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Gas company eyes major rate hike

Public Service Commission seeks comments from customers

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- St. Lawrence County natural gas and propane users may see a sharp hike in their bills, but not without approval from the Public Service Commission and a chance to comment.

Liberty Utilities is seeking permission to increase its gas rates, which could lead to an 11% increase for residential users.

A filing with the Public Service Commission (PSC) on Nov. 27 details the request for a \$2.174 million hike in annual gas revenues.

Liberty Utilities currently provides service to Brasher, Winthrop, Canton, Gouverneur, Heuvelton, Lisbon, Madrid, Massena, Norfolk, North Lawrence, Norwood, Ogdensburg, Potsdam and Waddington in St. Lawrence County. Services are also provided to Beaver Falls, New Bremen, Croghan, Chateaugay and Malone.

They say increased operating costs are driving the request.

But residents who utilize the service have an opportunity to weigh in with a public comment period.

The company's main office is in Massena, but they also have a satellite office in Ogdensburg.

**'I encourage all
residents using
natural gas
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opinion known
through the
public comment
period.'**

Greg Paquin
Massena Mayor

Village of Massena Mayor Greg Paquin said he hopes residents use the opportunity to speak up and voice their concerns.

"I encourage all residents using natural gas to make their opinion known through the public comment period," he said.

Just how big of an impact would the rate hike have? A residential customer using 81 therms per month would see an increase of 11.3%.

For commercial customers using 549 therms per month, they would see an increase of

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Shop with a cop

Ogdensburg Police Officers were among those who posed with Santa and others during the Shop with a Cop event recently. The 2nd Annual Shop With A Cop event gave 24 local children, as well as police officers, some extra holiday cheer.

City sticking with rescue squad

Agreement ensures city won't establish ambulance service in 2025

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG -- Ogdensburg Volunteer Rescue Squad will continue to provide service to the city through Dec. 31 2029, following an agreement approved Monday by city council.

The agreement bars the city from establishing an ambulance service for at least five years.

"The City recognizes that OVRs will provide transporting and emergency ambulance service in the City of Ogdensburg. OVRs will provide emergency ambulance services within the City of Ogdensburg for

injuries, illnesses, and other medical emergencies. The City will not establish an ambulance service for the duration of this agreement," the deal reads.

Few changes were made to the existing contract, under which the city will sponsor all Ogdensburg Volunteer Rescue Squad members for worker's compensation insurance.

It ensures that OVRs will provide emergency medical services to city and employees and retirees at the Medicaid rate as well.

In regard to billing the deal reads as follows.

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Liberty Utilities proposed rate hike would impact a large portion of St. Lawrence County residents.

Students want officer at school events after false stabbing report

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- Some students want a school resource officer at after school functions following the false report of a stabbing at a school dance in October.

That topic was broached during a recent junior high student council meeting, according to Isabel Beard, student ex-officio.

Beard works as a student liaison to the district's board of education.

Following false reports of a stabbing and beating during an October dance at the high school, a member of the junior high student council raised the idea of having the SRO at school functions.

Beard said the October Halloween dance was "a big debacle," prompting concern by students.

"One of the students recommended having the SRO at future dances so that both parents and students feel safe continuing to have dances at the junior high," she

said. Multiple social media posts alleged that a junior high student was stabbed and beaten, prompting school officials to issue a response.

"Last evening, school officials became aware of a social media post alleging that a Junior High School student was assaulted and stabbed. Some of those postings indicated that it happened during

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County's old jail has a new roof, but project came in \$250,000 over budget

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- St. Lawrence County's old jail has a new roof, but it cost about \$250,000 more than expected.

Work wrapped up recently on the former St. Lawrence County Sheriff's House and jail roof, drawing to a close a capital project that began in 2022.

County legislators approved a \$225,000 budget modification to finish paying for the project during the Dec. 2 full board meeting.

The facilities, which had been offline since 2009 when the current county jail opened, were in declining condition due to a lack of maintenance over the years.

Minimal work was undertaken until the capital project was established in 2022 when the county was in better fiscal shape, legislators said.

Since the closure of the facility,

continued roof damage due to the weather was exacerbated by antiquated radio equipment on the roof that allowed water penetration from above.

According to legislators, mortar joints of the stone walls of the structure had also been compromised and were in need of repointing, which also allowed for further water penetration.

Bids were solicited in 2022 for the roof replacement, equipment removal, repointing of the stone facade and removal of hazardous materials.

"The Buildings and Grounds Committee reviewed the progress of the Project and authorized additional work that included but was not limited to; inclusion of safety ladders for roof access, addressing the discovery of additional hazardous materials along the roofline, the replacement of the rotted framing and the porch roof, the replacement of the ceiling and floor of the porch area," county officials said.

The cost associated with those additions to the project have impacted the overall project cost, which was originally authorized at \$875,000.

The budget modification passed last week was for \$225,000 and came from a contingency account.

The approved work has been completed and Northern Tier Contracting Inc. "exceeded expectations with the quality of the work," officials said.

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NYPA relicensing approved by Massena trustees

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA - Village of Massena officials have signed off on a tentative agreement with the New York Power Authority, but not everyone was happy with the figures, including Mayor Greg Paquin.

At issue is a 10-year review of a relicensing agreement with NYPA officials.

Paquin reiterated to the attendees of the November board of trustees meeting that the agreement is merely reviewed every 10 years, not renegotiated.

"I realize not everyone, nobody was entirely happy with the original (agreement) some 20 years ago. But, people have to remember the language in that only allows for a review. It's not a renegotiation," Paquin said.

Despite a renewal that will net emergency response units a total of \$490,000 annually, Massena Rescue and Massena Fire will only receive \$8,000 each.

Trustee Ken McGowan said the \$8,000 for each department was not enough.

That funding is set aside to assist departments who respond to NYPA facilities in the instance an emergency occurs.

McGowan said that funding can be used up "with just one call."

"Their infrastructure out there is huge. If there's one incident, it's a big deal," he said.

McGowan said the additional infrastructure NYPA continues to install just adds to the concerns he, along with fire and rescue personnel, have voiced on multiple occasions.

"There's a lot more going on than just what's at the river. We really need to think, if we go out there for one call, seven or eight grand is gone," he said.

Paquin said the agreement does include a termination clause that would allow the village to opt out with 60 days notice, but noted it was his opinion it would be best to speak with NYPA leadership and address the village's concerns with the deal.

Former Mayor Jim Hidy took exception to the deal during the public comment period during the November board meeting, calling the agreement "a kick in the ass."

"We have \$22,000 annually from the Power Authority and they net out there \$1.3 million a day. This is ridiculous. If you compare what the western portion of the state gets compared to what we get, it's a kick in the ass, to put it bluntly. We have attorneys that walked away from the table and left us with empty pockets," he said.

Paquin agreed it was a bad deal.

"This is one of the few times you and I agree," Paquin said.

As for the other terms of the deals, \$1.5 million would be designated for energy efficiency projects over the next 10 years, with \$2.75 million to be utilized for shoreline stabilization.

The Louisville River Course would also potentially receive \$750,000 for those efforts under the estimate, however that is not a guarantee," Paquin said.

High flow payments are estimated at \$7.158 million, something that remains unchanged from the 50-year agreement, Paquin said.

"That's the same formula. They didn't change the high flow rate," Paquin said.

As for recreational activities, \$1.6 million would be put aside for them, along with a \$5 million Recreational Improvement Fund for a multi-use recreational trail that would run from Waddington to Barnhart Island.

An additional \$200,000 would be made available for marketing, Paquin said.

Electric vehicle chargers would also be part of the agreement, something Paquin wants the village to decide on as soon as possible.

"That's a conversation we need to have, if we really want those electric vehicle chargers because they're an expense, and the amount that people pay to use those doesn't necessarily cover it. But let's do some more research on that," he said.

But the Local Government Task Force doesn't just include the village and town of Massena. It also includes the town of Louisville, the town and village of Waddington, as well as St. Lawrence County, Madrid-Waddington and Massena Central school districts.

Massena Central school officials already opted out of the electric vehicle chargers, Superintendent Ron Burke recently said.

Board President Paul Haggett commented that only a few items would likely benefit the district, in particular the recreational funding.

Town of Massena officials adopted the agreement without comment during the November board meeting.



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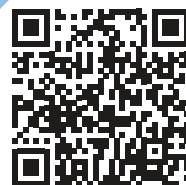
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Orin B. (Bee) Thomas, 88

Colton



Orin Thomas

66 years, Bonnie J. (LaLone), son Torey (and wife Melanie), both of Colton, grandsons Ryan (Amanda), Parishville, Nathan (Lana), Sharon, PA, and Jeremy (Chelsea), Hopkinton, his beloved great-grandchildren Reece, Annabelle, Adelaide, Lucy, Scarlett, Evangeline, Seth, Lucas, Kylie and Mia.

Orin is also survived by his sister Kay (Robert) O'Brien of Lowville, NY and his brother Bing of Louisville. Orin was pre-deceased by his 10 year old daughter Tammy in 1974, his brothers Allen, Francis, Joseph, Glen, and sister Ann (Grant).

An avid outdoorsman, Orin belonged to several hunting clubs over the years, Moosehead Outing, Brunner Hill, Roaring Brook, and family-owned Lost Brook. He loved being outdoors hunting, trapping, cutting firewood and saw logs, making trails, building tree stands, pruning apple trees and being a good steward of the land. Orin also was a carpenter and a craftsman, spending countless hours in his

shop building and refinishing furniture. He always had a project going, never one to sit still. He built his own home and enjoyed helping with his family's building projects and renovations. His favorite saying was "What are we building today?"

Although born in 1936, Orin was reborn in 1999, giving his life over to Jesus Christ. As a member of First Baptist Church of Parishville, he was very involved in all activities and renovations at the church. Orin (Bee) was truly a "people person". He thoroughly enjoyed his job serving people, whether it was at Putnam-Hawley, as a town official, or as St. Lawrence County Clerk. He also served as a fireman for the Pierrepont Fire Department for several years. Nothing was more important to him than spending time with his family. His love for his wife was apparent to anyone that had ever met them. God truly gave Orin an abundant life filled with love and laughter! In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to your local Rescue Squad, the Pierrepont Fire Department or to the Pleasant Mound Cemetery Association and memories and condolences may be shared online at www.buckfuneralhome.com. The Buck Funeral Home in Colton is serving the family of Orin B. (Bee) Thomas.

Belinda H. Swinyer, 65

Massena



Belinda Swinyer

Belinda is survived by her children, Damon (Deb) Lynch of Massena, Amber (Ed) Brothers of Savannah, Georgia, and Nikki Brewington of Ardmore, Oklahoma; her grandchildren, Sierra Roberts, Dalton Brewington, Nathin Lynch, Brandon Saunders, and Alyvia Brothers; her great grandchildren, Sadie and Colt Roberts; his sisters, Patricia Fitz of Topeka,

Kansas; her brother, William Lynch of Massena; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by a brother, Wayne E. Lynch.

Arrangements are under the care and guidance of the Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena, however there will be no services.

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

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

COLTON - Funeral services for Orin B. (Bee) Thomas, 88, a resident of Colton, New York, will be held at the First Baptist Church of Parishville on Saturday, December 14th at 11:00 AM with his grandson, Pastor Nathan Thomas officiating. Burial will be held in the Pleasant Mound Cemetery, Colton. Family and friends may call at the Buck Funeral Home in Colton on Friday, December 13th from 2-4 and 7-9:00 PM. Orin went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Sunday, December 8, 2024 while at his home.

Born in Pierrepont, NY on July 28, 1936 to the late Roy and Kathryn (Kitty) Thomas, Orin graduated from Colton-Pierrepont Central School in 1954. After his graduation, he was employed by Putnam-Hawley Building Materials in Potsdam for 19 years. A long-time resident of Pierrepont, he served as an assessor from 1971 to 1973, Supervisor from 1974-1977, and Councilman from 1978 to 1984. In 1974, he moved on from the building materials trade to become the Deputy County Clerk of St. Lawrence County. In 1984, he was elected to be the St. Lawrence County Clerk, a position which he held until his retirement in 1999.

Orin is survived by his wife of

MASSENA - Belinda H. Swinyer, 65, a resident of Laurel Terrace, passed away late Saturday evening, December 7, 2024 at Gouverneur Hospital.

Belinda was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on April 3, 1959, the daughter of the late William R. and Juanita (Kimberlin) Lynch.

She was a high school graduate and later attended Mater Dei College.

Belinda worked for a time at Homestead Dairies, Sears in Massena, and Wolf Clan in Hogsburg. She enjoyed her plants, reading, macrame, her spirituality, and cherished her beloved dogs.



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Holiday Market in Massena

Carla Snell and Sarah LaShomb look at artwork made from rocks by Cindy Gabri, of Creative Creations, at the Massena Rotary Holiday Market held Nov. 30 at the Massena Community Building.

County sending Canton, Ogdensburg, Madrid and Clifton funding for major water projects

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- Four local communities are getting a much needed shot in the arm to offset costly wastewater projects

Water infrastructure projects are on the books in a number of municipalities throughout the county but four in particular will receive a boost with American Rescue Plan Act funds from the county.

Legislators passed a resolution to sign a two-year contract extension for local municipal water and wastewater infrastructure projects to be funded with ARPA funds.

On May 2, 2022 St. Lawrence County legislators approved recommendations for the use of \$20.9 million in ARPA funds made by the county ARPA Committee, of which one recommendation was to invest a portion of the funds in water and wastewater projects.

Funds were appropriated to the tune of \$2,969,563, of which \$1,927,188.86 has been expended thus far.

Additional work is required beyond the contract termination date of Dec. 31, 2024, necessitating the two year contract extension, legislators said.

Now the contract will run through Dec. 31, 2026.

As part of the funding, the following projects will receive ARPA funding to be finished by the end of 2025.

- Village of Canton: total contract of \$475,000, remaining value \$393,564.64

- Town of Clifton: total contract of \$74,346, remaining value \$69,082.86

- Town of Madrid: total contract of \$300,000, remaining value \$289,499.00

- City of Ogdensburg: total contract of \$400,000, remaining value \$20,000.02

Legislators said any funds not spent in 2024 will be rolled over to 2025, with the expectation of being fully expended by 2026, in accordance with the U.S. Treasury Final Rule.

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Marcel P. Frego, 63

Massena

MASSENA - The family of Marcel P. Frego, age 63, are saddened to announce his passing on Monday, November 11, 2024, at his home surrounded by his loving family and under the care of Hospice.

There will be no public calling hours or services at this time. A Celebration of Life will take place at the convenience of the family at a future date.

Marcel was born in Massena, NY to the late Roderick and Mary (Belgarde) Frego on March 24, 1961. He attended Massena schools and began working during High School at numerous restaurants.

He worked for Guy's Restaurant and most recently at Coaches Corner for several years. Marcel, a very talented chef began his culinary career at the age 13.

Marcel enjoyed spending time with friends and family, he was an avid NY Yankees and Montreal Canadians fan, and also enjoyed making yearly trips to the Saratoga Race track.

Marcel served many people in his community with his cooking for the last 50 years.

He will be missed by the ones that had the honor to meet him and enjoy his cooking.

Marcel is survived by his children: Aaron Frego and wife Sherri of Champlain, NY, Kallee Frego and

fiancé James Kersey of Rochester, NY, and Katie Frego of Rochester, NY, along with 8 grandchildren.



Marcel Frego

He also leaves behind memories to be shared by his siblings; Barbara (Richard) Deisn of Indian Land, SC, Charlotte (Vern) LaBrake of Warren, MI, Elaine Weymouth of Clinton, MA, Roderick (Casey) Frego of Houston, TX, Charles (Sheree) Frego of Norfolk NY, Yvonne Frego of Potsdam, NY, Yvette (Terry) Narrow of Potsdam, NY, and Arlis (Jill) Frego of Norwood, NY, and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Marcel was predeceased by his siblings, Carman Frego, Carol Woods, Sandra Frego and Michelle Green and a nephew Doug Deboer.

Memorial contributions may be shared with Hospice & Palliative Care of St. Lawrence Valley; 6805 US-11, Potsdam, NY 13676

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

Janet C. Raven, 83

Madrid

MADRID - Janet C. Raven, age 83, formerly of Madrid, passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 28, 2024, at Samaritan Summit Village in Watertown, NY. She was a wonderful mother who was always there when we needed her, offering support, encouragement, wisdom, and an abundance of love.

Janet was born January 3, 1941, to William and Venila McNally in Ogdensburg, NY. She graduated from Lisbon High School in 1958 and Watertown School of Commerce in 1959.

She was married to her soulmate Warren Raven for nearly 45 years who preceded her in death in May 2005. Janet was employed as a bookkeeper at Kelly Sales in Madrid for 23 years.

