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Volunteer Shawn Rafter rings the bell for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle fundraiser at the entrance to JC Penney, Massena. The campaign is behind its goal and asking for donations.

40-year land dispute comes to an end

Tribe signs off on settlement

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

AKWESASNE -- Over four decades of litigation over the Akwesasne Land Claim Settlement has come to an end.

The Tribal Council has signed the final Akwesasne Mohawk Land Claim Settlement following the 2nd Concealed Tribal Chiefs Gathering on Dec. 11.

With the Tribal Council signing off on the agreement, which was passed as a Tribal Council Resolution during the December Tribal monthly meeting, all land claims involving the entities will now be finalized.

St. Lawrence County Attorney Steve Button, who represented the county over the last decade, said the agreement is a testament to all parties' willingness to "be good neighbors and find a positive resolution" to the situation.

"The litigation first began 42 years ago but we really saw the most progress

in the last decade or so. I think that's a testament to all parties agreeing to move forward, to find some common ground while looking to the future so we all can be good neighbors to one another," Button said.

As part of the agreement the Tribe will receive a number of benefits, all of which were approved by Tribal referendum.

A total of 3,500 acres will nearly immediately be returned to Reservation Status, along with the opportunity for up to 14,000 total acres in the land claim areas to also be returned to such status.

Tribal members will also receive free tuition and waiver of mandatory fees if they attend SUNY institutions.

The Tribe also has the right to acquire 9 megawatts of power from the New York Power Authority at a preferred rate, along with \$70

SEE **LAND** ON 20.

Community cornerstones die in automobile crash

County grieves loss of Coupal and Perez

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- The Massena community is grieving the loss of two cornerstones.

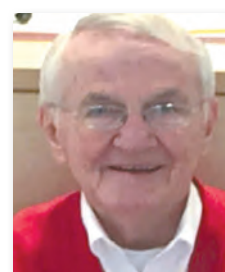
Real "Frenchie" Coupal, president of Frenchie's Chevrolet, and Loretta Perez passed away following a motor vehicle accident Tuesday night, Dec. 17 in Potsdam.

"Frenchie and Loretta were two cornerstones of this community. Each individual was highly involved in the community, whether that be with the Hospital board, the Elks, or the Italian American Club. Two very wonderful people who gave so much to the community and who I will miss dearly. My thoughts are with both of their families and I know the entire Massena community grieves," Mayor Greg Paquin said.

Town Supervisor Sue Bellor also shared her shock and condolences following the loss of Coupal and Perez.

"This was shocking news when I heard. Both Frenchie Coupal and Loretta Perez were two highly known and successful business people. I also worked with them on the Massena Memorial Hospital Board and both were dedicated to serve," Bellor said.

She commented that she spent many years



Real 'Frenchie' Coupal



Loretta Perez

working with Coupal in Rotary as well.

"We just had our club's lunch yesterday where before he left, he made a point to wish my family well for Christmas. I visited Loretta on Monday in her office and being related (cousins), we had a good conversation. This is very sad news for many of us," Bellor said.

Condolences continued to pour in as the news broke, with St. Lawrence County Chamber representatives offering their condolences to all affected.

"We at the Chamber are shocked and saddened by the passing of Frenchie Coupal and Loretta Perez. They were

huge presences in the business community of

SEE **CORNERSTONES** ON 20.



Lights on the River | Courtesy

Lights on the River

Enjoy holiday light displays and help local food pantries by visiting Lights on the River at Lisbon campground. Food donations are accepted at the entry.

Warming center is boon for homeless

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG -- Homelessness continues to be a growing problem in St. Lawrence County, leading a number of individuals to use the county's warming center.

Department of Social Services Commissioner Joseph Seeber updated county legislators during the Services Committee meeting on Dec. 16.

According to Seeber's year-to-date statistics, individual placements stood at 346 on the year.

He noted that some individuals have been placed multiple times

SEE **WARMING** ON 20.



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Knights and Auxiliary deliver gifts

The Ogdensburg Council 258 Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary delivered 203 gifts to 76 households on Dec. 14 during their annual gift delivery. The membership would like to thank the organizations and individuals who donated their time, money or toys, making this possible.

Village sales tax collections keep declining, down 3.07%

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- Prices are up, leading to a decline in purchasing power for many families across the country. Village of Massena sales tax collections reflect the trend, as receipts came in lower than expected.

According to Treasurer Kevin Felt, the village received \$596,974 from St. Lawrence County for the first quarter of the fiscal year.

That reflects a decrease of 3.07%, he said.

"This is an \$18,919, or 3.07% decrease over the same period last year," he told trustees during the November meeting.

The village has budgeted \$2,350,000 for the fiscal year but like many municipalities, it may be tough to reach that goal with the cost of goods and services coming in so high, village officials said.

The 3.7% decrease mirrored collections from the previous quarter as well, Felt said.

In June, Felt told trustees the village had collected \$534,564 from the county for that quarter, which was also a 3.7% decrease compared to the previous year.

The downward trend has continued for months now, Felt noted in June.

When comparing the year-to-date collections at the June meeting, he said the village was down over \$80,000 compared to the previous year.

"Last year we received \$1,809,033

during this time frame. Therefore, we are down \$80,902, approximately 4.5%," Felt said.

It was more bleak news from Felt as well as he reported substantial increases in state retirement pension fund contributions.

Felt said the village had received the pension system bills for the current fiscal year from the Comptroller's Office.

"The amounts due Dec. 15 are \$466,856 for the Employees' Retirement System, a 17.6% increase from a year ago, and \$746,154 for the Police and Fire Retirement System, a 14.5% increase from a year ago," he said.

The increases, though not unexpected, still sting as the village continues to monitor finances closely.

Felt said the village could save money by using the prepayment option to pay the invoices by Dec. 15, saving the village \$8,723 total. That would include savings of \$3,357 for the Employee Retirement System and \$5,366 for the Police and Fire Retirement System.

Felt also noted the village had collected 92% of all taxes owed to the village, opting to remit the uncollected taxes totaling \$565,562.28 on 336 parcels to the county.

The county in turn will make the village whole to the tune of \$605,870.56, after interest and fees are included, in February.

Those figures are similar to what were seen last year, when \$601,229.42 was owed on 335 parcels, which was remitted to the county for collection.

Ticketed after accident at Walmart

MASSENA -- Massena Police have ticketed a Brasher man following a two car motor vehicle accident in the village.

According to police, Matthew Lawrence, 37, was ticketed for

unsafe backing of a motor vehicle following an accident at the Massena Walmart around 5:35 p.m. on Dec. 15.

He is to appear in Town of Massena Court at a later date.

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New sandwich restaurant opens in Ogdensburg

OGDENSBURG — A new restaurant has opened selling a selection of subs, sandwiches, salads, soups, and desserts.

Owned by Jerry and Dawn Crossett, Hoagies N More will serve a variety of food to the Ogdensburg community and surrounding areas.

The Ogdensburg Community office of the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce held a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for the new eatery, located at 120 Chimney Point (in Commerce Park behind the St. Lawrence Federal Credit Union).

Hoagies N More is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5

p.m.

“The Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority is very pleased to have Hoagies N More as a new tenant in the Commerce Park Campus” said Anthony Adamczyk, Director of Economic Development, Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority. “It has been the Authority’s goal for some time now to have on-site food service catering to companies located within the campus and we appreciate Hoagies N More for helping make this goal a reality”.

For more information, contact 315-605-1283, or hoagiesnmore24@gmail.com, or visit their Facebook page at HOAGIESNMORE.



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Pictured for the ribbon cutting are Jerry and Dawn Crossett, Julia Cote, Gracie Crobar, Lillian Russell, Hunter McDonald, Alan and Ruth Laughman, Storm Cilley and Mike Weaver, both city councilman, Ogdensburg Mayor Mike Tooley, Anthony Adamczyk, OBPA economic development director, Kevin McDonough, Ogdensburg community ambassador, and Benjamin Dixon, county chamber executive director.

New handbook released for Massena student ex-officio

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- The student representative to the Massena Central School Board of Education will now have a handbook available to them after school officials compiled the document to support the position.

The position, known as a student ex-officio, is a rising senior elected at the end of the school year to sit on the board as a non-voting member to represent the student body. The completion of the handbook allows the district to mark off one of the board’s 2024-25 goals as was determined earlier this year.

“The idea for this document came out of a board officers academy training that I attended. Like a lot of really good ideas, a lot of the content has been stolen from other folks that have done the same thing,” board President Paul Haggett said during a recent meeting.

School board members voted to approve the document during last month’s meeting. As for the contents of the document, that includes a welcome and overview of the position and its various responsibilities, a description of the board of education and it’s duties, why a student representative sits on the board, what the role entails, what a typical board

meeting consists of, along with a sample agenda, list of meeting dates and members, core beliefs, mission and vision of the board.

Much of the materials were pulled from the Schenectady City School District’s student board member manual, school officials said.

“There were also some other online resources that I found that I consulted once the text was drafted. Ashley (Snyder, district clerk) put it into the five by eight format that you see linked,” Haggett said.

According to Haggett, the document was reviewed by current student ex-officio Isabel Beard, high school Principal Alan Oliver, teacher Randal Freeman and board members Joyce Giroux and Zachary Monroe. Haggett said he had not heard negative feedback regarding the document, noting that he was told “it read pretty well” and was deemed “ready to go.” To ensure the document remains up to date, Haggett said the handbook would likely be reviewed annually by the board of education and to ensure “it works for the board that is currently seated.”

That review could come during the board’s annual July meeting or July dinner meeting, board Vice President Kevin Perretta suggested.

The new handbook was approved unanimously by the board.

Holiday schedule for NCTW

Due to the holidays, deadlines for the Dec. 28 and Jan. 4 Massena-Ogdensburg editions of “North Country This Week” will be early.

Deadline for advertising and news submissions will be 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23 for the Dec. 28 issue and 10

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Schine Theater receives \$640,000 for restoration project from NYPA grant

Project inches closer to finish line

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- The Massena Arts Association has received a huge boost in the Schine Theater restoration project after being awarded \$640,000 from a state economic development award.

State officials announced the award Dec. 10 as part of more than \$940 million in capital investments statewide.

"The rehabilitation of the historic Schine Theater in downtown Massena is central to the town's revitalization efforts and will catalyze support for new and existing businesses in the community. The \$640,000 NYPA funding award is critical to the theater's restoration and is a prime example of the Power Authority's commitment to communities located near its assets," NYPA President and CEO Justin E. Driscoll said.

Funds for the award come from the net earnings from un-utilized

hydropower from the St. Lawrence-FDR Power Project in Massena.

Those funds are used to support St. Lawrence County businesses and institutions, according to NYPA officials.

"Economic development awards from the New York Power Authority have helped revitalize communities throughout the state by attracting businesses to New York and incentivizing job growth," Hochul said.

"The latest round of awards approved today by the NYPA trustees will spur more than \$940 million in investments, strengthening our state's clean energy economy."

The funding will play a crucial role to transform the theater into a multi-use community theater, cultural and event center, officials said.

The project will consist of renovations of the existing theater shell, restoration of the original facade and marquee, along with roof and masonry repairs, renovations of the entire interior, new heating, cooling, plumbing, lighting and electrical systems, officials said.

The renovation will also include the demolition of the existing boiler

house and chimney to create an event support space that is energy efficient with full accessibility.

State Senator Dan Stec voiced his support for the project and funding in a press release, commenting that "a vibrant arts scene. Helps build vibrant communities."

"The \$640,000 to rehabilitate the Schine Theater in downtown Massena into a multi-use community theater, cultural and event center will improve the quality of life in Massena and bring a state-of-the-art facility to our region. I can't wait to see the completed revitalization effort and the positive impact it will have for our residents," Stec said.

