.

“To our members: you are the core of the credit union. Whether you’ve been with us for decades or joined us recently, your trust and loyalty have made this milestone possible. Thank you for choosing us for your financial needs and for allowing us to serve you.”

“We also have an outstanding team of employees who bring passion and dedication to their roles every day. The employees’ roles here go outside providing financial needs; it’s about fostering relationships, supporting our local communities, and helping our members achieve their aspirations.”

## Grant helps Massena man drive a tractor-trailer

CANTON – Massena’s O’Dougherty “Odie” Cunningham is not a traditional SUNY Canton student. Instead of a classroom and lab environment, most of his education takes place behind the wheel of one of the college’s tractor-trailer trucks.

The 22-year-old began driving for his family’s farm in Massena and realized he’d need a commercial driver’s license (CDL) to pursue future opportunities, like hauling livestock. He enrolled in the college’s CDL-A program to receive instruction from Ryan Harrigan.

“We have a 1961 Chevy dump truck that’s been at the farm for as long as I can remember,” Odie said. “I always heard my father and grandfather talking about upgrading the equipment over the years to have a more efficient farm.”

Cunningham received financial support from a Cornell Cooperative Extension grant for farms and the Industrial Development Authority’s American Rescue Plan Act funds, allowing him to attend the training.

“This program works with people who have a full-time job and other responsibilities,” he said. “It’s also very flexible and efficient for anyone who wants to acquire their CDL license.”

He said his learning experience so far has been enriching. His driving lessons have increased his knowledge of trucks and trailers, and he’s learned about road hazards that require extra attention.

“My next step will be to start looking at bigger trucks to equip the farm better and bring in more income,” Cunningham said.

# Corning in Canton builds giant mirror for Rubin Observatory in Chile

CORNING – Corning Incorporated and L3Harris Technologies announced in late summer the successful installation of a jointly-produced 11-foot-wide, 1,500-pound glass mirror onto NSF-DOE Vera C. Rubin Observatory in Chile.

The mirror, designed and produced in Canton, is the largest convex mirror now in operation.

The Rubin Observatory is one step closer to capturing images of outer space that will allow scientists to identify 10 to 100 times more objects in the solar system, including harmful asteroids.

It will also provide scientists with data that could answer some of the most pressing questions about the universe.

“Corning is proud of its nearly 20-year collaboration with the L3Harris and Rubin Observatory team,” said Claude Echahamian, Vice President & General Manager, Corning Advanced Optics. “As part of our latest collaboration, Corning’s highly skilled team in New York manufactured a cutting-edge telescope mirror made of Corning® ULE® Glass (Ultra-Low Expansion Glass) glass that will enable crystal clear views of deep space and help scientists reveal millions of previously unknown Solar System objects with more details than ever before.”

Corning produced the mirror in Canton using ULE glass, a titanium-silicate glass material invented by Corning in the 1960s with near-zero expansion characteristics – critical to ensuring the telescope keeps its focus. The company tapped into a century of experience in large-aperture telescope fabrication to create the complex, innovative technology.

Then, L3Harris fine-ground, polished and finished the mirror in Rochester, which is key to the telescope’s performance.

L3Harris also designed and built the secondary-mirror assembly, which consists of a stiff-steel mounting plate, 72 axial and six tangent actuators, the mirror-cell electronics and sensors, a thermal control system, and the mirror-control system.

The collaboration between Corning and L3Harris is the latest feat for New York’s cutting-edge optics,

photonics, and imaging industry – putting New York technology on the global stage.

“For nearly six decades we have designed and constructed high-end optical systems for space and ground applications. This work continues with the world’s largest active secondary mirror system, built for

Rubin Observatory,” said Charles Clarkson, Vice President and General Manager, Imaging Systems, Space and Airborne Systems, L3Harris.

“With this milestone, we are closer to pushing scientific frontiers and charting the universe like never before, and we look forward to the science that will be discovered.”

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8. Iraq.
9. Lungs.
10. Chickpeas.

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# WHAT'S GOING ON

## SATURDAY, NOV. 23

### Holiday craft show

**OGDENSBURG** — The annual Holiday Craft Show, with 100 vendors expected, w/Kennedy School, Park Street, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available. Shop for homemade items, food, toys, crafts, ornaments and more. The \$5 admission donation will benefit the Ogdensburg International Seaway Festival.