She loved spending time with friends and family, reading, and traveling.

One of her favorite trips was when she and Warren drove cross country seeing various landmarks and visiting family. She was a long-time member of the United Church of Madrid where she served as treasurer and also a member of the Red Hat Society, which she enjoyed with her friends.

Janet leaves behind her daughters and a son-in-law, Michelle Denney, Lawrenceville, GA, Lori (Michael) Rische, Evans Mills, a sister Joyce (Garry) Wells, Madrid, 3 granddaughters, Casey Denney, GA, Nicole Marconi, and Sara Rische both of Watertown as well as 4 great-grandchildren, who she

absolutely adored along with several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and husband, she was also predeceased by a nephew, Richard Wells Jr. in September.



Janet Raven

Janet's unwavering love for her family has left an indelible mark on all who knew her. Her legacy of being a kind, devoted, and thoughtful woman will live on in the hearts of her loved ones. Through her we know what courage, strength, and resilience truly look like.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites contributions in Janet's memory to The United Church of Madrid, 6 Cross Street, P.O. Box 174, Madrid, NY 13660 or the Madrid Rescue Squad, 2 Depot St. PO Box 129 Madrid, NY 13660.

There will be no public calling hours. Funeral services will be held Friday, December 6, 2024, at the United Church of Madrid at 11:00 am, with lay servant Kathy Felix officiating. Burial will take place in the spring in White Church Cemetery, Lisbon at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements are under the care of the Phillips Memorial Home in Madrid, where online memoires, pictures and condolences may be shared with the family by visiting www.PhillipsMemorial.com

MASSENA - The family of Robert "Bob" Hilyard, age 84, are saddened to announce the passing of their father on Sunday, November 24, 2024, and surrounded by his loving family in his home at Marian Manor Assisted Living in Virginia Beach, VA, also in the care of Trinity Hospice.

Bob was born on April 22, 1940, in Ogdensburg, NY, to the late Clifford and Helen (Porteous) Hilyard. Bob attended Massena Central High School and participated in both hockey and football. Bob was known to be very outgoing, fun to be around and he "never met a stranger".

Bob was a 50 year plus member of Laborer's Local No. 1822 where he received a Gold Card with lifetime membership. He had various roles in the construction field and he also took on a leadership role sitting on the local executive board

MASSENA - Tony G. Truax, 67, of Beach Street, tragically passed away Monday, December 2, 2024 at his home.

Tony was born in Massena on August 1, 1957, the son of the late Robert and Beatrice (Mossow) Truax.

He attended and graduated from St. Lawrence Central School.

On June 14, 1980, he married Sheryl "Sheri" Michaud at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Tony first worked for Slavin's Furniture before starting his career as a car salesman, first working for Massena Chrysler Jeep and retiring from Blevins in Massena.

He was an avid golfer, cornhole player, softball player, and loved putting around his yard.

Tony's family was his pride and joy and cherished the time he was able to spend with his grandchildren.

His love for his children was evident as he was a kidney donor for

MASSENA - Daniel R. Truax, 60, of Orchard Road, tragically passed away Monday, December 2, 2024 in Massena.

Dan was born on September 27, 1964 in Massena, the son of the late Stephen Frank Toth and the late Beatrice (Mossow) Truax.

He attended St. Lawrence Central School graduating in 1983.

A marriage to Jolene Dupree, blessed him with two children before their marriage ended.

Dan worked for a time at Slavin's Furniture and A-1 TV before starting his career at Reynolds Metals and later transferring to Alcoa.

Most recently he was working at the Donaldson Funeral Home as a funeral assistant.

Dan had a great love for hunting, boating, his camp, yardwork, vegetable gardening, and riding around in his prized Corvette.

Hammill Funeral Home, Winthrop.

JODY MATTHEWS, 53, Ogdensburg, Dec. 5. Arrangements with French Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

YAWENTANAWEN JAN DAVID HERNE, 66, Akwesasne, Dec. 6. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

GLORIA WOODS, 72, Ogdens-

Robert "Bob" Hilyard, 84

Massena

until his retirement, a role he was very proud to hold.

He is survived by his children Scott Hilyard of Louisville, NY, Susanne and John Packard of Virginia Beach, VA, and Michael Hilyard of Orlando, FL. He is also survived by his loving grandchildren; Taylor and Carter

Robert Hilyard

Hilyard, Breanna Allred and husband David Allred, Aiden and Allison Packard, Joshua and Kasandra Hilyard along with his two great-grandchildren Joanna Allred and Dax Hilyard. Bob is also survived by his sister Nancy Hilyard of San Luis Obispo, CA, along with his two nephews David and Brian

Schwartz.

The family would like to personally thank Marian Manor Assisted Living in Virginia Beach along with Trinity Hospice.

It did not matter where Bob lived throughout the years, he always called Massena home. His cremated remains will be brought back home to Massena to be buried next to his parents in Pine Grove Cemetery on Cook Street in the spring, where he wanted to be. His faith was strong, and he passed in peace.

Memorial contributions may be acknowledged with PAL of Massena; 30 Bayley Rd, Massena, New York, 13662 and Hospice of St. Lawrence County; 6805 US-11, Potsdam, New York, 13676.

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

Tony G. Truax, 67

Massena

his daughter, Paige.

Tony is survived by his loving wife, Sheri; his daughters and sons-in-law, Paige and Joe Arcet of Massena and Lindsey and Blake Rodriguez of Delray Beach, Florida; his beloved grandchildren, Aliyah Arcet and Shay and Crew Rodriguez; his sister, Tammy (Jimmy) Ryan of Brasher

Tony Truax

Falls; his brothers, Terry "Twiggy" Truax (Cathy Woodward) of Brasher Falls and Jeff Truax (Kris Whitcomb) of Massena; and his sister-in-laws, Michelle Truax of Glens Falls and Dee Dee Brown Reynolds of Massena.

He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Lois Michaud of Brasher; his brother-in-law, Steve (Brenda)

Daniel R. Truax, 60

Massena

Dan is survived by his fiancé, DeeDee Reynolds of Massena; his children, Kayla and Zachary



Daniel Truax

Boswell of Syracuse and Connor Truax of Massena; his grandson, Aaden Boswell; DeeDee's children, Mackenzie Reynolds and Craig Reynolds and his companion Joe Madden, all of Wisconsin; his sister, Tammy (Jimmy) Ryan of Brasher Falls; his brothers, Terry "Twig" Truax (Cathy Woodward) of Brasher Falls and Jeff Truax (Kris Whitcomb) of Massena; his sister-in-laws, Michelle Truax and Sheri Truax; and many nieces and nephews.

Michaud of Massena, his sister-in-law, Lori and (Dr. Randy) Richards of Winthrop; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, Rodney and Danny Truax.

Friends and family are invited to a celebration of his life that will be held Monday, December 9th beginning at 1:00 PM at the Massena Elks Lodge, Bower Street, Massena.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the Albany Medical Center Foundation, 43 New Scotland Avenue - MC119, Albany, New York 12208 or online at: <https://www.albanymed.org/albany-medical-center-foundation/> to be directed to the Kidney Transplant Donation Program.

Arrangements 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.

In addition to his father and mother, he was predeceased by his brothers, Rodney and Tony Truax.

Arrangements are under the care and guidance of the Donaldson Funeral Home, 100 N. Main Street, Massena, where friends may call on Tuesday 4-7:00 PM.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday at 10:00 AM at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Massena.

Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery, Massena.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to the Donaldson Funeral Home, which will be directed to an appropriate charity selected by the family at a later time.

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

RECENT DEATHS

SUSAN LONG, 67, Ogdensburg, Dec. 1. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

TONY TRUAX, 67, Massena, Dec. 2. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

DANIEL TRUAX, 60, Massena, Dec. 2. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

CHARLES WILKINSON, 75, Ogdensburg, Dec. 4. Arrange-

ments with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

TREVOR SECORE, 30, Massena, Dec. 5. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

JAMES DOE, 87, Ogdensburg, Dec. 5. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

DARREL SHATRAW, 93, Winthrop, Dec. 5. Arrangements with

Massena, Dec. 8. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

RUTH DUNN, 96, Raymondville, Dec. 11. Arrangements with Buck Funeral Home, Norwood.

SUBMITTING OBITUARIES: For more information or to submit an obituary, email obituaries@northcountrynow.com or call 315-265-1000 ext. 33.



Photo submitted by David Zufall

Pools closed for the season

A duck reads a pool closure sign. Due to freezing temperatures, the outdoor swimming pools on the Zufall Farm in Lisbon are closed for the season.

Bus driver shortage hurting Massena's after-school programs, student rep says

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- A bus driver shortage is hurting after school clubs and limiting students from obtaining extra support from teachers.

Student ex-officio Isabel Beard, who is a senior at Massena, said the lack of the 3 p.m. bus has led to students cutting back on receiving additional support or attending clubs and after school activities they normally would have.

The topic was brought up during the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion meeting held at the high school recently, she said. That group consists of students and teachers, she commented.

Beard said she and other students were aware of the shortage of drivers but noted that the inability for students to take part in clubs and other activities could lead to fewer scholarships as they apply to colleges.

"After-school clubs are suffering and potential scholarship opportunities are taken away from students who don't have transportation and cannot add to their transcript," Beard said.

Academics were also a concern that were raised as students in some cases have been unable to receive after-school help from teachers.

"Students are lacking in extra help because they can't stay after school," she said. Beard said a number of middle school students also raised similar concerns with her recently,

with some expressing frustration they were unable to visit with counselors during the day.

"The students were saying that they feel they have no time to speak to their counselors during the day, and their schedules are too jam packed for them to leave class, and they are not allowed to leave during lunch is what I'm told," she said.

Board of Education Vice President Kevin Peretta asked Beard if there was any possible remedy for the issues the lack of a late bus is causing. He requested further information to better clarify what the issues are and what can be done to resolve them. "Could we get more information on some of the resolutions of these issues because I don't want to just have her talk about a bunch of issues. I don't want to not ask questions about it, but I also don't want to not follow up on it somehow or hear about it as well," he said.

As part of the process, Superintendent Ron Burke said he would

speak with Principal R. Shane Halladay regarding student's concerns in the junior high. "There's sometimes perceptions versus reality, but there's probably also more to it than that. Even so, I just want to get a better sense of making sure that students have access to their counselor and to our social worker. I want to get more from them, and I'll share those concerns," Burke said.

Peretta asked if it would be possible to learn about the resolution of the issues, hoping that a bussing solution could be found.

But Beard said students are unable to stay for 12th period, unless they have other transportation, because there is no 3 p.m. bus.

"Students who don't have transportation cannot find a way home unless they leave at 2:16," Beard said.

Burke said the resolution "is the easiest one" but also "difficult" because he would need three more drivers or a combined run to solve the issue.

Town of Massena officials adopt 2025 budget, plan to repay hospital debt

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- The sale of Massena Memorial Hospital in 2020 continues to plague the town of Massena's budget planning as repayment is slated to begin on a \$5 million pension fund liability.

Town officials recently passed the 2025 spending plan, which was directly impacted by the trailing liability.

"We got the budget down to the amount owed for the hospital pension debt," Town Supervisor Sue Bellow said.

It was no small feat to pare down the town's preliminary budget, which had an initial deficit in excess of \$800,000.

Town officials were then able to reduce the deficit to \$656,832 in the tentative budget, eventually settling at \$383,000 or what was owed for the hospital this year.

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

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

Town officials had previously voted to exceed the 2% property tax cap, if necessary.

Deputy Town Supervisor Pat Fecteau said it was a necessary measure to ensure the debt could be settled due to the town not having any fund balance to pay the state back.

"It's important to note that we have to pay this tax back, and it wasn't any of us in this room that got that started. We were handed that liability and therefore it's important that everybody knows that we have to do this. It's not our choice. It has to get done, and it has nothing to do with anybody that's in this room,"

Fecteau said.

As a result of the budget, the tax rate will increase 89 cents per \$1,000 in assessed value for town residents inside the village of Massena.

A home owner whose property is assessed at \$40,000 will pay an estimated \$35.60 more in 2025, Bellow said.

As for homeowners outside of the village, their tax rate will increase 90 cents per \$1,000 in assessed value.

"A home at a value of \$73,000 would see an estimated increase of \$64.97 over 2024," Bellow said.

Fecteau complimented the many department heads and town board members for their diligence in reducing budgets as they did.

"I think it was a great job done by all," he said.

Bellow and Fecteau both described the budget as "bare bones," commenting that all services will be maintained at their current levels.


But the hospital debt proved to be a massive roadblock in the budget process.

Town officials had hoped a "home rule" law would be passed by state legislators that would allow for the town to bond for a longer term at a lower interest rate, however lobbying by North Country reps did not pay off in 2022 and 2023.

That law would have expanded the town's borrowing capacity under the local finance law.

With no other solution available, town officials were forced to work out a payment plan with state officials to repay the liability owed for the state pension plan.

Town officials had previously paid \$1.7 million to St. Lawrence County to settle a worker's compensation plan at the end of 2021.




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Facing drug charges after stop

NORFOLK -- State Police say Jacob P. Losey, 35, Chase Mills, was charged by State Police on Dec. 9 with three counts of criminal possession of a controlled substance 7th.

Troopers said they stopped Losey's 2008 Chevrolet due to an expired inspection sticker on State Route 56.

After the stop, troopers interviewed Losey, and found his New York driver's license was suspended.

He also possessed narcotics and drug paraphernalia, police said.

Losey was arrested and transported to SP Massena for processing. He was ticketed, released and is to appear in Town of Norfolk Court at a later date in January.



Submitted photo

Pictured above, Diane Myers, Tori Lashomb, and Bob Brothers prepare the packages for shipment for servicemen and women deployed. Their enthusiasm and commitment exemplify the Elks' mission of caring and sharing.

Elks support troops with baked goods

MASSENA – The Massena Elks Lodge #1702 recently culminated in a successful Adopt-a-Platoon program, thanks to the extraordinary efforts of the Veterans Committee and the generosity of the community.

Boxes filled with delicious baked goods were shipped out to servicemen and women currently deployed, bringing a taste of home to those who sacrifice so much for our country. This initiative was spearheaded by the Lodge's dedicated Veterans Committee, chaired by Norm Lazore, whose leadership ensured its success.

"The outpouring of support from our community has been truly heartwarming," said Nathan Lashomb, Exalted Ruler of Massena Elks Lodge #1702. "These

baked goods are more than just treats; they are a tangible reminder to our troops that they are remembered and appreciated."

While Norm Lazore, our Veterans Chairman, is not pictured, his behind-the-scenes coordination was instrumental in bringing this project to life.

The Massena Elks Lodge #1702 would like to thank everyone who contributed baked goods and helped make this program a success. Together, they've made a meaningful impact for those serving far from home.

For information about Elks' programs and how to get involved, contact Massena Elks Lodge 1702 at elksmassena@gmail.com or visit www.massenaelks.com.

Village of Massena weighs sludge removal expense

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- The rising cost of sludge disposal for the village of Massena has led Department of Public Works Superintendent Marty Miller to seek out alternatives.

One such alternative would be for the village to invest in their own system to remove the sludge, but that would cost over a million dollars potentially, Miller said.

Casella Waste Systems currently handles the sludge removal currently to the tune of \$100,000 per year.

Miller said at a recent village board meeting that he sat down with representatives from Casella to discuss the current agreement, at which time he was informed the cost would be going up.

"I think we talked about this a couple of years ago. I think we need to start looking at possibly putting in a facility that we can process our own sludge because right now we're spending over \$100,000 a year to get rid of sludge," he said.

Miller said it might be possible for Massena to then contract with neighboring municipalities to dispose of sludge for them, bringing an alternative revenue source to the village to offset the cost of the facility construction and operation.

Miller said the facility would likely cost between \$500,000 to \$1.5 million, a cost that will continue to rise just like everything else.

He said the facility would be able to handle 150,000 gallons per day.

As the cost of sludge removal continues to increase, Miller said the village should think long and hard about how they want to proceed forward, noting that other municipi-

palities may take the leap themselves which would put the village of Massena behind the eight ball.

"Everything's going to keep going up, and the more things that you can do in house to take care of those costs because it's going to get out of control," he said.

Miller said the majority of municipalities ship out their sludge, but due to limited options only Casella really handles the removal, he said.

"They're really the only gig in town," Miller said.

He commented that Casella could essentially name their price and there would be nothing he or the village could do about it.

"The rate is not ungodly. They understand we have to pay these, and they're trying to keep it in check. But it's just like anything else. Every year you keep adding on and eventually, as the village, we have to start passing those on to the user fees, the taxpayers," Miller said.

He said it may be time for the village to look into building a facility of its own to offset those costs for taxpayers. "You would have that ability to take other people's and process it into a product that you could then sell to agriculture," he said.