Assemblyman Scott Gray described the project as "pivotal in revitalizing downtown Massena" in a release.

"This investment preserves an important piece of local history and transforms it into a vibrant hub for arts, culture, and events. By NYPA supporting this project, they are helping create opportunities for economic growth, fostering community engagement, and enhancing the quality of life in Northern New York," Gray said.

He commented that the Massena Arts and Theater Association have a great vision and show great dedication with their work on the project.

The total project cost is estimated to be \$3.2 million but the bulk of that funding has come in this year in the form of numerous grants and fundraising efforts.

In July, MATA received \$2 million through the Restore New York Municipal Grant program to cover the cost of demolition, deconstruction, rehabilitation and reconstruction of the property.

Fundraising efforts have also continued, with numerous local businesses and organizations pledging their support for the project.

SeaComm Federal Credit Union also donated \$50,000 in March to support the project, funds which were used to cover the cost of refurbishing the vintage marquee.

To offer assistance or make a donation to the restoration project, visit MATA's Facebook page, Massena Schine Theater, or at massenaschinetheater.com.

\$9.4M capital project approved

LISBON — A \$9.4 million capital project passed at Lisbon Central Dec. 17 by a vote of 162 in favor and 127 against.

The scope of the project will see work update the main campus which includes masonry restoration, roof repairs, exterior soffit and fascia replacement, HVAC upgrades, replacement of an elevator, and interior finishes and upgrades on stairs and corridors.

Transportation maintenance facility project work will include service bays, bus wash, lifts, office spaces, and storage for fluids and parts.

The Capital Improvement Project Vote at Lisbon Central School passed last evening. This is positive for our school and community and will continue to support the needs of our students, employees, and our families.

OBITUARIES

Sarah Holcomb (née MacDonald), 87

Massena

MASSENA - Sarah Holcomb (née MacDonald), born on June 3, 1937, in the family farmhouse on the 8th concession of Glen Norman, Ontario, Canada, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 11, 2024.

She was the beloved daughter of the late Hugh M. MacDonald and Annabel MacDonell.

Sarah was predeceased by her husband of over 50 years, Warren Holcomb.

Sarah is survived by her children: Janice (Greg) Hopper, Kevin (Amy) Holcomb, Lorna (Tim) Burley, and Neil (Denise) Holcomb.

Her spirit extended to her grandchildren, Stevie, Colin, McKay, Jordan, Brian, and Jake, and great-grandchildren, Rowan and Shay.

Sarah is also survived by her sisters Mary O'Connor, Jessie Leduc, Margaret Howard, and Patricia (Russ) Graham. She was additionally predeceased by her cherished daughter Mona; and brothers Allan and Rev. Charles MacDonald; a sister Anna McBean; and brothers-in-law Duncan McBean, Gerard O'Connor, Archie Leduc, and Don Howard.

Sarah began her healthcare career as a registered nurse, marked by her unwavering commitment to caring for others.

Upon moving to the U.S., she continued to dedicate herself to the profession she loved, retiring at the age of 70.

Her passion for service extend-

ed beyond her professional life as she actively volunteered in her community, supporting her church and programs like Meals on Wheels.

Throughout her life, Sarah valued her lifelong friendships. Together, they celebrated life's milestones through their cherished birthday club, a testament to the enduring bonds she valued deeply.

Sarah's life was a testament to her service to family, friends, and the community. She will be fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her. Sarah was an accomplished knitter, and avid gardener and reader. She had a tremendous wit about her and enjoyed the time spent with family.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held in the summer of 2025 at St. Mary's Church with burial to follow in Calvary Cemetery, Massena.

Memorial contributions may be shared with Massena Meals-On-Wheel; 70 E Hatfield St, Massena, NY 13662 and Massena Rescue Squad; 341 E Orvis St, Massena, NY 13662

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



Sarah Holcomb

MASSENA - Fleurette Shirley Romeo, age 89, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family, and under the care of hospice on Tuesday, December 10, 2024.

Born in Cornwall, Ontario, Fleurette lived a full and loving life surrounded by family and friends.

She was married to the late Frank M. Romeo Jr. of Massena for 50 years. Their home was equally split between Massena and Ormond Beach, Florida.

She leaves behind her devoted children, Susan Romeo (Christopher Sharlow) of Massena, NY, Frank (Christie) Romeo of Richmond, VA, David Romeo (Marisa Tenaglia) of Ormond Beach, FL, and daughter-in-law Margot Kasulis of Toronto, Ontario. Also, sisters Madeleine Rouselle of Massena, NY, and Jacqueline LaFleche of Cornwall, Ontario.

She was predeceased by son,

MASSENA - Gary P. Johnson, 85, formerly of Massena, passed peacefully into the arms of Jesus with family by his side at the home of his daughter and son-in-law in Malone on December 8, 2024.

Gary had lived with his daughter and her family for the last two years.

Born in Massena on October 21, 1939, the son of the late Paul R. and Gladys (Gaines) Johnson, Gary attended Massena schools until he joined the United States Air Force in 1956, serving until 1960 with an honorable discharge.

He then joined the United States Army from 1962 to 1966. In 1966, after an honorable discharge from the Army, Gary was employed by ALCOA where he retired in 2001.

He served 15 years in the United States Army Reserves until he retired in 1993.

During his time with the Army Reserves, Gary graduated from North Country Community College where he studied Licensed Practical Nursing.

On December 25, 1968, he married Nancy (Cheney) Johnson and they shared 35 wonderful years together until she predeceased him

Fleurette Shirley Romeo, 89

Massena

Barrie Romeo, and her sister Estelle Andre. Fleurette was a proud grandmother to eight grandchildren and



Fleurette Romeo

two great-grandchildren, all of whom brought her immense pride and joy.

Fleurette will be remembered for her unwavering love for her family, her kindness, and her gentle spirit.

She enjoyed being a snowbird spending winter next to her son and family in her Ormond Beach home then travelling back to Massena to be close to her daughter and friends.

Fleurette had a deep appreciation for fashion, gardening, music, dancing and travelling.

She loved having coffee and

donuts with close friends, painting ceramics with her sister, and spending time with her pets.

One of her most enjoyable jobs was as a buyer for a dress shop.

The family would like to thank the many devoted health care providers that gave Fleurette the ability to stay at home with her family.

There will be a Celebration of Life in early summer of 2025 at the Church of The Sacred Heart.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers donations can be made to the St. Lawrence County Office for the Aging; 80 NY-310, Canton, NY 13617 and Hospice of St. Lawrence County; 6805 US-11, Potsdam, NY 13676.

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Gary P. Johnson, 85

Massena

in June of 2004.

He was a member of the American Legion, Massena Rod & Gun Club, and NRA and he was also a member of the Shiloh Baptist Church in Malone.



Gary Johnson

He enjoyed hunting and fishing the St. Lawrence River, where he had many fond memories of

boyhood fishing with his beloved father and then later with his two sons. Gary also had an affinity for drawing, painting and woodworking.

After retirement, he took an interest in research and writing and in 2012, Gary fulfilled a lifelong dream when his book, "Women Medical Legionnaires" was published.

Surviving are two sons; Thomas (Kristen) Johnson of Machias, Maine and James (Kelly) Johnson of Massena; a daughter, Julie (Joseph) Valentino of Malone; two sisters, Diane Neubauer of Fay-

etteville, NY and Conny (David) Richard of Torrington, CT. Gary has five grandchildren who gave him immense joy and pride: Olivia and Natalia Valentino, Miah Johnson and Zachary and Joshua Johnson.

In addition to his wife, he was also preceded in death by a beloved brother-in-law, Walter K. Neubauer and a precious granddaughter, Kyla Ruth Johnson.

There will be no calling hours. There will be a Memorial Service held at the Shiloh Baptist Church located at 217 Webster St, Malone, NY 12953 in Malone on Saturday, December 21, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Jayson Scaccia will officiating.

He will be interred at a date to be announced in the spring of 2025 at Massena Center Cemetery with full military honors.

Memorial contributions can be made to AscentCare Pregnancy Services at 20 Academy St, Saranac Lake, NY 12983 or online at www.helpusher.com.

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RECENT DEATHS

FLEURETTE ROMEO, 89, Massena, Dec. 10. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

IRA BUSH, 76, Heuvelton, Dec. 10. Linda Doyle, 77, Brasher, Dec. 11.

Arrangements with Hammill Funeral Home, Winthrop.

SARAH HOLCOMB, 87, Massena, Dec. 11. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

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Tasty treats at 'Ho, Ho, Ho' celebration

Jean Centrella, Friends of Massena Public Library member, on right, sells baked goods to Sylvia Cordwell during the Ho, Ho, Ho Celebration at Massena Public Library Dec. 14.

Police cracking down on DWIs this holiday

St. Lawrence County law enforcement agencies will join statewide efforts to reduce impaired driving this holiday season.

The period between Thanksgiving and New Year's is one of the most dangerous times of the year due to an increase in impaired driving. In December of 2023, there were 924 impaired driving crashes in the state of New York.

In a combined effort to bring awareness to the dangers of impaired driving, prevent injuries and save lives, law enforcement officers across New York State will be participating in a STOP-DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign that will run from December 11, 2024 through January 1, 2025.

The STOP-DWI Holiday Season High Visibility Engagement Cam-

paign is one of many statewide initiatives promoted by STOP-DWI NY and the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee.

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Surplus equipment sales cuts cost of new purchases

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
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MASSENA -- Surplus equipment from the town of Massena Highway Department has crossed the auction block, bringing in thousands of dollars to offset the cost of vital new equipment.

According to Highway Superintendent Dylan Casselman, the sale of surplus equipment has allowed the department to offset the cost of a new 2025 Silverado 3500HD pickup truck.

Town Supervisor Sue Bellor extended her thanks to Casselman for his efforts to save the town money.

"The funds for the new truck will be covered by the monies generated by the sale of the surplus equipment. Thank you, Dylan, for selling the surplus equipment to help us to get that. That's very much appreciated," she said.

Casselmann said he was also able to trade three pieces of equipment to offset the cost of purchasing new Caterpillar CAT equipment,

which included a roller for \$59,223, a track loader for \$92,331 and an excavator for \$190,815.

That total cost of \$342,369 was based on 2025 pricing, but was offset by the sale of a roller, skitter and loader that Casselman was able to sell.

In the end the town had to pay out \$261,369 with the offsetting sale of the older equipment.

Casselmann said the three pieces sold were all from the early 2000's and in need or replacement.

He said he also reached out to a dealer to assist with the purchase of the new equipment, saving money on a bulk buy with state bid pricing.

"With trading the three pieces in for the three new pieces to replace them, it's almost \$100,000 we're saving," Casselman said.

Casselmann said the department has a rolling loan to cover the cost, adding a new loan once another is paid off.

"The Highway Department has X number of loans. As we pay one loan off, we add another one to keep that continually going," he said.

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Gov. Hochul calls on feds to send more resources for northern border

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

Governor Kathy Hochul is calling on the Department of Homeland Security to restore full service to multiple ports of entry that recently saw hours of operation cut backs.

Though no ports of entry in St. Lawrence County were affected, Hochul said the cut backs to 12 and 16-hour schedules run contrary to the state's needs at this time.

Hochul addressed a letter to Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas on Nov. 27, calling into question the department's choice to scale back the hours of operation for four ports of entry that typically had 24/7 service.

"I have previously raised my concerns in meetings with the Biden-Harris Administration, and write to once again request the Department of Homeland Security immediately direct staffing and resources to expand enforcement activities along the U.S.-Canada border, and in light of this weeks

actions I ask you to immediately reverse the decision to suspend 24/7 staffing along our northern border at critical locations," she wrote.