### 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

**OGDENSBURG** -- Public skating is being held at Lockwood Arena Nov. 23 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$2. Skate rentals are \$3.

### Santa parade, fireworks

**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.

### 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

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### Small Town Rambler

**MASSENA** -- The Massena Senior Citizens will present Small Town Rambler Band Saturday, Nov. 23 from 5-9 p.m. \$5 cover charge. Kitchen will be open 4:30 until 7 p.m.

## SUNDAY, NOV. 24

### Candlelight Concert

**POTSDAM** -- Nearly 300 student and faculty musicians from SUNY Potsdam's Crane School of Music will kick off the holiday season on Sunday, Nov. 24, with the 2024 Crane Candlelight Concert. Favorite melodies from holiday films and television specials, alongside classic hymns and works, for a nostalgic and festive performance. Public invited to this free family-friendly event. The performance will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 24, in the Helen M. Hosmer Concert Hall, and will also stream live online. A reception will follow in the Hosmer Lobby.

### Northern Blend Chorus

**HEUVELTON** -- Northern New York's premiere female-identifying a cappella group, Northern Blend Chorus, will perform at Pickens Hall on Nov. 24 at 2 p.m. Members range in age from teens to 80's. They sing songs from various genres including 50's, gospel, pop, and classic barbershop. Cost is \$15.

### Trillium String Trio

**WADDINGTON** -- The Waddington Historical Association's final concert of 2024 on Sunday, Nov. 24 from 2-3:30 p.m. will feature the Trillium String Trio. They will fill the St. Paul's Village Venue on Lincoln Avenue in Waddington with sounds of the season in the form of light classical, pop and traditional music. This free concert is open to all ages. The Concert Series is dedicated to the memory of Kathy Hubbard, former MWCS music teacher.

### Turkey dinner

**LAWRENCEVILLE** -- A turkey dinner will be held Sunday, Nov. 24, from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at the Lawrenceville Fire Station, 1081 County Route 54. Cost is \$15

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## WEDS., NOV. 27

### Free Thanksgiving dinner

**MASSENA** -- The Massena First United Methodist Church, 189 Main St., will host a free Thanksgiving dinner on Wednesday, Nov. 27, from 3-6 p.m. The take-out only dinner will include turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, squash, cranberry sauce, roll and pumpkin pie. Call 315-769-8036 to pre-order. Let volunteers know if you have a food allergy.

## THURS., NOV. 28

### Community Thanksgiving

**MORRISTOWN** -- The 15th annual "Morristown Gives Back" Community Thanksgiving Dinner (sponsored by the Morristown Vol. Fire Dept.) will be held Nov. 28. Every is welcome. Social hour 12-1 p.m., dinner at 1. Pick-up if you are not comfortable eating with everyone. Donations of non-perishable food accepted to benefit the Hammond/Morristown/Brier Hill Food Pantry.

### Free Thanksgiving meal

**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.

## FRIDAY, NOV. 29

### KC Karaoke

**HEUVELTON** - Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St., will host KC Karaoke on Nov. 29, from 6-9 p.m. No cover charge. 7 p.m. Queen of Hearts drawing.

## SATURDAY, NOV. 30

### Bob Ross paint class

**NORWOOD** -- A Paint Just Like Bob Ross class will be held Saturday, Nov. 30 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Norwood Municipal Building with certified Bob Ross instruc-

tor Aaron William Markel. All supplies included. Fee is \$65. Call 315-514-5616 to reserve a spot.

### Dawn Snyder jamboree

**MASSENA** -- There will be a jamboree of 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.

### Kidpreneurs Marketplace

**POTSDAM** - The Potsdam Chamber of Commerce is once again hosting an opportunity for children to earn their own Christmas spending money, and buy gifts from others. Kids ages 5-15 are invited to participate in Potsdam's second Kidpreneurs Marketplace: Jingle & Mingle Holiday Event on Saturday, Nov. 30 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at 29 Market St. Hosted by Second Glance, Consignment and Boutique Store and supported by the Potsdam Chamber of Commerce. Info: britt@secondglancenny.com

### Public skating

**OGDENSBURG** -- Public skating is being held at Lockwood Arena Nov. 30 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Entry fee is \$2. Skate rentals are \$3.