Miller said it's a "hefty price tag" for the unit but said it would benefit the village in the long term, saving money for taxpayers as well. He said it could be a risky proposition, however, saying the village would have to "dive in and take that chance."

"You keep kicking the can. Other communities will start doing it. Now, you're trying to play catch up," Miller said. He said he would do more research and report back to board members during the December board of trustees meeting.

County approves 15 broadband projects

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- St. Lawrence County continued efforts to bring all residents online with approval of 15 broadband expansion projects.

County officials will use American Rescue Plan Act funds to expand broadband throughout the county.

Legislators signed a two-year contract extension for broadband expansion projects, which will utilize ARPA funds to expand broadband service with 15 projects.

The county had previously agreed to allocate a portion of the \$20.9 million in ARPA funds towards enhancing broadband accessibility and infrastructure improvements throughout the county, with the Chairman signing contracts to appropriate the funds on April 1, 2023.

In total, \$2,955,145 was allocated and, to date, \$111,163 has been expended with an additional \$1.65 million still pending, officials said.

All projects are either under construction or poised for construction in 2025, but not all projects will be completed by the contract termination date of Dec. 31, 2024, necessitating the two-year contract extension, legislators said.

Now the contract will run through Dec. 31, 2026, offering contractors enough time to complete the projects, officials said.

Those projects include the following:

- Town of Colton- SLIC Fiber Lot 7, remaining value \$91,408
- Town of Norfolk- SLIC Fiber Lot 13, remaining value \$123,520
- Town of Colton- SLIC Fiber Lot 8, remaining value \$109,199
- Town of Waddington- SLIC Fiber Lot 21, remaining value \$67,081
- Towns of Lisbon & Madrid- SLIC Fiber Lot 12, remaining value \$341,000
- Town of Stockholm- SLIC Fiber Lot 20, remaining value \$267,787
- Town of Brasher- SLIC Fiber Lot 1, remaining value \$59,713

- Town of Potsdam- SLIC Fiber Lot 19, remaining value \$327,048
- Town of Oswegatchie- SLIC Fiber Lot 16, remaining value \$25,724
- Town of Oswegatchie- SLIC Fiber Lot 14, remaining value \$323,926
- Towns of Lawrence & Hopkinton- SLIC Fiber Lot 11, remaining value \$212,943
- Town of Canton- SLIC Fiber Lot 4, remaining value \$406,071
- Towns of Canton & Russell- SLIC Fiber Lot 5, remaining value \$203,345
- Town of Canton- SLIC Fiber Lot 3, remaining value \$209,143
- Town of Oswegatchie- SLIC Fiber Lot 15, remaining value \$76,074

Total remaining value is \$2,843,982.

Legislators said any funds not spent in 2024 will be rolled over to 2025, with the expectation of being fully expended by 2026, in accordance with the U.S. Treasury Final Rule.

Ship still aground near Massena since Nov. 23

MASSENA -- A Canadian-flagged ship that ran aground near Massena last week remains stuck despite multiple efforts by crews to dislodge the vessel.

According to GLS officials, the Motor Vessel Tim S. Drool remains grounded despite the efforts of three tugs to dislodge the ship last Friday.

An underwater survey was also conducted prior to the effort.

The Drool, which was carrying grain, ran aground on Nov. 23. The cause of the incident remains under investigation, however no injuries were reported as a result.

Officials say the ship was outside of the shipping channel and has not affected traffic on the Seaway, though vessels traversing that area are traveling slower than normal.

Lt. Phillip Gurtler confirmed there were reports of oil or fuel spilling into the river.

Lt. Gurtler is with the U.S. Coast Guard in Cleveland.

Officials say they will now seek to remove some cargo from the vessel to lighten the load, hoping it will reflect the Drool.

If that were to happen, the waterway would be closed briefly, officials said.

Efforts continue with the Canadian Coast Guard, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corp. crews and the National Response Corp. all utilizing their resources.

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County: NYPA deal no good; legislators say it's time to re-open negotiations

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- County legislators shot down a New York Power Authority settlement review deal and want negotiations re-opened.

Legislators near unanimously opposed a resolution approving the Relicensing Settlement Agreement (RSA) and instead passed a second resolution opposing it during the Dec. 2 full board meeting. Legislators John Gennett and Nicole Termelli abstained from the vote due to personal conflicts.

Legislator Jim Reagen was critical of the previous deal and was the first to call on NYPA to come back to the negotiating table.

Reagen said attempts to get a fair deal then failed, leading legislators to contact then Congressman John McCue to intervene on the county's behalf.

"Our state legislators got involved proactively on our behalf, our federal representatives got involved on our behalf and made it clear to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that St. Lawrence County's needs ought to be heard.

Unfortunately it still didn't pan out as the county hoped.

"We got a couple of jet skis and a few other things. That doesn't cut it for me. We need to be heard, our federal reps need to step up and make it clear that St. Lawrence County deserves to be heard. This should be an issue in the upcoming congressional election," Reagen said.

He commented that the Local

Government Task Force that had negotiated with NYPA for the previous two years had seemingly left the county out of all discussions.

The RSA includes a provision that provides for a review of the terms of the RSA every ten years so St. Lawrence County, the town and village of Massena, the town of Louisville, Massena Central School District, the town and village of Waddington and the Madrid-Waddington Central School District can engage with NYPA to address unforeseen matters that were not contemplated in the 2002 RSA.

Reagen said it was his belief that the county was possibly left out of the negotiations with NYPA on purpose.

He also commented on the level of influence NYPA has had on the region and St. Lawrence County in particular, with thousands of prime waterfront property being taken off the tax rolls for NYPA projects over the years.

"They took a vast section off of the St. Lawrence County tax rolls. We have suffered that for many, many years. What the licensing is all about is the power authority can use our St. Lawrence River (for power generation). This river is owned by all members of the county," Reagen said.

Reagen called on North Country representatives, including outgoing Congresswoman Elise Stefanik and State Senator Dan Stec, Assemblymen Scott Gray and Ken Blankenbush to call upon NYPA to come back to the negotiating table to work

out a fair deal.

"No one is going to convince me that while they negotiated in the last couple years without us...they should have contacted our Chairman, our county administrator and attorney and brought us into these negotiations," Reagen said.

Legislators Rick Perkins and Glenn Webster agreed with Reagen's assessment, with both questioning why the county was not directly involved.

To Legislator Joseph Lightfoot, that answer is cut and dry.

"It was done by design, this didn't happen accidentally. St. Lawrence County was purposely eliminated from the relicensing agreement, which happens every ten years, for this ten year period," Lightfoot said.

"In a clandestine way this was negotiated without even the courtesy of a call to even allow St. Lawrence County to participate at all," he said.

Lightfoot called it a "rotten thing to do to the county" in reference to the omission of the county during negotiations.

"Particularly in light of the amount of money the county has used to support Bass Masters, over a quarter million dollars. This leaves a bad taste in my mouth," he said.

While some legislators questioned why a representative was not present for negotiations, Legislator Margaret Haggard did note that Chairman David Forsythe had appointed a representative for the county previously.

"That is something I feel cannot be overlooked," she said.

Young entrepreneur sells dog treats

Isla Harvey, age 5, of Massena, sells dog treats at the Kidpreneurs Marketplace, held as part of downtown Potsdam's Jingle & Mingle event recently.

Mail box to North Pole placed outside City Hall

Letters to Santa Claus accepted until Dec. 15

OGDENSBURG -- Santa Claus has dropped off his special mailbox in front of Ogdensburg City Hall for children to send their letters with their Christmas wishes.

"Christmas is almost here, and I couldn't be more excited! It's my favorite time of year, and I can't wait to spread some holiday cheer. This year, the North Pole is as busy as ever, but I always make time to visit all the wonderful children in Ogdensburg," Mr. Claus said.

Mr. Claus said his trusty elves will keep a close eye on the mailbox to the North Pole before they load up his sleigh and embark on his annual worldwide journey.

He encouraged all children to "grab your pens and paper and let your imaginations run wild!" "Write me a letter with all your Christmas wishes. Remember to include your return address so I can send you a special reply," Mr. Claus said.

Children are encouraged to drop off their letters before noon on Sunday, Dec. 15 to ensure they arrive before Christmas Day.

"Mrs. Claus and I can't wait to hear from you all. Remember to be kind to others and spread joy wherever you go!" Mr. Claus said.

State Route 58 bridge in Morristown open

MORRISTOWN -- The new State Route 58 bridge that spans Chipewa Creek has been completed and is now open.

The \$2.3 million project saw state Department of Transportation crews replace the bridge with a new, single-span bridge to enhance safety and improve resiliency, state officials said.

"By investing in roads and bridges we are investing in the health and economic well-being of our local communities," New York State Department of Transportation Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez said.

"This new bridge along State Route 58 will help ensure continued access to some of the North Country's most popular fishing spots and other recreational destinations, which will fuel tourism and increased economic activity for the entire region."

The new bridge will also improve travel along the route for outdoor enthusiasts looking to reach recreational attractions, including Black Lake and the St. Lawrence River, officials said.

"Investing in our roads and bridges is more than just an infrastructure upgrade—it's a vital step that supports local businesses and creates jobs. By ensuring that our roadways and bridges are safe and efficient, we are laying the groundwork for a thriving economy that benefits everyone in our community that drives our region forward," State Senator Mark Walczyk said.

The project saw an aging, jack-arch structure built in 1928 be replaced.

The former bridge features curved steel sheets of corrugated metal encased in concrete superstructure, with a 50-foot-long, galvanized steel, multi-girder bridge that will provide a smoother ride and increased resiliency against severe

weather, state officials said.

The new structure features galvanized steel girders which will also increase the longevity of the bridge and reduce long-term maintenance costs. The bridge is located along State Route 58 near County Route 2 (Gilmour Road) and Yankee Street Road, officials said.

"Today's announcement represents a significant investment in the safety, accessibility, and longevity of our infrastructure. The completion of the new State Route 58 bridge will not only ensure safer travel for residents and visitors but also bolster the local economy by enhancing access to the North Country's treasured recreational destinations. Thank you to Governor Hochul for her leadership and commitment to improving our state's infrastructure, and to Commissioner Dominguez and her team for delivering this vital project for our community," Assemblyman Scott Gray said.

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Criminal weapon possession

STOCKHOLM -- A Hermon man was charged with criminal possession of a weapon in the town of Stockholm Dec. 8.

State police say Robert A. McConnell, 53, was charged with criminal possession of a weapon 3rd; previous conviction and menacing 2nd.

At approximately 9:02 p.m. troopers responded to County Route 47 for a 911 hang-up call, at which time an investigation determined McConnell and the victim were involved in a verbal argument.

Police say McConnell became more irate, grabbing a hammer and making threatening remarks to the

victim.

He was arrested and transported to SP Massena for processing.

He was arraigned in the Town of Stockholm Court, where he was remanded to St. Lawrence County Jail without bail.

DWI with child inside car

OSWEGATCHIE — A Heuvelton man is accused of driving while intoxicated with a child inside the vehicle, according to state police.

Jay W. Pike, 33, was charged with aggravated DWI, felony, at 6:55 p.m., police said.

He was issued a ticket and released, officers said.

St. Lawrence Seaway surpasses 32 million metric tons of cargo

MASSENA -- Over 32 million metric tons of cargo has traversed the locks of the St. Lawrence Seaway as of November 2024.

Seaway officials say that figure is on par with the same period last year, demonstrating the Seaway's role in the North American supply chain.

"The growth in grain, potash, liquid bulk, and general cargo this season reflects rising demand for these key commodities and highlights the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway's role as a vital trade lane for North American commerce," said Adam Tindall-Schlicht, Administrator of the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation. "As the season nears its close, we remain dedicated to ensuring safe and efficient operations for all Seaway users."

Seaway officials say trends show that major cargo segments indicate continued demand in key sectors.

Grain exports have increased 12% year-over-year, while potash has grown 8.35%, liquid bulk has increased 13.755 and general cargo has grown 14.37%.

"Contributing to the North American economy and strengthening the supply chain remain key priorities as we prepare to end this navigation season," said Jim Athanasiou, President and CEO of The St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation. "With navigation concluding on January 5 in the Montreal-Lake Ontario section and January 10 in the Welland Canal, we are hopeful for favourable weather conditions to ensure smooth cargo movements."

SBA providing flood damage assistance at county IDA offices

CANTON -- The Small Business Administration has set up shop at the St. Lawrence County IDA offices at 19 Commerce Lane to assist businesses and residents impacted by torrential flooding between August 8-10.

SBA personnel are on site to assist small businesses, agricultural cooperatives and small businesses that engage in aquaculture, along with most non-profits in applying for Economic Injury Disaster Loans.

The funds will be used to cover working capital needs that are a direct result of the flooding that struck the North Country after Tropical Storm Debby moved north.

Loans of up to \$500,000 are available to homeowners for repairs to home and real estate, with loans up to \$100,000 available to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property, which

includes personal vehicles, officials said.

Additional funds are also available to businesses and homeowners to cover the cost of improvements to protect, prevent or minimize future disaster damage.

Interest rates can be as low as 4% for businesses, 3.25% for private nonprofits and 2.813% for homeowners and renters with terms up to 30 years.

Personnel are on site to

assist with walk-ins and those who have an appointment Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The temporary center will close in Canton on Dec. 18, officials said.

To apply online, visit sba.gov/disaster, call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY PURCHASING OFFICE
48 Court Street, Court House
Canton, NY 13617-1169
P: (315) 379-2207 | F: (315) 379-2333

Request for Proposals

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

(2024-28) Purchase and Installation of Combination Cooler - Freezer for St. Lawrence County Potsdam Nutrition Center

Proposal Opening Date: Monday, December 23, 2024 @ 3:00 PM

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

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

All proposals must be accompanied by a non-collusion statement. St. Lawrence County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Please mark proposal envelope with the appropriate PROPOSAL ITEM AND NUMBER and mail to:

St. Lawrence County Purchasing Office
48 Court St., Canton, NY 13617
December 4, 2024

Subject: Invitation for Bids for Building Demolition

Baldwin Acres in Norwood NY is inviting qualified contractors to submit bids for the demolition of the old Northern Mechanicals Building located at 2 Baldwin Avenue in Norwood as part of our project to clear the site for new development.

****Scope of Work:**** The project involves the complete demolition of the existing structure, some overgrown trees and any loose material that would need removal and level lot with existing fill materials to prep for new building.

An Asbestos survey has been completed by Atlantic testing and is available for review if needed. The report shows minimal hazards highlighting some asphalt roofing and window glazing.

****Timeline:**** We expect the demolition to be completed by mid February.

Submission Requirements:

Please include the following in your bid:

1. A detailed demolition plan, including methods and safety measures.
2. A comprehensive cost estimate, including all fees and potential additional costs.
3. Proof of relevant licenses and insurance.
4. Any other pertinent information that supports your bid.

Deadline for Submission:

Bids must be submitted by December 17, 2024

by email (baldwinacres13668@outlook.com), mail (PO Box 212, Norwood, NY 13668) or fax(1-315-282-2763).

If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to reach out to the office at 315-353-2868.

Charged after calling from jail

CANTON -- A Harrisville man has been charged following an Order of Protection violation.

According to the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office, Joseph R. Clement, 32, was charged with criminal contempt in the second degree (A Misdemeanor) following a report of an Order of Protection Violation at the St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility.

Deputies say Clement was contacting a protected party over the phone while incarcerated in the St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility.

He was arraigned and returned to jail.

OGDENSBURG LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing was held on Monday, November 25, 2024 at 6:00 PM, in the City Council Chambers, 330 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669, and the following was passed by the City Council, meeting in regular session on November 25, 2024:

ORDINANCE #7 OF 2024
AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE A LEASE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

ITEM ONE: An ordinance to authorize a lease of municipal property at 330 Ford Street (Basement) for the Satellite Office of U.S. Congresswoman Elise Stefanik.

ITEM TWO: The City Manager has presented the attached proposed agreement to lease space at 330 Ford Street. The lease term shall be from January 3, 2025 through January 2, 2027, with an option to renew, unless either party provides prior written notice to the other of its intention not to renew.

ITEM THREE: The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the attached lease agreement, hereby made part of this ordinance.

ITEM FOUR: Passage of this ordinance shall be by a vote of three-fourths (3/4) of all members of the City Council.

ITEM FIVE: This ordinance shall become effective after public notice has been published at least once each week for three weeks in the official City newspaper.

