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Santa Visits Hannawa Falls

Breakfast with Santa drew a large crowd when Santa visited the Hannawa Falls Volunteer Fire Department at Hounds Haven during their annual event Dec. 15. From left, Milo Misiak, Karen Kus, Santa, Max Misiak and Mark Misiak.

Gas company eyes rate hike

Public Service Commission wants to hear from customers

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

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

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

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

Liberty Utilities currently provides service to

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

They say increased operating costs are driving the request.

But residents who utilize the service have an opportunity to weigh in with a public comment period. Just how big of an impact would the rate hike have? A residential customer using 81 therms per

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Warming center is boon for homeless in SLC

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON — 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 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

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\$2.5 million brings some relief to water project

Grants will pay majority of \$6.6 million total cost

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — The town of Potsdam has secured a \$2.5 million grant through the state for its Route 56 water district project.

Town Supervisor Marty Miller at the town board meeting Dec. 10 thanked various agencies and officials at the state and federal levels for working with the town for the last year on various funding sources.

"I think it's paid off," Miller said, when announcing the town's most recent grant award.

The board voted to authorize Miller to accept the \$2,510,700 award from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law General Supplemental Fund (BIL-GSo), which is being distributed by the state's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

"This award is a supplement to the one that we got in 2022 of \$500,000," Miller said.

"So that puts the total for the water, just at grant money for the water, at \$6.1 million in grants. Projected cost of the project is 6.6... if they (the bids) come in that high... The rest will be the low interest loan," Miller said.

"Needless to say, if you excuse my French, pretty 'frickin' pleased," the supervisor said.

"There is still some work to do on the sewer," he said. "But we, the town, have gotten a little over \$4 million in grant money here in the last couple months, and I'm pretty happy."

The Route 56 water district is not the only project the town has pulled in funding for in recent weeks. In November, the town was awarded \$1,399,484 for the construction of the related Route 56 sewer district. The total project cost for the sewer district, which is closely tied with the water district, is expected to be

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Breakfast with Santa

Audrey Barkley, age 7, left, and Jordan Kiereck, age 7, sit with Santa at Hometown Holidays in Norwood earlier this month.



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Village officials hire firm to do flooding study

BY ADAM ATKINSON
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POTSDAM — Backyard kayak ponds and flooded streets in the village will get a closer look in an upcoming engineering study on Potsdam's stormwater flow and management.

After the Aug. 9 flooding in the region soaked village neighborhoods, village officials during multiple discussions agreed to find funding and hire a firm to do an updated stormwater management study.

The mayor and trustees agreed at their Dec. 16 meeting to hire well-known Syracuse engineering firm Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C. to prepare a professional engineer's report on the issue.

"I'm really excited to get this

project rolling," Village Mayor Alexandra Jacobs Wilke said.

The village agreed in November to use \$50,000 from its American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan act allotment to pay for a study and began circulating a request for qualifications.

Barton and Loguidice, a multi-disciplinary firm, handles multiple projects for municipalities throughout the region. Currently it is the lead contractor on the village's lead service line inventory project.

The stormwater report which will focus on stormwater management needs and facilities is to be completed by May 16, 2025.

The village hopes the information will allow any potential mitigation project ideas to be included in the New York State

Environmental Facilities Corporation's 2025 Intended Use Plan, which could bring in grant funding for mitigation efforts through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF). Deadline for projects applying for this competitive stream of state funding is May 30 to be considered.

According to the state website, the IUP prioritizes projects based on a scoring system and determines which projects can be funded.

More on the Intended Use Plan can be found at <https://efc.ny.gov/cw-iup>.

The timeline for the study may make any projects which come of it fundable through the NYS 2025 Consolidated Funding Application Round or available federal financing, the village resolution

said.

The stormwater flooding issue is very "front-of-mind" for village residents.

A group of residents and business owners from Pleasant, Waverly, and Elderkin streets formed the Potsdam Flood Free Coalition in late October to get conversations started between the town, village, school and other entities who may be dealing with the issue in some aspect or attempting to address it.

The group's official mission aims "to bring together community members and government officials to work toward climate-smart solutions that will help mitigate future flooding in the Village of Potsdam."

The village alone incurred more than \$17,000 in damages and

expenses dealing with the flooding from the Aug. 9 hurricane powered storm. The town highway department was left with expensive repairs and road washouts, notably along Bagdad Road, and the fire department answered hundreds emergency calls during the event.

But in the village, flooding along the Crosstown Canal, which carries stormwater past the school and through the village to the river, has been a headache for residents and village officials alike in recent years. The structure, largely under street level, is old and maintenance is ongoing.

To learn more about the Potsdam Flood Free Coalition, join their Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/potsdamfloodfreecoalition>.

Hermon woman accused of possessing meth, heroin, crack-cocaine

GOUVERNEUR — A Hermon woman was jailed on drug charges

following a traffic stop in Gouverneur Dec. 16, according to state

police.
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cotics Enforcement Team charged 39-year-old Elizabeth L. Daniels,

with second-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, felony and three counts of third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance felony, seventh-degree criminal possession of controlled substance, and criminal use of drug paraphernalia, police said.

Daniels was found to have over 16 ounces of methamphetamine, approximately 90 bags of heroin suspected of containing fentanyl, over 22 grams of crack-cocaine, and empty bags for packaging narcotics, police said.

She was arraigned in Gouverneur Town Court and remanded without bail to St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility.

New York State Police was assisted by the St. Lawrence County Drug Task Force and U.S. Border Patrol.

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Hanging with Santa in Hannawa Falls

Santa was a hit with both adults and children as they posed for a photo with the big guy at the Annual Breakfast with Santa event held by the Hannawa Falls Volunteer Fire Department at Hounds Haven Dec. 15. From left, Sally Young, and Jed, Jessica and Patty Frederick.

Legislators honor deceased former legislator Don Smith

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON — St. Lawrence county legislators paid their respects for former legislator Don Smith who recently passed away.

In attendance were a number of Smith's family members, who were presented a certificate and 15 red carnations by the board of legislators in honor of Smith.

Described as a leader in his community, Smith was a long serving legislator, sitting on the board from 1976 to 2002.

When not serving in his offi-

cial role as a legislator, Smith was known to assist the community in other ways, performing a number of duties to help his fellow citizens.

Legislators say Smith "honorably and diligently discharged the trust so reposed in him and he has now departed, leaving a record which we remember and which today we seek to commemorate."

"We treasure the qualities of service and devotion to duty of this, our absent friend, that we rejoice in the work he accomplished and sorrow that he is no longer with us," legislators said.

Early deadline for NCTW due to holiday season

Due to the holidays, deadlines for the Dec. 27 and Jan. 3 Potsdam-Canton editions of "North Country This Week" will be early.

Deadline for advertising and news submissions will be 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20 for the Dec. 27

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DSS working through backlog of childcare applications, back payments

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON — Childcare facilities throughout St. Lawrence County are being made whole after months of backlogs with the Department of Social Services delayed thousands of dollars in payments.

DSS Commissioner Joseph Seeber offered an update to legislators at a recent Services Committee meeting.

According to Seeber, the delays in processing applications have been ironed out after staff were rearranged to meet the growing need for application and rectification processing.

Seeber called the issues faced by DSS "a perfect storm" as the unit that handles childcare facilities experienced a resignation, major medical leave and maternity leave in a matter of weeks.

Those three staffers leaving at nearly the same time led to many delays in processing, he said.

"I'm not using it as an excuse, there's no excuse for that but it is a reason or a part of a reason at least," he said.

Seeber said he began putting additional staff on the job on Nov. 22, putting three staff on the task, followed shortly thereafter by two more staffers.