### Small Business Saturday

**POTSDAM** -- SLC Arts will host a Small Business Saturday event at Creative Spirit Community Arts Center, 6-8 Raymond St. from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Early Bird Shopping from 9-11 a.m. with a 20 percent off discount. A discount of 15% will be offered for the rest of the day. Local artists' works will be available. Scheduled are: 10-12 wooden ornaments with Katie Schuler; 12-2 music lunch hour with Andrew Lamora; all day for \$5 print making gift tags, bows, and bags; art demo and community canvas experience.

### Tango lesson, dancing

**CANTON** - The Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton, 3 1/2 E. Main St., will host a tango lesson and dancing Saturday, Nov. 30, 6-7:30 p.m., as part of the organization's effort to create social bonds and community connections.

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## Massena swimmer breaking records

On 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.

# Catholic Charities kicks off holiday season with expanded 'Thanksgiving Meals of Love'

OGDENSBURG — Catholic Charities will continue its Thanksgiving tradition with an expanded "Thanksgiving Meals of Love" event, supporting families in need across two locations over three days.

This year, the event features a special day devoted to honoring veterans and extends for the first time to Massena, making it possible for even more community members to participate in the spirit of Thanksgiving, said organizers.

The "Thanksgiving Meals of Love" event schedule is as follows:

- Nov. 25 (Veterans Only) – CC Outreach Center, 214 Morris St., Ogdensburg,
- Nov. 26 – Trinity School Parking Lot, 188 Main St., Massena,
- Nov. 27 – CC Outreach Center Parking Lot, 214 Morris St., Ogdensburg,

Each event will run from 11 a.m. until supplies last.

Families are encouraged to reserve their spot by signing up online at <https://bit.ly/48zx5KU> to ensure enough meal kits are prepared for all attendees.

For Catholic Charities' Interim CEO and Executive Director, Johanna Cubi, this project is more than just an event—it's a dream come true.

"Launching 'Thanksgiving Meals of Love' two years ago was such a fulfilling moment for me. Bringing it back this year, especially in the midst of all the financial challenges people are facing, has been a deep commitment," she said. "This project is so close to my heart, not only because of the impact it has but because it's a way for us to show our community that they matter, and they're not alone."

Cubi's dedication to this event

stems from a lifelong commitment to serving others and a genuine belief in the power of community support.

"As a working mother, I understand how hard this year has been for so many families just trying to stay afloat. At Catholic Charities, we believe in the importance of traditions and the joy they bring, especially when times are tough. Giving back in this way allows families to create lasting memories, gather around the table, and find warmth and hope, even in difficult times," she said.

Catholic Charities invites the community to attend the "Thanksgiving Meals of Love" events.

For more information, visit Catholic Charities social media pages/platforms: <https://www.facebook.com/cathcharitiesnoco/> and <https://www.instagram.com/cathcharitiesnoco/>.

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French tutor needed for a pair of 13 year old beginners for an hour or two weekly, preferably weekend, possibly school night. Potsdam or Canton areas. Compensation negotiable. Please text or call (732)606-5724.

College Association, Inc. at SUNY Canton has the following position open for the Spring 2025 academic semester: Facilities Associate-Under the supervision of the Facilities & Operations Manager/Supervisor, the Facilities Associate uses established work procedures, performing all tasks related to the operation of Chaney Dining Center and the Retail Food operations as assigned. Maintains cleanliness and sanitary conditions including but not limited to main dining hall, all retail dining and concession locations on campus, and residential laundry rooms. Receives and stocks daily deliveries from outside vendors and operates forklift and large cube trucks. Hours for this position are Tuesday-Friday 2:30pm-10:00pm, Saturday 12noon-10:00pm. This is a full-time seasonal position based on the academic year and includes a generous benefits package. Starting pay is \$15.00 per hour. Send resumes to Nichole Todd, Human Resources Representative, College Association, Inc. SUNY Canton, 34 Cornell Drive, Canton, NY 13617 or at [oshea109@canton.edu](mailto:oshea109@canton.edu). College Association, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All offers of employment are subject to the applicant successfully passing a background (including criminal records) check.