Hochul pointed to the rising number of illegal border crossings this year as a primary concern, saying it should warrant "a firmer response."

She said the historically lax policies regarding the northern border are also to blame in this case.

Hochul pointed to "long-standing immigration policies of the U.S. and Canada" as a primary reason the northern border has become an "increasingly popular route for non-citizens seeking entry into the U.S."

According to Customs and Border Protection figures, over 19,385 illegal migrants from 97 countries were apprehended in the Swanton Sector, setting a new one-year record.

The sector covers the State of Vermont; Clinton, Essex, Franklin, St. Lawrence and Herkimer coun-

ties of New York; and Coos, Grafton and Carroll counties of New Hampshire.

No other sector was even close, with only two other sectors breaking 1,000 total apprehensions during fiscal year 2024, which runs from October 1, 2023 to Sept. 30, 2024.

Hochul also pointed to the lower than expected number of Border Patrol agents in the sector, noting that funding is available for 338 agents but only 260 positions have been filled.

She said the border would require 728 agents to "carry out sufficient enforcement for elevated levels of border crossings" as have been seen in recent months.

Winter crossings also pose an increased risk for agents and migrants alike, with a number of attempts ending in fatalities the last two years.

In February 2023 a Mexican man died just after entering the United States through Vermont.

Nine further fatalities occurred

in March 2023 after a boat capsized near the Akwesasne Mohawk Reservation, resulting in nine drowning deaths.

Those migrants, from India and Romania, were being smuggled into the U.S. as part of a larger scale operation, Border Patrol officials said at the time.

In her letter, Hochul was critical of federal officials who shot down a bipartisan effort to pass legislation that would have directed more federal resources to the northern border and would have led to changes in border security policies.

"Had it passed, states like New York would have greater resources to handle the influx of migrants nationwide. Despite it not passing, New York still needs to expand enforcement at the northern border today," she said.

The request for further assistance from federal authorities comes months after North Country state representatives and law enforcement officers called on the state and federal governments to do more to

combat the flow of migrants.

During a press conference on Sept. 26 on the steps of the St. Lawrence County Complex, St. Lawrence County Sheriff Rick Engle, State Senator Dan Stec and Assembly members Scott Gray and Ken Blankenbush addressed the border crisis, including the Green Light Law.

Stec says the number of people coming through Swanton illegally far exceeds the next closest sector on the northern border.

"They have only had around 1,100 in the same timeframe. The Swanton Sector has seen more apprehensions than two sectors on the southern border now. One is in Texas, the other is in California. This is a very serious, growing problem," Stec said Sept. 26.

Assistance offered for businesses, residents for flood damage

CANTON -- The Small Business Administration is offering services to assist businesses and residents impacted by torrential flooding between August 8-10.

Those involved in small businesses, agricultural cooperatives and small businesses that engage in aquaculture, along with most nonprofits can apply for Economic Injury Disaster Loans, SBA officials said.

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 amiable 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.

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

Charged after alleged assault in Massena

MASSENA -- A Massena woman is facing four charges following her arrest in the village of Massena on Dec. 16.

Massena Police say Tracy Bullock, 49, was charged with criminal mischief, criminal trespass, resisting arrest and harassment following a call to 234 Center Street, Apt. 1.

Police noted that an assault occurred at the residence on the department's running record.

Bullock was issued tickets returnable to Town of Massena Court at a later date.

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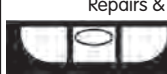
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NORTH COUNTRY THIS WEEK

More habitat for monarch butterflies set aside along county's NYPA transmission lines

New York Power Authority enrolls in national program to conserve habitat along transmission line corridors

MASSENA — St. Lawrence County butterfly enthusiasts may notice an uptick in monarch butterfly populations along the NYPA transmission lines which cut south through the county from the Moses-Saunders Power Dam.

The New York Power Authority (NYPA) has signed a voluntary conservation agreement to proactively maintain habitat for monarch butterflies — a declining species — along rights-of-way under Authority owned and operated transmission lines throughout New York State.

This would presumably include the 86-mile-long transmission line from the Moses-Saunders Power Dam in Massena to the Croghan substation.

The Power Authority's enrollment into the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA) recognizes the utility's commitment to take actions that benefit the butterfly species as the federal wildlife organization releases a proposal to list the beloved butterfly as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act.

"The Power Authority is proud to play a role in the preservation of the monarch butterfly species," said Power Authority President and CEO Justin E. Driscoll. "Enrolling in this agreement demonstrates NYPA's commitment to proactive, voluntary support for biodiversity. We've long recognized the importance of pollinators in the ecosystem and have taken this action to ensure our transmission corridors provide a high-quality habitat for monarchs visiting our

great state in the summer through the fall."

NYPA's application to enroll its ROWs in the Monarch CCAA, which focuses on land managed by utilities and transportation agencies, furthers the creation of a widespread network of land to benefit monarch habitat across the nation.

Populations of monarch butterflies have been declining over many years and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service determined in 2020 that there is sufficient evidence to justify a listing designation under the Endangered Species Act. As of Dec. 10, the Service released a proposal to designate the monarch as a threatened or endangered species. The Service is accepting public comments on the proposal until March 12.

For more information about the proposal and how to submit public comments visit: <https://www.fws.gov/press-release/2024-12/monarch-butterfly-proposed-endangered-species-act-protection>.

The monarch is probably the best known of all migratory butterflies, especially in North America and in New York. After overwintering in the south, it migrates north in the spring and back south again in the fall. It is the only butterfly that makes such a lengthy two-way migration, although no single individual makes the round-trip journey. The migration process involves several generations. In New York, monarchs arrive in mid-May and leave town around mid-October. It relies on milkweed plants to lay its eggs and feed monarch caterpillars.

NYPA is an early adopter of such practices to protect high-quality monarch habitat and has for decades employed right-of-way vegetation management practices that enhance wildlife and pollinator habitat. Being enrolled in the CCAA program attests to NYPA surpassing the minimum requirements and following approved practices as it commits to maintaining more than 10,000 acres of monarch habitat on its roughly 1,400 circuit miles of rights of way. NYPA plans to expand its enrollment to include its power generation land-holdings and increase the acres of monarch habitat it maintains in the future.

NYPA applies high industry standards for evaluating its sustainable vegetation management techniques and previously received recognition.

NYPA has been accredited by the Right-of-Way Stewardship Council as ROW Steward since 2013. This national recognition acknowledges NYPA's environmental stewardship recognizing excellence in the practice of Integrated Vegetation Management ensuring safety, security, access and regulatory compliance in an environmentally beneficial, cost-effective manner.

NYPA tracks the quality of pollinator habitat on its rights of way by using field surveys and advanced pollinator scorecards. NYPA uses the Tier 3 (i.e. the most detailed) Pollinator Scorecard developed by the Rights-of-Way as Habitat Working Group to assess pollinator habitat quality on its transmission rights-of-way.

Temporary bridge installed over Trout Brook

LAWRENCE — The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is advising motorists that U.S. Route 11 in the vicinity of the Trout Brook Tributary has been reopened to all traffic following the installation of a temporary bridge over the tributary.

The roadway was closed at this location in August after a culvert was damaged by heavy rains and flooding caused by the remnants of Hurricane Debby.

The temporary bridge will remain in place as NYSDOT progresses plans for a project to permanently replace the damaged culvert, which is anticipated to begin in 2026.

Narrow bridge signs will be installed on each

side of the bridge to alert motorists.

Motorists are urged to slow down and drive responsibly in work zones.

Fines are doubled for speeding in a work zone.

Convictions of two or more speeding violations in a work zone could result in the suspension of an individual's driver license.

Urgent care holiday schedule change

POTSDAM — The Potsdam and Canton Urgent Care offices, along with virtual urgent care, will have revised hours for Christmas and New Year's.

- December 24, Christmas Eve: both the Potsdam and Canton Urgent Care centers will be open from 8 am – 4 pm. Virtual Urgent Care will be open from 7 am – 4 pm

- December 25, Christmas Day: all Urgent Care services are closed

- December 31, New Year's Eve: both the Potsdam and Canton Urgent Care centers will be open from 8 am – 4 pm. Virtual Urgent Care will be open from 7 am – 5 pm

- January 1, New Year's Day: both the Potsdam and Canton Urgent Care centers will be closed. Virtual Urgent Care will be open from 7 am – 5 pm

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

Potsdam Urgent Care is located at 49 Lawrence Avenue, Potsdam; and Canton Urgent Care is located in the EJ Noble Building, 80 East Main Street, Canton.

ADVERTISEMENT INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Parishville-Hopkinton CSD invites sealed bids, in duplicate, for:

- General Construction
- HVAC
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Site
- Food Service Equipment

For: 2024 Capital Improvement Project

SUBMISSION OF BIDS

Bids will be received by the Owner until 3:30 PM, Local Time, Wednesday, January 15, 2025 by Superintendent Steven Coffin at the Main Office, 12 County Route 47, Parishville, NY 13672.

OPENING OF BIDS

Bids will be opened and read aloud at 3:35 PM on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, in the Auditorium, 12 County Route 47, Parishville, NY 13672..

EXAMINATION OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

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| Plan & Print Systems, Inc.
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Contract Documents may be downloaded from the Plan and Print Systems, Inc. website for a **non-refundable** cost of \$100.00. Electronic Contract Documents on a flash drive may also be obtained from Plan & Print (Telephone: 315.437.5111, Fax: 315.463.1510) upon payment of a **non-refundable** \$100.00 plus shipping and handling per flash drive. Contact Plan & Print for shipping and handling costs. Checks shall be made payable to **Plan & Print Systems, Inc.**

OBTAINING PAPER CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Contract Documents may be obtained at Plan & Print Systems, Inc., 6160 Eastern Ave, Syracuse, NY 13211 (Telephone: 315.437.5111, Fax: 315.463.1510) upon receipt of a \$100.00 deposit per set. Checks for deposit for Contract Documents shall be made payable to Parishville-Hopkinton CSD. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Prospective Bidders will be issued a maximum of two (2) sets each. Subcontractors, Material Suppliers, etc., will be issued a maximum of one (1) set each.

Contract documents will be delivered via UPS Ground service upon request and receipt of an additional non-refundable delivery and handling charge, payable by separate check to Plan & Print Systems, Inc. Contact Plan & Print for shipping and handling costs.

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Only complete sets will be issued.

At the time the order is placed, plan holder shall advise Plan and Print Systems of status as to prime bidder, subcontractor, or material supplier and to trade affiliation. Postal address, telephone number, fax number, and email will also be required.

ADDENDA

Addenda for this project will be emailed to each plan holder of record, except as noted. Addenda containing full sized drawings will be issued in hard copy format only and sent via UPS. It is the responsibility of each prospective bidder to submit an accurate email address when requesting Bidding/Contract Documents and to download each addendum. Addenda will be sent to the e-mail address on record.

RETURN OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Upon returning sets promptly and in reusable condition to **Plan & Print Systems, Inc.** within **30 days** after the date of the Bid opening, deposits will be refunded as follows:

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All Contract Documents received (except for Documents held by Successful Bidders) must be returned to **Plan & Print Systems, Inc.**, at the above address.

For Contract Documents which are not returned to the printer within this 30-day period, deposits will NOT be refunded.

RIGHT TO WAIVE OR REJECT

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all Bids.

BID SECURITY

Each Bidder must deposit with its Bid, security in an amount and form subject to the conditions provided in the Contract Documents.

WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

Withdrawal of Bids will be subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

COMPLETION TIME

The work of this project shall be completed by the dates set forth in Section 011100 entitled "Multiple Contract Summary."