He said with their hard work over the last three weeks the county has caught up on applications, recertifications and back payments through the end of November.

"We're all caught up minus the applications filed this month," he said.

The county currently has 170 childcare clients receiving assistance, ranging from larger childcare facilities to individuals who offer services out of their home, Seeber said.

As of Nov. 22, 377 payments were issued to childcare providers totaling \$482,123 to make them whole.

"We have done everything we can to process those, makes these centers whole and hopefully take the strain off the parents going to work," Seeber said.

Legislator John Gennett offered his thanks to Seeber and his staff for their hard work.

"Thanks for getting caught up, I know many parents are extremely grateful for that," he said.

Gennett commented that rectification appears to be a big issue, one that many parents had ideas to streamline.

"Many parents are willing to work with DSS to get that part of the process done," he said.

Gennett said he would send the suggestions to Seeber for consideration, saying parents just want

the process to run smoother in the future.

"That seems to be the biggest issue all the time. They get dropped, they have to go through the process again...you know how it all goes," Gennett said.

Gennett suggested an update to an existing document or a new document process may make the process

easier.

But Seeber said the state would soon be rolling out a new online portal to file such paperwork "in the first quarter of 2025, between January and March."

"Everything can be done on there, applications, recertifications...day sheets for attendance too," Seeber said.

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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 actions of Mylan, 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.

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Skaters from Norfolk-Norwood, Massena, Malone and Potsdam figure skating clubs participated in the annual Skate for Heather's Hope in Norfolk recently.

Skaters raise \$3,700 for cancer fund

NORFOLK -- The Norfolk-Norwood Figure Skating Club raised several thousand dollars for breast cancer research and care at its 13th annual Skate for Heather's Hope on Dec. 8.

The event was held at the Dominic Zappia Community Center on Clinton Street in memory of Heather Emlaw Planty.

Skaters at the event from Norfolk-Norwood, Masse-

na, Malone and Potsdam figure skating clubs together raised \$3700 for the Gouverneur Breast Cancer Fund.

The fund will assist men and women fighting breast cancer in St. Lawrence, Franklin, Jefferson and Lewis counties.

The NNFSC board thanked the skaters, parents, coaches, volunteers, and spectators for their donations to this special event.

St. Lawrence County drivers warned of DWI crackdown by police during holiday season

St. Lawrence County drivers should mind the rules of the road and drive carefully and sober during the upcoming Christmas travel season.

The governor recently announced that state police and local law enforcement agencies will participate in a national enforcement initiative on impaired driving this holiday season.

The "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign, an initiative funded by the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, runs from Wednesday, Dec. 11, through Wednesday, January 1, 2025.

In addition to the DWI checkpoints and patrols, law enforcement officers will be watching for speeding drivers, distracted drivers and drivers violating the "Move Over Law," which requires

motorists to exercise extreme caution when passing any vehicle that is stopped in or on the side of the road.

St. Lawrence County motorists must follow the state's Move Over Law, which was expanded in March to require drivers to slow down and move over for all vehicles stopped along the roadway. In 2024, two Thruway Authority employees died and another was seriously injured in separate incidents while working on the Thruway. The Thruway Authority and New York State Department of Transportation urge motorists to stay alert while driving, slow down and move over when they see a vehicle on the side of the road. The lives of employees, roadway workers and emergency personnel are in their hands.

The New York State Police, the

Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC), and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration also offer these tips to make the holidays safer for all:

Plan a safe way home before the celebrating begins;

- Before drinking, designate a sober driver;
- If you're impaired, use a taxi or ride sourcing service, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation;
- Use your community's sober ride program;
- If you happen to see a drunk driver on the road, don't hesitate to contact local law enforcement;
- If you know someone who is about to drive or ride while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to their destination safely.

SUNY Canton's College Council seeks distinguished citizen nominations

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

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

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Gary P. Johnson, 85

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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 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.

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 Fayetteville, 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 AscendCare Pregnancy Services at 20 Academy St, Saranac Lake, NY 12983 or online at www.helpushelper.com.

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

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David F. Snyder (Duke), 80

Formerly of Potsdam

David F. Snyder (aka Duke), 80, of Exeter, NH, died peacefully on October 25, 2024, surrounded by his loving family.

Dave was born in York, PA to Dr. Charles W. and Marguerite K. Snyder, and grew up in Potsdam, NY.

Dave graduated from Potsdam Central School, where he lettered in hockey, football and baseball. He earned his BS degree at St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY, lettering in hockey and baseball.

Dave attended graduate school at UMass/Amherst and for three years taught and coached in public schools in

Massachusetts. In 1970, Dave was offered the position of the first varsity men's ice hockey coach and arena director at Wesleyan University in CT. He held that position for 33 years.

During his years at Wesleyan, Dave taught classes as an adjunct professor of physical education and also coached JV baseball, softball, golf and crew. For years he served as the head dockmaster at the Head of the Connecticut Regatta. In the 1970s, Dave was instrumental in developing Wesleyan's women's ice hockey program.

In addition, he was a consultant in the development of Connecticut College's varsity ice hockey program, was a founder of the Middlesex County Youth Hockey Association (CT) and worked closely with the CT Special Olympics. After retiring to Maine, Dave substitute taught in the Massabesic school system.

Within the first five years of his tenure as the men's varsity hockey coach, Dave brought his team to the ECAC Division III playoffs. He was named the NESCAC Coach of the Year in 2000 and in 2023 he was recognized by the American Hockey Coaches Association for his contributions to the overall growth and development of the sport of ice hockey in the United States. He is a member of the Potsdam Central



David Snyder

School Hall of Fame. Upon his retirement, Wesleyan honored him by renaming the hockey rink.

Dave has been hailed as a mentor by his former players. He led by example, living his life with integrity, commitment, enthusiasm, humility and a deep connection and caring for others. He had an intense

intellectual curiosity and could discuss philosophy, history and science, as well as drills and systems, with his players. For him, it was more than the wins and losses. Dave took the Wesleyan men's hockey team to Australia twice to participate in the Christmas Downunder Tournaments. On another occasion, the Australian Ice Hockey Federation invited him to conduct youth hockey schools in Sydney. Dave and his family spent over four decades of summers at Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, NH, where he coached in and then directed the hockey school. In later years, he coached in the summer school program at PEA.

Shortly after graduating from college, Dave married his high school sweetheart, Diane Jarrett. They were blessed with over 58 years together and two children and four grandchildren. A devoted and loving family man, he was creative and fun, a force of positivity and joy. His children's and grandchildren's achievements and activities delighted him and he found joy in planning and sharing adventures with his family. Some of those very special times were hiking and camping trips, seaside vacations, traveling the world, backpacking the AT with Diane, biking, playing Duke Ball and building stonewalls and trails in the woods of Maine.

He was a collector of license plates

from around the world and hockey jerseys.

Much to his grandchildren's delight, Dave built a model railroad layout. Making ash baseball bats and building stools and tables from broken hockey sticks gave him enjoyment, but giving his creations away gave him even greater satisfaction. Dave enjoyed challenging himself; one such challenge was to run the equivalent of the circumference of the earth (25,000 miles). He accomplished that goal, running in blizzards and heat waves, and he logged every mile in a journal. Putting together complicated puzzles was a favorite pastime and he was an excellent trivia player, demonstrating an impressive depth and breadth of knowledge. One of his colleagues wrote, "Duke had an infinite amount of knowledge which he bestowed on those who were smart enough to listen."