Dated: November 26, 2024

Cathy A. Jock
City Clerk

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OGDENSBURG LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following resolution was passed by the City Council, meeting in regular session on December 9, 2024:

Resolution WHEREAS, the Tax Roll of the City of Ogdensburg, for the fiscal year January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, has been completed, and, WHEREAS, Section C70 of the City Charter directs that when the tax rolls have thus been completed, a warrant signed by the City Manager and the City Clerk shall be attached hereto directing the Comptroller to collect from the persons named in the rolls the sum specified as levied against the parcels as owned by them, and WHEREAS, the tax was computed on the taxable valuation of \$356,752,813 and the tax rate is \$15.6945 per thousand for the General City Tax. The tax roll will produce the following:

TAX LEVY AMOUNT
\$5,599,057.02

DELINQUENT SCHOOL TAX RELEVY
\$399,087.71

DUE WATER ACCOUNT
\$272,902.59

DUE SEWER ACCOUNT
\$346,416.63

DUE MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT
\$33,995.20

TOTAL **\$6,651,459.15**

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Section C70 of the City Charter, the Tax Roll of the fiscal year 2025 is confirmed and the real property tax warrant in the sum of \$6,651,459.15 annexed thereto and be signed for the collections of all real property taxes in accordance with St. Lawrence County's collection policies.

Dated: December 10, 2024

Cathy A. Jock
City Clerk

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

Notice of Formation of TOFNYS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/15/2024. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to: Joshua S. Hayden, 15 Countryside Court Drive, Gouverneur, NY 13642. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF MEETING LEGAL NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Pierrepont will hold a regular Meeting on Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 6:30PM at the Town Hall, Pierrepont, New York,

Julian "Olla" Filiatrault
Pierrepont Town Clerk

Dated: December 2, 2024

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

Notice of Formation of Hill Top Farm Properties LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/10/2024. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to: Legalcorp Solutions, LLC, 1060 Broadway Suite 100, Albany, NY 12204, USA. Registered agent: Legalcorp Solutions, LLC, at the same address. The registered agent is to be the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE

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

PROPOSITION

Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit:

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

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

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

AND NOTICE IS GIVEN, that applications for early mail and absentee ballots shall be obtainable during school business hours from the District Clerk; completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the vote and election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the vote and election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Early mail and absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 PM on December 17, 2024.

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

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

DATED: October 8, 2024
Potsdam, New York

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

MASSENA ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Sealed bids for the 30 Main Street - Façade. Massena, New York, will be received until 3:00PM, Thursday, January 10th 2025 by the Village of Massena c/o LaBella Associates at 22 Depot Street or via email at mcocquyt@labellapc.com , tcassell@labellapc.com and bwashburn@labellapc.com, at which place and time the bids will be shared with the property owner. Proposal must be sent to LaBella Associates as the consultant of the Village of Massena and cannot be left with the property owner, per grant funding requirements. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted. Emailed bids must be RECEIVED prior to deadline above.

Single lump sum bids are required accordance with plans and specifications. Sealed bids shall be marked '30 Main Street Massena NYMS Façade, Bid Enclosed - Do Not Open.'

Pre Bid walk thru scheduled for at the site Thursday, 19th December 2024 at 1:30PM. Contractors will meet the Architect at the project location.

Bidding and Contract Documents are available starting 16th of December from the Architect and may be examined at LaBella Associates DPC, 22 Depot Street Suite 16, Potsdam, NY 13676. Hard copies of the Bidding and Contract Documents for the proposed work may be obtained at Syracuse Blueprint, 825 East Genesee St., Syracuse, NY, (800-962-1458).

All bids must be written in ink on the forms provided. A list of any subcontractors and solicitations of Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE) shall be provided with the bid. Bids shall also be accompanied by a completed Non-Collusion Statement as provided in the Project Manual.

The successful bidder will be required to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations. Bidders must document all sub-contract opportunities to the grant admin team and any Certified MWBEs they intend to use for the work in Paragraph 11 of Section 00300 - Bid Form. This is a private wage rate project.

Prospective Bidders may request clarifications of the bidding documents at other times from the Architect by contacting Brooks Washburn, AIA at 315.268.1338 or Emailing to tcassell@labellapc.com and bwashburn@labellapc.com.

Owner reserves the right to consider all bids for a period of not to exceed thirty (30) days following the bid opening before awarding the Contract, during which period bids shall not be withdrawn, and reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in the bids, and to award the Contract in the Owner's best interest. The date of substantial completion for the work shall be no later than 1st August 2025.

The Lisbon Central School District will hold a Regular Board of Education Meeting on Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the School Cafeteria.

MASSENA LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF UNSAFE PROPERTY HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a hearing shall be held before the Board of Trustees of the Village of Massena on the 17th day of December at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Building, 60 Main Street, Massena, New York, for the purpose of considering the findings and recommendations contained in the Code Enforcement Office Report of Violation concerning the property known as 17 KING ST., Massena, New York 13662, Tax Map Number 9.068-7-6, and to determine if the building is dangerous or unsafe and, if so, whether it is to be repaired or demolished and removed.

Based upon the Code Enforcement Office Report following inspection of the property, the following defects exist which, in accordance with the Code of the Village of Massena (Chapter 120) deem that the building is or may become dangerous or unsafe to the general public:

Specific Findings:

- \$120-4 Defects deemed unsafe or dangerous. A building is, or may become dangerous or unsafe to the general public if: [1] Section 120-4.A.: It is open at the doorways making it accessible or an object of attraction to minors, vagrants and/or other trespassers. [2] Section 120-4.B.: Its interior walls or other vertical structural members list, lean or buckle to such as extent that a plumb line passing through the center of gravity falls outside the middle third of its base. [3] Section 120-4.C.: Exclusive of its foundation, it shows 33% or more of damage to or deterioration of the supporting member or members, or 50% of damage to or deterioration of the non-supporting, enclosing or outside walls or covering. [4] Section 120-4.D.: It has improperly distributed loads upon the floors or roofs or in which the same are overloaded or which has insufficient strength to be reasonably safe for the purpose used. [5] Section 120-4.E.: It has been damaged by fire, wind or other causes so as to have become dangerous to life, safety or the general health and welfare of the occupants or the people of this village. [6] Section 120-4.F.: It has become or is so dilapidated, decayed, unsafe or unsanitary, or utterly fails to provide the amenities essential to decent living that it is unfit for human habitation or is likely to cause sickness or disease so as to work injury to the health, safety or general welfare of those living therein or adjacent thereto. [7] Section 120-4.G.: It has light, air and sanitation facilities which are inadequate to protect the health, safety or general welfare of human beings who live or may live therein, with particular reference to the requirements of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code as a determinant. [8] Section 120-4.H.: It has inadequate facilities for egress in cases of fire or panic, or has insufficient stairways, elevators, fire escapes or other means of access or egress, again referencing the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code as a determinant. [9] Section 120-4.L.: It has parts which have become so detached they may fall and injure members of the public or others' property. [10] Section 120-4.J.: Is or may become a place of rodent infestation. [11] Section 120-4.K.: Presents any other danger to the health, safety, morals or general welfare of the public. [12] Section 120-4.I.: Is unfit for the purposes for which it may be lawfully used.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Order of the Code Department that the owner or agent of the property located at 17 KING ST. in the Village of Massena or others directed by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Massena shall: Repair; or demolish and remove unsafe building IN THE EVENT THAT AFTER THE HEARING THE BUILDING IS FOUND TO BE UNSAFE OR DANGEROUS, the above particulars will have to be corrected or the building demolished and removed.

The securing or removal of such building shall commence within 30 days of notice to do so and shall be completed within 60 days thereafter, unless extended for good cause.

In the event of neglect or refusal to comply with the order to secure or demolish and remove the building, the Village Board is authorized to provide for its demolition and removal, to assess all expenses thereof against the land on which it is located and to institute a special proceeding to collect the costs of demolition, including legal expenses.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES DATED: December 4, 2024 Monique N. Chatland, Village Administrator

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CANTON NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Notice of Formation of Boak Enterprises LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/11/2024. Office location: St. Lawrence County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Nathaniel Boak: 10 Church St., Canton NY 13617. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

POTSDAM NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Notice of Formation of The Third Wheel Pottery Studio, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/10/2024. Office location: St. Lawrence County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Robin M. Wolpin: 47 Marie Street, Massena, NY 13662. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES SOLE SUPERVISORY DISTRICT ST. LAWRENCE/LEWIS COUNTIES PO BOX 231, 40 WEST MAIN STREET CANTON, NY 13617 NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids are sought and requested by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, St. Lawrence/Lewis Counties for the following:

PRODUCE - JAN-FEB 2025

Bid forms and instructions to bidders may be obtained by contacting:

Darlene Bessette St. Lawrence/Lewis BOCES Cooperative Purchasing ESC Building PO Box 231, 40 W Main Street Canton, NY 13617 315-386-4504

Bids will be received until Friday, December 20, 2024 @ 10:00 AM at the St. Lawrence/Lewis BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Office, in Canton, New York, at the above address, at which time they will be publicly opened, read, and recorded.

Any bid received after designated time will not be considered and be returned to the bidder unopened.

The bidder assumes the risk of any delay in the mail or in the handling of mail by employees of the Board. Whether sent by mail or by means of personal delivery, the bidder assumes the responsibility for having his bid in on time at the Office of the Executive Officer, Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

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

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OGDENSBURG NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Notice of Formation of Hazen's Horse Haven . Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/18/2024. Office location: St. Lawrence County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Hazen's Horse Haven : 738 Haggert Rd Ogdensburg NY 13669. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LISBON NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Notice of Formation of The Laundry Rm. LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/16/2024. Office location: St. Lawrence County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Kendra Quinlan: 58 Sparrowhawk Point Road, Lisbon, NY 13658. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ST LAWRENCE EYE PHYSICIAN PLLC Certificate of Registration Sec. of State of NY 11/26/2024. Off. Loc.: St. Lawrence Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, 420 Ford St., Ogdensburg, NY 13669-1620, USA. Purpose: Practice of Medicine.

MORRISTOWN ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that sealed proposals are sought and requested by the Morristown Central School District for Work of Multiple Contracts consisting of Alterations to District Buildings listed below in accordance with Drawings, Specifications, and other Bidding and Contract Documents prepared by Ashley McGraw Architects, 125 East Jefferson Street, Syracuse, New York 13202. MORRISTOWN CENTRALSCHOOL DISTRICT MAIN BUILDING - N.Y.S.E.D. No. 51-21-01-04-0-003-002 BUS GARAGE - N.Y.S.E.D. No. 51-21-01-04-2-008-002 Submitted in writing, using the forms provided by the Architect, bids are requested for the following Prime Contracts: (1) Site Work; (2) General Construction Work; (3) HVAC Work; (4) Plumbing Work; and (5) Electrical Work. Sealed Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m., local time on January 9, 2025, in the Morristown Central School Library, at which time all bids will be opened and read aloud. Bid packages must be clearly marked with the contract being bid. The Bidding Documents shall be available beginning December 12, 2024 and may be examined at the following locations: Dodge Data & Analytics - online - www.construction.com Mohawk Valley Builders Exchange, Inc. - 28 Court Street, Utica, NY 13502 - www.mvbe.com Northern New York Builders Exchange, Inc. - 22074 Fabco Road, Watertown, NY 13601 - www.nnybe.com Syracuse Builders Exchange, Inc. - 6563 Ridings Road, Syracuse, NY 13206 - www.syrabex.com Ashley McGraw Architects - 125 East Jefferson Street, Syracuse, NY 13202 Morristown Central School District - 408 Gouverneur Street, Morristown, NY 13664 Drawings, Specifications, and Bid Form(s) (Contract Documents) may be obtained at the Plan Holder, Plan and Print Systems, 6160 Eastern Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13211 - (315) 437-5111 as follows: Electronic Format: In an effort to be environmentally and fiscally conscious of paper use and consumption, documents will be available as digital sets. The Contract Documents may be downloaded from the Plan & Print website for a non-refundable cost of \$25.00. A compact disc (CD) of the Contract Documents will be available in electronic format (.pdf files) to be purchased by prospective bidders for a non-refundable cost of \$49.00 for each disk requested. With either method, this is not a deposit, and no refunds will be made after purchase. After purchasing the files, prospective Bidders may obtain paper copy prints of the documents, full set or partial set, at their own cost from Plan & Print Systems, or by taking the disk to a printer of their choosing. Cash is not acceptable for Contract Documents. Partial sets requested, shall be obtained by interested parties, at their cost, with no money returned. CHECKS RECEIVED WITHOUT TELEPHONE NUMBER, FAX NUMBER, AND SHIPPING ADDRESS SHALL BE RETURNED. PLANS AND SPECS WILL NOT BE SHIPPED TO POST OFFICE BOXES. As bid security, each proposal shall be accompanied by Certified Check or Bid Bond made out to Owner, in accordance with amounts and terms described in INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities in, or to reject, any and all bids. No bidder may withdraw their proposal within thirty (30) calendar days of actual date of opening thereof. Pre-Bid Conference: The Morristown Central School District has scheduled a Pre-Bid Conference in order to review specific requirements of these contracts. All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend. The Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. in the Morristown Central School Library. Additional site visits may be coordinated with Mr. Larry Yeddo, Jr., Director of Buildings, Grounds, & Transportation, by telephone at (315) 375-8814, ext. 21303, or by email at lyeddo@mcsk12.org. Questions From Bidders: All Requests for Information (RFI) shall be made in writing, via U.S. mail or email only, addressed to: Ashley McGraw Architects 125 East Jefferson Street Syracuse, NY 13202 Attn: Jennifer Picciano, email picciano@ashleymcgraw.com If deemed necessary by the Architect, questions will be answered via a written Addendum sent to all Bidders. Questions will not be accepted orally in conversations or over the phone, and any non-written responses to such shall not be deemed valid. AM PROJECT NO. 22069.01 - MORRISTOWN CSD 2023 CAPITAL PROJECT PHASE 1

FOR ASSISTANCE PLACING YOUR LLC Ad Call: 315-265-1000 or Visit: www.quickadcreator.com NORTH COUNTRY THISWEEK

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Application for Authority of this Limited Liability Company was filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 26, 2021. The LLC maintains its office in St. Lawrence County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served to the LLC, 6046 US Route 11, Canton, NY 13617. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law.

ROSSIE NOTICE OF MEETING The Town of Rossie will hold a Special Town Board meeting to review applications for the position of Town Assessor and any other business to come before the board on December 17, 2024 at 7:30pm at the Rossie Town Barn. Keep INFORMED! Read the LEGAL NOTICES

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF A SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING OF VOTERS OF THE LISBON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE LISBON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that pursuant to a Resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the District on October 17, 2024, a special meeting of the qualified voters of said District will be held in the School Main Lobby located at 6866 County Route 10, Lisbon, New York on December 17, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., prevailing time, for the purpose of voting on the proposition described in the Notice of Special District Meeting hereinafter set forth by voting machine or paper ballot: PROPOSITION Shall the following resolution be adopted: RESOLVED, that the Lisbon Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake a capital improvement project consisting of the reconstruction and renovation of, and the construction of improvements, additions and upgrades to various District buildings and facilities and the sites thereof, including the construction of a new transportation facility, the purchase of original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required in connection with the purposes for which such buildings, facilities and sites are used, all to include site, access, parking, demolition, utility, mechanical, plumbing and electrical improvements as well as payment of professional fees and all other necessary costs incidental to such work, and expend therefore a total sum not to exceed \$9,396,000, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and to pay for such project by using any available funds, including State building aid and to the extent necessary, the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the School District to be collected in annual installments in the years and in the amounts as the Board of Education shall determine and in anticipation of such tax the District is authorized to issue up to \$9,396,000 of obligations of the School District, and levy a tax to pay the principal and interest on said obligations when due. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that qualified voters of the District may obtain applications for an absentee ballot or an early voting ballot from the office of the Clerk of the District. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the election if the absentee ballot or an early voting ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the absentee ballot or an early voting ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. A listing of all persons to whom an absentee ballot or an early voting ballot is issued will be available for inspection by any qualified voter in the office of the Clerk of the District between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. during each of the 5 days prior to the election, except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, and shall also be posted at the polling place at the election. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that military ballots may be applied for by qualified voters by requesting an application from the District Clerk at (315) 393-4951 or woods@lisbon.k12.ny.us. Completed applications for military ballots must be received by the Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 22, 2024. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail. An individual will qualify as a military voter if he or she (1) is a qualified voter of the State of New York, who is in actual military service, and by reason of such military service is absent from the District on the day of the election, or is a voter who is discharged from military service within 30 days of an election; or (2) a spouse, parent, child, or dependent of such service member who is a qualified voter and is absent due to accompanying or being with the military service member. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Lisbon Central School District has previously complied with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (the "SEQRA Act"), Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, as amended, and the Regulations of the Department of Environmental Conservation thereunder (the "Regulations"). No further action under the SEQRA Act and Regulations is required.