**REPORTER-EDITOR** North Country This Week and NorthCountryNow.com will soon be hiring a full-time Reporter/Editor to cover local government, handle general assignment stories and edit a large volume of press releases. Other duties may include website updating, processing photos, and page layout. Ability to write accurately and quickly required, along with excellent typing, spelling and grammar skills. Familiarity with word processing programs, e-mail and web browsers necessary. Knowledge of St. Lawrence County, ability to effectively interact with a variety of people, and familiarity with news writing style helpful. Experience preferred but we will train the right person. The job will be 37.5 to 40 hours per week Monday through Friday, with flexible hours, mostly between 7:30 am and 6 pm, along with an average of one evening assignment weekly. Occasional weekend hours]. Benefits include company-paid dental and vision insurance, choice of Blue Cross-Blue Shield Health Insurance plans, 401k-type retirement program with company match (Simple IRA), paid vacation and personal days, and enhanced disability insurance. Pay is \$20 to \$24 per hour, depending on experience and ability, with opportunity for twice-yearly merit increases. This is an opportunity to work where every employee makes a significant contribution. To apply, visit our office at 4 Clarkson Ave., Potsdam between 9 am and 4 pm weekdays or e-mail letter of interest, resume and clips if

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**Registered Health Information Technician:** The Registered Health Information Technician will work collaboratively with department staff to perform Registered Health Information Administrator/Technician related functions under the supervision of the Director of Health Services. Technicians will need to be familiar with or be able to learn, EHR computer software, follow EHR security and privacy practices, and analyze electronic data to improve healthcare information as more health care providers and hospitals adopt EHR systems. Status: Full-time, Non-exempt, Permanent Salary: \$15.02 - \$31.68 Deadline: December 4, 2024. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: [www.srmt-nsn.gov](http://www.srmt-nsn.gov)

**HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL** is accepting applications for a full-time CSE/Guidance Secretary. Applications are available at <http://www.hdcsk12.org> or at HDCS. Please send letter of interest, application, resume, and letters of recommendation to: Megan Foster-Trim, Superintendent, Hermon-DeKalb Central School District, 709 East DeKalb Road, DeKalb Junction, NY 13630. The Hermon-DeKalb Central School District offers employment and educational opportunities without regard to sex, race, color, national origin, or handicap. Appli-

cation deadline is December 2, 2024. **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Either: (A) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with an Associate's Degree in Secretarial Science or related field and one (1) year of clerical experience which involved typing or keyboarding primarily for word processing; OR (B) Graduation from high school, possession of a high school equivalency diploma or possession of an Individual Education Plan diploma and three (3) years of experience as stated in (A) above. This is a provisional appointment. The successful applicant will need to take a civil service examination and score within the top three interested candidates in order to be permanently appointed. **EOE**

The Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam is accepting on-line applications for a half-time Assistant Audio and Video Engineer to assist with production of rehearsals and events at the Crane School. The Assistant Audio and Video Engineer will work in coordination with the Crane Audio/Video Engineer. Primary duties include: sound-reinforcement mixing for rehearsals and performance; supporting performances of music with electronic elements and amplified instruments; assisting with video projection and screens in rehearsals, performances, and events; assist with setup and maintenance of audio and audio-visual systems in Crane facilities; and supervision of the recording of student-recitals. For full detail, including required and preferred qualifications, and to apply please visit <https://employment.potsdam.edu/postings/5255>. Review of materials will begin on December 9, 2024 and continue until the position is filled.