Dave was predeceased by his parents and his brothers, John K. Snyder and Dr. C. William Snyder. He is survived by his loving family: his wife Diane; his daughter Kristen Snyder Vogel and husband, John; his son Todd D. Snyder and wife, Linda; his four grandchildren, Sarah and Annie Vogel and Caroline and Luke Snyder; his sister, Mary Beth Snyder O'Brien, and her husband, Tim. Also, his mother-in-law, Marjorie J. Tichonuk; brothers-in-law, Dana Jarrett (Barbara), Don Jarrett (Lesleigh) and Erick Tichonuk and many nieces and nephews. A memorial service for Dave will be held at Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT on Saturday, April 5, 2025 at 1 pm in the Wesleyan Memorial Chapel, followed by a reception at the Spurrier Snyder Rink.

Memorial donations may be made in Dave's name to the Friends of Hyder Family Hospice House, 285 County Farm Rd., Dover NH 03820 or to Brookhaven Hospice, 2 Bedford Farms Drive, Suite 105, Bedford, NH 03110.

Fleurette Shirley Romeo, 89

Massena

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 prede-

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



Fleurette Romeo

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.

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

RECENT DEATHS

GARY MCGREGOR, 69, Norwood, Nov. 20. Arrangements with Buck Funeral Home, Norwood.

ANDY SNYDER, 59, Potsdam, Dec. 3. Arrangements with Donaldson-Seymour Funeral Home, Potsdam.

FRANCIS PECORA, 78, Norwood, Dec. 8. Arrangements with Buck Funeral Home, Norwood.

MARTHA BILLINGS, 69, Can-

ton, Dec. 7. Arrangements with Lawrence Funeral Home, Canton.

RUTH DUNN, 96, Raymondville, Dec. 9. Arrangements with Buck Funeral Home, Norfolk.

LINDA DOYLE, 77, Brasher, Dec. 11. Arrangements with Hammill Funeral Home, Winthrop.

JARETT PREMO, 45, Parishville, Dec. 12. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

MARION DAVIS, 86, Potsdam, Dec. 13. Arrangements with Donaldson-Seymour Funeral Home, Potsdam.

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

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 extended beyond her professional life as she actively volunteered in her com-

County to receive federal forfeiture funds through Equitable Sharing Program

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- St. Lawrence County is slated to benefit from the seizure and forfeiture of assets through a federal Equitable Sharing Program with funds flowing into the District Attorney's Office.

According to District Attorney Gary Pasqua, the program distributes funds every year in the form of federal forfeiture money from the DEA or Border Patrol.

Legislators passed a resolution to accept the funds during the Dec. 9 Operations Committee meeting.

Pasqua commented that he is able to access an electronic system that tracks what was seized, when, by which agency and the status of the funds that might be coming

Colton citizen of year named

COLTON -- The Colton Historical Society presented the 2024 Virginia C. Smith Colton Citizen of the Year award to Mary S. Rutley with a plaque, and a nameplate to be hung in the Colton town Hall.

In 1972 she became a founder and active member of the Colton Citizens Committee for land use, which instigated much of how the Town of Colton is shaped today.

Accomplishments she worked for include: Colton's Town land use plan, which includes the planning Board and zoning board of Appeals. Mary served on both boards for several years.

Also, the Neighborhood Center, the Colton Historical Society, and the Raqueteers Senior Citizen Club came

from the seizure.

The system also details what money has been released to the Office and how it was spent, he said.

The resolution is a yearly action by the board to accept the funds, which come from an agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice, the county and District Attorney's Office.

In other action, legislators also approved a contract with NTS Data Services for the continued maintenance and support services related to the voter registration system.

Democratic Election Commissioner Jennie Bacon commented that the contract, which runs from Jan. 1, 2025 through Dec. 31, 2027, includes support related to voter registration, signature digitization, full document imaging, election

reporting and interface messaging.

"NTS Data Services has the knowledge, expertise, required software,

associated technology, and services to provide a quality solution for the needs of the Board of Elections," county officials said.



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From December 2023 to December 2024 tithes have been offered to One Church Street, The Colton Rescue Squad, World Food Program, The Lodge at Dreaming Tree Ranch, Doctors Without Borders, Feeding America, Grace House – Canton, Renewal House – Canton, St. Joseph's Indian School – Chamberlain, S.D., and to Trinity – Potsdam, St. John's – Ogdensburg, Trinity – Gouverneur, and St. Philip's – Norwood for their specific needs.

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

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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:

King + King Architects, LLP
358 West Jefferson Street
Syracuse, NY 13202
315.671.2400
315.671.5500 (f)

Syracuse Builders Exchange
6563 Ridings Road
Syracuse, NY 13206
315.437.9936
315.437.5044 (f)

Plan & Print Systems, Inc.
6160 Eastern Avenue
Syracuse, NY 13211
315.437.5111
315.463.1510 (f)

Tri-County Builders Exchange Plan Room,
c/o Pickett Building Management
6459 State Highway 23
Oneonta, NY 13820
607.432.6641
607.433.6284 (f)

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15 Belden Street
Binghamton, NY 13903
607.771.7000
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518.869.0961
518.869.2378 (f)

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

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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

Late-season pheasant release set in SLC

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

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

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

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

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



Helping Hands | Submitted

Sophia Guerard who is working toward her Eagle rank as a Life Scout recently installed a hygiene wellness center in Hannawa Falls.

Girl Scout installs hygiene center in Hannawa Falls

BRIEFLY
Memory tree

EDWARDS -- Honor the memory of a loved one by lighting a bulb on the Edwards United Methodist Church memory tree, bulbs cost \$1 each name. Send list of names & check to Edwards United Methodist Church, PO Box 20, Edwards, NY 13635. To get your name on list, the list must be received prior to Dec. 20, 2024. All names will go in the memory book.

POTSDAM — Sophia Guerard, a Life Scout through Boy Scouts of America who is working toward her Eagle rank, has donated a hygiene wellness center to Helping Hands of Potsdam.

Sophia's plan was to make free hygiene products accessible throughout communities to those in need.

These products include things such as toothbrushes, toothpaste,

soaps, deodorants and more.

She stated the idea is similar to the free libraries - take what you need and leave what you don't for others.

You can find her hygiene station on site at Helping Hands in Hannawa Falls fully stocked with products for those in need 24 hours a day.

Guerard also made a monetary donation to Helping Hands to further the organization's mission.

Subject: Invitation for Bids for Building Demolition

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

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

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

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

****Submission Requirements:****
Please include the following in your bid:

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

****Deadline for Submission:****

Bids must be submitted by December 17, 2024 by email (baldwinacres13668@outlook.com), mail (PO Box 212, Norwood, NY 13668) or fax(1-315-282-2763).

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

SUNY Potsdam launches presidential internship program

POTSDAM -- SUNY Potsdam's has launched a new competitive paid internship program allowing students to gain professional experience while assisting select North Country employers.

Last year, Potsdam was one of 12 SUNY campuses invited to participate in a project led by Jobs for the Future, a not-for-profit organization that works to advance equitable economic benefits for all. The project aims to reduce the financial barriers students often face when completing unpaid internships and other applied learning experiences. Following on the project, the campus applied for and received \$100,000 in Empire State Development funding to support stipends, tuition and other costs associated with a new Presidential Internship Program (PIP).

The PIP pilot program will launch in Summer 2025. High-achieving students will complete paid internships at select sites throughout the region, receiving academic credit, professional development opportunities and stipend support. Interns will be fully paid through the state funding, and there is no cost for approved internship sites to participate.

Local internship sites with questions about any of these placement opportunities may reach out to Internship Coordinator Max Grube, at grubejm@potsdam.edu.

Design firm to solicit bids for downtown, riverwalk projects

BY ADAM ATKINSON

North Country This Week

POTSDAM — The village's downtown rehab and riverwalk projects has inched one step closer to a possible construction date.