PREBID MEETING

A PreBid Meeting will be held to answer questions that may arise during the bidding period. The meeting will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, December 27, 2024 at the Cafeteria, 12 County Route 47, Parishville, NY 13672.

INSPECTION OF SITE

Bidders will be able to visit the Site at the convenience of the Parishville-Hopkinton with a minimum of forty-eight hours prior notification to Mr. Nathan Derushia by telephone at 315-265-4642.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Requests for interpretation, information or clarification (RFI) of the Contract Documents must be made in writing to King + King Architects. Responses to RFIs will not be made over the telephone. Responses to RFIs will be advisory only and will not modify the Contract Documents. The Contract Documents stand as published except as modified by written Addenda before bid and Modifications after execution of the Agreement.

RFIs may be e-mailed to Megan Vanderbrook (King + King Architects) at mvanderbrook@kingarch.com

and

Drew Turck (Watchdog Building Partners) at dturck@watchdogbp.com

and

Vicki Engelberger (Watchdog Building Partners) at vengelberger@watchdogbp.com

END OF INVITATION FOR BIDS

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:

- A detailed demolition plan, including methods and safety measures.
- A comprehensive cost estimate, including all fees and potential additional costs.
- Proof of relevant licenses and insurance.
- 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.

Gov. Hochul signs legislation to cap out-of-pocket costs for EpiPens

The cost of epinephrine auto-injector devices, commonly known as “EpiPen” devices, is slated to become a little more affordable for families due to legislation recently signed into law in New York.

Governor Kathy Hochul has signed legislation to cut the out-of-pocket contribution required for the devices, with the new law requiring health insurers to cover EpiPens and caps the amount consumers will be required to pay out of pocket at \$100.

“For people with severe allergies, immediate access to an EpiPen device can mean the difference between life and death,” Governor Hochul said.

“When every second counts, the last thing New Yorkers should have to worry about is whether they can afford the medication they

need to survive an anaphylactic reaction. By signing this bill, we are putting people over profit and giving New Yorkers peace of mind by ensuring equitable access to this lifesaving emergency treatment.”

Epi-Pens have a relatively short shelf-life, expiring after 12 months on average, requiring those in need to purchase the medication repeatedly. Adding to their expense, users of Epi-Pens are also advised to carry two devices at all times, as a single dose of epinephrine may not be enough to treat a serious allergic reaction. Acquiring the devices requires a prescription from a healthcare provider. Due to the rising costs, many who are prescribed the auto-injectors, try to stretch out their supply by going beyond expiration dates or delaying picking up their prescriptions.

The potentially life saving devices rose sharply in cost over the last decade, due in large part to Martin Shkreli, a former pharmaceutical executive known as “Pharma Bro.” From 2007 to 2016 the average cost of the devices rose from \$100 to over \$600.

Shkreli, who was the CEO of Turing Pharmaceuticals, defended the Myland, the company that acquired EpiPen and the decision to raise the price “because the product is finally making money.”

For his role in a large scale Ponzi scheme Shkreli was charged and convicted of two counts of securities fraud and Conspiracy to commit securities fraud. He was sentenced to seven years in prison and was paroled after six years and five months.

He was also ordered to pay \$7.4 million in

finances.

State officials say the legislation is in line with the “consistent efforts” of Hochul to “make health and human services more affordable in New York State.”

“Governor Hochul has signed legislation to eliminate insulin cost-sharing for any New Yorker on a State-regulated health insurance plan, the most expansive prohibition against insulin cost-sharing in the nation, Governor Hochul has prioritized affordability for families and parents by investing \$1.8 billion in child care in the past year alone. New York has also received a final commitment of \$10 billion from the federal government to provide high-quality, affordable health insurance to approximately 1.5 million New Yorkers,” state officials said.

Massena Elks raise cash for hurricane relief

MASSENA – The Massena Elks Lodge #1702 reports that its recent spaghetti dinner fundraiser raised \$1,500 to support Operation Northern Comfort’s hurricane relief efforts in Asheville, North Carolina. This heartfelt effort was made possible by the incredible support of the community and the dedication of the lodge’s volunteers and house committee.

“We are deeply grateful to everyone who came out to support this worthy cause,” said Nathan Lashomb, Exalted Ruler of the Massena Elks. “Hurricane Helene has left so many people in Asheville and the surrounding areas struggling

to rebuild their lives. Thanks to the generosity of our community, we can help provide much-needed supplies to ease their burden.”

A special thanks goes to Chip and Laura George and Norm Lazore for their leadership, as well as the cooks and volunteers who made the evening a success. The dinner was not only a fundraiser but also a testament to the Elks’ commitment to community and charitable giving.

The evening featured additional ways to give back, including raffles. Congratulations to Joe Brown, who won the handmade wooden beer mug, and Christopher Hooper, who won the 50-50 raffle and generously

donated his winnings back to the cause.

The funds raised will support Operation Northern Comfort as they deliver supplies to Asheville, with the shipment leaving Liverpool, NY, on Dec. 7. The relief efforts aim to bring essential aid to families still struggling with the long-term effects of the storm.

The Massena Elks Lodge extends its sincere appreciation to everyone who participated, donated, or volunteered. This fundraiser was a powerful example of what a community can accomplish when it comes together to help those in need.

New sign installed at Fort La Presentation in Ogdensburg

OGDENSBURG — Fort La Presentation Association announced the erecting of a new entry sign at 22 Albany Ave.

The initial design was developed by Board Member David Austin, and his company, DaveAustinDesign.com, with input from other board members.

From the information members glean from visitor logs, many of their visitors find them by “driving by”, said Dallas Robinson, Marketing.

“In providing the new signage,

the association hopes to enhance our ability to have more people visit and benefit from our efforts,” he said.

The signs themselves were fabricated and installed by North-Eastern Sign Company which is in South Colton.

“The Fort Association is proud to be consistently able to be in partnership with local businesses,” Robinson said. “We wish to thank New York State DOT and the City of Ogdensburg, for their assistance in making this effort possible.”

COLTON PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF COLTON
DPW Laborer
The Town of Colton is looking to hire a DPW laborer.
The position is full time with benefits. Preference to Colton residences will be considered first.
Candidates must have a clean drivers license and be able to work flexible hours.
Applications can be picked up at the Town Clerk’s Office during regular business hours.
Deadline to apply is 12:00 Noon January 6, 2024.
Town of Colton is an equal opportunity employer.

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.

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NORTH COUNTRY THISWEEK

BRASHER LEGAL NOTICE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there will be a Regular/Organizational Board Meeting of the Brasher Town Board on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 4:00 PM at the Municipal Building, 11 Factory Street in Brasher Falls, NY. All meetings are open to the public. A list of the 2025 Regular Monthly Board Meetings is as follows, all meetings are held at 4:00 p.m.:
January 8th February 12th March 12th April 9th May 7th June 11th July 9th August 13th September 10th October 8th November 12th December 10th
DATED: December 11, 2024
Bethany St. Hilaire, Town Clerk

COLTON PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF COLTON
Notice is hereby given: Town of Colton Board will hold an Organizational Meeting at 6pm on Monday, January 6, 2025. The Colton Town Board will hold regular monthly meetings the third Wednesday of each month at 6pm, except December. The December monthly meeting will be held the second Wednesday of the month. Special meetings will be advertised separately as scheduled. Meetings are held at 94 Main St., Colton NY 13625. All are welcome to attend.

Keep INFORMED!
Read the LEGAL NOTICES
NORTH COUNTRY THISWEEK

MADRID NOTICE OF MEETING
The Madrid Town Board will be having a special meeting on Monday, December 30th at 9 AM, at the Madrid Town Office at 3529 County Route 14, Madrid, Ny 13660 to discuss changing the Water and Sewer rates, pay the end of the year bills and discuss anything else that may come before the board.
Dated: 12/12/2024
Zoe Hawkins, Town Clerk

SAINT LAWRENCE COUNTY FORECLOSURE NOTICE
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RJL No.: 44-1-2024-0110

SCOTT P. SHARPE and ALLISON SHARPE (aka ALLISON M. SHARPE)
Defendant(s).

In pursuance of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered in the above-entitled action on October 10, 2024, I, the undersigned, the referee in said judgment named, will sell at public auction at the St. Lawrence County Courthouse, in the Old Main Entrance Lobby, in the Village of Canton, County of St. Lawrence and State of New York, on the 20th day of January, 2025 at 10:00 in the forenoon on that day, the premises directed by said judgment to be sold and described therein as follows:
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Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$123,724.84 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment.

Dated: December, 2024
THOMAS ADAMS, ESQ., Referee

Pease and Gustafson, LLP
Attorney for Plaintiff
Office and P.O. Address
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Massena, NY 13662
EXHIBIT “A”

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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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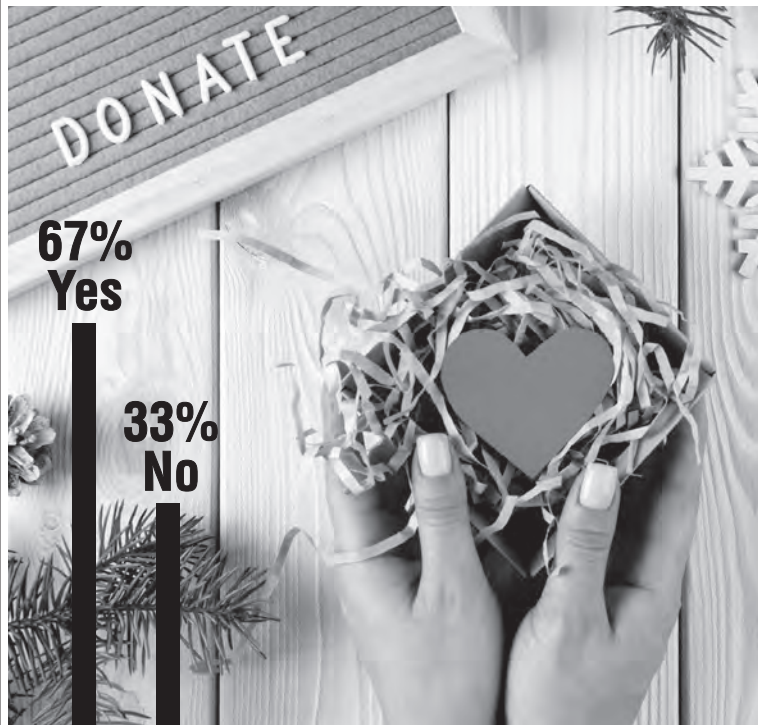
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Majority plan to donate to charity



Debbie Morgan | NCTW

Last week's question

Do you plan to donate to charities in St. Lawrence County this year?

AFTER WEEKS OF DRONES buzzing over parts of the northeast, politicians are urging action to identify and stop the mysterious flights. On Sunday, New York Gov. Kathy Hochul said federal officials were sending a drone detection system to the state. The FBI, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Defense and Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) released a joint statement on the drone sightings following calls from the public for answers. The agencies claim the sightings to date include a combination of lawful commercial drones, hobbyist drones, and law enforcement drones, as well as manned fixed-wing aircraft, helicop-

ters, and stars. "UAP," or "unidentified aerial phenomena," is used to describe unexplainable sights in the sky, not just unidentified flying objects. Have you ever seen what you believe to be unidentified aerial phenomenon (UAPs) in St. Lawrence County skies?

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: The holiday season is upon us and with it comes an increase in donations to charities. Do you plan to donate to charities in St. Lawrence County this year?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rotary donates \$14,400 To local food pantries

Massena Rotary would like to thank the entire community for their help in making the Glen Miller Orchestra event on November 21st one to remember.

Because of all of you we were able to give the three pantries \$4800 each for a total of \$14,400.00 which includes ticket sales and sponsors.

Thank you to you all.

A special thank you to Tom Gramuglia and his entire family.