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Registered Nurse: Provide discharge planning for community residents and provide skilled nursing in the community through home visits, telephone consultations, and case management. Status: Non-Exempt, Full-Time Salary: \$27.29-\$41.03 Deadline: December 25, 2024. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: [www.srmt-nsn.gov](http://www.srmt-nsn.gov)

Home Health Aide: Under the supervision of the home health care supervisor, the home health aide is responsible for providing personal care, housekeeping, range-of-motion exercise, and companionship to patients in their homes in accordance with an established care plan. Status: Full-time, Non-exempt Salary: \$15.02 - \$19.26 Deadline: Open Until Filled. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: [www.srmt-nsn.gov](http://www.srmt-nsn.gov)

Laboratory Technician: Under the direction of the Laboratory Supervisor, the Laboratory Technician is responsible for performing a wide variety of laboratory procedures on blood and other body fluids in chemistry, hematology, microbiology, urinalysis, and clinical microscopy to obtain data for the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of disease. Status: Non-Exempt, Full-Time, Permanent. Salary: \$16.92 - \$46.70 Deadline: November 27, 2024. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: [www.srmt-nsn.gov](http://www.srmt-nsn.gov)

Part-Time Security Guard: Under the direction of the Community Advocacy Program Lead Security Guard, the Security Guard is responsible for maintaining a safe and secure environment for the Three Sisters Safe Home Residents and staff by patrolling and monitoring the building premises and grounds. Status: Part-Time, Non-exempt Salary: \$15.02 - \$21.71. Deadline: November 27, 2024. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: [www.srmt-nsn.gov](http://www.srmt-nsn.gov)

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## ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

### Administrative Assistant II Donor Relations Department

St. Lawrence University invites applications for a 12-Month, **Administrative Assistant II** position.

The salary range is \$18.84-\$25.94/hr.

To view the complete position description, including minimum qualifications required, as well as application instructions please visit: <https://employment.stlawu.edu/postings/3910> or <https://employment.stlawu.edu/> for all positions available.

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### Brasher Falls Central School District (St Lawrence Central Schools)

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Please see our website ([www.bfcsd.org](http://www.bfcsd.org)) for further specifics and the application.

**Application deadline: December 2, 2024**



### City of Ogdensburg Employment Opportunity

#### Head Facility Maintenance Worker

The City of Ogdensburg is accepting applications for a full-time **Head Facility Maintenance Worker** position in the Ogdensburg Public Works Department. Starting salary is \$31.49 per hour, 40 hours per week. Applications will be accepted through **Friday, December 13, 2024 at 3:30pm.**

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** A) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with an Associate's Degree in building trades, electrical technology, heating and cooling technology or closely related field and one year of experience in building maintenance and repair work, including environmental control repair, electrical and/or mechanical work; OR B) Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and three years of experience as described in (A) above.

Civil Service applications are available at the Department of Public Works, City Clerk's Office at City Hall or at [www.ogdensburg.org](http://www.ogdensburg.org). Completed applications must be returned to the Department of Public Works, 901 Champlain Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669 by Friday, December 13, 2024 at 3:30pm.

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Full-Time Temporary Food Service Worker 1 SG-5 & Food Service Worker 2 SG-9: Ranger school Wanakena, NY. SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY-ESF) is seeking applications for Temporary Food Service Worker and Food Service Worker 2. For a complete job description and to apply please visit our website at: <https://www.esf.edu/hr/>. EOE/AA including Veterans and Disabled.

Ducharme Goldie & Adams P.C. is seeking a legal assistant in Canton, New York. Job Duties include but are not limited to, collections, answering phones, drafting documents, new client input/conflict checks, running errands, processing outgoing mail. Please send resumes to Human Resources at [info@dgalawny.com](mailto:info@dgalawny.com).

The SUNY Potsdam Audience Services Coordinator (a 10-month position), will join a dedicated team of professionals tasked with engaging the campus and community in a range of events throughout the year. This position is responsible for Community Performance Series events which include

a guest artist series, events for K-12 audiences, the LoKo Arts series and an annual Summer Musical. This will require coordination of student intern schedules and volunteer assignments; box office management, including gaining mastery of the ticketing platform; audience touchpoints in person, by phone, by email and through website as well as social media contact methods; and contributing to fundraising goals through annual giving initiatives. The successful candidate will bring exceptional interpersonal, organizational, and customer service skills along with professionalism and inclusiveness with the capability to manage multiple events, projects and deadlines. The ability to work nights and weekends, as needed, will be necessary. Bachelor's degree required. SUNY Potsdam alumni are encouraged to apply. Learn more by visiting <https://employment.potsdam.edu/postings/5263>

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## HEUVELTON Central School District has an opening for Clerk of the Works

The Heuvelton Central School District has an opening for Clerk of the Works/Resident Project Representative for a Capital Project. **The \$24.9 million Capital Project will cover approximately a 24-month period beginning on or about February, 2025.**

Applicants must be responsible for reviewing plans and specifications to ensure that all phases and divisions of construction comply with the contract documents. A detailed list of roles and responsibilities of the Clerk can be obtained by contacting the District Office.