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OFFICER...

the dance while others claimed it happened on a village street. These allegations were investigated by the Massena Village Police and were found to be untrue. The alleged victim was located at their home and is well," school officials wrote.

Other social media posts this spring also alleged that a student had overdosed at a previous function, however those rumors were also proven to be false.

School officials say the October allegations appeared to be "the result of gossip that grew out of control."

Though some students requested the SRO be present for school dances, Board President Paul Haggett commented that it was his belief the SRO was already present.

"Interesting that there was a suggestion made that the SRO should be at the junior high dances. I guess I would have assumed that would be the case," he said.

Though there is support for the idea, Superintendent Ron Burke it is not always a given that the SRO would be present for such functions.

He said that there were typically no issues at such functions that would require the SRO to be present.

Burke said the rumors were unfounded, which did not necessarily prompt the district to request the SRO be present.

He did say, however, that the SRO would be present for larger functions such as homecoming.

"With some of the bigger dances like homecoming, we do ask for police at least just to make their way through the parking lot. They'll make an appearance in the parking lot. They can certainly feel free to stop in. The same thing with the prom. Again, it's not that we're trying to catch anyone, but just trying to keep our kids safe," Burke said.

Discussions are expected to continue and will involve SRO Michael Flynn, Burke said.

HIKE...

1.9%. Industrial customers using 40,786 therms per month would see a 4% increase.

According to PCS officials, Liberty Utilities has indicated that those increases represent an 11.45% increase in base delivery revenues or 6.12% total revenues when compared to the potential revenues based on the current rates that were previously approved by the commission.

PCS officials say the filing indicates that Liberty Utilities is "requesting increased delivery revenue to recover increased operating costs associated with the Company's responsibility of providing natural gas distribution service in a safe and reliable manner."

The added revenue would also allow Liberty Utilities to make capital investments to "continue to provide the level of service expected and deserved by customers; and to advance the objectives of the New York State Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, including the Company's commitment to further greenhouse gas emission reductions," officials said in a release.

Four major components have led to the rate hike request, according to PCS officials.

Among them are increases in net plant-in-service at 41%, depreciation expense at 13%, amortizations of regulatory deferrals at 34% and operation and maintenance expenses separate from pension and other post-employment benefits at 28%.

Per state regulations, Department of Public Service staff and intervening parties have four months from the filing for discovery and filing of testimony.

Following that period, rebuttal testimony roughly three weeks later, with hearings held six months from the initial filing date in most cases.

According to Liberty Utilities, the company operates more than 688 miles of mains and services within the franchise territories, covering approximately 1660 square miles in Franklin, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties.

Future expansion of gas distribution is currently being evaluated and will be considered based on results of the business case for communities of Bangor, Burke and Moira, according to their website.

In total, 14,862 residential, 1,770 commercial, 21 industrial and 2 cogeneration customers are currently serviced by Liberty Utilities.

For those who wish to voice their opinions on the matter, a public comment period is now open.

To comment, visit <https://dps.ny.gov/file-search> and enter case number 24-G-0668.

On the file page, click the "Post Comments" button in the top right corner.

Names, addresses and email addresses are required to post a comment.

Attachments can also be included with comments, all of which are

open to public viewing.

All documents that have been filed in the case thus far are also available to the public under the "Filed Documents" tab.

The case will be heard by Judges Leah Amyot and Ashley Moreno.

Parties listed include Elizabeth Koelbl, a rates analyst for Liberty Utilities in Massena, and Jeffrey Greenblatt, director of legal services for Liberty Utilities in Merrick, NY.

OVRs...

"It is understood that OVRs will bill patients directly, or through a billing company, for its services. Payments for services rendered shall be paid to OVRs directly, or through its billing company. All such revenue shall belong to OVRs, with the City having no claim or right to any such revenue," the agreement reads. "These charges shall not be deemed municipal charges or municipal user fees. Should any Court deem the charges to belong to the City, the City hereby assigns all such revenue to OVRs whenever collected, as additional consideration for this Agreement. The City shall have no claim to any revenue received from any other source by OVRs including but not limited to, billing, fund raising,

donations, contracts with other municipalities or organizations, or bequests."

Mayor Michael Tooley praised the agreement.

In recent months OVRs Chief Ken Gardner raised concerns about North Star Alliance's plans to begin providing medical transportation by establishing its own ambulance service.

He urged city council not to support the health organizations efforts and raised concerns that he thought it would hurt his own organization.

The city did not support the plan.

"OVRs has served the City of Ogdensburg and surrounding communities for 65 years now. I also remind you we continue to do so by answering almost 3,000 calls a year and doing so, with a scratch rate of 99%, the best in the county. Since this news has broken, I have also spoken with both State and County Legislators. In speaking with other ambulance companies in St. Lawrence, Lewis and Jefferson counties, all have expressed opposition to this proposed CON by North Star Alliance," Gardner said. "If this Council would like to sit down with me, I am more than willing to do so but until that time, once again, I ask this City Council to not support North Star Alliance's request and

adopt a resolution opposing their request for a Certificate of Need. Thank you, Mr. Mayor and Councilors, for your time this evening," said in a letter to council regarding the matter.

As for the service proposed by North Star Alliance, there have been no updates since September.

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On a clear November day, CCE staff and many SLL BOCES Ag Studies Academy students install the 50'x100' plastic cover on the new high tunnel at the Extension Learning Farm. This group effort was a giant leap toward the finish line and no easy feat on a slightly breezy day. As soon as it was up, the sun started warming the inside. The high tunnel will be used for garden programming with all ages of residents in the region.

High tunnel structure completed at Extension Learning Farm

BY ERICA LAFOUNTAIN

Community Horticulture Educator, Cornell Cooperative Extension of St. Lawrence County

CANTON -- Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) has completed construction of a beautiful new high tunnel at the Extension Learning Farm in Canton. This solar-heated greenhouse replaced an aging model, providing a valuable teaching venue for community education engaging diverse groups, including high school students in the onsite St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Ag Studies Academy, Northwind Farm Day Camp youth, and commercial growers of the region.

CCE applied for funding via the Soil and Water Conservation District to cover the cost of the structure. It takes many hands to complete such an undertaking and I had the good fortune of having our Farm Technician Charlie Hitchman co-lead the project. Assembly of the high tunnel was a learning experience for the Ag Academy who helped during several shifts including site preparation, securing ground posts,

building trusses, and installing the doors. Many thanks to the other helpers, without which it would not have been possible including Master Gardener Volunteers Ken Kogut and Ray Bowditch, John Sands, Community Based Learning Students from St. Lawrence University, and other Extension staff.

An example of future fun includes growing vegetables to be included in programming during Chef Training Camp. Campers will get the pleasure of harvesting fresh produce and bringing it directly to the Harvest Kitchen to make their own tasty treats! We look forward to the many possibilities for years of season extension and horticulture programming.

Erica LaFountain is the Community Horticulture Educator at Cornell Cooperative Extension of St. Lawrence County. Cornell Cooperative Extension is an employer and educator recognized for valuing AA/EEO, Protected Veterans, and Individuals with Disabilities and provides equal program and employment opportunities.



Photo submitted by Flip Filippi

Canning chicken for farm-to-fork

A Harvest Kitchen class participant piecing and packing chicken to be pressure canned. This hands-on workshop was the final piece of a season-long farm to fork experience that unfolded at the Extension Learning Farm. First, the SLL BOCES Ag Studies Academy raised chickens in a mobile poultry tractor. After these meat birds were grown, the class of juniors and seniors learned how to butcher them with guest instructor Matt Wendig of Spring Hill Farm. The following day, a second poultry processing workshop was offered to the public. All participants had a chance to take a chicken through the entire process which gave them a new perspective on what goes into eating chicken. The final piece of the puzzle was lessons where the Ag Academy and the public experienced pressure canning as a preservation method.

Jan. 1 deadline for entity owners reporting requirement

CANTON -- If you operate an LLC, c-corp, or s-corp, changes are on the horizon.

As part of a new Corporate Transparency Act, entity owners must submit Beneficial Ownership Information (BOI) by January 1, 2025. BOI's intention is to prevent money laundering and other illegal activities.

This law requires entity owners to disclose any beneficial owners of an entity, unless the entity qualifies for one of the 23 exemptions.

Farming is not exempt, but some farms will qualify for the large operating company exemption defined as an entity with more than 20 full-time employees and \$5 million in gross sales in the previous year.

Entity owners should review the full list of requirements and exemptions to determine if they are required to report.

Financial Crime Enforcement Network (FinCEN), a bureau within the U.S. Treasury Department, is tasked with managing BOI reporting. For more information on the requirements, exemptions, and how to prepare and file the reporting visit www.fincen.gov/boi.

To find agricultural specific information regarding BOI, such as how to account for seasonal employees, find guidance in the links below from Farm Credit East and the Farm Bureau.

<https://www.farmcrediteast.com/en/resources/todays-harvest-Blog/240924BOI->

WhoIsRequiredToReport <https://www.fb.org/news-release/thousands-of-farmers-could-unknowingly-face-federal-fines-or-jail-time/>

Colin Hostetter is a Farm Business Management Specialist at Cornell Cooperative Extension serving farm and food producers in St. Lawrence, Jefferson, and Lewis counties. Winter is an excellent time for making improvements to your business, contact Colin at cjh354@cornell.edu or 315-379-9192, ext. 427. Cornell Cooperative Extension is an employer and educator recognized for valuing AA/EEO, Protected Veterans, and Individuals with Disabilities and provides equal program and employment opportunities.



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Remington's Heart of Winter Market to feature local food, drink, arts, crafts

OGDENSBURG – Join us for Remington's Heart of Winter Market on Saturday, February 15th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Frederic Remington Art Museum.

This exciting event will feature a variety of local food and drink vendors offering tasty samples, as well as artisans and crafters showcasing their unique, handmade goods. Plus, the museum's expanded gift shop will offer even more locally sourced treasures for attendees to explore.

Along with the market, guests can enjoy a full day of engaging activities for all ages, including:

1 p.m. – Opening of the Juried College Art Exhibit Show, featuring incredible works from up-and-coming artists.

12 p.m. – Sketching in the Gallery: Try your hand at sketching in the museum's inspiring space.

10:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. – Guided Museum Tours for a deeper under



Remington photo

Vendors sell to attendees at last year's winter market at the Remington Museum.

SEE REMINGTON ON 14.

More than 4,000 turn out for Holiday Market

POTSDAM —Drawing over 4,000 people, the Craft, Food & Wine Holiday Market held at SUNY Potsdam's Maxcy Hall, was the place to be last weekend.

One thousand people came through the door in the first hour of opening Saturday morning.

The popular event included 113 vendors this year, with 142 booths, featuring regional producers of a large variety of homemade products.

They included wooden clocks made from bicycle tire rims, alpaca hats, scroll saw art, and bourbon barrel maple syrup.

The show "was a tremendous success," said Kathryn Puleo, the tourism and event manager of St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce.

"Attendees were eager to kick off the holiday season with unique finds and festive spirit," she said.

Money raised goes towards community programming held by the chamber including future markets and business development initiatives.



NCNow photo

Larry Goodspeed, of Bregg Winery, Norfolk, gives samples of his wine to Kelly Hawksley and Jenny Jones, of Lowville, during the Craft, Food & Wine Holiday Market Saturday at SUNY Potsdam's Maxcy Hall.

SEE MARKET ON 14.

WHAT'S GOING ON

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

Atkinson Family Band

HEUVELTON – The Atkinson Family Band will stage a holiday performance at Pickens Hall on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. Cost: \$15 - tickets online & at door. The Atkinsons, a traditional bluegrass band with a unique family vocal dynamic, bring a high-energy stage show and a refreshing mountain sound from the Adirondack foothills. Snow date: Sunday, Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. Learn more at <https://inktr.ee/tauny>.

Bootleggers Ball

OGDENSBURG -- Second Bootleggers Ball at Ogdensburg Elks Lodge, 332 Caroline St., Saturday, Dec. 14, 6 p.m. Wear a flapper dress or jazz suit (NOT required). Lodge will be transformed into a 1920s speakeasy, the Jolly Cork Lounge. Another Fine Mess performs 7-11 p.m. Appetizers available, cash bar. \$10 tickets at the lodge. Secret speakeasy password provided with ticket. Proceeds support community, children and veterans programs. 50/50 raffle, silent auction.

Breakfast with Santa

MASSENA -- The Massena Elks Lodge 1702 invites families to its annual Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 14 from 9-11 a.m. at 20 Bowers St. There will be a breakfast buffet, fun holiday crafts, and the chance for children to meet and take photos with Santa Claus. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 3-12, and free for children younger than 3. Photos with Santa can be purchased for a small additional fee, and raffle tickets for holiday prizes will be available at the event. All proceeds from the event will benefit Elks Giving Christmas to Kids in Need, ensuring local children experience the joy of Christmas. Tickets are available now at <https://square.link/u/B8x-oppJq>. Info: elksmassena@gmail.com, www.massenaelks.com.

Breakfast with Santa

WADDINGTON -- The Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion Champion/Hobkirk Post 420 will host Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 7:30-10:30 a.m. The fee is \$10 per plate, and kids five and under are free. Breakfast will consist of eggs, pancakes, sausage, biscuits, potatoes, fresh fruit, and yogurt. Bring the family down to get pictures with Santa!

Children's Christmas

OGDENSBURG - Ogdensburg History Museum, 206 Ford St., is hosting an upcoming Old Fashioned Christmas Children's Program on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 11:30 a.m. Free and open to the public. Led by retired Kindergarten teacher Nancy Mashaw. Activities for children to enjoy. All children must be accompanied by an adult and must register in advance at Ogdensburghistorymuseum.com. Space is limited to the first 25 participants. Info: Ogdensburghistorymuseum.com.

Christmas Cookie Sale

LISBON - The First Congregational Church, 9226 Five Mile Road, is holding its annual Christmas Cookie Sale on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 9 a.m. to noon. Dozens of varieties of delicious, homemade Christmas cookies will be available for your choosing. The cookies will be sold by the pound. Stop in on your way to Lisbon's "Holidays in the Hamlet."

Holiday bazaar

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mugs, treats and more will be held Saturday, Dec. 14, from 1-3 p.m. at Hepburn Library of Madrid. It will also include a Young Entrepreneurs' Table. All proceeds will benefit the library restoration fund.

Holly Jolly Christmas

NORFOLK -- A variety of events are planned for the Norfolk Holly Jolly Christmas on Dec. 14. At the Norfolk Food Pantry, 7 W. Main St. (Norfolk Methodist Church): 10-11:30 a.m. donuts and cocoa with Mrs. Claus; 10-10:15 a.m. holiday stories; 10:15-11:30 a.m. donuts and cocoa with Mrs. Claus, photos with Mrs. Claus, holiday crafts and games, writing letters to Santa; 3-5 p.m. pizza party and soda with the Grinch, frost and decorate holiday cookies, cocoa, dreidel game, dance party with holiday music; and 4:45-5 p.m. Christmas pi?ata. At the Norfolk Hepburn Library, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. there will be Christmas Face painting. Make an ornament to take home, play Christmas games to win a prize. Christmas food & drinks. At the Norfolk Wesleyan Church craft time from 1-3 p.m. Drop in to make a Christmas ornament hang on the tree or to bring home lots of crafts for the kids. Free skating at Norfolk Arena from 3-4:30 p.m. Come skate for free, and you might even see a Christmas elf or two skating with you. At 5:15 p.m. the parade line up starts on Crabb Street. The lighted Christmas Parade begins at 5:30 p.m. Norfolk Park will host a memory tree lighting after the parade, with a reading of the names of loved ones who have passed away. Then visit the library to meet Santa have cocoa and cookies and have a wagon ride around town singing Christmas carols. There will be a Christmas house decorating contest during the Holly Jolly Christmas. Contact Maggie at 315-957-9206 to register. Prizes for first second and third place and are wild card price which means anybody can win. Put your address on the house decorating map, which will be handed out the night of the festival so people can go by and enjoy your Christmas lights. If you would like more information or would like to join the parade, call or text 315-261-3670.

Lion King trip

OGDENSBURG - North Country Insurance Professionals will sponsor a bus trip Saturday, Dec. 14, for the 2 p.m. matinee of The Lion King at the Landmark Theatre in Syracuse. The trip will depart Save A Lot Parking lot, Canton Street, Ogdensburg, at 9:30 a.m., head to Spaghetti Warehouse for lunch at 11:30 and then off to the Landmark Theater for the 2 p.m. matinee performance. The group will return to Ogdensburg immediately following the production, arriving about 7:30 p.m.