Gail Schneider, treasurer
Massena Rotary

Being rich Trumps all else

Since the killing of the United Healthcare CEO two weeks ago the national news has covered it like it was the only NYC murder this year.

The NYC police force has been all hands-on deck trying to capture the killer.

Yet there are an average of 5 murders per week in NYC.

Why do we hear of the CEO murder and none of the others?

It is because he was a rich white male killed in a supposedly safe part of NYC; of course!

The other 5 people murdered



Photo submitted by Sharon Dafoe

Ruffed grouse contemplates

A ruffed grouse perches in Richville.

last week were humans and family members too.

But because they weren't rich, the news and police put no extra effort in finding their killers.

There is something wrong with our society when being rich trumps all else!

David Bolesh
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This holiday season, North Star Health Alliance celebrates the sweetest gift of all: community trust. When we come together with open hearts and shared purpose, we create a network of care that supports our communities. From families facing unexpected health challenges to individuals navigating difficult diagnoses, we stand ready to provide compassionate support.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reclaiming Community: The Lifeline of Rural Hope

In an era of digital connections and increasing isolation, we have quietly surrendered something profound: the essence of true community.

Beyond mere proximity, community represents a tapestry of human connections, mutual support, and

shared purpose that can breathe life into even the most struggling rural landscapes.

Modern life has systematically dismantled the intricate social networks that once defined rural existence. Where neighbors once knew each other by name, shared meals, and supported one another through hardships, we now live side by side as strangers. Technology, while connecting us globally, has paradoxically disconnected us from

those closest to us geographically. A sincere sense of community is more than a nostalgic ideal—it's a powerful catalyst for social and economic transformation. In rural communities facing economic challenges, population decline, and limited resources, community solidarity can become the most potent instrument of renewal. When community members actively support local businesses, share resources, and collaborate on economic initiatives, they create a self-sustaining ecosystem. Small towns can revitalize themselves by fostering local entrepreneurship, creating cooperative economic models, and valuing local talent and innovation. Strong communities act as organic support networks. They provide emotional support, practical assistance, and a safety net that institutional services cannot replicate. From helping a neighbor repair a fence to supporting families during personal challenges, these connections rebuild the social fabric that institutional systems often cannot.

One of the most significant challenges rural communities face is youth exodus. By creating engaging, supportive environments that offer meaningful opportunities and connections, communities can transform from places young people want to escape to destinations they are eager to invest in and contribute to.

When communities rediscover their collective strength, they don't just survive—they thrive. Each genuine connection becomes a thread in a larger tapestry of social resilience. Children grow up understanding the value of mutual support, entrepreneurs find local backing, and struggling families discover they are not alone. The future of rural communities is not determined by external economic forces, but by the depth of human connections we choose to nurture. Community is not a place, but a practice—a continuous commitment to understanding, supporting, and valuing one another.

In rebuilding our sense of community, we are not just saving rural landscapes; we are reimagining the very meaning of human connection.

Nick Pomainville
Massena



Peace & Goodwill to All

As we celebrate this holy season, let's remember to treat one another with kindness, love and understanding. We hope you'll join us in the true spirit of the season with prayers of peace and goodwill toward all mankind.



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Massena Central students earn college credit through SUNY Canton

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA — Thanks to a pre-vocational program in partnership with SUNY Canton a number of Massena Central students are earning college credit.

Principal Alan Oliver updated school board members regarding the program recently, highlighting the success of a number of students within the district.

Oliver told board members he was of the belief that more spots were not necessary at BOCES, but rather younger students should have the opportunity to gain a BOCES experience sooner so they may be involved longer.

“I don’t believe that what we need is more BOCES spots. I think what we need to do is give a BOCES experience to our younger students to keep them involved longer and get them to that 11th grade year. That’s really where my efforts have been over the last couple of years,” he said.

Oliver described his efforts with SUNY Canton as a “pre-vocational experience” that offer hands-on, technical experiences that are aimed

at younger students who may be interested at a younger age.

He said it’s part of a larger plan to keep kids enrolled during years that have proven to be a critical juncture.

“Really, what I’m trying to do, and what our staff is trying to do, is find those kids that are successful in BOCES in their 11th and 12th grade year, and get kids to that part. We know once we get them there, we’re okay. Where we’re losing kids is typically in the freshman and sophomore year because BOCES seems like an eternity away to them. So that’s really where our efforts are right now,” he said.

Oliver said the district would “have been foolish” to not take advantage of the partnership with SUNY Canton, noting that the district is taking advantage “in a big way.”

As part of the program, students can receive college credit through 14 different classes at the high school.

That partnership will allow them to get a big jump start on their college educations and, in turn, their careers.

Though Oliver did not offer specifics at the recent meeting, he said he could provide more in a future

meeting which came at the suggestion of Board Member Daniel Tusa.

Tusa said he would like to learn more about the program and to potentially hear from students who are currently taking part so see “what path they are creating.”

Superintendent Ron Burke was also complimentary of Oliver for accomplishing something what he had been unable to for three years.

He said Oliver has been able to make “positive inroad with SUNY Canton” to get the classes offered at Massena Central, something that came as a surprise to him.

Burke said he first joined the meeting thinking “this is an hour I’ll never get back in my life” as he thought he knew the direction the meeting would go.

But a short time later he was informed by Oliver that an agreement was in place and just required Burke’s signature.

Burke said he felt the classes were “big positives” for the district and its students.

A further update on the progress of the program will likely come in a future board of education meeting, though a specific date has not yet been announced by school officials.



Submitted

Excellence Award for MCS student

Elizabeth Birdou, a student at Massena Central School, is the recipient of the Rev. William R. and Crystal E. Cuthbert Vocational Excellence Award. Pictured above, from the left, are Julie Stoner, guidance counselor; Elizabeth Birdou, and Niki Rutledge, cosmetology teacher. Elizabeth is in the Cosmetology Program at The Seaway Career & Technical Education Center in Norwood. She is the niece of Chad and Jenifer Blair. Cosmetology is a two-year program with a minimum of 1,000 hours of instruction time. Students study the art and science of beautifying and improving the skin, nails and hair. The program offers instruction and practical experience in the skills and theory necessary to be a licensed cosmetologist. Students are introduced to a multitude of techniques used in today’s trending

Morristown math proficiency scores soar

The Morristown Central School District saw more growth in math proficiency scores than any other district across the state between the 2022-23 school year and the 2023-24 school year. District math teachers have been using targeted interventions and aiming to make sure all students have a clear path to success in math class.

“This commitment and personalized support has made a significant impact on our students’ success in math, setting a new standard for achievement, added MTA President and AIS Math Teacher Brad Paradis. “While there is always more work to do, this is a great start on our journey of making MCS the best school it can be.”

Proficiency levels increased 21 percentage points over the one-year period. Principal Corey Flynn attributes the growth to a few different factors.

“As a school, we’ve worked hard to improve student attendance, because we understand the critical role it plays in student success,” explained Flynn. “This, coupled with listening to and supporting our instructional staff, has helped us to develop practices and strategies to target individual student needs shown in the data we continually take and monitor. Our staff is also dedicated to developing strong relationships with students and families, which is also important to overall student success.”

Morristown is one of just 24 school districts in New York to see proficiency levels on math assessment tests improve by 10 percentage points or more. In the 2022-2023 school year, just over 80% of schools across the state scored above Morristown Central; however, just over 37% of schools scored above MCS in the 2023-24 school year.

“This growth is a direct result of our focused commitment to data-driven decision making and individualized support for students,” added Superintendent Staci Vaughn. “Both the District and Board of Education are dedicated to building on this momentum, and we look forward to continued progress in both math and literacy.”

Chamber names OFA junior as its student of the month

OGDENSBURG — The Ogdensburg Community office of the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that 11th-grade student, Natalie Lesniak, has been named the November Student of the Month at Ogdensburg Free Academy (OFA).

Natalie was nominated for Student of the Month by Ms. Julia Jones, Drawing I teacher at OFA, who had this to say about her, “I would like to nominate Natalie Lesniak because she brings such uplifting spirit to our Drawing I class each morning with her genuine and positive feedback of fellow classmates’ work.

She is certainly someone who would do the right thing even when no one is looking.” Natalie is a very high achieving student academically with amazing art skills. She is highly motivated, respectful and works well with peers and staff. Natalie

aspires to become a history or art teacher in the future.

Natalie was presented with a Certificate of Achievement from OFA and a plaque from the Ogdensburg Community office of the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce. Pictured from left to right: Julia Jones, art teacher; Katie Cryderman, her proud mom; Natalie Lesniak, November Student of the Month; Laura Pearson, Ogdensburg Community Coordinator; Lynette VanTassel, OFA Sr. High Guidance Counselor and Cynthia Tuttle, Principal, OFA Senior High School.

The Student of the Month Program is sponsored by the Ogdensburg Community Office of the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce, recognizing a student from BOCES and OFA as an outstanding student and an all-around good citizen – building future leaders of tomorrow – one student at a time.

Heuvelton student earns STEM scholarship

HEUVELTON -- Heuvelton Central School senior Willem Gleeson was presented with an Evergreen STEM Scholarship from the Charles Owens family.

The Evergreen STEM scholarship is made possible thanks to the generosity of former Gouverneur resident and Massena native Charles Owens and his late wife, Higouhi “Hi” Owens.

The scholarship is a permanent fund of the North-

ern New York Community Foundation and provides \$30,000 annually for high school students who live in St. Lawrence County.

Students were awarded the one-year \$3,000 scholarship due to their interest and intent to study in a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics field while in college.

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Santa, singers on hand for 'HO, HO, HO' celebration

MASSENA — A visit from Santa, music by Adirondack Singers, and book and bake sales drew a large crowd at the Massena Public Library.

The event was the second annual "HO, HO, HO, Celebration," held Saturday, Dec. 14.

The Children's Room was packed with families who came to see Santa Saturday morning.

Children gathered near Santa as he read a Christmas book. They also sat on his lap to talk and pose for photos.

The Friends of the Library organized the holiday celebration for its second year, after restarting the library support group recently.

"We decided to do this event because the mall closed, and there was no place local to see Santa for free," said Jane Mogle-Besaw, a Friends member.

The Adirondack Singers, made up of about a dozen local singers and conductor Jeff Burghdurf, gave a performance to about 100 attendees filling the Massena Public Library with Christmas music.

SEE SANTA ON 15.



Photo courtesy of Massena library

Santa reads a Christmas book to children during the Ho, Ho, Ho Celebration at Massena Public Library Dec. 14.

WHAT'S GOING ON

SATURDAY, DEC. 21

Christmas cookie

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 Badenhausen 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://badenhausenlibrary.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 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.

SUNDAY, DEC. 22

Christmas Sing-Along

HEUVELTON -- The annual Christmas Sing-Along with Barb Heller will be held at Heuvelton Historical Association's Pickens Hall and General Store, 83 State St., on Sunday, Dec. 22 at 2 p.m. Admission is by donation to benefit local food pantries. Join the Association to close out the year with Barb Heller leading its annual Christmas Sing-Along. Plan to sing your favorite Christmas carols and enjoy some cookies. She will even take requests. Info: <https://www.pickenshall.com>, 315-344-7950.

Concert broadcast

POTSDAM - The 2022 Crane Candlelight Concert "Let it Shine" will be broadcast on Mountain Lake PBS on Sunday, Dec. 22 at 4 p.m. To learn more about the Crane Candlelight Concert, visit www.potsdam.edu/academics/crane-school-music/CraneCandlelight.

SEE CALENDAR ON 15.

Famous tuba mailbox on display at TAUNY

CANTON — Have you seen or heard about the tuba mailbox by local folk artist and tuba player Fred "tuba-man" Morgan?