The village board of trustees at its meeting Dec. 16 agreed to authorize the firm handling the projects to start getting bids for the work.

The firm, LaBella Associates was authorized "to release a solicitation for competitive bids for the Village of Potsdam Downtown Revitalization Initiative Riverwalk Trail and Streetscape Enhancement Project, NYS Department of State Grant # C1001883, contingent upon final design approvals from the New York State Department of State and the New York State Department of Transportation."

"I'm excited to get that one moving. We are hoping to receive those final approvals any day now," said Village Mayor Alexandra Jacobs Wilke.

The projects, expected to cost around \$4.5 million and funded through the village's Downtown Revitalization Initiative award of \$10 million it received in 2018, require state agency approvals at various levels.

Plans for the village's Downtown Streetscape Enhancement project include areas of Market Street

from its intersection with Depot Street to the intersection with Maple and Main Streets, and Raymond Street from the intersection with Market Street to its terminus at Garner Park.

Once complete, features of the work are expected to include new sidewalks, pedestrian safety features, decorative crosswalks, pedestrian-scaled LED street lighting through National Grid, stormwater management facilities, new street trees, way-finding

signage, and street benches. Some of the longer pedestrian crossings are expected to be tightened up under the project and there will be new street trees and planters installed.

In related work, the village's Downtown Riverwalk Trail Project will install new bike lanes, sidewalks, a pocket park, trees, lighting and new signage.

The work will focus on Maple Street between Market Street and Clarkson Ave., Maple Street Park

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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. The 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 THIS WEEK

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 8 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!
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NORTH COUNTRY THIS WEEK

SAINT LAWRENCE COUNTY FORECLOSURE NOTICE
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Massena Savings and Loan, Plaintiff, -against- Mortgage Servicer: Massena Savings & Loan 255 Main Street, Massena, NY 13662 Plaintiff, NOTICE OF SALE Index No.: EFCV-23-165562 RJI No.: 44-1-2024-0110

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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: 591 Brouse Road, Town of Norfolk, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York; Tax Map No.: 16.004-2-15. See attached Exhibit "A". Said premises to be sold subject to assessments and water rates; subject to existing leases and tenancies, if any; subject to zoning restrictions, covenants, easements, conditions, reservations and agreements of record, if any, as they may be enforceable; subject to any state of facts as may appear from an accurate up-to-date survey; subject to facts as to possession and occupancy and subject to whatever the physical conditions of the premises may be; subject to any violations of the zoning and other municipal ordinances and regulations, if any; subject to the right of redemption by the federal government, if any.

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 40 Main Street Massena, NY 13662 EXHIBIT "A"

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ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
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Dated: November 26, 2024

Cathy A. Jock
City Clerk

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

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'Semiconductor highway' to be built in NY; Corning site to receive \$32M investment

CANTON -- State and federal officials say they are building a "semiconductor highway" through the state using millions of federal dollars to build new facilities and bring thousands of jobs to the state.

In a recent statement from Governor Kathy Hochul, the governor lauded the investments that she said are a direct result of the Biden administration's CHIPS and Science Act.

"Thanks to the Biden-Harris Administration's CHIPS & Science Act, our advanced manufacturing sector is roaring back to life. And because of the nation-leading Green CHIPS Act I signed into law, these chips won't just be made in America — they'll be made right here in New York. This is all possible because of the unprecedented partnership between New York State and our

federal partners, including President Biden, Secretary Raimondo, Senator Schumer and Senator Gillibrand," Hochul said.

Schumer was in the North Country just last month to announce a \$32 million investment in Corning's Canton facility that will create 130 new manufacturing jobs.

That funding still requires final authorization but Schumer said he was confident it would be given in the near future.

The facility upgrades and expansion would also create about 175 construction just in the area as well, Schumer said.

After visiting Canton following the passage of his bipartisan CHIPS & Science Law and promising it would supercharge the demand for Corning's critical technology and deliver big for the North Country, Schumer said Corning Incorporated has reached an up to \$32 million preliminary memorandum of terms (PMT) funding agreement with the U.S. Department of Commerce to increase production at their Canton facility of specialized glass vital for the semiconductor industry.

The PMT outlines key terms for Corning Incorporated's CHIPS agreement, but to finalize the federal CHIPS agreement, the Commerce Department will now begin a comprehensive due diligence process on the proposed project and other information contained in the application.

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

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

"I am proud to announce \$32 million from my bipartisan CHIPS & Science Law will go to the always innovative and cutting-edge Corning Incorporated in Canton, NY to boost their highly specialized glass critical to the semiconductor supply chain. This award will create hundreds of new, good-paying jobs, supporting our local unions and growing manufacturing right here in the North Country. The glass needed for our semiconductor supply chain should be built in Canton, not China, and today's investment helps further realize the goal of the bipartisan CHIPS and Science Law of bringing manufacturing back to America. Corning's Canton plant has been a linchpin of the North Country's economy, and when I visited two years ago I said my CHIPS & Science Law would help them grow even more, and today a promise made becomes a promise kept," said Senator Schumer.

"This will help usher in the next chapter of manufacturing here in the North Country. The specialized glass made right here in Canton is used in some of the most advanced machinery in the world – while making microchips we need for technology we use every day, from our phones to our computers and cars. Today Uncle Sam is giving its stamp of approval saying the North Country is ready to build America's future, creating jobs, supercharging the economy and strengthening our national security."

In her recent statement, Hochul commented that plans to create the NY Smart I-Corridor along I-90 between Albany and Buffalo would lead to one in four U.S. made chips being produced in New York by 2030.

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Talking (and listening) to your house plants

BY PAUL HETZLER

The idea that plants benefit from kind words, or from speech in general, has roots that go back at least to Charles Darwin, who supported the concept.

Sound evidence that speaking to plants makes them healthier came to light several years ago – it turns out the “silly” folks who talk to their gardens and hoe plants have been right all along.

And this effect is not due to the carbon dioxide we exhale, which plants need, since audio recordings produce the same result.

The perks of jabbering to our plants go both ways – we also profit from it. Research has shown it helps alleviate symptoms of anxiety and depression as an adjunct to other treatments.

Some doctors in the UK give plants to their patients for them to talk to at home. Patients return for therapy – one-way conversations only go so far. And yet, our plants are talking to us.

Right now, we've no clue if listening to plants is just as good for us as talking to them is.

That's because until a few months ago, we didn't realize they communicate audibly. Well, they're not chatty all the time – happy plants tend to chill quietly. The grumpy ones make a racket, yelling about whatever has them bent out of shape at the moment. And sometimes, the problem is that they're bent out of shape.

A study published in the journal Cell in March 2023 reveals that plants emit clicking or popping noises in response to stressors, which can include insect feeding, drought, and human actions. If you've never heard your plant snap, crackle, pop, or otherwise try to get your attention, join the club. Plants “talk” in a frequency too high for our ears to sense, but the right equipment can detect it. The research team used an ultrasound microphone, along with a special program that converted high-frequency plant “conversations” into something they could hear.

Though we perceive plants as mute, they're pretty loud with their buddies. According to the team, average click volume tended to be 60 decibels or so, the same as a normal human conversation. Under acute stress, plants clicked at roughly 70 decibels, equal to a dishwasher running three feet away.

The team thinks the ability to make sound in reaction to harsh events may be universal in plants, as all species in their study did so. The sounds might serve to warn fellow plants of threats, but researchers can't test this hypothesis until more studies are done.

Or until Google Translate adds “Plant” to its drop-down language menu.