Cost is \$190 per person, inclusive the bus ride, your ticket, lunch parking and all taxes and gratuities. Lunch choices include spaghetti & meatballs, lasagna, manicotti, chicken alfredo or chicken cesar salad. Bread and non alcoholic drinks are included. Call Robin Miller 315-323-0282 to reserve your seat.

Merry Market

OGDENSBURG - Embrace the holiday spirit at Remington's Merry Market, a festive vendor expo showcasing an array of talented local artisans and businesses. The event will be held Saturday, Dec. 14, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at 311 Washington St. There will be: Sample & Shop: Indulge in delicious samples from our diverse vendors while exploring unique gifts that are perfect for everyone on your holiday list. Live Orchestra: Enjoy enchanting performances from a live orchestra, creating a festive atmosphere that enhances your holiday shopping experience. Holiday Gift Ideas: Discover one-of-a-kind gifts, from handmade crafts to gourmet treats, that will bring joy to your loved ones this season. Free entry for museum members and an additional 5% discount on all gift shop purchases (on top of your current membership discounts). Non-members pay \$5 admission with a 5% discount on all gift shop purchases. For more information or to RSVP, contact Ashley Swanson at (315)393-2425 or communications@fredericremington.org .

Santa, music, bake sales

MASSENA -- The second annual "HO, HO, HO, Celebration" will be held Saturday, Dec. 14, at Massena Public Library with a visit from Santa Claus from 10- a.m. - noon. Also, a book sale will be held from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and a bake sale from 9:30 until everything is sold. The Adirondack Singers will be performing seasonal music at 1 p.m. Santa will read a special story to children at 11:00 a.m. Bring a camera and capture the event. Tickets for a lottery basket raffle worth \$150 of lottery tickets can be purchased at the front desk starting Nov. 30, with the raffle at 3 p.m. on Dec. 14. Later in the day, Fever International Music Group and Todd Page will sponsor a Massena Public Library fundraiser at the Massena Massena Moose Lodge, 6 Ames St., starting at 3 p.m. with live bands playing until closing. Admission is \$5 at the door.

SUNDAY, DEC. 15

Santa and Buddy visit

POTSDAM -- The Adirondack Santa and Buddy the Elf will be visiting the North Country Children's Museum in December. These drop-in programs are included with the cost of membership and admission and there is no need to preregister. The Adirondack Santa will be making a return visit to the museum on

Saturday, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to noon. Then, come meet Buddy the Elf at the museum on Sunday, Dec. 15 from 2-4 p.m. Kids can take photos with Buddy, play with Buddy, and challenge one another to eat various combinations of candied spaghetti (Buddy's favorite food.) The Children's Museum will provide the spaghetti and all the toppings. The North Country Children's Museum is located at 10 Raymond St. in downtown Potsdam. Visit the museum's website for more information: <https://northcountry-childrensmuseum.org/events/> .

Small Town Ramblers

HEUVELTON - Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St., will host a holiday celebration dance featuring the Small Town Ramblers band on Dec. 15 from 1-4 p.m. No cover.

MONDAY, DEC. 16

Lisbon fire meeting

LISBON - The Lisbon fire district commissioners have rescheduled their regular monthly meeting to Monday, Dec. 16 at 6 p.m. at the Lisbon Fire Station.

Red Cross blood drive

MASSENA -- The American Red Cross is hosting a blood drive on Dec. 16, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at VFW Massena, 101 West Hatfield St. To donate, simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. Those who come to give Dec. 16, 2024-Jan. 3, 2025, will receive an exclusive Red Cross long-sleeved T-shirt, while supplies last.

Therapy dog visit

BRASHER FALLS -- On Monday, Dec. 16, Therapy Dog Mama Jack will visit the Badenhause Public Library at 10:30. Children are invited to read Mama a story or just have some cuddles with her. Info: <https://badenhausepubliclibrary.org> .

TUESDAY, DEC. 17

Spaghetti fundraiser

NORWOOD -- There will be a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Tuesday, Dec. 17 from 4-7 p.m. at the Norwood American Legion. \$10 per plate, take-out available. Includes spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, dessert. Raffle baskets available. Benefits NNCS Class of 2025 All Night Party. Info: 315-353-8889.

WEDS., DEC. 18

Red Cross blood drive

OGDENSBURG -- The American Red Cross is hosting a blood drive on Dec. 18, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., at Ogdensburg Free Academy, 1100 State St. To donate, sim-

ply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. Those who come to give Dec. 16, 2024-Jan. 3, 2025, will receive an exclusive Red Cross long-sleeved T-shirt, while supplies last.

Wing Nite

NORWOOD -- Wednesday Nite Wing Nite will be held Dec. 18, 4-6 p.m., at the Norwood American Legion, 10 Maple St. \$1/wing, eat-in only.

THURSDAY, DEC. 19

Home school hangout

BRASHER FALLS -- On Thursday, Dec. 19, the Badenhause Public Library will sponsor a home school hangout at 2 p.m., offering homeschoolers the opportunity to hangout, play board games, and enjoy snacks. Info: <https://badenhausepubliclibrary.org> .

Parkinson's support

BRASHER FALLS - The Seaway Parkinson's Coalition will hold its monthly educational/support meeting on Thursday, Dec. 19 at 2 p.m. at the courtroom in Brasher Town Hall, 11 Factory St. Refreshments will be served. New members welcome. Contact seawaypdcoalition@gmail.com or Rick at (315)250-7798 for more information.

Red Cross blood drive

MORRISTOWN -- The American Red Cross is hosting a blood drive on Dec. 19, 1-6 p.m., at Morristown High School, 408 Gouverneur St. To donate, simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. Those who come to give Dec. 16, 2024-Jan. 3, 2025, will receive an exclusive Red Cross long-sleeved T-shirt, while supplies last.

Red Cross blood drive

NORWOOD -- The American Red Cross is hosting a blood drive on Dec. 19, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at Seaway Technical Center BOCES, 7225 St Hwy 56, Norwood. To donate, simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. Those who come to give Dec. 16, 2024-Jan. 3, 2025, will receive an exclusive Red Cross long-sleeved T-shirt, while supplies last.

FRIDAY, DEC. 20

Christmas coffee house

MORRISTOWN - The December "Third Friday" event will be a free Christmas coffee house on Dec. 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the First Congregational Church of Morristown at 541 Sand Street Road, two miles off State Highway 37, between Brier Hill and North Hammond. Everyone is welcome to attend for holiday refreshments, fellowship, and traditional Christmas music.

Friday Fun Night

HEUVELTON - Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St., will host a Friday Fun Night on Dec. 20, 6-9 p.m. Prizes for the best holiday theme outfit. Featuring KC Karaoke. No cover charge. Queen of Hearts drawing at 7.

Red Cross blood drive

GOVERNEUR -- The American Red Cross is hosting a blood drive on Dec. 20, 12-4 p.m., at Gouverneur Community Center, 4673 NY-58. To donate, simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. Those who come to give Dec. 16, 2024-Jan. 3, 2025, will receive an exclusive Red Cross

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SATURDAY, DEC. 21

Cookie/Candy Sale

MASSENA -- Emmanuel Congregational UCC, 39 W Orvis St., is holding its annual Christmas cookie and candy sale on Saturday, Dec. 21 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Pre-order by Dec. 15th. Call the church at 315-769-8523 for more details. See poster for types of cookies available.

Craft day

BRASHER FALLS -- On Saturday, Dec. 21 the Badenhause Public Library will host craft day. Children are encouraged to stop in between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to make a craft while supplies last. Info: <https://badenhausepubliclibrary.org> .

Cookie decorating

MASSENA -- Holiday cookie decorating is being offered at Massena Public Library for ages 18 and under on Saturday, Dec. 21, from 10:00-11 a.m. Decorate sugar cookies to take home for the holidays. Registration is required.

Food Pantry Distribution

NORFOLK -- Food Distribution from 9-11 a.m. at food pantry located at 9 W. Main Street, (United Methodist Church), Norfolk, NY. Each person is given the equivalent of 15 meals per distribution. If you receive a box of food from any local holiday outreach program you should still plan on picking up your food from the food pantry.

Red Cross blood drive

HEUVELTON -- The American Red Cross is hosting a blood drive on Dec. 21, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at Pickens Hall & General Store, 83 State St. To donate, simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. Those who come to give Dec. 16, 2024-Jan. 3, 2025, will receive an exclusive Red Cross long-sleeved T-shirt, while supplies last.

Rock-N-Skate

OGDENSBURG -- Rock-N-Skate will be held Saturday, Dec. 21, from 6-9 p.m. at Lockwood Civic Center, 141 W. River St.

Last minute gift sale

POTSDAM -- SLC Arts will host a last minute gift sale on Dec. 21 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Creative Spirit Community Arts Center, 6-8 Raymond St. Info: slcartscouncil.org .

MARKET . . .

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The event offered local vendors "direct access to thousands of enthusiastic shoppers while strengthening their connections within the community," she said. "It's a great reminder of the importance of supporting local talent and businesses during the holiday season."

Several vendors said it was their best sales day of the year, she said. "Events like this truly embody the holiday spirit," said Puleo.

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Ogdensburg's Corner Deli owner Chris Frary and his brother, Michael Frary, prepare dinner rolls for about 200 free Thanksgiving meals to those in need.

Corner Deli offers 200 free Thanksgiving dinners

OGDENSBURG —The Corner Deli offered about 200 free Thanksgiving meals again this year to Ogdensburg area residents, with help from family and friends.

"We did this as we saw an additional need within the community during the holidays and we had the means to help. We have been doing this on and off for 10 years," said Chris Frary, owner of the Corner Deli.

The meals consisted of turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, corn

and dinner rolls from scratch, said Frary.

Twelve volunteers made up of family, friends and an employee at the deli helped prepare the dinners, he said.

"We are here because of this community. They support local small business owners that live in the same community like us, and that allows us to give back. We can't thank you enough for what that means to us," said Frary.

Local blood drives planned

The American Red Cross is hosting several blood drives in the St. Lawrence County region over the next month.

To donate, simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information.

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For details on both offers, visit RedCrossBlood.org/Gifts.

Local blood drives include:

- Dec. 16, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., VFW Massena, 101 West Hatfield

St.;

- Dec. 18, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Ogdensburg Free Academy, 1100 State St.;

- Dec. 19, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Seaway Technical Center BOCES, 7225 St Hwy 56, Norwood;

- Dec. 19, 1-6 p.m., Morristown High School, 408 Gouverneur St.;

- Dec. 20, 12-4 p.m., Gouverneur Community Center, 4673 NY-58;

- Dec. 21, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Pickens Hall & General Store, 83 State St., Heuvelton;

- Dec. 23, 12-4 p.m., Massena Community Center, 61 Beach St.;

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St. Lawrence County 4-H Equestrian essay contest open

All equestrians residing in St. Lawrence County are invited to participate in our 4-H Equestrian Essay Contest, sharing your experiences and insights as an equestrian.

This contest honors the memory of Myrissa Lauren Murray, a young equestrian who passed away on February 21, 2019.

Myrissa had a deep passion for

showing her Appaloosa horses during her teenage years and was proud to be invited to the World Show in Fort Worth with her gelding, Clear Distinction.

Through this essay contest, Myrissa's parents, Tracey and George Murray, along with her brother Ethan, aim to pass on Myrissa's love of horses to other equestrians.

The winner of the essay contest will receive Myrissa's personal horse fund bank containing \$150 along with two horse mugs to share with their supporters.

An honorable mention will receive \$50 along with a free one-hour lesson at Equestrian Sport Training Center in Winthrop, available in either English or Western disciplines. The runner up may use one of ESTC's lesson horses or the trailering of their horse to ESTC from within St. Lawrence County will be provided.

The contest opens on January 1, 2025, and closes on February 28, 2025. Winners will be announced on March 19, 2025.

Your essay should be between 250 and 500 words, single-spaced. Include your full name and age. This is your opportunity to thank your supporters for their encouragement in your equestrian endeavors. All youth are welcome to enter this contest! Whether your passion for horses has led you to ride in various disciplines or to develop a strong partnership with your own horse, a leased horse, a lesson horse, or even a borrowed horse from a friend, neighbor, or relative, everyone is eligible to participate.

To help structure your essay, please respond to the following

questions:

- How are you supported or encouraged in your love of horses?
- What are your goals as an equestrian?
- How have you ensured you provide quality care for your horse?
- Quality horse care can be expensive. How do you contribute to these costs now? If you have long-term goals, how do you plan to afford horses in your future?
- What steps will you take to achieve your equestrian goals? What is your plan?
- Beyond saying "thank you," how do you show appreciation to your supporters?
- How do you encourage others at the barn or during competitions, considering your environment as an equestrian? This applies whether you are a barn client, club or team member, or an independent equestrian.
- What have you learned about yourself through your love for horses?

St. Lawrence County 4-H members can count this essay contest towards their required educational events. Your completed essay can also be used for a 4-H Public Presentation. Non-4-H equestrians interested in joining 4-H can get more information by calling 315-379-9192.



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The Ogdensburg Elks foul shooting contest winners for Boys 12-13: First- JP Decker, Second- Ronald Self, Third- Camryn Purser. In back are Elks Lodge volunteers Leo Limoges, left, and Paul Pirie.

Hoop shoot winners land trophies in Ogdensburg

OGDENSBURG — Six winners of the Ogdensburg Elks foul shooting contest will advance to the District competition in January.

The contest was held at the Ogdensburg Boys and Girls Club recently.

The first place winners in three age groups of girls and boys were Brooklyn Decker, Emma Ploof, Braelynn Downie, Abel Driscoll, Tucker Backus and JP Decker.

The top top competitors in each age group of girls were:

Girls 8-9: First- Brooklyn Decker, Second- Paetyn Trimm, Third-

Avery Reed; Girls 10-11: First- Emma Ploof, Second- Laney Geary, Third- Finleigh Bush; Girls 12-13: First Braelynn Downie.

The top three winners in each age group of boys were Boys 8-9: First- Abel Driscoll, Second- Ryker Murphy, Third- Jackson Garno; Boys 10-11: First- Tucker Backus, Second- Cormac Rider, Third- Tripp Stark; Boys 12-13: First- JP Decker, Second- Ronald Self, Third- Camryn Purser.

Elks volunteers assisting with the contest were Mike Ball, Paul Pirie and Leo Limoges.



Photo submitted by Tim Welpé

Freezing for a reason, 50 participants of the St. Lawrence Polar Plunge entered the chilly waters at Lisbon Beach to raise over \$5,000 for Special Olympics.

More than 50 take the plunge into the icy depths for a good cause in Lisbon

LISBON — After a 5-year absence, the St. Lawrence County Polar Plunge to benefit the athletes of Special Olympics New York returned on Saturday, Dec. 7, with a plunge at Lisbon Beach.

A total of 50 people braved the chilly waters of the St. Lawrence River to support Special Olympics athletes.

The Polar Plunge raised over \$5,000, with more donations coming in.

People can still donate at Special Olympics New York Polar Plunge.

The event was sponsored by the Riverview Correctional Facility and Potsdam Elks Lodge #2074.

Prior to the plunge, Potsdam Elks Lodge #2074, Riverview Correctional Facility and NYSCOPBA each presented \$500 donations to Special Olympics New York representative Chris Hughes.

Dawn Merz of Yes FM 96.7 was Master of Ceremonies.

Ogdensburg Elks Lodge #772 provided a lunch following the plunge.

A sauna was provided by Mobile Sauna Rental.

The Brier Hill Dive Team and the NYS Police Dive provided water safety support, and members of the Lisbon Rescue Squad were on site for emergency support.

Members of the New York State Police, Troop B, were also at the event to provide support.

“Many thanks to the Lisbon Town Beach official for serving as a host site and to all that participated in the Polar plunge and to the many who sponsored a Polar Plunger,” said Tim Welpé, Potsdam Elks Community Activities Chair.

DEC announces late-season pheasant release in St. Lawrence County

CANTON — The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced new late-season pheasant stocking to enhance hunting opportunities in St. Lawrence County.

Two stockings in December will release 540 additional adult ring-necked pheasants on lands open to public hunting in Jefferson, Oneida, and St. Lawrence counties.

Traditional annual pheasant stocking efforts take place from late-September through October. Late-season pheasant hunting is a great way for new hunters to get involved in the sport and allows experienced hunters the opportunity to head afield after deer season has closed.

To provide additional opportunities for both new and experienced hunters to gather with family and friends outdoors, DEC is implementing December releases at Upper and Lower Lakes WMA in St. Lawrence County.

Upper and Lower Lakes Wildlife Management Area comprises wetlands, upland fields and forest. The majority of the area lies between the Grass River and the Oswegatchie River. It is an important nesting area for water-dependent birds, a migratory bird concentration area, and valuable wetland furbearer habitat. The Indian Creek Nature Center features trails, observation platforms and a picnic pavilion. DEC encourages hunters to

review the 2024-2025 New York State Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide before going afield and to be sure of their targets and beyond when hunting. The guide identifies cock and hen harvest boundary restrictions, season dates, and bag limits.