This unique mailbox made from an old tuba used to sit outside Fred Morgan's Norwood home and people from all around would visit and leave messages in it.

See the tuba mailbox at TAUNY, recently restored back to working order, thanks to Jim Corbett and Brendan Corbett.

Folk artist Fred "tuba-man" Morgan (1913-1994) of Norwood came from a musical family.

He and his brother both learned to play tuba from his father, and Fred also played with a local dance band, the Kings of Rhythm.

He fashioned this mailbox out of an old tuba too heavy to play, and when it was out on the road by his home, people from all around would visit and leave messages in it.

Fred Morgan, Norwood, was a clever man who built mechanized dioramas of local life.

His best-known creation is the "Tuba Mailbox," which sat in front of his home for many years.

The unit was wired so recorded tuba music played when someone opened the mailbox.

It became a destination, and college students and visitors to the area often left notes of appreciation in it.

Ripley's Believe It Or Not featured the musical mailbox, and it has been included in several exhibitions.

The Tuba Mailbox is one of dozens of examples of Morgan's artwork in TAUNY's collection.

Visit The TAUNY Center at 53 Main St., Canton NY to view the restored tuba mailbox.

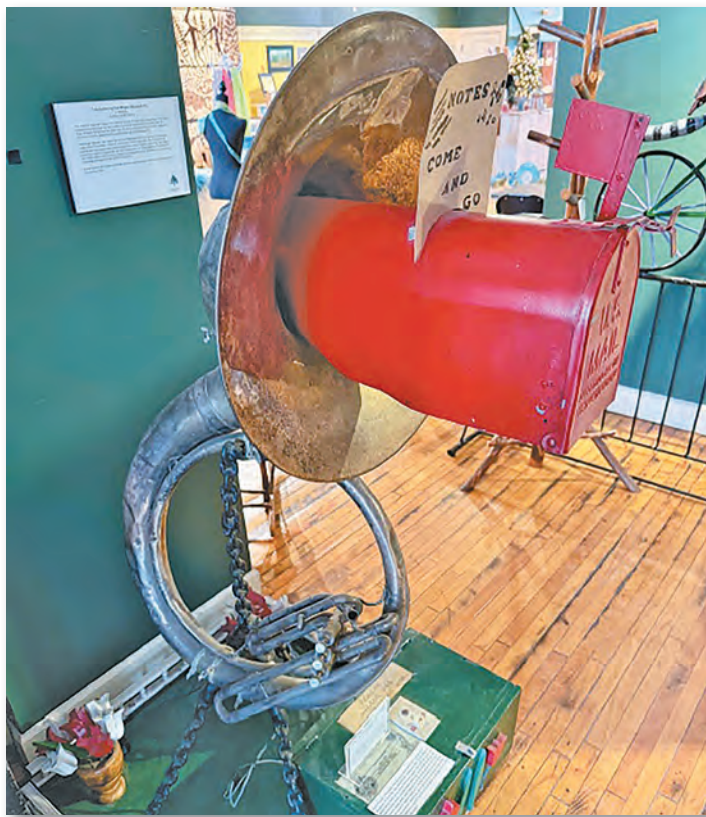


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Fred Morgan's Tuba Mailbox folk art on display at The TAUNY Center in Canton. The tuba post box has been restored.



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There were several happy youngsters enjoying the free hayrides in Lisbon during Holiday in the Hamlet.

Lions provide free hayrides in Lisbon

LISBON — Lisbon residents enjoyed free hayrides provided by the Lisbon Lions Club during Saturday's Holiday in the Hamlet events on Dec. 14.

This year marked the first time the Lions Club's popular Christmas-themed hayrides and indoor kids' activities, traditionally held during the week of Thanks-

giving at Lisbon Central School, were integrated into the community-wide celebrations of the annual Holiday in the Hamlet event.

The Lisbon Lions Club is also known for organizing the annual Light Up the Night Parade in Ogdensburg."

Salvation Army Kettle Campaign behind its annual goal, seeks donations

MASSENA — As the holiday season comes to a close, the Salvation Army's annual Kettle Campaign is running behind its fundraising goal and is projected to end \$8,000 short of its target.

The Salvation Army is asking for donations during its final push to raise the necessary funds to ensure that the needs of the community continue to be met.

The Red Kettle campaign helps fund emergency shelter, food assistance, Christmas meals and gifts, youth programs, and disaster relief efforts.

"The funds raised are crucial for sustaining the services year-round," said Lieutenant Nicholas White.

"We are incredibly grateful for the generosity of our community, and every dollar donated has made a difference. However, we are facing an unexpected shortfall. With just days remaining in the campaign, we

are asking our supporters to help us close the gap and ensure we can continue to provide essential services to those who need it most," he said.

"We understand that times are tough for many people, and every donation, no matter the amount, helps. We are hopeful we can close this gap and make this year's campaign \$55,000.00 a success," said White.

The Salvation Army is calling on

local residents, businesses, and community groups to donate to the Kettle Campaign before it ends. Donations can be made at the red kettles located throughout the community or online at <https://easternusa.salvationarmy.org/empire/massena/> or contact lieutenant Nicholas at 315-769-5154 PO Box 107 Massena, NY 13662. Physical donation drop 178 Victory Rd., Massena.

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Lisbon's Lights on the River returns with over 75 displays

LISBON -- Lights on the River returned on Dec. 14 with over 75 displays for North Country residents to enjoy just before Christmas.

"This event is a huge holiday light show where community businesses, organizations and families, along with Lights on the River, Inc. come together and set holiday themed light displays for the local communities and surrounding areas to enjoy," Lights on the River wrote in a press release.

The event will benefit 17 food pantries through Lights on the

River's mission "Bringing Light to Lives," officials wrote.

"We accomplish this mission by providing the community with an opportunity to begin and maintain a Christmas tradition in a wholesome family oriented venue," they wrote.

Lights on the river began 15 years ago with a small group of friends that wanted to build a community involving Christmas events in hopes of benefiting the local community.

The event, which is free to everyone, seeks to support local food pantries through monetary and

food donations.

Sponsors play a large role in the efforts as well, officials said.

In total, 14 communities are also served, with an "Angels" program that has grown to over 40 family remembrances.

Approximately \$250,000 has been raised and distributed to local food pantries, with over 40,000 pounds of food collected and donated.

Those who wish to participate may do so as a sponsor or by helping set up displays for the event.

A single 40 foot area can be uti-

lized, or multiple spaces for a large display, officials said.

"The event occurs on the shores of the St. Lawrence River at Lisbon Beach, courtesy of the Town of Lisbon and Lisbon Recreation Department. Display creation and setup fosters a wonderful sense of teamwork and community and gives people a fun way to send holiday wishes to many people from both sides of the border," officials wrote.

For those who wish to sponsor the event, there are five levels available.

Gold level sponsor is the top tier for donors of \$2,500 or more. At that tier, sponsors receive a full page ad in the program, along with mentions on all social media plat-

forms.

Silver level donors are those who donate \$1,000 to \$2,499 and will receive a half-page ad in the program along with promotion on social media.

Ruby level donors are those who donate \$500 to \$999. They will receive a quarter page ad in the program and promotions on social media.

Emerald level donors are those who donate \$250 to \$499. They will receive a listing in the program and promotion on social media.

Twinkle level donors are those who donate up to \$249 and will have their information listed on the website.



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CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

12 Midnight: St. Mary's Cathedral (also live streamed)

9:00 am: Notre Dame Church

11:00 am: St. Joseph's Nursing Home for Residents & Family

Access to the Livestream is available through the Parish website ogdensburgcatholics.org or the Diocesan YouTube channel

Almost 1,200 Massena area residents receive gifts from St. Peter's Outreach Christmas Program

MASSENA — Almost 1,200 Massena area individuals will have a happier holiday this year, thanks to the St. Peter's Outreach Christmas Program.

"Of the 359 families served this year to date, 204 of those families have the 486 children that will each receive 3 toys or gifts, clothing, pajamas, hats and gloves and a coat, if needed, along with a book. All items provided are new," said Kitty

Samuel, Program Chair.

"There are 169 seniors and 519 adults in the households we are serving. Each household will receive a holiday meal and staples to provide 5 days worth of food as well as personal hygiene items," she said.

A drive-thru at the church to pick up the gifts was to be Wednesday before Christmas. Those without transportation were to have gifts delivered by volunteers the following day.

The longtime St. Peter's Outreach Christmas Program in Massena was formerly named the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Santa to visit Ogdensburg on a fire truck

OGDENSBURG — Santa is on his way back to downtown Ogdensburg on a fire truck again this year.

He will be making his rounds Tuesday, Dec. 24, with departure time from the fire house at 2 p.m.

Look and listen for the music and sirens. Everyone is welcome to take pictures by the truck with Santa. Please have phones and cameras ready so Santa can stay on schedule.

Please do not call 911 or the non-emergency lines for the police or fire department for Santa's location.

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It has given major support for the Kathy Hayes Memorial Food Pantry and delivered a truck-load of food to the Colton-South-Colton-Pierrepoint food pantry. It has supported the Colton-Pierrepoint Back-Pak program and funded Zion's Annual Scholarship for a graduating senior.

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Skate with Santa

OGDENSBURG -- Skate with Santa along with holiday music on Sunday, Dec. 22, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Lockwood Civic Center, 141 W. River St. Public skating is also available Thursday, Dec. 26, and Sunday, Dec. 29, from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. Public skating entry price is \$2. Skate rentals are available for \$3.

MONDAY, DEC. 23
Red Cross blood drive

MASSENA -- The American Red Cross is hosting a blood drive on Dec. 23, 12-4 p.m., at Massena Community Center, 61 Beach 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.

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WEDS., DEC. 25

Concert broadcast

POTSDAM - Recordings of the annual Crane Candlelight Concert will be broadcast throughout Christmas Day on Mountain Lake PBS. The schedule is: 12:30 a.m. (2023, "Celebrating a Miracle"), 3 p.m. (2022, "Let it Shine!"), 4 p.m. (2024 performance), and 5 p.m. (2023, "Celebrating a Miracle"). To learn more about the Crane Candlelight Concert, visit www.potsdam.edu/academics/crane-school-music/CraneCandlelight.

THURSDAY, DEC. 26

Public skating

OGDENSBURG - Public skating will be held Thursday, Dec. 26, and Sunday, Dec. 29, from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. at Lockwood Civic Center, 141 W. River St. Public skating entry price is \$2. Skate rentals are available for \$3.

FRIDAY, DEC. 27

KC Karaoke

HEUVELTON - Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St., will host KC Karaoke on Dec. 27, 6-9 p.m. 7 p.m. Queen of Hearts drawing.

Red Cross blood drive

GOVERNEUR -- The American Red Cross is hosting a blood drive on Dec. 27, 12-4 p.m., at Gouverneur Veterans of Foreign Wars, 100 W Main 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.

SATURDAY, DEC. 28

New Years dinner, dance

MASSENA - Massena Senior Citizens will host a New Years Eve Dinner and

Dance on Dec. 28. Sign-up to attend by Dec. 20 at the Community Center, 61 Beach St. Cost to attend is \$30 for the dinner and dance or just \$10 for the dance only. Attendees can pay at the door. There will be a catered dinner and the band North Country will perform from 6-10 p.m. Menu: turkey and/or pork with gravy, dressing, mashed potatoes, corn, cranberries, tossed salad, pumpkin or apple pie, and coffee, tea, or water. Info: 315-769-7810.