Even without an interpreter, the scientists were able to note unique “dialects” among species. All plants click when stressed, but patterns and timing vary by species. A grape vine doesn't sound the same as a cactus does. Wheat and corn, while closely related, differ slightly, too. And tobacco and tomato plants clicked louder than the rest of the species examined. Another observation is that plants alter their click patterns based on the type of stress; whether a bug bites a leaf or a technician snips a stem.

The one case when plants do sound

The Meandering Naturalist

alike is if they're thirsty. A well-hydrated, blissful plant barely makes a peep – one click per hour at most. As soil moisture drops below par, plants begin clicking before we see any outward signs that they're dry. When the plant starts to wilt, clicks become louder and the tempo picks up, maxing out near 40 per hour. The pace again slows as foliage droops, eventually stopping when the plant has entirely wilted.

With all due respect to the scie-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Canton Zonta holiday auction Raises \$3,000 for scholarships

The Zonta Club of Canton (ZCOC) held its Annual Holiday Auction on Thursday, December 5, at the Canton VFW Post 1231 on Gouverneur Street in Canton. Helen Huntley Mace performed her magic as she auctioned off many wonderful items

donated by more than 30 local businesses and individuals from Canton, Potsdam, Colton, South Colton and Malone. Monies raised, approximately \$3000, are destined to fund scholarships for area high school students and single parents attending SUNY Canton as well as sponsoring summer campers and both local, regional and international

organizations that work to advance the status of girls and women.

Members of ZCOC thank all those who donated items, services, gift certificates or money to our small but mighty local club. Thanks, also, to the many community members who attended the first in-person event since COVID struck the North Country. The folks of the VFW Post also receive a bravo zulu from the Zonta members for hosting the auction. The club appreciates all those who made for a successful evening of fun, food and friendship.

For more information, contact President Julie Miller at jamiller67@hotmail.com or 315-323 4064.

Lyn Swafford
Zonta Club of Canton

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tists who performed the study, using gadgets to unlock plant communication is old news. In 1949, Roald Dahl published a short story called "The Sound Machine," wherein a guy invents a device that allows him to eavesdrop on plants. He hears a rose issue "a frightful, throatless shriek" as it gets snipped. He also finds that a daisy squeals if plucked, and a beech tree lets out a massive, guttural sob when cut with an ax.

The most extreme screams belong to magical mandrake plants featured in Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets. When uprooted, they shriek so horribly, the sound can be lethal.

Thinking that plants yell when they're hurt is not limited to fiction. After all, the study team says they have no idea how plants make noise, let alone why. Screaming hasn't been ruled out.

The late Barbara McClintock, American cytogeneticist and Nobel laureate, told her biographer she feels bad when she walks on grass, because she knows it's screaming at her. It's worth noting that when McClintock's work appeared in 1950, she was branded a crackpot. Thirty-three years later, it earned her the Nobel Prize. Maybe time will reveal she was ahead of the curve about grass, too.

We're not yet to the point where you can make small-talk with your houseplant, but who knows – maybe someday. In the meantime, don't forget to water the thing, or it might yell at you if a plant-chat phone App ever comes out.

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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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Seaway Career & Technical Education Center names dozens to its first quarter honor roll

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Colton-Pierrepont Central | Courtesy

Colts get inspired

After winning this year's Penny Harvest, Colton-Pierrepont Central second graders had a fantastic time earlier this month shopping for the Colton Neighborhood Center. They were thrilled with the opportunity to start off with a strong lead in points for the Green team with all the goods they donated. On top of that, they unknowingly helped the district by purchasing several items that qualify for BoxTop Dollars. A big win all around: \$500 can really make a meaningful impact.



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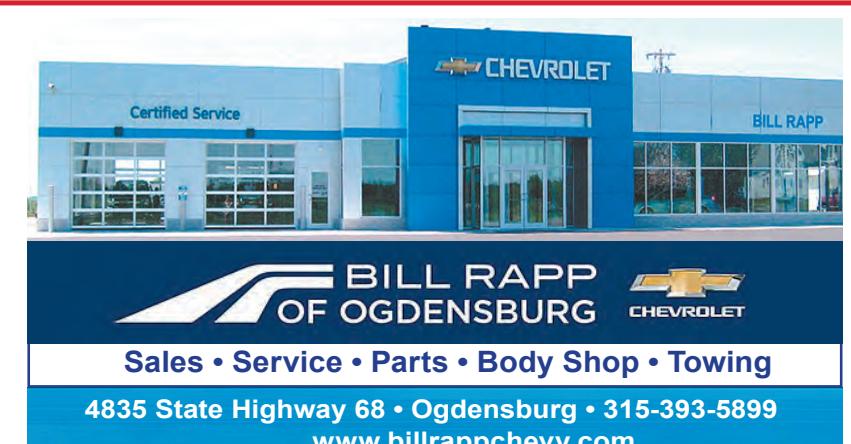
Flyers figuring out future

Norwood-Norfolk Central tenth grade students had an exciting visit to the Seaway Career & Technical Education Center. They got a firsthand look at the hands-on learning opportunities available and participated in a lesson in two programs of choice. It was a great experience that opened their eyes to the many pathways for future success.



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New maple shop opens in Norwood

NORWOOD -- maple etc., a unique destination for maple enthusiasts and local artisan products, celebrated its grand opening on Dec. 1, bringing the best of the region's craftsmanship to the heart of Norwood.

maple etc., a branch of Finen Maple Products, is located at 28 S. Main Street.

maple etc. is more than just a store -- it's a community hub showcasing the rich flavors and talents of local producers, said a press release from owner Margaret Finen.

From small-batch maple syrups and candies to hand-poured candles and soaps, maple etc. offers an elec-

tic mix of products that highlight the vibrant creativity and hard work of local vendors. The store aims to provide customers with high-quality, locally sourced goods, all while supporting small businesses and fostering a connection between makers and their community.

"We're thrilled to open our doors and share the incredible work of our local artisans with the community," said Margaret Finen, founder of maple etc. "Whether you're a maple enthusiast or just someone who loves discovering unique, handmade products, there's something here for everyone."

Highlights from maple etc.

include:

- Maple Wonders: From pure syrups and maple-infused syrups to specialty treats like maple tea and coffee, maple cream, maple coated walnuts and the very popular, gluten free maple energy bars.

- Local Artisan Creations: Beautifully crafted items, including hand-poured candles and soaps, custom woodwork, and locally roasted coffee.

- Seasonal Favorites: Limited-edition holiday products perfect for gifting or enjoying at home.

To mark its opening, maple etc. is offering a build your own basket service & free tastings.

The opening has already drawn rave reviews from customers who have praised the store for its charming atmosphere and diverse selection. Many have commented on the thoughtful curation of items, making it an ideal spot for holiday shopping or finding a special gift.

maple etc. is open 7 days a week through Christmas Eve from 12-6.

Info: fineNmaple.com or follow Finen Maple Products on social media for updates on events, new products, and vendor highlights.

Foster marks five years

POTSDAM — The Potsdam Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony for Foster the Plant Cafe.

The event marked a five year milestone for the local restaurant which opened just before the COVID-19 pandemic.

The ceremony, attended by chamber members, family and community supporters, highlighted their commitment to the North Country and thanked supporters both local and from around the country and world.



Photo submitted

Margaret Finen of maple etc., a new branch of Finen Maple Product, is ready for customers at the Norwood shop.

Little Ceasar's expected to open on Wednesday

POTSDAM — Whether you are looking for deep dish, thin crust or stuffed crust, local pizza lovers will soon be able to get their Little Caesars slices in Potsdam.

The company was expected to open a franchise at the site of the former Kentucky Fried Chicken at 119 Maple St., at the Mountain Mart on Wednesday, Dec. 18.