Interested applicants should send a letter of interest, resume and letters of reference no later than December 2, 2024 to:

Ms. Tessa Herron, District Clerk  
Heuvelton Central School District  
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## ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

### Food Service Generalist Dining Services Department

St. Lawrence University invites applications for a Full-time (9 month), **Seasonal Food Service Generalist.**

The salary is \$15.00 - \$20.90/hr.

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### Staff Accountant

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48 Court Street, Canton, NY 13617

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**Madrid-Waddington  
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is accepting applications for



**Clerk of the Works**

The Madrid-Waddington Central School District has an opening for Clerk of the Works/Project Representative for a Capital Project. The \$15 million Capital Project will cover approximately a 20-month period beginning on or about January, 2025.

Applicants must be knowledgeable and experienced in the inspection of general building construction, roofing work, site work including drainage, turf, concrete, and asphalt, and mechanical and electrical systems. A detailed list of roles and responsibilities of the Clerk can be obtained by contacting the District Office.

Interested applicants should send a letter of interest, resume and letters of reference no later than **November 27, 2024** to:

**Eric Burke, Superintendent**  
Madrid-Waddington Central School  
PO Box 67, Madrid, NY 13660  
[eburke@mwcsk12.org](mailto:eburke@mwcsk12.org)

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**Cook**

**Dining & Conference Services Department**

St. Lawrence University invites applications for a **Full-time, Cook**.

The salary is \$17.05 - \$23.45/hr.

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**Small Business  
Development Center –  
Business Advisor**

**Department:** Small Business Development Center

**Salary Range:** \$52,000-\$55,000

The Small Business Development Center at SUNY Canton invites qualified candidates to apply for TWO full-time Business Advisor positions. These positions begin immediately.

**Required Qualifications:**

- Bachelors Degree in the area of business, management, finance, economics or related field.
- The position requires no less than one year's experience in a private sector business or related public technical assistance environment.

**Duties:**

The Business Advisor provides a comprehensive range of small business-based assistance including:

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

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Open until filled; application review begins immediately

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

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

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**Student Account and Chief Clerk**  
**Student Financial Services**

St. Lawrence University invites applications for a 12-Month, **Student Account Chief Clerk** position. The salary range is \$18.84-\$25.94/hr.

To view the complete position description, including minimum qualifications required, as well as application instructions please visit: <https://employment.stlawu.edu/postings/3917> or <https://employment.stlawu.edu/> for all positions available.

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- Ensure adherence to administrative processes, practices and operations so that a consistent standard of support is delivered.
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**EDUCATION, SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE PREFERRED:**

- Associate's Degree with 2+ years of relevant work experience
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The Town of Rossie is accepting applications to fill the position of **ASSESSOR**

Completed applications must be returned to Jennifer Gardner, Town Clerk, in person at the Rossie Town Barn, by mail at 908 County Route 3, Redwood, NY 13679 or by email at [clerk@rossieny.org](mailto:clerk@rossieny.org). Applications must be received by 5:00pm on November 26, 2024.

Please review the full job posting and minimum qualifications at [www.rossieny.org](http://www.rossieny.org)

Please contact Town Clerk Jennifer Gardner at [clerk@rossieny.org](mailto:clerk@rossieny.org) with questions.

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Submit letter of interest,  
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**60 Main Street, Canton, NY 13617**

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*North Country This Week* and *NorthCountryNow.com* will soon be hiring a full-time Reporter / Editor to cover local government, handle general assignment stories and edit a large volume of press releases. Other duties may include website updating, processing photos, and page layout.

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**For information,** call Jimmy at 315-265-1000, ext. 26.