New Year's gala

MASSENA - The New Year's Eve Gala for Massena Senior Citizens will be held at 61 Beach St. on Dec. 28. Cost is \$30 per person. Sign-up and pre-payment is required in the office by Dec. 20. The catered menu is turkey or pork with gravy, mashed potato, corn, tossed salad with two types of dressing, cranberries, pumpkin or apple pie and beverages. Dinner starts at 4:30 p.m. and ends at 5:45 p.m. The dance starts at 6 p.m. and is \$10 per person. Sign up is desired but not mandatory and can be paid at the door. All are welcome.

Rock-N-Skate

OGDENSBURG -- Rock-N-Skate will be held Saturday, Dec. 28, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Lockwood Civic Center, 141 W. River St.

Winter jigsaw exchange

BRASHER FALLS -- On Saturday, Dec. 28, the Badenhausen Public Library will

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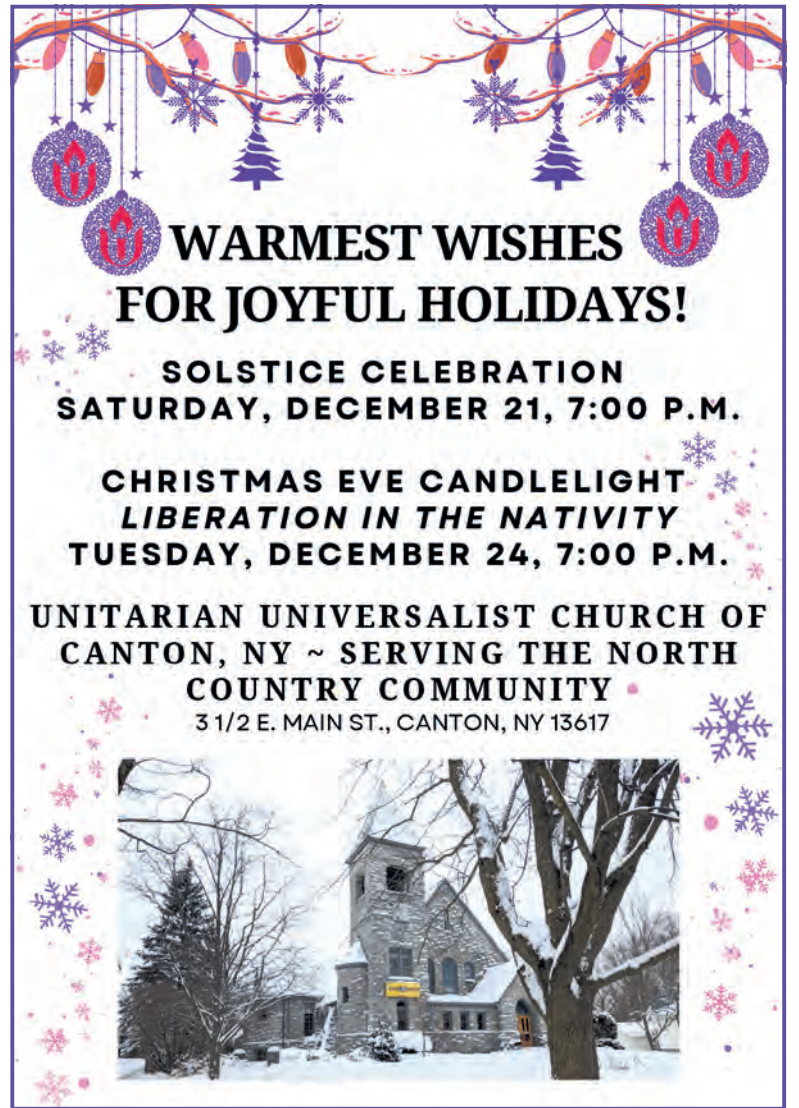
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The event also hosted a book sale, bake sale and lottery basket raffle as a fundraiser for the library. The winner of the \$150 Lottery Tree Raffle was Sally Hamelin.

Anne Greene, long-time Chairperson of the Massena Public Library book sales, said this book sale was the last of four book sales held this year in the library basement. The last book sale raised over \$1,000 for the library, she said.

"It was great to see everyone come together as a community before the holidays. This is what the Library will always be about - a place for people of all ages to gather no matter their interests. An event like this is only possible with the dedication of the library Director Krista Briggs, staff and Friends of MPL. Consider joining the Friends and check out their Facebook Page," said Joseph Savoca, President of the Board of Trustees.




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A man who was always community minded, Coupal was involved in the auto industry for over 60 years.

Working as a "salesperson, 'lot boy', maintenance person, handyman, transport driver, assistant, gardener, accountant, banker, cleaner, volunteer, mentor, leader," Coupal was the president and dealer principal, according to his biography online.

"If you have ever been to Frenchie's Chevrolet you know you have a 90% chance of seeing Frenchie busy at work no matter how large or small the task he dives in head first with an ambition to envy," the biography said.

Coupal was described by many as a hands on, enthusiastic, customer oriented man that wanted to serve his community.

He also served on the Massena Hospital Board and was a member of the Massena Rotary Club, Italian American Club and Elks Lodge.

A well-known English teacher in the Massena Central School District, Perez was also a deeply committed community member who chaired the Massena Hospital Board and was also a member of the Italian American Club, among many others.

Perez was also a successful businesswoman in the Massena Community, operating Massena Travel, helping members of the community plan vacations and tours for many years.

St. Lawrence County sheriff's deputies are investigating the fatal accident that occurred around 8 p.m. near the intersection of State Highway 310 and County Route 34.

Deputies say a 2022 Chevrolet Silverado, operated by Connor A. Graveline of Ogdensburg, was traveling east on County Route 34 when he failed to stop at the stop sign at the intersection and struck a 2022 GMC Acadia, operated by Coupal.

Coupal and Perez, his passenger, were pronounced deceased at the scene, officers said.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted by state police, West Potsdam Fire Department, Canton Fire Department, Madrid Fire Department, Potsdam Rescue, Madrid Rescue and the New York State Department of Transportation.

The investigation is ongoing. No charges were reported as of press time.

LAND . . .

Tribe to have access to

Barnhart Island

million from NYPA over 35 years.

As part of the agreement, in settling with New York State as well, over 900 parcels will have a clear title after more than \$21 million in back taxes, penalties and interest were waived.

"The Tribal Council has weighed the consequences of not settling and being ordered back to federal court, where only the Hogansburg Triangle remains, and even if we were to win, we would not be awarded the land, jurisdiction, and hundreds of homes would remain foreclosed," stated the Tribal Council.

"The land is the most important aspect of the settlement and getting here is due to the perseverance and strength of all the former Tribal Council members and technicians who worked on this claim and settlement dating back to 1982," the Council continued.

Tribal members will also have access to a portion of Barnhart for religious ceremonies, bow hunting, fishing and trapping, Button said.

Regulations for such activities stem from the tribe but "must meet or exceed state regulations," according to the agreement.

With the tribe signing off on the agreement roughly eight months after St. Lawrence County did, the deal now heads to the state for final approval.

State legislators passed legislation last year that authorized Governor Kathy Hochul to finalize the agreement at the state level.

Once completed by the state, who have until Jan. 12 to sign, the agreement is reviewed by the U.S. Department of Justice and Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Button said both the Justice Department and the Bureau of Indian Affairs have signaled their support for the agreement in the past.

Once review is completed and approved, the deal moves on to Congress for final approval.

Button said the agreement will be handled like any other pending legislation within Congress.

Once Congress approves the agreement, the president will be responsible for signing off.

Button said it has been a long, arduous process to get to this point but noted he is confident the deal will be finalized.

"It's been a long process and each party has weighed their concerns and brought them to the table. With an agreement like this there will always be give and take but ultimately we all agreed to a deal that we felt we could live with and was as fair to all entities as possible," Button said.

WARMING . . .

34 families with 99 people helped by DSS this year

throughout the course of the year while others may have only received placement once.

A total of 34 families with 99 individuals have also been assisted by DSS over the last year, he said.

When individuals and families interact with DSS and receive placements they also are eligible to receive benefits, he said.

While getting resources to those who may be homeless is a top priority for the county, Seeber said some individuals may be unwilling to accept such help.

"We have a number of individuals that refuse services, some have unresolved mental health issues," Seeber said.

That leads to complications for DSS in many cases, he said.

Seeber commented that in order to give an individual or family a referral for services, it is up to them to make the choice.

"It has to be voluntary, we can't make the referral to get them services without their participation," he said.

That's where the Ogdensburg warming center comes in for many.

Although the center is located in Ogdensburg, it has drawn displaced people from surrounding communities including Canton and Massena.

From Nov. 8-30, 92 visits were counted at the facility. Twelve individuals frequent the space regularly, Seeber said.

From Dec. 1-15, those numbers have risen to 84 visits with the same dozen individuals continuing to use the space.

Seeber said those numbers grew due in part to the drop in temperatures at night but being able to get a shower, clean clothes and hot meal also plays a big part.

Seeber said Step by Step is often

able to make referrals for those who come into the center, but that's not always the case.

St. Lawrence County and Step by Step entered into a partnership last winter to help people stay warm during the winter in light of an increasing number of homeless individuals throughout the city.

The center is located at Step By Step's Lincoln School Apartment complex.

Those who require help are able to stay there from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. every day, officials said.

Legislator Jim Reagen questioned what the hangup to getting all of them housing might be.

"With these 12 individuals, what's the issue in terms of getting them into housing?" he asked.

"They want the warmth and they want the free meal but they want, in their mind, to maintain independence," Seeber responded.

Reagen asked if it would be possible to offer assistance if they posed a danger to themselves, but Seeber said that criteria is "very broad" and makes it difficult to take action.

"Unless they say they intend to harm themselves or others its very hard to do anything," Seeber said.

Legislator Rita Curran also touched on the subject, saying the definition of homeless has changed in recent years.

She said with new state legislation homelessness is no longer an offense that necessarily allows for police intervention.

"We can't make them go anywhere. They have a right to be homeless in New York State," she said.

Curran said those who may be homeless many times want to maintain their independence and essentially need to know to come out of the cold as temperatures fall.

"That's all they need to show. There isn't much else we can do," she said.

Those with questions in the Ogdensburg area can call 315-393-1980.

BRIEFLY

Heuvelton enforcing parking

HEUVELTON – The Village of Heuvelton will be enforcing Local Law #1, 1976 for no parking on the Village streets and parking lot between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. from Dec. 1 through March 31.

Sons of Amvets donation

MASSENA — The Massena Sons of Amvets recently made a \$500 donation to the Massena school initiative program. Shown here are Sons Jeff Laba and Travis Leggue presenting a check to Emily Kimball and her daughter Emmalynn.

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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 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

relationships with alumni and prospective donors from industry and foundations.

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

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience in launching and leading a capital campaign and other successful fundraising activities.
- An earned master's degree from an accredited college.
- A successful record of writing and winning competitive grants.
- Experience engaging with a broad range of potential donors and supporters from diverse backgrounds, ensuring that fundraising strategies are inclusive and accessible to all.

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.

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Native American Program Coordinator Senior Staff Assistant

A primary focus of the coordinator will be on programming initiatives designed to increase the recruitment, retention, and academic, social success and graduation rate of Indigenous students. This includes maintaining close working relationships with Native communities across the State, particularly Akwesasne Mohawks.

Job Requirements & Essential Functions of Job: Development and delivery of programming initiatives designed to increase the recruitment, retention, and academic success of Indigenous students on our campus by forming collaboration with such departments as the Office of Admissions, Student Success Center, Careers, Campus Life and across all campus departments and maintaining close working relationships with Indigenous communities across the State, particularly Akwesasne Mohawks.

Required Qualifications: A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university is required. The successful applicant must be able to work collaboratively with various campus constituents, possess facilitation and programming skills/experience, and must demonstrate a commitment to assist in building and sustaining a respectful, welcoming, inclusive, and supportive campus environment for underrepresented students and especially our Indigenous students.