The Kentucky Fried Chicken drive-thru, a feature of the convenience store and gas station since

December 2018, closed in August. The other anchor restaurant at the station and store, Dunkin' Donuts, has remained open.

Bruce Monette, Jr., president of Adirondack Energy in Malone and developer and operator of Mountain Mart convenience stores around the North Country, owns the store.

More info: https://www.facebook.com/people/Little-Caesars-of-Potsdam/61570054825690/?_rdr

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Famous tuba mailbox on display

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.

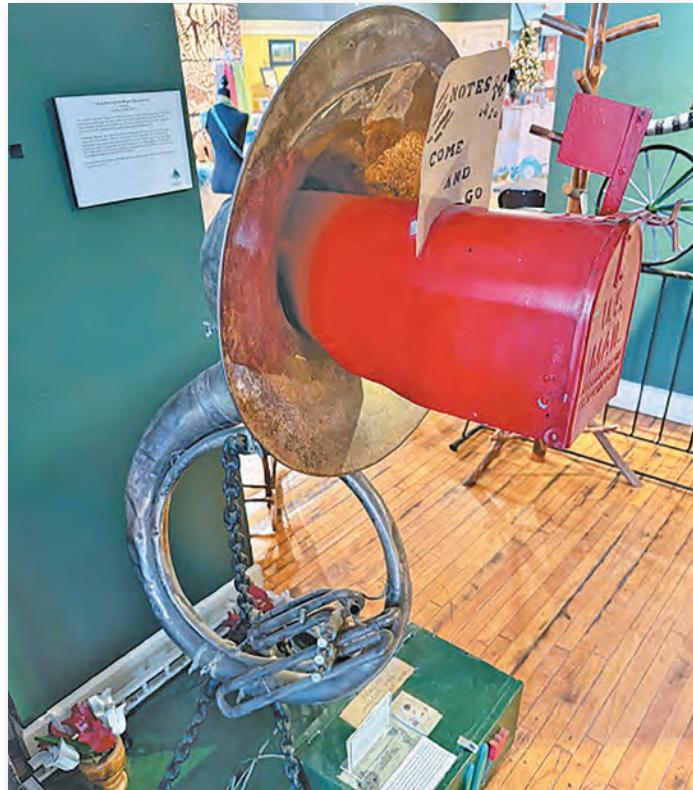


Photo courtesy of TAUNY staff

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

Santa and 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.

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

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

Grief support meeting

POTSDAM - The Growing Through Grief Support Group is a free public support group for anyone who has experienced a loss or is preparing to lose someone. Meetings are held at Trillium Wellness Center, First Presbyterian Church of Potsdam (park on Elm Street side of church and enter through the door by the playground). Upcoming dates are Dec. 6 & 20, and Jan. 3, 17 & 23. For more information contact Lisa Oakes at lisamaeoakes@yahoo.com.

Blue Christmas Service

NORWOOD -- A Blue Christmas Service, a service of hope and healing, will be held Friday, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. at St. Philip’s Episcopal Church, 42 S. Main St.

Blue Christmas Service

LISBON -- A Blue Christmas Service at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Lisbon will be held Friday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m. All are welcome. Monetary donations to benefit the Lisbon Food Pantry will be accepted, but are not expected. To submit the name of a loved one you wish to have remembered during the service, complete the form found online at <https://podio.com/web-forms/30051044/2508136>.

Christmas coffee house

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

Friday Fun Night

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

Healthcare education

GOUVERNEUR -- Rochester Regional and St. Lawrence Health will host a free, upcoming Partnering In Your Care education event series which will cover advanced directives, fall prevention, infection prevention, medication safety, nutrition, stroke, (new) technology, wound care, and more. Session will be held at Gouverneur Hospital community room on Friday, Dec. 20, from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Light refreshments. Register by Tuesday, Dec. 17: 315-261-5413, corporatecommunications@rochesterregional.org.

Red Cross blood drive

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

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SATURDAY, DEC. 21**Cookie swap, crafting**

POTSDAM -- The Potsdam Food Co-Op's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee and Potsdam Pride will present a cookie swap and crafting hangout on Dec. 21 from 2-4 p.m. in the community room at the Potsdam Municipal Building. Those attending are asked to bring a dozen cookies or other small treats and swap. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, crafts.

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>.

Free Photos with Santa

CANTON -- From 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Santa will be at the The Rabbit Hole Antiques and Treasures, University Plaza. Bring kids and pets for free photos with Santa.

Last minute gift sale

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

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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 food from any local holiday outreach program you should still plan on picking up food from food pantry.

Elf and cookies

POTSDAM -- Holiday Cookie Decorating, Story Time, and a special visit from that Jolly Ole' Elf, Santa Claus at the Potsdam UMC. Free event for children and their grownups. Regular worship services are Sundays at 11 a.m. Zoom services are always offered for those unable to attend.

Red Cross blood drive

PARISHVILLE -- The American Red Cross is hosting a blood drive on Dec. 21, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at Parishville Firemen's Field, 25 Rutman Rd. 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.

Santa visits Dekalb

DEKALB -- Dekalb Junction Fire Dept is escorting Santa around Dekalb Junction Saturday, Dec. 21. Starting at 5 p.m.

Solstice Celebration

CANTON -- On Saturday, Dec. 21, at 7 p.m., the Unitarian Universalist Church in Canton will host a Solstice Celebration led by the Rev. James Galasinski. The winter solstice occurs when either of Earth's poles reaches its maximum tilt away from the Sun.

SUNDAY, DEC. 22**Christmas program**

PARISHVILLE -- The First Baptist Church Of Parishville, 1742 State Highway 72, will hold its Just a Shepherd Christmas Program on Dec. 22, at 11 a.m.

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.

Holiday concert

POTSDAM -- A free holiday concert by the North Country Connections Orchestra will be held at the Potsdam Church of the Nazarene, 11 State Highway 72, on Sunday, Dec. 22 at 3 p.m. They will perform Christmas carols, holiday selections, including Hanukkah Dance and Christmas

Hallelujah. Opportunities for children to play bells. Carol sing for all attending.

MONDAY, DEC. 23**Free skating**

POTSDAM -- The Raquette River Lions Club is sponsoring five days of free public skating at the Sandstoner Arena on Pine Street over the holiday break. Skating will Monday, Dec. 23 from 1:30-2:30 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 26 from 1:30-2:30 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 27 from 4-5 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 29 from 1:30-2:30 p.m.; Monday, Dec. 30 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Info: (315) 265-4030, or the Potsdam Recreation Facebook page.

Red Cross blood drive

CANTON -- The American Red Cross is hosting a blood drive on Dec. 26, 1-6 p.m., at Best Western University Inn, 90 E 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.

FRIDAY, DEC. 27**Free skating**

POTSDAM -- The Raquette River Lions Club is sponsoring five days of free public skating at the Sandstoner Arena on Pine Street over the holiday break. Skating will Monday, Dec. 23 from 1:30-2:30 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 26 from 1:30-2:30 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 27 from 4-5 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 29 from 1:30-2:30 p.m.; Monday, Dec. 30 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Info: (315) 265-4030, or the Potsdam Recreation Facebook page.

Red Cross blood drive

POTSDAM -- The American Red Cross is hosting a blood drive on Dec. 27, 12:30-5 p.m., at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 21 Castle Dr. 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.