947 free meals served on Thanksgiving

OGDENSBURG — A total of 947 free Thanksgiving meals were served to Ogdensburg area residents on Thanksgiving Day, thanks to the Ogdensburg Knights of Columbus.

Meals were served at the Msgr. A. D. Charbonneau Council 258 Knights of Columbus room, Hasbrouck St., from noon to 2 p.m., along with take-out and delivery options for shut-ins.

“This was one of the biggest years we have ever had. It’s gone from 600 to over 900 meals this year. I just upped the order for next year to plan for more than 1,000 meals,” said Bill Taylor, head cook.

Taylor said they purchased 37 turkey breasts each about 16 pounds for this Thanksgiving meal.

He has been helping with all but one of the past 30 years since the Knights of Columbus began the free Thanksgiving meals.

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Geeks OnSite

Carol Backus featured artist at Gallery at Lake Saint Lawrence Arts until Dec. 27

WADDINGTON – Carol Backus, a talented oil painter, will be the featured artist at the Gallery at Lake Saint Lawrence Arts from December 5 through December 27. The Gallery is located at 14 Main Street, Waddington. The exhibit runs Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Carol grew up in Hannawa Falls and when she and her husband, Phil, married they decided on Waddington as their home where they raised four children and a number of fur babies. During those years she enjoyed knitting, crocheting, sewing, quilting, and candle-making until oil painting came into her life.

Then they moved to Cincinnati, Ohio for Phil's work, but she sincerely missed Waddington. It was in

Cincinnati that she took her first oil painting class in September, 2012. She was hooked, and kept continuing classes and artist workshops until their return to Waddington in 2019. Always a busy woman, she has managed to take a few classes in the area since then.

Nature is her favorite subject to paint. Playing around with the way light is falling in a scene is always a happy challenge for her. She says she strives to create an atmosphere within a painting that makes a person feel like they walked right into the scene. Plein air painting is a recent love of hers. She finds it challenging, but very fulfilling as an artist.

Carol exhibits very well-defined lines in her painting of local and various areas in the United States.

She takes many photos of scenes she would like to paint and works from them. She has a shed in her backyard dedicated as her painting workshop and spends many hours there. She does custom paintings of any number of scenes or pet portraits.

Carol is a member artist at The Gallery in Waddington, the Frederic Remington Museum in Ogdensburg, the Thousand Islands Art Center in Clayton, the Massena Artists Association in Massena, and the Bryan Memorial Gallery in Jeffersonville, Vermont. Her work has been chosen for display in all of these galleries and she has won many prizes in them. Her work has also been displayed at juried exhibits at the Rowhouse Gallery and The Art Affaire in Milford, Ohio.



Photo courtesy of Liberty New York.

800 Massena residents enjoyed free dinners

MASSENA —A final total of 800 local residents received free Thanksgiving dinners, thanks to the hard work of volunteers at the First United Methodist Church of Massena, St. Peter's Parish and other community members.

This is the third year the churches and community have offered free takeout meals to area residents the day before Thanksgiving, said organ-

nizer Kathy Perry.

Karen Murray, calling herself the "turkey hunter," said they roasted 50 turkeys on Monday before Thanksgiving, and then bought more with the additional reservations they received after that.

Takeout dinners were passed out Wednesday afternoon at the Church, along with 60 meals delivered to those unable to pick up the meals.

Donors for the Thanksgiving dinners included the the American Legion, AmVets Ladies Auxiliary, Arconic, IBEW, Massena Hospital, Massena Savings & Loan, Price Chopper, St. Peter's Outreach, Salvation Army, SeaComm, Walmart, Al Chiltan Sr., David Fenton, Jean Contrella, Scott Wilson, Shawn Gray, William Brower and Dennis Laplante.

About 100 guests attended the 'Elves at Work' Community Christmas party hosted by Massena's Liberty Dec. 7. The Liberty elves team, standing from left, Stacy Kinch, Melissa Bolick (Cindy Lou Who), Cathy Moore, Lenore Bronchetti (Santa's Elf), Katie Ransom, Marissa Vickers (The Grinch), Britney Lipinsky, and Lauren Gordon, with Tyler. Kneeling: Andrea Messier and Jenn Love.

Elves at Work party in Massena for a good cause

Party-goers make gifts for local seniors

MASSENA — Holiday fun for a good cause was the theme of the "Elves at Work" community Christmas party held at Liberty New York Gas.

About 100 guests attended the holiday event on December 7, featuring letters to Santa, holiday treats, face painting and temporary tattoos, an ugly sweater contest and prizes.

Best of all, the creative works made from the arts & crafts table will serve as holiday gifts for seniors at the St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg.

Liberty has donated lip balm, lotion, and non-slip socks to add to each gift bag for the seniors living at St. Joseph's Home.

Rotary Club donates \$4,800 to food pantries

MASSENA — The Massena Rotary Club donated \$4,800 to each of the Massena Food Pantries; St. Peter's Outreach, The Salvation Army and the Massena Neighborhood Center.

The money was raised during a fundraiser with the World Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra at Sacred Heart

Church in Massena.

This concert event was the brainchild of the late long-time Massena Rotarian Tom Gramuglia.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Winter coast-er
- 5 Gear tooth
- 8 Guesser's words
- 12 "Arrivederci!"
- 13 Notre Dame coach
- 14 German refusal
- 15 Well-known
- 17 Body powder
- 18 "Now, where - I?"
- 19 Novelist Deighton
- 20 One of the Kardashians
- 21 Squeak stopper
- 22 Golfer Trevino
- 23 Lake flock
- 26 Neighbor of Germany
- 30 Penny
- 31 Physique
- 32 Sci-fi race
- 33 Boise native
- 35 Labor group
- 36 Work unit
- 37 Prof's degree
- 38 Presentation aid
- 41 Romance
- 42 "Right you -!"
- 45 Petty of "Tank Girl"
- 46 Working
- 48 "Topaz" author

DOWN

- 1 Garbage barge
- 2 Director Wertmuller
- 3 Comestibles
- 4 Homer's lament
- 5 Caravan
- 6 Algerian port
- 7 Hiatus
- 8 Getting better
- 9 Authentic
- 10 Missile shelter
- 11 Formerly
- 16 Yale students
- 20 "Community" actor Jeong
- 21 Up-and-coming
- 22 Guided
- 23 Biol. or chem.
- 24 Mary
- 25 Santa - winds
- 26 Mafia boss
- 27 Foreman foe
- 28 Aussie hopper
- 29 Family
- 31 Satchel
- 34 Scrap
- 35 "Oops!"
- 37 VIP on Air Force One
- 38 Sandwich type
- 39 Circle dance
- 40 Bone-dry
- 41 Connecticut Sun's org.
- 42 Trojan War hero
- 43 Memory method
- 44 Black, in verse
- 46 Feedbag tidbit
- 47 -friendly

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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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Dining Services Leader
Dining & Conference Services Department

St. Lawrence University invites applications for a **Full-time, Seasonal, Dining Services Leader**.

The salary is \$18.63 - \$27.09/hr.

To view the complete position description, including minimum qualifications required, as well as application instructions please visit: <https://employment.stlawu.edu/postings/3901> or <https://employment.stlawu.edu/> for all positions available.

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Salary: \$52.00/hr-\$62.00/hr (pay based on level of education and experience)

Contact Kimberly Davies DNP, RN for more information.
Email: ferreek@canton.edu
Phone: 315-386-7172

Responsibilities: Clinical instruction using criterion referenced methods of evaluation; collaboration on course content, implementation, and evaluation; maintain an effective relationship with clinical sites.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree required and Master's Degree preferred.
- Must possess a valid, unencumbered RN license in New York State, and the American Heart Association Healthcare Provider BLS for Adults, Infant, and Child.

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

Persons interested in the above position should send their resume to hr@canton.edu

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.

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.

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



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.

To view the complete position description, including minimum qualifications required, as well as application instructions please visit: <https://employment.stlawu.edu/postings/3928> or <https://employment.stlawu.edu/> for all positions available.

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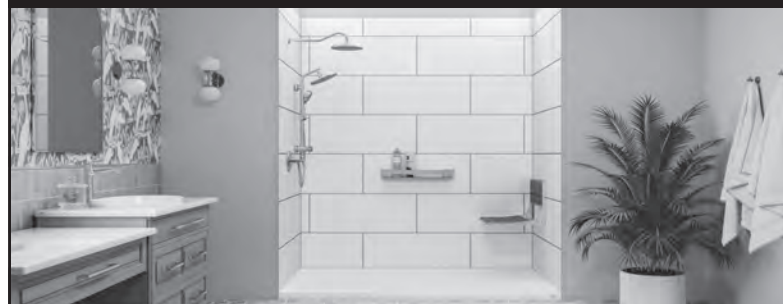


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The Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority

The Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority is hiring:

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

The Authority seeks to hire a Senior Accountant who will give accounting support to the CFO by: performing account & bank reconciliations and maintaining the general ledger for month-end and year-end close procedures, preparing and submitting taxes and tax returns, producing reports and submitting such to governmental agencies, assisting with audit preparations, and other accounting/compliance duties as assigned.

Minimum Requirements Include: Bachelor's Degree or higher in accounting or finance; a minimum of 3 years accounting experience; working knowledge of GASB and GAAP; practical knowledge of fund accounting; strong financial analytical skills; proficiency in Microsoft Office particularly Excel; strong communication skills, both written and oral; proven ability to handle multiple projects/tasks simultaneously. Familiarity with Sage Business Works and Paychex Flex is preferred. The ideal candidate would be looking for growth within the organization.

Salary Range: \$65,000 to \$70,000 annually.

Submit cover letter, and resume to obpa@ogdensport.com; at the Authority office; or by mail at 1 Bridge Plaza, Ogdensburg, NY 13669. All applications must be received by the Authority by 3:00 PM on Friday, December 27, 2024. The OBPA is an Equal Opportunity Employer



Academic Advisor

The State University of New York (SUNY) College at Canton invites qualified applicants for a full-time, Academic Advisor position in the School of Science Health and Criminal Justice, beginning February 1, 2025. The ideal candidate will possess good communication and organizational skills and function well as a member of a team.

Salary: \$46,239 - \$50,000

Required Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree.
- Experience in student services.

Preferred Additional Qualifications:

- Master's Degree.
- General experience with academic advising.

Duties:

- Provide support to students with respect to academic planning, program, and course selection.
- Assist students in academic planning related to the students' abilities and interests.
- Convey and interpret SUNY Canton's academic rules and regulations, academic prerequisites, programs, majors and course of study.
- May work directly with faculty in various departments to enhance the advisement process.
- May refer students to related offices (counseling, career planning, etc.) as appropriate.

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

Application Deadline: Open until filled; application review begins November 1st.

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

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NOW HIRING!

Youth Development Program Coordinator

Duties Include: Managing financial and administrative tasks funded by New York State Office of Children and Family Services.

Salary: \$45,706 - with excellent benefits: vacation and sick time, public service loan forgiveness eligibility, St. Lawrence County health insurance. Ask about details.

Applications Available at: <https://stlaw-portal.nycivilservice.com>.



Send Resume and Application to: St. Lawrence County Human Resources 48 Court St., Canton, NY 13617



City of Ogdensburg Employment Opportunity Director of Planning & Development

The City of Ogdensburg is accepting applications to fill the position of Director of Planning and Development.

Salary is \$85,000 to \$110,000 (DOQ) with an excellent fringe benefit package including NYS retirement and platinum-level health insurance significantly covered by the City.

ACCEPTABLE EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:

- Graduation from a regionally accredited or registered college or university with a Bachelor's degree in city planning, public administration, or business administration and two years of fulltime paid experience in city planning, economic and community development or industrial development; or
- A Master's Degree in city planning, public administration or business administration and one year of fulltime paid relevant experience as defined in (A) above; or
- Any equivalent combination of education and fulltime paid experience as defined by the limits of (A) and (B) above.

Civil Service applications are available at the City Clerk's Office at City Hall or at www.ogdensburg.org. Completed applications must be returned to Cathy Jock, City Clerk, 330 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669. Applications will be accepted continually and reviewed weekly until the position is filled.

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

- Business Education Teacher
- Elementary & Secondary Special Education Teachers
- Science Teacher - Biology & General Science
- School Psychologist

Start Date: ASAP

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

Full job descriptions and applications can be found at www.srk12.org/employment/

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

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

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Program Coordinator for our new Visitor Center

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Massena, NY

View complete posting on www.USAJOBS.gov (search on Massena, NY).

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For guidance please watch 'How to Apply for Federal Jobs', among other informational videos, on www.youtube.com/user/usajobsapp. For additional questions email U.S. Department of Transportation's Automated Staffing Office -TRANSJOBS@dot.gov.

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 available to News Editor Jimmy Lawton at Jimmy@NorthCountryNow.com. For information, call Jimmy at 315-265-1000, ext. 26.

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.

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

Full Time Kennel Attendant/Dog Handler at No Dogs Left Behind, Canton, NY. We are a 501(c), 3 charitable organization that saves dogs Beyond Borders from the meat trade in China, to Afghanistan, Ukraine, and the US. We continue to grow to be able to help dogs from all over the world. We go where no one else will go to help these animals. We are looking for a compassionate, hard-working person who loves and appreciates animals. We ask for 2 years dog handling & 2 years pet daycare & boarding experience or some other position that involves animal care. This position would involve providing a high level of sanitation, and taking care of the dogs, kennels and common places. You would also interact with veterinarians, kennel techs, and animal care specialists to ensure the dogs receive the best care. Responsibilities include cleaning cages, kennels, outdoor park areas and daily maintenance routines. Various shifts needed, including weekends as needed. Pay \$15 per hour. Send resume, cover letter to Kathy@nodogsleftbehind.com. EOE

MAXFIELD'S Kitchen hiring Day Line Cooks, Evening Kitchen Sautee and Line Cooks. Call Larry for interview 315 212 2707

Billing Specialist: This position is responsible for all aspects of billing relating to Home and Community-Based Services, as well as ongoing management and maintenance ensuring data integrity, compliance, proper utilization, and maximum revenue reimbursement for the Family Support Program. Status: Non-exempt, Full-time, permanent Salary: : \$15.02 - \$31.68 Deadline: December 25, 2024. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov.

Greenwood dairy is seeking an individual to join our outside crew. Task include operating farm equipment and performing maintenance on equipment and in the barns. stop by to fill out an application or call 315-386-3048 and leave a message.

JobsRUs.com formerly Penski Staffing is a service-oriented staffing/recruiting company dedicated to working closely with our clients. We are currently hiring for a Lab Technician, Production Workers, and Assemblers, and various other positions with salaries ranging from \$15.00/hr to \$30.00/hr. We also have several other positions available at this time. For more information please apply at www.jobsrus.com or Contact our office at (315)265-8860.

NEW CAR DEALERSHIP HIRING: Full time Technician needed for fast paced car dealership. Primary duties include: oil/filter changes, tire rotations/changes, Air filter changes and wiper changes, Brake diagnosis and repairs, Suspension diagnosis and repairs, Electrical diagnosis and repair etc. ASE Certification preferred but not required. Please submit resume to Roger, Fixed Operations Director, TJ Toyota. Inc., 6706 SH 56 Potsdam, NY 13676 or Email: service@tjtoyota.com. Please no phone calls.

Registered Nurse/Behavioral Health Coordinator: Under the direction of the Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, the RN/Care Coordinator will assist the Mental Health therapists, Psychiatrist, Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, and the Outpatient Alcohol and Chemical Dependency Program staff with meeting the client's needs. The RN/Care Coordinator will work within guidelines of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Health Services policies and procedures, including Mental Health and A/CDP, and under standards of care according to New York State Office of Mental Health and New York State Office of Substance Abuse and Alcohol Services. Status: Exempt, Full-time Salary: \$56,763.20 - \$85,342.40 Deadline: Open Until Filled. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov

Registered Nurse: The Registered Nurse under the direction of the Nursing Supervisor will collaborate with all members of the health care team to develop and maintain a high quality of nursing care. The RN will be accountable for the delivery of high-quality patient care. Status: Non-exempt, Full-time, permanent Salary: \$27.29 - \$41.03 Deadline: Open Until Filled. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov

Farm Mechanic Wanted. Salary contingent on experience. Health Insurance and Retirement available. Call 315-244-1422

The Town of Oswegatchie is accepting applications for a full-time Motor Equipment Operator (MEO). The successful applicant must have a valid and clean Class B license. Excellent benefit package; HSA health insurance, NYS retirement, holidays, vacation, personal & sick time, paid shutdown week, overtime, etc. Applications may be obtained by calling the Highway Superintendent at 315-393-2039.