We are seeking candidates who possess communication and interpersonal skills sufficient to work effectively with an increasingly diverse array of students and colleagues and who have demonstrated a commitment to creating, fostering and sustaining an inclusive environment.

Preferred Qualifications: Professional experience working with Indigenous students. Master's degree in education, Counseling Psychology, Higher Education Administration, or related field, and at least three years' experience.

We are, especially, seeking candidates who have engaged in professional development activities to enhance knowledge of diversity, equity and inclusion and have worked collaboratively across various departments in fostering success of underrepresented groups and a supportive and inclusive environment for all.

Application Instructions: Application materials should include: resume, cover letter describing specific skills and experience relevant to the position and a document with the names of three professional references. To apply upload your application and related documents to: <https://employment.potsdam.edu/postings/5285>

Office. Intake Clerk primary responsibilities are to answer patient registration phone calls, conducts new patient appointments, receives documentation for updating demographics in patient charts, follow up of insurance appointments and submission of travel applications. Status: Non-exempt, full-time, permanent Salary: \$15.63 - \$31.68 Deadline: Open Until Filled. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov

Clinical Director: Under the direct supervision of the Administration of Health Services, the Clinical Director will direct, supervise and coordinate all aspects of the program - philosophy, therapeutic treatment, education and prevention activities within the Alcoholism/Chemical Dependency Program. Status: Exempt, Full-time, Permanent Salary: \$33,820.80 - \$119,704.00 Deadline: January 1, 2025. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov

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

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

FAST-PACED DENTAL OFFICE IS SEEKING a temporary position, January to July 2025, an energetic and motivated FRONT OFFICE COORDINATOR to join our team. This position requires an assertive, yet warm and friendly person to assist us in creating and caring for our patients. Coordinator must be detail-oriented and accurate in record keeping and updating patient insurance information. We are a busy office that is expanding and growing rapidly. Hours are 7:30am-4:30pm, Monday-Thursday. Responsibilities: • Provide excellent customer service to all patients and visitors • Coordinating patient check in/check out • Scheduling appointments and identifying/addressing schedule needs • Conducting insurance verification • Providing any additional assistance or support in daily operations • Handle multi-lined phones



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

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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.



COMMITTED TO OUR COMMUNITIES



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.

- 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.
- Ability to learn new software/systems as needed to keep pace with changing center needs.

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Interim Assistant Director of Campus Activities & Residential Engagement

Reporting to the Senior Associate Director of Student Activities & Leadership and Director of Sullivan Student Center, the Interim Assistant Director provides leadership in the administration and supervision of key student organizations, as well as programming initiatives across campus to promote academic excellence, educational and developmental programming, community service, and responsible social events. This is an interim, temporary, position for the Spring, 2025, semester. Salary is \$27.00/hour.

To view the complete position description, including minimum qualifications required, as well as application instructions please visit: <https://employment.stlawu.edu/postings/3969>.

St. Lawrence University is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer.



Canton Central School

The Canton Central School Board of Education is seeking a

SUPERINTENDENT

Canton Central School is a 1,050 pupil pre-K through Grade 12 district. The Board seeks a passionate leader who is deeply committed to the success of all students in achieving a high level of excellence, and is a knowledgeable, collaborative and compassionate individual. The Board is offering a three-year contract, with a minimum salary of \$150,000, commensurate with experience and qualifications.

The on-line application can be obtained at www.sllboces.org or www.ccsdk12.org. Please forward a letter of interest, current resume, SDA/SDL certification, three current letters of recommendation and transcripts by **Friday, February 7, 2025** to:

Mr. Thomas R. Burns, District Superintendent
St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES
PO Box 231

Canton, New York 13617
315-386-4504 ext. 10150

EOE



Potters Industries, LLC Production Technician

We are looking for full-time **GENERAL PRODUCTION WORKERS** at our Potsdam Plant.

You will be trained to operate production equipment in our glass bead manufacturing plant following the high safety, quality, and environmental standards of Potters. As part of the job, you will operate mobile equipment including forklifts and front-end loaders. You will be trained to perform in-process quality checks and recognize when equipment adjustments are required.

- Inspect machinery to determine the need for repairs and guarantee safety by performing regular maintenance will be required.
- You will be expected to participate in safety programs and other employee driven projects which is part of the Potters continuous improvement philosophy.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

High school diploma or GED required, Technical/trade school education is preferred.

Must have basic computer literacy to include email use and quality check data entry.

One plus years of experience working with various industrial equipment.

One plus years of experience working in a manufacturing environment.

Demonstrated safe operation of mobile equipment.

Must be willing to work any shifts/hours and overtime, holidays, and weekends.

Competitive pay at \$26.42 /hr. Comprehensive Benefits and Health Care that take effect 1st of the month after 30 days of employment.

We are an EOE employer.

Send Resume to PotsdamResumes@PottersIndustries.com

Please do not call or visit the plant



ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

Cook

Dining & Conference Services Department

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

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

To view the complete position description, including minimum qualifications required, as well as application instructions please visit: <https://employment.stlawu.edu/postings/3857> or <https://employment.stlawu.edu/> for all positions available.

All offers of employment are contingent upon the finalist successfully passing a background (including criminal records) check.

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ALL EMPLOYMENT ADVERTISING in this newspaper is subject to section 296 of the human rights law, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, creed, national origin, disability, marital status, sex, age, or arrest conviction record, or an intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination. Title 29, US Code, Chap. 630 excludes the federal government from the age discrimination provisions. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for employment which is in violation of the law. Our readers are informed that employment offerings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis.

• Process basic accounting needs. Requirements: • A minimum of one year experience in a fast-paced dental office • Ability to multi-task • Impeccable attendance and punctuality • Ability to be self-directed and motivated, while being a team player • Excellent phone and computer skills • Experience with dental software (Patterson EagleSoft) preferred. Mail or drop off resumé to Adirondack Dental, 145 1/2 Market Street, Suite A, Potsdam, NY 13676.

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

Electronic Health Record & Billing Specialist: Under the direction of the Family Support Program Manager, this position is responsible for implementing the Electronic Health Record (EHR) and all aspects of billing relating to Home and Community-Based Services. It also oversees 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.

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.,



Cybersecurity Visiting Assistant Professor PRODiG+ Fellow

Department: Cybersecurity
Salary Range: \$70,000-\$75,000

The State University of New York (SUNY) College at Canton invites qualified applicants for a Full-time, Visiting Assistant Professor position in the Cybersecurity Department beginning September 1, 2025.

The PRODiG+ Fellowship is open to any and all prospective candidates regardless of race, color, national origin, or sex, and is consistent with all current governing federal and state nondiscrimination law. All application submissions will be assessed and evaluated in accordance with the required eligibility criteria.

Required Qualifications:

- Ph.D. or relevant terminal degree from an accredited institution completed prior to start date in Computer Science, Computer Engineering, or related field.
- Eligible to work in the United States without visa sponsorship.
- Demonstrate personal, academic, and/or work experience engaging with diversity, equity, and inclusion and/or commitment to facilitating and enhancing diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts in the campus community. Such experience may include, but is not limited to, an academic/scholarly track record focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion; work, volunteer/unpaid/community service; or related experience/expertise in serving underserved or vulnerable areas and/or populations.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Preference will be given to candidates who are:
- Current SUNY students, alumni, and/or Fellows.
 - From a low-income background (e.g., Pell-eligible as undergraduates), were first-generation college students (students whose parents have not earned a bachelor's degree), have overcome adversity, are AmeriCorps alumni, or are veterans. Please submit a curriculum vitae; cover letter; statement of teaching philosophy; statement of research; statement of diversity, equity, and inclusion; and three professional references to Human Resources.

Duties:

- Engage in scholarly activities that contribute to the dissemination of knowledge in the discipline.
- Continually develop and improve skills and knowledge in the discipline through professional development.
- Teach courses as assigned in the program in a variety of instructional modalities (face-to-face, online, and

flex) and implements assessment and use of data for continuous improvement in course and program student learning outcomes.

- Active in research, peer-reviewed publications, and secure external funds.
- Participate in faculty committees, student advisement, and other activities related to university service.

Application materials must include a response, in 750 words or less, to the following essay prompt:

Please describe how you've engaged, facilitated, and/or enhanced diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts in the campus community. Examples could include personal, academic, and/or work experience and may include, but is not limited to, and academic/scholarly track record focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion; work, volunteer/unpaid/community service; or related experience/expertise in serving underserved or vulnerable areas and/or populations.

Please submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, 750-word response to the essay prompt, statement of teaching philosophy, statement of research, unofficial transcripts, and three professional references to Human Resources.

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6706 SH 56 Potsdam, NY 13676 or Email: service@toyota.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

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.

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,

School Based Mental Health Therapist

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

Under the direction of the Mental Health Services Director, the SBMHT will provide individuals and their families counseling/psychotherapy services to promote optimum mental health in the Salmon River Central School District satellite offices.

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.

BENEFITS:

- Full-time/ 40 hours per week
- Flexible spending account
- 40 hours Personal time annually
- Vacation & Sick Time
- 14 paid Holidays
- 401k 6% Match

*For a detailed job description please visit www.srmt-nsn.gov



404 State Route 37, Akwesasne, NY 13655



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.



Teaching Assistant / Bus Monitor

The Clifton-Fine Central School District seeks an energetic educator to join our Teaching Assistant/Bus Monitor Team.

Located in the western side of the Adirondacks and the gateway to the 5 Pond Wilderness Track, Clifton-Fine Central School District is a small, tight knit school that offers "big school" opportunities for students. The role of Teaching Assistant/Bus Monitor requires a visible, collaborative team player who will continue to support learning opportunities. The opportunity for leadership roles as class advisor, coaching and extracurricular activities within the classroom is also available.

Benefit Package:

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.
3. A resume.
4. Three (3) professional references.

Application Deadline: December 27, 2024

Start Date: On or about January 14, 2025

We look forward to welcoming a dedicated, energetic, and skilled professional to our team!

For any questions or additional information, please contact the district office at 315-848-3333 ext. 37198.



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:

A. 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

B. 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

C. 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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General Laborer

Facilities Operations Department

St. Lawrence University invites applications for a Full-time General Laborer. The salary is \$15.00 - \$20.38/hr. To view the complete position description, including minimum qualifications required, as well as application instructions please visit: <https://employment.stlawu.edu/> for all positions available.

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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.



Cybersecurity Assistant Professor Tenure Track

Department: Cybersecurity
Salary Range: \$70,000-\$75,000

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Canton Central School

The District is currently accepting applications for a

Bus Monitor

Accepting applications until the position is filled.

Applications can be found at:

<https://www.ccsdk12.org/employment>

Applications can be sent to:

CANTON CENTRAL SCHOOL
Attention: Sarah Smith, District Office
99 State St. Canton, NY 13617
Phone: 315-386-8561

EOE



Construction Management: Field Superintendent (FS)

Watchdog Building Partners is seeking a highly qualified individual(s) to act as Owners Representative starting in the Spring of 2025. This individual will be responsible for managing various prime contracts associated with public work projects in the Potsdam, New York area. The FS will oversee and manage the day-to-day coordination and operations of the project site. The FS will work closely with all Prime Contractors and assigned Project Manager to ensure a safe and quality project that is completed on time and within budget. Maintaining a work environment that values planning, collaboration, communication and being solution oriented is essential.

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

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7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the largest mammal on Earth?
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9. ASTRONOMY: Which planet is the smallest in our solar system?
10. TELEVISION: Which 1980s-1990s TV family sitcom had a holiday episode titled "A Very Tanner Christmas"?

Answers found elsewhere in this paper.



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.

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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.

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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.

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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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