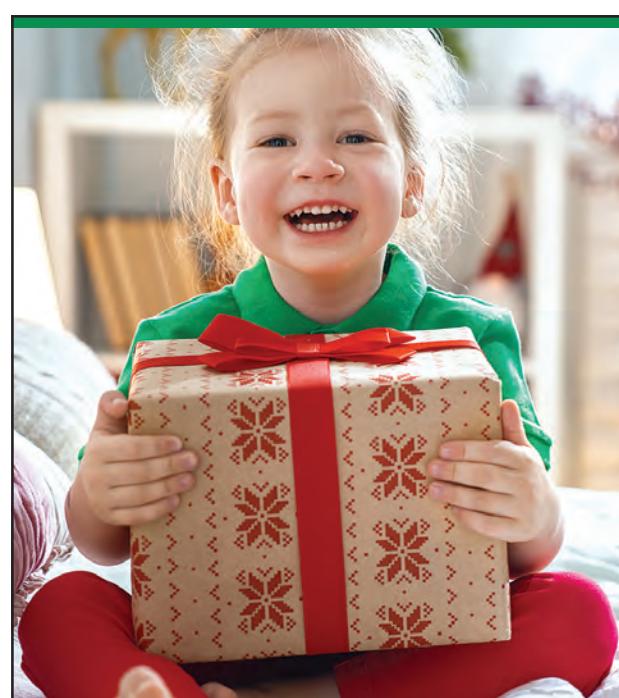
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The event also hosted a book sale, bake sale and lottery basket raffle as a fundraiser for the library. The winner of the \$150 Lottery Tree Raffle was Sally Hamelin.

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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Holiday concert at Church of the Nazarene

POTSDAM -- A Holiday Concert will be held at the Potsdam Church of the Nazarene, 11 State Highway 72, on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 22 at 3 p.m.

Performing will be the North Country Connections Orchestra, (NCCO) founded by Lorie Gruneisen and directed by Constantine Darie.

They will perform favorite Christmas Carols, some popular Holiday selections, some being "jazz style," as well as Hanukkah Dance and Christmas Hallelujah.

Children will have at least two opportunities to play hand-held jingle bells during "Jingle Bell Rock" (one of the jazzy selections) and

Good Old famous "Jingle Bells."

During a short break for the orchestra players, there will be a carol sing for all who like to sing carols for the Holiday, led by our percussion player, Catie Dominy, and piano accompanist, Lorie Gruneisen. The concert is open to the public and free of charge.

Barb Heller hosting annual 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 Christ-

mas carols and enjoy some cookies. She will even take requests.

Info: <https://www.pickenshall.com>, 315-344-7950.

Get online health peer leader training

POTSDAM — The Get Healthy North Country Community Integrated Health Network will host two new virtual peer leader trainings beginning this January.

Peer leaders are trained community members who assist in educating others on identifying signs and symptoms commonly linked to chronic health conditions, and encourage them to enhance

self-management skills.

The first 2025 training will be held online from 9-11:30 a.m. Thurs., Jan. 9, and will continue every Tuesday and Thursday at the same time through Feb. 20. The second training begins Mon., Feb. 17, and continues every Monday and Friday through March 28.

For the second training, Monday sessions will be 1-3:30 p.m. Fri-

day sessions will take place from 9-11:30 a.m.

Each training includes a total of 13 sessions. Training sessions are offered free of charge.

To enroll, visit bit.ly/gethealthy-training2025 or contact the Health Initiative Lifestyle Program at 315-261-4760 ext. 239 or emailnocosupport@gethealthyslc.org.

Unitarian church offers tarot reader class

CANTON — The Unitarian Universalist Church in Canton will host Kathy 'Kat' Wilcox, a Potsdam-based multi-modal holistic healing practitioner Tuesday, Jan. 7, 6-7:30 p.m.

Wilcox, who claims more than 20 years of experience in the counseling and healing arts field, will explore how Soul Cards and other card decks can be used as a tool for personal growth, insight, and inner exploration.

The workshop will begin with a

guided meditation to settle the mind and cultivate a receptive mental state.

Following the meditation, participants will enjoy some warmup activities to activate their creativity, intuition, and connect with the energy of new beginnings and adventures, a press release from the church claims.

Participants will then learn how to do their own card spread to help identify the lessons, challenges, and

accomplishments of the last year, and connect with intentions and aspirations for the new year ahead.

There will be opportunities for each participant to read their own card spread and receive support and insights from other group members.

The introduction to using cards for self-reflection will open opportunities to empower participants to make lifestyle changes that align with the goal of living one's life with compassion, kindness, acceptance, and love.

If participants have their own card decks, they may bring them. Otherwise, there will be decks available for use during the workshop. The workshop is free, open to the public, and welcoming to all.

Five days of free skating offered

POTSDAM -- The Raquette River Lions Club is sponsoring five days of free public skating at the Sandstoner Arena on Pine Street over the holiday break.

The Lions' free family skating has been a Potsdam holiday tradition for more than 20 years, it's a great opportunity to get out and try those new skates under the tree or work the rust off the old ones.

Skating will be on the following

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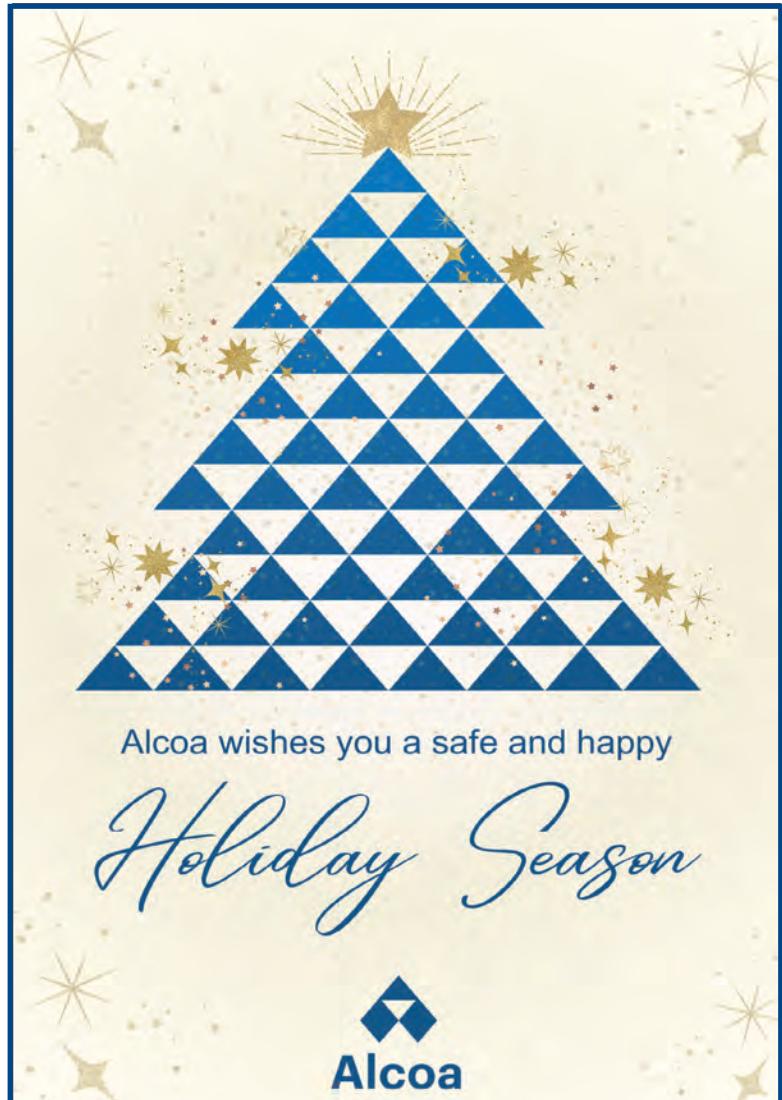
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Buddy the Elf at children's museum

Buddy the Elf makes candied spaghetti, his favorite food, at the North Country Children's Museum, 10 Raymond St., with Russell residents, from left, Gabriel, Charlotte and Cambria McClure on Dec. 15. Kids took photos with Buddy, played with the elf, and challenged one another to eat various combinations of candied spaghetti. Adirondack Santa visited the museum on Dec. 7 to spread holiday cheer. For more information about the North Country Children's Museum and the programming it offers, visit <https://northcountrychildrensmuseum.org/events/>.