Hospice seeks a full-time Social Worker to provide support to patients and families at end-of-

life. Primary responsibilities: caregiver support, end of life counseling for patients and families, and developing and updating care plans based on individual need. Must demonstrate flexibility, knowledge of community resources, the ability to work with a team, strong time management skills and experience in the health care field. Candidates must possess either a Bachelor's or Master's degree in Social Work (LMSW) with NYS licensure. Driver's license and vehicle required. Salary Range is \$24-\$28/hr plus competitive benefits. Send resume to Mary Jones, Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley, 6805 US Highway 11, Potsdam NY. 13676 or mjones@hospiceslv.org. Application deadline is December 20, 2024.

EDWARDS-KNOX CENTRAL SCHOOL has an anticipated opening for a FTE Twelve Month Tenure Track School Building Leader. School Building Leader certification is required, a candidate on an administrative track of coursework may be considered. Applications are due by noon on Monday, December 16, 2024. Applications can be submitted at www.ekcsk12.org. Transcripts should be sent to the attention of Brandi Graham, District Clerk, 2512 CR 24, Hermon, NY 13652.

Solid Waste Program Manager: Responsible for overall program development and administration and staff of the Tribe's Solid Waste programs to ensure compliance with Tribal, Federal, and applicable state policies, procedures, and regulations. Provides team leadership to ensure waste management schemes are effectively designed and implemented to achieve waste reduction. Status: Non-exempt, Full-time, permanent Salary: \$15.63 - \$36.75 Deadline: December 18, 2024. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov

REPORTER-EDITOR 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 available to News Editor Jimmy Lawton at Jimmy@NorthCountryNow.com. For information, call Jimmy at 315-265-1000, ext. 26.

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The Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority

The Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority is hiring:

EVENT COORDINATOR

The Ogdensburg Bridge & Port Authority is seeking an energetic Event Coordinator to organize outstanding events at the soon to be opened Great Room at the Ogdensburg International Airport. The successful candidate will be responsible for every part of event preparations and evaluation of success afterward.

RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE: identifying the client's requirements & expectations for an event, sourcing and negotiating with vendors, exhibitors, and stakeholders during the event planning process; coordinating event logistics, managing all set-up, tear down, and follow-up processes, maintaining event budgets, conducting final inspections on the day of the event; reviewing event bills and approve payment; conducting post-event evaluation. This position will also update and maintain the OGS Air website.

REQUIREMENTS: Proven experience as an event coordinator or similar role; at least three (3) years' experience in the role; strong communications skills; ability to work under pressure managing multiple tasks & projects simultaneously; website management skills; BA in hospitality management preferred. This is a full-time position with a salary range: \$55,000 - \$60,000 annually. The anticipated start date of this position is: **1st of April 2025**

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Ogdensburg Bridge & Port Authority is looking for an outgoing, detail oriented multi-tasker for the position of Administrative Assistant. Candidates should be able to assist management and visitors by handling administrative and clerical needs; providing polite & professional assistance via phone or email; and assisting in daily office needs of the organization.

RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE: answering & directing phone calls; opening & distributing mail; ordering supplies and researching new deals & suppliers; updating (as necessary) and maintaining filing system on computer; providing general support to visitors; creating truck permits for truckers crossing the border; and assisting with tracking of tenant maintenance needs.

REQUIREMENTS: 3-5 years prior administrative experience, excellent time management skills and ability to prioritize work; working knowledge of office equipment; proficiency in MS Office; attention to detail; excellent written & verbal communication skills; high school degree or equivalent; additional qualifications as an Administrative Assistant a plus.

This is a part-time position (ideally from 9:00am – 2:00 pm) Monday through Friday. Rate of pay: \$24.00 per hour.

EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR

The Ogdensburg Bridge & Port Authority is seeking a detail oriented, well organized Executive Coordinator to provide support for the Authority's management team. This role must be able to interact with a broad range of individuals including members of the Senior Management Team and Board of Directors. This individual is expected to handle confidential financial, legal, personnel, and institutional information in a professional and discreet manner.

RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE: being confidential secretary to the Board of Directors, scheduling monthly Board meetings, typing minutes and keeping files; providing coordination and scheduling of the organization's annual compliance plan; assisting H/R director with maintaining confidential & sensitive employee information; serving as the organization's Ethics Coordinator; updating the OBPA's website, providing back-up to the part time administrative assistant for phone, mail, and truck permits.

REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE: 5 years prior experience in this type of role; strong time management skills and ability to meet multiple deadlines; excellent computer skills including Microsoft Office; excellent verbal & written communication skills; comfortable interacting with higher level executives & Board Members; Bachelor's Degree preferred. This is a full-time position with a salary range of \$55,000 - \$60,000 annually.

Submit cover letter, and resume to pnisco@ogdensport.com; at the Authority office; or by mail at **1 Bridge Plaza Ogdensburg, NY 13669**. All applications must be received by the Authority by **3:00 PM on Friday, January 03, 2025**.

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**Financial Technician
Great Lakes St. Lawrence
Seaway Massena, NY**

View complete posting on www.USAJOBS.gov (search on Massena, NY). This vacancy closing date is 03/04/2025 with early consideration 12/24/2024.

For guidance please watch 'How to Apply for Federal Jobs', among other informational videos, on www.youtube.com/user/usajobsapp. For additional questions email U.S. Department of Transportation's Automated Staffing Office - TRANSJOBS@dot.gov.



Clarkson

Employment Opportunities

Assistant Professor in Software Engineering- Tenure Track (Potsdam, NY)

Position Summary: The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Clarkson University invites applications for a tenure track position at the Assistant Professor level. Candidates are sought who have research expertise that aligns with departmental strengths in software engineering. Our focus areas include software systems architecture and design, software testing and quality assurance, secure software development, software maintenance and evolution, artificial intelligence and machine learning.

Minimum qualifications: PhD in Software Engineering or related discipline. **Range:** \$110,000- \$118,000 salary based on experience

Assistant Professor Physical Therapy (Clinical-Track) (Potsdam, NY)

Position Summary: The Physical Therapy Department in the Lewis School of Health Sciences at Clarkson University invites applicants to apply for a full-time core faculty position as an Assistant Professor (clinical-track) physical therapy instructor. This appointment is for a full-time, 10-month position, starting in June 2025. The position is not tenurable, but includes a promotion path to Associate Professor and Professor ranks.

Minimum qualifications: Possess a DPT degree and an APTA board certified clinical specialization and some clinical experience. Applicants without an APTA board certified clinical specialization but plans to do so will be considered. Be eligible for New York state PT licensure. Other professional licensures/academic degrees may be eligible for a DPT core faculty position.

Range: \$80,000- \$84,000 based on experience

Assistant Professor of Communication-Teaching Track (Potsdam, NY)

Position Summary: eaching Track Assistant Professor of Communication, specialization open. We are particularly interested in digital forms of communication and environmental communication

Minimum qualifications: PhD in Rhet/Comp or related field by Sept 1, 2025 and evidence of teaching excellence.

Range: \$60,000- \$63,000 based on experience

Review of applications will begin immediately and continues until the position is filled. To submit your application, go to www.clarkson.edu/hr and click "Career Opportunities" below Careers at Clarkson section. An equal opportunity /affirmative action employer, Clarkson actively seeks and encourages applications from minorities, women and people with disabilities. <https://www.clarkson.edu/human-resources/career-opportunities> Prior to a final offer of employment, the selected candidate will be required to submit to a background check including, but not limited to, employment verification, educational and other credential verification, and criminal background check.

**St. Lawrence County
Community Services Department
is in search of the following positions:**

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

Applications accepted until position filled.

You can apply online at <https://stlaw-portal.mycivilservice.com>.

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

or by contacting Human Resources

315-379-2210

Send application to:

St. Lawrence County

Human Resources Office

48 Court Street, Canton, NY 13617

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Full Time Employment Opportunity 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 available to News Editor Jimmy Lawton at Jimmy@NorthCountryNow.com.

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



DIRECTOR DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley seeks a creative Director of Development and Community Relations to join the Hospice team. Working closely with the CEO, Board and staff, the successful candidate will be responsible for planning, organizing, and directing Hospice's fundraising and community relations initiatives including the major gifts program, planned giving, and special events.

If you are a motivated self-starter with development experience looking to make a difference in the lives of county residents, please send a detailed cover letter and resume via email to rfishbeck@hospiceslv.org. Full position description posted on hospiceslv.org.



Ogdensburg City School District

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

Substitute School Bus Drivers
Potential to become Full-Time - \$28.14/hr.

Part-Time Food Service Helpers
\$15.00/hr.

All interested candidates must submit the following:

- Civil Service Application (can be obtained in the Superintendent's Office or downloaded from our school website)
- Copy of New York State Commercial Diver's License (School Bus Driver applicants only)
- Resume
- Copy of Trainings and Certifications (School Bus Driver applicants only)
- Application deadline is December 16, 2024

All requested materials are to be submitted to:

Sabrina Charleston
Ogdensburg City School District
1100 State Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669
scharleston@ogdensburgk12.org
315-393-0900 (p) • 315-393-2767 (f)

EOE



City of Ogdensburg Employment Opportunity Planning Department

The City of Ogdensburg is currently accepting applications for a position in the Planning Department. This is an exciting opportunity to play a vital role in shaping the future of our community. As a planner, you will be responsible for driving initiatives that help the City of Ogdensburg grow sustainably, attract investment, and enhance the quality of life for residents. Planners collaborate with stakeholders to develop land use plans, guide community development projects, and implement policies that align with the City's vision for growth and revitalization. Based on qualifications and experience, candidates may be considered for one of the following positions: Planner I, Planner II, or Planner III.

Planner I -- Salary Range: \$50,851 to \$66,745 (DOQ)

Planner II -- Salary Range: \$56,278 to \$73,453 (DOQ)

Planner III -- Salary Range: \$67,735 to \$85,738 (DOQ)

Benefits: Excellent fringe benefit package, including NYS retirement and platinum-level health insurance significantly covered by the City.

How to Apply

Interested candidates must complete a Civil Service application and return it to the City Clerk. Civil Service applications are available at the City Clerk's Office at City Hall or at www.ogdensburg.org. Completed applications must be returned to Cathy Jock, City Clerk, 330 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669. Applications will be accepted continually and reviewed weekly until the position is filled.

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.

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Vice President for Advancement

The State University of New York College of Technology at Canton (SUNY Canton) invites nominations and applications for the position of Vice President of Advancement. The Vice President is the chief advancement officer of the College, reports directly to the President, and serves on the Canton College Foundation. The Vice President also serves as a voting member on the College's Executive Cabinet. Pending Canton College Foundation Board approval, the Vice President for Advancement serves as the Executive Director of the Canton College Foundation.

Salary: \$140,000 - \$160,000

Job Requirements and Essential Functions of the Job

The College seeks an individual with a record of accomplishment as an advancement leader, development officer, and a fundraiser. A strong background in alumni relations is a major plus. The Vice President will provide leadership, vision, and direction for Advancement and Alumni Affairs activities and personnel. They will actively participate in identifying, cultivating, and nurturing the relationships that lead to development of major and planned gifts. The Vice President will work with all constituencies of the College and Foundation to understand the mission and priorities of the college and to develop strategies to provide support for those priorities. They will have an effective leadership style conducive to establishing collegial relationships with community and industry leaders.

Required Qualifications

- An earned bachelor's degree from an accredited college is required.
- At least seven years of successful experience in fundraising in positions of increasing authority including a history of strong staff management skills.
- Ability to work and communicate effectively with faculty, staff, and foundation to translate College priorities into compelling cases for support.
- A strong record of developing and cultivating

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- A successful background in most of the following areas of solicitation: major gifts, estates, planned gifts, and developing annual giving.

Preferred Qualifications

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Teaching Assistant / Bus Monitor

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This position includes a competitive salary, comprehensive benefits, and extensive professional support. This position will be 10 months, with daily hours to be determined. This position follows the academic school calendar.

Minimum Qualifications:

Possession of a NYS Teaching Assistant Certification is required.

Application Process:

To apply, please submit the following:

1. A completed application (available online at www.cliftonfine.org/employment).
2. A letter of interest.
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Application Deadline: December 27, 2024

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Salary: \$31,241 to \$80,392

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EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE:

- NYS licensure or eligibility for licensure as an LMSW, LCSW, or LMHC includes an MSW, MSN, or a Master's degree in a mental health setting or working towards obtaining a Master's degree within the next year.
- OR
- The above conditions and 2 years' experience working with youth and families in a behavioral health setting preferred.

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- Full-time/ 40 hours per week
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Coordinator

Small Business Development Center

Department: Small Business Development Center
Salary Range: \$23,000-\$24,000

The Small Business Development Center at SUNY Canton invites qualified applicants for a part-time Coordinator position, beginning immediately.

Duties:
 The Coordinator of the Small Business Development Center will support the SBDC Regional Director and the SBDC Advisors to meet the goals identified by SUNY Canton, the US Small Business Administration (SBA) and the New York State SBDC.

Administrative Functions:

- Maintenance of client files consistent with compliance requirements.
- Maintain client confidentiality per NY SBDC and regional center standards.
- Record-keeping of client activities.
- Management of client archives.
- Manage client intake process per NY SBDC and SBA Guidelines.
- Respond to phone and internet requests with appropriate information.
- Distribute, collect, and report client and stakeholder surveys and evaluations.
- May be required to move client files or training materials as needed.

Marketing Functions:

- Develop and implement a marketing plan for the SUNY Canton SBDC to promote their services and programs in conjunction with NY SBDC guidelines and Regional Director approval.
- Create regularly published e-newsletter as well as SBDC marketing materials for classes, events, and programs.
- Create and source content to be posted regularly on SBDC social media platforms and website.
- Maintain and update SBDC website on a regular basis.
- Promote SBDC services, classes, events, and programs through various regional and statewide outlets.
- Create and distribute updated materials to regional stakeholders.

Training /Events:

- Manage online registration system for training participants.
- Responsible for creating, organizing, and maintaining training records in SBDC client management system.
- Administer and support the Center's online educational tools and platforms.

Other Responsibilities:

- Support the management and execution of training programs in conjunction with the director, business advisors and consultants as required.
- Promote classes and events through various digital channels, including but not limited to the SUNY Canton SBDC, NYS SBDC and SBA websites and social media platforms.
- Coordinate support for events, classes and programs as needed.

Other Responsibilities:

- * Attend yearly SBDC Staff training at various locations in NY.
- All other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Associate's degree and two (2) years of professional work experience in an office setting.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Ability to effectively represent SUNY Canton and SBDC in a professional manner to community organizations and clients.
- Ability to collaborate effectively within a group setting.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills.
- Experience working with diverse constituencies.
- Effective organizational and time management skills.
- Ability to manage multiple priorities with overlapping deadlines.
- Computer proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher, PowerPoint.
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 4. GAMES: What number is represented by the phrase "two little ducks" in bingo?
 5. SCIENCE: What percentage of air is nitrogen gas?
 6. MUSIC: When did Rock the Vote, an organization that encourages young people to vote, come into being?
 7. TELEVISION: Which 1970s comedy show features the theme song "Come On Get Happy"?
 8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which month of the year has the least number of letters?
 9. U.S. STATES: Which state is first alphabetically?
 10. MOVIES: Which 1983 movie features a character named Tony Montana?
- Answers found elsewhere in this paper.

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Kids in PJs have fun, visit Santa



Above, a train ride, as well Santa, cookie decorating, movies, bounce house and slide, were among the activities at the Holiday Pajama Party held at Hawkins Point Visitors Center Friday night, Dec. 6.

MASSENA — A visit with Santa, cookie decorating, holiday movies in the theater, and an inflatable bounce house and slide were among the Holiday Pajama Party activities offered at Hawkins Point Visitors Center December 6.

The free event drew a large number of families, with most children coming dressed in their pajamas.

The New York Power Authority's St. Lawrence-Franklin D. Roosevelt Power Project hosts the annual Holiday Pajama Party.



Above, children select their decorative gift bags given out to attendees at the Holiday Pajama Party held at Hawkins Point Visitors Center Friday night, Dec. 6.



Pictured at left, Massena brothers, from left, Caleb and Carter McGee frost sugar cookies at the Holiday Pajama Party held at Hawkins Point Visitors Center Friday night, Dec. 6.



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Lydia Adams, of Massena, sits with Santa at the Holiday Pajama Party held at Hawkins Point Visitors Center Friday night, Dec. 6.



Kendrick and Kathryn Steenkamer, of Hogansburg, play with an exhibit about sound and electrical energy at the Hawkins Point Visitors Center during its Holiday PJ Party Dec. 6.



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