**Ogdensburg City School District**

The Ogdensburg City School District is accepting applications for the following openings for the 2024-2025 school year:

- \***CERTIFIED ELEMENTARY SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER\***
- \***CERTIFIED SECONDARY SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER\***
- \***FULL-TIME CERTIFIED TEACHER for HOME TUTORING\***  
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**Opening for the 2025-2026 School Year**

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- Resume
- Copy of New York State Teaching Certificate(s)
- Original College Transcript(s)
- Letters of Reference (3 Current)
- **Application deadline is December 2, 2024**
- Failure to provide all requested materials will result in disqualification of the candidate's application

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**1100 State Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669**  
**[scharleston@ogdensburgk12.org](mailto:scharleston@ogdensburgk12.org)**  
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**Mary Legacy, Chateaugay Central School**  
**42 River Street, PO Box 904**  
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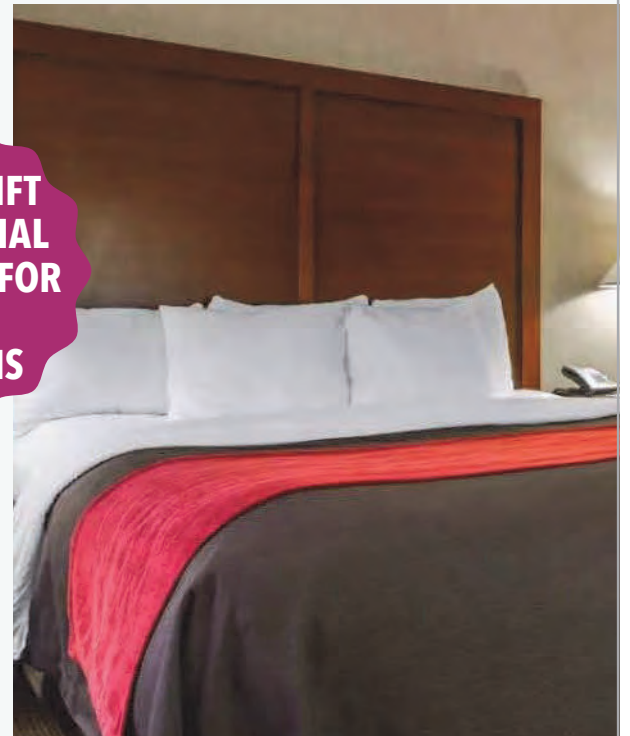
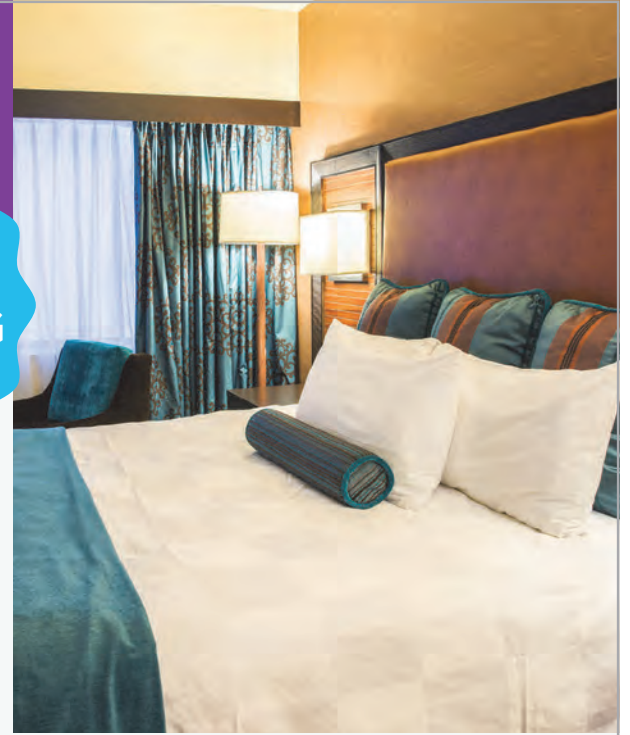
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Business office in Canton. 2 rooms. 650 sq.ft. Handcapped accessible. \$600/month includes heat, ac, trash, plowing, at 30 Court St. Available December. Call or text Ted 315-528-0304.

**LOTS & ACREAGE**

FOR SALE: (2) noncontiguous vacant lots approx. 120 acres each. Mixed with shrub-brush, wetland/marsh, scattered trees, and a small hay meadow in each lot. Both for \$170K. 315.265.8746.