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These two recent grants will add to the about \$7.4 million the town has secured for the two projects collectively.

The water and sewer districts for Route 56 have been in the works for years at this point. Town officials hope the extension of municipal water and sewer service out along the roadway will facilitate greater commercial development there.

While the projects were approved by a vote of the residents and property owners of the district, a few residents of the district have raised concerns and in some cases openly called for the projects to be scrapped. They cite issues like ballooning potential price tags on the project, the upfront financing of the design work (now at about \$1 million), unsecured easements for proposed construction, high water and sewer district bills initially, and generally what they feel is a lack of clear communication from town officials on the project.

The total project cost, which could go as high as \$14 million is still largely unknown at this point and subject to a degree of variability. To know those numbers definitively, the town needs to have their final designs approved by the various state agencies, and then put that work out to bid to get a true cost. If the cost exceeds what voters in the district initially approved, then the districts will have to be voted on once more.

However, residents at odds with the project insist it be scrapped now, but a pull-out before securing the bid would put all of the district property owners on the hook for the \$1 million spent on design work that the town financed ahead of the project in expectation of reimbursement from grants later.

Some of those critical of the project have demanded the town residents at large absorb that cost, but there are questions regarding the legality of passing on the district debt to town taxpayers in general.

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Glacial review progress

During his report to the board at the Dec. 10 meeting, Jay Berkman with C2AE, the firm contracted to design the districts, gave an update on the status of the projects' approvals by various state agencies.

Notably, Berkman said the project review at the state level had stalled with the Department of Transportation. Berkman said the firm sent the DOT reviewers new project specs and designs to spur the review process along.

He said the Department of Health reviewers had a few more comments on the projects which C2AE is responding to. He said the project had received a standard permit for utility lines for the districts from the Army Corps of Engineers.

Berkman said the firm is pushing to get to an opening bid number and then will be resuming its pursuit of easements from residents in the district that still need to be secured.

"Should I be reaching out to some political figures to see if they can help push these agencies so we can get a review done so we can get a bid number, get this out to bid? What do you think on that?" Town Supervisor Marty Miller asked Berkman.

"I don't know. I think DOH has been alright, and I will get back to you on the DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation) if it comes to it," Berkman said.

In other Route 56 related developments, Miller told board members that he and Berkman had recently met with an alternative company that builds a municipal sewer system of a different style than the current design for Route 56. Miller and Berkman said they are researching if that system may be cheaper than the current design components. Berkman said C2AE would be looking at life-use expense and constructability of the design to see if it would be worth utilizing it in the long run.

HOMELESS...

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.

Reagan 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.

GAS...

month would see an increase of 11.3%.

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

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

The added revenue would also allow Liberty Utilities to make capital investments to "continue to provide the level of service expected and deserved by customers; and to advance the objectives of the New

York State Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, including the Company's commitment to further greenhouse gas emission reductions," officials said in a release.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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



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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The Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority

The Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority is hiring:

EVENT COORDINATOR

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

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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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

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

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

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

EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR

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

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

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

Submit cover letter, and resume to pisco@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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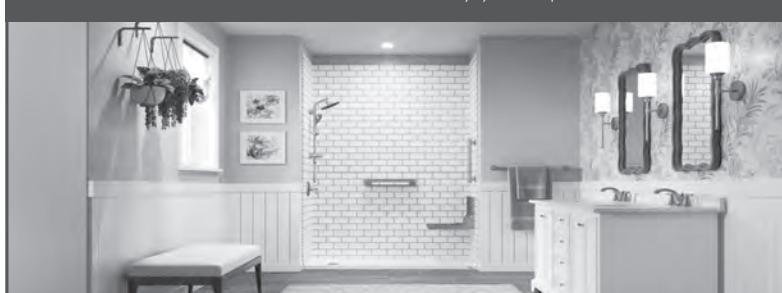
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Native American Program Coordinator Senior Staff Assistant

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>

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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, NY 13652.

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Potsdam Co-op hiring FT Front End Manager. Starting at \$17/hr. Apply online: www.potsdamcoop.com/employment

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

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LOOKING FOR OFFICE HELP: Full or Part time Office Assistant needed for busy total service garage. Primary duties include: answering phones, scheduling appointments, filing, invoicing, and collecting payments. Must be able to lift at least 40 lbs. Salary based on experience. Please stop in with resume to Bill Vielhaur, Owner, 1000 Paterson St., Ogdensburg, NY, 13669 or Email: billstire@ymail.com. No phone calls please.

Bronson Service Corp./Roto-Rooter Plumbing Service is looking for a head plumbing technician. Wages and benefits to be discussed at interview. Email resume to bronson@nnymail.com or pick up an application at 7585 US Highway 11, Potsdam, NY 13676.

Business Office Clerk: Under the direction of the Business Office Manager, the Business Office Clerk will compile, process and maintain documentation for health care services in a manner consistent with medical, administrative, ethical, legal and regulatory requirements in all areas of the Business Office. The Business Office Clerk will assist in all areas of the Business Office with overall planning, coordination and management of the health care delivery system. Status:

City of Ogdensburg Employment Opportunity

Planning Department

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

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

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

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How to Apply

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

This is a provisional appointment. The successful applicant will need to take a civil service examination and score within the top three interested candidates in order to be permanently appointed.

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Intake Clerk: Under the direction of the Accounts Receivable Supervisor, the Intake Clerk in Patient Registration will gather and enter the necessary patient visit information and promote positive public relations with patients at Health Services in a manner consistent with medical.

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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. The Town of Colton is an equal opportunity employer.

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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.



Academic Advisor

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

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

Required Qualifications:

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

Preferred Additional Qualifications:

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

Duties:

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

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

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

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

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Financial Technician Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Massena, NY

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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>.

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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.

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



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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].

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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.



Canton Central School

The District is currently accepting applications for a

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Accepting applications until the position is filled.

Applications can be found at:

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

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- An earned master's degree from an accredited college.
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- 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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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
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Coordinator Small Business Development Center

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

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

Duties:

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

Administrative Functions:

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

Marketing Functions:

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

Training /Events:

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

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

Other Responsibilities:

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

Qualifications:

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

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Ability to effectively represent SUNY Canton and SBDC in a professional manner to community organizations and clients.
- Ability to collaborate effectively within a group setting.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills.
- Experience working with diverse constituencies.
- Effective organizational and time management skills.
- Ability to manage multiple priorities with overlapping deadlines.
- Computer proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher, PowerPoint.
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Application Deadline: Open until filled; application review begins immediately.

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

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10. "Full House."



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Director of Planning & Development

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- 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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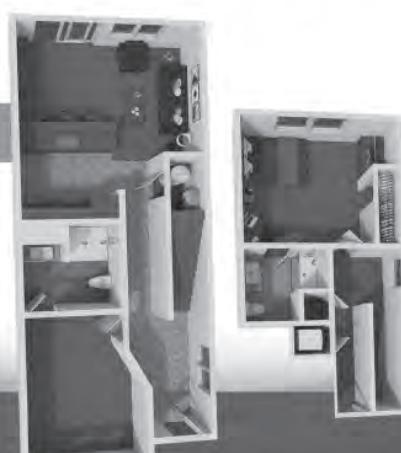
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